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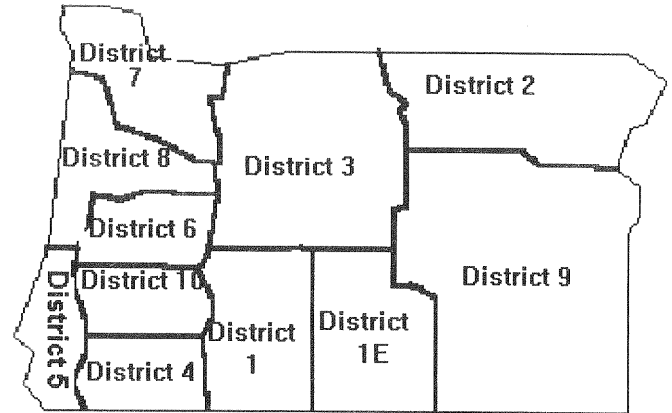
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Chad's Chatter

Hello Fiddlers and Friends:

This article was written prior to our State Convention. I will report on the Convention in the May Hoedowner.

The State Contest is creeping up quickly. Our new banner is complete. The judges have been chosen. The sound system is set. AND ALL YOU WONDERFUL LADIES WHO VOLUNTEERED LAST YEAR - Could I gently twist your arm to help me out this year???? WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING

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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.

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District 1

Chairman: **Jo Harris** (541) 884-9852
Co-Chair: **Sandy Sandusky**
Sec/Treas: **Harold North**

April 14th will be a jam at 2pm. Doors open at noon, finger foods, Merrill Civic Center on Front Street in Merrill, Oregon.

Hello from District 1. To all you associated districts. To nice to receive the Hoedowner & read about your activities and members. Thank you, **Joy**, for your contribution. You do a great job.

We missed our dear chairlady at our March jam. **Jo** spent a week in the hospital having surgery and now she is home and doing well. Dick, too! We're remembering you in prayer and we all wish you a speedy recovery.

We did enjoy our new meeting place in Merrill - minus a kitchen - that and the stage may be finished by the next meeting in April. We had a very good turnout, even with the rainy day. We had first time visitors from Klamath Falls and the Merrill people were delighted at our return. We had visitors from District 4, **Dave & Dorene Winkleman** and **Paula & Merle Pasley**, **Jim & Jan Lancaster** from Chemault, Oregon. **Jim** tell me that he and **Jan** are now classified as District 1 members. Welcome! We're so happy to have you. **Jim** plays good guitar. Hope to see lots more of you. Thanks, District 4 for coming and sharing your music and **Paula's** singing with us. You all made our day. How about some of you other districts coming to see us! We'd like that.

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District 1E

Chairman: **MaryAnn McLain** (541) 947-2449
Co-Chair: **Lorena McLain**
Secretary: **Mary Stone**
Treasurer: **John (Shorty) Stone**

Our March 11th business meeting was attended by 20 members and 2 visitors who came to discuss a future playing date for later in the spring.

We had a jam on March 8 at the Memorial Hall with guests from District 10 and 7. **Pat & Jeanette Jenks** and **Bob Huffman**. **Pat and Bob** played mandolin and guitar respectively and we enjoyed their music very much. Playing and singing were **Homer & Rosalee McLain**, **Larry McLain**, **Mike Harlen** playing fiddle and guitar, **Billy McLain** playing guitar, **Linda Miller** singing and playing, **Clyde Lynch**, rhythm guitar, **Charlie Threet**, and a new member, **Derry Welch** who sang for us. **Bill Myers** sang also, **Harvey Rositer** played his accordion and fiddle and **Shorty Stone** sang. Our MC lady, **Marie Walker** was there with her good humor and her husband, **Doc**, who sang, played and is good humored, too. **Eric Leffingwell** and **Edna Shulze** gave their lively musical skit, and **Beverly Perry** did a wonderful job playing her dulcimer.

On March 9th we played at a retirement party open house for **Homer**, who is now retired from the Emergency Service Dispatch office. Also on the 17th, we're playing at another party for him at the Elks Club! Happy Retirement, **Homer!!!**

Our future jam dates are: April 5th, 6:30 potluck at the Memorial Hall. April 20th 6:30 potluck at Memorial Hall. May 3rd 6:30 potluck at Memorial Hall.

By the time this is read, another convention will have come and gone. Hope we saw you there and God Bless.

Mary Stone, Reporter

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Chairperson: **Ken Jordan** (541) 389-9746
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Well, we really did a fine job at our last jam held the 10th. We had a great turn out of 64 people including the musicians. The music was wonderful, everyone was right on and we sounded great...And those dancers out there..Schew...A job well done and lots of fun... Thanks to all of you for coming out....and a Happy Spring!

Our next jam will be the 14th of April 1:30 - 4:30 at Bend Senior Center as usual, 5th and Kearny Streets, off Greenwood Ave. Come out and see us. We'd love to have you.

We had a short meeting after the jam to discuss up coming events and the convention, where I'm sure we all had a great time.

Playing with those old friends and making new ones, who could ask for more? Good to see you all and enjoyed the visiting. Thanks to everyone for their time in helping put on such a wonderful week-end event.

Special thanks to **Chad Ter-rusa** for his involvement, dedication and work in helping the group run smoothly and keeping us in line and for being concerned about the organization.

I will report our birthday and anniversary celebrations next month for April. Sorry, I misplaced my list.

You all take care, God bless and just keep fiddlin' and grinnin'.

Respectfully,
Sally Jordan, Reporter (541) 389-9746

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District 4

Chairman: **Joe Levine** (541) 582-1069
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Shhhhhh! (Quiet) I'm staring into my crystal ball - I can see clearly! Everyone attending the Roseburg Convention will come home awed by dazzling musicians! Bravo!! These same musicians reserve the right to be smug because they earned their cheers.

Bravo again!! OOTFA puts such heart and energy into their music. Easily, they could give Branson and Nashville a run for their money. I'm sure that way back "when", family and steady jobs were **PRI-ORITY**. Music became a "hobby". Instead of great fame, this same "hobby" gave years of pleasure and treasured friends. Not a bad trade, I'd say.

Wait! Crystal ball sees nice radiant faces, a banjo plunker, guitar ticklers, fiddling fiddlers and crooners, too. March 21-22, did you wave at **Gene Williams, Dave & Doreen Winkleman, Don Lindsay, Vic Flood, Lee Cushman, Frank & Mary Armstrong and Bud Applegate?** If you were at U.S. Hotel in Jacksonville for Historical Society, you did.

Ilene Kiser, sweet lady, crocheted two cowboy and cowgirl dolls. Thank you for your raffle donation! Thanks all of you generous and anonymous givers, too. To the Leprechauns who tirelessly clean the kitchen and put the halls in order, a kiss on your brow.

By unanimous acclamation: **Joe, Merle and Ethel** retain their status quo!

A prayer of comfort to the late **Katherine Skeis'** family. Please be mindful of those who mourn and of those recovering from surgery, **Jo Harris and Olive Davis**, and also for those still ailing.

Remember: How long a minute is depends on which side of the bathroom door you're on. Hits a nerve, doesn't it?

Merry, **Mary Armstrong**, Reporter

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Our meeting on April 13th will be at 11am, Potluck at 12 noon and music and dancing from 1 - 4pm. We will meet at the Driftwood Hall in North Bend.

By the time you read this, the Roseburg Convention will be history. It is one of the best events of the year. If any of you have never attended, try to make it next year. You'll thoroughly enjoy yourself.

It was good to have **Jo Barnes, Paul Lakey, Clarissa Coffey, Charles & Dorothy Booher** from District 10. **James Karoush** from District 8 and **Jack & Alice Tellery** from District 4 all join us at our jam on March 9th. **Dorothy Settle** was also at our jam with her banjo, we were delighted to have her with us. We also had a good crowd of local visitors who were good listeners and some were terrific dancers also. It's great when so many people enjoy this fantastic music.

We want to welcome new members: **Fabian & Connie Hare**.

It's good to have **Linda Carver** back in District 5 territory. She moved back to Coos Bay last June but has been recovering from a broken right shoulder. That sure puts a crimp in the music playing for a while.

We want to wish the following members "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" for the month of April, **Jerene Shaffar**, 2nd; **Ron Saylor**, 8th; **Elnora Jorren**, 14th; **Mary Stevens**, 25th.

We also want to wish **Fred & Vera Virtue** a blessed Anniversary on the 22nd. **Vera** has been very ill & **Fred** wants to thank everyone for the prayers, cards & concerns. **Vera** is still not out of the woods, so they are still in need of our prayers, cards & concerns.

God has and is blessing us all.

Joan Daniels, Reporter (541) 267-2771

District 6

Chairman: **Ray Mitchell** (541) 342-2816
Co-Chair: **John Madsen** (541) 747-9977
Sec/Treas: **Ruth Montgomery**
Co-Treas: **Vivian Steele**

Our next meeting and jam will be on Sunday April 14th at Willamalane Senior Center in Springfield. We will have a potluck, as it was voted at the March 10th meeting to resume potlucks. Please bring a main dish, a dessert and your table service.

On Sunday, June 4th, at Willamalane, the Board nominating committee will present a new slate of officers for the position of Chairman and Co-Chairman, due to the resignations of the elected chairman, **George Anderson** and Co-Chairman, **John Madsen**. **Ruth Montgomery** is the new secretary and **Mark Ratzlaff** was appointed to replace **Vivian Steele** as the treasurer. Many, many thanks to **Vivian Steele** for her many years of work to keep our records accurate! Welcome to **Mark** and again to **Ruth**. Thank you for volunteering your services. Please make suggestions to the Board about anyone willing to run for the Chairperson and Co-chairperson.

Job Opening: **John Madsen** has done a wonderful job of caring for our sound equipment, making sure it is set up correctly at OOTFA functions and storing it. He is ready to turn over this very important job to someone else. If you are interested, please notify the board. District 6 pays \$50 per month for this position.

Caution: A theft occurred in the Willamalane parking lot during the March 10th jam. Valuables left in cars are not safe, unfortunately.

LIBRARY: The book, Oregon Folklore by **Suzi Jones** contains a chapter by an Old Time Fiddler member, **Linda Danielson**, on area fiddlers. Wonder-

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NEWSFLASH

Three fine judges have been selected for the Friday night dance contest at Lincoln City.

Leonard Maahs, Bob Crump and Joe Hamm have agreed to be our judges.

District 7

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

As women are prone to do, **Joy Smith** changed her mind and decided to run for chair again. She was re-elected to that position for next year. **Ida Colby** was elected to Co-Chair and **Susy Spencer** was re-elected Sec/Treasurer. That pretty much tells the tale of our election.

There will be a business meeting at our May jam at 11:30. That will be at the Elsie Stuhr in Beaverton.

Wayne Holmes has not been up to par lately, so he is undergoing tests. Good Luck, **Wayne**.

Our jam this month is at Lake Oswego Senior Center. A few of us played there for their lunch hour and were well received.

Next month, we will be at Estacada on the 14th. To get there, take Hwy 224, turn right at the first stop light, then right on Clubhouse Road. The center is right there in full view. Remember we always have a potluck before the jam so don't forget your favorite food and your table service.

Sunday, we played for the Milwaukie Center Sunday dinner and were well received. We then headed for Newberg to District 8's jam. All in all, a good time was had all day.

We have started a dance-jam session on the first Saturday night of every month. The first one was a lot of fun. Any OOTFA member is invited to come and play from 5 - 9pm.

Keep a smile on your face and feel better for it.

Ida Colby, reporting (503) 557-8709

District 8

Chairman: **Lew Holt** (503) 391-5377
 Co-Chair: **Bob Crump** (503) 472-3443
 Sec/Treas: **Faythe Maahs** (503) 472-7032

Spring Greetings from District 8.

Backing up a bit, at our February meeting, we elected next year's officers. Lew Holt will again be Chairman, Faythe Maahs will continue with the secretary treasurers job and Johnny Leigh will be our new Co-Chairman. Many thanks to Bob Crump for serving as Co-chair this past year. He with his helper Joyce, did a good job. At this meeting, we also voted to make a donation for flood relief, since so much of our area was affected by the flooding.

In March, we met at the Newberg Senior Center, a very nice new facility. After a bit of a glitch, we had to find someone to unlock the building, we had a great time. We enjoyed having several visitors from District 7. It made for some very good music. Had a good crowd of dancers and listeners. Over 150 people were in attendance! On March 15th, we played for a Friday afternoon dance at the same place in Newberg. The small room where they scheduled us was filled with listeners, musicians and dancers. Good St. Patrick's Day.

We will consider the jam in Lincoln City at the Oceanlake Elks Lodge on Sunday, April 21st as our April jam. This is the finale for our weekend of festivities there. If you can't come on Friday or Saturday, come on over for the jam on Sunday. It will be from 1 - 4pm as usual. Direction to the Elks lodge are given in the information about the weekend in this issue.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 4th. We'll be playing at the Newberg Senior Center for a Spaghetti dinner. It's a fund raiser for them, so we'll buy our own dinners. that way, everyone can come. If you're not a spaghetti fan, come and play anyway, or come

and listen. The senior center is at 101W. Foothills St., off College St. (which is Hwy 219 going over the hill to Schools and Hillsboro.)

Have a Happy Easter, everyone.

Alice Holt, Reporter (503) 391-5377

Tom and Myrtle McAdam celebrate the big 50!

You are all invited to attend the 50th Wedding Anniversary open house for Tom and Myrtle McAdam on Saturday April 27th from 2-4:30pm at the Santiam Village Recreation Center at 204 Cascade Dr., Lebanon, Oregon. No Gifts, please.

Turn off Highway 20 onto Cascade Drive just south of Walmart, the Santiam Traller Park is about a block or so on Cascade Dr. go to the back of the park to the Recreation Center.

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District 9

Chairman: **Ruel Teague** (541) 573-2863
Co-Chair: **Walt Cooper** (541) 573-3417
Sec/Treas: **Edie Konenig** (541) 493-9564

Here it is, that time again, (Hoedowner Report due). We had a visitor in Burns this month, our esteemed editor, she met her daughter here and of course, we had to have a jam. We played at **Janet Burgess'** new home. (Good luck on your new home, Janet!) Thanks for the invite. We had a great time. It's been a long time since we've seen **Joy**. (Last Convention).

Now here comes the hard part, trying to say something about a thing that hasn't happened yet. (The Convention, we'll say more after it's over) . Reporter's Rambling -- have you ever noticed how music can influence people? I watch the crowds of people we play for. They start to come alive when they hear our style of music. Their eyes light up, feet start keeping time and most of all a smile comes on their faces. This I think is what we play for. The happiness of the people.

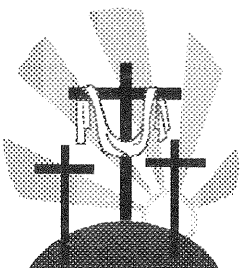
He held our monthly jam and potluck at the Senior Center in Burns on March 10th. We had a small crowd, but we all had a good time. Those who played were, **Walt Cooper, Julia Milleson, Janet Burgess, Darleen Austin, Edie Konenig, Roy Reed, Rose Robits, Don Williams, Steve O'Brien, Lloyd Louie and me**. We played at the local nursing home on the 11th.

April 7th -- Monthly Potluck and Jam at the Senior Center in Burns

April 8th -- Play at the Nursing Home in Burns.

See you next month!

Your Reporter, **Carl Cross**



District 10

Chairman: **Louie Roy** (541) 679-6305
Co-Chair: **Tom Shepard** (541) 679-5894
Sec/Treas: **Gynn Deaton** (541) 839-4501
Co-Sec/Treas: **Jo Barnes** (541) 459-4522

The February jam was well attended with musicians and visitors from Districts 5 and 6. We had an election of officers at our February Meeting. **Louie Roy** is once again our chairman. Come 1st of July, **Bob Hanson** will be Co-Chairman.

We welcome our new members who signed up, they are **Debbie Kinsinger** and **DeAnne Fogel**.

Willo Shepos was in Sacred Heart Hospital for heart surgery. We wish you well and a speedy recovery.

We have had some sadness in our district with the loss of **Lowell Coffey**. Our sympathy goes to his wife and family. Our prayers are with you.

Happy April Birthdays to: **Alvin Greer, Shelly Burgess, Chuck Hasty, Dennis Pickett, Theresa Dunning**.

Happy Anniversaries to: **Clement & Sarah Berlier, Chuck & Margie Hasty, Clifford & Phylis Larson, James & Charlotte Bonebright**.

Lanora Waggoner wants to thank everyone for thinking of her when she was in the hospital.

April 2nd KRNR Radio, 12:30-12:45. **3rd** Rose Haven. **6th** Roseburg VFW 1-4pm all are welcome. **11th** Mercy Care. **12th** Roseburg VFW 1 - 4pm. Everyone is welcome. **13th** Meeting at Winston Community Building at 11am. Potluck at noon, Jam and Dance 1 - 4pm. Everyone is welcome. **13th** Garden Valley Retirement. **25th** Sutherlin Senior Center. **26th** Roseburg Senior Center. **27th** Sutherlin Timber Valley Trailer Park, Jam, Dance, 1-4 pm. All are invited.

Jean Hanson, Reporter (541) 672-6929

APRIL FIDDLE FESTIVAL April 19, 20 & 21, 1996 Lincoln City, OR

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 1996: THE OCEAN LAKE ELKS LODGE will be open at noon for jamming and for meeting friends. Be sure to sign in. (The Elks require this.) You may, also, register for the fiddle contest and/or for the dance bands. You are encouraged to jam anywhere in the hall. The Elks' Lodge is located on the east side of Highway 101 on N. 22nd. As you drive into Lincoln City from the north - watch for the Dairy Queen on the left. Turn left at the light on to N. 22nd and the Lodge is just a few feet on the right. If you are coming from the South on 101 - drive north - crossing D River going north quite away until you come to the Dairy Queen (N. 22nd Street) turn right to the lodge.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20 - 6:30 JAMMING ON THE STAGE for everybody.

7:00 FIDDLE CONTEST BEGINS. We have thrown out the rule book as you know the typical contest and we have had many fine comments. All age and ability groups are combined into one contest. Judging will be based on: Dance-ability & Rhythm - 50 points. Style, timing and tone - 25 points. Appropriate back up - 25 points. Dress - 10 points. Stage presence - 10 points. (120 total points) You are allowed up to four back-up. A contestant may play one or two tunes or a medley within five minute time limit. (Yes, we do have timers). Tunes that are appropriate for dancing are a must. The audience will be dancing during the contest. No rules apply to style, bowing, plucking, cross tuning, singing, etc. (All contestants must be fiddlers) (If considered inappropriate by the judges, they may choose to score accordingly.) Complete contest rules will be available at the contest. (Or from Lew or Lee) Prizes will be: \$90, \$80, \$70, \$60, \$50, \$40, \$30, \$20, \$10 & \$5. (No trophies or ribbons.) This contest is held in a spirit of fun for the contestants and for the audience to enjoy. The contest may last late into the evening. (Young people may be scheduled early.) Participation is not limited to members of the O.O.T.F.A. but we are the sponsor and set the rules.

SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 21: Building open for jamming. Many people will be attending to listen to our fiddle music. You are encouraged to form groups about the hall - both up stairs and down stairs - and jam, jam, jam.

We have been asked by the lodge to have dance instruction Saturday afternoon. Alan Ede has consented to be our instructor. Sounds fun.

6:30 - Jamming on the stage. About 7:15 we will start having a variety of fiddle dance bands play throughout the evening - until midnight or later. We will have groups much like our Saturday night dance at the state convention but they need not be by district. fiddlers are encouraged to 'get up' a dance band and sign up. This is not designed for an individual or two but rather a group of people playing fiddle music together with their back up. Time for playing will depend on how many bands we have. This is not a contest but good dance music is appreciated.

SUNDAY, APRIL 22: The jam will begin at 1:00. It will be open to all fiddlers and some specials. If you have not attended either Friday or Saturday, we want to especially encourage and invite as many of you fiddlers as can to drive out Sunday morning to participate in our Sunday afternoon jam. (Sometimes the regulars who have been there for several days are tired and are anxious to get back home.) (Of course, we encourage the regulars to stay for the Sunday Jam, too) Two years ago we had 16 sign up for the Sunday jam. Last year we had over 30. LET'S DO IT AGAIN THIS YEAR. We want to put on a good show for the Elks who are paying us well to play for their members. Besides that, "It is fun!"

We are the guests of the Oceanlake Elks Lodge No. 1886. They are paying us to put on the contest and to entertain their members. They want fiddle music and lots of it. Plan on attending all or a part of the weekend. The facilities are excellent and we enjoy working with the management. This is our eighth year at the Lodge. We want to thank

the lodge and the members of the O.O.T.F.A. who have made this get-together so much fun.

Lew Holt - Chairman
Lee Jones, Co-chairman

PARKING:

There is parking behind the lodge (to the east) for self contained RV's. Last year we had to be careful but there was room for all of us. If you come in your car, there is parking all around the lodge. Please save parking for the RV's.

Chad's Chatter cont.

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DONATIONS TO HELP FUND THE STATE CONTEST, Cash donations are preferred; However, **WE WILL GLADLY ACCEPT YOUR FIRST BORN**. All kidding aside, I appreciate any and all help given, either by donating money or your valuable time or both!!!

WORKSHOPS:

All interested in attending a fiddle workshop on waltzes and rags by Donna Rueter in August, please let me know by May 15th, 1996.

All interested in attending a fiddle workshop on hoedowns and rags by Rudi Booher, July 1 - 5, 1996. More details to be announced. Please let me know by May 15, 1996. Call (503) 668-8900.

LINCOLN CITY is set for April 19-21. It looks like another great time and excuse to do what we all love best, perpetuate that oldtime music. If you have never attended Lincoln City Gala, held at the Elks, then you are in for a treat—come check it out.

Keep Fiddlin'
Chad



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District 1 cont.

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Some of us from District 1 drove over to New Pine Creek on March 9th to help **Homer McLain** celebrate his retirement. Those going were **June & Sandy Sandusky, Ray & Cherie Lane, Faye & Isom Patterson, Les & Lois Tucker**. What a nice party. Good food, music & fellowship. Hard to beat. Saw several from other areas, **Bob Huffman** from Portland is always a pleasure. So nice to see you, Bob. We've met more of Homer's brothers & sisters and cousins. **Homer & Rosa Lee's** five sons & families. Happy Retirement, **Homer**. Glad we went.

We had a very snowy night on February 22nd for **Paul & Joyce Kings** farewell party. The potluck was excellent and the music was good. So was well worth getting out in the cold. You District 4 people will be gaining one of our members. We're sorry to loose them.

Birthday Greetings for April to:
Dorothy North, 5th; Ray Lane, 14th; Grace Stork, 6th.

Roseburg will be over by the time this is printed. Lets all have fun & enjoy.

Faye Patterson, District 1, Reporter

District 6 cont.

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ful reading!

Condolences: to **Frieda Chandler**, whose sister died in Eastern Oregon. We are thinking of you, **Frieda**.

Illnesses: **Theresa Powell** is out of the hospital resting at home, and we send our wishes for a comfortable recovery, **Theresa**. Also, our thoughts to out to **Myrtle McCoy** who is in the hospital. May you both soon be feeling better.

April Birthday Wishes: **Marshall Clement, 4th; Alice McDowell, 4th; Wally Bloom, 5th; Myrtle McAdam, 8th; Barbara Garcia, 13th; Bob Kaiser, 20th; DeeDee Kaiser, 22nd; Louis Costa, 30th.**

Your Reporter, **Judy Clement**, (541) 345-0691



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Congratulations, Jon Franke

Mr. **Jon Franke** was a recent participant in a contest for makers of violins and kindred instruments sponsored by the Violin Makers Association of Arizona, International. This contest is a part of the annual meeting which is held each October in Tucson. The Association was founded in 1958 and is the oldest organization of its kind in the United States. We currently have 278 members representing 36 states, 5 Canadian provinces and 5 other countries.

At the competition this year, **Jon** won our most prestigious prize: The "**Bob Wallace Award**", named for the founder of our organization, which goes to the maker of the finest violin entered. For a relatively young man who has been making violins for only seven years, and without benefit of formal instruction, this is indeed an outstanding accomplishment!! There were 92 violins entered. Previously, **Jon** had won second place awards for a cello entry for both tone, and composite score for tone, varnish, and workmanship, in our competition in 1993. That was his first year of attendance at our annual meeting. Last year his steel string violin won second place awards for both tone and composite score. We divide our violin competition into two divisions: those strung with gut strings which are generally preferred by classical musicians, and those with steel strings which are the usual preference of country music players.

Jon's accomplishments are remarkable since he is relatively new at the craft, and is competing against many makers with 20, 30, or more years of experience, some of whom have completed 100 or more instruments. **Thomas DeLuca**, President VMAAI

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NOTES FROM YOUR EDITOR

I am always pleased to see OOTFA work so well together. It is a great project to put on a convention the size of ours. There are 100's of jobs to do. Fortunately there are many willing workers. (However, sometimes there are *willing workers*, and then there are those who are *willing to let them!*) I am always amazed at how smoothly Convention goes. I'm sure that this year will be no exception.

Another thing I have always noticed is how willing musicians are to "get someone started" playing an instrument. There is always a pat on the back and saying "Good Job!". Those are things that makes beginners practice even harder. There is praise for those who no longer play as well as they once did. I love the encouragement I see and hear. I have watched the **Jordan's** encourage the **Youngblood children**. How wonderful you are. You all give yourselves a pat on the back.

And don't you think that you need to stop and greet those new people. Stop and get acquainted. There is no such a thing as a stranger in OOTFA - just friends that you haven't met yet.

Well, this computer is getting a little bit conquered. I have fought with it all week, because it is doing it's "own thing". But, I'm getting the hang of it. Why don't you call me next month and we'll try the FAX thing on this computer. It will be my regular phone number (541) 747-9894. Yes, the computer is a wonderful tool. I am really enjoying E-Mail. I often talk to my Costa Rican friend. It is so wonderful to be in close contact. I can hardly wait until my son, Dale, in Paraguay gets a computer.

Reporters: I'd like to remind you to give me a separate calendar for the front page. These are to be playing dates that you would invite everyone to come. I also would like to

have your officers at the top of your report. Just saves me from looking it up. I take it, that if you don't include phone numbers, that you don't want them published. On the other hand, if you include your numbers, then you have a closer knit musical family.

So much for my thoughts.

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Letters to the editor:

March 11, 1996

Dear Members of District 6

Today I called **Ray Mitchell** and informed him that I do not wish to be the Chairman of our district.

I have spent several sleepless nights working this decision over in my mind. If you were present at the meeting Sunday you were witness to the indecision I have been having over taking this position. Many of you indicated to me that I would make a good Chairman, I think you may be right. But not right now. I do not believe I am ready to take on job of Chairman. I indicated to **Ray** that what I really want right now is to be a "Member" of the district. I would be available to work on some special committee, such as Coburg Golden Days or other function, and because I have some ideas I think can help the district grow, lend my voice in the district meetings.

I wish to thank everyone who, on Sunday offered support to my Chairmanship. I know it was genuine and it was appreciated. However, for my own peace of mind, at this time I want only to "play my two and sit down".

Sincerely, **George A. Anderson**

Dear Friends, Fiddlers and Family:

Thank you for your expressions of sympathy in our loss of **Lowell Coffey**. Your words of kindness have been appreciated. Sincerely, **Clarissa Coffey and family.**



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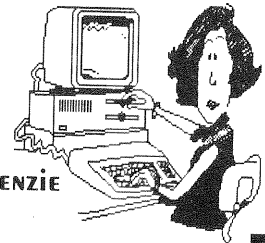
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