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## MARCH, 1992

COMING EVENTS		DISTRICT
Mar 1	Election of Officers, Jam	Burns 9
7	Jam, Potluck, Grange	Central Point 4
7	Jam, Grange	Sutherlin 10
8	Jam, Senior Center	Bend 3
8	Jam, VFW Hall	Willamina 8
14	Meeting, Potluck, Jam	Greenacres 5
15	Meeting, Potluck, Jam, Recreation Hall	Merrill 1
15	Jam, Senior Center	Estacada 7
18-21	State Convention	Roseburg OOTFA
29	Jam, American Legion	Lebanon 6
Apr 5	Potluck, Jam, Community Building	Jerome Prairie 4
5	Jam, Senior Center	Hillsboro 7
10-11	Lincoln City Contest, Elks Lodge	Lincoln City OOTFA
25	Jam, Grange	Hornbrook 4
May 10	Jam, Elsie Stuhr Adult Center	Beaverton 7
15-17	State Certified Fiddle Contest	Lebanon OOTFA
June 19-20	Country Music Jamboree	Burns 9
22-27	National Contest	Weiser NOTFA
29-July 5	Campout at Lee & Ruth Jones'	Sheridan OOTFA
July 30, 31, Aug 1	Diamond Lake Campout	1

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NOTES FROM YOUR TOE TAPPEN PRESIDENT: What a great feeling to have reports from the ten Districts in the February Hoedowner. Keep up the good work. The districts really make the OOTFA. It isn't the State Officers. We are here to help bring everything together.

It seems as if I have been living Convention and Contest for the past few weeks. The Friday Night Variety Show is organized, thanks to all the District Chairmen for their work. We will need many donated items for the Friday drawings. Please plan to bring them to the Convention. Also, any items for the raffles would be appreciated.

Regarding the March 18, 1992, date. For several years members come in early to the Convention and there hasn't been any place to play due to weather, etc. Last year the Floral Building was rented and it proved most satisfactory. At the close of the 1991 Convention it was decided to rent the Floral Building again for the 1992 Convention. Donations are taken the day it is rented to cover expenses for the day. This gives members a place to gather instead of staying in their motor homes.

I have a concern regarding the Friday Night Variety Show. The public has paid to see the show and they are our guests. Let us make every effort possible

to keep the noise level down. Last year I heard complaints from the public regarding the visiting going on along the sidelines. If you have to visit, please go to the back of the auditorium.

"IF YOU DO NOTHING, HOW DO YOU KNOW WHEN YOU'RE FINISHED?"

Keep Fiddling,

Zelma

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#### DISTRICT 1:

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

The Editor wants the news for the Hoedowner by the 15th and our meeting falls on the 16th, so there won't be much to report.

We voted to donate \$200.00 to the State Fiddle Contest.

Zelma Foote and her crew from District 4 did a bang-up job with their spaghetti feed.

Rosa Lee and Homer McLain from Lakeview, Faye and Isom Patterson, Jerry and Irene Ruddock and Jerry's mother, Jo and Dick Harris attended. The food was delicious and the music super.

Faye and Isom Patterson are planning to attend the State Convention in Roseburg.

Happy Birthday to Evelyn Peterson, March 1; John Gard, March 2; Jack Pollick, March 28; Helen Fleming, March 29; Faye Patterson, March 30; Erv Johnson, March 31. Glenna and Ernie Furrey--wedding anniversary, the 25th. To all, have a lovely day.

Call Irene Ruddock for dates for playing at Clairmont House and nursing homes.

Next meeting March 15 at Merrill Recreation Hall. 1:30 meeting. Election of new officers, potluck and jam.

If you think you're good, there is always someone better. If you think you're best, there is always someone better. If you think you're perfect, there is but one, so if the ones that think they are better would help the good, we would all soon be better.

Jo Harris, Reporter

#### DISTRICT 2:

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

We had another great jam on Saturday Feb 8. We are enjoying our new format of presenting a show first, with each musician playing three or four tunes, followed by refreshments and informal jamming afterwards. Several of our younger (under 15) musicians got up and played in front of the mike for the first time, and didn't die from it. Congratulations Andrea & Jennifer Haley and Beth & Kathy Hansen! Brandy Jones also joined us in the jamming. All of these girls did a great job for the first time out! Frank Moore has provided us with a sound system the last two months at no charge. This is really great--especially since we don't yet have any money to pay him! We have been suggesting a \$2.00 donation at the door and have usually taken in enough to pay for the hall, but little, if any, more.

Blue Mountain Christian Academy's strings program last week was a great success and a lot of fun. It included the junior high orchestra, the Suzuki students and old-time fiddling. With anywhere from 6 to 20 musicians on stage at a time, they played 10 fiddle tunes and provided all their own backup.

Willard Noble played at our last jam. We were thrilled to have him! We sure appreciate our older fiddlers! We've also had really good backup by Shirley Boursau, Frank Moore, Les Simmons, Jan Post, Peter Willis and several other good musicians whose names escape me at the moment.

Our next jam is on March 14, 7:00, Salvation Army. There is also a jam sponsored by Blue Mountain Old-Time Fiddlers on the same date, but it is in Enterprise, which is over 100 miles away. Most of us here can't make the drive home in the middle of the night and still get up for church the next morning, so we'll go ahead and jam here. In April BMOTFA will be having a jam in Irrigon on our usual meeting night. Irrigon is a lot closer, so we will be changing our April date so as not to conflict with them. Watch this space for an update.

Hope to see you all on March 14, if not before! Bring a friend!  
Peg Willis, Reporter

DISTRICT 3:

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

February 5 was a beautiful day in Central Oregon, in the high 60's and clear. I discovered the first two crocus and the weather forecast called for the rest of the week to be clear and warmer than normal. The old groundhog had seen his shadow three days previous, but I had more faith in the weatherman than the groundhog, so I was planning on getting my spring yard clean-up done. After all, weren't the blooming crocus the earliest I had recorded in 14 years? The next morning we had heavy fog, something almost unheard of for Central Oregon, and by afternoon the snow was falling. As we shoveled the driveway for the first time this winter, we began to wonder if perhaps there is something to the groundhog story after all.

Our February 9 jam brought out 14 of our musicians and 75 members and guests who signed the register. Shortly after the music had begun I heard someone say, "There's the Allens!" and sure enough, Dennis and Thelma were coming in the door. How wonderful to see Dennis looking so well after his recent illness. Dennis joined in with the musicians and then he and Thelma entertained with several songs. Accompanying Allens from the newly formed District 10 in north Douglas County was Etta Booher Powell, whom most of you know as Etta Powell. I still use her maiden name with her married name because it doesn't seem it was THAT LONG AGO we attended school in Drain! Also, there were guests from Jackpot, Nevada, Tillamook, Salem, and all over Central Oregon. It was great to have you all!

Following our jam we held a business meeting to elect officers for the coming year. Don Hanna is again our Chairman with Jack Kerr as Co-chairman, and Billie Kitchens, who does such an excellent job of Secretary Treasurer, re-elected to that position. Discussion was held on plans for playing at the Prineville Senior Center on February 14 and at Camp Sherman on February 21.

March birthday greetings go to Ed Perret on the 8th, Frances Dalton on the 15th, and Ferril Klingensmith on the 26th. Anniversary congratulations to Rhonda and Brian Hanson on March 17.

Get well wishes to Verna Walters, who recently suffered a broken hip from a fall in her home.

It appears that District 3 will be well-represented at the State Convention. Hope to see lots of you members from other districts there, too. Incidentally, if this will be your first convention, volunteer to help anywhere help is needed, it's a great way to become acquainted.

Peggy Kerr, Reporter

DISTRICT 4:

CHAIRMAN-Joe LeVine; CO-CHAIRMAN-Pauline Winslow; SEC/TREAS-Doris Barkley

During a short business meeting on Feb 1 at the Central Point Grange, Joe Levine appointed Pauline Winslow to fill the unexpired term of Jo Barnes as co-Chairman. Jo resigned due to the forming of District 10. Bud Applegate and Pick Lydic won door prizes. And then we had the spaghetti feed! It was a huge success! We fed nearly 200 and were able to present the State with a check for \$585.00 to go toward the Oregon State Certified Fiddle Contest to be held on the 15th and 16th of May in Lebanon. Zelma was in charge of the fund-raiser, and with the help of many volunteers, Doris Barkley, Pauline and Jim Winslow, Ruth Applegate, Hazel Lindsay, Odetta Levine, Ethel Holstin, Letha Fry, Jim Barret, Paula Pasley, Freda Serpa, Jack Lester and Bud Applegate. I apologize for those that I might not have mentioned. We appreciate and thank each and every one of you. The response to bring a pie was overwhelming, with pies to spare and sell later. Upstairs, at the Central Point Grange, it was jamming as usual, with a larger than average crowd. Many of our members from District 5, 10 and 1, as well as from LaPine and Lakeview came to join the fun. Merle Pasley took care of the sound and Vic Flood did a good job as emcee.

Our next jam will be in Talent, at the Community Center, on Sunday, March 1. Doors open early (10:30 a.m. for jamming), short business meeting, with the election of officers, potluck at noon and open to the public at 1:00 p.m.

April 5, Sunday, we will meet at Jerome Prairie, Grants Pass. Take Highway 199 west to Redwood Ave. Turn left, the Community Building is within a block. Same format. Doors open early, potluck at noon and open to the public at 1:00 p.m.

We have been invited to Hornbrook, CA, on April 25. There will be no potluck--the Grange women are having a concession stand. We will jam all afternoon--from 1:00 'til 5:00. Please plan to go.

Our little fiddler, Olive Davis, broke her wrist and will be laid up for about six weeks. Betty Deckard manages to come to all of our functions but still hasn't completely recovered from her hip and knee surgery. February 5 Jack Lester had open heart surgery at the RVM Hospital in Medford.

See you next month.

Pauline Winslow, Reporter

DISTRICT 5:

Lew Holt, Chairman

Al Lively, Co-Chairman

Helen Weber, Secretary/Treasurer

We always have a good time at Greenacres and Saturday afternoon, the 8th, was no different. I counted around 100 just after we ate. A nice sunny day did not hurt at all. Thanks to Elwood Serfass for getting out such good publicity. I want to thank Phyliss Wilson again for all the work that she does to make the afternoon successful. It must be the spirit of Valentines but we need to thank Al Lively, too, for hauling in the sound system each time. We appreciated the good turn out of District 5 but we also enjoyed having the nine members of District 10 who came over to help out.

The gang played at all of the nursing homes and senior centers this month. By the time you read this, we hope to have sneaked down to Gold Beach to play at the senior center, too. But now we look forward to what is coming our way. We will hold a meeting, potluck, and jam at Greenacres on Saturday, March 14. The meeting will start at 11:00. The main item on the agenda is the election of officers for the coming year. Elwood Serfass has agreed to serve as chairman of the nominating committee. So be thinking seriously about your officers for next year. Be sure to mark your calendar for April 18 when we will go to Broadbent for a spaghetti feed. (We will probably cancel Greenacres the week before.) May 2nd we will be at the Senior Center in Coos Bay for an evening of fiddling and dancing. (We will probably cancel Greenacres the next week end.)

As I travel about the state people often asked about Greenacres and what we do there. March 14th would be a good time for you to find out. We will see you at the convention the following week but we would like to see you at Greenacres, too. So come on down and join us for the potluck and jam.

Lew Holt, Editor District 5

DISTRICT 6:

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

Hello again! Hope you were able to attend our election-potluck-jam Feb 2. We had an excellent turn-out with many visitors from other districts that we always enjoy having. Your new 1992-93 officers are Joy Halliwell, Chairman; John Davis, co-Chairman; and Ray Mitchell, Sec/Treas. Retirement for our present officers is June 30. We wish to tell them how faithful they've been, how well they've served their office and how very much we've appreciated their dedication to a job well done! Allison and Curly are continuing as Program Chairmen. What a great team to serve our district. Let's help them maintain excellence for District 6.

At our executive meeting held Feb 6 the officers voted for our Board of Directors to include the spouses of the officers, Program Chairman, Parliamentarian and Hoedowner reporter to allow greater input into the operation of our district affairs. If you have any suggestions that you'd like your district to consider, please submit them in writing to our chairman.

In calling to notify our election of officers meeting, we learned that we had a number of members on the sick list. Catherine Edstrom has been laid up with a dislocated hip, Byron Dunaway had surgery, Peggy Stratton broke her ankle, William Good is recovering nicely from a fall and pneumonia, Wilma Seits suffered a broken hip and Phoebe Reck's brother Edwin Stearns had the misfortune of totalling his car, as did Ray Swinehart last month. We hope by now everything is looking brighter for all of you.

CONVENTION SCHEDULE  
Douglas County Fair Grounds, Roseburg, Or.  
Community Building  
March 18-21, 1992

WEDNESDAY, March 18, 1992 For the early arrivals there will be a place to jam and visit. Floral Building.

THURSDAY. March 19, 1992

9:00	A.M.	Doors open for set-up and jamming.
10:00	A.M.	Registration Begins
2:00	P.M.	Food Service Begins
6:30	P.M.	Group Jamming on Stage
7:00	P.M.	Sign up Jam, Members Only (Finger Foods)

FRIDAY, March 20, 1992

8:00	A.M.	Doors Open for Breakfast
9:00	A.M.	Registration/ Banquet Ticket Sales
1:00	P.M.	Dance Workshop
5:30	P.M.	Hall closed for show preparation
6:00	P.M.	Doors open/ticket sales for show (OOTFA Members admitted with current membership card)
6:45	P.M.	Group Jamming on State (All Fiddlers)
7:30	P.M.	Annual Fiddle and Variety Show (Participants by invitation)

SATURDAY, March 21, 1992

8:00	A.M.	Doors Open For Breakfast
9:00	A.M.	Quarterly State Board Meeting
10:00	A.M.	Nominating Committee Meeting
1:00	P.M.	Annual Meeting/Election of Officers
2:00	P.M.	Kitchen Closes
6:00	P.M.	Annual OOTFA Banquet (Tickets \$6.00)
8:00	P.M.	Annual Fiddlers Dance (Members and Guest)

WORKSHOPS-----Friday and Saturday. Fiddle, Harmonica, Dance, If interest is there we will have someone for piano and banjo.

RV Parking \$3.00 per night by building (No hook-ups)  
\$8.00 per night in campground. (Electric hook-up)

PLEASE REMEMBER:

NO SMOKING IN ANY BUILDING AT THE DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

This is a Douglas County Ordinance and it is being ENFORCED. There is a \$500.00 fine.

The OOTFA has received a verbal and written warning regarding NO SMOKING. So let all of us cooperate.

**APRIL FIDDLE FESTIVAL, LINCOLN CITY, APRIL 10, 11, 12, 1992**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 1992: THE OCEAN LAKE ELKS LODGE** will open at noon for jamming and for meeting friends. Be sure to sign in. (The Elks require this) You may, also, register for the fiddle contest and/or for the dance bands. You are encouraged to jam any where in the hall. The Elks' Lodge is located on the east side of the highway 101 on N. 22nd. As you drive into Lincoln City from the north - watch for the Dairy Queen on the left. Turn left at the light on to N. 22nd and the Lodge is just a few feet on the right. If you are coming from the south on 101 - drive north - crossing D River until you come to the Dairy Queen - turn right to the lodge. The lodge dining room is open to all of us.

**PARKING:** There is parking behind the lodge (to the east) for self-contained RV's. Last year we had to work our way around but there was room for all of us. If you come in your car, there is parking all around the lodge. Please save parking for the RV's.

**6:30 - Jamming on the stage**

**7:00 - FIDDLE CONTEST BEGINS.** We changed the rule book as you know a contest and we have had many fine comments. All age and ability groups are combined into one contest. Judging will be based on: Dance-ability & Rhythm - 50 points. Style, timing, and tone - 25 points. Appropriate back up - 25. Dress - 10 points. Stage presence - 10 points. (120 total points). You are allowed up to four back-up. A contestant may play one or two tunes or a medley within a five minute time limit. Tunes that are appropriate for dancing are encouraged. Audience will be dancing during the contest. No rules apply to style, bowing, plucking, cross tuning, singing, etc. (If considered inappropriate by the judges, they may choose to score accordingly.) Complete contest rules will be available at the contest. (Or from Lew or Lee.) Prizes will be: \$90, \$80, \$70, \$60, \$50, \$40, \$30, \$20, \$10, & \$5. *This contest is held in a spirit of fun for the contestant and for the audience to enjoy. The contest may last late into the evening. Participation is not limited to members of the O.O.T.F.A. but we are the sponsor and set the rules.*

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11:** Building open for jamming. Many people will be attending to hear fiddle music. You are encouraged to form groups about the hall - both up stairs and down stairs - and jam, jam, jam. We have been asked by the lodge to have a caller and square dancing Saturday afternoon. Alan Ede has consented to be our caller. Sounds fun.

**6:30 - Jamming on the stage.** About 7:15 we will start having a variety of fiddle dance bands play throughout the evening - until midnight or later. We will have groups much like our Saturday night dance at the state convention but it will not be by district. Individuals may "get up" a band and sign up. Time for playing will depend on how many bands we have. This evening is not a contest but good dance music is appreciated.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 12:** The state jam will begin at 1:00. It will be open to all fiddlers and some specials. (We may have a time limit in order to get everybody in). You are encouraged to, also, jam downstairs while the "official" jam is going on upstairs.

We are the guests of the **Oceanlake Elks Lodge No. 1886**. They are paying us to put on the contest and to entertain. They want *fiddle music* and lots of it. Plan on attending all or a part of the week-end. The facilities are beautiful. You will enjoy them. This is our forth year at the Oceanlake Elks Lodge. We want to thank the lodge and the members of the O. O. T. F. A. who have made this get-together so much fun.

Lew Holt, Chairman  
Lee Jones, Co-chairman

Jan 18 Ireta Pyle (Mrs. Harry) passed away To her family, our deepest sympathy. Feb 1 Esther Shriber's mother passed away. To you and your family, our love and sympathy. Another great loss was the wife of our first OOTFA State President Cliff Buker of District 8 1967-68. A memorial gift of \$25.00 was sent in their names to the Waldport Senior Center form district 6. To their survivors, our deepest sympathy. We owe so much to our charter members who started this great organization in 1965 to preserved and promote the art of oldtime fiddling and to encourage younger people to learn and appreciate this type of music. Thank you much.

On a brighter note, may we wish Purl and Grace Fox our belated wedding anniversary wishes, Jan 26--57 years. Alan and Carol Ede will be celebrating their 35th March 16 with Glen and Joyce Keetch celebrating 5 years March 29--to you all, Congratulations and many more happy anniversaries! Now let's go to birthday celebrities: Myrtle McCoy March 8, Curly Roberts March 11, Wendy Mitchell March 14 and Purl Fox March 19. Remember, it has been said birthdays are like cheap underwear--they just keep creeping up on you!

Are you ready to attend our Convention in Roseburg March 18-21? I guarantee you will enjoy yourself. Be prepared and ready for fun and enjoyment. Wednesday the 18th only the Floral Building is open all day for jamming and fun for the early birds in case it's cold or rainy. Might even decide to have a potluck together there that evening, as tables and chairs are available. Even if no potluck is held, bring finger foods that evening for the jam. Thursday things will begin in the auditorium. Gynn and Jim Deaton and their crew operate the lunch counter where you can buy your breakfast, hamburgers, coffee, soft drinks and snacks to satisfy your hunger pains. Registration begins that morning. Bring your donated useful gifts wrapped and give to Shorty or Charlotte to be used for the hourly drawings on Friday. Remember, names are drawn each hour on the hour and posted for one hour--you must claim them in person. All unclaimed names will be placed back in the jar to qualify for another drawing. It all depends on how many gifts are brought as to how many names are drawn hourly. We ask that USEFUL gifts ONLY be given--something you yourself would love to win!

JAMMING all day in every available area occurs, so bring your tape recorders and enjoy yourself--enroll in the workshops. Our new rosters will be printed and produced there before your very eyes and available later for purchase for \$1.00--all members of OOTFA including name, address, phone number and district. I do hope you got your 1992 dues paid in time to be included, as I warned you last month! The name tags you ordered from Lucille will be available from her at the counter. Call her at 688-2976 or write her at 749 Irvington Drive, Eugene, OR 97404 and order your name tags, \$6.50 each. Print your name EXACTLY as you wish it to appear on your badge and include your check immediately. Thursday night we will jam 'til late and we bring finger food to enjoy that evening, too. Do you get the idea, WE ARE ALWAYS EATING?

Friday night invite your friends and relatives for a wonderful night of entertainment. Adults \$4.00--ALL members of OOTFA are admitted FREE by showing your paid up membership card. Excellent entertainment from all over our state--10 districts.

Saturday our business meeting takes place, our election of officers and all other important business followed by a day of more jamming and our lovely banquet (tickets \$6.00) that evening with dancing 'till 11 PM, when we give a hand at cleaning up the hall, say our goodbyes 'til next time we meet. At our dance each district will have the chance to entertain us with some mighty fine music emceed by Shorty Dow and Dee Dee Kaiser. To our snowbird friends, "wish you were here!"

DID I WALK YOU THROUGH IT? Come join us--you'll love it.

District 6 will meet March 29 at the American Legion Hall in Lebanon. Opens at 10 AM with them serving us a lovely lunch. The Auxiliary Ladies bake beautiful desserts for us to purchase and enjoy. We will be through at 4 PM, as Bingo follows.

Is your reservation made for Lincoln City for our fun April 10-11 at the Elk's Club? Drive your RV's and park in their lot--turn at the Dairy Queen east one block--Lincoln City Elk's Club. What gracious hosts. We play ALL day both

days, upstairs and downstairs to entertain the community--DON'T MISS IT-- YOU'LL LOVE IT.

A note from our Chairman: "We are asking your help in taking some of the stress and pressure from our sound people--if there is a problem or complaint, please address it to one of your district officers. We'll take it from there--Joy Halliwell."

Last, but not least, Thank You Musicians for your time and talent to play for the many rest homes in our area. The residents are so appreciative of your kindness in brightening their lives. Bye for now.

Helen B. Tracy, Reporter

#### DISTRICT 7:

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

The March 15 jam will be at the Estacada Senior Center, 200 Clubhouse Drive. To get there, take Highway 224 to the first light in Estacada, turn right then a quick right again. The Center is directly behind the cafe. The doors will open at 11 AM, we will have election of officers at 11:30, followed by our usual potluck at 12 and the jam at 1 PM.

All district members try to be at Estacada by 11:30 to elect the officers you want to run your club next year. It will be necessary to have someone volunteer to carry the coffee pot and the sound system. Remember, it is your club and the new officers will need your help to run it.

Our April jam will be on the same weekend as the Redwood Contest, and with other events going on it will be quite a challenge to fill the hall, as it holds 200 people.

All of our members are up and running as of this date except Wayne Walters, who is back in the hospital again.

Red Arnold Reporting

#### DISTRICT 8:

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

Fiddlers of District 8 entertained at several care centers and some played for the Sheridan Firemen's Sweetheart Dinner.

A great lady went to be with her maker and husband last month. Mrs. Buker will be greatly missed and her absence will be felt when we have jams in Waldport. She had always managed to play the piano some. We extend our sympathies to her family.

Our next jam will be in Willamina on March 8. Doors open at 10 AM, potluck at noon and open to the public at 1 PM. Hope to see you there and again in Roseburg on March 19, 20 and 21.

Chuck Williams had surgery the 17th of Feb. Have a speedy recovery, Chuck.

Dave and Jeanette Robinson are home from a fun-filled trip to Florida. Welcome home, friends.

We send happy birthday wishes to Bud Beck, Audrey Cope, Vi Jensen, Florence Jones, Edward Priebe, Edwin Riche, Hank Sabrowski, Alan Smith, Connie Veer and Ann Williams. Those celebrating anniversaries are Steve and May Ann Fedorko, Edwin and Edna Riche and Robert and Mary Terry. Best wishes to you all.

Ruth Jones, Reporter

#### DISTRICT 9:

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

On Feb 2 we had our monthly jam at the Burns Senior Center. We had a good turn-out of musicians. Ruel Teague, Brick Calloway and Stacey Reynolds--fiddle; Darrel Smith, Walt Cooper, Willie Cooper, Julia Milleson, Lloyd Louie, Joe Ineberg and Ruel Teague--guitar; John McLain--steel guitar; Darlene Austin--accordion; Paula Reynolds--piano; Don Williams--harmonica; solos: Stacey, Ruel, Darrel. Roy Reed--banjo. We played at the Burns Nursing Home. We also played for a church spaghetti feed.

We are starting to put together our Annual Music Jamboree. We would like to invite everyone to come and share their talent and a good time. This will be June 19 and 20, the weekend before Weiser.

March 1 is our next monthly jam and potluck and our election of officers. District 9 members, please plan on being at the meeting, it will start around 12 noon. On March 2 we play at the Burns Nursing Home.



We would like to thank Ike and Wilma Marler from Ontario, Oregon, for sharing their talents with us at our last jam.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the State Convention.  
Happy fiddlin'.

Stacey Reynolds, Reporter

DISTRICT 10:

CHAIRMAN-Larry Johnson; CO-CHAIRMAN-Guy Kinman; SEC/TREAS-Robert Joiner

On Jan 25 we held our first meeting since the formation of District 10. Marlene Shepherd will be our new district reporter, taking Gayle Curtis' place. Louise Trimble donated \$50 to help start our new district. We had a real nice turn out from our area. Also, Lloyd and Esther Shriber from District 6 came down. (Thanks for doing the MC work during the jam, Lloyd.) Alvin & Edith Lewis, Harlin Prince, Lola Halley and Leonard & Ione Olsen from District 5 came over. Hank & Maxine Modrell from District 4 also came up. We really appreciate all the people from the other districts who come over to see us.

I want to thank Etta Powell for bringing down two large coffee makers and the help she gave us while we were getting this district formed. She is a long time member of the OOTFA.

We want to wish Clemie McGee a speedy recovery from being ill. Also Virdo Sigler, who has been confined to the VA Hospital. We hear he might be back playing with us soon.

We all wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Robert Joiner, our Sec/Treas in the loss of his wife, Theresa "Terry" Joiner, Feb 4, 1992.

Saturday Feb 1 several of us went to Central Point for the spaghetti feed and had a real good time. Sunday Feb 2 we went to the Springfield jam. A great potluck and jam was held there. During their meeting they presented us with a check for \$50 to help our district get off the ground. Thanks so much. Feb 8 some of us went down to Greenacres for their potluck and jam. We all had a good time.

Our last meeting before the State Convention will be held on Mar 7. This will be to take care of last-minute details for the convention. We will have finger food and jam after the meeting. A reminder: Please pay your dues for this year NOW so your names will be in the new roster.

Larry Johnson, Chairman

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**FROM THE EDITOR:** There will be a handmade musical instrument exhibit March 7 from 10 AM to 5 PM and March 8 from 12 noon to 5 PM at Marylhurst College in Lake Oswego. Cost is \$2.00, under 12 is free. Call me if you need more info. (I didn't get this in time to mail to the secretaries.)

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"Thanks for all the help and encouragement this last year. I'm moving to Dallas, Texas, for work and will miss you all. Bye. Kevin Felton."

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**AUTOBIOGRAPHIES**

I would like to encourage all fiddlers and accompanists to write their autobiography telling how they got started playing music. It can be typed or handwritten, and please send a picture of yourself.

If you would like to write a biography about a loved one or friend who is deceased, I think that would be a great tribute to them. When I receive these, I will put them in the State Fiddle Book.

Hope to see you at the convention. I will bring the Fiddle Book, and I hope you will take some time to look through it. Please send your biography to me, Donna Oldham, 22400 SW Eagle Point Rd., Sheridan, OR 97378

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**Buck Milligan** requests that all Scholarship Committee members meet with him at Convention--please plan to attend.

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Margaret Cox, widow of Jonas Cox, is now in Sierra Vista Care Center in Oregon City. She suffers from Alzheimers, osteoarthritis and congestive heart failure. Margie and Jonas were active members of OOTFA for many years. They held offices in District 4, and Jonas was state vice-president in 1974. Margie

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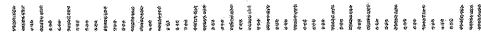


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