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FEBRUARY, 1993

COMING EVENTS		DISTRICT	
Feb	6 Jam, Potluck, Senior Center	Rogue River	4
	7 Jam, Potluck, Senior Center	Springfield	6
	7 Jam, YWCA	St. Johns (Ptld)	7
	13 Meeting, Potluck, Jam, Civic Center	Drain	10
	13 Senior Center	Florence	5
	14 Jam, Recreation Hall	Merrill	1
	14 Jam, Senior Center	Bend	3
	14 Jam, Harney County Senior Center	Burns	9
	21 Jam, VFW Hall	Willamina	8
	27 Meeting, Potluck, Jam	Coos Bay	5
Mar	7 Jam, Potluck, Community Building	Talent	4
	7 Jam, Potluck, Senior Center	Springfield	6
	13 Jam, Senior Center	Redmond	3
	13 Jam, Grange	Broadbent	5
	14 Jam, Senior Center	Sandy	7
	14 Election, Potluck, Jam, Harney Co. Sr. Ctr.	Bend	9
	19-20 State Convention	Roseburg	OOTFA
	28 Jam, VFW Hall	Willamina	8
Apr	4 Jam, Senior Center	Canby	7
	10 Jam, Grange	Winchester Bay	5
	11 Jam, Senior Center	Bend	3
	16-18 Contest, Dance	Lincoln City	OOTFA
May	2 Jam, Senior Center	Beaverton	7
	8 Jam, Senior Center	Prineville	3
	29 Azalea Festival	Brookings	5

NOTES FROM PRESIDENT ZELMA: Thanks to you who weathered the storm and icy roads to attend OOTFA Executive Meeting in Springfield. Thanks to District 6 for hosting the meeting, and your new sound system sounded great. Those of you who didn't attend missed a fun-filled afternoon. We understood why you were not there. Some of the things we needed to vote on with a complete group will be taken care of in March. Liability Insurance was one item, but in the meantime we will ask for an extension on our present policy. Workshops were discussed, and in March Jim Lockard will have worked out a schedule for workshops to be offered in the state. Jim is very enthused about the new format on workshops, and with his ideas and what the group offered at our meeting I'm certain great things are going to happen.

As you know, each year we rely on different ones to donate something for our drawings. So far an afghan and two stuffed animals have been donated. We

need more items for the drawings where we sell tickets. PLEASE HELP. Also, we need items for the hourly drawings. Bring something you would like to receive. As Shorty Dow said last year, "NO junk."

Again this year I have asked each district for two or three flower arrangements for the tables. Each year you come up with such clever ideas. These will be given away at the banquet on Saturday evening.

In another section of the Homeowner you will notice an article showing some by-Laws changes that will just be housekeeping and some Standing Rules changes that have to do with our Fiddle Contest. These are to bring Oregon in line with the contest in Weiser, Idaho. Also, a change in dues structure. Standing Rules changes will take a majority vote and by-Laws a two-thirds vote. Look these over and be ready to amend or make changes at our annual meeting.

Again I need to remind you that all new OOTFA State Officers will be elected in March. If you have candidates, please let us know. Districts, please plan your own elections and bring the new officers to our Convention.

Saturday night at our State Convention is our fun night, and we have a dance. Each year we ask each district to present 15 minutes of danceable music for the dance. Some have complained they were not informed early and didn't know they were to play. We had a drawing at our meeting for the times to play:

District 1 plays tenth at 10:15	District 6 plays second at 8:15
District 2 plays first at 8:00	District 7 plays ninth at 10:00
District 3 plays seventh at 8:30	District 8 plays fifth at 9:00
District 4 plays third at 8:30	District 9 plays sixth at 9:15
District 5 plays eighth at 9:45	District 10 plays fourth at 8:45

Please plan your program early and be ready to start playing at your designated time. If you need help from another district, plan ahead.

A word in closing. I want to emphasize the State Officers are not here to dictate or make policy. We have worked to get your input and have tried to present it to the members. You make policy.

"A good memory is fine, but the ability to forget is the true test of greatness." A Toe Tapper -- Zelma

DISTRICT 1:

CHAIRMAN-Faye Patterson; CO-CHAIRMAN-Irene Ruddock; SEC/TREAS-Harold North

Saw a sign on the highway "Free Snow--U Haul." We have lots to give away. When it started to snow we all said we need it, but now it ceases to be funny. It's getting on everyone's nerves.

There were eight brave souls who braved the weather for our January meeting. We jammed and ate chili that Irene made.

More about our Diamond Lake campout July 29 through August 1. Correction on when reservations need to in. Call Irene Ruddock days 884-1481, evenings 882-6418, or Faye Patterson 798-5973. Need to be made by April 1 and also paid in full to Irene or Faye. Cost per night \$7.50, or \$3.50 with Golden Age Card. Come join us.

Happy Birthday to Louise Pollick, February 2.

Don't forget Clairmont House, every 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00.

Please come and play for the seniors at the Merrill Recreation Hall the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Lunch at 11:30. Next one is February 9.

Next meeting February 14 at Merrill Recreation Hall. Potluck at 1:00, meeting and jam. Please try to be on time. We want to be finished by 4:00.

We had a Christmas card from Merlin and Esther Ford, former District 4 members. New address, 1025 S. 6th, Harrisburg, OR 97446. Phone 995-6834. If you're up that way, get in touch with them. I'm sure Merlin would like to jam.

Stay well and dry.

Jo Harris, Reporter

DISTRICT 3:

CHAIRMAN-Don Hanna; CO-CHAIRMAN-Jack Kerr; SEC/TREAS-Billie Kitchens

On Saturday, January 9, we traveled to LaPine to hold our first regular jam in a location other than Bend. We had 12 musicians and about 70 persons at the

Senior Center. We were pleasantly surprised by the number who turned out in the 15 degree weather. We plan to be back in LaPine on July 10. Sunday, February 14, we will return to the Bend Senior Center and on Saturday, March 13, we will be at the Redmond Senior Center. We are hoping to reach more people by holding our jams in various areas of our district. All jams in Bend will be on Sunday from 2 until 4:30. Jams in other locations will be held on Saturday from 1:30 until 4:30.

Our only listed "special day" for February is for Mary Fleming, who will celebrate her birthday on the 20th. Best wishes, Mary, for the best birthday ever and many more!

An update for those of you who heard that Billie Kitchens has been in the hospital for surgery. She is home and doing well. I'm sure you've all heard the saying "you can't keep a good man down." Our Billie has proved "you can't keep a good woman down, either."

Weather conditions are improving and we hope some of you will be able to join us for a jam soon. Directions to the Redmond Senior Center will be included in the March edition of "The Hoedowner."

IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID YOUR 1993 DUES, GET THEM IN TO BILLIE KITCHENS THIS WEEK. THANKS. (20777 Mini Ln, Bend, OR 97702--by early February.)
Peggy Kerr, Reporter

DISTRICT 4:

CHAIRMAN-Joe Levine; CO-CHAIRMAN-Merle Pasley; SEC/TREAS-Doris Barkley

We have had more than our share of snow here in southern Oregon and northern California, sparing the valley and covering the hills. In spite of it all, we had a huge turnout for the Jam at Rogue River on January 2. Our friends Isom and Faye Patterson braved the cold to come over from Merrill, District 1. Dorene Winkelman and Ray Hanson won the door prizes. Ray Hanson did a good job as MC.

Hazel Lindsay had major surgery on January 11 and will spend about one week in the hospital. Ray Davis, husband of Olive Davis, (our little fiddler) is slowly recovering from a broken hip. Our prayers and best wishes for a full recovery to them as well as all other members who might be sick.

We have the same schedule as last year to play at the nursing homes and senior centers. We had one pay job during January. Four of our members provided music for a surprise birthday party and chili feed.

February 6 Jam will be on a Saturday at Rogue River Senior Center, 132 Broadway. Doors open at 10:30 AM, potluck at noon and open to the public at 1:00 PM. March 7 Jam will be on a Sunday, in Talent. Election of officers will be held. We have been invited to have an April Jam at the Mark Anthony in Ashland. More about that next time.

Don't forget the DUES are due and we are on the lookout for new officers.
Pauline Winslow, Reporter

DISTRICT 5:

CHAIRMAN-Pat Kraemer; CO-CHAIRMAN-Lew Holt; SEC/TREAS-Ruth Whaley

Greetings from the banana belt. We like to have people share things with us but we are glad, though, that you didn't share your winter weather with us. Although this winter may go down as the "winter of the big snows." We had 1/2 inch one week and a week later we had another half inch. Enough about the weather. We had a good time in Coos Bay at the Senior Center on the 9th. We always have an appreciative group of people who like to dance as well as listen. After that it settled down to the nursing homes in Reedsport, Myrtle Point, and Coos Bay.

Our music has been happy but we have had some sad times in District 5 this winter. Just before Christmas Esther Gosney passed away. Esther had been in the hospital for a month. We extend our sympathy to Gene and their daughter. Yesterday we got a call that Buster Jarrett had died in Arizona. We all want to send our sympathy to Pauline. Stan and Esther Voit were in a car wreck and Stan ended up with all kinds of injuries to the chest. Dan Schaeffer is home after his stay in the hospital and picks the fiddle up once in a while. Dan fell from a roof while working and broke ribs, an arm and punctured a lung. He thanks everybody for their kind letters and help. Fred Virtue is home and gets out for a walk to build up his strength. Paul Williams is home and people enjoy stopping by to see him. Others have had various aches and pains so we wish them all the best.

The current issue of Ruralite has an article about Hanneke Cassel and her fiddling? I wish that I could reproduce the whole article for you. Hanneke went back to New Hampshire last fall and won the National

Scottish Fiddle Contest for her age group. She enters contests out here, too, and does well. We enjoy having her and her sister Leila when they can make it to one of our jams.

Now for the future. On February 13th we will be in Florence at the Senior Center (1424 W. 15th - take the street to the airport). The hall will be open at 10:00, a potluck at twelve, and a jam at 1:00. We sure hope you can be there to help us out. On the 27th we will be back at the Senior Center in Coos Bay. At 11:00 there will be a business meeting to elect our new officers, a pot luck at noon, and a jam at 1:00. Hope to see you there.

Lew Holt, Reporter

DISTRICT 6:

CHAIRMAN-Joy Halliwell; CO-CHAIRMAN-John Davis; SEC/TREAS-Ray Mitchell

Next Jam is February 7 at Willamalane Senior Center, Springfield, OR. POTLUCK at noon. Bring hotdishes, salads or dessert. Please have ready to serve. Help is needed to set up tables and also in the kitchen. Open at 10:00.

Corvallis Jam Session Saturday nights at the Old World Deli, 341 SW 2nd St. (just south of downtown Post Office). TIME: approximately 7-10 PM. All comers--fiddlers and stringed instrument back-up welcome. For more information call Connie King at 752-6315.

We have a dance the second Saturday of every month starting at 7:00 PM at the Coburg Grange. Everyone is welcome.

Wayne McCoy had hernia surgery December 18. He is doing well. Jim Powell had surgery on January 8 and is doing well. Oscar Halverson had surgery on his wrist January 12. He wishes to thank all who sent cards and flowers. We wish him a speedy recovery. Ken Raymond is recuperating from a stroke. We wish him a speedy recovery. Frances Orr is receiving cancer treatments. Walt Benson, Althea Delp, Earl and Dorothy Payne are having health problems. Frank Overby had sinus surgery. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

Sympathy is extended to Charlie Sanford and family upon the death of his sister.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS: Hazel Walker, 8th; Walter Hari, 18th; Bessie Hari, 24th; Donna Lake, 17th; Arnold Canning, 23rd; Jim Powell, 9th; Tiny Allen, 5th; Abe Wimmer, 22nd.

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES: Wayne and Helen Tracy, 28th, 44 years.

Purl and Grace Fox moved to Salem. Hope to see them often.

We welcome Chuck Bruneau as a committee member in Lebanon/Sweet Home area. To arrange jam sessions and other functions, CALL Chuck, 367-4635 (Sweet Home).

Congratulations to Carol Lockard on her retirement.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT: William Toothaker, George Chew, Stanley Gum and Eugene Boring are all California dentists...Robert Stork is a pediatrician...Elmer Bones a chiropractor...Ralph Glance is an optometrist, and Dennis Smiler an oral surgeon.

Addie Gonshorowski, Reporter

DISTRICT 7:

CHAIRMAN-Red Arnold; CO-CHAIRMAN-Carl Helgerson; SEC/TREAS-Cohleen Finley

Our jam February 7 will be at the St. Johns YWCA. The address is 8010 N. Charleston St. To get there, take Lombard west exit, take N. Lombard till it makes a little turn at Dorn Chev. Just past the turn will be N. Charleston. Make a right turn then a couple blocks. The YWCA will be on the right. DO NOT PARK IN THE SMALL CHURCH LOT ON THE RIGHT SIDE. The doors will open at 11:00 AM, we will have a district meeting and election of officers at 11:30, then potluck at 12:00 and jam at 1:00.

We still need some people to play at the Aurora Centennial on February 21 from 1:00 till 3:00. This will be at the Legion Hall. THERE WILL BE NO POTLUCK AT AURORA. The doors will open at 11:30.

We had a good jam at Hillsboro, although the weather took its toll on the audience. We had a good turnout of musicians.

I would like to thank everyone for the fine food and the ladies who took care of the kitchen duties. It sure is nice to break bread with a lot of friends and socialize for awhile. I would also like to thank our dedicated sound man, Joe Hamm. He is doing a great job. We would be up the creek without him.

Last summer I listed the fiddlers with the Parks and Recreation Department but the book had gone to press, but it seems a new one is out and we will be getting a lot of calls, a lot of them for the sesquicentennial celebration. We will not be able to play them all, but we can have fun playing as many as possible. So we should best hone up our good old pioneer tunes, they are in great demand.

As of right now all our people are up and fiddlin', we are going to need all we can get.

Don't forget the meeting February 7, also the election of officers.

Also, remember dues are due. If you have not paid them, it's still the best deal in town for \$12.00 in spite of inflation.

Red Arnold, Reporter

DISTRICT 8:

CHAIRMAN-Don Simons; CO-CHAIRMAN-Lew Standiford; SEC/TREAS-Ruth Jones

This report has to go to the editor before our January 17 Jam. Hope everyone survived the snows okay, without any broken bones or accidents. Our February Jam will be on the 21st at the VFW Hall in Willamina. The Hall is on the left side of the highway just before you get into town, coming from Sheridan. We will have election of new officers at our February Jam. The doors open at 10:00 AM, meeting at 11:00, potluck at noon. Show open to public at 1:00 PM.

There is a conflict of dates in March, so our March jam be on the 4th Sunday, March 28, at the VFW Hall in Willamina.

We have several people who get together once a month and play for the McMinnville Care Center and the Sheridan Care Center.

We were saddened by the death of Alfred Pickering, who passed away January 4. He loved the OOTFA music and enjoyed dancing to the music as well. We wish to offer our deep sympathy to his family.

Robert Terry's mother had a heart attack and stroke. Our prayers and get well wishes go out to her and the family.

Happy Birthday to everyone who has a birthday in February! Ruth Jones, Jean McGrew, Dave Robinson, Robert Terry, Les Johnson, Ted Miller, Bob Crump, also our out-of-state member Les Tucker.

Anniversary wishes to Gene and Jackie Stephenson.

Joyce Crump, Reporter

DISTRICT 9:

CHAIRMAN-Walt Cooper; CO-CHAIRMAN- Julia Milleson; SEC/TREAS-Ruel Teague

District 9 is looking very white with two feet of snow covering the Harney Valley. Even so, a nice bunch of folks turned out for the January jam. We welcome guitar picker Rose Derrick, who joined in with the back-up. We look forward to seeing you again. Monte, Stacey and Paula Reynolds were over from Boise for the jam. John Ausmus recited a couple of his original poems for the enjoyment of the audience, then jotted one down to commemorate the day:

Went to hear the fiddlers
Squeeze box players, banjo pickers
Pickers and gridders, singers and jiggers
They played the old, some of the new
None too shabby, some quite good
All I can say
I enjoy listen' to you

Thanks, John. We enjoyed you, too.

The next jam is February 14 at the Harney County Senior Center. Ask anyone in town for directions. As usual, we'll potluck at 1 and jam from 2-4. Bring a friend or two! Before the March 14 jam we'll hold a business meeting at 11:30 to elect officers. Please take a moment to reflect on the possibility of serving as an officer.

Thanks to all who played at the nursing home this month. Quite a few folks made time to stop by and entertain. The regular night for the nursing home is the Monday following the monthly jam from 7-8 PM. Brick Callaway has faithfully kept this project going. Thanks, Brick.

Janet Burgess, Reporter

DISTRICT 10:

CHAIRMAN-Lewis Roy; CO-CHAIRMAN-Dennis Allen; SEC/TREAS-Etta Powell

Happy Valentine Day to all of you. Remember to tell the ones you love you love them and give them a hug. Sometimes we take too much for granted.

We had our meeting-potluck-jam January 9 at the Youth Center in Canyonville with 45 people attending. Gynn Deaton of Canyonville decorated the tables beautifully. Thanks, Gynn. Several members paid their dues for 1993. Be sure to get your dues in before March 1 to keep your membership.

We want to welcome Melanie Roy to the Fiddlers. She is Lewis and Frances Roy's granddaughter.

After the jam I went to see Hank and Maxine Modrell. Hank is taking chemo treatments which make him too sick to go very much. He said to tell you "Hello" and he hopes to come back before long.

Our next meeting-potluck-jam will be February 13 at the Drain Civic Center. Please bring your own table service and potluck food. To get there, take I-5 north to Drain-Yoncalla exit past Rice Hill on right, go through Yoncalla to Drain on old 99 to Saw Shop on right at West "A" Street, turn right, go about 2 blocks to Civic Enter on right--parking on side and in back. Meeting 11:00 AM, potluck at noon, jam 1:00-4:00.

Our get well wishes go out to Hank Modrell, Van Garrett, Ethel Hogg, Bill Petheram, and Amy.

Happy Birthday wishes to Ed Doolittle, 2nd; Wes Curtis, 16th; Dan Vallier, 19th; Hank Modrell, 23rd; Ida Johnson, 24th; Billie Doolittle, 31st.

Happy Anniversary to Guy and Velma Kinman.

The Oldtime Fiddlers have been busy playing at the dining sites, care homes, etc. We enjoy doing this.

Hope to see all of you at Convention. It's time to elect officers again, so think about who you want in office, come and vote. If you don't vote, you shouldn't say too much about what happens. It's your duty to vote.

Best wishes to all of you.

Lanora Waggoner, Reporter

NOTICE:

BY-LAWS CHANGES: THESE ARE JUST HOUSEKEEPING

Make Article XI INDEMNIFICATION

(The statement was adopted in September, 1992.)

Article XII This was XI before.

STANDING RULES:

I. ADD: from jams and contests.

VIII. 2. Instead of \$12.00 it will be \$15.00

XIII. I. To read: Oregon is divided into (10) ten districts.

XIV. A. There will be 9 divisions. (8 before)

Delete Intermediate and add Young Adult and Adult.

Place in new order.

B. I. d. New wording:

The winners of the Young Adult Division and of Oregon State Contest of the previous year. If any such contestants do not make the first elimination in the Championship Division of the State Contest for two consecutive years, he or she may enter the Young Adult or Adult or Senior Division (depending on age) of the following, or third, year.

D. Order change Add: Re: Rules Governing Adult and Senior Division. The Adult Division will include all contestants thirty seven (37) years of age through fifty nine (59) years of age.

The Senior Division will include all contestants sixty (60) years of age through sixty nine (69) years of age.

Under Senior-Senior Division make (75) (70) years.

PA System Wanted. Need speakers, amp, mixing board, monitors, mikes, stands. Minimum 6-8 channels. Please call Joe (Roseburg) 673-9759 or 440-4931 ext 248.

HELP HELP HELP HELP HELP

FEES ARE PAYABLE TO: Alice Holt, 2611 Liberty St., North Bend, OR 97459. To get your name in the Roster your 1993 Dues must be paid by March 1, 1993.

The Roster goes to print early in March so we can have it at Convention.

The very first country music recording was done on June 30th and July 1st of 1922 by Eck Robertson on fiddle for The Victor Talking Machine Company.

On the 30th, he recorded "Arkansas Traveler" and "Turkey in the Straw" and was accompanied by Henry C. Gilliland on fiddle.

On July 1st, Eck recorded alone and played "Sallie Gooden" and "Ragtime Annie." The records were released in April, 1923.

Blanton Owen. "Eck Robertson: Famous Cowboy Fiddler," The Old-Time Herald, Vol. 3, Number 5, Fall 1992, pp. 20-25.

Submitted by Ray Mitchell (District 6).

THE ACCOMPANIST

With ready smile and generous heart
he graced the stage of life
forever there with helping hand
and took it all in stride.

His ear for music was a gift
he shared with one and all
and judged the contest fair and square
he always had a ball.

He'll be missed by all who knew
thie
this gentle, loving man
and they'll remember him the best.
when they strike up the band.

He'll accompany angels now
for music is his fame.
he was a note upon our wind,
Lee Eddy was his name.

by: Ginger Calderon (daughter of Vi and Bud Brown)

OLDTIME AND TEXAS FIDDLELING Place: Old World Deli, 341 SW 2nd St., Corvallis (just south of downtown Post Office). Time: Approximately 7-10 PM every Saturday. All comers--fiddlers and stringed-instrument back up (Connie-752-6315)

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'93 greetings to fiddle friends. *****
All is going well in Branson, MO. Holidays were great as we visited in TX and OK with lots of family.
Tony is doing great. He is almost 6' tall now. He's playing with a show at the Branson Variety Theatre, also other groups here and there. He just won (for the 2nd year) the Jr. World Championship (under 21) and 3rd overall. He got to play for the All American Music Awards show (Country Music Awards--Branson level). Then Jan. 4 he was the weekly winner at a big talent show here. Will come back March 29 for semi-finals. He played Sweet Georgia Brown and Milk Cow Blues--with full band. The crowd loved it. Most competitors are male and female vocalists. The competition is every Monday night Nov. through April--big deal here.
Branson is such an exciting place if you like music. We enjoy all the shows.
Friends, if you ever get to Branson, give us a call. (417) 335-8350.
Sincerely, the "Spatzs" Bill, Winona and Tony