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**NOTES FROM PRESIDENT ZELMA:** THANKS to all the willing helpers who made the 1993 OOTFA CONVENTION a success. The Friday Night Show was a great success. Mark Carmickle did the planning. We had many who attended the convention for the first time. Many of them were impressed with the bond of caring and love in our organization. This is true, and there is a special friendship that we don't get in many groups.

The new officers elected to begin their duties in July are: President, Lew Holt; vice-President Joe LeVine; Sec/Treas, Margaret Teague. Congratulations.

Please keep in mind the fun contest in Lincoln City April 16-18, 1993. This is a contest where it is just plain fun. Then our OOTFA STATE CERTIFIED CONTEST will be in Lebanon May 14-16. More about this contest will be in the May Hoedowner.

Again, my THANKS to all who helped to make the 1993 OOTFA Convention a success.

My words of wisdom for today: LITTLE THINGS CAN OFTEN BE THE BIGGEST THINGS IN SOMEONE'S DAY. Zelma

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DISTRICT 1:

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

Our snow is finally gone. Now we have rain and too much of it, but we will survive, we're a hardy bunch.

We had a good turnout for our March jam. Everyone seemed to enjoy the music and fellowship. Visitors who came to our jam were Doris and Tom Barkley from White City, Gladys and Bud Simmons from Redding. We enjoyed having you. Come back anytime. Take care of your leg, Gladys.

The Senior Center in Klamath Falls will let us use their facilities four times a year. We are hoping by holding our jams in Klamath Falls we might bring out more of an audience.

Musicians, keep in mind the following dates: May 14, 6:00-8:00, Elks Lodge, Western theme, so try to wear something western; August 15, 1:00-5:00, Oklahoma Day Picnic, Wiard Pard, potluck; August 6, 1:00, Western Bank; August 21, 12:00, Moore Park.

Irene Ruddock wants to thank everyone for their prayers and cards. She says she is feeling better.

Clairmont House, April 22, 7:00 PM. Senior birthdays, Merrill Recreation Hall, 2nd Tuesday, 11:00. Plan to have lunch.

Happy Birthday to Dorothy North and Ray Turner, 13th; Ray Lane, 14th.

Don't forget, if you are planning to attend the Diamond Lake campout July 30, 31, August 1, you will have to have your reservations in by April 1. Call Faye Patterson at 798-5973. Cost per night with Golden Age Card \$3.50; without card, \$7.50. Paid in full. Isom needs to know the length of your rig so he can reserve a suitable space for you. Looks like a good crowd will be helping the music, food and beautiful surroundings. Come join the fun.

Our April jam will be on the 11th at the Merrill Rec Hall at 1:00 sharp. Potluck, bring your own table service.

Stay well and take care. Happy Easter.

Jo Harris, Reporter

DISTRICT 2:

CHAIRMAN-Dan Emert; CO-CHAIRMAN-; SEC/TREAS-

Well, hello again from the East Side! We had a great jam on the 12th at the Salvation Army Building with around 70 in attendance. Most of the performers were locals with the exception of Tom Jansen (dobro) from Brownsville and John and Bethel Croghan (fiddle and piano) from Elgin. John and Bethel are the parents of Jan Post, who allows us to utilize her personal sound system--we thank you, Jan. In a surprise moment the Croghans presented Holly Johnson with a fiddle that was given to them by the family of a young woman who was killed in a car accident several months ago. The Croghans were instructed to give the instrument to a deserving youngster, so congratulations to Holly, and Thank You to the Croghans.

Our next jam will be April 9 at the Salvation Army Building at 7:00 PM. See you there.

Dan Emert reporting

DISTRICT 4:

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

New officers for District 4 will be: Zelma Foote, Chairman; Ray Hanson, co-Chairman; Pauline Winslow, Sec/Treas; with Doris Barkley in charge of the culinary department, Ethel Holstin, reporter; Mildred Kelsey, advertising; and Tom Barkley, sound. Our March 7th jam at Talent was like "coming home." We had a large turnout, with many members who had been too long absent. To name a few: Martha Warwick and son, Billy, and family; Tommy and Joyce Grissom; Cliff and Dottie Cooper; Ralph Byers; Zee Blakeslee; Van Southwood; Bob Hinch and Freda. Our guests were special, too: Wally Bloom, Dawn Meldrim and Barbara Garcia, District 6; and the five "music makers" from northern California. Also, Channel 10 News and TV did some recording. Our young people from Williams--Andrea, Caroline and Joe Greisel--are coming right along with their fiddling. Welcome,

one and all! Please, keep on coming. Door prizes were won by Jim Winslow, Paula Parren, Cliff Cooper and Don Lindsey. Paula Pasley did a good job as MC.

Four of our members--Don Lindsey, Bud Applegate, Betty Deckard and Tex Looper--played music for two classes of 4th-graders at the Orchard Hill School. The music was well-received and a small donation was given to the organization.

We are planning a Spaghetti Feed for Friday, April 30th, at the Central Point Grange, 436 East pine Street, Central Point. This will be a FUND RAISER for the State Fiddle Contest to be held in Lebanon on May 14-15. Doors open at 3:00 PM for early jamming. Spaghetti, meatballs, salad, garlic bread and coffee--all you can eat for \$3.00. Pie will be .50 extra. We will serve dinner from 4:00 PM until the food runs out. More jamming, upstairs, after dinner. All plan to come and bring a pie. A work detail, headed by Zelma, will do the rest.

By the time you read this, the Convention will be over and we will have a new slate of officers. Best wishes to all and many Thanks to the out-going officers for a job well done.

All musicians are invited to the Rogue River Rooster Crow on June 26. The Oregon Old Time Fiddlers will be playing from 1-3 PM in the air conditioned senior center at 132 Broadway, Rogue River.

May 1 jam and potluck will be at the senior center in Rogue River. June 7 jam will be on a Sunday at Jerome Prairie. Doors open at 10:30 AM for early jamming, potluck at noon open to the public at 1:00 PM. Same time for both Saturday, May 1 and Sunday, June 7. In case you don't know, Jerome Prairie is near Grants Pass. Take the Coast Highway #199, past the college, turn left on Redwood Avenue. Community Building is in sight.

April 30th, Spaghetti Feed, Central Point Grange, Don't forget!!

Pauline Winslow, Reporter

#### DISTRICT 5:

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

There was just a brief mention last month that Paul Williams passed away. Paul was 83 and was well known across the state for his bass playing and the snap and "Sooie" at the end of a tune. Earlier in his life Paul had been a fiddle player but when he lost part of his left hand in an accident he turned to the bass. He had been a member in District 5 from the beginning and was a hard worker as well as "a friendly guy." We'll all miss him. Frankie wants to pass along her thanks for all of your many, many cards and letters. Each one was appreciated.

This has been a good month here in District 5. Many of us played at our regular nursing home and senior center schedule. This is a great time to learn new tunes, to play the old ones, and to get together. On Saturday the 13th we went to Broadbent to play for the grangers at their spaghetti feed. After we filled ourselves with spaghetti we sat around a circle and played until it was time to start the jam. At 6:00 chairman Pat called us to the stage where we took turns playing for a very appreciative audience. We counted over 100 people in the audience at one time. The people in the community look forward each year for the "fiddlers." After it was over we were discussing that we thought it was the best show that we had put on for a long time. We appreciate the good turn out. Bud Richardson and Louise Trimble came over from district 10. Walter and Bessie Hari from Salem were there. We wish that you could have been there, too. This is written before the convention but I will bet a penny that we had a good time in Roseburg. Sure glad to see all of you.

Now we look forward to the spring months. On April 10th we will gather at the grange hall in Winchester Bay for a potluck at 12:00 and for a jam at 1:00. We are going to dedicate this afternoon to Paul Williams. We hope that you will join us for the afternoon. We will have our regular nursing home and senior center schedule for April. May will be a busy month. On May 8th we will be at the Senior Center in Coos Bay for an evening dance. On the 23rd we will be at the McKinley Grange for Chili and cornbread at 2:00 and an afternoon of fiddle music. This is half way to District 10 so we hope to see a lot of you people over that afternoon. On the 29th we will be at the VFW Hall at 1:00 in Brookings for the Azalea Festival. Please mark your calendar for all of these events. And don't hesitate to ask for directions to McKinley and the other places.

Lew Holt, Reporter

DISTRICT 6:

CHAIRMAN-Joy Halliwell; CO-CHAIRMAN-John Davis; SECRETARY-Ray Mitchell;  
TREASURER-Vivian Steele

NEXT JAM April 4 at Willamalane Senior Center, Springfield, OR. POTLUCK at noon. Bring hotdish and salad or dessert. Please have ready to serve. Be sure to bring your own table service. HELP is needed to set up table and also in the kitchen. Doors open 10 AM. We wish to thank all who have been so faithful to help in the kitchen and with setting up tables, etc.

Allison Roberts wishes to thank all who donated cards for rest homes and also those who are helping send cards to the less fortunate.

MUSICIANS needed in Lebanon, Sweet Home and Albany to help play at nursing homes and other functions. CONTACT CHUCK BRUNEAU, 367-4635, Sweet Home.

NEW MEMBERS: Gerald (Jerry) and Claire Brown, Jefferson, OR; Marie Locks, of Eugene; George and Lynn Anderson, of Eugene; John Stauffer, Lebanon; Frank and Freda Chandler, Eugene; Ray Hogan, Coburg; Dick and Laura Gentry, Eugene.

ON OUR SICK LIST: John Gunn has been in the hospital. We wish him well.

SYMPATHY TO: Grace Fox on the death of her husband, Purl Fox, March 3; John and Wanda Davis upon the death of John's brother, March 5.

FROM JOHN DAVIS: "I wish to thank all my true and dear friends who gave comfort and support for the loss of my brother. It is such a comfort to know you are there when I need you."

1993-1994 officers: CHAIRMAN-Mark Carmickle; CO-CHAIRMAN-Stan Gonshorowski; SEC/TREAS, Ray Mitchell; CO-SEC/TREAS; Vivian Steele.

COBURG GRANGE is having jams and dancing the second Saturday of the month. All musicians and families as well as dancers and listeners welcome.

1993 ROSTERS, \$1.25, ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT JAM SESSIONS.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Barbara Garcia, 13th; Wally Bloom, 5th; Bob Kaiser, 20th; DeeDee Kaiser, 22nd; Adam Johnson, 5th; Sherry Dobson, 18th; Diane Nydam, 24th; Louie Costa, 30th; Donna Peckham, 16th.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO: Ed and Rosalie Russell, 4/24/63; Andy and Neva Menkins 4/27; Don and Anna Skaife, 4/17; Arlo and Louise Hamilton 4/13, 46 years.

VERY TRUE: Things that never happen worry us the most.

Addie Gonshorowski, Reporter  
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DISTRICT 7:

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

Our next jam will be April 4 at the senior center in Canby. The address is 1250 Ivy St. As you come into town on 99E, the first light will be Ivy St. Turn left, go approximately one mile, the center will be on the left. If you are coming from the south, Ivy should be the 2nd or 3rd light, turn right and it will still be about a mile to the center, which will be on the left. The doors will open at 11 AM, potluck at noon and jam 1 to 4.

We are going to have a pie sale at the Canby jam. We would like for the ladies to bring one or two of their prize-winning pies and for everyone else to bring a big appetite. If you are on a diet, bring a hungry friend or neighbor. All the money will go to the State Contest.

We are still working on our float for the Starlite Parade. Jonathan Summers has offered us the use of a flatbed trailer which we will decorate. When we find out if we are accepted, we will still need help to put it together.

Speaking of Jonathan, he has requested some fiddlers to play for an hour and a half or two at the Springwater Grange on April 3. Jonathan is a long-time member and is always willing to help where he can. It would be nice if we could get 6 or 8 people to come out and help Johnny. The address is 24591 Springwater Road.

Playing slacked off this last month, must have been a bad month for pioneers. I do have some long-range plans that should bring us up to scratch again.

Ida Mae Norby, one of our good friends from Vancouver, had a heart attack recently and is now home from the hospital recuperating. Dorothy Bloomquist has not been up to full power lately and is contemplating some repair work. Josie

Jacklin is still recovering from her recent illness and is picking up more steam every day, Forrest is not showing much wear yet.

Our jam at Sandy turned out to be a real rip-snorter. With help from Chad Terrusa and also extensive publicity from the folks at the center we had a standing room only audience that stayed to the last note then helped us pick up the hall and put everything away.

Not much else happening here, so we will see some of you at Canby, some at Springwater and the rest at Lincoln City. Keep fiddlin' and smilin'.

Red Arnold, Reporter

DISTRICT 8:

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

This will be a short report, as we have our jam after this report has been submitted.

Wasn't the Convention great?! The Show Friday night was fantastic.

The newly-elected state officers are: President, Lew Holt; Vice President, Joe LeVine; Sec/Treas, Margaret Teague.

Our April jam will be the 25th at the Willamina VFW Hall, scheduled as usual with jam/potluck at noon and fiddle show at 1:00.

Get well wishes to all on the sick list.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all for April.

Joyce Crump, Reporter

DISTRICT 9:

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

Greetings. Sure was good to see old friends and meet new ones, too, at the State Convention. Such nice weather was a welcome change as well. Six District 9 folks made the journey. Margaret Teague was rewarded by being elected the state secretary. Congratulations, Margaret!

At the local elections held at the March jam officers were elected as follows: Janet Burgess, Chairman; Julia Milleson, co-Chairman; and Darlene Austin, Sec/Treas. The changing of the guard will take place July 1.

Because of conflicts with holidays in April and May, District 9 will be breaking early for the summer. No formal jams are scheduled until September.

On the calendar are several Burns-area events. April 13 and 14 the Hines Grade School has asked for some oldtime fiddling as part of their Oregon Trail Program. April 25 we'll be playing a gospel hour at the Faith Baptist Church from 6-7 PM. The "Directions to the Past" cultural event will also enjoy a few tunes on April 29.

The High Desert Fiddlers of Harney County are once again sponsoring an oldtime country music jamboree June 18, 19. This year's jamboree will be held at the Desert Theatre in Burns. It features a stage, dance floor, and soft chairs. The theatre is located on Main Street. RV parking will be available. Fiddlers and accompanists are invited to stop in and jam to your hearts' content. Hope to see you there.

Janet Burgess, Reporter

DISTRICT 10:

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

By the time you get this Hoedowner the State Convention will be over for the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers. I hope you had a good time and enjoyed the music, visiting with friends and family and are ready for another year of caring and sharing and learning new things to help make it better each year.

Our March 13 meeting, potluck and jam was at the Fair Oaks Grange Hall east of Sutherlin with a good turnout, 43, for the meeting and election of officers-- Lewis Roy and Carl Dutton were nominated for Chairman, with Lewis Roy winning. Dennis Allen was the only one nominated for co-Chairman, so he will be co-Chairman for another year. Carl Dutton and Etta Powell were nominated for Sec/Treas, with Etta Powell winning, so she will go another year.

Thanks to Wally Bloom and Lloyd and Esther Shriber from District 6, who counted the votes. We are always happy to have folks from other areas attend our get-togethers. Really love to hear Wally play the Canadian songs. Thanks again. Also from District 6 was Dawn Meldrim and Charles Overby.

We also want to thank KPIC TV, KRNR Radio, KRSB Radio and KQEN Radio for their support. KTBR Radio has asked the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers to play at Stewart Park for Easter Egg Hunt April 10 at 11:00 AM, so we need all the musicians and singers to help out who can. Please call Lewis Roy at 679-6305 or Dennis Allen at 673-7845 if you can be there.

The second Wednesday of every month, starting April 14, we will be playing at the Veterans' Hospital in Roseburg, the fourth Thursday at Glide, second Monday at Mercy Care Home. It may be that we will be playing at the Douglas County Fair in Roseburg. More about this later.

Our sympathy to Ed Doolittle family for the loss of his sister, Esther Hoskin, February 27.

Get well wishes go to Hank Modrell--I went to see him and Maxine March 14. He is a little better. Get well wishes also to Gladys Helm, who got home from the hospital recently.

Happy Birthday to everyone who has birthdays this month. Happy Anniversary, too.

Thanks, also, to Wes Curtis, who did a great job on our badges and etc. He and Gayle have sold their place and are going on vacation soon. Hope all goes well for them at the Cowboy Clown Reunion.

Happy Easter to everyone. May God bless you.

Lanora Waggoner, Reporter

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**FROM THE EDITOR:** I have a flyer and registration forms for the Post Falls (ID) NW Regional Fiddle Contest, April 24 and 25. The registration is supposed to be in by April 13. Anyone interested can contact me for the forms and flyer.

Also, third annual White Mountain Old Time Country Music Festival at "The Ranch" July 2-4, 1993. Highway 60, P O Box 450, Vernon, AZ 85940. Call or write me for more information.

### THE FAMILY CIRCUS



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*Ed Keane*

"Daddy will stop singin' if you pretend you're asleep."

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APRIL FIDDLE FESTIVAL, LINCOLN CITY, APRIL 16, 17, 18, 1993

FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 1993: 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 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.

PARKING: There is parking behind the lodge (to the east) for self-contained RV's. Last year we had to plan 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 for everybody.

7:00 FIDDLE CONTEST BEGINS. We have thrown out the rule book as you know the typical 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 points. 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. (Yes, we do have timers.) Tunes that are appropriate for dancing are a must. The 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 17: Building open for jamming. Many people will be attending to listen to our 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 dance instruction Saturday afternoon. Alan Ede has consented to be our instructor. 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 they need not be by district. People may "get up" a band and sign up. This is not designed for an individual but rather for a group of people playing fiddle music together. Time for playing will depend on how many bands we have. This is not a contest but good dance music is appreciated.

SUNDAY, APRIL 18: The 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 their members. They want fiddle music and lots of it. Plan on attending all or a part of the weekend. The facilities are excellent and we enjoy working with the management. This is our fifth year at the 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

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