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Greetings From your President

By the time you read this Merrill will be history. I wish I could wait until afterward to write but I have so much going on that I may end up late. I will reserve my Merrill remarks for the November issue of the Hoedowner.

Right now I have a pressing desire to give all of you a challenge. If you recall my remarks in the first of my letters to you, I made the statement that I didn't really want to change anything. I was speaking in the context of the organization. I do want to if I can inspire change in the people which in turn may effect change in the organization.

I wish to challenge you to improve the performance of what ever it is that you do in this great outfit. Do what ever it takes. Study more. Work harder. Recruit a buddy to critique your action. Attend more workshops. Take more lessons.

Take a piece of paper and list all of the reasons that you continue to stay with us.

What motivates you to travel all over and take part in our activities? As I do a mental review of the shows at Winchester Bay I am amazed at the tremendous level of talent that exists among our members. Yet many of them thought that they should have done better. Those who think so will do better. If you are honest with yourself, you know what you need to do to improve.

If you are interested only in being seen and heard

doing the same old thing over and over for your own satisfaction regardless of the impact on others, then perhaps this is not the organization for you. Please give this challenge serious thought and let me know if you think I'm out in left field with the sun in my eyes.

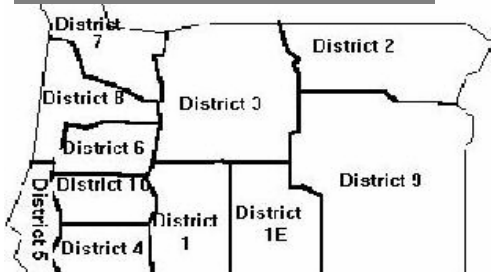
Yours for better music and performance, Jack

From Your Editor:

Bob Ervin writes, in part: "... I hit on the idea of starting a fiddle camp within the OOTFA. A camp which would be affordable to all members, and where they could learn to play and improve their skills on their favorite instruments. I didn't realize at the time how well it would be received by the members, but after four very successful years of the camp I am very pleased with the way some districts and the members have supported it. It is very gratifying to see the seven, eight and nine year olds with their quarter and half-size fiddles come and after a few sessions with our instructors be able to play songs like Red River Valley, You are my Sunshine and Home on the Range. I see how much everyone enjoys themselves at the camp and this makes it all worthwhile. Next year's camp will be August 11-12-13 & 14. Hope to see you all there."

Alex Hargreaves, whose name has often graced the pages of the Hoedowner, writes that he is at home in Corvallis and is available for fiddle

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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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I write this from Merrill, where we are extremely busy organizing and putting on the Merrill meeting, and have been all week. A full report and update will ap-

pear in next month's Hoedowner. Johnny Rodgers, District 1 Reporter



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October

3 Jam Lake County Senior Center 4 p.m.
12 Business Meeting Lake County Senior Center 7 p.m.

Well, the Merrill fiddle gathering is over with, and I hope you all had a good time. I could only attend one day (and a Wednesday at that), so I probably missed most of you.

There's not much going on over here in God's country with summer winding down. We really had a bang-up time fiddling at the Lake County Fair and Round-up, though. Once again District 1 showed up to help us out with our six-hour-long gig. Many thanks to Ben and Fran Coker --- fine bluegrass, folks!

And Virgil Schmoe played some hot fiddle for us --- man, we could barely keep up. Poor Larry McLain backed up every song (can you imagine that?). Crazy kids: Larry and Terry combined celebrated 100 years last week. Betcha didn't know they were that old.

I will cut to the chase. Our next jam is on October 3rd at the Lake County Senior Center from 4 p.m. 'til ? The next business meeting is Oct. 12th. Same place, at 7 p.m. We'll hopefully wrap that one up pretty quickly though.

The only scheduled gig we

have in the works is at Juniper RV Resort on Wednesday Sept. 30th for the Rotary Club "picnic." Music begins in the pavilion at 6:30 p.m.

Happy Birthday to Faith Kersey on Oct. 30th, and get well wishes are sent Bev Perry's way. Hope to see her out and about and tappin' those toes to the music. Speaking of toes, what did one athlete's foot say to the other? "I think there's a fungus among us!"

Eileen McLain, District 1E Reporter.

From the Editor Emeritus:

Don Leith was the second president of our new OOTFA- back in 1968-69. I have corresponded with his daughter. She is looking for information about her father or any of his fiddles. If in your memory bank or archives you should have any information about her father, please contact Nancy Leith nancy@word-ware.com 206-282-4591

Speaking of "archives," I have been doing a lot of thinking about the "tons" of OOTFA archives that I have tucked away. I was on the phone the other day for over a half hour visiting with Phil

Williams in Seattle about archival material. He and Vivian have a tremendous archive of fiddle history. I correspond with Howard Marshal in Missouri who collects and archives fiddle history.

I am way down the totem pole from these two men but I am getting quite a collection. Remember at the suggestion of then OOTFA president, Roger Germondson, we put out a history book of OOTFA from 1964 to 2000. Later we put out a book of nothing but newspaper articles over the years. Both books have been quite popular. We still have a few of the news-

paper clippings books left. Hundreds of you have copies in your homes. I have items that need to be shared and preserved. I have two sets of the Hoedowners -from the first one to the last one. Don't run the other way but I have dream of getting all of these on line - not in the distant future - but now while there is a future. Supposing there are 500 issues of past Hoedowners; if 50 volunteers with computers would do a year - maybe just one issue a month for the year. That way it wouldn't become a burden or chore. Let's chat about it. I have

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October
4 Monthly jam Pine Forest Grange

The September 6th Jam was cancelled by the vote from the membership. This jam, which is in conflict with the Labor day holiday, has been traditionally a low attendance day for both players and audiences. Many thanks to John Northcraft from District 1 for the information on the Merrill state-wide Jamboree. I will pass this on .

Earlene Ervin, our membership chair, reminds all of us to be sure and keep informed with any changes in address and/or telephone numbers. We can't reach you if we don't know where you are. The time is drawing close for our members' annual dues. Early payments are encouraged. Please contact Earlene Ervin for dues payments.

There will be a business meeting after the October Jam and all members are encouraged to attend. There will be a variety of topics, including the annual Christmas dinner. We will look to Bob Ervin to report on his Fiddle, Guitar and Mandolin school. Thanks to all and I'll see you at the Pine Forest Grange music Jam.
Ron Odegard, District 3 Reporter

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October
3 Jam and Potluck Eagle Point Grange
November
7 Jam and Potluck Fruitdale Grange, Grants Pass



'Twas a cool and cloudy day at Roxy Ann Grange, a welcome relief from the heat. Lots of performers and audience, as the music goes on and on! At the meeting a request was made for table decoration for Merrill, and Cathy Frutchey volunteered to get it. Scott suggested that he give e-mail updates for changes in coming events, as well as posting them on the website. If you can't info this way, call one of the officers, and they will be glad to help.

Discussion ensued about whether to have the dancers up in front at the jam between the audience and the stage, as the audience felt they couldn't see and hear as well from the back. It was agreed to continue as we have for now. District 4 ran away with the awards at Winchester Bay, with Gene Williams voted best instrumental, and Judy M. (me) for being silly! Wasn't Niquita a great Olive Oyl for Popeye!

Three of us went to visit Don

Lindsey and play with him to the delight of the other residents at the care home. Don is unfailingly cheerful, still manages to play some old tunes he taught us.

Niquita Wilkinson has been busily organizing our upcoming workshop on October 31 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. It will be at Cathy Frutchey's home - 821 Military Road, Central Point. Jerry Rud-dock will be teaching guitar backup and rhythms; Irene is doing the beginning fiddle class; and we'll have a class focussing on beginnings and endings of tunes. It is FREE to OOTFA members, and includes pizza for lunch. Further information and map available on our website. Please pre-register with Niquita - 541.830.0533. Sounds like a good time to brush up on some skills, and have fun, too!

We had a large audience at the Annual Art Fair in Jacksonville, playing from the museum steps. A good turnout of musicians, and well received.

At usual gig at Three Fountains, they had just replaced the carpet with a

wood floor, and didn't have the piano back yet. One of the workers dug up a keyboard, and after dusting it up and wiping a few suspicious spots, Delsa played the keys that worked! Great backup anyway—thanx Delsa!

We're looking forward to renewing our playing at Pioneer Village in Jacksonville on September 16, and we're played at Historic Hanley Farms (all acoustic per their request) on the 27th.

It's that time of year to renew your membership, so that you can get your name on the roster. Lola is ready and willing to sign you up!

Hope you all had a great time at Merrill -- it'll happen before we go to press. And ... if I had more skill in what I am attempting, I wouldn't need so much courage.

If you must keep groaning, please try to do it in a rhythm I can dance to.
Judy McGarvey, District 4 Reporter

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October

*7 Gig Oerdings, Coquille 1:20 p.m.
Gig Myrtle Point Care Center 3 p.m.
14 Gig Baycrest Memory Care, Coos Bay 1:30 p.m.
Gig Oceancrest, Coos Bay 3 p.m.
17 Meeting, Winchester Bay 11 a.m.
Monthly jam, Winchester Bay 1-4 p.m.
21 Gig Heritage Place, Bandon 1 p.m.
28 Gig Life Care Center, Coos Bay 1:30 p.m.*

Another great campout and jam at Winchester Bay last month. Very enjoyable for all those attending with wonderful music, great food, lots of musicians with overflow crowds for the shows, cool and pleasant weather and much jamming and visiting with old and new friends.

Thanks to everyone who organized and helped out in any way to make it such a success. At the theme show, "Ocean and Sea" Gene Williams took the prize for best instrumentalist, Dale Colebank for best vocal and Judy McGarvy for the best humor. They were all awarded beautiful myrtlewood cutting boards made and

donated by Pat Weyer. John MacRae did his usual good job as master of ceremonies for the shows.

Plans for the annual holiday dinner will be discussed at the meeting preceding the jam on the 17th. Bring your suggestions and your sack lunch.

We will again be going to Brookings on the 5th Saturday, October 31. The jam will be held at the Chetco Grange Hall located on the right at the first stop light south of the Chetco River bridge in Brookings-Harbor. Let's all plan to go. They really appreciate us.

Oren Pruitt will be the featured musician for the September jam. We enjoy his singing and look

forward to the times when he is well enough to attend.

Beginning and intermediate fiddle lessons are starting in Bandon and will be taught by Bob Shaffer, a long-time member, who also plays guitar, dobro and bass. These will be group lessons held once a month and are open to all ages from children through adults. There are now six new fiddles available for loan to those who would like to learn but don't have a fiddle. Anyone interested can call Ruth at 759-3419 or Jolly at 347-2229 for more information.

New members recently joining District 5 include Mary

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District 6

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October

17 Monthly Jam, Potluck Spencer Creek Grange 10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

November

14 Thanksgiving Jam, Potluck Plumber's Union Hall 10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

As Oral Robbins has been compelled to resign as reporter for health reasons, I will attempt to fill in the gap until our new reporter, Lynn Baran, contributes her first report next month. At the business meeting September 12, it was decided to donate \$250 to the Florence Folk Festival, which will be held in January next year. Alan Ede described a forthcoming series of dances, for which he will be the caller; the music will be provided by District 6 members. The dances will be held at Spencer Creek Grange, on the third Saturday for four months, commencing

in November.

The fiddle classes of Ila Mae Carmickle continue to be a big success. We look forward to seeing some of these people in action at the Christmas Tree Farm Fall Festival programs in Springfield on October 3, 10, 24 and 31, and at the Shedd lunch program in Eugene on November 19.

The District 6 Thanksgiving potluck and jam will be held at the Plumber's Hall in Springfield on November 14. The next monthly jam will be at Spencer Creek Grange on October 17.

Joe Moyle, Acting District 6 Reporter



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October

*10 Pine Grove Community House Manzanita
14 Beehive Assisted Living Forest Grove
18 Harding Grange Estacada
29 Laurelhurst Elderplace Portland
30 Lake Oswego Adult Center Lake Oswego*

November

*20 Tanner Springs Assisted Living West Linn
29 Northwestern Music Jamboree Multnomah County
Building, Gresham*

Saturday October 10 is the combined District 7/8 public performance at the Pine Grove Community House in Manzanita on the coast. The address is 225 Laneda Avenue in Manzanita. Turn off Hwy 101 toward the ocean at the Manzanita Lumber Store and the building is five or six blocks down on the right. Parking on the east side of the building. We'll start to play at 1 p.m. Everyone invited. This is really fun!

Wednesday October 14 from 2:15 to 3:15 we're scheduled to play again at Beehive Assisted Living at 2122 Hawthorne Street in Forest Grove. We played there before and they really loved us!

Friday October 16 we're invited to play at Cherrywood Village at 1417 SE 107th in Portland. The start time is tba - watch this space.

Sunday October 18 we'll play at the Harding Grange at 21552 South Fischer Mill Road

out of Estacada. It's at the intersection of Harding Road & Fischers Mill Road, one block south of Springwater Road. To get there from I-205 take exit 12 or 12A, go east three miles on 212, go right on 224, one mile to Carver. Turn right and cross the bridge, then left, toward McIver Park. Go 5½ miles on Springwater Road, just past the Indian Springs Trout Farm to Harding Road. Turn right onto Harding Road and the grange is in front of you facing Fischers Mill Road.

Thursday October 29 we are wanted to play at Laurelhurst Elderplace at 4540 NE Glisan in Portland from 12:45 to 1:45. We haven't played there for quite awhile so let's give them a good show!!

Friday October 30 Lake Oswego Adult Center needs us to play for an early Halloween Party at 11:30 a.m. Wear a costume just for fun! It's at 505 G Street in Lake Oswego.

Friday November 20 at 3:30 they want us to play at Tanner Springs Assisted Living. That's at 23000 Horizon Drive in West Linn. Take I-205 south to Exit 6 - 10th Street. Keep going right at the light and go up S. Salamo Road. After 1.4 miles turn left onto S. Day Road. The first left is Horizon Drive which ends at the place. Drive down to the left and park in the back. Come up the rose-lined walk and in the back door. We perform off to the right in the dining room.

Sunday November 29 is Northwestern Music Jamboree's monthly get-together. It's at 600 NE 8th Avenue in the east end of the new Multnomah County Building in Gresham. There's a big parking lot with lots and lots of room and lots of music. Doors open about 11:30 and the public performance is 12:30 to 3:30. So come and have some musical fun!

Gail Foster, District 7 Reporter

District 5 cont.

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Boye from Reedsport and Judy Sheridan and Melvin and Delores Jones from Coos Bay.

An OTFA member, Clari Clapp, who lives in Salt Lake City and spends summers in this area, came to play with the local group at

the camp out, Bullards Park and the corn feed. Her doctor had recommended that she learn to play the fiddle as a means of rehabilitation for her damaged wrist. Sounds like a fun way to cure a damaged wrist!

The Dora corn feed was well attended with lots of Grant and Mapril's corn and tasty potluck

dishes and the music was much enjoyed by those attending. The people of Dora have done a wonderful job creating their community building.

You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

Mary A. Weist, District 5 Reporter

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October
*10 Gig/Jam Manzanita
17 District Jam McMinnville Sr. Center*
November
22 SUNDAY Holiday Dinner Jam McMinnville Sr. Center
December
19 District Jam McMinnville Sr. Center

Where did summer go? Is time going faster, or is it just me?

September 1st, we were invited to play at the State Fair for Senior Day. We had a covered booth along a main pathway, and so attracted listeners as they passed by. Musicians from Districts 7 and 8 participated. We especially enjoyed having Gabriel and Isaaiah Baltzell from Portland, and Hannah Kearney and Brian Stiner, both from District 8. We had 23 musicians total. Everyone had time to see the sights at the fair too.

September 4th, twelve of us played at the McMinnville airport for a Vintage Airplane Fly-in. It was fun to see the old planes. One of our members, Jim Wallace, even flew his plane from Independence to McMinnville for the event. He brought his fiddle and played with us. We were served a spaghetti dinner for entertaining.

September 5th, a small group headed by Dale Colebank played at historic Champoeg Park.

The day was rainy, but they had a roof to play under. The crowd was thin because of the rain, but they netted a few dollars for our district scholarship fund.

September 12th, we played for the second time this summer at Salem Saturday Market. We had many compliments on the music, and a continuous group of listeners at the tables near by. Some stayed most of the day. The market has been a great fund raiser for us. It was 90 degrees that day so as the sun moved west, the guys moved our canopy out about 6 or 8 feet to keep us in shade. Our battery powered sound system worked great for us.

September 26th we will have played at the Falls City United Methodist Church. We've done this for several years now, and it's always fun and appreciated. The old church is gradually being rebuilt, keeping its historic character. There will be a potluck about noon, and we'll play after that.

The District Scholarship Committee met on September 15th. The committee, consisting of Ray Cunningham, Darlene Bryant, Marie Bailey and Lew Holt, awarded 8 scholarships for this year. We're proud of our young fiddlers, and they appreciate the financial help with lessons.

October 17th, Saturday we'll be back at the McMinnville Senior Center for the winter months.

IMPORTANT: We can't get in until 11:30 this time, due to another group using the facility earlier. Bring a brown bag lunch if you wish. Coffee will be available. There will be a short business meeting at about 11:30.

November 22nd, Sunday, will be our Holiday dinner at McMinnville. The facility wasn't available on Saturday, so Sunday it is. More on the dinner next month.

Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

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October
10 Meeting, Potluck and Jam Riversdale Grange 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

We didn't have a jam this month at Riversdale Grange. When we got there, it was all decorated for a wedding or some other function; they rented it to someone else.

So Bob Hanson had everyone come over to his place. There was loads of food for the potluck, and 24 people showed up, and lots of playing. "Thanks Bob and Jean"--- and

to all who brought food, and helped out.

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to all that had them, congratulations.

Everyone that's under the weather, hope you're well and with us again.

Our next meeting (11am), potluck (noon), and jam (1pm), will

be October 10th at the Riversdale Grange on Garden Valley. Hope to see you all there, plus some new faces.

Joyce Pickett
District 10 Reporter

District 9

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Reporter: Julia Milleson 541-573-2770*

October

*9 Gig Aspens 7:30 p.m.
11 Potluck and Jam Senior Center 1:00 p.m.
19 Gig Ashley Manor 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.*

I'm writing this report early so I can go to Montana to visit family. We are in the midst of our Harney County Fair. We played five hours over Wednesday and Thursday and worked on our float on Friday night for the Saturday parade. (This just in: We won second place in the Fair Parade!) We had a great turnout of players and had a good audience on Thursday at the Fair. Jim Thomason of Canyon City came over and played with us, and Gordon Black and Phil Drain the "sound man" from Salem sat in with us as well. Ruel Teague played every day of the Grant County Fair in John Day and Julia came up and played one day. At a recent jam, a couple from Grants Pass really enjoyed the music so we clued them in to seek out players and events in District 4.

Joan Suther and Janet Braymen played a couple of venues during an Artist's Week in Burns and have been playing at the Farmers' Market in Hines when Janet isn't working on forest fires.

Jessica Hopper returned

for a jam and John Borelli loaned her one of his mandolins to learn while she is here working. Chris Bates played a hammered dulcimer at another of our jams.

Dennis Townsend seems to be able to play a myriad of instruments and recently added a little concertina.... And Ruel has a new toy, the banjo guitar that gets passed around to other players. Yeah!

A couple of generous local citizens, Sally Lovins and a fireman, Chris Breels, plus Terry Holt of Mt. Vernon in Grant County, put on a big benefit for Judy and Wayne Thompson of our community. And the fiddlers provided part of the entertainment. Terry, who sings and plays guitar with the Upriver Country Band of Mt. Vernon joined in with our group.

We signed a card for Shamy Johnson (Margaret Teagues' cousin) of Vale who was inducted into the Buckaroo Hall of Fame in Winnemucca, NV. Shamy was also the guest speaker for the banquet. Quite and honor!

Because of the Fair, the Aspens' play date was moved to the 25th but we will be back to our regular schedule on Oct. 9th at 7:00. Ashley Manor will be Oct. 19 from 6:30 until 7:30. And don't forget our Senior Center potluck and jams will begin Sunday Oct. 11th. Potluck will be at 1:00 and music starts at 2:00. Everyone is welcome to come join us for eating, dancing, playing music, or just visiting!

Don Williams' 80th birthday party will be held at the Senior Center on Saturday, September 19th, from 2:00 - 5:00 pm.

On a sad note, we learned that Wilma Marler of Ontario, a past member of District 9, passed away recently in Boise. She and husband Ike attended lots of Sunday jams in the past.

Julia Milleson,
District 9 Reporter

From Your Editor: cont.

lessons at all levels. Alex may be reached by email at jazzfiddler92@comcast.net, or by cell phone at 541 - 740 - 7910.

Shirley Huebner, of King City, Oregon, tel. 503.624.6499, has a violin for sale. She got it when she was young, but is now too frail to play it. It is currently out on loan to a classical musician, and is in excellent condition.

Apologies to Tatiana Har-

greaves, whose name I inadvertently misspelled last month. Joe

**State Calendar
(2010)**

August 11-14 OOTFA Fiddle
Camp Thousand Trails

New Members to Welcome:

Judy Sheridan, Coos Bay
Paul Spicher, Reedsport
Zac Townsend, Coos Bay
Mary Boyle, Reedsport
John Lantz, Brookings
Doc Johnson, Oakridge
Ann and Court Smith, Portland
Cara McKenzie, Eugene
Jenny Gusset, Eugene
Joel Bennett and family, Eugene
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one volunteer who wants a year so she can start typing.

I have all of Ace's videos - maybe 400 of them and then 2 or 300 of my own. These have recorded a valuable part of the history of OOTFA. Dan Pullis in Coos Bay sent me several old DVDs the other day. They are good quality going back to 1988. As I watched them I enjoyed seeing Lew Standiford, Stan Gonshorowski and others. Another dream is to make a DVD of many of our "old timers." I have good video of Shorty Allen, Bob Fast, Wayne Holmes, Penny Mead, Rusty Modrell, Guy Kinman, Bill Yohey and more. Wouldn't they make a good DVD showing their playing!!

You can't imagine what Dina Shaylor has done for us with a web site. What were once only pages in notebooks in my basement are now available for all of you with computers. You can find her material by going to Lewholt.com or directly to http://home.comcast.net/~dina.shaylor/lew_chronicle/articles/2009/02-15-2009%20article.html or more specifically to http://home.comcast.net/~dina.shaylor/lew_chronicle/contests/index.html

You will be amazed at what you will find. We all owe

Dina big "thank you!!"

Back in 2004 many wonderful volunteers typed 850 pages of interviews that Linda Danielson did in 1976 of 26 fiddlers in Lane, Douglas and Jackson Counties. I have the interviews all on CDs, cassette tapes I am in the process of downloading the CDs to my computer. Money can't express their historical value. I have started a book of just pictures - another dream. Just the tip of the iceberg.

Lew



These name tags are yellow with blue trim with the OOTFA emblem and district number. The name tags with pins are \$8.00 and those with a magnetic back are \$9.00 mailed. Please send a check to , Earlene Ervin made out to her.

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