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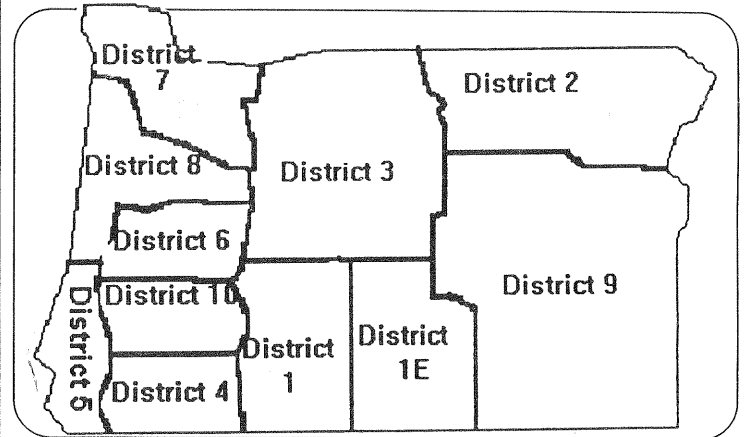
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Chad's Chatter

I hope everyone had a joyous Thanksgiving with family and friends. Joni spent Thanksgiving in Florida, it was absolutely strange not have her around the family table and even worse doing kitchen clean up without her (she usually does it). I never realized how polite my children and their spouses were when they suffered through and ate my over-cooked dry turkey, gummy stuffing and watery mashed potatoes and tasteless yams. (Actually the entire dinner was tasteless except for the cranberry sauce which came out of a can.) My children Jim and Gwen never uttered a word regarding the DINNER FROM H___, but they both were quick to inquire if Mom Joni was going to be home for Christmas and do the cooking. I assured them that she would be.

As the YEAR comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to THANK everyone who graciously donates their time and energy to the OOTFA making it a better place. Thank you. If I were to list every individual's name the Hoedowner would triple in size; therefore, for economy reasons,

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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 - Jo Harris (503) 884-9852
Co-Chair - Sandy Sandusky (503) 884-7802
Sec/Treas - Harold North (503) 882-8772

Hello from District I. Our regular reporter, **Faye Patterson** & husband, **Isom**, have been down in Death Valley, enjoying the sunshine, visiting with many fiddler friends and playing lots of good music. So I am substituting for her this month. Our musicians played at the Emporium Dept. Store for their weekend Sr. sale. Today at our November jam, we had some extra musicians, **Dave & Doreen Winkleman** from District 4 joined us. Several people came to listen and others to dance. Which livened the afternoon for everyone. We hope they all will come again.

Evelyn Peterson tells us that **Doug** is showing a little improvement from his stroke. He is in Plum Ridge Nursing Home.

Our sympathy to **Ernie Furrey** and family win the loss of his wife, **Glenna**.

We wish Happy Anniversary to **Irene & Jerry Ruddock**, Dec 10th; **Pauline & Leonard McDonald**, Dec 24th. Happy Birthday to **Sarah Furrey**, Dec 8th; **Irene Ruddock**, Dec 10; **Bill Noble**, Dec 13th and **Bob Schmoe**, Dec 31st.

Our regular jam and Christmas Dinner will be held at 1pm at Midland Grange Hall on Dec 10th. Please call **Jo Harris** if you don't know what type of food to bring. Her phone Number is (541) 884-9852. There will be **NO** business meeting or gift exchange. Please come and enjoy dinner and the afternoon of music.

Happy Fiddlin Holiday to all!
Chere Lane reporting for **Faye Patterson** (541) 798-5973

For Sale: Small Amplifier and 2 microphones..\$150.00. Call Ken Jordan if interested or have questions. (541) 389-9746.

DISTRICT 1E

Chairman - Mary Ann McLain (503) 947-2448
Co Chairman - Lorena McLain
Secretary - Mary Stone
Treasurer - John (Shorty) Stone

District 1E sends greetings to all. Our Home jam at **Bill Myers'** home was on Nov 4th and was a lot of fun and a good learning jam.

At our Oct 28th jam at Memorial Hall was a lot of good food and lots of music.

Jim and Mrs. Lancaster of Diamond Lake Junction joined us for that one, we sure enjoy them. We also had a newcomer from Las Vegas, NV who played the fiddle and sang some songs. Sure nice to see the visitors from other areas. We always appreciate **Shorty & Mary Stone** who drive 60 miles round trip to almost all of our meetings and jams. These are the kind of people who keep our OOTFA alive. Of course, we appreciate those who live close by, too. It takes us all to make it work.

On Nov 11 we had a great homemade chili feed with lots of trimmings and lots of music. **Bob Hinch** came clear over from Applegate to join us again. Sure a great entertainer. Other folks came from Lakeview and Fort Bidwell, CA.

Russ and Bev Toll of Medford also joined us. Russ plays a good bass fiddle. Some Ranchers from Adel, **Henry and John O'Keefe**, plus a lady from Paisley got up and sang with us. We played from 11am until 8pm. A long day with lots of room for more visitors.

We will play in Adel, Or for a Chivaree. This is a party for newly weds so I'm sure we'll have a lot of fun!

Dec 11th we'll vote on new officers. Call me for details.

On Friday Dec 15th will be a jam at Memorial Hall.

Keep OOTFA Alive. Play as much as you can. Time is passing on.

Your Friend's District 1E

Homer D. McLain (503)947-2903

DISTRICT GREETINGS

DISTRICT 3

Chairman -- Ken Jordan (503) 389-9746
Co-Chair -- Jack Kerr (503) 447-1318
Sec/Treas -- Susan Youngblood (503) 383-5001

Well my Gosh, here we go into December and I really can't believe it is almost Christmas already...It has been a very busy year with some joy and some sadness.

Our hearts and prayers go to the families of our friends we have lost so recently, speaking of **Zelma Foote** and **Charlie Jensen**. We are truly sorry to see our friends leave us and do so knowing that they brought some wonderful things into our lives and into the organization of Old Time Fiddlers. These people as well as the others we have lost during the last year will be remembered fondly in our hearts and just knowing them made a difference in our lives. It really makes us realize how short life really is and to enjoy each passing minute with an awakened awareness that we too can be gone with or without warning, and that we should try our best to be our best and love one another as if we will not be here tomorrow.

Our November jam was well attended with 50 people present. It was so great to see all of those who are faithful to come and listen and dance and enjoy the music and each other with laughing and conversation. It really is a fun afternoon spent doing what we really like to do and having others enjoy it too, just makes it that much better. We do hope for a continued turnout of many listeners and players.

Of course, our next jam will be the 10th of December from 1:30 - 4:30 at the Bend Senior Center, 5th and Kearny. Please do come out and have a good afternoon of wonderful music, fun and a time of being together.

Our December birthdays are: **Rene Delude**, 6th; **Vi Perret**, 16th; **Ada Harris**, 25th; and **Peggy Bloom**, 25th.

The Anniversaries are: **Evelyn & Fred Martin** Dec 7, 1946; and **Cliff and Ada Harris** Dec 23, 1933.....**SALUTE**.....Congratulations to everyone.

We sincerely hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and our wish is for you to have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and God Bless you all.

REMEMBER: DO UNTO OTHERS AS THOUGH YOU WERE THE OTHERS.

Keep fiddling...Sally Jordan, Reporter (541) 389-9746.

DISTRICT 4

Chairman -- Joe Levine (503) 582-1069
Co-Chair -- Merle Pasley (503) 582-1924
Sec/Trea -- Ethel Holstin (503) 479-1621

HAPPY THANKSGIVING !!!

The Heritage Retirement Center was cheered by our ever cheery District 4. **Dave and Doreen Winkelman, Gene Williams, Russ Toll, Don Lindsey, and Bob Hinch** all abetted by good "ole" **Bud Applegate**. Give this group a big slap on the back! Many of them travel a good 140 miles or more round trip. Heritage wants them back every month! Muy Bueno Amigos!

Ah h h...."feel that nippy autumn air, it's gonna rain, Frank." "Keep that chain saw running, I'll get that madrone loaded." "Nah! I'm not a bit tired, yikes!! Take me to the Doc, Frank PULEEZE!" Pinched sciatic nerve? Good Grief, I thought I was in labor. spirit's willing but the body isn't? Wrong. This reporter took her aspirin and gimpy leg to the Prospect Jam (70 miles). It was worth it. Quick head count was over 80. I have yet to go to a OOTFA jam and find sour faces. It's really like a shot in the bu___, I mean arm! Thanks you two sweet ladies for bringing **Jacki McCasland**.

Fellow Reporters, be careful what you put in your newsletter. I casually commented "we could jam all nite" and they did just about. Prospect young folks danced 'til 9:30pm. ouch!

Reclining on my sofa, leg propped up, stove aglow with Madrone, a toast! I raise my glass of water & swallow my advil. No pain, no gain! Chao! Mary

P.S. Silliness aside, **Letha Frye** is looking good after major surgery. Sad note, her Grandson, **George**, passed away on Sunday, Nov 5th. We were all glad to see **Doris Barkley** in our midst again.

Important for the December 2nd potluck. Last names that begin with **A - M bring vegetable or salad dish. M - Z bring desserts**. Optional: Gift exchange (keep it under \$5 please) Wrap green for ladies and red for men.

Optional: Non-perishable food for Christmas baskets. Bring your table settings. See you there.

Important Change: December 2nd will be at the IOOF Hall in Gold Hill.

Jan 6th Senior Community Center in Rogue River.
Feb 3rd Roxie Ann Grange in Medford.

Mary Armstrong, Reporter (541) 479-5974

DISTRICT GREETINGS

DISTRICT 5

Chairman - Al Lewis (503) 396-4156
Co-Chair - Claud Whaley (503) 888-4430
Sec/Treas - Marianne Burns (503) 888-2655

Our Christmas dinner will be December 9th at 1pm at Dew Valley Clubhouse 5 miles south of Bandon. The district is furnishing the turkey and ham. The balance of the dinner is potluck. We have terrific cooks here on the coast.

December's Nursing Home schedule is as follows:

Dec 5th St. Catherines Coos Bay 2pm
Dec 6th Oerdings Manor Coquille 2pm
Dec 8th Ocean View Bandon 2pm
Dec 12th Nursing Home Myrtle Point 2pm
Dec 18th Heritage House Bandon 2pm
Dec 19th Lifecare Center Coos Bay 2pm
Dec 26th Hearthside Coos Bay 2pm

December is truly a busy month, so thank you musicians for sharing your talents and time with the folks that appreciate it so very much. You truly brighten their lives each time you play for them.

The Ocean View Care Center, The Chetco Village Merchants (October fest) and Bullards Beach State Park have sent notes of appreciation for being faithful for playing for them. They enjoy it.

On December 30th there will be a meeting at 11am and a jam from 1 - 4pm at the Coos Bay Senior Center. Bring finger foods for snacking.

There will also be a meeting and jam on Jan 20th. Time and place to be announced.

Pat Kraemer and **Rose Johnson** enjoyed a month in Death Valley. It's good to have them home.

Ivon Cowdry is recovering nicely from a recent operation. Hope to see him up and playing his guitar soon.

December birthday Best Wishes and many Happy Returns go to **Mickey Betts**, 9th; **Keith Shaffar**, 10th; and **Ray Daniels** on the 15th.

December Anniversaries will be celebrated by **Bob and Jerene Shaffer** on the 17th and **Claud & Ruth Whaley** on the 20th. Congratulations on another milestone.

Remember that **Ned and Val Mathews** graciously opens their home each Thursday at 1pm, so bring your instruments and come and enjoy great music.

This is a marvelous time of year and I would like to wish each and every one of you a very Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Joan Daniels, Reporter (541) 267-2771

DISTRICT 6

Chairman - Ray Mitchell (503) 342-2816
Co-Chair - John Madsen (503) 747-9977
Sec/Treas - Ruth Montgomery
Co-Sec/Tr - Vivian Steele

The turnout for our November Thanksgiving jam was wonderful. We are grateful to: **Allison Roberts, DeDe Kaiser, Ruth Montgomery, Joy Halliwell, and John Madsen** for cooking the turkeys, ham, and mashed potatoes. They were delicious and my husband, Ray, who was the last in line, got a full plate, so the amount was just right. Thanks to the rest of you for the wonderful dishes and superb desserts that made it a real feast. **Ruth Kennedy** offered a delightful poem she had written and we danced to over 40 musician's music.

Many thanks to: **Allison Roberts, DeDe Kaiser, Louise Hamilton, and Ruth Ann Paul** for wrapping gifts for nursing home residents without families and also to **Ruth Montgomery** and **Wayne Tracy** who helped with cards as did many others. This has become a yearly event, and we thank all who have donated gifts. Money was donated to buy musical spoons, a special gift for one of the residents. If you have something that you wish to donate, it is not too late to contact **Allison**.

The Fiddle Workshop was a great success with 20 participants. **Greg Baker** provided seven old time tunes along with audio tapes in advance. Twenty of us gathered at the home of **Pem and John Winquist** for a pre-workshop jam. Thank you to both of them for graciously opening their home to us and **Greg Baker**. The workshop concentrated on danceable playing with harmonies, tag endings, and backup chords. We really worked for the three hours. Such fun! If anyone would like one of the workshop booklets, we have a few left for \$3.50 each. The workshop was self-supporting, so there was no cost to the district.

On Sunday, December 3rd, the Old Time Fiddlers will play at a Christmas jam in Lebanon at the Moose Lodge. Lunch will be furnished by the Lodge. **Mark Carmickle** will make sure that Santa Claus arrives.

Sunday, December 10th. We will have a District Meeting at 11 am at Willamalane, followed by a potluck at 11:45 and the music will start at 1pm. Single members please bring one dish, couples two, and of course, your place settings. We can use some "strong-backed" helpers with the setting up of the tables. Also on Dec 10th, prior to the meeting, some of the members of the workshop will be meeting to practice the workshop tunes from 10 - 11am. Anyone else interested in practicing the workshop tunes, please join us.

DISTRICT GREETINGS

DISTRICT 7

Chairman - Joy Smith (503) 829-5234
Co-Chair - Dorothy Wehus (503) 266-4144
Sec/Treas - Susi Spencer (503) 524-4563

Our jam at Molalla was a lot of fun. There were several people from other districts to add to our enjoyment.

Dues are due! We were happy to have several new members the past couple of months. There are: **Caroline Schlitt** and her mother **Cecelia Olafson-Lance Halingstand** who has moved here from Montana. **Jerry Smith** - **E.G. Carey** and **Jim and Dee Baker**. Welcome to our district.

The sad news that **Charlie Jensen** was killed while out walking gives us food for thought. We never know when our time will be. Our sympathy to his family.

December 22nd is a hurry and finish Christmas things but it is also the time many elderly will be getting a Christmas dinner at a Senior Center somewhere. Oregon City would like us to play that day for these old folks who may not have another Christmas meal. The center is located at 5th and Washington Sts. Please try to make time for this and make some happiness for others. Music is to start at 11am.

The second Monday of each month, we play at the Milwaukie Convalescent Center from 1:30 - 2:30. It is located at 12045 Stanley Avenue. We were at Mountain View Convalescent Center in Oregon City for the first time and it was a rewarding experience. We will try to get a regular schedule worked out so more can participate.

The next Quarterly OOTFA meeting will take place in Springfield, January 14th at Willamalane Center, Mill and C Streets.

Our December 17th jam will also be our Christmas potluck. The district will provide the turkey and trimmings and the rest of us are to bring the other foods that go with it. Also please remember to bring your own table service. The Gresham Senior Center is located at 50 Elliott St.. From I-205 take Hwy 26 (Powell Blvd) to Gresham. Turn left on Elliott St. The center is on the right.

We are asked to play at Clackamas Town Center on Dec 9th from 1 - 4pm. Directions were given at the jam. If you need more Information, please call Ace Wehus (503) 266-4144.

Happy Holidays to all.

Merry Christmas,
Ida Colby, reporting (503) 557-8709

DISTRICT 8

Chairman - Lew Holt (503) 391-5377
Co-Chair - Bob Crump (503) 472-3443
Sec/Trea - Faythe Maas (503) 472-7032

December! Christmas is almost here! District 8 wishes all the members of OOTFA a blessed and happy holiday. Our December Potluck and jam will be Sunday December 17th at the VFW Hall in Willamina. Hall opens at 10 for early jamming. The district will furnish ham, turkey, dressing, rolls, potatoes and gravy. Please bring salads, vegetables and dessert to fill out the meal. Bring your table service and your appetite. Visitors from other districts are most welcome. Y'all come!

This is being written before our Thanksgiving Potluck and jam. We know it will be a good one.

Dalles Hince has been in the hospital.

District 8 was saddened to lose three members this month. **Florence Jones** of Sheridan was a long time member. She passed away Oct 22nd. **Owen Hayter**, from Newport died Oct 27th. We were all shocked to hear of the sudden death of **Charlie Jensen** of Monmouth. He was struck by a car November 7th, while taking his morning walk. **Charlie & Vi** were members of OOTFA for many years, and both were active musicians. Charlie was one of our regular guitar players. He also sang, and often played his fiddle. We extend our condolences to the families of **Florence, Owen and Charlie**. We are the richer for having known them.

Vi Jensen sends the following message: Thanks to all my friends for their kindness to me when I lost my husband, Charlie. Thank you for your cards, phone calls and prayers. Knowing that you care means the world to me. I love you all. Vi Jensen.

In January, we'll be having a meeting, potluck, and jam at the Senior Center in McMinnville. We'll elect new officers in February. More details on these meetings in future Hoedowners.

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE PAID YOUR 1996 DUES. IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID YET, PLEASE DO IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO DROP ANYONE.

Take care, everyone. Stay healthy. Enjoy your families and friends. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Happy Fiddling! **Alice Holt**, your Reporter (503) 391-5377

DISTRICT GREETINGS

DISTRICT 9

Chairman -- Ruel Teague (503) 573-2863
Co-Chair -- Walt Cooper (503) 573-3417
Sec/Treas -- Edie Koenig

I am filling for our Reporter, **Carl Cross**, who has been in the hospital. We hope Carl has a speed recovery and to have him back in the group again.

Edie Koenig will be replacing **Darlene Austin** as our Secretary/Treasurer. Thanks to Darlene for a job well done.

Edie is learning to play the fiddle. She is doing a great job. Daughter Tracy, 8 years old is also a beginning Fiddler. We welcome all of our new musicians..glad to see more interest in Old Time Fiddling.

Our November jam was short of musicians and also Associate members. We missed all of you. Hope to see everyone at our Turkey Day jam on December 10th. District 9 will be furnishing the turkey, dressing and gravy. Please bring all the goodies to go with it.

Also: **PLEASE BRING SOME FRIENDS!**

Stacy came home for the Fair. She played on the Float at the Parade and played with the gang at the Fairgrounds. It was nice to have her home for a few days.

Margaret Teague, reporter.

FIDDLE WORKSHOPS

This Winter



With Fiddler, **Greg Baker**
author of the Fiddle Series & Workshops

At Manselle's Music Shop,
17417 SE McLoughlin, Milwaukie

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TUITION: \$50.00 per either 3-day session; tuition includes *Greg's Fiddle Workshop 1* for beginners or *Fiddle Workshop 2 Twin Fiddling* for intermediates (each workshop book/cassette course is a \$16.00 value included in the tuition.) Register through Manselle's Music, 659-9817; make checks payable to Greg Baker Publications. Class size is limited to 23 seats, so register early.

DISTRICT 10

Chairman - Louie Roy (541) 679-6305
Co-Chair - Tom Shepherd (541) 679-5894
Sec/Treas- Etta Powell (541) 836-2601

Thanks to **Lewis Roy** for being the temporary reporter while I was out having a good time.

On December 2nd is the VFW in Roseburg.
1-4pm jam & dancing.

5th KRNR Radio 12:30 - 12:45pm.

8th VFW Roseubrg, 7 - 10pm Jam & Dancing

9th Garden Valley Retirement Center 11:30 am to 1pm.

13th Mercy Care 6:30 - 7:30 pm.

28th Glide Senior Center 11:30am to 1pm.

Our December 16th we will be at the Winston Community Building at 12 noon with a Catered Christmas dinner (bring salads) (no meeting) at 1 - 4pm. Jamming and dancing. No fees at the door, no coffee charge.

We wish Happy December Birthdays to: **Peggy Krohn, Whitey Kelm, Dick Miller, Louise Trimble, Carrol Beck, Bud Ellis Werley.**

Happy Anniversaries to: **Bill & Sally Christian, Dennis & Thelma Allen, Tracy & Ellen Smith, Tom & Marlene Sheperd.**

District 10 wish to express their condolences to the family of **Charlie Jensen** who recently passed away.

Jean Hanson, your reporter (541) 672-6929



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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District 6 Cont.....

BOARD NEWS: Several members have expressed an interest in trying their hand at emcee work at the jams. If you are interested, please see **Lloyd Shriber** to sign up for a spot.

We voted to move our bank account to an interest bearing checking account with a lower minimum balance which will help us earn money and save us bank service charges which amounted to \$40 last year.

COMMUNITY NEWS: The Saturday jam at Teresa's has been moved to the Dorris Ranch Barn, thanks to **Susan Morasci**. This should be an exciting place to play our old time music. The barn will be heated and open to us from 12 - 2pm every Saturday as of November 25th. The Dorris Ranch is in Springfield. Go south on 2nd from Main St. and you will run into it. For further information, contact either **John Madsen** (541) 747-9977 or **Susan** (541) 342-7095.

FOUND: A musical tape was in a bag of **Stan Gonshorowski's** after the November jam. Please call him if you've lost one. Also a plastic rubbermaid container (3 cup size, bottom only) Call Ray Mitchell. There is a cake saver top that was on a angelfood, pyrex cake pan, pyrex pie pan and a stainless serving spoon left over, Call AJoy for these items.

LIBRARY: A Craig Duncan "You Can Teach Yourself Fiddling" video (a donation) is available for checkout, as is a video of some of our fiddlers, guitarists and harmonica players. We are interviewing members as fast as we can. If you have suggestions for things you would like to see in the library, wish to donate, or rent, please contact **Ray Mitchel** or **Judy Clement**.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED: Many thanks to **Stan Gonshorowski** for his years of making coffee for the Willamalane jams. He is ready to turn it over to someone else. If you can help out, please let us know.

ILLNESSES: **Betty Canning & Gene Cogburn** both have had surgeries and we hope will soon be feeling better and continue to recover. We were glad to see you Gene at last Friday night's jam. **Dorothy Payne** thanks everyone for their cards, calls and the teddy bear gift.

SYMPATHY: We were sad to hear that **John Steele's** father passed away in California. He was 95 years old. **Ruth Anne Paul's** father also passed away and she wishes to thank everyone for your cards and special thoughts of caring. We send both of them our sympathies.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY WISHES TO: Vera Kinnaman, 2nd; **Mark Carmickle**, 6th; **Grace Fox**, 9th; **Sierra Morasci**, 9th; **Brian Pruitt**, 15th; **Wayne Tracy**, 18th; **Betty Hawkins**, 19th; **Glen Geech**, 86th birthday, 22nd; **Lloyd Shriber**, 23rd; **Janice Davison**, 25th; and **Mike Garcia**, 31st.

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS TO: **Frank & Freida Chandler**, 9th; and **Roy & Margaret Voss**, 26th.

May we find warmth in our friend's interest, love in our families laughter, grace in the music's song and peace with each other.

Sincerely, Your Reporter, **Judy Clement** (503) 345-0691.

Chad's Chatter cont.

please know that I KNOW who each and every person is and appreciate each and every one of you. THANKS.

Please note that the STATE QUARTERLY MEETING is scheduled for January 14, 1996 in Springfield (see insert in this issue for details). All Chairpersons, or Co-Chairpersons in their absence, need to attend. I will be sending letters to all the Chairpersons regarding the agenda in mid-December.

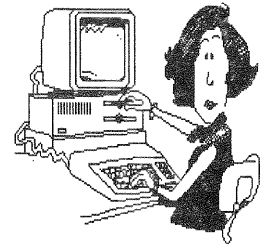
Zelma Foote, after a courageous struggle with pancreatic cancer died on October 23, 1995. I spoke with her two days before her death. She expressed that she was being kept free of pain and that she accepted that the end was near and even welcomed it. She never complained to me, but rather expressed a positive attitude. **Zelma Foote** was a very FINE LADY and I will miss her dearly.

FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS, HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS OR A HAPPY HANUKKAH AND A HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

Keep Fiddlin'
Chad

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NOTES FROM YOUR EDITOR



I guess you never done with learning computer. Believe it or not, I have lost this twice since I started it. Luckily, the second time I was able to retrieve most of it other than my editorial notes. I really feel pretty lucky for that one. Either a hate or love affair with a computer. 'Nuf said....

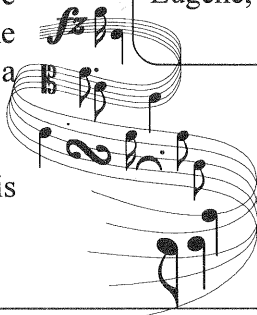
I want to urge you people to entirely support your officers, be it state or district. Take time to understand what they are doing and tell them what a great job they are doing. **Your support** can either make or break your district as a whole.

Reporters, the deadline for the January Hoedowner is December 14th. Anything received after that **will not** be in the January Hoedowner. You see, Ken and I are taking off for Ponoka, Alberta for Christmas on the 16th. Bright and early in the morning. I think it is a good thing to include this deadline on the calendar.

Oh yes, January - March the due for OOTFA is \$15.00. Not pro-rated until April.
ajoy

We have appreciated the great return on the membership. We receive many renewals everyday. It is a fun challenge to keep ;up with them. **KEEP THEM COMING!!** So please, friends, send us your OOTFA renewal - Just \$15 for 1996. We intend to have the membership all wrapped up in January. Thanks again. **Lew and Alice Holt.**

If your a new member and haven't gotten you name badge yet, it could be a good time to do it. Or...even as a gift. The price is pretty reasonable, \$7 mailed. Take a moment to write to **Helen Tracy**, 151 Lindner Lane, Eugene, or 97404. (541) 688-4085.



MEMORIES OF THE OLD TIME FIDDLER'S CONTEST AT WEISER, IDAHO IN 1995

We were at the fiddlers convention at the close of the day

Sitting outside our motor homes to play.

We had tuned our instruments just right and was settling down for a jam that night.

We sang folk songs, ballads and blues and sometimes the audience sang along too.

A nice feeling of friendship was all around while good music, kidding and laughter abound.

It was getting late, there were stars in the sky when a man with a guitar came strolling by.

When we asked him to join us, these words he did say, "Well Hillbilly music is the only kind I play."

Well, we're all hillbillies here or Old Time Fiddler's so have no fear.

You can join us for a while or go join the elite I said with a smile.

Way back in the shadows he did stand My name's Al and I'm not the best in the land.

But I'll sing you a Marty Robbins tune While above us all shone the stars and the moon.

Man Oh Man! Could that man sing and the guitars, fiddles and mandolins did ring.

We wondered if Marty had come alive, and I wondered how many like me, would remember.

The Old-Time Fiddlers Convention of Ninty Five

Ruth Kennedy - District 6

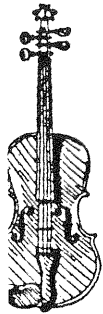


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An Old Bohemian Polka that is popular among fiddlers. Notation by Warren Colebank



LEATHER BRITCHES

Traditional Melody
Notation by Warren Colebank

G D7 G D7 C G D7 G C G D7 G D7 G D7 G D7 G D7 G

Letters to the Editor:

Dear Friends:

Our family wishes to thank you for the graciousness, support and love that you have shown our mother and grandmother over the past six months. Your cards, phone calls, and visits were voices of angels heard by her, as only she could listen....with gratitude, laughter and enthusiasm.

Zelma Physically succumbed to cancer on October 22, 1995. Throughout this bout, she never lost anything more. To the end of this life, she showed her nature fully...a love of friends and a sense of purpose which was reflected in her humor, her energy and her genuine concern for others' well-being.

One value she shared with family is the desire to strive for more than is evident, the recognition that if not achieved, the effort is but a building block for the next goal. And through this struggle, she taught us that the most precious gift of life is the love and friendship of others.

A family memorial was held on October 24th for our mother and grandmother. We now invite you to a Celebration of Life through Zelma on May 11, 1996 at the Central Point, Oregon Grange Hall, starting at noon. It is impossible for us to think of a more fitting way to enjoy and pass on the spirit and charity of her

life. We welcome you to become actively involved in sharing this time of renewal.

Again, please know how much we appreciated the gifts you gave our mother and grandmother, the gifts of friendship, humor and love. We wish to join you in building upon the strength of these gifts by giving meaning to faith and hope through continued fellowship.

Zelma's Family

David and Patricia Jennings Foote

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John Jaksch IV

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