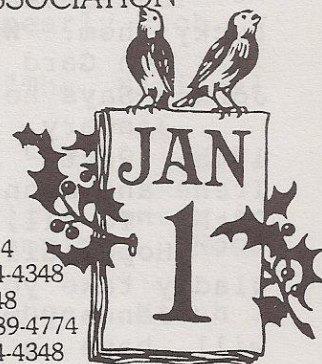


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JANUARY, 1991

COMING EVENTS

		DISTRICT	
Jan	5	Jam, Vitality Center	Grants Pass 4
	13	Jam, Senior Center	Bend 3
	13	Jam, Senior Center	Gladstone 7
	13	Potluck, Jam, Senior Center	Burns 9
	19	State Quarterly Meeting & Jam, Grange	Coburg OOTFA
	20	Meeting, Potluck, Recreation Hall	Merrill 1
	20	Jam, Eagles Lodge	Albany 6
Feb	2	Jam, Grange	Central Point 4
	10	Jam, Adult Center	Canby 7
Mar	3	Jam, Community Center	Talent 4
	10	Jam, Senior Center	Forest Grove 7
	28, 29, 30	Convention	Roseburg OOTFA

MARK'S REMARKS: HAPPY NEW YEAR, FIDDLERS!! As we start the New Year, the first event on our schedule is a quarterly meeting at the Coburg Grange on Saturday, January 19, 1991, at 1:00 PM. Coburg is about 3/4 mile west of I-5 at exit 199. After the meeting there will be jamming and a potluck at 6:00 PM, then jamming and dancing afterwards. This is an important meeting because there will be a report of the by-Laws Committee. We will have copies of the new by-laws available at the meeting. We will also be discussing plans for the Convention in Roseburg on March 28, 29, 30. There will be plenty of RV parking at and near the Grange Hall in Coburg.

I had a nice visit with Bill Yohey by telephone before Christmas. It was good to hear that he is up and around and feeling much better. He said he will be at the State Meeting in Coburg.

Happy Fiddling, Mark Carmickle

DISTRICT 1:

CHAIRMAN-Irene Ruddock; CO-CHAIRMAN-Chuck Bruneau; SEC/TREAS-Faye Patterson

The Klamath Falls Snowflake Festival parade has come and gone. Ann and Ervin, Faye and Isom, Jo and Dick met at Jerry and Irene's to work on the decorations for the float. The men tried their hands at making a large, and I mean large, dove out of chicken wire. All I can say is, I think they need to attend a school for making doves. It did look all right after it was decorated. We all had some good laughs, and you have to give them E for effort.

The group played for the Lyons Christmas party at our regular December meeting. We shared the hall with the Carroll family group for their family reunion. They had family from all over the U.S. They enjoyed our music very much, and we enjoyed their wonderful food. Al Nelson was Santa Claus. He handed out bags of goodies to all.

The group will play Feb. 16 from 5-6 at the Whoa Traven (?) in Keno for a benefit for Justin Bagwel. She is the mother of two children. She needs a heart and liver transplant operation. Please, all you fiddlers, come out and play for a good cause. We need your help.

Our snowbirds, Don and Helen, have flown the coop for a warmer climate. Lucky them. We all wish we could do the same.

Joh Gard called Dick from Merrillon, WI. Dick had a nice chat with John. Says he is playing at the nursing homes. Miss you, John.

January birthdays: Naomi Voss, 23rd; Al Nelson, 5th; Thelma Nelson, 13th; Betty Bruneau (sorry, Betty, didn't get your day); Jo Harris, 19th. Irene and John Lewis will celebrate their 47th wedding anniversary on the 28th. To all, have a wonderful day.

Hope all have paid your dues. If not, see Faye Patterson. She will gladly take your money. Welcome Janice Harrington and family as a new member.

January meeting=Jan. 20th at Merrill Recreation Hall. Meeting-1:30. We will have a planned potluck. Marta's Chili, cornbread, french bread, green salad only, relishes and desserts. Bring a bowl for chili. Please call Jo at 884-5390 evenings to let me know what you will be bringing for our potluck I have the recipe for the chili.

Jo Harris, Reporter

DISTRICT 3:

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

Greetings from chilly Central Oregon.

There were 54 visitors at our Sunday jam and potluck, including musicians. Thanks to everyone for your good help and that delicious food.

We finished off November playing at Fred Meyers Grand Opening. We played 5 days in 3 weeks.

Welcome to Gene and Jean Slay as new members of our fiddling group. LeRoy and Shirley Sims brought them up from LaPine to play at Fred Meyers with us. Gene plays guitar and LeRoy says they sing beautifully. Jean was busy doing videos of our program, so they didn't sing.

Lee Hanna is feeling fine after her gall bladder surgery. Don wouldn't let her get ahead of him, so he had hand surgery and was playing at our Sunday jam a few days later--can't keep a good fiddler down.

Happy Birthdays to Bob Kitchens (finally admitted he's past 39!) and Ada Harris (Dec. 25); and anniversaries are: Cliff and Ada Harris, 57 years; and Fred and Evelyn Martin, 44 years. For all of you, and those I missed, many more happy ones to come.

For everyone traveling on the holidays, we wish you a safe trip there and home.

May God bless you all with a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

Billie Kitchens, Reporter

DISTRICT 4:

CHAIRMAN-Don Luker; CO-CHAIRMAN-Vern Reitan; SEC/TREAS-Doris Barkley

Although the absence of our two officers, Don Luker and Doris Barkley, was greatly missed at our Christmas party, Verne Reitan did a fine job of being in charge and emceeing the afternoon program. Tom Barkley, with help from Merle Pasley, took care of the sound equipment. Paula Pasley and Ethel Holstin kept things rolling in the kitchen. Zelma Foote prepared the turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy. Pauline Winslow fixed the ham and others brought their special treats for a festive dinner. With the willing help of so many, the tables were set up and decorated in no time at all, and we seated and fed nearly one hundred of our members. With so many desserts, we had covvee and snacks all afternoon. Our fine musicians provided a lively, fun-filled afternoon with lots of dancing and fellowship. Jack and Clemmie McCasland spent the afternoon, with Jack fiddling "Maple Sugar" for the crowd. Vic Flood entertained with a song or two. He started six weeks of daily radiation treatments on December 3. Hopefully this will correct the problem and restore him back to good health. Ruth Applegate sold cups and collected membership dues. Our out-of-town guests were Fred and Vera Virtue, District 5, Coquille.

Glad to see them--hope they will come again soon.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Dorothy Houston, who passed away on November 29.

Ann and John Fellows celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary in December. John joins the group at Central Point Senior Center nearly each month and fiddles a few old favorite tunes.

Congratulations to the Booher family for being named "The National Amateur Musical Family of the Year."

Walter and Zelma Foote plan to fly to Washington, D.C. for the holidays, visiting relatives. They should be home by New Year.

January 5, 1991, jam will be on Saturday at the Vitality Center in Grants Pass, 4th and L Street. Open at 10:00 AM for early jamming. Noon potluck...open to the public at 1:00 PM.

February 2 jam will be on Saturday at the Central Point Grange. March 3 jam will be in Talent at the Community Center.

BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR!!

Pauline Winslow, Reporter

DISTRICT 5:

CHAIRMAN-Lew Holt; CO-CHAIRMAN-Al Lively; SEC/TREAS-Helen Weber

We were saddened by the death of Claude Strader--a longtime member of District 5, husband of Sylvia Strader and brother of Betty Lively. Claude loved fiddle music and up till recently he would be found at many of the fiddle activities enjoying the music, dancing, or perhaps following along on his fiddle. His services were on Friday, November 30, in Bandon. Our sympathy goes out to his family.

We had a good turnout for the Senior Center in Reedsport on the first Tuesday. We enjoyed playing for several hours. On Thursday, December 6, a group of us played for the Retired Longshoremen in North Bend. Pat Kraemer and Joe Graham are both retired Longshoremen. Their fellow Union members really made us feel at home--by their nice meal and their very nice comments.

It was a perfect December 8. You couldn't find a nicer day. A huge crowd gathered at the Greenacres Grange Hall at 12:00 to eat the many fine foods our cooks prepared for us. There was turkey aplenty and dressing and pies--and everything. We ate until we were stuffed, cleared tables and chairs and started the music. The hall was decorated for the Christmas season. After a jam on the stage Linda Carver led--followed by a long list of musicians. We enjoyed being with the grangers for the afternoon. Several came up to say how much they enjoyed having us there. I know that other of our members would like to have been there. Leonard and Ione Olson had to go to Medford. Russ Hall called to let us know that he and Elnora could not make it but would like to have been there.

Now to 1991. We will cancel our dance in Reedsport on the first Tuesday --just happens to be New Years Day and we might want to watch a football game. The 8th we will be in Myrtle Point at 2:00 at the Care Center. On Saturday the 12th a small group of grangers will be joining us for potluck at 12:00 and while they are meeting downstairs, we will have our jam upstairs. Sounds like fun. The 15th we'll be playing at Live Care at 2:00 and St. Catherine's that evening at 7:00. Then on the 22nd we will be at Hearthsides. If you want to listen, play, or just visit, come on out and join us at any time.

Because of the holidays and all the activities, I probably won't get a Fiddlesticks out this month.

Lew Holt, Reporter

DISTRICT 6:

CHAIRMAN-Jim Lockard; CO-CHAIRMAN-Bob Kaiser; SEC/TREAS-Lucille Childers

It's nice to be back home, but we really hated to leave that wonderful sunshine!

HAPPY NEW YEAR--Hope you all survived the holidays in good shape, or made your NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS to resolve it!

December was a busy month. We made it home in time for our Christmas

party at the Lebanon MOOSE, with Santa's arrival to begin our holiday season. What a lovely dinner our MOOSE friends prepared for us. Please note that our MARCH meeting for the Lebanon Moose has been RE-SCHEDULED for May 19--NOT in March as was announced.

We earned \$200 for our District November 19 playing at the Junction City High School for an event sponsored by the Jaycees.

November 21 several of our fiddlers played for Harry Pyle's service held at St. Paul's Church. Our deepest sympathy to Harry's lovely family. Dee Dee read a poem at the service that we'd like to have Barbara print when the space is available to honor all of our missing OOTFA members.

We were saddened to read of the tragic accident claiming the life of Bill and Elsie Bostick's grandson. May we extend our deepest sympathy dear friends to you and your family.

Charlie Sanford entered the hospital December 20 for by-pass surgery. Our best wishes to him for a speedy recovery.

We have lots scheduled for January--OUR STATE QUARTERLY MEETING January 19, 1:00 PM at the COBURG GRANGE HALL. We will have a potluck at 6:00 PM and jamming 'til we tire! Our out-of-town friends are welcome to park their RV's there that night and join our fun the following day, January 20, at the ALBANY EAGLES LODGE for dinner provided by them for us. That's our big money making project for the year--OUR PIE AUCTION. We have learned that we can get in early this year, so you all come early. If you're not a pie maker, bring cakes, cookies or any pastry you wish to donate to be auctioned off--be sure to bring your monthly allowance with you as well--sometimes our auctioneer tires and things go pretty reasonable and other times the sky has been the limit--guess it kinda depends upon his mood THAT day! Suppose? We all have a lot of fun and a wonderful meal.

WORKSHOPS have been on our agenda for some time and we now offer the following dates for you to circle on your calendar...ALL WORKSHOPS IN JANUARY WILL BE HELD THE COBURG GRANGE HALL AS FOLLOWS:

DANCE: all SATURDAYS 1 PM. January 5, 12, 26 (19 is State Quarterly meeting). Mike and Dolores Booher, Instructors. Two-step, Foxtrot, Polka, Schottische and Waltz.

ADVANCED HARMONICA: all SATURDAYS 3 PM. January 5, 12, 19, 26. Curly Roberts, Instructor.

BEGINNING FIDDLE: all TUESDAYS 7 PM. January 8, 15, 22, 29. Carol Lockard, Bob Kaiser, Dolores Booher, Instructors. Instructors will rotate for different techniques and new tunes.

GUITAR and EMCEE workshops are in the planning stage--date and time TBA. Our plan is to take "donations" to help toward the instructors' mileage for donating their time and talent to help others learn. We are so grateful to have such qualified folks within our midst.

Words to live by from our "PREZ"--Whenever a group is playing, a fiddler should ALWAYS be present--remember, you heard it here--be guided accordingly.

Remember, we have our Saturday night dance the second Saturday of each month at the Coburg Grange...if you missed the last one you missed a good time--wonderful dance floor and good music and good refreshments served by the Grange members. See you there January 12, 7 PM.

It was so nice to attend and see a full house at the Booher Family Show held in Drain December 15. What a lovely performance it was. We're going to miss Rudi while he is touring AUSTRALIA, but what a wonderful experience it's going to be for him and we wish him the very best and yes, Rudi, CONGRATULATIONS on that 4-point gain. We are ALL so very PROUD of you.

If anyone needs their fiddle repaired, bow re-haired, contact our STAN GONSHCROWSKI--phone 343-5868. He also makes bows small to large--any size.

Lucille has been busy, but she'd be glad to receive your order for a name tag--688-2976. She and John just acquired a lovely daughter-in-law this past week--this proves that BACHELORS sometimes succumb to MARRIAGE, doesn't it? CONGRATULATIONS.

Helen Tracy, Reporter

DISTRICT 7:

CHAIRMAN-Carl Helgerson; CO-CHAIRMAN-Joe Hamm; SEC/TREAS-Myrtle Arnold

Our Christmas jam and party was very nice. The decorations at the Moose Lodge made it seem real Christmas-y. We had a nice crowd and we thank all our musicians for putting on a real nice program. We had 17 fiddlers, 4 specials, and all our accompanists.

We want to thank Bernadette Helgerson, Tammy Snelling, and Myrtle Arnold for fixing the ham and turkeys and all the trimmings. And thanks to everyone for making it an especially nice party.

We are sorry to report that Forrest Jacklin is in the hospital. We hope that he will soon be home again and feeling fine. Helen, Mura Collin's wife, suffered a stroke, and we are glad to hear that she is improving.

Our next jam will be at the Gladstone Senior Center on January 13. The address is 1050 Portland Avenue in Gladstone. As you're going south on McLoughlin Ave. from Portland, you can turn left at Jennings or Hull Ave. When you reach Portland Ave. you can turn right.

When you ladies are planning what to bring to potluck, we have a suggestion for you. We had turkey left from our Christmas dinner. Myrtle and Tammy suggested they take it home and freeze it, and they will make turkey pies for our potluck. There was also ham left, so maybe the rest of us can bring vegetables, salads and desserts.

Our February jam will be at Canby Adult Center, and we plan to have a business meeting and our election of officers for next year at that time. So be thinking of a job that you'd like to have. Maybe I should say a job that you'd be willing to do.

Here's wishing you all a very good year in 1991. Happy Fiddling:

Dulcie Fast, Reporter

BARN BURNER TWO STEP

Nothing sounds any worse to my ear
Than a fiddle alone, with nobody near
I'm afraid for me to play and be seen
An accompanist had better be on the scene

The Old Time Fiddlers is an organization of many
Some play fiddles, some others, some not any
Tis the support of all that is needed to sustain
The good music that allows us to fill the terrain

As a past chairman of OOTF District Seven
I'm sure that many of us will meet in Heaven
I have no desire to compete with a harp
So we better have accompanist, to keep us from the dark

I don't believe accompanist should be denied full due
In an organization thats growing by so few
If we want to keep this thing very alive
We all better get together and syncopate our jive

Sincerely, Gary A. Evans

We wish to thank the many friends who shared with us the sorrow in the loss of our beloved Eddie. For the loving support we are most grateful.

The family of Eddie Bostick

FOOTE NOTES: Over 300 have sent in their 1991 Membership Dues. Thanks a million. If you haven't sent your dues in, please send them by Feb. 15, 1991, so you will continue to receive the HOEDOWNER and your name will be in the new 1991 ROSTER. Send a \$12 check payable to OOTFA with your correct



address, phone number and names of those to receive a card. Also, if you play an instrument. If you sent your dues after Dec. 15, 1990, don't expect your membership card until after the first week of January, 1991. Walter and I are going to Virginia and Washington to see our children over the Holidays. Now to make me real happy and to keep me busy, please send in your \$12 Dues. By doing this you will receive the HOEDOWNER for another year, get your name in the ROSTER and be a member of the OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLERS ASSOCIATION. HAPPY NEW YEAR. Send your membership to Zelma Foote, 535 North 5th, Central Point, Or, 97502.

Associate Member Art Clemmer of District 8 passed away on December 13.

THE SILENT FIDDLE

Tonight there is an old fiddle, that hangs silent on the wall.
It isn't being played much anymore, hardly at all.
For the man who played it has passed; Yes, he's gone
But the memory of his music lingers on....
If a fiddle could talk, I am sure it would say,
"Sure is lonesome tonight, since the Master has gone away.
I recall the good times together we shared when we laughed
and sang and sometimes cried a little as we played.
Now, God asks that we praise Him with our music and our song.
So perhaps tonight the Master plays with some heavenly throng."
On earth tonight a fiddle stands, awaiting for the call.
Yes, somewhere a silent fiddle adorns the wall.

Author unknown--printed from National OTFA paper

"Be Careful What You Say"

In SPEAKING of a person's faults,
pray don't forget your own,
Remember those with homes of
glass, should never throw a stone.

If we have nothing else to do, but
talk of those who sin,
'Tis better to commence at home,
and from that point begin.

We have no right to judge a man
until he's fairly tried,
Should we not like his compay, we
know the world is wide.

We all have faults, and who has not.
The young and old a-non.
Perhaps we may for all we know,
have fifty to their one.

I'll tell you of a better plan, and find
it works full well,
To try my own defects to cure,
before of others tell.

And tho I sometimes hope to be, no
worse than some I know,
My own shortcomings bid me let,
the faults of others go.

Then let us all when we commence,
to slander friend or foe,
Think of the harm, one word may
do, to those we little know.

A careless word could kill a man,
or overthrow a throne,
It's wise and best, to let faults rest,
till we correct our own.

BERNIE WILLIAMS



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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

DATE 11/9/90

BALANCE AS OF 10/9/90 (GENERAL ACCOUNT) \$ 6083.4

RECEIPTS:

<u>Membership Dues</u>	\$	<u>1046.50</u>	
<u>30% District (#7 13.74 - #4 7.44)</u>		<u>21.18</u>	
<u>Bank Interest</u>		<u>20.54</u>	
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		TOTAL	\$ <u>770.22</u>

BALANCE AS OF 11/9/90 \$ 6401.44

SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT

CASH ON HAND	<u>10/9/90</u>	\$	<u>2510.10</u>
RECEIPTS			<u>0</u>
EXPENSES			<u>0</u>
TOTAL CASH ON HAND	<u>11/9/90</u>	\$	<u>2510.00</u>

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