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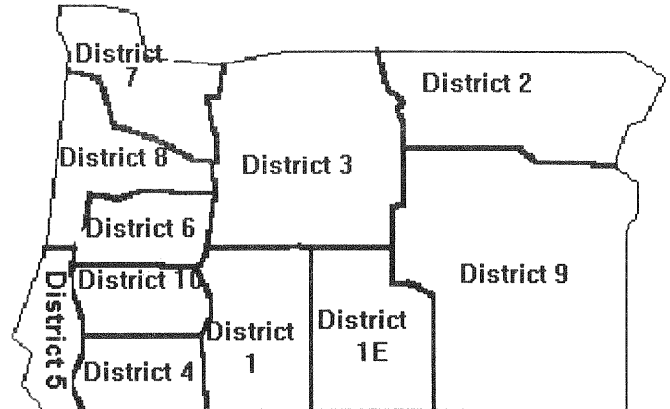
Coming Events

May

4	Sr. Ctr.P'luck,Jam	Rogue River	4
4	Sr. Ctr. Spaghetti Dinner	Newberg	8
4	VFW, 1-4p	Roseburg	10
5	Moose Lodge Jam	Lebanon	6
6	Mtng, Jam	Lakeview	1E
10	VFW 7-10	Roseburg	10
12	Jam Elsie Stuhr Ctr.	Beaverton	7
25	Timber Vly Skp Tr. Prk	Sutherlin	10
11	Zelma Foote Celebration	Central Pt.	4
11	Mtg,P'luck,jam Driftwood Hall	N.Bend	5
12	Jam Sr.Ctr.Mtng	Merrill	1
14	State Capital 11:30-1pm	Salem	8
17-18	OOTFA Contest	Corvallis	OOTFA
19	OOTFA Quarterly Mtng. 10a	Corvallis	OOTFA
19	OOTFA Gospel Show 1p	Corvallis	OOTFA
25	Wine Festival	Winchester Bay	5

June

1	VFW 1-4p	Roseburg	10
1	Comm. Ctr.P'luck,Jam	Prospect	4
2	Potluck & Jam, Willamalane	Springfield	6
2	Sr. Ctr. Mtg,P'luck,Jam	McMinnville	8
8	Mtng Comm. Bldg. P'luck, jam	Winston	10
8	Mtg.P'luck,Jam Driftwood hall	N.Bend	5
14-15	Country Music Jamboree	Burns	9
14	Bullard Park	Bandon	5
14	VFW 7-10	Roseburg	10
16	Sr. Ctr. Jam	Sandy	7
22	Timber Vily Skp Tr.Prk	Sutherlin	10
22	Polk Co.Fairgd.Oreg Trail	Rickreall	8
28	State Fairgd. Llama Show	Salem	
29	Lighthouse Celebration	Bandon	5



Chad's Chatter

The State Convention offered good music, good friendship and excellent food. It was an all around GREAT event. I received multiple compliments on the Friday Night Show for its variety, smoothness, and enjoyable entertainment. Thank you. However, I must thank the 34 performers who took the time to put together an entertaining show so--I thank you and all of the non-performing members who supported the show by attending. Many non-members (paying customers) appreciated hav-

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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

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District 1

Chairman: **Jo Harris** (541) 884-9852

Co-Chair: **Sandy Sandusky**

Sec/Treas: **Harold North**

May 12th will be a Jam at the Merrill Civic Center on Front Street. Business Meeting at 1pm; Music at 2pm. Finger Foods. The Hall will be open at 12 noon.

We're still alive here in District 1. Spring has sprung and we're breaking out of our long winter underwear. Happy Day!

Roseburg was a delightful time this year. Now, we're looking forward to Lincoln City for more music and fun. How sweet it is!

Our April jam was one of the best. **Tex and Minnie Cox** came up from Shingletown, Ca and spent the weekend with us. Beautiful harmonica playing, **Tex**. Come anytime. **Paula and Merle Pasley** from Rogue River came, **Sam Watts and Charlie Threet** from Lakeview came to share their music and songs with us. **Jim and Jan Lancaster** from Diamond Lake Junction. We enjoyed you all. The building is filling up, looks good. The kitchen should be finished in the near future. Until it is, please bring finger food.

We were all glad to have our chairlady back after convalescing from surgery. Glad to see **Ray and Minda Turner** out. **Ray** has had hand surgery and unable to play fiddle for awhile. Hurry, **Ray**, we need you.

So good to have a lively audience and lively musicians. Couldn't ask for more.

The nursing homes are important, too! Please come and help. they are so grateful.

April 21st - Washburn Way at 2pm.

April 25th- Clairmont Conv. at 5:45

April 25th- Clairmont House at 7pm.

April Birthday Greetings to: **Cherie Lane**, 13th; **Le Wells**, 10th; **Retha Green**, 2nd; **Leonard McDonald**, 28th.

Anniversary Greetings to: **Al and Thelma Wilson**, 13th; **Faye and Isom Patterson**, 27th.

District 1E

Chairman: **MaryAnn McLain** (541) 947-2449

Co-Chair: **Lorena McLain**

Secretary: **Mary Stone**

Treasurer: **John (Shorty) Stone**

Our April business meeting at the Indian Village Restaurant was attended by 13 members. the next business meeting will be the first Monday in May, (6th). We will decide on some future jams at that time.

A jam on April 5 at the Memorial hall lacked a large crowd but we made up for it by having fun playing just the same. **Lee Hampton** was there with his harmonica, **Larry McLain** with his guitar, **Bill Myers, Linda Miller, Clyde Lynch, Doc Walker and Shorty Stone** with guitars and vocals, and **Homer and Rosalee** were there with their pretty music, celebrating their wedding anniversary. **Marie Walker** was our MC. **Virgil Schmoe** from District 1 was a guest and gave us some good fiddlin'. **Perry Forga** was with us fiddling too. We always love having **Perry** there. **Charlie Threet** sang and played also.

What a lot of wonderful Wall-to-Wall music we heard at convention! Nothing can compare with hearing this treasured, classy, old time music (and the newer music, too). The joy of hearing it is comparable to maybe a cold drink on a scorching day or entering a warm, firelit room on a cold bitter day.

Just wonderful! Thanks OOTFA!

On May 18th we'll play at a children's fair at Alturas, California. Also later the same week, we'll be playing at the Lake County fairgrounds, celebrating "Windows of the Past" honoring Applegate and Oregon Trail.

Take care - Keep Fiddlin' and enjoy the Spring!

God Bless,

Mary Stone (541) 947-3825

The family of Zelma Foote extends an invitation to all to a Celebration of Her Life.

It will be held on Saturday, May 11th starting at 12 noon. You are invited to bring your favorite potluck dish. Meat will be furnished by the family. The Celebration will be held at the Central Point Grange Hall located on Main Street in Central Point. If you have pictures, stories or memories, please share them. The Celebration will continue until 6pm or until the last fiddler hangs up his or her bow. Come and participate in the Celebration of Zelma's life.

District 3

Chairperson: **Ken Jordan** (541) 389-9746
 Co-Chair: **Jack Kerr**
 Sec/Treas: **Susan Youngblood**

Twelve musicians and 33 guests showed up for our jam at the Bend Senior Center. It was a great treat having **Rosa Lee and Homer McLain** from Lakeview join us. Also, we welcome our guests from the Redmond Opportunity Center. They sure do enjoy listening and dancing to the music.

It was sure nice to see **Ilomae Zehner**, our love and prayers are with you. And we missed seeing **Kay and Dave Gutscher**.

This weekend **Chet Fullerton** was a Turkey...(hunting).

By the time you read this, Lincoln City has come and gone. Hopefully all had a great time seeing old friends and just playing music.

This is where we do the OOPs correction. Last print Birthdays and Anniversaries for April were forgotten; however, people definitely were not. Birthdays for April were **Cliff Harris**, 24th; **Evelyn Martin**, 18th; **Tom O'Neal**, 28. Anniversaries for April were: **Lee and Don Hanna**, 9th; **Betty and Tom O'Neal**, 18th, **Shirley and LeRoy Sims**, 27th.

Birthdays for May are: **George Brumbach**, 3rd; **Carol Real**, 4th; **Betty O'Neal**, 19th; **Pat Fraser**, 19th; **Earlene Ervin**, 20th and **Don Hanna**, 26th.

We wish all our Birthday folks many happy returns, and to our Anniversary couples, "Even as the strings of a lute are alone though they quiver with the same music." God Bless.

Reporter: **Ernie Slay** for **Sally Jordan**.

District 4

Chairman: **Joe Levine** (541) 582-1069
 Co-Chair: **Merle Pasley** (541) 582-1924
 Sec/Treas: **Ethel Holstin** (541) 479-1621

Helloooo-oops!! OUCH!

Just came off cloud nine after an exciting OOTFA Convention. Once again, good music and goood people, what fun! Guess what? I finally met **Joy Halliwell**! She has a face!! Yes! In my minds-eye I pictured a young raven-haired beauty, tall, willowy, long-legged with twinkling eyes...Heavens! I'm talking about myself! Just kidding!...**Joy** is every bit gentle and lovely, caring person I perceived! I watched her at Roseburg greeting everyone she could, flitting from one person to another. Don't edit this paragraph, **Joy**. You are choice!

Down to the quiet roar of everyday jamming, I counted 160 tapping shoes, 160 clapping hands, 1600 fingers, (minus a finger or two, this is logging country, you know), 160 listening ears, eighty grinning faces, a lot of them with real teeth! How I envy them! All this happened April 11th at our jam in Prospect, a very gracious town. Don't miss our June 1st Jam in Prospect again.

As days get warmer, activity will be picking up. Rooster Crow is just around the corner, and the Central Point July 4th picnic, too, is scheduled. So folks get your chores done, eat well and get plenty of rest.

Joining the fun time was **Faye and Isom Patterson** District 1; **Barbara Garcia, Wally Bloom and Dawn Meldrin**, all from District 6; **Tex and Minnie Cox** hailed all the way from Shingletown, CA! Also **Mary Lowe Paszty**, I love your guitar picking. **Homer McLain** from Lakeview and **Pat Manion** from Ashland. Ya'all come back

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JOHN AND HELEN HAKANSON SEND THANKS TO ALL THEIR FIDDLER FRIENDS WHO HELPED MAKE THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SUCH AN JOYFUL DAY. YOUR CARDS, MUSIC AND GOOD WISHES MADE A HAPPY DAY FOR JOHN AND ME AND ALL OF OUR FAMILY. THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH.

District 5

Chairman: **Claud Whaley** (541) 888-4430
Co:Chair: **Elnora Jorren** (541) 271-3519
Sec/Treas: **Marianne Burns** (541) 888-2655

Joan is out-of-town so I am here again. We wish Joan a safe and enjoyable trip.

We need to fill you in on a few particulars concerning the playing dates ahead. First of all, we will be proud to share the stage with our out-of-district players who would like to join us for the show at the WINE FESTIVAL in Winchester Bay on May 25th. It will be held down by the waterfront near the Cannery. We will be playing from 1 - whenever. Also at the BANDON LIGHTHOUSE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION on June 29th. We will start playing at 3pm. Not in the amphitheater, but in the GAZEBO on the way out to the lighthouse in Bullard Park. This is a three-day (June 28-30) celebration and they have many things planned for everyone to see and do, please join us.

On July 4th District 5 will be playing for the Florence Elks from 11am to 5 pm.

We had fantastic food and music at our April jam. **Shorty and Charlotte Dow** brought their guest, **James Hamilton**, from Boone, NC with them. Other guests included, **Merle and Annemae Herold**, **Lloyd Roth and Mary A. Weist**, also **Ella Savery's son, Ron, and his wife, Louise Savery.**

It was exciting to have **Roy Lewis and Alice McDowell** visit us all the way from Arkansas, on such a beautiful day, for the sun was shining and **Alice** got to drive the first 40 miles in her brand new car. It was a day of good food, good music, and lots of love and laughter. We look forward to many more

Congratulations to May Birthday people: **Marianne**

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District 6

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

On Sunday, May 5th we will have a jam at the Moose Lodge in Lebanon, and in June on Sunday the 2nd, we will have a potluck/jam at Willamalane--no meeting. Please bring a main dish, a dessert and your table service.

At the April District Meeting we elected **Joy Halliwell** as our Chairman, and **Joe Moyle** as our Co-Chairman. Thank you both for agreeing to serve on the board.

Joy reported on progress for Coburg Golden Years. We will have the Saturday afternoon playing time as usual, plus the job of emceeing. In addition, there will be an RV parking space and a jamming stage for the Old Time Fiddlers to use as they want across from the Main Stage for the weekend. This should be a lot of fun. Anyone wishing information on CGY, please contact: **Joy Halliwell** or one of the CGY Committee: **John Madsen, George Anderson, Mark Ratzlaff or Joe Moyle.**

Get Well Wishes to: **Ken Halliwell**, recovering from surgery and pneumonia. Hoping you will soon feel well, **Ken.**

At the April Board Meeting, we voted to donate \$200 to the Contest to be held in Corvallis.

May Birthday Wishes: **Mark Pruitt**, 2nd; **Dorothy Payne**, 3rd; **Velma Boyles**, 6th; **Stan Gonskowski**, 6th; **Theresa Powell**, 6th; **Roy E. Lewis**, 8th; **Billy Davison**, 11th; **Robert Patterson**, 13th; **Ruth Anne Paul**, 19th; and **Evelyn Turner**, 22nd.

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Friends,
MARK YOUR CALENDARS
to participate in Coburg Golden Years, July 19-21st. Watch for more details next month.

District 7

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

There will be a business meeting at the May jam at 11am in the Elsie Stuhr Center. To get to Elsie Stuhr, take Hwy. 8 at the Sylvan Highway to Watson, left to Hall Blvd. to 5550. or take Hwy. 217 to Beverton-Tualatin Hwy. then left to Hall Blvd and 5550. There is a church on the corner and the center is on the right.

The 50th wedding anniversary of **John and Helen Hakanson** was well attended by both family and fiddlers. It was entertainment of all kinds and their family has considerable talent to share.

We wish to thank all of those who donated the beautiful flowers and door prizes. And thanks for all the help in setting up tables and doing all of those necessities. The convention was successful because of you.

We are still hoping to get the first Saturday night of the month at the Canby Senior Center to be a successful dance/jam. It has been a lot of fun for those attending. It starts at 5pm and goes until 9pm. Everyone is getting excited as the time to go to the big weekend at Lincoln City draws near. It is so nice to be able to meet old friends and make new ones in this atmosphere.

Take care! Drive with care and most of all, keep happy.

Ida Colby, Reporting (503) 557-8709

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District 8

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

Hope you all had as good a time at convention as we did. Thanks to all who helped set up tables and chairs for the banquet. this job was assigned to Districts 7 and 8, but a lot of others helped, too. You're all great! Thanks also to the ladies who made the beautiful flower arrangements for the head table.

The Salem Statesman Journal ran a full page story on District 8 fiddling. The photos were taken at a jam at Buell Grange. As a result we've had many phone calls asking when and where we will be playing. And, we've had a number of requests to play for big bucks, as a result of the article. Note our busy schedule!

On Saturday, May 4th, we play for a spaghetti dinner at the Newberg Senior Center. We'll buy our own dinners. Ya'll come. We start playing for dancers and listeners at 5 pm. The Senior Center is at 101 West Foothills St. about a mile our College St. which is Hwy 219 going over the hill to Scholls and Hillsboro.

Tuesday, May 14th, is a special day. We invite all of you to play at the State Capitol in Salem. this is part of our advertising of the OOTFA Contest. **Governor Kitzhaber** will be proclaiming this as **Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers**

week. This is an exciting event, and you're all invited to come and play or listen. Let's let Oregon know that fiddling is alive and well in our state.

Sunday, June 2nd, we'll be at the McMinnville

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SANDY CAMPOUT

Chad Terrusa's Place
 45210
 SE Coalman Rd.
 Sandy, Oregon 97055

August 14, 15, 16, 17,
 and 18

The Host will furnish
 BBQ on the 17th
 Please bring favorite
 side dishes to complete the meal.

A Fiddle Workshop
 with Donna Reuter
 August 17th from
 9am - 3pm.
 at Terrusa's Place.

The Workshop will be
 \$12.50. The registration is limited so
 please call Chad for
 reservations
 (503)668-8900

District 9

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

COUNTRY MUSIC JAMBOREE at the Harney County Fairgrounds in Burns June 14 and 15th. Shows will be at 1:30 and 6:30pm. This is a fun thing to do on the way to Weiser, Idaho and the National Old-Time Fiddler Contest. For more information, call 1-(541) 573-3417. or PO Box 904, Hines, Oregon 97732.

July 14 will be a jam at the Senior Center in Burns.
 July 15 we will play at the Burns Nursing Home.

Coming Events cont.....

July

1-5	Booher Family Campout	Yoncalla	
6	VFW 1-4	Roseburg	10
6	Roxie Ann GrangeP'luck, Jam	Medford	4
12	VFW 7-10	Roseburg	10
13	Smelt Fry, School, 11am	Yachats	8
13	Senior Ctr 7pm	Waldport	8
13	Mtg. P'luck, Jam 11a		5
19	Bullard Park Amphitheater	Bandon	5
19-21	Coburg Golden Years	Coburg	6
20	Mtng Comm. Bldg MtngP'luck	Winston	10
22	Timber Vly Skp Tr Prk	Sutherlin	10
27-28	Steam Days	Brooks	8

August

1	Yamhill Co. Fair	McMinnville	8
11	Polk Co. Fair	Rickreall	8
15-18	Sandy Campout	Sandy	7

September

12-14	Thousand Trails	LaPine	OOTFA
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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

May Playing Dates

1st, *Rosehaven*, 1:30 - 2:30; 4th, *VFW* in Roseburg, 1-4pm. Everyone is welcome; 9th, *Mercy Care* at 6:30-7:30; 10th, *VFW* in Roseburg 7 - 10pm. Everyone is welcome; 11th *Garden Valley Retirement*, 11:30.; May 11th Meeting at *Winston Community Building*, Meeting at 11am and 12 noon potluck. Jam and Dance from 1 - 4pm. May 23rd, *Sutherlin Senior Center*, 10:30; 24th *Roseburg Senior Center* at 11:30. 25th, *Sutherlin Timber Valley Trailer Park, Jam and Dance* at 1-4. All are invited.

June Playing Dates: 1st, at *VFW* in Roseburg from 1 to 4pm. 8th, Meeting at *Winston Community Building*, Meeting p'luck, Jam and dance. 22nd *Timber Valley Skp Trailer Park* at Sutherlin, from 1-4pm. 14th *VFW* in Roseburg from 7 - 10.

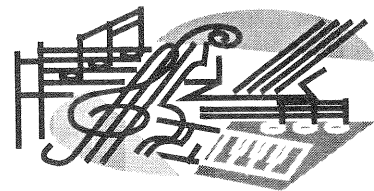
Happy May Birthdays to **Bill Bettis, Tom Shepherd, Gem Moore, Keith Carr, Dean Wilson, Lester Broodwater, Charlotte Bonebright, and Ella Conner.**

We welcome our new members, they are: **Dortha Wyatt, Jan Castillo, Alta Tackett.**

We had a nice potluck April 13th and good jam and dances. We didn't have a meeting. Our Chairman **Lewie Roy's** granddaughter, **Shelly Burgess** got married. Congratulations to **Lewis and Fran.**

Tom Shepard, we hope you and **Marlene** get feeling better soon. We all miss your Old Time Fiddle playing. **Tom and Marlene** was in a car accident recently. Hope you have a fast recovery.

Jean Hanson, Reporter (541) 672-6929



Chad's Chatter cont.

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ing the front rows reserved for them. There were so many of you who volunteered your time which made this convention successful, especially the women. In fact, I would go so far as to say that the Women of this organization are truly the Back Bone, period!!!!

The Annual Meeting was well attended. Thank you. There are changes to be made to Standing Rule V which has gone to committee regarding the procedure to RECALL AN OFFICER. The rules governing the Twin Fiddle Division of the contest has been changed to permit one member of OOTFA may play with a non-member to make up the Twin Pair. The old rule demanded that both fiddlers much be members. Hopefully this will bring together more twin fiddlers. Standing rule M-1b allows a resident of Oregon (who has resided in Oregon for 6 months continuously) to enter the contest provided they become members prior to entering. The old rule demanded that contest participants be a member for 4 months prior to entering. This will allow any Oregon resident of 6 months to enter our contest provided they join prior to entering. This may also prove to be a good way of increasing our membership. The contest will be scored by the ONE SCORE method for a period of one year and voted on at the next annual meeting. It has been taken under consideration that the fair money earned by each district should be retained by each district for a period of one year to see, if any, what financial impact it would have on the State. I would like to take this opportunity to personally apologize to our 56 non-Christian families who called and/or had written me regarding prayer to be said in silence. As you have most likely heard, there was a motion to keep prayer oral (status quo) for a period of one year which tabled silent prayer. I am truly sorry for not being able to protect YOUR RIGHTS EQUALLY with those of our Christian families, in which silent prayer

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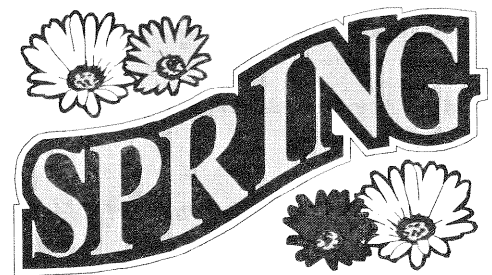
Congratulations to Myrtle and Tom McAdam on celebrating their 50th Anniversary last month. May Anniversaries are: Dick and Jo Gerlach, 1st; John and Wanda Davis, 2nd; Curly and Allison Roberts, 17th; Ray Mitchell and Judy Clement, 28th; Mike and Barbara Garcia, 29th; and Don and Ruth Loring, 31.

We wish to thank you *all*, family and friends for your help, phone calls and support during our time of need. Without *you* it would have been a lot harder to handle. We love you all very much.

Hannah
Meldrin and
Wally Bloom.

Community Events: A cajun fiddle workshop will be held on June 2nd with Kelly Thibodeaux, from a local band, Etouffee, at the Oddfellow Building in Coburg. Please call Andrea Wyckoff for more details.

Sincerely,
Your Reporter,
Judy Clement. (541) 345-0691.



District 4 cont.

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attention, you saw Glen Campbell, his wife and sister in the crowd!

Please have fervent prayers for dear Alex Lopez, Jack McCasland, Doreen Winkleman and Hazel Lindsey.

Remember: Old gardeners never die, they just lose their bloomers!

Peace! Merry Mary.

Chad's Chatter cont.

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seemed to be a solution.*

The election of 1996-1997 officers are as follows: Louis Roy, president; Jack Kerr, vice-president; Myrtle Arnold, Sec/Treasurer. I know you will join me in supporting our newly elected officers.

The Deatons once again furnished our Banquet with excellent food. Thank you Deaton Clan, we appreciate you.

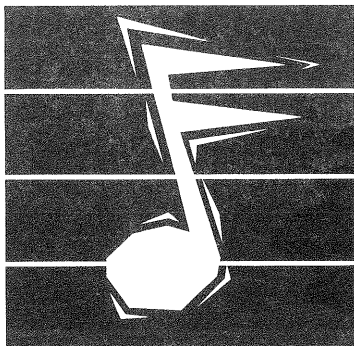
ATTENTION DISTRICTS AND INDIVIDUALS. We need donations for the State Contest. I thank you in advance for your contribution.

For this contest to be a success, it needs contestants. You are never to old or young, to good or bad to enter. SO PLEASE MAKE THIS YOUR YEAR TO SUPPORT THE ORGANIZATION EITHER BY ENTERING THE CONTEST OR COMING TO BE A PART OF THE AUDIENCE. WE NEED YOU!!!!

Look for the contest schedule and new location in this Hoedowner.

There will be a State Quarterly Meeting on Sunday May 19 at 10am. All present officers and officers-elect are requested to attend this meeting.

*Keep Fiddlin'
Chad*



District 5 cont.

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Burns, 3rd; Rosie Johnson 4th; Bert Stevens, 3rd; Jean Dunn, 6th; Roy Lewis, 8th; Charlotte Dow, 20th; Jim Hall, 27th; and Chelsea Hall on the 30th.

Happy Anniversary to **Bert and Mary Stevens** on May 11th.

Jack (Dennis) Lester

4/21/96

Left us with fond memories which can't be denied but tis a sad sad mandolin whose master has died.

Any donations, the family has asked to be made to the Old Time Fiddlers

May all the good things happen to you and yours.

Ruth Whaley reporting for **Joan Daniels**

District 8 cont.

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Senior Center. Meeting at 11am to review our summer schedule, potluck at noon and jam at 1pm. The address is 2250 NE McDaniel Lane. Turn south off the highway at the McDonalds. We always have a good audience here and a good turn-out of musicians. Come and join us.

Here are some more dates to mark on your calendars. Details in later Hoedowners. June 22nd, Polk County Fairgrounds, Oregon Trail Program. June 28th, Oregon State Fairgrounds, Llama Show. July 13th, Smelt Fry, Yachats and Waldport. July 27th and 28th, Brooks Steam Days. August 1st, Yamhill County Fair. August 11th, Polk County Fair. October 12th, Newport Elks Lodge. (I told you we will be busy!)

Alice Holt, Reporter (503) 391-5377

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Thanks for Lincoln City Gala

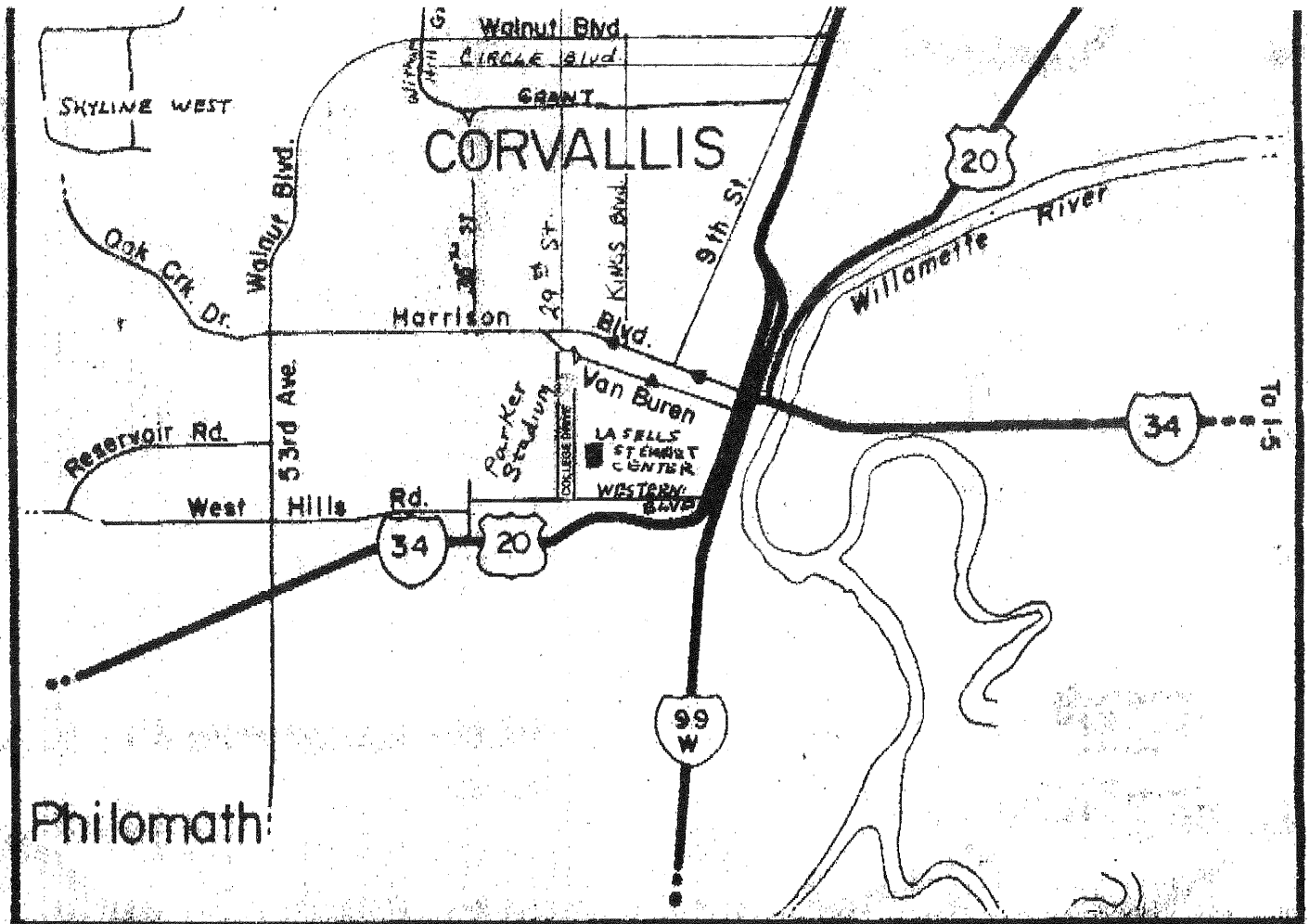
Thanks for the big turn-out at Lincoln City at the Elk's Lodge. This has been one of our favorite "get togethers" over the years. A special thanks to the crew who helped tally the scores, to the judges, to the emcees and to the other who entered the contest and who made up dance bands. Year after year Alan Ede has taught dancing on Saturday afternoon. Let's have a big hand for Alan to show our appreciation. Thanks. Another thanks to those who helped out at the Gospel Hour Sunday morning and to those who played in the jam Sunday afternoon. It was a great week end, and thanks to all of you.



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

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



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For many years we have enjoyed being at the Elk's Lodge in Lincoln City. This year seemed to be the best of all. Too often good things have to come to an end. The Elks let us know that we will not be returning next year. We have enjoyed ourselves over the years and it has become so popular that we actually have out grown the facilities. Let us be thankful for the many good times we have had there.

Out of the 42 contestants those that finished in the top ten this year were: Homer McLain, Linh Renkin, (Susan Anderson, LeRoy Simms - tie), Russ Phillips, Gene Williams, Bob Kaiser, (Beth Youngblood, Guy Kinman, Starr McMullen - tie). Congratulations to Homer for being our champ and a big THANKS to the largest contest ever.

Thanks to all of you who have attended, thanks to those of you who have supported our efforts over the years and especially for your many positive comments this year. We are grateful.

Lew Holt and Lee Jones, Chairmen

Sunday, May 19th,
1996

GOSPEL SHOW AT IPM. Mark Carmickle will organize this show. Fiddlers winning each division are invited to play in this gospel show. If at all possible, please stay over and perform.

Registration will be open on Friday and Saturday. Please register as soon as possible. We need to close the registration for each division ONE HOUR prior to playing.

Hope to see you there. Remember the State Quarterly Meeting will be on Sunday, May 19 at 10am.
Chad Terrusa, President OOTFA
Lew Holt, Contest Chairman

NOTES FROM YOUR EDITOR

I'll make this short as this is a "full" Hoedowner. There is so much going on. Lincoln City is history. (Hope you all had a very good time.)

If you haven't met **Mary Armstrong**, District 4, it is time that you did. What a charming lady who sings very sweetly. She writes the most entertaining column in the Hoedowner.

The OOTFA State Contest is coming up fast. I know that there is lots to do there. If you don't have something to do that weekend, why don't you call **Chad**. I'll bet he could put you to work. It takes a lot of people to put on a contest the class of OOTFA's. I'm proud of our organization.

Be sure to mark your calendars for **1000 Trails** in September. This is a good time such as you experience at Convention. It's worth booking.

We have a new slate of officers on both District and State level. These people are working very hard for **YOUR** organization. Please support them. Keep your attitude positive, complaining only tears organizations apart. When OOTFA ceases to be fun, maybe it is time to re-assess your membership! Keep smilin', pickin' and bowin'.

I get inquiries once in a while, why do we do birthdays and anniversaries? The answer is very simple, some people would never see their name in print if we didn't do it. You know we all need our ego boosted once in a while.

I'd like to challenge each and every one of you at your next jam. If you see someone you don't know, walk right up to them

and introduce yourself. (I'll guarantee that they won't bite you.) If you try doing that for a while, you'll find out that you they won't be strangers, only friends that you haven't met yet. You'll soon be known as a very friendly district. **AJoy**

OOTFA Contest Corvallis

There will be ample RV parking (no hookups) on adjoining OSU property at Parker Stadium.

OOTFA CONTEST SCHEDULE:
LaSells Stewart Center, OSU, Corvallis, Oregon
 Jack Walker, Emcee

Friday, May 17, 1996

6:30 On Stage Jam

7:00 National Anthem

Judges play Joe Hamm, Bob Kaiser,
 May Kirsch, Gary Lee Moore,
 Mabel Vogt.

1995 Open Champion plays

1995 Senior-Senior Champion plays

****TWIN FIDDLE CONTEST****

1995 Pee Wee Champion plays

****SENIOR DIVISION CONTEST****

(ROUND ONE)

1995 Senior Champion plays

1995 Junior Champion plays

1995 Young Adult Champion plays

1995 Adult Champion plays

*Announce Senior Division Finalist
 Awards -- Twin Fiddle Contest*

Saturday, May 18th, 1996

9:15 On Stage Jam

9:45 Contest

****SENIOR SENIOR DIVISION****

(ROUND 1)

****JUNIOR DIVISION****(ROUND 1)

Noon Intermission 1:30

****PEE WEE DIVISION****(ROUND 1)

****JUNIOR JUNIOR DIVISION****(ROUND 1)

****SENIOR DIVISION**** (ROUND 2 FINALS)

AWARDS PEE WEE DIVISION

****YOUNG ADULT**** (ROUND 1)

Break for Dinner

6:30 On Stage Jam

7:00 Contest

National Anthem

Judges play

Joe Hamm, Bob Kaiser, May
 Kirsch, Gary Lee Moore, Mabel Vogt

1996 PeeWee Champion plays

****OPEN DIVISION**** (ROUND 1)

****SENIOR-SENIOR Division**** (ROUND 2
 final)

BILL YOHEY MEMORIAL AWARD

**** JUNIOR-JUNIOR DIVISION**** (ROUND 2
 final)

AWARDS

SENIOR DIVISION

SENIOR-SENIOR DIVISION

YOUNGEST BOY FIDDLER

YOUNGEST GIRL FIDDLER

OLDEST FIDDLER

INTERMISSION

****JUNIOR DIVISION**** (ROUND 2 final)

****YOUNG ADULT DIVISION** (ROUND 2 final)

AWARDS

JUNIOR-JUNIOR; JUNIOR DIVISIONS

****ADULT DIVISION**** (ROUND 2 final)

****OPEN DIVISION**** (ROUND 2 final)

AWARDS: ACCOMPANIST, YOUNG

ADULT, ADULT, OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

FINALE

ORANGE BLOSSOM SPECIAL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Editor:

My name is **Betsy Lewis**. I am a volunteer with the Southern Oregon Historical Society, researching violin makers who worked between the years 1860 and 1930 in Southern Oregon.

Two individuals I am seeking information about are a **Mr. Frank L. Vinson** (born 1884, died 1958) and a **Mr. Frank Zell** (born 1867, died 1943) Mr Zell also had a curio shop in Jacksonville, Or. The society has a "fiddle" made by each of these men in its collection. Mr. Zell's fiddle is made out of a **metal syrup can** and he supposedly won an Old-Time Fiddler's Contest with it.

If you have information about either of these men or know of any other historic violin makers in Southern Oregon, I'd be very appreciative if you would contact me. Thank you in advance, for your help in these matters.

Betsy Lewis

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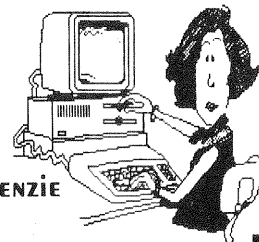
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