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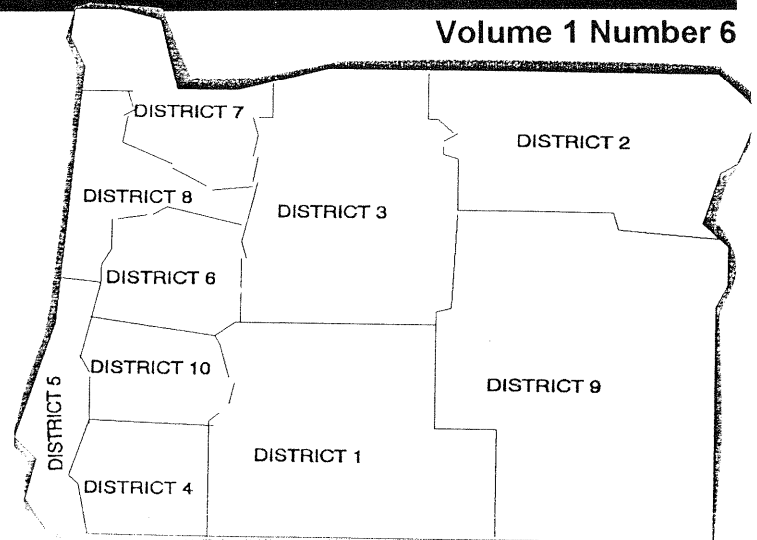
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## Coming Events

October		District
1 - 3	Cranberry Festival	Bandon 5
2	Comm. Ctr Potluck	Rogue River 4
8	VFW	Winston 10
9	Grange Dance	Kellogg 10
9	Elks	Gold Beach 5
10	Senior Center Jam	Bend 3
10	Senior Center	Klamath Falls 1
10	Senior Center	Burns 9
15	Kiger Must. Draw	Burns 9
16	Meeting, Grange	Myrtle Creek 10
17	Jam, Moose Lodge	Lebanon 6
17	Chehalem Sr. Ctr.	Newberg 8
22	VFW	Winston 10
24	Jam Potluck at Park	Estacada 7
30	Grange	McKinley 5
<b>November</b>		
7	Comm. Hall	Talent 4
12	Jam at Senior Ctr.	Bend 3
12	VFW Dance	Winston 10
12	Senior Center	Prineville 3
14	Senior Center	Burns 9
14	Willamalane Sr. Ctr.	Springfield 6
20	Potluck, Jam	N. Umpqua 10
21	Elsie Stuhr Sr. Ctr.	Beaverton 7
26	VFW Dance	Winston 10
<b>December</b>		
4	Grange Hall	Central Point 4
5	Moose Ldg. Xmas Pty	Lebanon 6
10	Dance	Winston 10
12	Jam, Senior Center	Bend 3
12	Senior Center	Gresham 7
12	Senior Center	Burns 9
18	Meeting, Jam Grange	Sutherlin 10
24	VFW Dance	Winston 10



**Lew Sez**

This has been a sad time for District 4 and for all of us. They have lost more than their share of members just recently. Our love and thoughts go out to them.

By the time you receive this issue of the Hoedowner we will have had a state meeting at LaPine. We will have made some decisions that will help us have another good year for the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association. We will start making and sharing plans for the January state quarterly meeting, the state convention, Lincoln City, and the state contest. Thanks to Mark Carmickle and all of those who helped make a great week-end.

If I were to have a platform this year, it would simply be one word, "Participation." Only through participation by many of you members can we have an organization that belongs to the membership and one that functions positively across the state. Cont. Page 5

A Nonprofit Organization Article II: "Purpose - To perpetuate and promote Oldtime Fiddling and Oldtime music. To encourage everyone, especially young people, to play the fiddle and appreciate Oldtime Fiddling and Oldtime Music. To provide regular times and places to meet to play this kind of music."

# DISTRICT GREETINGS

## DISTRICT 1

**Chairman** - Faye Patterson

**Co-Chair** - Irene Ruddock

**Sec/Treas** - Harold North

Sorry about not having our news in the Hoedowner for September. The editor says it must have gotten lost somewhere along the line.

We were busy the months of August and September. Played for the Western Bank Barbecue in Klamath Falls and Malin. The picnic for the American Legion, the Oklahoma picnic was canceled because of rain.

**Bill Noble, Naomi Voss, Lee Welk, Harold and Dorothy North, Irvn Johnson, Jerry and Irene Ruddock, Faye and Isom Patterson, Evelyn and Doug Peterson, Cherrie and Ray Lane, Dick and Jo Harris,** and our friends **Dorene and Dave Winkelman** from Medford, **May and Norman Frock** from Montague, Calif. traveled to Cederville, California for the Cederville Electric Company. We had fun even if they ran out of food when it was time for us to eat.

Welcome to **JoAnna Chrysler** as a new member. She is from Alturas, California. Happy Birthday for September to **Sandy Sandusky** and **Dick Harris**. Hope you had a nice anniversary **Cherri and Ray Lane**.

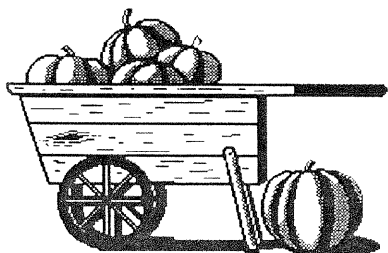
October Birthdays to **Carrie Rarden**, 15th; **Isom Patterson**, 16th. Have a nice day.

Our deepest sympathy to **Don Fleming** on the death of his wife, **Helen**, who passed away Sept. 7th. She learned to play the fiddle when she was 68 years old. She will greatly be missed.

We were all saddened by the deaths of **Walter Foote** and **Pauline Winslow** of District 4. Our dear friend, **Gladys Simmons** lost her son, our sympathies.

Our October meeting will be held on the 10th at 1 p.m. Senior Center 2045 Arthur Street behind the fair grounds in Klamath Falls. Please bring finger foods.

Jo Harris, Reporter



## DISTRICT 3

**Chairman** - Jack Kerr

**Co-Chair** - Ken Jordan

**Sec/Treas** - Billie Kitchens

The September 11 Jam in Redmond was played to a "full house". Only nine musicians showed up but as always they gave a good performance and brought out quite a few dancers from the audience.

Our next jam will be at the Bend Senior center at 5th and Kerney on Sunday, October 10 from 2 until 4:30. By then the fall colors should be at their peak on the passes so come and see us and enjoy the once a year "color show" at the same time.

Special days in October are: The 45th wedding anniversary of **Bob and Earlene Ervin** on the 8th and two birthdays, **Billie Kitchens** on the 11th and **John Klingensmith** on the 27th. We wish you our best and hope you have many more special days to celebrate in the coming years.

Welcome to our newest member of District 3, **Ron Clawson**. It is great the way our membership is growing. The past year has given us some really special new people and we are happy to have all of you.

Peggy Kerr, Reporter



## Notes from the "Rosin Dust"

BMOTFA (otherwise known as Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers) editors **Bethel** and **John Croghan** finally retired after 11 years of service, editing and publishing the *Rosin Dust Newsletter*. This certainly must have been some sort of record. John's health has been poorly the past several months.

The new editor, **Karen Gordon**, will begin her new duties in October. Her address is P.O. Box 492, Union, Oregon 97883. Congratulations Karen, you are a very important member of the team.

# DISTRICT GREETINGS

## DISTRICT 4

**Chairman** - Zelma Foote  
**Co-Chair** - Don Lindsey  
**Sec/Treas** - Doris Barkley

Many times we fail to express our appreciation and love for those that have blessed and inspired us. Two of District 4 OOTF Members left us this month for a better life. We have been saddened with the loss of **Pauline Winslow** and **Ray Hanson**. Pauline had blood poisoning and Ray a heart attack. Both have been very active and worked diligently for the OOTFA at the Local and State levels. It was a great tribute to both families to have the OOTF Members come together in time of need.

Fun by all was had at our September jam. We had visitors from Idaho and Kentucky. **Ray Hanson** was in charge of the PA system and did part of the MC'ing. On this day he enjoyed it to the fullest. Then on Sunday he and a group of OOTF's played for an old fashioned barn raising.

Monthly we are playing at four Nursing Homes and three Senior Centers. This month we play extra at a nursing home in Grants Pass that has arranged a carnival for their patients. Many other jobs come up during each month where we play for fun and sometimes for a few extra dollars. This group is very Community Service minded.

Our reporter was called away to Santa Barbara due to the illness and death of her sister. We will welcome **Ethel Holstin** back. Ethel is an associate member but does a great deal for our group.

Our next jam will be Saturday, October 2, 1993 at the Rogue River Community Center. Come early for the pot luck and enjoy the day. I want to thank Doris and Don for filling in as officers. This kind of cooperation makes it easier for all.

**Chrystal Hanson** and **Jim Winslow** asked me to thank everyone for their thoughtfulness during their time of loss.

Zelma Foote, Reporter Pro-tem



## DISTRICT 5

**Chairman** - Pat Kramer  
**Co-Chair** - Lew Holt  
**Sec/Treas** - Ruth Whaley

Sneaking back into August we want to congratulate **Alice Holt**, **Hanneke Cassel**, **Fred Virtue** and **Al Lewis** for bringing home trophies from the contest at Canyonville. From there quite a few of us went on down to the campout at **Martha Warwick's**. Sure had a good time playing music and seeing everybody.

We began our regular nursing home schedule in September. On the 11th we had a good, good time playing at the County Fair at Langlois (you never heard of Langlois - just 16 miles south of Bandon on Hwy. 101.) They fed us well and really enjoyed having us. The next day was "the best". A large group of us went out to **Ned** and **Val Matthew's** for a barbecue and an afternoon of music. What a great way for District 5 people to get together! We enjoyed the evening of the 15th playing for the dance at the senior center in North Bend.

The 18th was a new experience for us. We were a part of a formal program put on by the Curry Co. Historical Society. We shared the stage with the choir and we took turns playing and singing during the narration of the celebration of the Oregon Trail Pageant. We received many nice comments. Sure want to thank those that turned out to make it a successful afternoon.

The next afternoon we played in the parking lot at the Fun Fair in Coos Bay. Again thanks to all of you that helped out.

Now we are looking forward to a special October. The first week-end is one of your big ones for the year. On Friday evening, the 1st, we will gather at the Ocean Crest Elementary School for an informal song circle. The next morning join us on the float for the parade. As soon as the parade is over we go to the park to play for the barbecue. That evening we go to the grange hall which is just .2 of a mile up Hwy. 42 East towards Coquille. Chairman Pat will call a meeting of District 5 to order at 7:00. After a brief meeting we will have an evening of music. Oh, yes, bring some finger food, too. The next morning we set up the Ocean Crest multipurpose room and at 1:00 we have a District 5 jam. We sure hope that you will be there.

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## DISTRICT GREETINGS

### DISTRICT 6

**Chairman** - Mark Carmickle  
**Co-Chair** - Stan Gonshorowski  
**Sec/Treas** - Ray Mitchell  
**Co-Sec/Treas** - Vivian Steele

Sunday, October 17th Jam session will be a benefit for the Moose Lodge, Lebanon, Or. They will serve a Chicken-Ala-King dinner at 1 p.m. The cost will be \$4.00 per person. There will also, be a bake sale. We are doing the benefit in appreciation for all the support they have given our contest & jams sessions.

September sick list: **Oscar Halverson** has back surgery. **Ken Halliwell** is having health problems. **Margaret Guthary** broke her toe. **Jack Allen** is having health problems. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

We were all saddened by **Frances Orr's** death September 7th. We extend our deep sympathy to Walter and family. Frances was a long time member and a very true and dear friend. She will be missed by all.

Recently **Stan** and **Helen Murrey** were involved in an auto accident. We were shocked to learn that Stan was killed and Helen in intensive care in the hospital. Please remember Helen in your prayers. Our deepest sympathy to Helen and family.

**Dale Dickson's** mother, who lived in California, recently passed away. We wish to express our sympathy to Dale and family. Dale has been one of District 6's sound people for the past year.

The Lane County Fair was a huge success. We wish to thank all our faithful workers that started at 8:30 a.m. setting up chairs and putting up banners and then stayed all day and helped get all the chairs loaded and clean up duties...We also wish to thank our out of district players. **Dennis & Thelma Allen** and **Guy Kinman** District 10... **Bob & Betty McKee** District 5... **Steve Fedorko** District 8.

*County Fair winners:* **Allison Roberts** received 1st on her zucchini cake - **Donna Lake** received third on her quilt - **Marshall Clement** received 4 first place awards in photography...

*State Fair winners:* **Donna Lake** received 1st on her quilt - **Mary Crockett** 3rd on a wedding dress. Congratulations... We are very proud of all of you.

### DISTRICT 7

**Chairman** - Chad Terrusa  
**Co-Chair** - Chuck Gates  
**Sec/Treas** - Myrtle Arnold

The Canby Fair was well attended with 21 fiddlers and 5 back up. The stands were full and the audience seemed to enjoy our program. Fair administration gave positive feed back and we added \$300.00 to our earnings totaling \$1,200.00. Thank you for your support. Also, thank you for playing at Clakamet Park on August 4 & 6.

On August 27, **Red Arnold** underwent triple bypass surgery and came through it like a champ. He was given an early release on the fifth day and returned home. Red's recovery from the actual surgery has been magnificent. On September 11, he was put back into the hospital for an infection but he is doing great and his spirits are high. O.K. Red the vacation is over...GET WELL and GET FIDDLIN!!! **Myrtle** was up the best part of the night getting Red admitted into the hospital and still made it to the King City Jam to help out as usual. Thanks **Myrtle**.

**Eileen Whitler** took 2nd place at Canyonville, Congratulations!

There were 29 performers at the King City Jam and a full audience. Our program got off to a late start and considering the number of performers, I became worried that the performers last on the list would not be able to play due to lack of time. I requested a 3 minute time limit and realized that many performers were unaware that their 2 tunes were exceeding the requested time limit by double. I know this was done unintentionally however please understand it is my responsibility to insure all performers an equal opportunity to play regardless if they are first or last on the jam list. Please check the playing time of your tunes so that in the event this situation occurs we can all comply. My goal is simply to achieve fairness. I WELCOME YOUR IDEAS AND COMMENTS EITHER POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE. Drop me a line at 22641 Berdon Street, Woodland Hills, CA 91367 until October 22nd.

Our next jam is on October 24 at Estacada. There will be a potluck. Take Hwy. 224 to Estacada. Make a right at first traffic light and right again on Clubhouse Road. 200 Clubhouse Road. Whatever you're playing keep playing it, keep fiddlin' and above all GOD BLESS.

Chad Terrusa, Reporter

## DISTRICT GREETINGS

### DISTRICT 8

**Chairman** - Johnny Leigh  
**Co-Chair** - Donna Oldham  
**Sec/Treas** - Ruth Jones

Our next jam will be October 17th in Newberg at the Chehalem Senior Center on 2nd Street. Doors will open at 10 o'clock, potluck at noon, doors open to public at 1 o'clock.

Our August jam was well attended at Willamina. **Donna Oldham** was elected Co-Chairman. Sept. 11th, a group helped **Steve Fedorko** entertain at the Queen of Peace, Catholic Church and school annual barbecue held in Salem. On Sept. 12, there was a good turn out of District 8 fiddlers, as well as those from District 6 who played for the Independence Celebration. **Les Tucker**, from Florida, also helped out. He is a very good oldtime fiddler. We always enjoy both he and his wife **Peggy** when they visit the Crump residence in McMinnville. Also in September, **Vi** and **Charlie Jensen**, **Leonard Maahs**, **Alan Ede**, and **Donna Oldham** were asked to play background music at OMSI in Portland for the hospitality hour sponsored by the OHCA, after which they enjoyed the many interesting displays at OMSI. Several played at rest homes in both Sherdian and McMinnville.

We want to extend our belated sympathy to the family of **Leona Leith** of Salem. She passed away recently. She was a long time member of District 8 OOTFA.

We still have several on our sick list. **Jess Neal** of Salem suffered a stroke. He is home. We all wish him a quick recovery.

**Audrey Cope** is still at the Plantation Rest Home in Salem. We all miss her and hope she'll soon be around again.

**Joy Smith** was again in the hospital, but is home now. She wants to send a special thank you to all the people who remembered her with cards, letters and phone calls. They meant so much to her. She sends her love and thanks to all of you. Let's continue to remember those on our sick list.

Happy Birthday to **Jim Oldham** and **Ernie Lefler** in October. Celebrating wedding anniversaries in October will be **Lew** and **Jean Staniford** and **Norm** and **Jean McGrew**. Congratulations from us all.. we wish you many more.

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### DISTRICT 9

**Chairman** - Janet Burgess  
**Co-Chair** - Julia Milleston  
**Sec/Treas** - Darelen Austin

I'm back. I tried to get fired by missing a couple of reports, but no one has offered to replace me. If anyone wants this job, speak up. I'd be glad to pass the opportunity on. Yes, District 9 is alive and well. We've played at several gatherings this summer including **Allan Braymen's** 60th birthday party (that's my dad!). The Crane Class Reunion (**Budd** and **Evelyn Turner** of District 6 were there). The Paulina Community Center (they would have danced all night). The Frenchglenn pancake breakfast, and others I'm sure I've forgotten. Our float took 3rd place in the Fair parade and we entertained at least an hour each day at the fair.

Coming up are the monthly jams at the Senior Center, starting the 2nd Sunday of each month beginning in October. Potluck is at 1 p.m. and jam from 2 - 4. Bring your friends. We are also scheduled to play at the Kiser Mustang Drawing on October 15th from 4 - 6. They expect a crowd of 1,000 people, so we'll need a good turnout.

**Paula**, **Stacey** and **Monte Reynolds** moved to Branson, Missouri in July. The word is **Stacey** and **Tony Spatz** have been seen fiddling around town including on the Boxcar Willy show.

**Ruel Teague** placed 2nd in the Senior Division at the Canyonville Contest. Way to go, Ruel. I'm sure some of us made it over to the state meeting at LaPine and had a wonderful time.

Later days.

Janet Burgess, Reporter

### Lew Sez cont.

As I read minutes of the past, I see many of the same names year after year. This is not necessarily bad but times change and we need your participation to give us vitality and vigor. Don't wait for us to call on you. Please step forward and let us know that you are willing and able to help. Thanks everybody.

Lew Holt, State President



## DISTRICT GREETINGS

### DISTRICT 10

**Chairman** - Lewis Roy  
**Co-Chair** - Dennis Allen  
**Sec/Treas** - Etta Powell

September started off with 17 members from District 10 and 4 members from District 5 playing for the Elkton Drift Boat Days. We had a very appreciative audience for the 2 1/2 hours we played.

My wife and I were honored when 33 members showed up to celebrate our 47 wedding anniversary with flowers, large decorated cake and ice cream. Goodwill, harmony, and very best wishes reigned. A good time was had by all. It was very heart warming to be surrounded by friends on a special day, thank you very much.

We also played at Winston VFW, the Nebraska Picnic and the Montana Picnic.

**Linda Carver**, our immediate past state secretary/treasurer, became a grandmother twice in the first week of September. Congratulations, Linda. Just to set the record straight, Willamalane Sr. Center is in District 6, not #10 as the Hoedowner calendar stated.

Our October 16th meeting, potluck and jam will be at the Myrtle Creek Grange on Riverside Drive. Take Myrtle Creek exit, go through town traveling south to Riverside Drive, turn left and the grange hall is a short distance on the left side. Meeting 11 a.m. and potluck at noon. Jam 1 - 4 p.m. Public invited.

Our November 20th meeting will be at North Umpqua Grange in Roseburg. Meeting at 11 a.m. potluck at 12 and jam and dancing 1-4 Public invited.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for Sept. were: 8th **Delmer Beck**, birthday; 10th **Leon and Lisa Rosson** anniversary; 30th **Jack & Norma Clarno**, anniversary. I know I miss a lot of birthdays and anniversaries but the list I have is old but I would like to update it, so please write to me and give me the dates of your special dates. My address is Lewis Roy, 739 Speedway Road, Roseburg, OR 97470.

New members are **Dennis and Rebekah Smith**; **Jim and Martha Wolcott**; and **Ronald and Julie McCoy**.

Winners at the Canyonville Contest from District 10 are: **Dennis Allen**, 1st place Accompanist; **Guy Kinman**, 1st place Sr.Sr. Fiddle and (next col.)

### District 10 cont.

**Bill Christian**, 3rd place Sr. Sr. Fiddle. Congratulations from all the members of District 10.

On a more somber note. **Yvonne Jackson** passed away on September 2nd. District 10 send condolences to her husband, Jerri and the rest of the family.

Lewis Roy, Reporter

### District 8 cont.

We also wish **Dave Robinson** a quick recovery. He has been in the Salem hospital.

Don't forget our next jam, October 17th in Newberg. The date of our Thanksgiving jam will be in the November Hoedowner.

Fayth Maahs, Reporter

### MOOSE LODGE BENEFIT

October 17, 1993

Twice each year for many years, the Moose Lodge in Lebanon, Oregon has been providing a free meal for up to 250 Senior Citizens and the Fiddlers and spouses. We have enjoyed their hospitality, even taking up collections to help with our expenses.

It is OUR TURN to do something in return. We have scheduled a benefit to assist with the expense of this worthwhile community service. The date is Sunday, October 17th, 1993. Doors will open as usual at 10 a.m. and dinner will be served at 1 p.m. For this event we and all others will pay for our meals. The menu will be chicken ala-king for \$4.00. This will be our THANK YOU to the Moose for their support of the Fiddlers over the years. OOTFA members from all districts are invited.



# From Your Editor



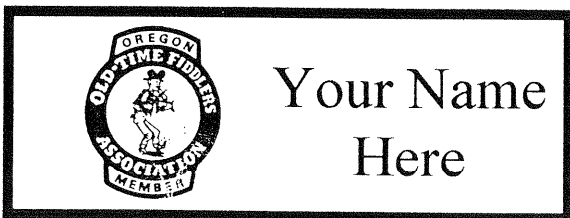
Reporters: I need your news by the 18th. It seems that it just gets drawn out a little more....each month. Or, I don't receive it at all. Oh well, I make my publisher a bit happier if she receives it in a timely manner.

Recently, I put some "The Question is: What or Who started you playing music and on which instrument?" This started in District 6, but it wasn't meant to be exclusive. Lets hear from the rest of the districts. Make this "your homework for next month"!!! This is your chance to tell your story and we'd like to hear it. Just give us a chance to know you a bit better.

Something else that would be good is: "I remember \_\_\_\_\_" A story about one of those precious saints that have passed on. I'm sure you've got some good stories to share.

I was asked to share a bit about myself. Well, I'm a native Oregonian, born in Portland. I was raised up in the toolies just beyond Springfield called Fall Creek. I raised my children on the Mohawk, again near Springfield. But then there was a calling from up North. We moved to British Columbia. There, 3/4 of my kids graduated from High School. Then I came home again to take care of my parents, who died later with complications of Alzheimers, both close together. Then, I had an empty nest! So that is where the fiddling came in. I had attended a family reunion at Hermiston, Oregon. My cousins were fiddlin', I could hardly stand it. That was what I wanted to do. By golly, the next year I was playing with them. I had found a class at LCC led by Stan Gonshorowski and that was that. I attributed my sanity to my fiddle and fiddling friends. Thanks a lot, all of you.  
A. Joy

P.S. about the time I was getting this ready to mail, the earthquake happened in Klamath Falls. Sure hope our District 1 people are all in tact. It must have been a terrible experience for you.



Your Name  
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These name tags are yellow with blue trim with the OOTFA emblem and district number. The price is \$6.50 each, with an extra .50¢ if you want it mailed. Please send a check to Helen Tracy, made out to her.

151 Lindner Lane, Eugene, OR 97404  
(503) 688-4085

## District 5 cont.

The rest of the month we follow our regular nursing home and senior center schedule but on the 30th we go to the grange hall at McKinnley for ice-cream and pie (or something like that). The rest of the evening will be fiddling. You can get to McKinnley by going out the road to Fairview (at Coquille) to the four corners and turn right and go over the hill. Or you can take the golf course road between Coquille and Myrtle Point and go east. Or, yet, you can take the road that turns east across from Safeway in Myrtle Point and wind your way out that way. (Give us a call if you are confused.) They like us out there and we would like to have you there, too.

Lew Holt, Reporter

## District 6 cont.

October birthdays: **Lucille Childers** 10/6 - **Ed Russell** 10/2 - **Josephine Wagner** 10/31 - **Ila May Carmickle** 10/8 - **Ruth Loring** 10/26 - **Don Loring** 10/30 - **Paige Kinley** 10/23 - **Charlie Pruitt** 10/2 - **Judy Clement** 10/16 - **Jamie Peckham** 10/13 - **Freda Chandler** 10/12 - Be-lated birthday wishes to **Walt Benson** September 26 and **Velma Overbye** September 8th.

Anniversaries: **John & Vivian Steele** 10/16 - **Donna & Russ Peckham** 10/13

**Ed Russell** - Security-Linn County Night-watchers C.B. Club and Security - Old Time Fiddlers Contest - Lebanon, had a total right hip replacement. He's doing great.

**Chuck Bruneau** is doing really well after a slight stroke a while back.

**Very True:** If we had as many ideas during the day as we do when we can not sleep at night, we'd all make a fortune.

Addie Gonshorowski, Reporter

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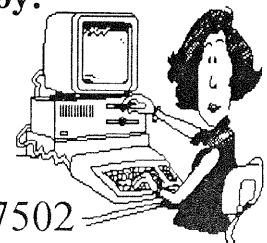
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# TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN OOTFA

Annual dues are not \$15.00 per household and run January 1st to December 31st. Members voted at the 1993 annual meeting to raise dues.

**LIFE MEMBERS**, remember that you need to pay \$15.00 to get the Hoedowner.

Please fill in and pay your District Secretary-Treasurer or send to:  
**Membership Chairman, Joe LeVine**  
**P.O. Box 332**  
**Rogue River, OR 97537**

Make checks payable to OOTFA.

New: \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal: \_\_\_\_\_ District No. \_\_\_\_\_

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## Silent Fiddlers

### Pauline Winslow

Mrs. Winslow, 75, of Medford, died Sunday (Aug. 29, 1993).

Memorial contributions may be made to the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association Scholarship Fund, 535 N. Fifth St., Central Point, OR 97502.

She was born Pauline Whitmore on August 14, 1917 in Port Angeles, Wash.

In September 1947, she married James Winslow, who survives. They moved to the Rogue Valley in 1952, where Mrs. Winslow worked for the Oregon Timber Association and Roxy Radio.

She was a American Red Cross volunteer. Mrs. Winslow was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Order of Eastern Star, and Medford Sojourners Club, of which she had served as president.

She and her husband were active in the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association.

Survivors, in addition to her husband, include a son, Donald Winslow, Applegate; a daughter, Katy Morton, Medford; and three grandchildren. Three sisters and a brother preceded her in death.

### Ray Hanson

Raymond "Ray" Leon Hanson, 70, of Medford, died Tuesday (Sept. 7, 1993) at Providence Hospital & Medical Center.

A memorial service was held today at the Hope Christian Church in Central Point. Interment will be at Eagle Point National Cemetery.

He was born July 18, 1923 in Hillsdale, Wis.

On June 27, 1948, in Jerome Prairie, he married Chrystal Faye Campbell, who survives.

Mr. Hanson moved to the Rogue Valley from Barron, Wis., in 1946. He worked for J.C. Penney's, Dempster's Furniture, Ray's Guitar Shop, Medco, Sears and the Jackson County Highway Department.

A member of the Old time Fiddlers Association, he played 17 musical instruments. He also enjoyed gardening.

During World War II, he served in the U.S. Navy.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, include two sons, Daniel Ray Hanson and Charles Ivan Hanson, both of Medford; a sister, Alma Shoemaker, Cumberland, Wis.; and three grandchildren. A sister and a brother preceded him in death.



## MYRTLE CREEK CENTENNIAL BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

Sat., Oct. 2nd & Sun., Oct. 3rd  
 Featuring Fiddler RICHARD GREENE, RADIM ZENKL, HIJINKS and 6 Other Bluegrass Bands.

\*\*\*FREE ADMISSION\*\*\*

### ACTIVITIES

- Band Scramble
  - Concerts: 12-8 Sat., 10:30-5 Sun.
  - Bluegrass Gospel Show
  - Jam Sessions
  - Workshops
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Joyce Brisson '91



# Canyonville Contest

We had the most wonderful weather ever for our contest on August 28th. The gymnasium actually stayed cool all day and evening. We had a total of 33 fiddlers which is way down from last year but still enough for a good show with a little more time between preliminary and final contests. We wish we could have had more kids and sure do thank those of you who turned out.

Our thanks to all those who helped. You know who you are and are very much appreciated. The contest could not happen without you.

We are still in a state of shock from the news of the deaths of Pauline Winslow and Ray Hanson. We have depended upon their help for years at the Canyonville Contest. Ray has always helped with the sound and this year took care of it single handedly. Pauline always sold tickets and whatever else we asked of her. The passing of Walter Foote also leaves a gap here in the southern part of the state. He made beautiful music.

Everyone who entered took a trophy home and the top three winners in each division are listed below:

## PEE WEE:

1st - Leslie Bunde

## JUNIOR:

1st - Hanneke Cassel

2nd - Amy Thomas

3rd - Sarah Komyate

## SENIOR-SENIOR:

1st - Guy Kinman

2nd - Bob Kaiser

3rd - Bill Christian

## OPEN:

1st - Shelly Rotz

2nd - Eileen Witler

3rd - Johnny McDonald

## JUNIOR-JUNIOR:

1st - Linh Renken

2nd - Angela Thomas

## SENIOR:

1st - Dorothy Cory

2nd - Ruel Teague

3rd - Willie Carter

## INTERMEDIATE:

1st - Alice Holt

2nd - Bob Hoehne

3rd - Clyde Pugh

## ACCOMPANIST:

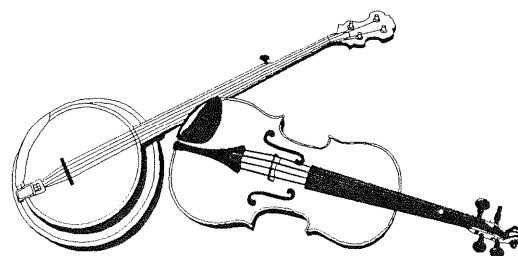
1st - Dennis Allen

2nd - Tommy Grissom

3rd - Bob Huffman

The contest did not do well financially but in every other way it was very successful. The fiddlers were also well received on Friday evening when they performed on stage at Pioneer Park as featured entertainment for the Pioneer Days Celebration.

Gynn and Jim Deaton  
Canyonville, Oregon



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I would like to tell you how much help I have received from Carol Ann Wheeler's "Children's Fiddling Method". My students, who have had some violin experience, easily understand the concepts of accents, slurs, slides and doublestops. Since note readers sometimes have a hard time getting the feel of the music, the tapes help them to hear the written note. It was hard for me to explain how to take a bare bones tune and turn it into a fiddle style, but Carol Ann's book and tape helped me to get these ideas across. Learning the shuffle/ hoe-down bowing is tricky. The earlier a student gets the idea, the easier tunes like "Ragtime Anne" become. Reading and hearing certainly helps with the practice. The little variations that experienced player put into their tunes are explained and put into note form in the book and can be listened to on the tape. This helps show the note reader how it will sound and therefore enables them to learn by ear. I'm also using these ideas with the by ear students. I enjoy watching them progress from just sawing back and forth on the strings into making a real fiddle sounding tune.

## FIDDLE SHORTS



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Sometimes we experience players forget how hard it was to learn some of these simple ideas. Anyone with the basic note reading skills can use this book and help others learn our folk art. The book can also be used to learn how to read music. A great idea when there is so much published music to be found on the market, at garage sales and in the attic. Happy tunes to you,

Carol Lockard

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