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Calendar of Events

(Be sure to read the district news for the specific times, places and activities.)

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20	Winston Community Bldg	Winston	10
21	Senior Center	McMinnville	8

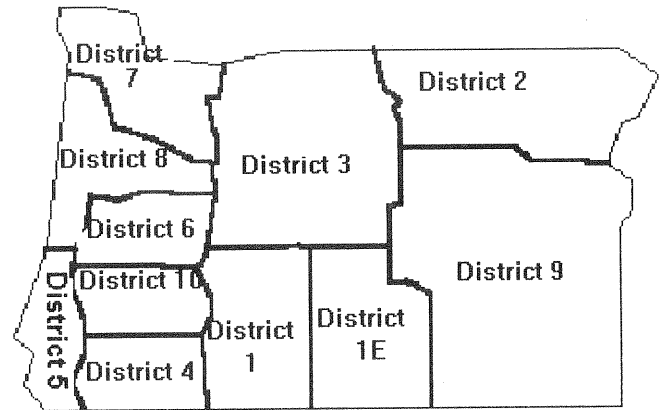
March

7	Jam, Senior Center	Burns	9
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18, 19	State Convention	Roseburg	O O
20			TFA
20	State Quarterly & annual meeting	Roseburg	O O
			TFA

April

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			TFA
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Roger's Rambles

A Happy and Prosperous New year to you all!!

What does it take to have a good year? Start with a group of talented musicians like OOTFA, add a couple thousand volunteer hours from the "Movers" and the "Shakers," mix these ingredients into six state jams around the state and have a good year.

All of the above is planned or being planned for "99", with your talent and good jam schedule, we should have one of the best years ever.

Starr, Lew and I have met to work on our state contest. Starr has a lot of the organization already done and a tentative

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A Nonprofit Organization Article II: "Purpose - To perpetuate and promote Old time fiddling and Old time music. To encourage everyone, especially young people, to play the fiddle and appreciate Old time Fiddling and Old-time Music. To Provide regular times and places to meet to play this kind of music."

District 1

District 1E

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Co-Chair: Bill Myers (541) 947-5442
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Happy New Year Everyone!! We hope each of you had a wonderful Christmas.

Our Dec. 13 jam started off with a lovely dinner of turkey and all the trimmings. Jo Harris and Irene Ruddock provided decorations that made the tables beautiful. Thank you both and thank you again Irene for cooking the turkey, etc. The rest of us shared bringing all the other goodies to go with it. Then the afternoon was spent playing lively tunes.

We all welcome Lewis and Jean Standiford to Klamath Falls and to our group. It was good of them to come out in the cold to join us for our Christmas dinner and jam. Hope to see you regularly.

We offer congratulations to Louis and Grace Stork on their 53rd wedding anniversary on the 15th. Happy Birthday wishes go to Al Nelson -5th, Gary Rarden-6, Thelma Nelson - 13, Jo Harris - 19, Carolyn Rarden - 20.

Mark your calendars for the new year and join us for a jam on January 10th at the Winema Inn at 1111 Main St. in Klamath Falls. We'll have a business meeting at 12:30 and a new time for our jam - starting at 1:00 and going to 4:00 -- and we are trying something different "No food." Just an afternoon of music playing and dancing if you want to. Our nursing home schedule -- we'll be at Washburn Way Rehab in Klamath Falls the 1st Tuesday of each month from 3:00 to 4:00. We'll be at the Clairmont Nursing Home and Retirement again with a possible change of time and date. If you aren't notified and want to help play, please call 882-1595 - Ray Lane.

Have a healthy, safe New Year.
Cherie Lane, reporter District 1

We hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday! It doesn't seem possible 1999 is now upon us. Time sure does fly when you're having fun!

We had a real good turn out, both players and listeners, for our Dec. 5th jam. Even with it snowing all afternoon and late into the evening. It's hard to stay away from good music and good people!

One of our members, Norm Gumser, is in the long Term Care Center and we all wish him well.

Our Christmas gathering on the 19th was lots of fun with many fine goodies won during our cake walk. All of our musical folks showed up with a new tune as a gift.

Homer and Rosa Lee McLain are working away on the home remodeling project. Believe it's one of those deals that started out small and has kept expanding in size. They've knocked down walls, added rooms, rewired, replumbed and played musical rooms moving from one to another as another part is finished. It's probably been pretty inconvenient now, but will sure be nice for them when it's done.

Doc and Marie Walker sold their home and sure thought we were going to lose them to Klamath Falls. But at least for now, they have bought another home here in Lakeview. We're sure glad! !

Happy New Year to all of you from District 1E!!
Bill & Gloria Myers, Reporters District 1E

APRIL 9 - 10
APRIL FIDDLE FESTIVAL AT THE ELKS IN FLORENCE.
FUN, FUN, FUN.

District 3

Chairman: Ed Nelson (541) 389-9575
Co-Chair: LeRoy Sims (541) 536-3656
Sec/Treas: Betty Fullerton (541) 382-4583
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Happy 1999 everybody. We had a successful Christmas jam. Unfortunately one of the newspapers printed we were playing on Sunday instead of on Saturday so several people showed up on Sunday. We still had about 350 people on Saturday. It was a pleasure and a lot of fun to have Bob & Jean Hanson from Dist. 10. Hope they will come again. It was also good to have Rudy, Carla, 9-month-old Emily, Meriwyn, Ben, Brendan, & Gabe Booher at our jam. It's always great when they can get away from their busy schedules as we sure do enjoy them.

The jam was exceptionally busy for Betty Fullerton. She was busier than a cranberry merchant at Christmas time. Betty does a superb job as our bookkeeper & membership chairman and speaking of Betty, her hubby Chet is one of our finest musicians. They are always willing to help in any way and they both deserve a BIG thank you for all they do for our district.

Welcome new members Spud Halsten (Sisters); Robert & Pearl Jensen (Terrebonne); Lawrence & Verna Gisi (Crooked River Ranch); Marvin & Virginia Smith (Sisters); John & Lisa Goetz (Bend) Clive & Donna McGlottin (Madras); Ben & Heather Sporsky (Bend). Jack Bloom and Arby Thompson have had surgery. Gene Slay has had triple bypass surgery and is now a member of the exclusive Zipper Club. Best wishes to each of you for a speedy recovery.

The following is the next six months scheduled jam dates at the new Deschutes County Fairgrounds (Airport Way exit off Hwy. 97). Jan. 10; Feb. 7; Mar. 14; Apr. 25; May 16;

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District 4

Chairman: Don Lindsey (541) 779-0793
Co-chair: Gene Williams (541) 560-3230
Sec/Treas: Ethel Holstin (541) 479-1621
Mmbrship: Ruth Applegate (541) 582-8032
PO Box 55 Rogue River, OR 97537

Happy New Year! Because it snowed with a vengeance at our Dec. 5 jam, I didn't have time to count noses. Those who were wise and wary left early. We, on the other hand, stayed a bit longer and paid the price. It took us 2 1/2 hours to get from Medford to Grants Pass! 30 miles.

We had a full dining room for our Christmas dinner and later a good crowd was gathering for a festive afternoon. The Grissoms were there, Dorene Winkelman and guests from Klamath Falls, Faye and Isom Patterson.

Mary does not walk on water! Her calendar of events said "Jam at Rosy Ann Grange" and . . . in the Dist. 4 news column said "Jam at Rogue River!" Well, it was at Roxy Ann Grange! (Sorry)

Resolve: to be at Rogue River Sr. Center

Where: Rogue River Senior Center
What: Potluck and bring own place settings, please.

When: January 2, 1999

What else: pick new nominees for office

What else: Come for a good time

Wow! Jack and Alice Tillery had their 59th anniversary in Dec. Lloyd Walch had a birthday Dec. 19th also. Lloyd and Margaret Walch had their 52nd anniversary. Jerry and Zelda Cook celebrated their 33rd on Dec. 30

Love, Merry Mary Armstrong

P.S. Yesterday is history, Tomorrow is a mystery, but today is a gift. That's why it's called the present." anonymous

**MARCH
18, 19 & 20**

**STATE
CONVENTION AT
THE DOUGLAS
COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS
IN ROSEBURG.
QUARTERLY
MEETING AND
STATE
MEETINGS ON
SATURDAY THE
20TH.**

District 5

Chairman: Fred Grove (541) 267-4467
 Co-Chair: Phil Fry (541) 888-2004
 Sec/Treas/: Sheila Anderson (541) 269-7250
 Membership 2012 Red Dike Rd
 Coos Bay, OR 97420

District 6

Chairman: Joe Moyle (541) 343-5894
 Co-Chair: Betty Hawkins (541) 746-5579
 Treas: Ralph Hatleberg(541) 345-1421
 Sec/Memb: Ruth Kennedy (541) 746-9966
 325 Blackstone St.
 Springfield, OR 97477

Well Christmas is past for another year and we pray SANTA was good to you. Welcome 1999 and A HAPPY NEW YEAR and PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR EVERYONE! Where, oh, where does the time go? The new millennium will be here before we know it.

I owe Ella Savery my sincere apology for overlooking her guests who attended our November Jam. Her sister-in-law, Murriel and brother-in-law, William Savery were here visiting from Hollywood, Florida. They really enjoyed the day spent with the fiddlers and loved the music. Ella also asked me to tell all the fiddlers and their families how much she has really appreciated all of you who have encouraged her through the years since the loss of her dear husband 18 years ago. Ella has been a member of the Old Time Fiddlers for the past 20 years. We also offer our congratulations to Ella on the birth of her new great-granddaughter, McKenzie Mary who was born November 10 in Wahiawa, Hawaii. Aren't babies wonderful? I love them!

Did everyone see the nice article in our local senior paper "PRIMETIME" about Phil Fry and his fiddle making last month? If you didn't see it, you missed a very interesting bit of reading.

Our December Holiday Dinner and Jam was very nice and we had a good turn out. Members attending from District 10 were Louise Trimble and Bud Richardson. Also present were Jim Heston and his wife from Atascadero, California and Micky and Omer Oyster from Coquille. Once again our hall was beautifully decorated with the Christmas motif as it has been

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By the time you are reading this, we have all been visited by that jolly old gentleman with the red suit and long white beard -- that is, if you've been good! Our Christmas jam at Lebanon was well attended. We had a wonderful turkey dinner served by the Moose Lodge, played all afternoon, and even had a surprise visit from Santa.

At our meeting in Springfield, the nomination committee suggested these names for next year's officers; Mark Carmickle - Chairman, Curly Roberts - Co-Chairman, Bob Keizer - Treas., and Ruth Kennedy - Sec. and Membership Chairman. Nominations are still open for officers, as the voting will take place at our February meeting. More details on this later. We had a good jam at the Willamalane Senior Center, as usual.

I am sorry to report that some of our members have had the "punies" lately. Lloyd Shriber and Ruth Montgomery have both been on the list lately and have had a lot of tests. Jerry Dupuy had open heart surgery with quadruple bypasses on Dec. 11th and is doing fine. You just can't keep that gal down for long.

My early apologies to those who have birthdays and anniversaries in January because I am in the process of moving a lot of household "stuff" and can't find the list. Anyway, all our best wishes to all of you, and next year add one more to your list: Jan. 9th Wedding Anniversary for Thelma and Ray Drayer!

Don't forget the state meeting at the Wil-

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**JANUARY 9
 STATE
 QUARTERLY
 MEETING**

**WILLAMALANE
 SR CENTER
 IN
 SPRINGFIELD**

**MEETING AT
 10:30, POTLUCK
 AT NOON AND
 JAM AT 1:00.**

District 7

Chairman: Helen Hakanson (503) 659-7250
 Co-Chair: Tom Widman (503) 968-6462
 Sec/Treas: Lila Bills (503) 253-8447
 Mship: Jackie Germundson (503) 663-6851
 31808 S.E. Victory Rd Troutdale, Or 97060

Our December Jam at the Gresham Senior Center was a fun-filled and a full afternoon! We had 40 musicians sign up, plus others who enjoy being backup and skip the Signum deal entirely. We probably had 47 music makers on the scene.

Our holiday dinner was excellent. A special thank you to the turkey, potato, stuffing and dressing preparers. These folks include Terry Jorgensen, Cohleen Finely, Myrtle Arnold, Dulcie Fast and Lila Bills. Thank you to everyone who worked in the kitchen for doing such a lovely job of putting everything together and for graciously cleaning up! I'm sure that Kathy Nash, Jackie Germundson, Carol Ann Ede were among the many helping hands, and were many others, whose names are not included here.

A photographer from The Oregonian attended the jam. There was a nice picture and caption on the second page of the Metro section on Wednesday, Dec. 16th. Chloe Metzger, Ethel Schlegel and Jack Smith were the stars of that photo occasion.

Those who traveled a distance to play for us included Lew and Alice Holt, Alan Ede, Marie Bradley, Andy Emert, Gary Schuh, Bob Church, Chris and Ethel Schlegel, Donna Reuter, Chlovena Metzger and Del Anderson. No doubt there are others who need to be thanked for their travel time and efforts, which helped to make it the entire day a big musical event!

Ruth King, a long time Oregon Old time fiddler passed from our musical scene in Octo-

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District 8

Chairman: Lew Holt (503) 391-5377
 Co-Chair: Fred Hardin (503) 623 - 5812
 Sec/Treas: Donna Janszen (503) 585-3033
 1445 25th St. N.E. Salem, OR 97301

As I predicted last month, we did have a good time and a very good crowd at our Thanksgiving jam in McMinnville. We had 41 musicians sign up to play or sing. We put on an excellent show. We had visitors from as far north as Vancouver, WA. to Creswell to the south. We want to especially recognize the big turn out from District 7 who so often come to support us. And thanks to district 6 people, too.

Our January and February jams will be in the senior center in McMinnville on January 17th and February 21. Don't forget that at the Feb. jam that we will have a meeting to elect our officers for next year.

On December 11th several of us (Alice, Lew and Lee) went to Tillamook to the funeral of Larry Modrell. Larry was a charter member of our association. Some of us can relate to Larry where we met him at the Vernonia camp out. He was up early every morning to prepare and cook the pancakes that we stood in line to get. He was a story teller and had many to tell. (See his obituary else where in the Hoedowner) We always enjoyed having

Larry and Harriet at a district 8 jam when their daughter, Joy, would bring them. They last visited us, I believe, a year ago. Our sympathy and love go out to Harriet and the family.

Each month at our jams we have a drawing for prizes that have been collected. If we are to continue offering this event, we need more gifts/prizes. If you have items that would make good drawing prizes, please bring them to our jams.

We were told at our Dec. 20 jam that Ed Priebe had open heart surgery and that Vi Jen-

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MAY 14 - 15

STATE CONTEST

AT THE

CHEMEKETA

COMMUNITY

COLLEGE

IN SALEM.

WAY TO GO!!

District 9

Chairman: Ruel Teague (541) 573-2868
Co-Chair: Julia Milleson (541) 573-2206
Sec/Treas/: Rose Modey (541) 573-6237
Membership PO Box 575 Hines, OR 97720

Happy New Year!

Can you believe it's 1999? Time does fly. And of course music makes the passing of time all the more enjoyable.

December was full of holiday activities. A wonderful holiday potluck was held early in the month with plenty of good food, good company and good music. Special guests were Ruel Teague's sisters, Mae and Deloris. What fun they are. It feels like family visiting for all of us. Margaret Teague cooked the turkey and Julia Milleson cooked the ham. Many thanks for their efforts.

Entertainment at the Aspens and the nursing home were enjoyed by musicians and residents alike. Please continue to take time out to participate in these mini jams as those who come to listen enjoy it so much.

Welcome back home to Hugh Galliher and Carol Hamilton. Condolences to Lloyd Louie and family on the passing of Lloyd's brother.

Other activities district 9 members participated in or enjoyed through the month included the annual Chamber Music Society Concert, school holiday programs, and the Aspens Christmas Program. It's wonderful to see everyone so giving of their talent.

January's schedule has the potluck and jam on Sunday, the 3rd, the Aspens at 7 p.m. on Friday, the 8th, and the nursing home at 7 p.m. on Monday, the 11th. See you there!

Janet Burgess, Reporter.

District 10

Chairman & Membership: Jo Barnes (541) 459-4522
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Sutherland, OR 97479
Co-Chair: Chuck Hasty (541) 673-2067
Treas: Gynn Deaton (541) 839-4501
Co-Sec: Fred Young & Claire Eaton

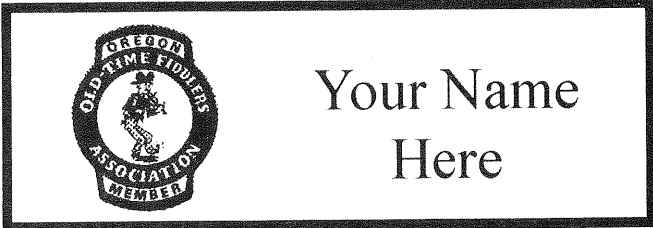
We start February off with a jam and dance on the 7th with a jam and dance from 1 to 4 in the Winston Community Building.

And then on February 20th we will have a District 10 meeting at 11:00, followed by a potluck at 12:00 and a dance and jam from 1 to 4 in the Winston Community Building.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS in January to Joyce Pickett, Lewis Roy, Martha Roger, Merna Jones, Barbara Swartzendruber, Jerry Jackson, Teresa Plybon, Vernon Christianson and Doris Dilbeck.

Doris Dilbeck -- we are sorry to hear you were in the hospital with neck surgery. We wish you the best and a speedy recovery.

Reporter: Jean Hanson (541) 672-6929



These name tags are yellow with blue trim with the OOTFA emblem and district number. The name tags with pins are \$7.00 and those with a magnetic back are \$8.00 mailed. Please send a check to Helen Tracy, made out to her.

151 Lindner Lane, Eugene, OR 97404
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ber. The Oregonian ran a fine article at the time of her death. She will be missed by those who shared her music and companionship.

...AND FOR UPCOMING JAMS: January 17 will find District 7 at the Gladstone Senior Center. Here are the directions...Gladstone Senior Center is at 1050 Portland Ave. From 1-205 (exit 9) McLoughlin Blvd. Right on Arlington, left on Portland Ave. The senior Center will be on the left side about 5 to 6 blocks up.

On February 7th we'll enjoy our afternoon at the Forest Grove Senior Center. March 14 our folks will have a fine time at the Lake Oswego Senior Center. April 11 Oregon City Pioneer Community Center @ 615 Fifth Street will extend their greeting and facility for our use. The facilities are normally opened for us by 10:00 or 10:30.

District 7 elections are in our future. Susie Spencer, Harley Bills, and Cactus Finley make up the nominating committee. They will appreciate hearing from you. We will need people to lead, do, support, create, AND be in charge of our trailer and sound system. [FYI..Cactus Finley and Chuck Gates are investigating new, smaller, lighter weight speakers, etc. to make part of that entire process easier!] If you find that looking back on the last several years you've not had the chance to be an active supporter now is your opportunity to make positive change. We are a great group and we want it to continue to grow, develop and expand the fun, joy and appreciation to music and companionship that old time music offers today's folks! Members of the audience, we need your hands, heads and hearts too!

Here is a lovely quote (unfortunately I do not remember the author of, but it is from a recent Reader's Digest...) Words are the pen of the heart, but music is the pen of the soul.

Pat Gates, District 7 reporter

**"OLD-TIME MUSIC:
IT'S BETTER THAN IT
SOUNDS."**

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

**THE THREE MOST
COMMON LIES:**

- 1.) I SURE LIKE
YOUR FIDDLE,**
- 2.) I USE TO PLAY
FOR BOB WILLS,**
- 3.) THE CHECK IS IN
THE MAIL.**

sen had some health problems and is now living in Springfield. We don't know the particulars about either of our old time members.

Wow, what a Christmas potluck and jam - on a cold, cold day. We had a good turnout in spite of the cold weather. The kitchen helpers prepared a mighty fine potluck - quantity and quality. Thanks to you all. We were very much impressed by the great turnout of people from other districts. We want to thank all of you who attended to make our afternoon a success - those from other districts and from our own.

Looking forward to the next two months. On Jan. 17th and Feb. 21st we will be at the Senior Center in McMinnville. Doors open about ten, potluck at 11:45 and jam at 1:00. At the Feb. 21st we will have a meeting at 11:00 to elect our new officers for this coming year. Lee Jones is the chairman of the nominating committee. The committee presents the following nominees. If you have any suggestions or additional nominations, please contact Lee or place your nomination at the meeting. (Lew Holt - Chairman, Fred Hardin - Co-chairman and we are working on a new sec/treasurer.

Directions to the Senior Center - take Hwy 99 through town to the McDonald's - turn south on

McDaniels St. a couple of blocks to the center.

Christmas is behind us but it isn't too late to wish all of you A HAPPY NEW YEAR from all of us in District 8.

Alice Holt, reporter (503) 391-5377

District 3 cont.

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June 13.

Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary to all January celebrations.

P.S. To hear is one thing. To listen to what you hear is another.

Marie M. Nelson, Reporter

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schedule of people we need. It is a pleasure to work with people who have that much energy.

Jo Barnes is busy working on the annual meeting and especially the dinner for our banquet on Saturday night. Sally Jordan is working on our "best ever" Friday night show.

Elections for the state office of President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer will be held at the annual meeting. Please let me know if you are willing to run for one of these offices.

We have the best musical organization in the state and I'm very proud to be a part of it. We are able to put our differences aside to come together to play and preserve the old time fiddling and old time music.

God bless you all.

Roger Germundson, President OOTFA



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The Hoedown

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lamalane Senior Center in Springfield on January 9th. The meeting starts at 10:30.

Late word has it that Ruth Montgomery had open heart surgery - we all wish her well and a speedy recovery.

Keep playing music and keep smiling.

Thelma Shephard, Reporter

Thelma sez: A smile is the shortest distance between two people.



HEALTH CARE

Ed Priebe had open heart surgery and that Vi Jensen had some health problems and is now living in Springfield.

Rosie Johnson will be having surgery January 15th on her shoulder

Doris Dilbeck -- we are sorry to hear you were in the hospital with neck surgery.

Silent Fiddle's

Ruth King, a long time Oregon Old time fiddler passed from our musical scene in October

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Notes from the editor:

On Nov. 22nd I heard on the radio that half the people in the United States were not born yet when Pres. Kennedy was assassinated 35 years earlier. It holds true for many of our members who were not born yet or who were not even thinking about fiddles when the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association came to be in 1965. I am including the obituary of Larry Modrell who was one of our charter members. He and others like him saw the advantage and the need for a state association of "old time fiddlers." Aren't you glad they did. (Please see the District 8 news.) Thanks to Larry's daughter, Joy, for faxing me his obituary.

Larry Modrell was born in Twin Falls, Idaho on Dec. 16, 1914 to Willis and Mildred Patrick Modrell, the eldest of three boys. He was raised in the Northwest and, at 20 years old, joined the CCCs. The next year he met and married Harriet Rhoda Hayden, on Dec. 12, 1936. (They would have been married 62 years.)

They resided in the Timber area. . . . moved to the Wilson River area in Tillamook and eventually to Garibaldi in 1942. He first continued logging and then went to work for Sause Bro. Towing.

In 1947 Larry lost his eye sight but in 1953 he became the first person to regain his sight after having a cornea transplant and cataract removal at the same time.

Mr. Modrell was also instrumental in bringing television to Tillamook Co. via the Mt Hebo translator. He also operated a snow cone booth at the Washington county Fair for 30 years.

. Mr. Modrell was a charter member of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association.

He is survived by his wife, Harriet, of Garibaldi; one son, David of Cornelius; one daughter Delia Joy Roeder of Garibaldi and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Dec. 11th in Tillamook. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children or Tillamook County Hospice.

Last January I ran a poem, "My Dad's Fiddle" in the Hoedowner. Just recently I received the following letter from Jim Wilson who lives in Mill City. "Dear Lew and Alice, For eleven months I

have meant to write someone re: the the January "Hoedowner" so here it is.

In that issue was a reprint of "My Dad's Fiddle" listed as author "unknown." First I will tell you about my Dad. He was Frank Rema, an ex County commissioner in Coos County. He had a beautiful myrtlewood fiddle and lived on Catching Creek, south of Coquille, Oregon. He played at home, at granges, for parties, etc.

His daughter "De" (Delila) then wrote this poem and gave me a copy of it. De was Veteran's Service officer for Coos Co. then. I don't remember her married name.

If you hadn't yet heard who wrote it, thought you might like to know. Merry Christmas and a Happy fiddling New year. Signed: Jim Wilson."

Thanks Jim for sharing that story with us. Alice and I know the region and the names well - having lived there for 41 years.

A very nice note from Peggy Kerr: Hello Alice & Lew: Would you please put a THANK YOU to the Fiddlers from me in the Hoedowner. There is no way I can personally thank all who sent cards, called or put me on their prayer lists. I have received more than 200 cards and they keep coming! I'm doing quite well, have had two chemo treatments and the third will be December 23. The last one is April 7 so you KNOW I'm looking forward to spring this year! If the 'Doc' says I can go to Florence we plan to be there. Now all the doctor tells me is 'Stay away from people'. (The dog next door gets to go more than I do!) If you hear a rumor Jack can no longer play his guitar because his fingers are soft from housework, that is untrue! He plans to prove he can still play and sing the next time we all get together. Happy Holidays, Peggy Kerr.

Thanks for your note, Peggy. We are all glad for the good report.

Though maybe you might enjoy reading this: Published by The Tennessean Sunday, 12/6/98 DEATHS Albert Gore Sr., 90, dies

Former Sen. and Mrs. Albert Gore Sr. Tennessean Staff Reports Albert Gore Sr., Tennessee's charismatic "Gray Fox" who was one of the nation's most powerful and colorful senators and

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OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLERS ASSOCIATION, INC

QUARTERLY REPORT JULY 1, 1998 to SEPT. 30, 1998

	Beg. Bal.	Income	Expense	Ending Bal.	CD Investment
State	\$5,109.72	\$2,768.54	\$4,419.16	\$3,459.10	
1E	\$873.58	845.30	\$528.84	\$1,190.04	
1	\$963.52	\$941.80	\$343.93	\$1,561.39	
3	\$1,042.07	\$950.80	\$252.53	\$1,740.34	
4	\$1,217.36	\$582.00	\$397.10	\$1,402.26	
5	\$200.00	\$1,495.53	\$207.78	\$1,487.75	
6	\$1,244.73	\$1,268.08	\$769.92	\$1,742.89	
7	\$2,087.81	\$551.00	\$45.28	\$2,593.53	
8	\$1,438.30	\$1,031.53	\$274.31	\$2,195.52	
9	\$645.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$645.67	
10	\$1,155.77	\$1,003.46	\$606.27	\$1,552.96	
Totals	\$15,978.53	\$11,438.04	\$7,845.12	\$19,571.45	\$15,000

Notes from the editor: cont.

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father of Vice President Al Gore, died of natural causes at his home in Carthage, Tenn., late yesterday afternoon.

Early years . . . Curly headed Albert Gore learned to play the fiddle as a boy fascinated by the sounds of renowned local fiddler, Uncle Berry Agee, who performed at the closing exercises of the Possum Hollow school. His parents were unable to afford a fiddle for him, so he raised a little money by trapping skunks and raccoons. His mother supplemented this with chicken and egg money and eventually they saved \$4 to buy the boy his fiddle. The youngster practiced until he mastered one tune, Old Joe Clark, and played it over and over until his father said at last, "Son, if you can't learn another tune, you'd better quit."

During his first campaign for Congress, Sen. Gore was making an appearance in Jamestown when he saw a man coming through the crowd holding a fiddle over his head. "I had a sinking feeling," Sen. Gore said later. "I wanted to stay away from the fiddle. I didn't want to give those four older fellows who were running against me a chance to make cracks about 'young Albert fiddling

while Rome burns.' "So I started talking fast about tariffs." But the man reached the front and urged, "Play us a tune, Albert." The crowd took up the chant. Sen. Gore surrendered, took the fiddle and played Soldier's Joy and Cotton-Eyed Joe. From then on, fiddling was part of his campaign. He defeated his four opponents to begin 14 years in the U.S. House of Representatives.

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Andrea Wyckoff from Eugene writes and wonders if the following could be put in the Hoedowner -- why not -- maybe we can become better fiddlers. Fiddle Workshop, with N. Carolina fiddler, Tony Wright Old time fiddle tunes in the styles of Melvin Wine, Emmett Lundy and Tommy Jarrell

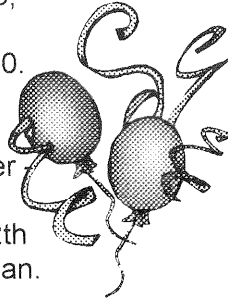
When: Sunday, January 24, 1999, from 2:00PM-4:00PM Where: Buffalo Gals, 1st and Washington, Eugene Cost: \$15 (includes refreshments) Bring: a portable tape recorder and blank tapes, as well as your fiddle. Some fiddling experience helpful, but this music can be played at a variety of skill levels.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, call 689-5341 or 345-5706.

Lew Holt, Editor

HAPPY Birthday!

Al Nelson -5th,
 Gary Rarden-6,
 Thelma Nelson - 13,
 Jo Harris - 19,
 Carolyn Rarden - 20.
 Lloyd Walch - 19th
 Phil Fry - Jan. 5th,
 Harold Householder
 Jan 7th,
 Russ Hall - Jan. 12th
 Elwood Serfass - Jan.
 28th.
 Joyce Pickett,



Barbara Swartzendruber,
 Vernon Christianson
 Lewis Roy,
 Martha Roger,
 Merna Jones,
 Jerry Jackson
 Teresa Plybon,
 Doris Dilbeck

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the past years. We even had a surprise when "Frosty the Snowman" came dancing in while the fiddlers played and the audience started singing his theme song. Every family attending the dinner received a candy filled wooden sleigh made by Del Thomas. Thank you Del. They are very nice! A "dinner for two" was raffled off and Keith Shaffar was the happy winner. He will be taking his lovely wife, Abby, to the Kings Table for dinner. Congratulations Keith. It was so nice to see Abby and Helen Serfass back and playing again after lengthy illnesses.

The fiddlers played for a dance at the Coquille Senior Center on December 19. Everyone who attended had a wonderful time and enjoyed our fine fiddlers.

We are still enjoying playing at the nursing and retirement homes in our area even though several of our members have not been able to attend because of sickness. Last month we had to cancel one of our regular scheduled visits as we did not have enough fiddlers to play. I pray everyone is back on their feet so they can enjoy playing for these very appreciative senior citizens.

Looking forward to the new year -- we will be at the Driftwood Hall in North Bend the second Sunday in January -- the January 10th. We'll have a potluck at twelve with a jam to follow. Why don't you come and join us!!

Rosie Johnson will be having surgery January 15th on her shoulder. We are keeping her in our prayers and wishing her a very speedy recovery.

Birthday wishes are sent to Phil Fry - Jan. 5th, Harold Householder - Jan 7th, Russ Hall - Jan. 12th and Elwood Serfass - Jan. 28th. Congratulations to Dorothy and Bill Tennant on their anniversary Jan. 14th.

Mary Lou Saylor, reporter District 5 (541) 396-3238

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*Jack and Alice Tillery had their 59th in Dec.
 Lloyd and Margaret Walch had their 52nd.
 Jerry and Zelda Cook 33rd on Dec. 30
 Dorothy and Bill Tennant on Jan. 14th.
 Jan. 9th Thelma and Ray Drayer!
 Louis and Grace Stark 53rd*

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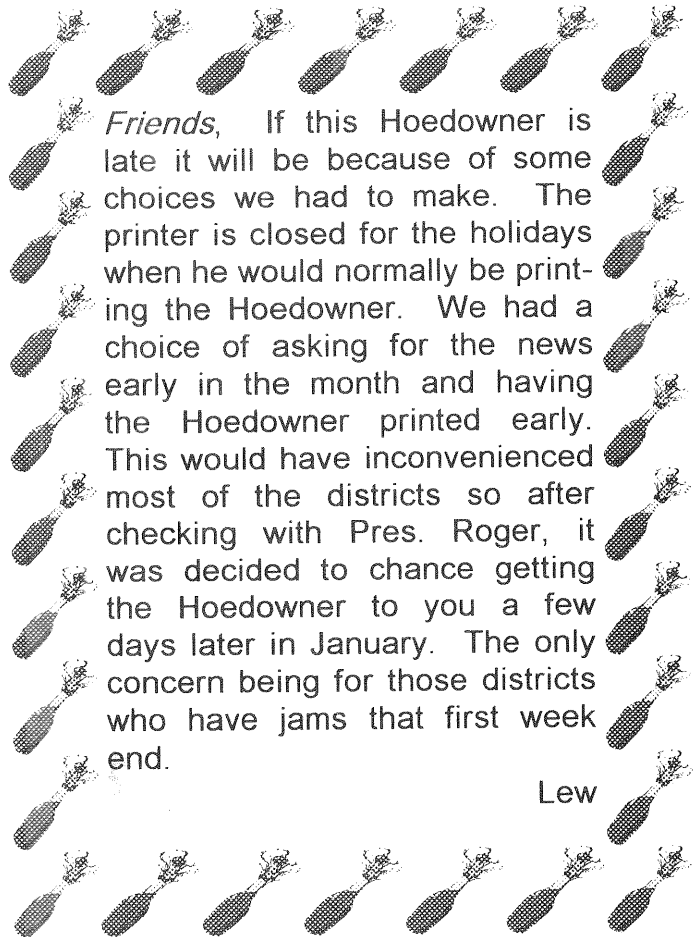
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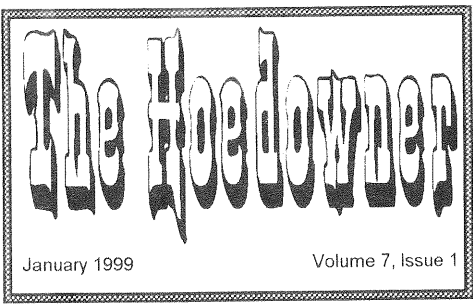
Calendar of Events Continued

May			
2	Moose Lodge	Lebanon	6
14-15,	Oregon State Contest	Salem	OOTFA
June			
12	1000 Trails	Pacific	8
July			
15,16,1	Mt. Hood Campout		



Friends, If this Hoedowner is late it will be because of some choices we had to make. The printer is closed for the holidays when he would normally be printing the Hoedowner. We had a choice of asking for the news early in the month and having the Hoedowner printed early. This would have inconvenienced most of the districts so after checking with Pres. Roger, it was decided to chance getting the Hoedowner to you a few days later in January. The only concern being for those districts who have jams that first week end.

Lew



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