

The Hoedowner

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Roger's Rambles

Here in Quartzsite it's about 45° at night and 72° during the daytime. Yes, we finally did get out of town. We have many OOTFA members here and we see them on a regular bases to visit and play.

I know I'm prejudiced but down here what these people call music and the music our group plays are worlds apart. Where ever an OOTF member plays, it is usually the best number played at that occasion.

Thanks to Lew Holt our quarterly meeting in Springfield got the year off to a good start. Also, good attendance and good music.

This year at the State Convention we will have the lower building open on Friday the 19th. There will be approximately 3 workshops and "3 tunes @ 2" scheduled throughout the day. Alice Holt is in charge so if you want to teach a workshop or a tune, let her know.

Jo Barnes is the

chairman of our nominating committee. If you have a burning desire to be an officer, let her know. The vice president's and the president's position are up for change as Sally and I have both served 2 years.

If you are interested in helping with the annual meeting, let me know. I'll be happy to use your many talents.

May God Bless you all.

Roger -
President OOTFA

Wescott Fiddle

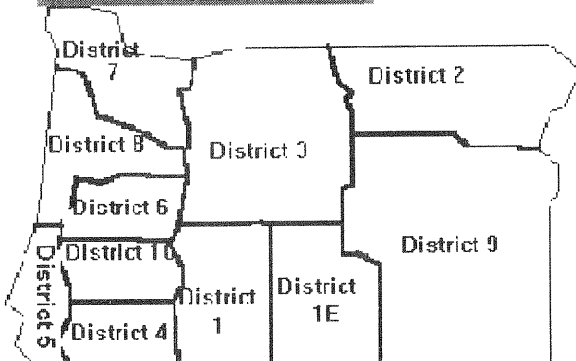
Yesterday I received a package from Fairbanks. It was sent to me by Eugene M. Wescott who is the grandson of Eugene M. Wescott. The grandfather built a fiddle in 1876 that I bought at an



auction in Seattle a year ago last May. I found a Wescott web site. I wrote to the web manager and was given names of people who could help me. I was given names of the Wescott line and eventually found the name of the grandson in Fairbanks. I didn't know for sure if he was the grandson but I called and he told me that

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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".



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Hello from Dist.1. Now that the New Year is underway, everyone seems anxious to get back to regular playing, and before we realize, it will be time to pack our trailers, motor homes and campers and be on our way to the convention at Roseburg.

Our Jan. Jam brought visitors from Grants Pass to dance. Gene and Lola Williams and the two girls he is teaching to play the fiddle came to join us from Prospect. Keep up the good work girls. And, please, all of you visit us soon again.

A big Happy Birthday is wished to Tex Cox of Shingle town, Ca. on Feb. 16 and also to Vivian Burden Feb. 21. Keep playing these harmonicas, you two. We tried something different at our Jan. Jam. No food. Just an afternoon of good music and visiting. Feb. 14th jam will be the same.

And last but not least, certainly, all Dist #1 members, come to the Feb. meeting on the 14th at 12:30 p.m. It's election time of officers. Please be there

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Hello to all of you from District 1E and a Happy Valentines Day!!

Well, all the votes are tallied and as of July 1st we will have a new slate of officers. Bill Myers will take over as Chairman; Homer McLain, Co-Chairman; Beverly Perry, Secretary; and Shorty Stone, Treasurer. We are sure they will do a good job for us. A huge thanks to Chairman, Larry McLain for the fine job he and his crew are doing now.

We had a great jam and desserts at Larry and Maryann

McLain's on January 16th. Thanks for opening your home to us, guys!!

We are getting our act together for the Friday night entertainment at Roseburg. Should be lots of fun and we are looking forward to seeing everyone. It doesn't seem possible it's already been almost a year since the last annual meeting.

Alice Holt reminds you that if you have not paid your dues for 1999, this will be your last Hoedowner.

See you next time!!

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We started out our first jam of the year with a crowd of 750. The response was wonderful. People were having such a good time. We are all thoroughly enjoying our new sound system. Thanks to Joe Marstall and his talent and expertise, our sound system is beyond compare. We were pleased to have Don Halverson, Dist. 7; Julia Milleson, Dist. 9; & Winston Grant, Dist. 8 join us.

Our "new" time for the jams is 1:30-4:00 p.m. with practice at 12:30 pm. There will be a busi-

ness meeting for "all" Dist. 3 members after the Feb. 7th jam. It is nomination time for chairman and co-chairman. We also need non-musician members to volunteer and help out at our busy jams. Ask not what your district can do for you, but what can "you" do for "your" district? It's long overdue for this request to be made.

Sure was good to have Jack Kerr back with us. We are looking forward to having Peggy back with us in the very near fu-

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January's jam in Rogue River was very well attended in spite of the weather. Over 150 "listeners and/or dancers" were counted, and over 25 musicians performed. Visitors included friends of William and Kathy Greene from Hawaii and Southern California who grabbed guitars and played along with some lively renditions of the old tunes. Faye and Isom Patterson from Klamath Falls, and Charles Threet from Lakeview were among the others. Hope I didn't

February---what a month! Feb. 2 is Sausage Day---Oops, I mean Ground Hog day. (Do you think he will see his shadow?) Well, your guess is as good as mine. Then there is Lincoln's birthday, Feb. 12 and Washington's birthday, Feb. 22, which we now recognize as President's Day, Feb. 15. Of course don't forget your sweetheart on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14th. This is the day of lovers across the country, young and old.

In January we canceled

January's highlight was the state quarterly jam, meeting and potluck in Springfield, January 9. It was very well attended, with perhaps 80 people at the potluck with another 20 or more people arriving later. The floor was full of dancers, and by end of the day both coffee urns (180 cup capacity) had been drained dry. Many thanks to all who helped make this meeting a success.

Our next meeting will be half-day, from 12:30 p.m.,

miss anyone! Our two young ladies, Maggie and Jessica James, played a version of Old MacDonald Had a Farm with a cute, surprising ending. Way to go, new fiddlers! As usual, the potluck was delicious and enjoyable, thanks to the many hands that help behind the scene. Thanks to you all! At the meeting preceding the potluck, nominees for the new officers were made: Chairman: Gene Williams ; Co-Chair: (Still up in the

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our meeting, which was to have preceded our jam, because we did not have a quorum. Several of our members including Charlotte and Shorty Dow, Phil Fry and Sheila Anderson were attending the State Quarterly meeting, other members were on the sick list and some were out of town on business. We had 24 people attending our jam and 9 of these people enjoyed dancing. Musicians included Fred and Florence Grove, Del

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on Sunday, February 7 at the Willamalane Senior Center. While there will be election officers for 1999-00, we expect there will be plenty of time left over for jamming and dancing. Candidates for office are: Mark Carmickle, Chairman; Curly Roberts, Co-Chairman; Bob Kaiser, Treasurer; and Ruth Kennedy, Secretary and Membership Chairman.

There will be a potluck and jam on Sunday, February

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Our January Jam at the Gladstone was a rainy one! We were glad to have so many folks attend. Here is a list of participating musicians: the Hakanson family... that's Helen, Rob, Ellie and Amy. Wayne Holmes and Esther Snider, Dana Ragsdale, Lila and Harley Bills, Gordon Endergard, Bob Strelow, Cactus Finley, Art Lane, and John Waddingham. Also, Ernie Lovgren, Susy Spencer, Linda Marr, and Terry Jorgensen. Papa Spain joined the happy throng along

with Frank and Joy Smith, Therese Vogel, Chet Haven, and Martin Roe. Jerry Smith, Bob Huffman, Clea Haven and Chuck Gates provided backup.

Ann Williams is recovering from surgery. Ruth Keen (not King) was the name of the former OOTFA member mentioned in last months newsletter. (Reporter's apologies) Pauline Buckbee has also passed away recently. She too will be missed. Dorothy Bloomquist's husband,

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We didn't let the rain bother us on the 17th when we had our potluck and jam in McMinnville. It was a mighty wet day but the members and the dancers turned out. Besides the many from district 8, we want to thank Bill Fenton, Red and Myrtle Arnold, Norm Oleman, Doug Orton, Margie Bush, Alan and Carol Ede and Chuck Williams all from out of district for attending.

We were pleased to have Don and Daisy Simons there to cele-

brate their 63rd wedding anniversary. And, also, Leonard and Faythe Maahs who celebrated their 61st the day before. Congratulations to both couples. It was nice having Barbara Bartholomew there, too, all the way from Toledo. Barbara lives in our district but has to drive 100 miles or more to get to our monthly jams.

Thanks to Ken Cartwright for loaning us the cordless mike to try out. It did a great job for us,

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Happy Ground Hog's Day! Sure don't know if we will have 6 more weeks of winter or not but today it look's like it has arrived again. After three weeks of mild temperatures and lots of mud now we've got 3 inches of new snow today.

January's jam was pleasant as usual...and February's jam on Sunday the 7th promises to be more of the same. A business meeting will be held prior to the March 7th jam at 12:20 pm. It's time to elect officers for the next year so if you

are interested in representing District 9 as an officer please speak up. Anyone wishing to share their literary skills is encouraged to volunteer for the reporter's job. Remember the potluck is at 1 p.m. and music and dancing is from 2-4 p.m.

Congratulations to Tim and Jeannette Meyers on the birth of their son. Welcome home to Joan Suther who returns to Burns full time after a two year job in Boise. Ruel and Margaret Teague are spending

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Happy New Year!! January 14th -- we just got back from Las Vegas and are on our way to Calif. and Quartzsite. We do our share to keep the roads hot!

I need to apologize to all the ladies that cooked the Thanksgiving dinner and to Carolyn Lee who decorated the tables and the hall was beautifully decorated, too. And for our Christmas gathering Clare Eaton decorated the tables. Of course there were many helping hands and we want to thank them all. That is what makes our group "so great." We welcome and thank all the guests that stopped in and shared their talents.

Margie Hasty's brother passed away recently. We send our condolences to the family. Our thoughts are with you. Norma Jones was in the hospital and we are happy that she is back on her feet.

District 8 cont...

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Ken. We'll decide next month at our meeting if we should buy it.

Marie and Bob Church lost a niece to cancer recently. Our condolences to you. Vi Jensen is now living in Springfield to be near her Granddaughter. Our condolences, also, to Marlene Taevs who lost a daughter-in-law in Colorado. We were sorry to hear that Anne Williams had surgery. We wish a speedy recovery and the best to you Anne as you go through the healing process. Donna Oldham was in the hospital and unable to attend our jam this month. She got to go home that day. Get well soon, Donna!

A big reminder to all District 10 members -- Jo Barnes would like all members to have their dues in as soon as possible. Please see Jo at one of our jams or mail your \$15.00 to her and she will see that you receive your 1999 membership cards. Thank you.

We will have our election for our new officers on February 20th at our regular meeting.

District 10 would like to thank Tiny Stinnett, Guy Kinman, Clem and Sarah Berlier and Rachel Walker for donating the silverware.

We want to welcome our new members who signed up recently. They are -- Ed and Hallie Russo, Rachael Walker, John Eicharn and Bill and Mary Hillman.

Happy birthdays in Feb. to: Edith Christianson, Dorothy Meadows, Carroll Lapin and

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District 10

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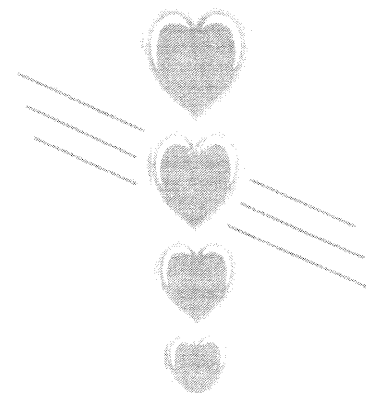
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Treas:

Gynn Deaton (541) 839-4501

Co-Sec:

Fred Young & Claire Eaton



Mark your calendars for Feb. 21st when we will return to the Senior Center in McMinnville. Remember to get there, take the highway through town to the McDonalds, turn south on McDaniel St. and go a couple of blocks. The senior center is on the left - kind of back in the trees. We will have a meeting at 11:00 to elect our new officers, a potluck at 11:45 and the jam starts at 1:00. (Lee Jones, nominating committee chairman reports the following slate of officers will be presented: Chairman - Lew Holt, Co-Chairman - Fred Hardin and Sec./Treas. - Jackie Stephenson). March 13 we will be playing for an Irish Stew Feed in the

Keizer at the Salem Area Senior Center. We will eat at noon and start playing shortly after. March 28th we will be at the community building in Woodburn. Potluck at noon and a jam from 1 to 4. Our chairman is working on a couple of new and interesting locations for April and May.

Remember, gang, this is your last Hoedowner if you haven't paid your dues for 1999.

Alice Holt, reporter (503) 391-5377



District 9 cont...

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a month in Arizona where we know they are having a great time visiting fiddle friends.

Did your New Year's Resolution include learning a new tune or wood shedding some of the old one's? Julia Milleson has been working on 4th of July Waltz. Hugh Galliher is playing Red River Valley and Janet Burgess plans to have Kesh Jig up to speed by St. Patrick's Day. Don Williams is sounding better and better each time we meet.

Alice Holt reminds you that if you have not paid your dues for 1999, this will be your last Hoedowner.

Keep fiddlin'.
Janet Burgess, Reporter.

PS. The High Desert Fiddlers send word the Country Music Jamboree is the place to be June 17,18 and 19. Come on over to the east side for three days of wonderful music provided by all who attend. It's guaranteed to be as much fun as you can possibly stand.

District 4 cont...

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air); Sec/Treas: Ethel Holstin (continuing) Membership: Freda Serpa Further nominations and voting on candidates will be on the docket for February.

Some members are still on our sick list. Don Lindsey is back fiddlin' as good as ever after his heart attack, Bud Applegate is still not at the jams, but is getting better, Vic Flood is getting back to "better", and others haven't given me news yet.

Special dates include: Jan 14 Mary Armstrong, birthday Jan 21 Janet Spellman, birthday Feb. 21 Lee Cushman, birthday Feb. 29 Gene Williams, birthday.

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"Life is like a musical instrument. What you get out of it is what you put into it." -anon

Submitted by your new reporter for District 4

Judy McGarvey

District 6 cont...

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14, at the Morningstar Grange in Albany, starting at 10:30 a.m. This jam is always well attended.

MORNINGSTAR GRANGE Take the Scio/Jefferson exit (EXIT 238) go west a half mile to Morningstar Road (just past the lumber yard), turn right (north) and the grange is almost half a mile - on the left. For more info or directions call Harv Harvey at (541) 367-8100.

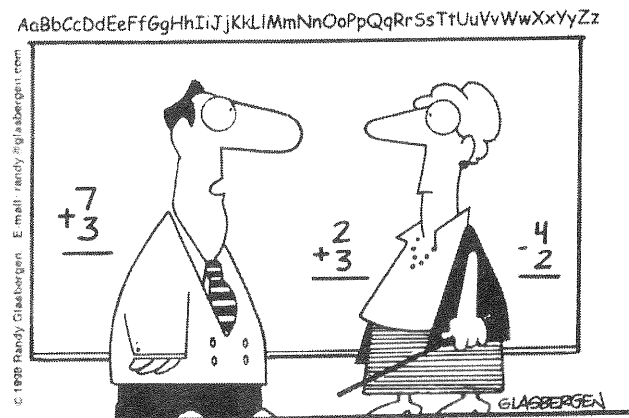
We lost two members this month. George Larsen of Lebanon and Myrtle McCoy passed away. We extend our sympathy to their families. Margaret Halbrook, Vivian Steele's sister, passed away January 2.

We are pleased to report that Ruth Montgomery and Jerry Depuy have both had open heart surgery and are well along the road to complete recovery. Congratulations to District Six reporter Thelma Shephard and Ray Drayer, who tied the knot January 9 at 1:19 p.m. ("1/9 1:19 1999"!)

Bryan Dunaway, a District 6 main stay and OLD-time fiddler extraordinary, will have his 90th birthday in February. Happy Birthday Bryan!

District 6 will have a jam at the Sweethome Elks on Sunday, March 7. It will be the usual breakfast plus jam, starting at about 10:30 a.m.

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"My computer is going to die on January 1, 2000. Can you teach me how to add and spell again?"

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to cast your vote. We will be at the Winema Inn - 1111 Main St. in Klamath Falls. The doors will be open at noon, the meeting at 12:30 and the jam from 1 - 4. Nursing Homes - Washburn Way Rehab on Washburn Way, Klamath Falls - 1st Tuesday of each month from 3 to 4 p.m. Clairmont Nursing Home at east end of Main St. in Klamath Falls - we'll play for 1 hours starting at 1 p.m. Clarimont Retirement Home (1 block above N. H.) play 1 hour, starting at 2:15 p.m. Both the same day. Alice Holt reminds you that if you have not paid your dues for 1999, this will be your last Hoedowner.

Cherie Lane, reporter District 1

Westcott Fiddle cont...

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he was. He told me that the family had a picture of their grandfather with a fiddle with an inlaid village on the back.

In the package yesterday was a fine, large photo of the builder with the fiddle. It is the fiddle that I own. The photo must have been taken shortly after the fiddle was built. My reasoning for contacting the family was to try to acquire a picture of the builder -- maybe of an old man standing in front of a house -- never dreaming that I would get such an exact photo.

The Wescotts who participate in the web site are excited because they did not know about the fiddle or the

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ture. They have both been greatly missed. Carol Real recently had hand surgery. She is recovering well and slowly able to resume her piano playing. Good for you Carol.

Welcome new members Dale & Margaret Heide, Terrebonne; Mary Grant & Roy Demarius, Prineville; Mark Harman, Sisters.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all who celebrate in February.

Marie M. Nelson, Reporter P.S. You know that there are 365 days in a year, but did you know that there are 365 fear not's in the Bible?



picture or of the grandson. His father died when he was two years old. The grandson went to Alaska 41 years ago to "climb mountains" and to do graduate work. He now has a Ph.D. in geology. During this time he basically hasn't had contact with the Wescotts.

Hopefully there will be one more chapter to my story when and if I am given specific information about the fiddle from 1876 to about 1936 when the fiddle was sold for money because of the depression. I don't know if I ever will be able to find the story of the fiddle from 1936 to 1997. But I would like to and I will try.

Thanks for listening.

District 7 cont...

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Hawley Bloomquist, passed away on 1/19/99, after a long illness. We are thinking of you Dorothy.

...AND FOR UPCOMING JAMS: On February 7th we'll enjoy our afternoon at the Forest Grove Senior Center. The directions are: in Forest Grove follow Pacific Ave (the main one-way street going west). Turn right on Douglas St. The Senior Center is on the right. 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.

It bears repeating that District 7 elections are next month! Come vote, volunteer, and have fun in Forest Grove on February 7th.

Here is a lovely quote, with an extension: Words are the pen of the heart, but music is the pen of the soul. Put your heart, hand and soul into this last year of the 20th century.

Dues are currently due. Want to be in the roster? Get those dues into Lila Bills! Alice Holt reminds you that if you have not paid your dues for 1999, this will be your last Hoedowner.

Pat Gates, District 7 reporter



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and Clara Thomas, Pat Kraemer and Bev Hill. Rose Johnson sang a couple of songs and invited everyone to join in on the choruses. Our fiddling group was small but they put out a lot of good music and everyone had a good time.

Ken and Sally Jordan were unable to attend the state meeting. We hope that Ken is feeling much better and is getting good reports.

Ella Savery's vehicle broke down as she was on her way to the jam. She stopped by the hall long enough to say "Hi" and pick up her membership card but could not stay because her ride was waiting to take her home. We hope she can make it to our next meeting.

My husband and I called on Abby and Keith Shaffar. Abby has been having a lot of pain in her shoulders and neck and severe headaches and is seeing a doctor in Eugene. Elwood Serfass has been having leg problems, Marianne Burns and Bill

Tennant have bad colds and bronchitis. Our prayers are with you all and we wish you a speedy recovery. We are happy to report Helen Serfass has been released by her doctor and will be back playing with our group. Welcome back Helen!

Congratulations Lucille and Cecil Davidson on the birth of your new great-grand daughter, Grace Carolyn who was born Jan. 7th and weighed 6 lbs. 7 oz.

Happy Birthday wishes to Frankie Williams - 4th, Cindy Kilfoy and Kathe Leaf - 5th, Karen Rhea - 10th, Betty McKee - 14 and Debbie Reaves - 18. Happy Anniversary to Joan and Ray Daniels - 13 and Ron and Mary Lou Sayler on Valentine's Day. Happy "47th" Anniversary Honey!"

Our next meeting will be Feb. 13. We will be voting on several issues so it is important to be there if you wish to voice your opinion. We will have a potluck at noon with a jam to follow from 1 to 4 p.m.

Joan Daniels hand

painted and donated a beautiful China plate which she will ask a \$1.00 per ticket donation to help pay our rent. The drawing for this plate will be held at our February meeting. Thank you Joan.

We just learned that George Larsen, husband of Lila, died recently in Lebanon. Lila was very active in our district playing in the nursing homes and at our jams before she and George moved to Lebanon. George was proud of his membership in the OOTFA.

Please remember to check your nursing home schedule for this month. Your music and visitations really bring sunlight into the lives of these senior citizens.

Alice Holt reminds you that if you have not paid your dues for 1999, this will be your last Hoedowner.

Have a "HAPPY VALENTINES DAY."

Mary Lou Sayler, reporter
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Mary Deadmead. Happy anniversaries to John and Dorothy Whaley and Robert and Dorothy Meadows.

The Davidsons, the Dows and the Thomases from Dist 5 joined us recently at our jam. Thanks for coming over gang and for helping us out. You and others are always welcome.

Please mark your calendars for: February 7th with a dance from 1 to 4 in the Winston

Community Building. On Feb. 20th we will have a meeting at 11:00, Noon potluck and a jam from 1 to 4 in the Winston Community Building. Looking into March -- on the 7th - a jam and dance from 1 - 4 in the Winston Community Building and on the 13th we will have a meeting at 11:00, potluck at noon and jam from 1 to 4 in the Winston Community Building.

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Notes from the Editor

Pull up a chair and sit down for a bit. President Roger and I have had some serious talks about the Hoedowner lately. It has grown too much and has been running over our budget. We take in \$1.25 a month for your dues and the Hoedowner has been costing maybe 50 cents more than that. That isn't good business - so - to be more realistic we have had to make some changes. We like the flat Hoedowner but that automatically increases the postage to 55 cents. If I/we get too wordy, the extra pages increase the weight of the Hoedowner over an ounce which adds extra postage even if we fold the Hoedowner. Realistically, there are two things that can be done to get the cost down to a more realistic figure. 1.) Fold the Hoedowner and 2.) get the weight down to less than an ounce.

Folding it is easy. Now how do I/we get it to less than an ounce? Cheryl will experiment this month and can work out something. I can become "less wordy" with my stories. I can shorten your letters to me that I share when I quote them and get to the point. We could leave out the map on the front page. No little decorations or pictures. No white space. Smaller font in places. Leave out the gray boxes. I will be sending extra material to Cheryl. She will work it in - only if there is room. So while we are working out the details, please be patient with us. Pres. Roger has the Hoedowner on the agenda for our annual meeting. We'll discuss it at the meeting and evaluate what we

are doing and what we need to do.



I want to welcome Judy McGarvey as the new reporter for District 4 and thank Mary Armstrong for her work over the years. She was always so faithful getting in her Hoedowner news.



For sale: Early Century Vega bow back mandolin for \$400 or best offer. If interested, please contact Brad Crenshaw 14325 S. W. Hwy 18 Sp 17 McMinnville, OR 97128



Last month I mentioned that we are accepting donations for the Oregon Championship Fiddle Contest. I want to thank Red and Myrtle Arnold for handing me a nice donation at Springfield. It is great the way the members pitch in to help with the contest.



Many members are getting e-mail addresses. One page of the roster is devoted to e-mail addresses. They need to be updated and made available to other members. Please drop Alice a note with your e-mail address to: lewholt@aol.com so she can get yours in the new roster. (Early in February, please.)



Many thanks to all my OOTFA friends who remembered me with

cards, phone calls, prayers and good wishes during and after my hospital stay. I'm getting stronger every day and will be out and about soon. Ruth Montgomery



Bud Applegate from District 4 wants to sincerely thank every one of you who have done so much during his illness the last several months. Your cards, calls and words of encouragement have meant much to him.



Check out our web site for the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association
<http://members.aol.com/LewHolt>

Here are a couple web sites you might enjoy:

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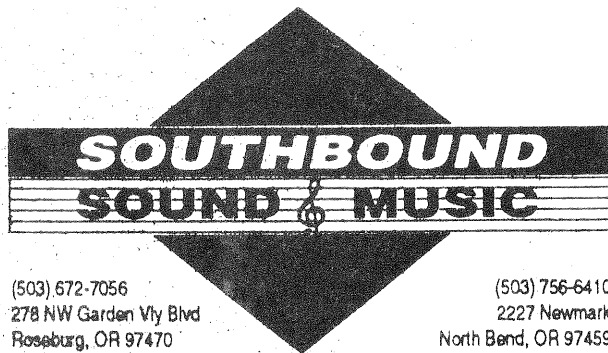
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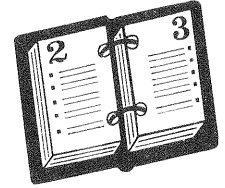
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March 18, 19 & 20
State Convention- Roseburg.

April 9 - 10
April Fiddle Festival - Florence.

May 14 - 15
State Contest - Salem.

July 15, 16, 17
Mt. Hood Campout - Welches

September 16, 17 & 18
OOTFA Campout - LaPine



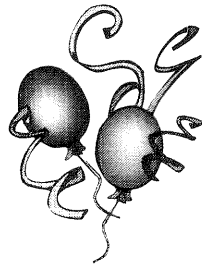
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jan 14 Mary Armstrong
 Jan 21 Janet Spellman
 Feb. 16 Tex Cox
 Feb. 21 Vivian Burden
 Feb. 21 Lee Cushman
 Feb. 29 Gene Williams
 Frankie Williams - 4th
 Cindy Kilfoy - 5th
 Kathe Leaf - 5th
 Karen Rhea - 10th
 Betty McKee - 14
 Debbie Reaves - 18.
 Bryan Dunaway
 Edith Christianson
 Dorothy Meadows
 Carroll Lapin
 Mary Deadmead



HEALTH CARE

Don Lindsey is back fiddlin' as good as ever after his heart attack,
 Bud Applegate is still not at the jams, but is getting better
 Vic Flood is getting back to "better"
 Donna Oldham was in the hospital
 Norma Jones was in the hospital
 Ann Williams is recovering from surgery

Silent Fiddle's



George Larsen
 Myrtle McCoy
 Margaret Halbrook
 Pauline Buckbee
 Hawley Bloomquist
 Margie Hasty's brother

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Joan and Ray Daniels - 13
 Ron and Mary Lou Saylor on Valentine's Day
 Don and Daisy Simons
 Leonard and Faythe Maahs
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- *Behold the Turtle! He makes progress only when he sticks his neck out..*
- *Happiness is like a kiss - in order to get any good out of it , you have to give it to somebody else.*
- *You may fail many times but you aren't a failure until you begin to blame someone else.*
- *It's O.K. to ask dumb questions - they're easier to handle then dumb mistakes.*
- *Don't question your wife's judgement - look who she married.*
- *If you see someone without a smile, give them yours.*



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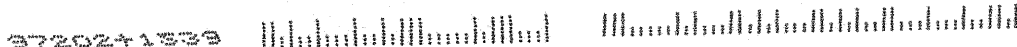
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Calendar

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

February

6	Memorial Hall	Lakeview	1-E
6	Roxy Ann Grange		4
7	Deschutes Co. Fairgrounds		3
7	Willamalane Senior Center	Springfield	6
7	Forest Grove Senior Center		7
7	Senior Center	Burns	9
7	Winston Community Building	Winston	10
8	Business Meeting	Lakeview	1-E
13	Driftwood Hall	North Bend	5
14	Winema Inn	Klamath Falls	1
14	Morningstar Grange	Albany	6
14	Lake Oswego Senior Center	Lake Oswego	7
20	Memorial Hall	Lakeview	1-E
20	Winston Community Building	Winston	10
21	Senior Center	McMinnville	8

March

6	Gold Hill IOOF		4
7	Elks	Sweet Home	6
7	Jam, Senior Center	Burns	9
7	Winston Community Building	Winston	10
13	Keizer Senior Center	Keizer	8
13	Winston Community Building	Winston	10
14	Lake Oswego Senior Center	Lake Oswego	7
18,19	State Convention	Roseburg	OOTFA

20 State Quarterly & annual mtg Roseburg OOTFA

April

3	Prospect Comm. Hall	4	
4	Senior Center	Burns	9
9-10	April Fiddle Festival	Florence	OOTFA
11	Oregon City Pioneer Community Center		7
25	Willamalane	Springfield	6

May

2	Moose Lodge	Lebanon	6
14-15	Oregon State Contest	Salem	OOTFA

June

12	1000 Trails	Pacific City	8
17,18 & 19	Country Music Jamboree	Burns	
19	State Quarterly Meeting	Burns	

July

15,16,17 Mt. Hood Campout OOTFA

September

16,17 & 18	LaPine Campout		OOTFA
18	Quarterly meeting		OOTFA