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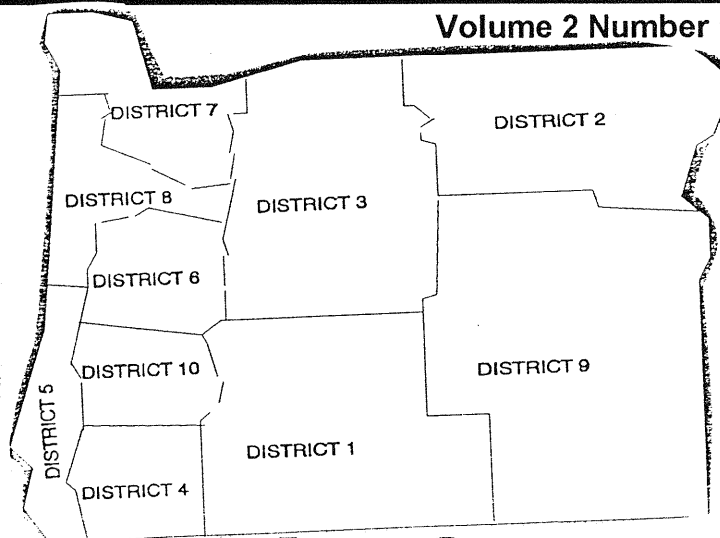
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## Coming Events

January	HAPPY NEW YEAR		
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8	Retirement Home	Garden Valley	10
8	Multi Center Annex	Rogue River	4
9	Senior Center	Bend	3
9	Recreation Hall	Merrill	1
9	State Qtrly Meeting	Springfld OOTFA	
9	Harney Cty Sr. Ctr.	Burns	9
11	Mercy Care	Roseburg	10
13	KRNR Radio	Roseburg	10
14	VFW	Winston	10
15	Senior Center	Coos Bay	5
15	Jam	Hillsboro	7
15	Mtng,potluck,jam	Yoncalla	10
15	Memorial Hall	Lakeview	1E
16	Community Center	Woodburn	8
27	Senior Center	Glide	10
28	VFW	Winston	10
<b>February</b>			
4	Grange, Jam & Dance	Sutherlin	10
5	Grange Hall	Central Point	4
8	Mercy Care	Roseburg	10
10	KRNR Radio	Roseburg	10
11	VFW	Winston	10
12	Senior Center	North Bend	5
12	Grange, Mtg.Potluck	Sutherlin	10
12	Senior Center	Bend	3
13	Jam	Gladstone	7
13	Potluck, jam, Sr. Ctr.	Burns	9
19	Grange, Dance	Kellogg	10
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24	Senior Center	Glide	10
25	VFW	Winston	10
<b>March</b>			
13	Harney Co. Sr. Ctr.	Burns	9
13	Potluck, Jam	Sandy	7
17-18	State Convention	Roseburg OOTFA	



**Lew Sez**

I hope that all of you had the **HAPPIEST OF HOLIDAYS**. Alice and I have made the move to Salem and only go back to North Bend for "fixer upper" things that have to be done. We want to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to the members of District 5 who did and said so many nice things. We love you all. Now we look forward to being members of District 8 (kind of hard to say right now, but we'll get used to it).

Sure excited that our new District 1E is being formed. Happy Fiddling to all our friends in the Lakeview area.

Now it is time for all of us to look forward to the new years. We need to get busy on the state convention (March 17,18 and 19), the state contest and Lincoln City Contest. We'll start all of these at the quarterly meeting in Springfield on January 9th. At that time I will appoint a chairman

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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

It's been very quiet as far as playing music. When the weather gets nasty, everyone seems to hibernate.

We played at the funeral service for our oldest fiddler, **Minnie Springer**, 97 years old. She passed away on Nov 30th at the Greshman Care Center.

We had a lovely Christmas party on the 11th. **Evelyn Peterson** did a fine job of preparing the turkey, etc. Everything was delicious.

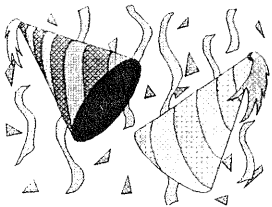
We wanted to stay at the Merrill Recreation Hall for our monthly meetings.

Happy January Birthdays to: **Naomi Voss**, the 3rd; **Al Nelson**, the 5th; **Gary Rarden**, 6th; **Thelma Nelson**, 13th; **Carolyn Rarden**, 20th.

The next meeting will be held January 9th, the second Sunday at the Merrill Recreation Hall in Merrill. Meeting at 1 p.m. Please bring finger foods.

Hope all of you have had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jo Harris, Reporter



Your editor and publisher would like to take this space and apologize for the delay of your Hoedowner this month. Due to the unexpected delay in the mail system the articles didn't arrive in a timely manner which in turn delayed the package being sent to the publisher.

### DISTRICT 1E

**Chairman Pro/Tem** - MaryAnne McLain  
**Sec/ Treasurer Pro/Tem** - Donna Lynch

Hello Everyone. We are the Brand new district 1E, Lakeview. We had our first meeting December 18. **Isom and Faye Patterson** from Merrill, Oregon was kind enough to drive over and give us moral support. Thanks again. We had people from Adel, Plush, New Pine Creek and Lakeview. Several families and quite a few couples joined us. Potluck was served and a short meeting followed. We had 21 listeners and 12 players and singers, (6 guitarists, 8 fiddlers and 1 bass player). **Eric Leffingwell** played an Appalachian dulcimer and sang a few tunes. **Rhay Anna and Lori Nathan, Kelley and Brandy McLain** played fiddles. **Billy McLain** sang along. **RosaLee McLain, Shorty Stone, Charlie Threet, Carla Gannan** all sang a few tunes. **Homer McLain, Faye Patterson, Perry Forga** were on the fiddles. **Clyde Lynch, Isom Patterson, Larry McLain, Charlie Threet, Carla Gannan, Terry McLain, Brandy McLain** were on guitars and **RosaLee McLain** on Bass.

The Next meeting will be January 15 in the Memorial Hall in Lakeview. Potluck at 6:30 followed by a business meeting and jam.

Please feel free to come and visit. Happy New Year.



## DISTRICT GREETINGS

### DISTRICT 3

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

We had approximately 59 people at our December 12 jam with 11 of our regular musicians pickin' and a grinning'. This jam was also our Christmas potluck celebration with a very good turnout for that. We want to thank all of the ladies for their hard work in preparing food, setting up to serve the food and keeping that line going in the right direction.

Our regular reporter, **Peggy Kerr**, with her husband **Jack** are in Arizona at this time so they were not at the jam. We hope they are having a wonderful time and getting a sunburn on their noses.

We want to wish **Marie Nelson** a speedy recovery from her recent surgery and we hope that she is up and around real soon. We really miss her support. We wish to give our sympathy to **Ed Nelson** in the loss of his mother in October, and to **Ken Jordan** in the loss of his father in September. **John Klingensmith** is still on the recovery list and we do wish him a speedy recovery. We also have had several people sick with the flu and we wish them all a speedy recovery, too.

Our January 9th jam is to be held at the Bend Senior Center, 5th and Kearney in Bend, to start 1:30 and go to 4:30. We will be having our jams on the second Sunday of each month at the Bend Senior Center.

January birthdays are: **Al Zehner** the 8th, **Bill Dalton**, the 14th, **Shirley Sims**, the 15th, **Sally Jordan**, the 16th, and **Hazel Flock**, the 31st. Happy Birthday to you all.

We would also like to give **Billie Kitchens** a special thank you for getting together our memberships to send in and keeping all of our records and books so straight. We really appreciate your hard work and monthly recording that you do. **HATS OFF TO BILLIE.**

### DISTRICT 5

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

**HAPPY NEW YEAR:** **Lew and Alice** have moved to their new home in Salem now, gone but certainly not forgotten. We will miss them and look forward to every opportunity to see and make music with them.

December 5th we had a send off gathering for **Lew and Alice**. Good music, great togetherness, and good food.

District 5 had a busy December. The workshop with Greg Baker was attended by **Lew and Alice Holt, Pat Kraemer, Beck Martin, Sandy Hofer, Charlotte and Shorty Dow, Helen Serfass and Ruth Whaley**. It was fun and informative.

I hear we had a great turnout for the RSVP show at Pony Village, both fiddlers and audience.

A good time was had by all who attended the Christmas jam at Winchester Bay on the 12th. A partial list of those attending: **Joan and Ray Daniels, Harold & Martha Rogers, Bert and Mary Stevens, Ivon Cowdrey, Mickey Betts, Ruth Holmes, Johnny Davies and Nancy Nugent, Ella Savery and Harold Householder, Alice and Lew Holt, Rose Johnson and Pat Kraemer, Mel Christiansen, Fred and Vera Virtue, Bob and Betty McKee, Dennis and Thelma Allen, Buck and Susie Milligan, Guy Kinman, Russ Hall, Elnora Jorren, Fred Grove and Nancy, Roy Lewis, Charlotte and Shorty Dow, Frankie Williams, Betty Wilson, Dan Pullis, Vi Johnston, Wes Weygandt, Ned and Val Matthews, Carl Dean, Leonard Olson, Stan and Esther Voit, Lloyd and Esther Shriber, (Great M Cing) and Helen Stacy.**

Our showman and trophy holding fiddler **Al Lewis** is in the Bay Area Hospital, in ICU. We miss you, Al, and pray for your recovery.

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## DISTRICT GREETINGS

### DISTRICT 6

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

**STATE QUARTERLY MEETING and Jam**, January 9th at the **Willamalane Senior Center, 215 West C Street, Springfield**. Potluck at 11:45 am. Please bring hot dish AND salad or dessert. Turkey will be furnished. Please have all pies, cakes, etc. cut and ready to serve. Bring your own table service. If you can help in the kitchen, it would be appreciated, call Joy Halliwell 747-9894. Set up will happen when the doors open at 10 am. Help for set up is always needed.

**Grace Manley** fell and broke her hip. **Oscar Halverson** has pneumonia. **Chuck Fortier** is scheduled for surgery soon. Chuck's address is: 258 W 7th St. RV #106, San Jacinto, CA, 92583. A quick recovery is wished for all of you.

Our deep sympathy to **Lois Easley** and her family. **Russell** passed away on December 6th. Lois wishes to thank the Fiddlers Association for the donation and also, to her many friends for their thoughtful calls and cards.

**Althea Delp** passed away on December 14th. **John Gunn** passed away on December 17th. John was a very valued member of our backup group. He will be missed. Our deepest sympathies to their spouses and families.

Thank you to **William and Lorre Meyers** of Hermiston for their donation to the Fiddlers Association in memory of their aunt, **Alvina Place Wicks**. **Bill** is a cousin of **Joy Halliwell**.

**New Members**: **Larry Wood**, Eugene; **Elva and Howard Borland**, Lebanon; **Florence and Troy Everheart**, Eugene; and **Todd** (sorry I don't have your last name in front of me, **Todd**. ed.) Springfield.

**Birthdays**: **John Childers**, 22nd; **Betty BrunEAU**, 1st; **Dawn Meldrin**, 13th; **Glen Wagner**, 4th; **Allen Ede**, 16th; **Allison Roberts**, 19th; **Brian Peckham**, 9th; **Kristina Pruitt**, 16th; **Elaine Costa**, 27th.

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### DISTRICT 7

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

Our November 21st jam at Elsie Stuhr Center was well attended despite the fact that we ALL STOOD OUT IN THE FREEZING COLD until 12 noon waiting to get into the facility which was 2 hours late in opening. Thank goodness no person suffered hypothermia. Our district meeting passed the following: 1. A four minute time limit imposed on all performers at out jams. 2. The trailer for the sound system was given unlimited funds (within reason) to complete the project. and 3. Float for the Rose Parade.

Our Christmas jam featured the **FINEST FOOD IN THE NORTHWEST!!** Outstanding job ladies!! This was indeed a **GREAT** way to introduce the **NEW YEAR...GOOD MUSIC, GREAT FOOD, AND WONDERFUL FRIENDS.**

I would like to express my appreciation to **Helen Hakanson** for organizing the two performances at Aloha High School. Thank you to all the Fiddlers and Back-up who gave their support to Helen.

We had a good turnout for the 205 Mall performance on both days, not to mention **FUN**. Thanks to all the musicians who lent their support. I appreciate it.

We are sorry to learn of the passing of **Victor Uptmor** and extend our sincerest sympathy to his wife, **Yvonne**, and family.

Our next jam is Saturday, Jan 15, 1994 from 12 to 4 at the Hillsboro Senior Center. No Potluck. Take Highway 8 (TV) to Hillsboro. The road will turn left. Make a left at 1st light (Maple St.), go 2 blocks, the Senior Center is on the left. The jam is on Saturday due to Super Bowl Sunday.

Mark your calendars: Jam, February 13th, Sunday at Gladstone (potluck) and March 13th Sunday at Sandy (potluck).

Remember: Whatever you're playing, keep playing it. Keep Fiddlin' and God Bless. Have Happy Holidays and Healthy New Year.

If you can: **PLEASE ATTEND THE STATE QUARTERLY MEETING IN SPRINGFIELD ON JANUARY 9TH.**

Chad Terrusa, Reporter

## DISTRICT GREETINGS

### DISTRICT 8

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

We had a small attendance for our Thanksgiving jam, but all had a good time and lots of good food. We enjoyed having **Thelma Shepard** and **Wally Bloom** from District 6. Out-of-district members are always welcome.

Several played at rest homes and will play for Christmas dinner at the Orchard Plaza on December 22.

We still have a new on our sick list. **Richard Anderson, Audrey Cope, Virgie Allen, Joy Smith and Leonard Maahs**. We all wish them well, and hope to see them all around again soon.

**Art and Helen Marshland** have moved to Cascade Retirement Center in Woodburn. Their new address is 950 Cascade Drive #362, Woodburn, 97071

Birthdays for January are: **Jeanie Johnson, Jackie Stevenson, Bob Hughes, Johnnie Leigh, Mabel Neal and Fred Fedorko**. We wish them all many more Happy Birthdays.

Anniversaries for January are: **Don and Daisy Simons, 1936; and Leonard and Faythe Maahs, 1938**.

**Leonard Maahs** would like to thank all of you for your cards and telephone calls. He really appreciated them all.

We are happy to have **Lew and Alice Holt** in our district now. They recently moved into Salem.

Our January meeting will be on the 16th at the Woodburn Community Center. The address is: 491 North 3rd Street. We will have a business meeting at 11 o'clock, potluck at noon, and the hall will be open for the public and jamming at 1 o'clock.

We do hope that you all had a Merry Christmas and that you will all have a Happy New Year.

Faythe Maahs, Reporter.

### DISTRICT 9

**Chairman** - Janet Burgess  
**Co-Chair** - Julia Milleson  
**Sec/Treas** - Darlene Austin

### Happy New Year!!

Over 70 folks attended the holiday dinner jam in December. **Dave and Lynnette Hulick** were down from Seneca. Four folks from the Seneca/John Day clogging group came a clogged a few tunes. They are fun to watch and enjoy dancing to live music. **Margaret Teague** roasted the turkey, **Julia Milleson** cooked the ham (well, her mom actually did the cooking. Thanks Ethel), and **Darlene Austin** mashed the taters. Many thanks to all those who helped with the setup and cleanup. It was a nice turnout and a good time. Happy Birthday to **Carrell Prewitt** who celebrated in mid December.

Fiddlers played at the Christmas Light Spectacular at the local theater. It has become a tradition for **Darrell Smith** to lead a rousing rendition of "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer" with audience participation. The kids do love to beller out the words and the adults generally indulge with their hands over their ears. It really is fun to play and see so many people having a great time.

The next jam is January 9 at 1 pm at the Harney County Senior Center. Any musician who will be in the area are encouraged to attend. Because of the state meeting in Springfield, we may be short-handed.

A pair of great horned owls are making a ruckus outside of my window. They've been hanging around for a year now. Usually they do their hooting at 5 am, but they are making an exception this evening.

Greetings to **John and Eva Murrey** up in John Day. We think of you often. Hope you're feeling great!

Janet Burgess, Reporter

## DISTRICT GREETINGS

### DISTRICT 10

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

December has been a very busy month for District 10. By the time you read this we will have played at the following places: Sutherlin Grange, Garden Valley Retirement Center, Roseburg Womens Club, KRNR Radio, Winston VFW, Elkton High Schools staff Christmas party, Mercy Care Nursing Home, Wild Life Safari, Sutherlin Grange, Glide Senior Center. We also played for a New Years Eve dance at the newly opened Alvin and Virgil Kestersons "Big K" 12,000 square foot Guest Lodge and Guide Service, located among the evergreens and hardwood trees 4 miles off of highway 138 on a 2500 acre ranch near the town of Elkton. This was their first party at this new lodge and we in district #10 feel it was a great honor to be asked to play for this special occasion.

We welcome our new members **Norris and Dorothy Johnson**.

**Harold and Johnnie Dillon** sent their best wishes and happy holidays to all OOTFA members. They recently moved from Roseburg to Yucaipa, California and since their move **Harold** competed in a state banjo contest and took second place. Congratulations, Harold.

On the evening of Nov. 29, a large group of members gathered at the home of **Louis and Fran Roy** to help **Bill and Sally Christian** celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary and **Bob and Jean Hanson** celebrate their 43rd anniversary. Other anniversaries are **Dennis and Thelma Allen**, Dec 18, 54 years; **Tracy and Ellen Smith**, Dec 30th, 43 years. Congratulations to all of you and we wish you many more.

December birthdays are: **Peggy Krohn, Whitey Kelm, Dick Miller, Louise Trimble and Carol Beck**. Our January 15 meeting will be in the Yoncalla Community Building. District 10 sends a **Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year** to all OOTFA members.

Reporter, Lewis Roy

### DISTRICT 5 cont.

A reminder that we will meet January 15 at the Senior Center in Coos Bay at 7:00 pm. Please bring finger food. No charge for the hall so lets have a good turnout and make great music.

For those of you who do not know me, my name is **Ruth Whaley** and I have taken on the job as reporter for District 5. I know I can't fill Lew's shoes, but will try to report happenings accurately and timely. Any names or events omitted in this report, I apologize for. I would appreciate your call if you have some news to share with our Fiddlin' friends. My phone number is 888-4430.

Reporter, Ruth Whaley



### District 6, cont.

**Calvin and Velma Boyles** are celebrating their anniversary on the 24th.

Several members have been very generous with contributions of items to use as gifts to people in nursing homes who have no families. If you would like help do this year around, they do have birthdays and there are other holidays. Items such as costume jewelry, greeting cards, and candy are just a few suggestions. Call **Allison Roberts**.

Please be sure and attend our district meeting on February 20 at Willamalane Sr. Center. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

VERY TRUE: The trouble with good advice is that it usually interferes with our plans.

Reporter, Addie Gonshorowski

# Notes From Your Editor

Time seems to be rolling along at a pretty good clip. Sometimes I wish a particular event would hurry up and get here. But then I know that I'm wishing away my life. I know that I have a lot of fiddlin' left to do and I just want to get on with what is important. There are soooo many songs that I want to learn to play. Oh well, maybe someday.

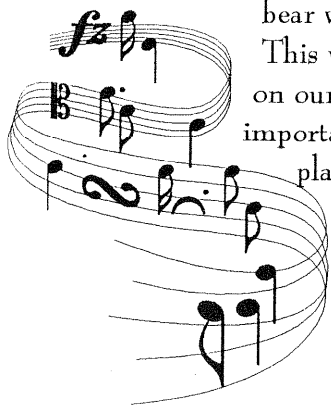
I see that Lew is starting to make some noises about the Convention in Roseburg, and other events that come to pass in the new year. That convention concerns me. It isn't the plans for the convention (because that is in very capable hands), but the election of officers. I know that you have heard from me on this before. But, I'll say it again. If you are qualified (mostly means that you are willing to work), and you have the time to spend on such a worthy project, please step forward and make your talents known. Our officers this year are doing a grand job. But you know that they have done it before. A good starting place is your own district, get to know the routines, etc. Then go for it.

From time to time the reporter's job gets passed around. I really appreciate these people who are willing to get the job done. Here are some guidelines.

I would like to remind you that there is a deadline of the 18th of the month. We need to give enough time for the editor, publisher and printers all to do their work. In addition to the report, please put district number and officers at the top of the report. Then please make a separate calendar either at the beginning or end of the report. This saves me from scanning through the report gleaning out dates that you may or may not want on the calendar. The calendar is getting unwieldy in length. So I would like to ask you to include dates only for jams that out of district members are likely to attend. Dates for nursing homes and other in district functions could be announced in your district news. I know that there will be some overlapping here, but I ask that you just bear with me.

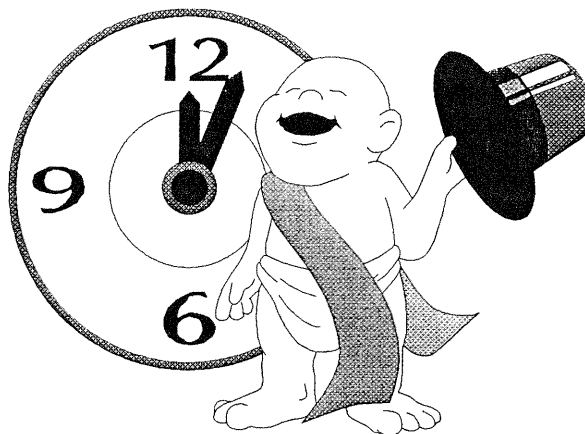
This winter seems to particularly hard on our members. Illnesses, etc. How important it is that you keep healthy to play music....or is it that you have to play music to keep healthy. What ever it is, you all work on it! Happy Fiddlin'.

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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## Lew Sez cont.

for the nominating committee and it will be time to start thinking about our new state officers.

I read about and heard so many nice things that all of the districts are doing. Congratulations to all of you.

Our new telephone is: (503) 391-5377.

Happy Fiddling,  
Lew Holt, President  
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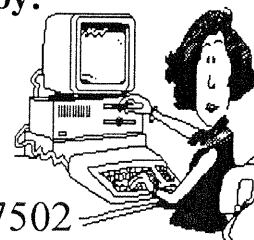
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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

I wish to thank all of my fiddler friends for the cards and kind thoughts while I was in the hospital. It is at times such as this when the care and concern are greatly appreciated. Thank you all.

**Don Wood**

**To the members of District 7 and 8:**

Thank you for all the cards, calls and visits during the duration of my November 16th surgery. It means a lot and helps to lift my spirits to know that so many people care. Most of you know that I am doing well, I'm getting out some. So will be playing music soon. Thanks to everyone, **Frank S. Smith**

## FIDDLING SHORTS

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## News Release:

# OLD TIME FIDDLE CONTEST

More than 1000 Fiddle fans are expected to gather at the 19th annual Old Time Fiddle Contest and Festival on Saturday, January 22, 1994 at the Cloverdale, California Citrus Fair Grounds. Sponsored by the Cloverdale Historical Society, the event draws expert fiddlers from all over the Western United States.

This year's affair will feature a much larger variety of food vendors and craft booths than in past years. In keeping with tradition, the event will feature impromptu "jamming" sessions by the contestants throughout the day, along with live entertainment on stage.

Doors open at 9:00 am. Admission is still only \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 12. For further information and advanced ticket sales, contact Bob Jehn at (707) 894-9950.

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