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COMING EVENTS

		DISTRICT
May 4		Drewsey 9
5	Jam, Grange	Central Point 4
11	Quarterly Meeting, Jam	Reedsport OOTFA
12	(Mother's Day) Jam, Senior Center	Bend 3
12	Jam, Senior Center	Gresham 7
12	Jam, Senior Center	Burns (?) 9
19	Meeting, Jam, Recreation Hall	Merrill 1
19	Jam, Moose Lodge	Lebanon 6
19	Jam, Grange Hall #31	McMinnville 8
25	Azalea Festival, High School	Brookings 5
26	VFW	Bandon 5
31, June 1, 2	State Contest	Lebanon OOTFA
June 1	(Saturday) Jam, Community Center	Wimer 4
14, 15	Jamboree	Burns 9
16	Jam	King City 7
16-22	National Old Time Fiddlers Contest	Weiser, ID NOTFA
23	Jam, VFW Hall	Willamina 8
July 5	"All American Fest" Yamhill County Fairgrounds	McMinnville 8
5	Burns Centennial	Burns 9
7	Jam, Community Center	Jerome Prairie 4
13	Smelt Fry	Yachats/Waldport 8
19-21	Coburg Golden Years	Coburg OOTFA
22-27	Vernonia Campout	Vernonia OOTFA
Aug 1	Fair, Yamhill County Fairgrounds	McMinnville 8
4	Picnic, Tom Pearce Park	Grants Pass 4
8	Fair, "Senior Day," Polk County Fairgrounds	Rickreall 8
10	Fair, Polk County Fairgrounds	Rickreall 8
Sept 6, 7, 8	Harney County Fair & Rodeo Parade	9

MARK'S REMARKS: Dear Fiddler Friends: We are all saddened by the death of charter member Bill Yohey. He was one of a kind and will be missed very much. His contributions to OOTFA and to the music we all love are enormous.

Our convention was a great success. There were so many volunteers it would take a long time to thank each one separately. The banquet crew did a super job. Wasn't it beautiful? The registration and sales crew were better than ever. Those members who took care of setting up tables and chairs for three days and nights are real heroes in my book. And how about that food--the kitchen crew were busy bees from the time we started until we shut down Saturday after the dance. The Thursday night jam was a dandy and the Friday Night Variety Show was a real whiz banger. According to many, the Saturday Night

dance was the best ever. I just can't thank all of you enough. You were all wonderful.

Well, Lew Holt and Lee Jones did their usual fine job coordinating all the activities at Lincoln City and everyone had a good time.

We will have our fourth Quarterly state board meeting on May 11, 1991, in Reedsport at the senior center. District 5 and Lew Holt are the hosts this time. This will be the last state meeting I will preside over.

Now on to the OOTFA State Contest in Lebanon, May 31 and June 1 & 2. Highlights, rules and schedule appear elsewhere in this Hoedowner. !!THE 1991 OOTFA STATE CONTEST WILL BE DEDICATED TO BILL YOHEY!!! New this year will be a Senior-Senior Division for ages 75 and over. The Sunday program will be a concert of Oldtime Gospel and Country fiddling. The mix will be about half and half. This program is by invitation only.

There is an important update announcement elsewhere concerning the OOTFA-sponsored Yoncalla Oldtime Fiddle Workshop. The officers and the scholarship committee chairman have directed that changes be made in the focus, scope and instructors. Happy Fiddling, Mark.

DISTRICT 1:

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

It has been very quiet for our fiddlers this last month. Except for playing at the nursing homes, that has been about it. Maybe when the weather gets nice it may give them some spark to play more.

Irene Ruddock is working on a big jam at Diamond Lake. It will be the second weekend of August. So far we have one cabin rented for Saturday night, August 10. Sleeps six and all we can sleep on the floor. Bring sleeping bags. There is room for self-contained vehicles on first come basis. There are motel rooms also, 2 beds \$50 per night. We are planning a potluck breakfast and dinner.

If there are any cancellations we are trying to get more cabins for either Friday or Sunday. Call Irene Ruddock evenings (882-6418) for more information about cabin or motels. We will keep you posted through the Hoedowner with more information.

Clara and Harold Warner are having birthday and wedding anniversary potluck at their home Saturday afternoon, May 4. For more information call Clara at 882-1936.

May birthdays--Clara Warner, 6th; Lois Tucker, 8th; Sherrie Lane, 13th. Wedding anniversaries--Al and Thelma Nelson, 13th; and Faye and Isom Patterson, 27th. May you all have a happy day.

Our deepest sympathy to Meg and Hodowinc for the recent death of Hodo's father who lived in Wisconsin.

For time and places for nursing homes call Irene Ruddock evenings.

May meeting the 19th at Merrill Recreation Hall. 1:30 jam. Bring finger foods.

Jo Harris, Reporter

DISTRICT 3:

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

Hello from beautiful central Oregon. Rain, sleet, snow, wind, cloudy and sunshine, we've got it all in one day.

There were 56 at our Sunday jam, including 10 musicians. We had visitors from Salem and Goldendale, WA. Emma Real (Hollis' mother) fiddled 3 songs for us. We hope she will come again.

Tom and Betty O'Neal are in California. Tom had a heart attack last of March and had by-pass surgery four days later. Different artery than by-pass surgery October '89. He's doing fine and they hope to be home in early May.

We had a good time in Roseburg. It's fun jamming, listening to the music, visiting friends and meeting new ones. All the RVer's made our parking lot job fun and easy. We collected 365 rings off the pop cans thanks to my helpers. Thanks also to the Deaton family and kitchen crew for all that good food we had to eat.

Our condolences to Edna Yohey. Bill and his music will be missed by all who knew him.

I missed Lenny Speth's April birthday. May birthdays are Carol Real, Betty O'Neal, Brian Hanson, Don Hanna and Bob Hawes. Happy Birthday to all and many more. No anniversaries.

Billie Kitchens, Reporter

DISTRICT 4:

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

If you didn't come to the Convention in Roseburg, you missed a good time. Weather was perfect for outdoor jamming, the Deatons did their usual fine job of preparing the food for the banquet, and best of all, Zelma received a unanimous vote to be our next State President. Let's all give her our support and help whenever needed.

Betty Deckard has had knee surgery and seems to be getting along fine. Vic Flood and Hank Modrell are about the same--still under the watch-eye of their respective doctor..but coming to our jams and playing guitar and singing.

Our deepest sympathy to Dave Winkelman for the recent death of his mother.

Congratulations and best wishes to Velma and Guy Kinman who were married in Reno the last part of March.

Our April 7 jam in Central Point was interesting. We had about 40 for the potluck and twice that many for the afternoon of music. There seemed to be a lot of enthusiasm for dancing and all had fun. Bill Noble, from District 1, was our only guest. Glad to see you, Bill, please come again, soon. It was nice to welcome Jim Hoots with his fiddle and bass, as well as Tex Amberson who fiddled and sang a couple of songs.

The fiddle that the Wobbe Family donated to our district will be raffled off on May 11 at the State quarterly meeting in Reedsport. Proceeds are to go to the Scholarship Fund. I'll tell you next month who the lucky winner was.

May 5 jam will be at the grange in Central Point. June 1 jam will be on Saturday at the Community Center in Wimer. Both will be open for early jamming, noon potluck and open to the public at 1 PM.

One day last month Ralph Byers made arrangements for music at the Lion's Club Affair to choose the Queen for the annual Rogue River Rooster Crow. Among those playing were Merle and Paula Pasley, Bud Chancler, Pick Lydic and Ralph Byers. Ralph is also our baker who supplies our jams with those delicious home-made rolls.

Enjoy this beautiful spring weather and we will see you soon.

Pauline Winslow, Reporter

DISTRICT 4N

It was a great pleasure to attend the OOTFA State Convention in Roseburg and so so many people from different areas. The music was great and the staff did a great job--Thanks to all of you.

The folks at Bridgewood Rivers Care Home in Roseburg enjoyed music and songs Easter Sunday provided by OOTF members Jo Barnes, Paul Lakey, Larry Johnson, Linda Carver, Guy Kinman, Dennis and Thelma Allen, Lanora Waggoner and Ray Solnicka.

April 5 OOTF members Larry Johnson, Bud Richardson, Louise Trimble and Carl Swartzendauber (known as D.C. Country Band) provided music for the Sutherlin Firemen and Policemen Ball and dinner at the Eagles Hall, which was enjoyed by many.

April 7th over 70 people enjoyed a delicious potluck dinner and jam at Yoncalla Community Building. Bob McKee came from Florence and played the banjo and sang; Wally Bloom and Dawn Meldrin from Crow; Barbara Garcia from Eugene; Paul and Frankie Williams from Reedsport; Linda Carver from Coos Bay; Dale and Myrtle McCoy from Springfield, to name a few and guests from as far as Lebanon.

Thanks to Jo Barnes for keeping all these things going. D.C. Country provides music for Sutherlin Senior Hall April 12.

Our congratulations to Guy Kinman and Velma Benefiel on their wedding March 26, the Ida Mae Johnson for her 86th birthday March 24--she looked so pretty at the dance.

Welcome to our new members Maxine Gaffney of Sutherlin and Fred Young of Oakland.

Our best to Elsie Downs who will be in Portland for surgery in May. We miss you. Our condolences to Louise Trimble for the loss of her husband Jim. Hope to see many of you in Lincoln City April 19, 20, 21.

Congratulations also to Rudi Booher for 1st place in Crescent City and to Guy Kinman for 4th place, to Ned Booher for 2nd place in accompanist, Justin Booher for 2nd place in Junior, and Gabriel Booher for 6th place in PeeWee.

Reported by Lanora Waggoner

DISTRICT 5:

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

Greetings from District 5. Many of us had a great time at the state convention. It was good to be with many of our old friends. We have been very active this month at the nursing homes and the senior centers. Quite a few of us went down to Crescent City to the contest.

While some of us were in Crescent City a group played at Pony Village in North Bend in the Mall. Thanks to all who came to play and listen. On the 13th we gathered at Greenacres on a sunny afternoon for a potluck and a dance. You reporter wants to thank all of you for the cakes, cards, and good wishes. It makes it easier to go on "social security." And it certainly was a big surprise.

We look forward to May and all of the activities. May 11th we will host a state meeting in Reedsport. The community building in Reedsport will be open the evening before for jamming. You may park your motor home there, too. The next morning the hall will be opened about 10:00 for jamming. The state meeting will start at 1:00. We will have a potluck at 5:30 and a jam at 7:00. We hope that m-a-n-y of you will come down to see us. The community building is one block east of main street - down town - on Winchester Ave.

The 25th we will be in **Brookings at the Azalea Festival**. We will be in the drama room at the high school beginning at 2:00. We want you and need you so come on over, or up, or down to help us put on a good show.

The next afternoon on the 26th we are invited to play at the VFW in Bandon at 2:00 for an Armed Forces Recognition celebration. It will be a busy week-end but that is the way we like it.

We have cancelled Greenacres for the summer. Watch for events that we will be having during the summer.

Lew Holt, reporter
District 5

DISTRICT 6:

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

Did you enjoy our CONVENTION? Wasn't it lovely? What a beautiful banquet! Maxine and her crew had it decorated so beautifully and Jim and Gynn and their helpers served such a lovely dinner. Shorty, Charlotte and Vera worked hard on the hourly drawings for sure! I overheard a number of complaints as to the "quality" of gifts brought. Keep in mind, it's a free offering drawing, no one pays for their gift as such, but certainly we need to bring things for gifts that WE OURSELVES would be happy to receive!

How did you like the lovely exhibit of "OOTFA ENTERTAINERS" all hand-made by Roy Lewis, District 5? How many could you recognize? Roy, it was lovely and Rudi's GENUINE "Australian Fiddle Case" took a lot of patience and thought! No patterns, Roy just makes all those lovely garments, boots and accessories from imagination!

The talent show was enjoyed by all and our meeting had lots of discussion over a number of subjects and I want to thank SHORTY for asking that the minutes be read and the treasurer's report be given in full in BILL YOHEY'S HONOR. As you know by now, Bill passed away April 4 and we all send our love and deepest sympathy to EDNA and the family--what a superb musician--thanks for the memories, Bill.

We also wish to welcome and congratulate our new officers for 1991-92. Zelma Foote, President; Jim Lockard, vice-President; and Linda Carver, Secretary-Treasurer; and thank our retiring officers for an outstanding job WELL DONE.... we do appreciate all of their fine leadership.

My apologies to MYRTLE and DALE McCOY * 66th anniversary, not 64th as I reported! The jam at their park (Golden Oaks) has been cancelled until October

OREGON STATE CERTIFIED CONTEST
MAY 31, JUNE 1, 1991 LEBANON,
OREGON HIGH SCHOOL

DIVISIONS REGISTRATION

PEE WEE (under 9 yrs.)	none
JR-JR (9 thru 12)	3.00
JUNIOR (13 thru 17)	5.00
INTERMED.(18 thru 64)	7.00
SENIOR (65 thru 74)	7.00
SR-SR (75 and older)	7.00
OPEN	10.00
ACCOMPANIST	3.00
TWIN FIDDLE (COUPLE)	5.00

(no advanced registration)

CONTESTANTS & JUDGES MEETING
FRIDAY AT 6:00 P.M. (LIBRARY)

CONTEST RULES:

1. All participants must reside in Oregon permanently for six months prior to contest date.
2. All must hold a current individual OOTFA membership card for six months period prior to contest.
3. They must qualify for competition by payment of entry fee as established by the contest chairman & committee.
4. May play in one division only. (Twin Fiddling not counted.)
5. If there are any complaints, you must bring them to the contest chairman within three hours and signed by not less than three other contestants that are involved.
6. All decision of judges and contest committee will be final.
7. You may have one or two accompanists only or none.
8. No trick or fancy fiddling will be allowed during the contest appearances.
9. Judging will be scored for oldtime fiddling style, rhythm or timing, tone quality & danceability. 25 points each. All scores will be accumulative.
(Total score sheets available for \$1.00 each paid with entry fee.)
10. No contact microphones or amplified instruments will be permitted.

11. Contestants at each appearance must first play a HOEDOWN, second a WALTZ, and third a TUNE OF CHOICE OTHER THAN A HOEDOWN OR WALTZ. No tune shall be played more than once during all appearances of contestant.

12. FOUR MINUTE TIME LIMIT will be in force.

BY-LAWS AVAILABLE AT THE CONTEST

Accompanist winners will be judged by the number of times appearing on stage. (Out of state not eligible for awards)

Appropriate dress is encouraged. Any contestant appearing under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be denied participation.

The following division prize money, trophies and ribbons were set up by the contest committee.

PEE WEE DIVISION (under 9 yrs)

1st place	\$10.00 + Trophy
2nd place	7.50 + Trophy
3rd place	5.00 + Trophy
4th place	3.00 + Trophy
5th, 6th, 7th places	2.00 + Trophy

JR-JUNIOR DIVISION (9 thru 12)

1st place	25.00 + Trophy
2nd place	20.00 + Trophy
3rd place	15.00 + Trophy
4th place	10.00 + Trophy
5th place	7.00 + Trophy
6th & 7th places	5.00 + Trophy
8th,9th, 10th places	Ribbons

JUNIOR DIVISION (13 thru 17)

1st place	50.00 + Trophy
2nd place	40.00 + Trophy
3rd place	30.00 + Trophy
4th place	20.00 + Trophy
5th place	15.00 + Trophy
6th & 7th places	10.00 + Trophy
8th,9th 10th places	Ribbons

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION (18 thru 64)

1st place	100.00 + Trophy
2nd place	80.00 + Trophy
3rd place	60.00 + Trophy
4th place	50.00 + Trophy
5th place	40.00 + Trophy
6th & 7th places	25.00 + Ribbon
8th,9th, 10th places	Ribbons

SENIOR DIVISION (65 through 74)

Same as Intermediate Division

SENIOR-SENIOR DIVISION (75 & older)

Same as Intermediate Division

OPEN DIVISION (CHAMPION)

1st place	\$120.00 + Trophy
2nd place	100.00 + Trophy
3rd place	80.00 + Trophy
4th palce	60.00 + Trophy
5th place	50.00 + Trophy
6th & 7th places	35.00 + Ribbon
8th,9th 10th places	Ribbons

ACCOMPANIST

1st place	50.00 + Trophy
2nd place	40.00 + Trophy
3rd place	30.00 + Trophy
4th place	20.00 + Trophy
5th palce	10.00 + Trophy
5th & 7th places	Ribbons

(Accompanists will be judged on number of times they accompany a fiddler on... stage. Out of state accompanists are welcome but will not be eligible for awards listed above.)

TWIN FIDDLING (no age limit)

1st place	50.00 + Ribbons
2nd place	40.00 + Ribbons
3rd place	30.00 + Ribbons
4th & 5th places	Ribbons

All Contestants will need to bring their 1991 OOTFA Membership card in order to register.

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT:

FRIDAY, May 31, at 4:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, June 1, at 7:30 A.M.

FRIDAY NIGHT, May 31, 1991

- 6:00 JUDGES/CONTESTANTS MEETING
- 6:30 On State Jam
- 7:00 Color Guard/National Anthem
- Judges Play
- 1990 Open Champion Plays
- TWIN FIDDLE CONTEST
- 1990 PeeWee & Jr.Jr. Champions Play
- OPEN DIVISION (Round I)
- 1990 Intermediate Champion Memorial for Bill Yohey
- Announce Open Div.Finalists
- Awards: Twin Fiddle Contest

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 1991

- 8:00 SENIOR DIVISION (Round I)
- SENIOR-SENIOR DIV. (Round I)
- 10:00 Break for Parade downtown
- 1:45 PEEWEE DIVISION (One Round)
- JR.JR. DIVISION (Round I)
- Intermission - Entertainment
- JUNIOR DIVISION (Round I)
- Awards-PeeWee Division
- INTERMEDIATE DIV. (Round I)
- ****Break for Dinner
- 6:30 On Stage Jam
- 7:00 Color Guard/National Anthem
- 1991 PeeWee Champion Plays
- SENIOR DIVISION (Round II)
- SR.SENIOR DIV. (Round II)
- JR.JUNIOR DIV. (Round II)
- JUNIOR DIVISION (Round II)
- Awards: Senior and Sr.Senior Divisions
- ****Intermission
- Awards: Jr.Jr. & Junior Div.
- INTERMEDIATE DIV. (Round II)
- OPEN DIVISION (Round II)
- Entertainment
- Awards: Accomp/Int/Open Div.
- Orange Blossom Special

SUNDAY, June 2, 1991 at 1:00 P.M.

OLDTIME GOSPEL & COUNTRY FIDDLE CONCERT. By invitation only. Sponsored by American Legion, The Strawberry Festival and OOTFA.

18--please mark your calendar. Other JAMS & DANCES are as follows: 1st Friday night, Central Grange; 2nd Friday night, Thurston Grange; 2nd Saturday night, Coburg Grange; 3rd Friday night, Franklin Grange and the last Friday night of the month, Elmira Grange. Remember to take "finger foods" to all except Elmira and Coburg.

WORKSHOPS: Advanced fiddle meets the last Tuesday of each month
Rhythm on Guitar is in progress Tuesday night, 7 PM (4 more sessions)
Beginning fiddle is ending for spring and summer--we've had 15 enrolled!

Watch the HOEDOWNER for further information.

We're ready to leave for Lincoln City for the fun we always enjoy at the ELKS CLUB and we hope to see you all there, but don't forget our JAM at the American Legion Hall on April 28 and our jam at the Moose Club May 19, with lovely dinner served at both. The Ladies Auxilliary of each have lovely baked goods for you to buy on those dates.

Be sure to plan for our State Contest to be held at the Lebanon High School, May 31, June 1 and 2 in conjunction with the Strawberry Festival. Parking for self-contained RV's is available on the school grounds after classes let out on Friday.

Everyone is looking forward to our State function, Golden Years, in Coburg July 19-21. I hope you all have planned to attend and have returned the proper information to Jim Lockard by now. He is hoping to get a little "fishing" into his busy schedule for relaxation and in case you try to contact him and he is not available, call Bob Kaiser at 687-8878.

We are sorry to learn that NEVA MENKINS lost her sister in Sioux City, Iowa, but while they flew back to the service they were able to visit ANDY'S mother in Nebraska. Our love to you and sympathy, Neva.

Sickness still lingers--sorry to learn that JOE BARTA and LUDWIG SCHOENFELDER have recently suffered strokes and "SHEP" SHEPHARD has suffered cardiac arrest. SANDE SANDERS is feeling poorly, DONNA LAKE has had bad hives and ALLISON ROBERTS is still very miserable with pain--to you all, GOD'S BLESSING and our very best wishes for a speedy recovery.

I'm happy to report that our name tags have arrived and it was rewarding for our members to have placed 51 orders at the Convention for their tags. Bless you! Being able to say "hello" to you, with the help of your name tag is such a joy--the older we get, the more we forget, huh? To place your order, send \$6.50 for each tag to Lucille Childers, 688-2976. If you hurry with your orders, she will have them ready for you at the State Contest, May 31.

We would like to welcome the following new OOTFA members: District 2 Wayne and Ida HAMILTON, Hermiston; District 4 Edith LYLE and Cliff POTTER, Roseburg; District 2 Paul and Gloria WILEY, Broadbent; District 6 Ralph and Carolyn KUEHL, Eugene, Meagin BAIRD, Eugene, Clyde and Alice HILTON, West Stayton, A.W. "Bill" and Joy VUKONICK, Dexter, and any others I've been unable to obtain the names at this writing. You'll never regret spending that \$12, I'll personally guarantee you! What a lovely organization we have.

A reminder, we still have many things in the LOST AND FOUND department--contact DeeDee Kaiser for details. Tupperware items and assorted silverware--did you forget to take yours home with you?

Lucille and I have been so excited over our tour--see you all when we return.

Happy Mothers' Day to all of you.

Helen Tracy, Reporter

DISTRICT 7:

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

District 7 put on an extra nice show at the Elsie Stuhr Center in Beaverton on April 14 with 27 fiddlers and 4 specials. Our next jam will be May 12 at the Gresham Senior Center at 50 NE Elliot St., 1/2 block off Powell Blvd. Open by 11:00 AM--12:00 potluck--play to the public from 1:00 to 4:00. On June 16 we'll play at King City "Town Hall." More later.

Bernadette and I had a great time at the Roseburg Fiddlers' Convention. Lots of jamming and lots of old time friends to meet and new by-Laws to ratify and new state officers to elect. Zelma Foote, Jim Lockard, Linda Carver and Barbara Garcia will be a fine team and we all owe a big thank you to Mark Carmickle, Lee Jones and all the 1990-91 officers also.

All Oldtime Fiddlers were saddened at the death of Bill Yohey, a great musician and former winner of the National Oldtime Open at Weiser and too many other titles to mention. Our condolences to Edna and family. Also, we send condolences to the family of Les Anderson of Portland, old time fiddler and Life Member who passed away March 17. Also, we extend get well wishes to Frank Warner of Portland, Life Member and an excellent guitar back up man. Frank was in the hospital in January but is home now but still quite ill.

Our Vernonia Campout date was settled at the Convention. It will be July 22 through July 27. For the 1992 campout, Lee Jones has invited all the fiddlers to bring their RVs etc. to his place in Sheridan. Voted on and passed. Good luck, Lee and Ruth.

Carl Helgerson, Reporter

DISTRICT 8

CHAIRMAN- Ed Priebe; CO-CHAIRMAN-Don Simons; SEC/TREAS- Faythe Maahs

The May Jam will be held at Grange Hall #31 in McMinnville on May 19th. The usual time schedule will prevail. Doors open at 10:00 AM, pot luck at 12:00 N, and Jam open to the public from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. In June we will be at the V.F.W. Hall in Willamina.

I recently talked to Paul Plunk the Yatchets Chamber President concerning the Smelt Fry. He said they definitely want us in their program this year on July 13th, and are still in the process of organizing the event. A chairperson Dafney Tobias has been chosen, and a board meeting of the Chamber is scheduled in early May. Our usual monthly Jam will not be scheduled in July.

The State Convention was truly a gala event. All facets of this undertaking were superb. My hat's off to all of the people involved, and a special note to District 8 people. Banquet table center pieces by Ruth Jones and Faythe Maahs, command performances by Vi Jensen and Leonard Maahs, plus Leonard's work organizing & handling District 8's dance band responsibilities. The Robinsons handled registration.

We had a very good jam at Woodburn on April 14th. There was a great turnout of musical talent including premiere musicians from Districts 6 and 7, a fine pot luck laid out by the kitchen ladies, and a good sized appreciative audience with four new members joining O.O.T.F.A.

The Yamhill and Polk County Fairs are set. A signed contract for the Polk County performances has been executed and the Yamhill County contract should be signed shortly.

It was nice to see Virgie Allen at the Woodburn Jam, and Minnie Bennett, helped us out on the piano plus Bob Crump with his base guitar.

Ed Priebe Reporter

DISTRICT 9:

CHAIRMAN-Ruel Teague; CO-CHAIRMAN-; SEC/TREAS-Pat Scott

Sunday April 14 we had 66 people attend our monthly jam at the senior center. Piano--Paula Reynolds; banjo--Roy Reed; steel guitar--John McLain; mandolin--Doug Reynolds, Pat Scott; fiddle--Stacey Reynolds, Ruel Teague, Brick Callaway; guitar--Ruel Teague, Darrel Smith, Walt Cooper, Lloyd Louie, Julia Milleson; special music--Stacey Reynolds, Darrel Smith, Ruel Teague, Walt Cooper, Don Williams.

Our new member is Lloyd Louie.

Our Jamboree will be the 14th and 15th of June. The 13th there will be some jamming.

We would like to wish Doug, Paula and Montie Reynolds happy birthday.

Stacey Reynolds, Reporter

OREGON WINNERS OF THE REDWOOD COUNTRY OPEN FIDDLE CONTEST

Champion Progressive: 1st--Rudi Booher; Champion Old Time: 3rd--Eileen Witler; 5th--Starr McMullen; 6th--Mike Booher; Jr-Jr: 1st--Jenny Ann Bulla; Senior: 2nd--Bob Kaiser; 4th--Guy Kinman; 5th--Edwin Hjelseth; Intermediate: 3rd--Tammy Snelling; 4th--Glynn Echo Leahy; Junior: 2nd--Justin Booher; 5th--Darren Reitan; PeeWee: 6th--Gabriel Booher; Accompanist: 2nd--Ned Booher.

The family of Bill Yohey would like to thank our "fiddle family" for all of the kindness shown us during Bill's illness and passing. Friends help make the loss bearable. Edna Yohey

Just a note to thank everyone who donated door prizes for the Convention this year. We had 148. We especially want to thank Vera Virtue for all her help in drawing for the prizes. We really appreciated all the prizes being there early.

Thanks again -- Shorty and Charlotte Dow.

FOOTE NOTES: At the convention I was calling constantly for someone to help here or there. It is impossible to name all of you but my HEARTFELT THANKS to each of you who helped. The Deaton Family expressed their appreciation for all the help in the kitchen, too. Did you know for 15 years the Deaton Family has volunteered their expertise to run the kitchen as their contribution to the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers? Now this is dedication. Thanks to the Deaton Family.

SILENT FIDDLES

Ray Krogstad Bill Yohey Les Anderson

Jim and I want to thank everyone who helped in the kitchen at convention, but since there were so many I know I would forget someone if I tried to make a list. You wonderful people know who you are. Please know that you are greatly appreciated. The work was a breeze compared to past years because of your efforts. I do know that Zelma Foote deserves the credit for coordinating the kitchen help. Thanks so much, Zelma.

Thanks for the many compliments on the food. Jim cooked the meat while daughter, Christine, and her husband, Steve, fixed the potatoes, gravy, and vegetables. We were not responsible for the table service, however. Paper plates and hot food do not go together very well and I could see that people were having problems. I'm sure this is not going to happen again in the near future.

The Canyonville Contest will be August 24th and I'm looking for three judges. Please, if you want to volunteer, let me know. Also, trophy donations of \$25.00 will be greatly appreciated and the earlier people can pledge, the better it is for me. Or, perhaps there are some who want to recycle their old trophies. I can use those, too.

Thanks again, everyone. Gynn Deaton

If you didn't go to Convention, you sure missed out.

My special thanks to Walter Foote for moving over so Zelma could sleep with the money, and Pauline Winslow for being banker. On a personal note, it's probably the only convention I'll ever attend where my guitar attacked my big toe and Ruel Teague married me off over the microphone. If you weren't there, you will have to guess who the lucky guy was.

When we say "volunteer," we mean it. Without all our wonderful volunteers we wouldn't be able to have things such as this. So remember, whatever part you helped with it was greatly appreciated by all. For those wanting to help next year, let your name be known. The more volunteers we have, the less work we have to do.

Thanks so much for the lovely plaque. I'll cherish it always.

Linda Carver, Sec/Treas

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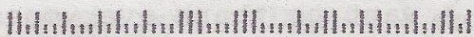
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IMPORTANT WORKSHOP UPDATE!

YONCALLA OLDTIME FIDDLE WORKSHOP July 15-19, 1991. Five days. Sponsored by OOTFA, open to members only. Class limit: 35 students. Workshop will be conducted by Dale Morris with Dale, Rudi and Justin Booher as instructors. All levels welcome, beginners and up. Tuition is \$85 for adults; under 18 will receive a \$35 scholarship discount. Children (and parents enrolling with their children) will be given priority until May 30. Only paid participants will be admitted to the workshop. There will be a \$15/per person food/camping fee. There will be hot breakfasts for tenters, lunches for students and evening potlucks. Jamming each evening after supper. Self-contained RV's and tenters welcome. Please send workshop fees to Linda Carver at 155 Second Avenue, Eastside, OR 97420. Food/camping fees should be mailed to Buck Milligan, 26554 Hwy 38, Elkton, OR 97436. (Note: adjustments will be made for those who have already sent in their fees.)

During the week of the Yoncalla Workshop, July 15-19, Ned Booher will be teaching afternoon and evening guitar workshops. For information and registration, contact Ned at 849-2171.

TOP 10 WINNERS AT THE LINCOLN CITY CONTEST (out of 24): 1st--Justin Booher; 2nd--Wally Bloom; 3rd--Penny Mead; 4th--Ila Mae Carmickle; 5th--Norval Boyk; 6th--Jessie Hitchborn; 7th--Eileen Witley; 8th--Russ Phillips; 9th--Tammy Snelling; 10th--Don Hanna. (Barbara Garcia placed 15th, my first contest!)

Many, many thanks to the Elks Lodge in Lincoln City for hosting our annual Fiddle Festival. Also many many thanks to the judges: Bob Kaiser, Rudi Booher and Rusty Modrell. And last but not least, many many thanks to all the volunteers without whose help this would not have been so successful and fun for everyone!!!
Lew Holt and Lee Jones