

LEW SEZ (cont):

needed at the registration tables Friday and Saturday and to take tickets Friday and Saturday evening. I am looking for one good volunteer to collect the fees from the campers. Maxine Benson will take a group of fiddlers to the Veteran's hospital. Grace Fox will be at the registration desk. Stan Gonshorowski will handle the sound. Jim and Gynn will feed us again (bless 'em). Alice Holt will be signing up new members. (If you wait until then, you will be too late for the roster - so send in your dues NOW.) I will be contacting people to do workshops for us (fiddle, banjo, guitar, etc.). Jack Walker will emcee the Friday night show, Les Tucker will emcee the Saturday night banquet, and Shorty Dow will emcee the Saturday dance. I will be writing to the district chairman soon to invite their district to play for 20 minutes at the dance Saturday night. (The dance is for OOTFA MEMBERS ONLY.) I will be sending posters to the district chairmen so if you want to help advertise the convention, contact them. Shorty Dow will take care of the door prizes this year. There will be a drawing each hour. We are looking for donations as we have done for many years. Use your imagination and surprise us. If you have donations for the drawings, please bring them and give them to Charlotte Dow who will be organizing them for the drawings. District 8 is setting up the banquet. I want to sincerely ask any of you "fiddlers and friends from across Oregon" to help set up the tables Saturday. This job requires lifting and all workers can not do that - so if you can, please see if they need help for an hour or so and help them out. We have a donated quilt and will be raffling it off. This will be a good way to pay for the piano. This is just the beginning. It is an exciting time. I look forward to seeing you at the convention. After the convention we will turn our attention to the "April Fool Fiddle Festival" at the Ocean Lake Elks Lodge in Lincoln City on April 21,22, & 23. Our tentative schedule is a fun contest Friday evening, jamming Saturday afternoon, fiddle dance music Saturday night, and a jam Sunday afternoon with prizes for those who play. It is going to be different, fun, and I know you will enjoy it - musicians and everybody. A group of us met with our good friends in Lebanon recently to work on the state fiddle contest - June 2 and 3. Working with and around the Strawberry Festival will make a few changes. I will be sharing those with you at the convention. I am excited.

Lew Holt, President
Oregon Old Time Fiddlers' Association
OLD TIME FIDDLE CLASS

The Haystack Program is offering as part of its summer program a one week Old Time Fiddle course taught by Carol Ann Wheeler. The course will be held June 26-30 and is geared for beginning, intermediate and advanced level fiddlers; Suzuki students who want to learn old time fiddle; and educators interested in incorporating the fiddle into the curriculum. The course includes exercises and techniques for improving and working on tone, dexterity, vibrato, shifting, sliding, double stops, bowing, intonation, timing and fiddle tunes. Emphasis is on practice and drill; skill-building; developing technique; and performance and contest skills. Students must know how to play the fiddle or violin and bring a tape recorder.

For more information or a brochure, please call: in Portland: 464-4812; Toll free in Oregon : 1-800-452-4909 X 4812; Toll free out of state: 800-547-8887 X 4812. Or write: Haystack Program in the Arts, Division of Continuing Education, Portland State University, P. O. Box 1491, Portland, Or 97207.

For flatpick guitar or mandolin enthusiasts, Haystack will also be offering a one week (June 19-23) Flatpick Guitar course taught by former National Flatpick Guitar Champion, Orrin Star, and a one week (July 3 -7) Mandolin course taught by John Reischman. Call or write to Portland State for more information.

A NOTE ABOUT 1989 MEMBERSHIP:

1989 dues have come in very well. However, a few of you still haven't renewed. If you want to continue membership in OOTFA, please send your \$12.00 to me before March 10th. At that time all non-renewals will be deleted from the membership list in order to make up the 1989 roster. This will be the last Hoedowner you will receive if you don't renew. We don't want to lose any of you, and where else can you have so much fun for only \$12.00 for the whole family?

Alice Holt, Membership Chairman, 2611 Liberty St., North Bend, OR 97459

DISTRICT 1:

CHAIRMAN-Lois Tucker; CO-CHAIRMAN-Harold North; SEC/TREAS-Irene Ruddock

We had good music, good people and good fellowship at our Feb. jam in the Shasta Grange Hall. Merle and Paula Pasley were over from Rogue River--so good to have them.

Our March jam will be at the Merrill Recreation Hall on the 19th.

Our jams will hereafter be the third Sun. each month at the Merrill Recreation Hall on 2nd Street north of Highway 139 in Merrill, OR.

Minnie Springer is recovering well after a stay in the hospital. Keep going, Minnie--one step at a time. Our prayers are with you.

We were sorry to hear of the passing of Jo, Johnny Good's wife, on Feb. 5th. Our sympathy and best wishes go out to him.

Mar. 23rd--Clairmont House, 7-8 p.m.

Mar. 26th--Nursing homes

"The best way for a husband to clinch an argument is to take her in his arms."

Naomi Voss, reporter

DISTRICT 3:

CHAIRMAN-Ches Fullerton; CO-CHAIRMAN-Bob Kitchens; SEC/TREAS-Mona Givens

We had a beautiful day for our jam Sunday, Feb. 12th. We couldn't get chairs put out fast enough. Had a record 105, including our 14 musicians. The Sr. Center rang out with beautiful music and lots of dancing.

We had a nice surprise to find Leroy & Shirley Simms formerly of Dist. 6 (Leroy is a past state pres.) have moved to LaPine. We hope they will join our group regularly, as we sure enjoyed their music. Darrell (guitar and Beverly (banjo) Strawn, new in Bend, played with our group. Maybe new members!! We had other visitors from Madras, Portland and two families from Washington.

Art Fleming had surgery this past month and was back playing with us.

No anniversaries in Feb. Tony Spatz had a birthday. Big 13. Congratulations, Tony!

Our next jam is Mar. 12th.

Billie Kitchens, reporter

DISTRICT 4:

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

Mar. 5th will be election of officers and jam at the Vitality Center 4th & L St., Grants Pass. Doors open for learning session at 10:00, meeting at 11:30, potluck at noon, and open to the public at 1:00.

Apr. 2 will be our jam at Yreka at the Yreka Community Center. Doors will open at 10:00 for players and friends, potluck at noon, open to the public at 1:00. Coffee will be furnished, bring food and table service. Going South, take the first off ramp, go west to Oregon St. and turn right. Let's hope spring will be appearing at this time.

We are busy playing as usual for the nursing homes and senior lunches. A small group played for Central Point's Centennial program Feb. 18th and were well received.

Our Feb. jam at Central Point had good participation in spite of the cold weather. Al Nelson braved it over from Klamath Falls. Come again soon, Al. Some of our regulars didn't make it that day due to colds and flu.

I'm happy to report Vic Flood is home now, recuperating from major surgery, leaving him with only one fourth of his stomach. Tex Looper is still staying with his son, with much pain yet from his back surgery. Pearl Hurd has been in and out of the hospital with inner ear infection, but is feeling much better. I know a lot of people have been sick with the flu and colds, so get well and good health to you all.

Dorene Winkelman, reporter

DISTRICT 5:

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

We had to cancel our program at Bandon on Feb. 4th due to our unexpected snowfall. I don't know what you did, but I felt like a barbeque. It's not every day one gets to watch the flakes on the coast. We were all

DISTRICT 5 (cont.):

at Greenacres on the 11th for our meeting and dance. It was nice to see Deveda Walton and Stanley Voit back from the surgeries they had in December. Our condolences to the family of Carlton Smith who passed away recently. He was such a sweet fellow, and played the accordion very well. We'll miss him.

Birthdays for March: Abbie Shaffar (28th), age unknown--I'd guess around 25?

FIDDLER OF THE MONTH: Gene Gosney

Born in Gentry, Arkansas, on Dec. 29, 1911, Gene started playing the fiddle at age 9. His father was one of the best fiddlers in the area. Gene entered a fiddle contest at age 18, but didn't have a fiddle, so he found an oak board from an old barn and made himself one. His prize was second place.

Gene moved to California and married at age 24. He stopped playing to raise his family. Upon moving to Oregon in 1941, he returned to the fiddle and organized a small band called "The Blue Ridge Mountaineers", which consisted of Gene on fiddle, Earl Kinchoff on guitar, Guy Kyler on Bass and Gene's daughter on piano. They played on KOOS radio on Saturdays as well as entertaining around the area. He put the fiddle away again, but got it our when he joined the OOTFA 10 years ago. Gene seems like a quiet person, but can he ever express himself on that fiddle!

ACCOMPANIST--Murrel Walton:

Murrel came from a musical family. His father played fiddle and his mother played piano and organ. Murrel started playing the old flat top guitar at age 8. At age 13 he started playing Spanish style with the family band, as they made their living in Missouri playing for dances. Murrel has been playing the fiddle for 3 years. He also plays the mandolin and 12 string guitar. His children and grandchildren all play various instruments. A truly musical family.

March dates to remember;

11th-Greenacres Grange--noon

18th-Coos Bay Senior Center-1:00-5:00

Linda Carver, reporter

DISTRICT 6:

CHAIRMAN-Mark Carmickle; CO-CHAIRMAN-Jim Lockard; SEC/TREAS-Ila Mae Weber

Just about the time we were lulled into thinking spring was about to spring, along came all that snow (a foot!) just to keep us from getting too overly confident! Fortunately, it had cleared up pretty well by the time we had our jam at Willamalane Senior Center in Springfield, and we had a whopping big crowd to play music and dance, after our big potluck lunch.

Our Mar. 19 jam will be held at the American Legion Hall at the north end of Lebanon. They will gurnish lunch, then we will jam all afternoon.

Come early, as we need to have a VERY IMPORTANT MEETING at 11:00 a.m., so be there to nominate, volunteer and vote (or all 3)! This will be ELECTION OF OFFICERS for the coming year.

Word comes to us that Charlie Jenson is recuperating after his surgery in Arizona. Others getting over recent illnesses and/or surgery are Purl Fox, Dorothy Payne, Vivian Steele, and Thelma and Jack Salley. PLEASE, PLEASE....if you know of any of our members who are ill, please call me at 935-2700, or Mark at 689-5562. We want to know, and care about all of you!

Here's hoping to see many of you at the State Convention in Roseburg this month.

Thelma Shephard, reporter

DISTRICT 7:

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

Our Jan. jam at Hillsboro Sr. Center was very nice. We certainly want to thank all the musicians for their good music. Thanks to Roy Olson, Carroll Finley, Red Arnold and Bob Fast for a good job of emceeing the program. Also thanks to Reg for taking care of the PA system and Myrtle and Glynn Echo for our coffee and kitchen work.

We would like to extend our best wishes to Jack and Winnie Smith.

DISTRICT 7 (cont.):

Winnie was taken to the hospital in Jan. and is now in the Mountain View Care Center in Oregon City. She has cancer and is in a very serious condition. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Jack and Winnie. John Hakanson had emergence surgery while visiting in Hawaii. He came through in flying colors, is home and doing fine. Alex Steinmetz suffered a heart attack, but is doing well and probably is home by the time this news is out.

We have a bit of lighter news. Hollis Taylor and Gordon Lee were married Jan. 2nd. We congratulate them and wish them a lifetime of happiness. By the way, our "Ducky" quilt that was raffled off in Dec. was won by Edith Olson.

We had a very nice jam at Forest Grove the 19th. We had lots of very good musicians and a very nice crowd. We appreciated having Bill and Edna Yohey, Dave and Jeanette Robinson and Bob Hughes from Dist. 8 with us. (Guess I should now say Bunky & Tillie McFee from Dist. 8, but we still claim you!)

Our next jam will be Mar. 12 at the Estacada Senior Center. The address is 220 SW Clubhouse Drive. Coming from Portland to Estacada on Hwy. 224, it will be on your right. Potluck and program as usual. Due to sickness, our business meeting was postponed. Se we will make a special effort to have it at this jam--11:00 sharp!

Dulcie Fast, reporter

DISTRICT 8:

CHAIRMAN-Les Johnson; CO-CHAIRMAN-Lee Jones; SEC/TREAS-Faythe Maahs
Scheduled jams--Mar. 12, Jam & ELECTION OF OFFICERS at American Legion Post 136 at 4774 Lilac Lane, Salem.

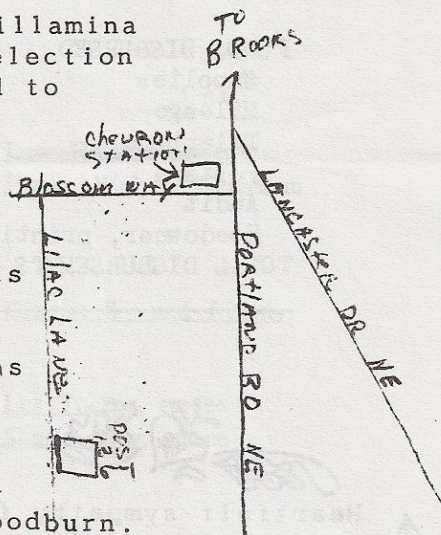
--Apr. 16, jam at Willamina VFW Hall, Willamina

We had a disappointing turnout for our meeting and election at the McMinnville Grange on Feb. 12th. We were forced to postpone our election of officers until next month. I sincerely hope we have a better turnout, for I would hate to see Dist. 8 "closed for repsirs." However, more people arrived about noon and we had a nice jam after all. We had 19 people sign up for performances, four of which were welcome visitors from other districts and/or states. We had one birthday--Ruth Jones.

Dist. 8 was sorry to hear of the passing of Carlton Smith. A special tune was played in his memory. He was a past chairman of our district.

Our next jam will be at American Legion Post #136 at 4774 Lilac Lane in Salem. To find it, come to where N. Portland Rd. intersects with N. Lancaster Dr. N. Portland Rd. is also Hwy 99E that runs through Brooks to Woodburn. One block south of the intersection of Lancaster and N. Portland Rd. is a Chevron station at the corner of Portland Rd. and Blossom Way. Turn west on Blossom and go 4-5 blocks to Lilac Lane. Turn south on Lilac and you will find the post about 3 blocks down. Doors open at 10, potluck at noon, and ELECTION OF OFFICERS at 11:00. Come early and be there. We MUST elect our officers this time.

Lee Jones, reporter



DISTRICT 9:

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

Dist. 9 has some GOOD NEWS. We are going to sponsor the HIGH DESERT FIDDLE CONTEST again this year. After much discussion with many fiddlers, we have decided to have the contest the weekend before Weiser on June 16th & 17th.

We have played at the nursing home each month, the Fair Board Dinner, and the Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet. The banquet was the kick-off for the centennial for Harney County. The fiddlers all dressed old fashioned and had a large part of the program for the evening, which was a great success and loads of fun.

Several new musicjams have joined and we welcome them. We appreciate

DISTRICT 9(cont.):

each one. Pat Scott is back home with us after being gone for 2 years. Nice to have you back, Pat.

The Jan. and Feb. jams had a good turnout in spite of the very cold weather and sickness.

We would like to remind all of Dist. 9 members of the ELECTION OF OFFICERS at our next jam, Mar. 12th. If you would like to serve as an officer, let us know.

Margaret Teague, reporter

NOTE OF THANKS:

Dear Friends,

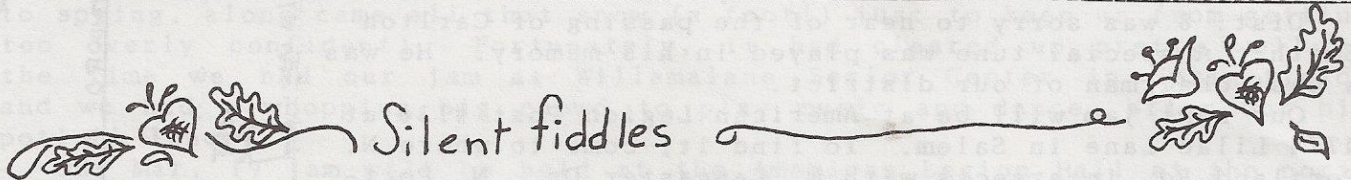
We want to thank all our friends who sent cards, letters and phone calls and all their best wishes to us while Charlie was in the hospital. They were greatly appreciated.

Charlie & Vi Jensen

OREGON OLDTIME FIDDLERS ASSOCIATION---FINANCIAL REPORT

For Dec 31, 1988 to Jan 31, 1989

CASH ON HAND as of DEC 31, 1988	\$5251.06	
FUNDS RECEIVED		
Membership	1976.50	
20% Districts	122.10	
District 3 Fair	<u>150.00</u>	
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$2248.60	Cash on hand plus total received <u>\$7499.66</u>
FUNDS DISBURSED		
Supplies	69.70	
Mileage	275.60	
Telephone	59.14	
Postage	111.10	
Audit	200.00	
Hoedowner, printing & postage	<u>545.86</u>	Cash on hand plus total disbursed: <u>\$7499.66</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$1261.40	



Heartfelt sympathy from all of us goes out to:
 The family and friends of Jo Good, wife of Johnny Good, who left us Feb. 5th.
 The family and friends of Carlton Smith of Dist. 5, who played the accordion so well.



Bob Crump, of 350 Kingwood St., McMinnville, OR 97128, has the following fiddles for sale:

- Albino & bow--\$400.00
- Randolfi & bow-\$300.00
- Stainer & bow--\$200.00
- 3/4 size Roth viola--\$200.00

Write him, or cal 472-3443. Thank You.

OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLERS' ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

ROSEBURG, OREGON MARCH 23, 24, & 25, 1988

(Times may vary from those shown below.)

Convention chairman: Lew Holt

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

9:00 A.M. Doors open
P.A. set up
Concession set up
Registration set up
Jamming around the building

Stan Gonshorowski
Jim & Gynn Deaton

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

8:00 A.M. Hall open - Concessions
Registration and ticket sales (Banquet tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children 12 and under.)

10:00 Drawings begin. Winner's name will be posted for one hour.
OOTFA state albums
OOTFA history albums
Workshops (fiddle, guitar, banjo, etc.) Teachers and times will be posted.

6:00 P.M. Ticket sales begin. (OOTFA MEMBERS - your 1989 membership card or Life membership card entitles you to free admission. Present your membership card as you enter the door marked "OOTFA MEMBERS." (Non-members \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 per child 12 and under.)

6:45 All OOTFA members invited to jam on the stage.

7:30 Fiddle and variety show (by invitation, Lew Holt, Chrm)

12:00 Midnight -- Hall closed.

Jim & Gynn Deaton
Shorty Dow
Jack Walker, emcee

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

8:00 A.M. Hall open - concessions
Jamming and social time

9:00 State quarterly meeting

10:30 Nominating committee
(All District Chairmen or representatives are members of the nominating committee. Please have your nominees ready to present.)

Lew Holt, President
Penny Walter, Chairman

WORKSHOPS, WORKSHOPS (Times, places, and teachers to be posted.)

Table set up and decorations for banquet

1:30 P.M. ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

4:00 Free time

6:00 Annual banquet

8:30 Annual oldtime dance. O.O.T.F.A. members only.

12:00 Midnight - Hall closed.

District 8 and friends
Les Tucker, emcee
Shorty Dow, emcee

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

8:00 A.M. CLEAN UP. (Everybody is invited.)

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CALLING ALL COOKS AND BOTTLEWASHERS:

Convention time will be here soon so I want to take a cue from Lew and ask those of you who are willing to volunteer for a turn at cooking breakfast or lunch to let me know who you are.

We have had good luck in the past with our haphazard way of expecting some of you folks to just come in, put on an apron, and go to it, however, I know that some of the faithful are just not up to standing over the hot stove for such long hours. We need to get more of you involved. Perhaps you have wanted to help but didn't feel we wanted you or needed you. Not so. Let me know who you are and what day you would like to help for an hour or two.

We will turn on the grill Thursday evening just as soon as we can get things organized and put away. It is not possible to serve lunch that first day because Jim and I are still picking up our food orders Thursday.

Breakfast will be served Friday and Saturday mornings from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with hamburgers, ham sandwiches, etc. from then on except that during the show on Friday evening, the kitchen will be down. And on Saturday, the kitchen will shut down at 4:00 p.m. in order to complete the preparations for the banquet at 6:00. Another thing, if there are some who don't want a turn at cooking but want to help in other ways, let us know. Jim and I are looking forward to seeing everyone.

Thanks,

Gynn Deaton

Happy

St. Patrick's Days



Good luck