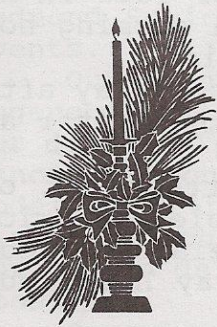


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COMING EVENTS

DISTRICT

Dec 1	Christmas Dinner, Jam, Moose Lodge	Lebanon	6
7	Christmas Potluck, Jam	Central Point	4
8	Jam, Christmas Potluck, Senior Center	Bend	3
8	Christmas Jam, Adult Center	Canby	7
13	Jam/Show, Pioneer Hall	BMCC	2
15	Christmas Party, Jam, Recreation Hall	Merrill	1
15	Jam, Grange	McMinville	8
Jan 11	State Quarterly Meeting & Jam, Grange	Coburg	OOTFA
12	Meeting, Jam, Senior Center	Forest Grove	7
19	Jam, Eagles Lodge	Albany	6
19	Jam, Community Hall	Newberg	8
Feb 9	Jam, Senior Center	Gladstone	7
Mar 18-21	State Convention	Roseburg	OOTFA
Apr 10-11	Lincoln City Contest, Elks Lodge	Lincoln City	OOTFA
May 15-17	State Certified Fiddle Contest	Lebanon	OOTFA

NOTES FROM YOUR TOE TAPPEN PRESIDENT: The Holiday Season is at hand. The time when there is a glowing kind of Magic all around. Each of you will be giving a little of that Magic when you participate in activities with the different groups where you play. Along the way take time to look in the eyes of a child and see that Christmas Magic.

Thanks for the numerous letters and phone calls given to improve our organization. Each idea will be given thought and consideration.

At our OOTFA Quarterly Meeting in Coburg, January 11, 1992, we will have on the agenda items regarding the Scholarship, Convention, Contest, etc. Your help will be needed at the Convention in March, so please let me know where you would like to work.

Walter and I wish each of you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas. This is such a special time for family, friends, and loved ones. Enjoy the MAGIC of Christmas.

Keep Fiddling,
 Zelma

DISTRICT 1:

CHAIRMAN-Irene Ruddock; CO-CHAIRMAN-Sandy Sandusky; SEC/TREAS-Faye Patterson

Looks like old man winter is finally upon us. There are many trees that haven't lost their leaves. Are we ever going to have a messy yard come spring. The Flemings left for the South just in time. I for one wish I was with them.

Had some leftover news from our October meeting: Won 1st place for the best musical float in the Potato Festival Parade; We voted to donate a trophy

for the Canyonville Contest.

Guests who came to join in our jam were Joyce and Tom Grissom, Betty Deckard, Pauline and Jim Winslow, from Medford (thanks, Pauline); Paula and Merle Pasley, Rogue River, Bud Richardson from Winston, Louise Trimble from Roseburg, Alice and Lew Holt and Rose Johnson from Coos Bay. Do come again.

We gained more members. Sharon and Bruce Angrimson and children, Eric and Andy; Gary and Susan Kester; Carol and Gary Rorden and daughter, Carrie. Welcome.

Irene Lewis had a tumor removed from her foot. Clara Warner fell in her driveway and broke her hip. She is out of the hospital and in a nursing home recuperating. Ray Lane and Irene Lewis both had brothers that died.

On November 5 one of our dearest members, Anne Johnson, passed away after a lengthy illness from Lou Gehrig's Disease. She loved playing the guitar and always had a kind word for everyone. We will all miss her.

A large crowd helped Doug Peterson celebrate his 75th birthday at our November meeting. Evelyn Peterson's aunt and uncle, Clem and Bobbie Icenbrice, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Vi Hackenburg of Loveland, Nevada, formerly of Klamath Falls, was visiting and took time out to play her fiddle with us.

We gained another new member from Klamath Falls--Violet Campbell.

On December 15 we are having a Christmas party at Merrill. Come at 1:00, eat at 2:00. Our dinner will be planned. If you haven't been contacted about what to bring for the dinner, please call Jo at 884-9852 evenings.

Gift exchange \$3.00-\$5.00. Label presents man/woman. If you are bringing children, put their name on presents. Bring your instruments.

Sorry I missed announcing your wedding anniversary, Lois and Les Tucker, on November 25. When you get my age, the mind goes first. Hope you had a nice day.

December birthdays: Sara Furry, 8th; Irene Ruddock, 10th; Bill Noble, 18th.

Nice to see Ern at the meeting.

Jo Harris, Reporter

DISTRICT 2:

CHAIRMAN-Don Haley; CO-CHAIRMAN-Pam Wachter; SEC/TREAS-Beth Hansen

Winter must be on its way! We had our first snow in the Pendleton area (about 2") on Oct 29, breaking a 30-year record for the first snowfall of the winter (or autumn, as the case may be). Unfortunately, in the minds of our children and teenagers, the whole event was a dead loss, as the local school officials chose NOT to close school for the day. One of life's great disappointments, to be sure!

Our November jam brought out about 60 or 65 music lovers. We all had a great time playing and listening together. Our musicians were Willard Noble, Shirley Boursaw, Paul de Webber, Les Simmons (who brought along his bass fiddle), Andrea and Jennifer Haley, Beth and Kathy Hansen, Matt Karchesky, Mary Wachter, Jaimie Bealer, Jan Post, Lynn "Whose-last-name-I'didn't-catch" (accordion and 12-string guitar), and yours truly. We really missed several others who played with us last month. Hope to see them all again soon. Casey and Peter Willis were out of town fishing for steelhead, but caught none. Is there a message there somewhere?

Our next jam (Friday, December 13) will be at 7:00 PM at Pioneer Hall at Blue Mountain Community College, as the Salvation Army center is unavailable in December. And there will be no snow--I promise! So, y'all come.

Peg Willis, Reporter

DISTRICT 3:

CHAIRMAN-Don Hanna; CO-CHAIRMAN-Tom O'Neal; SEC/TREAS-Billie Kitchens

SEASON'S GREETINGS from central Oregon! What a busy time of the year this is, but then it seems the whole year has been busy. As we count our blessings from the past 12 months, we are including all of the wonderful people we have met through the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers. It's been a great year, and we are looking forward to 1992.

Our December Jam will also be our Christmas Potluck Dinner and we extend

an invitation to you all. It will be held on Sunday, December 8 at 1:30 in the Bend Senior Center, on NE 5th between Greenwood and Kearney. Meat and rolls will be furnished. Bring a dish to share and your own table service.

Two of our members, John Klingensmith and Cliff Harris, have recently undergone surgery and are reported to be well on the way to recovery. Now, fellas, stay well and save the hospital space for someone who really needs it!

On October 26, six of our members, Shirley and LeRoy Sims, Cliff Harris, Ches Fullerton, Tom O'Neal and Jack Kerr, played for a Halloween dance at the Redmond Senior Center. The group has been asked to provide music for future events.

Our November 10 Jam brought out over 50 people, including several from the Eugene area. Due to illness and hunting season, we only had six musicians from our district present, but they were joined by Janet Burgess from District 6 and Lanora Waggoner of District 4. Janet plays spoons and Lanora is known as the Yodeling Grandma. Also joining the musicians on stage was a guest of Don Hanson, Butch Cleveland, of Bend, who plays the guitar and sings. All three of our guests delighted the crowd with their talents, and we hope they will be back soon.

December birthdays are Bob Kitchens and Rene Delude, 6th; Vi Perret, 16th; and Ada Harris, 25th. Fred and Evelyn Martin will be celebrating their 45th anniversary on December 7 and Cliff and Ada Harris celebrating their 59th on December 23. Many happy returns to you all!

Peggy Kerr, Reporter

DISTRICT 4:

CHAIRMAN-Joe LeVine; CO-CHAIRMAN-Jo Barnes; SEC/TREAS-Doris Barkley

A baker's dozen of our fine musicians entertained the ghosts, goblins, parents and teachers for over two hours at the Phoenix Elementary School's Halloween party. Fiddlers were: Dorene Winkelman, Olive Davis, Don Lindsay, Tex Amberson and Dave Roundy; on guitars were Jim Winslow, Bill LaClaire and Fran Tucker; banjo, Dave Winkelman; bass, Mona Givens; mandolin, Jack Lester; harmonica, Betty Deckard; and last but not least, three special songs by Kathern Luker.

Many of our regular members missed the November 2 Jam at Central Point Grange. We had 20 musicians sign up for the Jam. Door prizes were won by Cliff Cooper and Julia Pantel. Merle Pasley did his usual fine job with the sound and it was great to have Don Luker back as MC. Stan Rogge, with his lively accordion tunes, had many dancers in sets of 3, dancing the polka. Looked like fun! Our guests from District 5, Coquille, were Alvin and Edith Lewis, Harlin Prince and Lola Holly. Welcome to Max and Nona Giddens and daughter Stephanie, who have moved to Grants Pass from District 7. The family sang harmony with Max on the fiddle--very enjoyable.

Life member John Fellows passed away the middle of October after a brief illness. Our condolences to his wife, Anna. They shared many happy years together. John Baldwin is recovering nicely from cataract surgery.

Christmas Party will be December 7 at the Central Point Grange. District 4 will furnish turkey, ham, mashed potatoes and gravy. Please bring a salad, dessert, vegetables, dressing or anything to round out the dinner. We can't use the downstairs before 11:30 AM; however, the upstairs will be open by 11:00 AM for early jamming. Gift exchange will be optional. Bring a gift, receive a gift (mark "him" or "her"). We hope to have dinner ready about 1:00 PM. All members are welcome, so please plan to come and enjoy the good food and an afternoon of friendship, music and dancing.

Several members play for the birthday parties at the nursing homes, as well as the senior centers. We have added the Madison House and the Madrone Trailer Park to the list.

January 4, Saturday, Jam will be at the Central Point Grange. Doors open at 10:30 AM for early jamming, short business meeting at 11:30 AM, potluck at noon, open to the public at 1:00 PM.

Thanksgiving will be over by the time you read this. Hope it was a good one for you. We have so much to be thankful for.

Don't forget our Christmas Party on December 7. Merry Christmas and a

Happy New Year.

Pauline Winslow, Reporter

DISTRICT 5:

Lew Holt, Chairman

Al Lively, Co-chairman

Helen Weber, Sec/Treasurer

We have been busy this month in District 5. Many of us have been playing at the Reedsport Senior Center, North Bend Senior Center, Life Care Nursing Home in Coos Bay, Myrtle Point Nursing Home, and St. Catherines and Hearthside Nursing Homes in Coos Bay. Others played at the Bandon Nursing Home and the Willows Nursing Home in Bandon. On the 9th of November we met at Greenacres for a fine potluck and then an afternoon of music.

By the time you read this we will have had our Thanksgiving dinner at Reedsport on the 23rd. But now we look forward to December and the opportunities for playing. The first Tuesday we will play at the Senior Center in Reedsport - starting at 11:30. The following Thursday we will play at the North Bend Senior Center starting at 11:00. December 14 we will join the grangers at Greenacres for our joint potluck and jam. We will furnish turkey and ham and you are encouraged to bring other good dishes. We will eat about 12:00 and then our jam will start about 1:00. The 2nd Tuesday we play at the Myrtle Point Nursing Home at 2:00. The 3rd Tuesday we play at Life Care Nursing Home in Coos Bay at 2:00. The 4th Tuesday is Christmas Eve so we will cancel Hearthside and St. Catherines.

So from all of us in District 5 we extend our best wishes for a happy holiday during the approaching Christmas Season. And sincerely hope that you had a nice Thanksgiving.

Lew Holt, Reporter

DISTRICT 6:

CHAIRMAN-Joy Halliwell; CO-CHAIRMAN-Bob Kaiser; SEC/TREAS-Lucille Childers

MERRY CHRISTMAS! Doesn't that have a DULL ring to it? It's later than we think, and HAPPY NEW YEAR comes next...Are you ready for it? I'm not!

November has been such a busy month. WALLY BLOOM'S mother, Bertha, passed away suddenly November 2. She enjoyed attending our jams and we extend to WALLY and his family our love and deepest sympathy--we all share in your sorrow.

ALLISON ROBERTS and HANK NAPIER managed to have surgery about the same time this month in Sacred Heart so we got to visit each of them, and over at McKenzie Willamette DALE McCOY has grown so fond of that special attention from the staff, we're going to have to CHECK on him! Our prayers are with you, DALE. HAZEL WALKER was sent to Portland for special tests and by now we hope you are ALL over your problems, feeling good as new!

If you missed our Thanksgiving Jam, shame on you. We had a very festive day and a big crowd. I'd like to give special thanks to ADDIE GONSHOROWSKI and her kitchen crew for the fine job they did and especially all those folks who came early to help set up the tables and chairs and help decorate--that's ONE BIG UNDERTAKING. And last but not least to CAROL and JIM LOCKARD for cooking the turkey and MAXINE and WALT BENSON for cooking the ham. THANK YOU for your response to my request for additional food! What a beautiful array of delicious items to choose from--so many expressing to me how nice it was to have MORE food to select from instead of empty containers. In case you left your silverware, JOY HALLIWELL may have it, and two blue matching plastic cups LUCILLE CHILDERS has, so please claim them soon. Our meetings are going to be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order hereafter, and if you are called OUT OF ORDER or get the BOOK thrown at you, blame JOHN DAVIS! Congratulations, JOHN--shape us up!

We were honored to have ALL of our State Officers and many out-of-district guests. Hurry back again, ALL of you. Our music was special, too! THELMA SHEPARD at the piano really adds the finishing touch, doesn't it? Thanks, THELMA, we've missed you. It was really great to have DAVE BOYD drop in--what an artist he is on that bass! We were sorry POCO wasn't feeling well enough to come, but maybe another time. Also, such a joy to see the BOOHER FAMILY again.

We want to thank WALLY BLOOM and the BOOHERS for their donations to our district from the sale of their tapes at our Jams.

Gotta tell you, too, WALLY BLOOM was the lucky one whose name was drawn and

he had a name tag and was wearing it and WON himself ten dollars.

Hope to see you all at our CHRISTMAS PARTY at the Lebanon Moose December 1, followed by our Saturday night dance at the Coburg Grange December 12.

WAYNE TRACY celebrates a birthday December 18, and GLENN KEECH on December 22--Happy Birthday, boys! We were sorry to see GLENN using a cane and unable to dance, and we hope that his visit to the DOCTOR brought results!

WALTER ORR has a lovely old German ANTONINS STRADIVARIUS fiddle (bow & case) he wishes to sell for \$100.00. If interested, contact him at 157 North 12th, Space 47, Springfield, OR 97477, or call him at 726-4114.

Hope you all have a wonderful holiday--MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS from District 6.
Helen B. Tracy, Reporter

DISTRICT 7:

CHAIRMAN-Red Arnold; CO-CHAIRMAN-Ace Wehus; SEC/TREAS-Cohleen Finley

It is our hope that all of you members and your families came through the Thanksgiving holiday happy and healthy. Now, on to our Christmas Jam. To find the Canby Senior Center, take 99E south to the first traffic light (Ivy St.), turn left and go approximately one mile and the senior center is on the left. The doors will open at 11 AM. We understand Red lined up some fine cooks, so rosin up those bows and don't eat a big breakfast.

On January 12 we will have our district meeting before the Forest Grove Jam, in order to cover any questions you might have after the State Quarterly Meeting. Remember, this is your association and your input is welcome and needed.

Please introduce yourselves and warmly welcome the following new members to the association: Wayne (F) and Nancy (G., F.) Anderson from Aloha; Dennis Baker (G., Vocal); Tina (G., Vocal) and Bill Baggett, transplants from Spokane.

Ace also signed up Merle Gardner (F), who will go to District 8.

It seems the Hitchborns have been busy traveling and it paid off. Jessie took 2nd place at Seattle and 4th at Redding. Nat and his sister took 4th in twin fiddling at Redding. Great job, both of you!

We would like to mention that Eileen Whitler and Glen Echo had birthdays in November and hopefully they were the best ones ever. As for everyone else, if you had a birthday, anniversary or any other special occasion, congratulations. Everyone in our district, as far as we know, is doing well health-wise. Thank all of you who send cards and contact the people we mention as being "under the weather." It means a lot to them.

One last note: It is not our intention to leave out any information given to us. If you have information, please send it to us or call and we will send it to the Hoedowner. Sometimes things get confused or lost in the process, and if this should happen we can only try to get it in the next issue.

As Christmas approaches, please remember those who can't get out to our jams. A great gift to yourself would be a visit to someone in a rest home. Those people really do enjoy fiddlers!! Have a safe and meaningful holiday and keep on fiddling!!!!

Jason and Cheryl Barlow, Reporters

DISTRICT 8:

CHAIRMAN-Don Simons; CO-CHAIRMAN-Lew Standiford; SEC/TREAS-Faythe Maahs

The jam in Woodburn was well-attended even though a few members were home with the flu. Several members from other districts were there, and as always it is good having you come jam with us. I don't want to name them as I may forget someone. There was a brief tribute to our beloved Minnie Bennett. For those of you who don't know, Minnie went to be with her Maker on Oct 25. She is greatly missed.

November anniversary wishes were extended to Charlie and Evelyn Sievers. December birthday wishes go to Nylene Beck, Faythe Maahs, Inez Pickering, Helen Marsland and Rich Anderson. December anniversary wishes go to Les and Jeanne Johnson and Connie and Bertha Veer.

Our next jam will be December 15 at the McMinnville Grange. Doors open at 10 AM and a potluck at noon. Turkey, ham and rolls will be furnished. There will be a gift exchange for those who wish to participate, no gift over \$5.00.

Hey, it has been great reading news from District 2. We hope to meet some

of you in Roseburg at the Convention in March, if not sooner.

Ruth Jones Reporting

Congratulations to Dennis and Thelma Allen--52 years of "Wedded Bliss" on December 18.

Dear Friends: Thank you for all the beautiful flowers, cards, and get-well wishes. You are all very special to me. Love to all of you.
Allison Roberts.

Thanks to all our friends in the OOTFA for phone calls, flowers, cards and donations to the Heartline, and to District 6 for your donation in view of Mother's passing and funeral. It means so much to us.
Wally Bloom and family.

We wish to thank all of you for your cards, calls, flowers, visits, thoughts and prayers during my recent hospital stay and recovery. It was much appreciated.
Hazel Walker and Family

LEE & HILDA REYNOLDS, longtime members of the OOTFA, will celebrate their 71st wedding anniversary in December. They were married December 2, 1920. They have one daughter, Virginia Wilkinson, of Corvallis, nine grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter. Their oldest daughter, Dorothy Bennett, died in 1988. They now reside at the Enjati Care Home, 1310 N. 11th St. in Corvallis, Oregon. They were happy to attend the Thanksgiving Jam at Woodburn on November 17, 1991.

Submitted by Charles Bennett (husband of the late OOTFA member Dorothy Bennett).

OPEN LETTER TO ALL CANYONVILLE CONTEST CHAMPIONS:

Once again, I will remind you who received trophies which were not engraved correctly to carefully peel off the plates and send them to me. I will be happy to have them done properly, but there is no way I know the correct color and size unless you send them to me. Send to Box 487, Canyonville, OR 97417.
Thanks! Gynn Deaton

FOR SALE: 3/4 fiddle, case & bow--\$125 or best offer. Carol Larson, 998-8900

EDITOR'S CORNER

I have information, including registration and reservation forms, for the Colorado River Country Music Festival January 24, 1992, at Blythe, Calif.

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Mar	18-21	State Convention Roseburg	OOTFA
Apr	10-11	Lincoln City Contest, Elks Lodge Lincoln City	OOTFA
May	15-17	State Certified Fiddle Contest Lebanon	OOTFA

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN OOTFA

Many thanks to all of you who have already paid your 1992 dues. Over 100 so far! For the rest of you, it's renewal time.

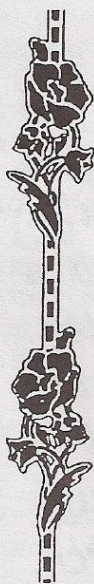
Annual dues are \$12.00 per household and run January 1st to December 31st.

Please fill in and send to: Alice Holt, 2611 Liberty St., North Bend OR 97459

If you don't want to cut up your Hoedowner just jot the information on a piece of paper or if there are no changes of address, instrument etc., just send your check.

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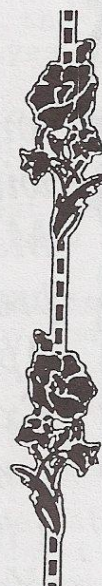


DISCOVERY

- Author Unknown -

*Today I smiled, and all at once
Things didn't look so bad.
Today I shared with someone else,
A bit of hope I had.
Today I sang a little song,
And felt my heart grow light,
And walked a happy little mile,
With not a cloud in sight.*

*Today I worked with what I had,
and longed for nothing more,
And what had seemed like only weeds,
Were flowers at my door.
Today I loved a little more,
Complained a little less,
And in the giving of myself,
Forgot my weariness.*



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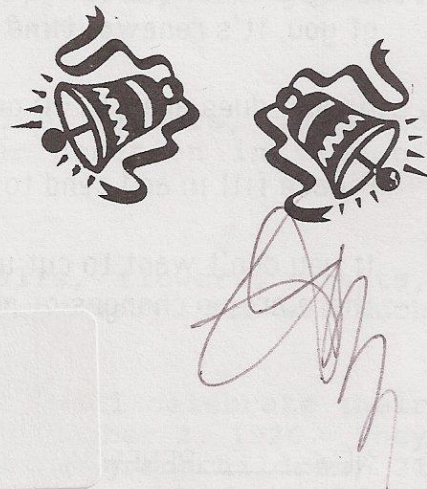
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The Spirit Of Christmas

This Christmas, mend a quarrel. Seek out a forgotten friend. Dismiss suspicion, and replace it with trust. Give a soft answer. Encourage youth. Manifest your loyalty in word and deed. Keep a promise. Find the time. Forego a grudge. Listen. Apologize if you are wrong. Try to understand. Examine your demands on others. Think first of someone else. Be kind, be gentle. Laugh a little. Laugh a little more. Express your gratitude. Go to church. Welcome a stranger. Gladden the heart of a child.