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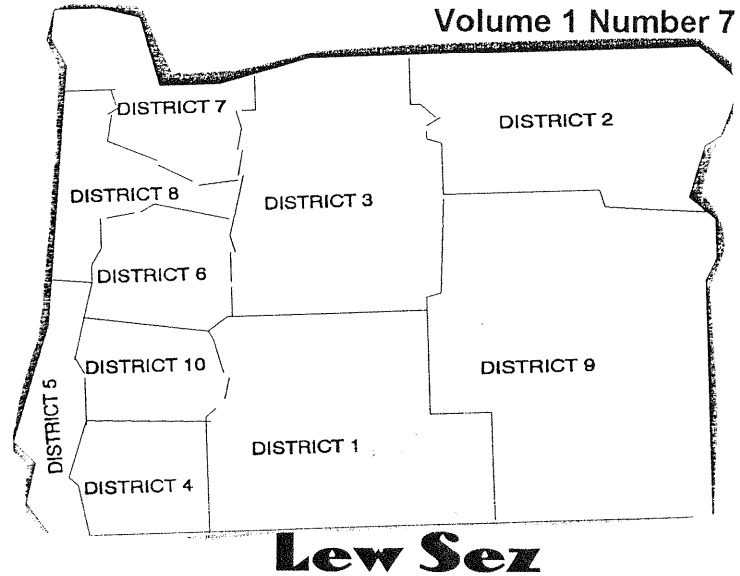
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I want to comment again on the week-end at LaPine and thank those who did so much to make it a well organized and fun week-end. Mark, Jim and Zelma - especially "thanks" to you for all of your work. We had an excellent turn out of district officers or their representatives for the meeting. Our organization is so dependent on your officers (as we are with everybody else, too). As we voted - I have ordered 100 of the round cloth patches that we put on the back of our coats or vests. Many of you have been asking about them. We'll report next month on the money that we raised for flood relief in the mid-west. As I announced at the meeting - our next state meeting is planned for January 8, 1994 in the Eugene area. Details later.

Alice and I will have a new address one of these days. We have bought a house in Salem and will be moving up there when 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

We sure were rocking and rolling the evening of the 20th. Never thought of earthquakes in this area. Lots of damage to homes and buildings in the down town area. Our court house may have to be torn down. Its something we never want to go through again.

Our October meeting was held at the Senior Center. Had a good crowd and lots of dancers. **Dave** and **Dorene Winkelman** from Medford were our guests.

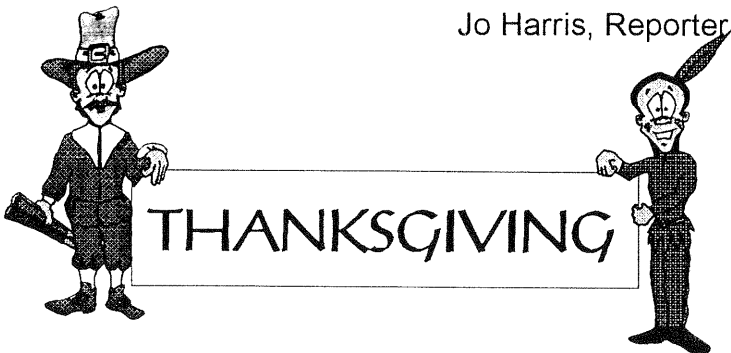
Our musicians went to the fairgrounds on Sept. 29th to greet and play for the Applegate Celebration. Then on Oct. 3rd to the Green Springs Box R Ranch. Also for the travelers of the Applegate Trail. It was a very hot day so the majority decided to play under the trees instead of the stage. We drew a good crowd of listeners. **Paula** and **Merle Pasley** from Rogue River joined us.

Happy November Birthday to **Doug Peterson** on the 17th. Happy 47th Anniversary to **Minda** and **Ray Turner**, the 18th. Our deepest sympathy goes out to **Rosa Lee** and **Homer McLain** on the death of her mother.

John Gard from Nebraska called and wants to say hello to all. Told us he was in the hospital with a stroke. It paralyzed his throat. He is doing fine and on the mend.

November meeting will be on the 14th at the Merrill Recreation Hall in Merrill at 1 p.m. Thanksgiving Pot luck. Bring your own table service.

Jo Harris, Reporter



DISTRICT 3

Chairman - Jack Kerr
Co-Chair - Ken Jordan
Sec/Treas - Billie Kitchens

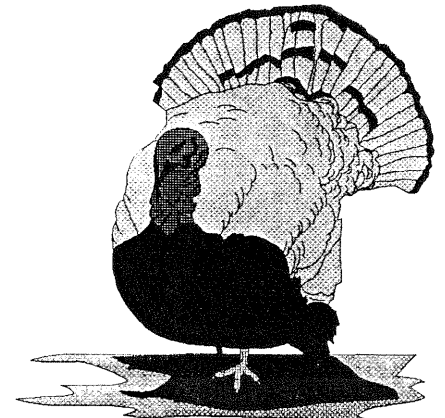
Our Sunday, Oct. 10 Jam was attended by 65 people, including 17 musicians. Following the Jam, a meeting was held to discuss the dates and locations of the Jams for 1994. All will be held the second Sunday of each month from 1:30 - 4:30 at the Bend Senior Center.

We were happy to have **Bernice Hanson** with us and our newest members from Chemult, **Jess** and **Rhea Powell**, **Jim Lancaster** and family, and **Dave Rice** and daughter **Amy**. **Jess**, **Jim** and **Dave** joined the other musicians on stage. Also present were visitors from Mira Monte, California; Port Angeles, Wa. Salem, and various central Oregon Communities.

Our next Jam will be held on Saturday, Nov. 13 at the Prineville Senior Center, 1880 North Belknap, from 1:30 - 4:30. Coming into Prineville from the west, turn right on Main Street (2nd light) turn left at the end of the first block (Second Street) and the Senior Center is on the right at the end of the block.

Happy November Birthdays to **Verna Walters** on the 8th, **Bernice Hanson** on the 27th, **Ches Fullerton** and **LeRoy Sims** on the 29th. Anniversary congratulations to **Ferril** and **John Klingensmith**, 51 years on the 9th, **Frances** and **Bill Dalton**, 10 years on the 14th, **Al** and **Ilamae Zehner**, 43 years on the 26th.

Peggy Kerr, Reporter



DISTRICT GREETINGS

DISTRICT 4

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

We had a real good meeting, potluck and jam October 2nd at Rogue River in the Multi-Center Annex. There is a lot more dance floor and chairs now.

Everyone enjoyed a couple of our new young members from the **Chase** family. **Jennifer** 15 and **Daniel** 11. People actually quieted down and listened like they really should for all the performers. Our out of town guests were **Mark** and **Ila May Carmikle** from Eugene. We hope they will come visit soon again.

Just a couple of days after our jam, **Maxine Modrell** called and asked if I would let everyone know that **Hank** had passed away and the services were Oct. 6th.

When I returned from California there were two interesting post cards in my mail from **Leonard Corbin** who was visiting in Alaska. He had driven up the Alcan Hwy. by himself. His second card said he had gone 2800 miles so far. He was really have a ball sightseeing and being fed caribou, moose and salmon. Says he is going back next year.

Paul and Merle Pasley, Don and Kathy Luker, A.J. and Donna Frazier, Ralph Byers, Zee Blakeslee and Jennifer and Daniel Chase played for a special at the Regency Care Center in Grants Pass last month.

This month the Josephine County Manzanita Elementary school asked for a group to play. The entire student body attended. **Bud Applegate** and the **Chase** children were the fiddlers. **Tom Barkley, Mona Givens, Betty Deckard, Mary and Frank Armstrong, Letha Kopsas, Don and Kathy Luker** rounded out the group.

Oct. 7th **Don Lindsey, Letha Kopsas, Jennifer, Daniel, Pick Lydic, Kathy & Don Luker, and Tom Barkley** played for the Applegate Wagon Train at Pottsville. A large crowd was present.

The weather was beautiful for the OOTFA State Quarterly meeting held at Thousand Trails Resort between LaPine and Bend. Music and eating, with time out for one meeting that took about

DISTRICT 5

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

The Cranberry Festival in Bandon the first week-end in October can be best described as a "fun filled week end". Friday night we sat in a circle in the school and played. Saturday morning we were in the parade and then went to the park to play all afternoon at the barbecue. That evening we were at the grange hall for a meeting and more music. Sunday afternoon we had our "Cranberry Jam". We appreciate all of you for coming from all over to help us out.

On the 9th, we went to Gold Beach to play for the Elks. They fed us an excellent meal of barbecued ribs. We played for about four hours and really had a good time. There were many nice comments from the audience.

Congratulations to **Hanneke Cassel** for taking second place in her age group at the National Scottish Fiddling Championship in New Hampshire recently. Hanneke is from Port Orford. We are proud of our "teen-age" fiddler here in District 5.

About the time you get your Hoedowner we will be playing at the McKinley Grange out of Myrtle Point. Looking into November - we will be having a Thanksgiving dinner and music on Nov. 13th at the Dew Valley Community Building south of Bandon. It is right on the highway -- just past the jelly stand. You can't miss it. We'll eat at 12:00 and when the tables are cleared, we'll start the music. District 5 will furnish the turkey, so if you will bring the rest, we'll have a feast.

We'll be having our regular nursing home and senior center schedule in November as we had in October.

Reporter, Lew Holt



DISTRICT GREETINGS

DISTRICT 6

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

Sunday, November 14 Jam session will be at Willamalane Senior Center in Springfield. Thanksgiving Potluck at 11:45 a.m. Bring Hotdish and Salad or Dessert. Please have all pies, cakes, etc. cut and ready to serve. Turkey and ham will be furnished. Be sure and bring your own table service including cups and napkins. We now have enough serving utensils, so you need not bring any. Contact **Joy Halliwell** if you can help in the kitchen. Doors Open at 10 a.m.

Jay Sykes suffered a fall. We wish him well. **Althea Delp** had surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Our deepest sympathy to **Marge** and **Jay Sykes**. Marge's brother passed away last month.

Walter Orr and family would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards and condolences in the home when **Frances** passed away. The fiddle music provided at her service was appreciated by her family and friends. Money in Frances' name was given to the scholarship fund for the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association Workshop.

New Members are **Cromwell** and **Esther Mansell**. We welcome them.

Congratulations to **Sheri** and **Bob Puckett** of Corvallis on the birth of their beautiful baby boy born September 23. Proud grandparents are **Donna** and **Gary Lake**.

Birthdays for November are **Roy Delp**, 19; **Vivian Steele**, 7; **Pearl Raymond**, 6; **Ray Mitchell**, 22; **Barbara Gunn**, 8; **Jay Sykes**, 29; **Sheryl Kinley**, 20; **John Madson**, 1; **Helen Murrey**, 19; **Renee Prickett**, 17; **Kayne Prickett**, 28; **Pem Winquist**, 10, and **Dorothy Wimmer**, 30. We wish them all Happy Birthday.

Happy Anniversary to **Ken** and **Joy Halliwell**, 24 and **Cal** and **Ruth Montgomery**, 14.

Very True: Admitting you're wrong is like saying you are wiser today than you were yesterday.

Reporter, Addie Gonshorowski

DISTRICT 7

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

I would like to thank all the SENIOR FIDDLERS who came out to play at the Portland Zoo on September 14th. Thanks for your support.

Thank you, **Chuck Gates**, for filling in during my absence.

Our next jam will be at Elsie Stuhr Adult Center in Beaverton on November 21, 1993. **IMPORTANT**: There will be a district meeting at 11:30 a.m. to discuss our Christmas Potluck and any business you feel is pertinent. We will have a potluck following this meeting. I encourage all members to attend the meeting. The Center is located at 5550 SW Hall. From the 217 take Denny off-ramp west to Hall then go north to the Center at 12th street on right.

Remember whatever you are playing - keep playing it - Keep fiddlin' and above all God Bless.

Chad Terrusa, Reporter

District 4 cont.

an hour and a half. State Vice-President **Joe LeVine** and **Odetta**, District 4 Chairman **Zelma Foote**, **Mona Given**, **Dave** and **Dorene Winkelman**, **Jim Winslow**, **Letha Fry**, **Mildred Kelsey**, and myself were from Dist. 4. **Crystal Hanson** has gone on a trip with her brother to Colorado to visit family and friends.

A later word from **Maxine**, she wanted to thank everyone for the kind words and phone calls, love and kindness that was shown to **Hank** and myself during the time of his illness. It really meant a lot to us. I plan on staying here in Canyonville. Love to everyone.

Next regular Jam is Sunday Nov. 7, Talent Community Hall about 10:30. Jam, Meeting, Potluck. Bring your table service (please mark your items) and all the good food that you always do.

Reporter, Ethel Holstin

DISTRICT GREETINGS

DISTRICT 8

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

Our Thanksgiving Jam will be held Nov. 21st at the Legion Hall in Willamina. Our September jam at the McMinnville Grange Hall was well attended. We want to thank the players from District 6. Outside help is always appreciated.

October 9th, **Allen Smith** and a group played for a 75th birthday party for **Alta Sutherlin** of Willamina. It was held at the Legion Hall in Sheridan. October 13th **Don Wood** and a group played for the Millwood Retirement Center in Albany.

Several played for the rest homes in both Sheridan and McMinnville this past month.

We want to extend our sympathy to the family of **Jesse Neal** of Salem. He passed away on Nov. 11. We will all miss his accordion playing. He was also a very good trombone player. He helped with the music at the Salem Senior Center. He will be missed there also.

Robert Terry had back surgery Oct. 15, He is doing real well and will go home from the hospital Oct. 18.

We are happy to report that **Joy Smith** of **Sheridan** and **Audrey Cope** at the Plantation Rest home in Salem are both improving. **Virgie Allen** is also improving after having pneumonia.

Birthdays in November are: **Betty Dunn, Charlie Jensen, Don Simons, Lewis Standiford, Chuck Williams, and Eddie Riche.** Congratulations from us all. A former member of District 8, **Joey McKenzie** will also celebrate his 30th birthday this month. He now lives in Burleson, Texas and plays with the Ranch Land Ramblers. Along with his many other awards, he is also a National Fiddle Champion. We all wish many more Happy Wedding Anniversaries to **Marvin & Lorane Chase** and **Richard & Esther Anderson.** They are celebrating this month.

Hope to see you all at our Thanksgiving Jam and potluck. The district will serve the following: ham, turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and rolls. Please bring desserts, salads and your table service. Hall open to the public at 1 p.m.

Our Christmas Jam will be Dec. 19th at the McMinnville Grange Hall. More Information will be in my next report. **Faythe Maahs, Reporter.**

DISTRICT 10

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

Greetings from District 10 and by the time you read this, we will have played at KRNR, our friendly Radio Station on two different occasions, promoting the activities of District 10. This radio station and the Personnel running it are 100% behind the OOTFA organization and will promote all the activities of OOTFA. We are scheduled to be on the air every 2nd Thursday of every month for 15 minutes at 3:30 p.m. If any district wishes to advertise some activities, please get this info into me before this date. Also, if any district wishes to send 1 fiddler and 1 guitarist down to promote their activities, feel free to do so. I just ask to let me know at least 2 weeks in advance so I don't have 2 groups scheduled. We will have played at the Winston VFW, Kellogg for dances; and the Glide Senior Center. Several members attended the State Meeting at LaPine and the Cranberry Festival at Bandon and had a good time was had at both functions. **Pat, Lew** and other members of District 5 did an excellent job putting together an afternoon program that went smoothly from beginning to when the last note was played at 4 p.m. Thank you District 5.

Our November meeting will be at the North Umqua Grange. Take either exit 124 or 125, go through Roseburg to Diamond Lake Blvd. and Hwy. 138. Go toward Diamond Lake just past the 4 mile marker and take the Buckhorn Road and Dixonville turn off, go approximately 1 mile to Dixonville Store, turn right on Dixonville Road about 2 miles to first paved road on left, make left turn and grange is immediately on left. Hope to see everyone there.

On Oct. 10 **Sally Christian** had a birthday and she said she was forty and still counting. I told her that with all the vigor she had, I thought she was in her early thirties. **Opal Rust** celebrated a birthday October 11.

George and Peggy Krohn, Whitey and Donna Kelm celebrated wedding anniversaries.

New members in District 10 are **John** and **Dorothy Whaley** from Myrtle Creek, **Sherry Oliver**

District 10 cont.

from Coos Bay recently got married to **Dennis** and transferred to District 10 from #5 Congratulations; **Clement** and **Sarah Berlier** from Roseburg. We welcome these 3 families to District 10.

On a more somber note, we send our condolences to **Maxine Modrell** and her family. Her husband, **Hank**, passed away October 2 and to **Marie Gate**, her mother passed away on October 2nd.

Lewis Roy, Reporter

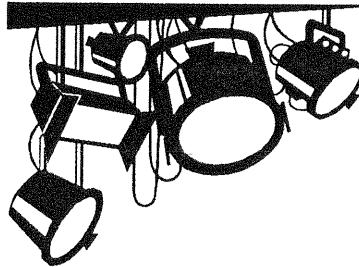


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our house sells in North Bend. The decision to move was easy to make but leaving District 5 is certainly not easy. Some of the best people imaginable have been an important part of our lives since we first joined in 1979 when we hadn't started playing fiddle music. They have been good friends, encouraged us with our music, and have contributed many hours of enjoyment. Also, if I haven't answered your letters as quickly as I should, I hope that you'll realize that we are kind of busy right now.

Happy Fiddling,

Lew Holt, State President



Personality Spotlight

WAYNE HOLMES STORY

My dad's family came from what they call "The Sand Hill Country" of Northwestern Nebraska. Granddad Holmes settled in Walterville, Oregon and soon after that my dad moved to Eugene, where I was born and grew up. Dad's younger brother Isaac, who everyone called "Ike", of course, taught me a few tunes on the fiddle when I was 8 years old. Why he picked on me, I don't remember, but he did. After a few weeks I could play the 7 or 8 tunes he knew, as well as he could. He had mixed feelings about that. On the one hand he felt a bit peeved because an 8 year old kid could pick the tunes up so fast, and on the other he was proud that I could play fairly well after such a short time. After playing for five years by ear, my mother decided that she wanted me to learn to play the violin, so she took in washing for the teaching, because money was scarce in those days, in the early 1930's. So I learned to read music and from then on played first violin in school orchestras.

In 1968, I attended a fiddle contest in Cottage Grove, Oregon, which they used to have in connection with Bohemia Mining Days, got interested in fiddling, joined the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association, and have been active in it ever since. I will say that there seems to be something about this oldtime music that attracts the best people in the world, because I have met so many hundreds of them in the last 25 years.

Wayne Holmes.

YOUR STORY IS UNIQUE AND WE'D LIKE TO HEAR IT.

It will give us more of a chance to get to know you. Send your stories to A. Joy Halliwell, P.O. Box 895, Springfield, OR 97477.

Notes From Your Editor

I'll just have to agree with **Wayne Holmes** and the rest of you that the OOTFA members are the greatest in the world. It is a pleasure to serve you.

I was sorry to have missed the State Meeting at LaPine. But I heard some very good reports. I even heard that it was better than convention in Roseburg. Now that has to be pretty fantastic. Also heard that it will happen again next year.

You reporters were certainly punctual this time. All the reports were here before I was ready to work on the Hoedowner. I was very pleased.

I see on the calendar that the next State Quarterly Meeting will be held at the Willamalane Senior Center in Springfield. Being that this is on 'home turf', I will be there and very involved.

OOTFA State Convention is less than 6 months away. All of you keep in mind who you would like to have for state officers. I know that a lot of you don't feel qualified, or are working, or what ever, but there is a few that would do a crack-up job. Make your selves known what you can do to serve your friends in the OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLERS.



God Bless and Love you all.
A. Joy



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.

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PROJECT CARE BENEFIT ON NOVEMBER 6

For the second year in a row, **District 6 OOTFA** and "**The Traceys**" will provide music and dancing for the annual Harvest Hoedown of *Project Care*. *Project Care* is a nonprofit, interfaith volunteer caregiving group that provided over 10,000 hours of service to 2500 people in need and in crisis this past year. Their volunteers covered over 20,000 miles while assisting their clients.

Through **Jim Lockard**, a Board member of *Project Care*, the Fiddlers heard about this hard-working group of volunteers and agreed to assist them in their fundraising efforts. This year's event will feature selected Fiddlers, who will start off the evening at 8 p.m. The **Traceys** will come on at 9:00 pm followed by a second set with the Fiddlers at 10:45 pm. Jim will offer free dance lessons throughout the evening. Doors will close at midnight.

There will be a **Pre-selected** group of fiddlers playing for this event, but we still encourage you to buy a ticket in support of *Project Care* and come encourage those Fiddlers who are playing. Tickets are on sale at the Red Lion Inn, Coburg Road (where the event will be held). Springfield Flower Shop and St. Peter's Catholic Church. The admission price of \$12.50 per person, \$20 per couple, and \$5 for children under 12 covers the night of music, "hearty" hors d'oeuvres, free dance instruction and a variety of door prizes from local area businesses. (No host bar will be available.) For further information, contact Jim or *Project Care* at 343-8027.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

I would like to praise you for placing the ad in our *HOEDOWNER* for the name tags. The response has been great and may I remind our members that the holidays are approaching and our OOTFA name tags make an excellent gift as well as prizes for drawings at District level. Place your orders now. Helen B. Tracy, Name Tag Chairman.

To the Editor:

Maxine and the family of "**Hank**" **Modrell** of District 10 wants to thank everyone who came to the funeral, sent flowers, cards, food, made phone calls, and visits, especially **Linda Carver** and **Lanora Waggoner**. We appreciate the thoughtfulness and hope you will call (503)839-6187 and stop in to visit at 235 NE Canyon Street or write. Please keep in touch. We will miss Hank and his singing and guitar playing.

Maxine Modrell, PO Box 638, Canyonville, Oregon 97417

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Dear Friends and Fiddlers:

I'm **Tex Looper** and am sure there are a lot of people that haven't heard that I had cancer. But that's not the reason for this note. But I want to thank the ones that did hear and have responded with cards, telephone calls, and visits. Even had a few drop by and fiddle a few tunes...and the food you wouldn't believe. I have enjoyed it all. But the thing I love the best is to know I belong to an organization that really cares. They come a running when you need them. I had 15 radiation treatments. Last Thursday they had my throat so sore that I have to force food and even liquid down. Dr. said in 2 weeks I'd be better. Please Pray for me. Thanks a lot. Tex

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