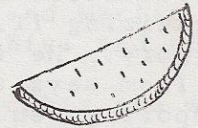
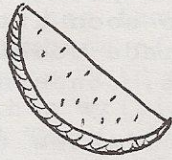


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COMING EVENTS

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August 5	Benton County Fair		Corvallis 6
6	Bonanza Big Springs Park		Bonanza 1
6	Mill City Centennial		Mill City 8
7	Dist. 4 Annual Picnic--Stanton Park		Canyonville 4
9-11	Carol Ann Wheeler Workshop--Yoncalla H.S.		Yoncalla OOTFA
13	Polk County Fair		Rickreall 8
14	Jam, Bend Senior Center		Bend 3
14	Dist. 6 Annual Picnic--Island Park		Springfield 6
17	Canby Fair		Canby 7
17	Lane County Fair		Eugene 6
19	Coos County Fair		Myrtle Point 5
20	Drug Awareness Jam		Reedsport 5
21	Jam, Merrill Community Park		Merrill 1
27	Canyonville Contest		Canyonville OOTFA
Sept 3	Leonard and Faythe Maahs 50th Ann. Open House		McMinnville
4	Jam, Talent Community Hall		Talent 4
18	Jam, Dist. Meeting, Klamath Falls Fairgrnds		Klamath Falls 1
AUG 6	JAM, GREENACRES GRANGE		GREENACRES 5



LEW SEZ: By the time that you read this the Vernonia Camp-out will be history, and we will just be starting to play at all of the fairs. This is an important time of the year for our association. Please brave the hot afternoons, the long lines, the parking problems, and support our fiddlers' association by your participation in the fairs. Your response to my proposal in last month's Hoedowner was very encouraging. I have had repoeis by telephone, in person, by mail, and by amateur radio. I am very much encouraged by your support. We will be holding our first quarterly meeting in the Medford area on Sept. 18. I enjoyed the contest at Burns. They are a great bunch of friends over there.

Lew Holt, President
OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLERS ASSOCIATION

Wedding!

Worthy of front page news (if belated) is the marriage of Dist. 7 chairman Penny Mead of Portland to Wayne Walter, formerly of Long Beach, Washington. The happy event took place on May 7, 1988. CONGRATULATIONS to the newlyweds, and may you have many happy years together.

"May your joys and love through the years increase, and your honeymoon never end!" --From all your friends in the OOTFA

DISTRICT 1:

CHAIRMAN--Lois Tucker; CO-CHAIRMAN-Johnny Gard; SEC/TREAS-Irene Ruddock

July 4th we had a good time preparing our Old Time Fiddlers float and playing in the Klamath Jaycee's parade. Some of our group played in the Sprague River parade and enjoyed the barbeque. More parades are coming up.

The cooperation for the garage sale July 16 at the IWOFF Union Hall was greatly appreciated. We give a special BIG "Thank You" to Jo Harris for supervising and organizing it. Isom Patterson encouraged us with his presence so soon after his surgery. He is doin great. We had free music, coffee and home made cookies.

Isom says to tell you thanks so much for all the visits, cards, concern and support given him during his recent stay in the hospital.

The Clairmont House, July 21st, 7-8 PM is on our calendars to lighten the hearts and encourage the seniors there.

Nursing homes, July 24, 2PM-4PM--what a wonderful way to spend a Sunday afternoon. The old time music and songs bring back many memories to the shut-ins.

Bonanza Big Springs Park will find many of our musicians entertaining at the yearly carnival July 30th, which includes a parade in the AM, playing in the park in the PM and a delicious steak barbeque in the evening. The Bonanza Lions Club does a great job each year making the carnival a lot of fun and making us feel our day with them had been a good one.

Parade time is 11 AM-noon. Fiddlers will play off and on during the afternoon-steak feed at 5PM. August 6th, 10AM fiddlers will be participating.

Merrill Community Park will be the meeting place of our Aug. 21 jam, 1:00PM.

Potluck, bring your own table service. Watermelon and drinks will be provided.

Back to a regular schedule, guys & gals at the fairgrounds Sept. 18th. Business meeting at 1PM, playing for the public, 2-4PM.

We extend a sincere welcome to all of you to come and visit us.

I want to express my love and appreciation to the friends and members of the OOTFA, especially those in Klamath Falls for their friendship and good music these past 4 years.

Naomi Voss, your new reporter

DISTRICT 3:

CHAIRMAN-Ches Fullerton; CO-CHAIRMAN-Bob Kitchens; SEC/TREAS-Betty O'Neal

After fighting traffic in S. Calif. for 3 wks., it's nice to be back in Bend.

We had a small group of 23 at our Sun. Jam July 10. A lot of people are out of town this time of year.

July 16 we enjoyed playing for the Spike & Rail Days in Metolius and were rewarded with a delicious Bar-B-Q dinner.

July 23 we will play at the High Desert Museum for the Traditional Rug Hooking Association.

First Place in the Jr.-Jr. Div. at Burns was won by Tony Spatz. Congratulations, Tony!

Happy Birthdays for July are: Orlo Flack, Winona Spatz and Dave Gutcher.

Billie Kitchens, reporter

DISTRICT 4:

CHAIRMAN-Zelma Foote; CO-CHAIRMAN-Jim Winslow; SEC/TREAS-Mona Givens

Dist. 4 will have their annual picnic at Stanton Park at Canyonville Aug. 7th. We will eat at 1:00. Beverages will be furnished. Bring own service and food for potluck dinner. Some are going for camping the night before. It is a county park so there will be a charge for camping.

Sept. 4 jam will be at Talent Community Hall. Doors open at 10:30, meeting at 11, potluck at noon and open to the public at 1:00.

Those of us who participate in the weekly playing for seniors and nursing homes have decided to take the month of Aug. for a vacation, which we never have done before, but is well deserved. We will resume regular schedule in Sept.

We had a super jam July 3 at Talent with lots of musicians and an enthusiastic audience. I guess it was another way for every one to celebrate the July 4th wk. It was preceded by an especially good potluck and a good time was had by all.

We played Sun., July 17 from 11-4 for the South. Oregon Historical Society at open house at "Willows Farm." There wasn't as good a turn out of our members as could be but we had a good time and were ready to leave just as the heat come on for the pm. We were lucky we didn't have to play in the 110 degrees. It was only 97 that day! We were paid \$150.00.

DISTRICT 4 (cont.):

There will be 8 young fiddlers from this southern end of our Dist. and am not sure at this time how many from the northern part to participate in the workshop to be held Aug. 9-11 at Yoncalla.

We were sorry to hear about Jonas Cox having surgery in June and send our best wishes to him and Marjie.

We just heard down this way of the death of Alta Bance July 7. Our condolences to her family and friends. I'm sure we all feel Alta, Jonas and Marjie as still members of Dist. 4, as they were really some of our most faithful and enthusiastic "Old Time Fiddlers".

At this writing Chris Looper is in Providence hospital. Our thoughts are with her and Tex.

Let's hope it cools off before picnic time!

Dorene Winkelman, reporter

DISTRICT 5:

CHAIRMAN-Roy Zeigler; CO-CHAIRMAN-Russ Hall; SEC/TREAS-Dorothy Settle

Summer is a busy time for fiddlers. Here's what Dist. 5 has been up to--

John and Dorothy Settle, Shorty and Charlotte Dow and Lew and Alice Holt attended the High Desert Fiddle Contest in Burns on July 1st and 2nd. Lew was MC for the contest. Hohn took 6th place in the Open Old Time Div. Congratulations, John!

In July small groups played at nursing homes throughout Coos County. Also for Senior Citizens birthday parties at both Coos Bay and North Bend Senior Centers and at a party at t day-care-for-the-elderly facility.

The annual Ocean Festival Jam at Winchester Bay was July 24. We appreciate the visiting fiddlers and back-up players who come to add their music to ours. Thanks everyone!

July 30 the Winchester Bay Grange is having an open house and dinner. Dinner at 6PM. Fiddlers will play afterward.

On Aug. 6 we'll be back at Greenacres Grange for our 1st Sat. night of the month dance. We missed June and July, so let's have a good turnout.

Aug. 19 we will play at the Coos County Fair in Myrtle Point. We will play in the grove. (More info. on time, parking, etc. at Greenacres dance.)

Aug. 20 at 2PM we will assemble in Reedsport at the Price and Pride Grocery to play for Reedsport's city-wide drug awareness program. Price and Pride is on the east side of the hwy across from the shopping center.

Starting next month Linda Carver will be Dist. 5 reporter. If anyone has news for her, please get it to her in time for her 20th of the month deadline. Her phone # is 267-4548. Linda's address is 155 2nd Ave., Coos Bay, OR 97420.

I've enjoyed being reporter. Now I look forward to reading Linda's reports.

Alice Holt, reporter

DISTRICT 6:

CHAIRMAN-Mark Carmickle; CO-CHAIRMAN-Addie Gonshorowski; SEC/TREAS-Ila Mae Weber

Many thanks to all those who did not do their "Rain Dance" so our jam for the Brownsville Picnic could have perfect summer weather! A soft breeze kept everyone cool as we jammed for a great audience. Several players were away at the fiddle contest in Weiser, but we had plenty of good players and good music.

On the 4th of July many fiddlers turned out to help Veneta celebrate its FUN DAZE with music in Richardson's Park at Fern Fidge Lake. After we jammed under the trees for an impromptu entertainment, several of the musicians were driven back home by the cold wind before the regular program began. Wouldn't you know the wind let up by the time we played "officially" and we had a great time, followed by chicken dinners furnished by the city.

Something new this year for the Bohemia Days! We played on the stage in the city park. A great audience found plenty of shade, some dancers found a cement slab to dance on nearby, and MC Jack Walker presented a lively, fast-paced program. We want to thank Dennis and Thelma Allen, from Dist. #4, who came and helped out, as well as "Brownie" Brown's fine fiddling, and the entire Booher Family (3 generations) also from that district. Ella Savery, from Dist. 5 came with her welcome song and harmonica number.

Get ready for a busy month ahead!!! We will be playing two days for the Benton Co. Fair in Corvallis. On Friday, Aug. 5, we play at 5:30 for square dancers, and on Sat., Aug. 6 we will have jams at 11:30 and at 2:30--come and help out!

DISTRICT 6 (cont.):

Aug. 14, at noon, we will have our annual Dist. 6 Picnic-in-the-park at Island Park in Springfield. Go to the end of B St. where it dead-ends at the river. We have reserved the usual shelter for our picnic. Bring plenty of food, folding chairs and folding tables (if you have any), your own table service, musical instruments and YOURSELF! Have your food ready to serve (i.e. have cakes & pies cut) and a serving spoon, etc. for it. Beverages (coffee & punch) will be furnished by the dist. For any further info., call Addie Gonshorowski at 343-5868.

Aug. 17 we will play for the Sen. Cit. Day at the LANE COUNTY FAIR. We play under the overhang in front of the museum, and chairs will be furnished for the audience. Our dist. is renting 100 extra chairs for this, as the museum only owns and furnishes 50. We should all get lots of playing time, because we will play from 10:00 until 1:00 and again from 3-7PM. All seniors get into the grounds free, but if you're not a senior, get a pass from our chairman, Mark.

Members are quite busy playing for picnics, nursing and retirement homes, etc. and have had quite a busy summer.

Jim Lockard is home from the hospital after a hip joint replacement, and doing fine. He wishes to express his sincere appreciation for the kind thoughtfulness of everyone during his hospital stay.

Vera Kinnaman is recuperating from a hip operation to repair complications from the last broken hip (she only has TWO--yes, I know). Jerry is taking good care of her.

We are saddened by the loss of our dear little fiddler, Alta Bance, who passed away this month at the age of 90. She brought joy into the hearts of many with her sweet disposition and her merry fiddling. Our sincere sympathy goes out to her family and many friends.

Somewhere down the road I'll see you all. This is a good season to get out to all our fiddle fun, and to visit other districts in their special events.

Keep Fiddlin'!!!

Thelma Shephard, reporter

DISTRICT 7:

CHAIRMAN-Penny Mead Walter; CO-CHAIRMAN-Carroll Finley; SEC/TREAS-Myrtle Arnold

The Canby Fair is August 17, 11:30AM-1:00PM, and another show in the evening from 7-8:30. Penny has scheduled the next jam for Sun., Sept. 18. Doors will open at 10:00AM, potluck at noon, and music from 1-5PM. The location is the Moose Lodge in St. Helens (coming from Portland into St. Helens, go right at Bennett Rd. sign, left onto old Portland Rd., and about 1/2 mi. down on the left side is the Lodge). Penny wants to extend her thanks to Cactus Finley and Roy Olsen for taking over the last two jams while she was away. We'll be glad to have her back!

A couple of stories from my June report (the lost Hoedowner) still are of interest. First, on May 7, two of our districts best musicians and best people, Penny Mead and Wayne Walter, were married. We had an informal jam at the reception, and there was a lot of good music. Penny and Wayne just returned from an extended trip to Idaho, visiting among others the Lloyd Wanzer's and the Lyle Powell's. Bill and Edna Yohey accompanied Penny and Wayne on the trip. Speaking of Bill, we sure are proud of all the contest wins he's been taking.

Also, Carol Ann Wheeler and Hohn Standefer toured Japan, teaching and playing for the children at U.S. Military bases. Carol Ann was bubbling with a lot of fascinating experiences, but glad to be back in the U.S. This tour was quite an honor, and we're proud that Carol Ann is such a great ambassador for old time fiddling.

Hollis Taylor, reporter

DISTRICT 8:

CHAIRMAN-Les Johnson; CO-CHAIRMAN-Lee Jones; SEC/TREAS-Faythe Maahs

Aug. 6--Mill City Centennial--Mill City, OR

Aug. 13--Polk County Fair--Rickreall, OR

Our annual performance for the Yachats Smelt Fry was played to the usual enthusiastic audience. We were told that several people come to the festival just to hear the fiddlers. We didn't have very many performers though, far short of our usual crew, but the ones who were there certainly gave a good account of themselves. Then in the evening we went to the Senior Citizens Hall in Waldport for an evening of lively fun, fiddling and camping. A super good time was had by all.

DISTRICT 8 (cont.):

On Aug. 6 we have been asked to play at Mill City, Or. for their centennial from 1-6--it should be fun. Everyone welcome.

Also, don't forget the Polk County Fair (an OOTFA function) where we can use all the help we can get. Be there and ready to play at 7:00 PM, Aug. 13th.

As this is being written we are enjoying the Vernonia Campout. We have people from Dist. 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 here to enjoy the beautiful scenery, music and food. If you are not here you are missing something good.

Lee Jones, reporter

DISTRICT 9:

CHAIRMAN-Walt Cooper; CO-CHAIRMAN-Darlene Austin; SEC/TREAS-Margaret Teague

August 8--Burns Nursing Home-7PM

Yes, it is summer, and the fiddlers from Dist. 9 are enjoying the sunshine. We are taking a break for the summer. The next jam will be the second Sunday in October. Since our last report we've had several musical events including a roof raising benefit dance at the Drewsey Grange. Everyone please remember the Burns Nursing Home on Aug. 8 at 7PM. For those of you who were able to attend the fiddle contest in Burns we hope you had a good time. The best part of the event is a chance to jam with other musicians and meet new as well as old friends.

Our condolences go to the Ruel Teague Family. Ruel's dad, a 92 year old Missouri fiddler passed away recently.

Janet Burgess, reporter

OREGON WINNERS--HIGH DESERT FIDDLE CONTEST, BURNS OREGON

CHAMPION OLDTIME

- 1 Bill Yohey
- 5 Starr McMullen
- 6 John Settle

JUNIORS

- 1 Rudi Booher
- 2 Laura Weber

ACCOMPANIST

- 2 Bill Yohey
- 3 Joey McKenzie
- 4 Chris Booher
- 8 Charlie Jensen
- 9 Ruel Teague
- 10 Ted Miller
- 11 Dennis Allen

CHAMPION PROGRESSIVE

- 4 Joey McKenzie
- 6 Tom Givon

JR. JUNIORS

- 1 Tony Spatz
- 3 Stacey Reynolds
- 6 Darren Reitan
- 11 Erin McMullen

SENIORS

- 1 Leonard Maahs
- 2 Bob Kaiser
- 3 Vi Jensen
- 4 Guy Kinman
- 6 Bill Heard

INTERMEDIATE

- 4 Bob Heinith
- 6 Glynn Leahy
- 7 Charles Buineau
- 9 Alice Holt
- 10 Michael Webster
- 11 Alma Reitan
- 12 Rusty Knight



WARWICKS CAMPOUT will begin as usual the day after the Canyonville contest, Aug. 28, and will proceed through Labor Day weekend. Everyone is welcome to a week of camping and good music. Private campground provided by T.W. and Martha Warwick, 2861 E. Fork Road, Williams, OR--phone 846-6376. If you've never been there, ask at the Williams store for directions. See you there!

Those planning to attend are looking forward to CAROL ANN WHEELER'S FIDDLE WORKSHOP at the Yoncalla High School Little Theatre in Yoncalla. Most of the students plan to camp at the Booher's in Scotts Valley where we will jam each evening, and practice our fiddling. So far we have 18 signed up for the Aug. 9-11 workshop. The fee per student is \$20.00, and will be partially paid through the scholarship fund of the OOTFA. Dist. 4 is also sponsoring some students from the Medford area. Anyone desiring more information call Dolores Booher at 849-2171. Our new address (though we haven't moved) is 2058 Scotts Valley Rd.

Silent fiddles

Alta Bance, "Sweetheart of District 6", has passed away at the age of 90. Formerly of Medford, and lately a resident of Eugene, Alta was a life member of the OOTFA and charmed many with her happy outlook and sweet fiddling.

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CANYONVILLE FIDDLE CONTEST--SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 1988

COME ON DOWN TO CANYONVILLE. The 22nd annual Pioneer Days Oldtime Fiddle Contest will get underway at 12:30PM on Sat., Aug. 27th in the Canyonville Jr. High Gym. This will be right after the big parade.

Registration from 9:00AM-noon. Five trophies and money prizes in each category--Jr.-Jr., Junior, Senior, Intermediate, Open, plus five accompanist trophies as well. Finals begin at 7:00PM. The prize money has been upped from \$530 to \$595. Response to the memorial trophies idea has been encouraging. I've received eight, and I have a continuing one from the Hank Wobbe family plus the one from Jim and I makes ten. Since I didn't give a lot of lead time on this, I feel this is an excellent response and I am grateful for your support.

Self-contained rigs are allowed to camp on the school grounds and can come as early as Wednesday. Pioneer Days activities begin with a chicken barbecue on Thursday evening. There are many booths and activities to enjoy.

Remember, if you want to do a special number or two, be sure to let me know early on Saturday so I can make up the program. Jack Walker is going to emcee. Jim and I hope that you will join us for a great contest and good time in Canyonville before you head on down to Warwick's Campout!

Gynn Deaton, Director
CANYONVILLE FIDDLE CONTEST

Trophies and Prizes as follows:

JUNIOR/JUNIOR:

- 1. \$15.00
- 2. \$10.00
- 3. \$ 5.00
- 4. \$ 5.00
- 5. \$ 5.00

ACCOMPANISTS:

- 1. Trophy Only
- 2. Trophy Only
- 3. Trophy Only
- 4. Trophy Only
- 5. Trophy Only

JUNIOR:

- 1. \$20.00
- 2. \$15.00
- 3. \$10.00
- 4. \$10.00
- 5. \$ 5.00

INTERMEDIATE:

- 1. \$45.00
- 2. \$35.00
- 3. \$25.00
- 4. \$20.00
- 5. \$15.00

SENIOR:

- 1. \$45.00
- 2. \$35.00
- 3. \$25.00
- 4. \$20.00
- 5. \$15.00

OPEN:

- 1. \$60.00
- 2. \$50.00
- 3. \$40.00
- 4. \$35.00
- 5. \$30.00

Anniversary ---Saturday, Sept. 3, Leonard and Faythe Maahs will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary with an open house from 2:00-8:00PM at the McMinnville Grange. Everyone is welcome to attend.

PLEASE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS:

- 9 Geri Atwood, HC77 Box 7, Andrews S.R., Burns, OR 97720
- 7 Del Anderson, 7905 SE 105th, Portland, OR
- 9 Barbara Ballanck, HC74 Box 481, Riley, OR 97758
- 8 Tom and Virginia Basl, 17541 Fern Ridge Rd., Stayton, OR 97383
- 8 Herbert and Tricia Braun, 1172 Liberty Circle, Salem, OR 97302
- OSTom Dillon and Mary Jane Tanquary, 6404 N. Olympia, Chicago, IL 60631
- 5 Jim and Oneida Farwell, POB 1422, Brookings, OR 97415
- 4 Al Dinardi, 4900 Crater Lake Ave., Medford, OR 97504
- 4 Letha Fry, 2325 Highland Ave. Sp.35, Grants Pass, OR 97526
- 6 Phillip and Ethel Giberson, 4531 Franklin Blvd. Sp. 92, Eugene, OR 97403
- 6 Arlo and Louise Hamilton, 28501 Bodenhamer Rd., Eugene, OR 97402
- 8 Tony and Maxine Heck, POB 621, Lincoln City, OR 97367
- 4 Bill and Donna Hefner, 222 Missouri Flat Rd., Grants Pass, OR 97527
- 4 Harold and Evelyn Hewlett, 1533 Oregon Ave., Medford, OR 97504
- 8 E.W. and Evelyn Leffler, 19098 NE Hwy 240, Newberg, OR 97132
- 6 Milo and Kate Van Notric, 555 N. Danebo #126, Eugene, OR 97402
- OSGladys Prue, 715 Rolling Hills Dr., Yreka, CA 96097
- 4 Clyde and Sharon Pugh, 1200 Elk Cr. Rd., Trail, OR 97541
- 9 George and Hilda Sahlberg, 788 N. Buena Vista, Burns, OR 97720
- 3 W. A. Sweet, 19657 Chuckanut Drive, Bend, OR 97702
- 4 Pat and Forrest Wheeler, 661 S. Stage Rd., Medford, OR 97501

THE VIOLIN

A Gift From God by Mark Carmickle, Dist 6

I began my life as a tiny insignificant seed released from my mother tree.
I sailed swiftly thru the deep forest on the wings of the cool autumn winds.
The Autumn sun sank below the horizon and the wind became slower and then died.
I fell down, down into the dark forest, landing beside an ancient decaying log.
Many of my brothers and sisters fell in wild confusion all around me.
I saw the many forest creatures as they hurried about preparing for the night.
All of them were enormous compared to me: even the lowly snail towered above me
as he glided slowly by.
As darkness fell, I could hear the mutterings and footfalls of the night creatures.
Then the fall rains came and I was slowly enfolded in the rich humus of Mother
Earth.
Before I became dormant I could hear the crash of wind and thunder as the winter
storms began.
The cold winds chilled the land and winter tightened its grip on the forest and I
slept.
After awhile I began to feel the warmth of the sun as spring arrived.
I awoke and felt strange things happening to me--I began to sprout.
One morning I saw daylight again and the sun bathed me with its soft warm rays.
I looked around and saw hundreds of my brothers and sisters nearby.
As the seasons went by most of my brothers and sisters disappeared, ravaged by
disease and the forest creatures.
After a few years only I survive, having been protected by the old log lying
beside me.
Those first years were a constant struggle for survival, and then I was a tall
slender sapling.
One dark stormy night the lightning crashed and I saw the large tree which had
been shading me explode and fall to the ground in pieces.
When the sun came up I was no longer in the shade and the rich sunshine caused
me to grow rapidly.
Many years, perhaps even centuries passed and I became the largest and most beau-
tiful tree in the forest.
I was truly a Monarch of the forest, for as far as I could see, no others com-
pared with my magnificence.
As the seasons passed I reveled in the music of the forest and its inhabitants--
The wind as it strummed on my branches and the birds as they sang out their mat-
ing calls to each other.
Their music reminded me of Angels singing.
Then one day a man came to the forest, humming a soft melody as he strolled along.
He was a gentle man, and when he came near, he looked up at me and exclaimed,
"Ah! What beautiful music it will make someday."
Some time later several men came with their tools and suddenly attacked me.
I was helpless to defend myself and then I fell down, down, down, landing on the
ground with a great crash.
I was dying, my life slowly ebbing away. My soul, where would it go?
The men then attacked my body with their saws and axes, cutting me up into short
chunks and split these into even smaller pieces.
These pieces were taken to a building where they were stored on racks for drying.
It seemed as though my soul had survived in one particular piece, or was it only
a part of my soul?
I was left in this place for several years, becoming dryer and dryer.
Then one day I heard that melody again and a man came strolling down the aisle be-
tween the racks.
He would stop now and then to pick up one of the pieces of wood and tap it gently
with his knuckles, always humming that tune.
He stopped near me and picked me up, examining me carefully, then tapped me gently
and exclaimed, "Ah! This is the one."
Then I remembered him. He was the man who admired me in the forest.
He was a bit older, and his hair had turned gray, but he still hummed that tune.
He took me and started down the other side of the aisle, stopping now and then to
examine other pieces of wood that were a bit different than me.
(To be continued in the next issue of the Hoedowner.)

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