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Greetings to all Oregon Old Time Fiddlers.

This being the end on one millennium and beginning of another, and this being the festive season that it is to all of us, we have surely been busy playing our music and promoting Old Time Fiddling every where we go and every time we have had an opportunity. This past month, your President jammed with Districts 8 and 6 and played fiddle with members from Districts 7 and 8 at a Wells Fargo Bank opening in McMinnville and one in Keizer. Dec. 18th, Charlotte and I left early to drive to Coos Bay so we could be there in plenty of time to join District 5 at their Greenacres Grange jam. It was an enjoyable time we spent with them, hearing good music, meeting new friends, and renewing old acquaintances.

Fred Grove as Chairman is doing a very good job leading District 5.

As you know, when Ken and Sally Jordan were ready to relocate and retire from Bend in District 3, they chose the southwestern corner of our state, as did Norm and Kathy Nash when they relocated from Portland recently, and now they all play music with District 5.

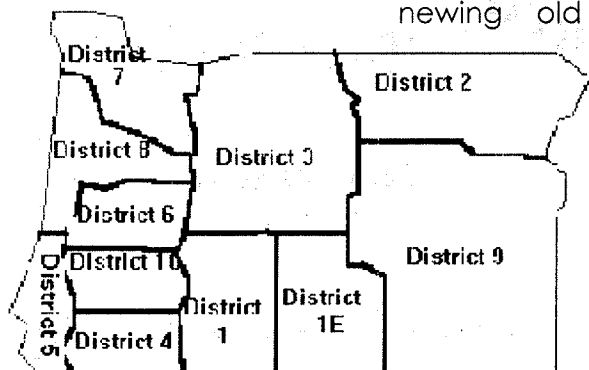
When I wrote my first Hoedowner piece last August, I promised to visit every district in Oregon before my term ended next July 1st. That was a promise which now has been fulfilled. Charlotte and I have traveled many miles throughout our state visiting every district, playing at your jams, in your homes, bank openings, parties, picnics, county fairs, fiddle contests, retirement homes, commemorative celebra-

tions, churches, weddings and yes, even our State Capitol in Salem when Governor Kitzhaber proclaimed the second week of May to be Old Time Fiddlers' Week.

The past six months have definitely been a very busy time for us. All this activity, however, is by no means meant to set a precedent for our next President. Visiting all districts statewide is just something I wanted to do. OOTFA is just like one giant family, and it has been a most gratifying, rewarding and enlightening experience for Charlotte and me to participate in all your special events.

Speaking of our President for next year, it is time now for our nominating committee to begin work on nominating officers to serve during 2000/2001. Our nominating committee

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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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A Very Happy and Prosperous New Year from Dist. 1. By now we trust each of you received a full stocking from Santa, ate your fill of holiday dinners and are looking forward to many hours of good old time music at the Fiddle Gatherings in the New Year.

Our Christmas dinner the 19th was nice. Thanks, Jo, for planning and overseeing the many details.

We gained a new member at our Dec. Jam. Welcome Nellie Kerr, was nice seeing you again and it was good to have Naomi Voss and Velma Evans and friends drop by the jam a while, too.

We send good wishes and

prayers to Ray Turner and family who has been in the hospital again. Our condolences and prayers go out to Dorothy North and family. Harold passed away Dec. 9.

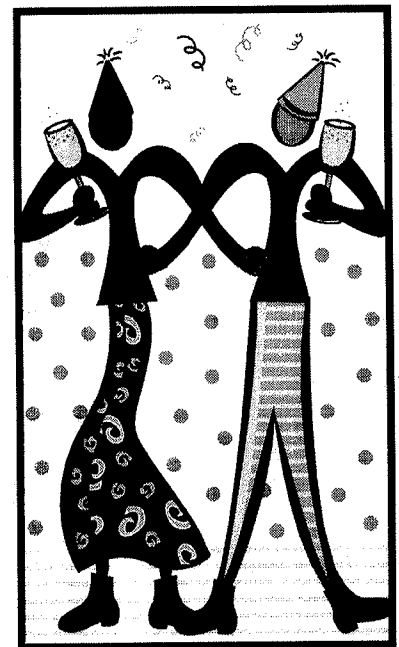

Happy anniversary to Louie and Grace Stork Jan. 15 on 54 years of marriage. Happy Birthday wishes to Al Nelson - 5th, Gary Rarden - 6th, Francis Hughs - 9th, Thelma Nelson - 13th, Jo Harris - 19th and Carolyn Rarden - 20th.

Next jam is January 9th at Winema Inn, 1111 Main St. Klamath Falls. Doors open at noon - meeting at 12:30 and jam open to the public from 1:00 to 4:00.

Nursing homes - Klamath Regional Rehab., 711 Washburn Way, Klamath Falls, 1st Tuesday of each month, play from 3 to 4. Clairmont Nursing Home and Retirement Home at east end of Main St. Klamath Falls - 4th Thursday

of each month. We play at the nursing home at 1:00 then we go 1 block above and behind the nursing home and play at 2:15 at the Retirement Home. We play 1 hour at each on the same day.

Until next time Cherie Lane - Reporter District 1

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Another month has come and gone. Winter has come to southern Oregon. Many still have their colds.

Nov. 27 Mary and Shorty Stone, Larry McLain family and Homer McLain family attended and played at the 50th wedding anniversary party for Jerry and Irene Ruddock in Merrill.

At our Dec. 4 jam we gained 3 new members. We welcome Karen Bowser and Ruth Grant from Christmas Valley and Bob Elliott from Fort Rock.

Charlie Threet won the gift certificate for dinner at the Indian Village.

Several members of the Singles group attended the Dec. 4 jam. All had a good time. We

really enjoy Lee Hampton and his harmonica. "Keep up the blowing."

Dennis Sheridan is in the hospital in Klamath Falls very ill. Hope and pray you get better soon Dennis, and we can see your smiling face at a jam and potluck.

Homer and Rosa Lee McLain have been traveling again. To Bend to see doctors and to Bandon because of a death in the family. Homer was back in time Dec. 14 to help the group sing and play at the Long Term Care Facility for the patients there. After playing there, the group of 8 stopped by to entertain Norm Gumser and wife at their home. Norm is ill.

Any one not going to another party New Year's Eve is invited to the jam and potluck Dec. 31, 1999, the last night of this millennium. Hope to see all our local members there. Bring a salad or desert.

Doc and Marie Walker

popped in at the monthly meeting Dec. 13 at the Indian Village. They have moved to Klamath Falls. The second Monday night of every month is the business meeting for district 1E. Hard to conduct business when not many attend. Come and have a say in what goes on. Several generally have dinner there before the meeting. Good to get together.

More information on the Feb. 5 jam will come out in January.

Everyone keep a smile on your face and a song in your heart. Keep fiddling and pickin'.

Myrle Shepard, District 1E reporter



ATTENTION!!! STATE MEETING UPDATE

The first meeting of the year 2000 will be hosted by District 6 on January 8th at Willamalane Senior Center in Springfield. Meeting at 10:00 A.M. with potluck to follow at 11:45.

Please bring a hot dish and veggie or salad. NO DESSERTS needed because District 6 will provide a SURPRISE "MILLENNIUM DESSERT" for everyone to enjoy.

Also, District 6 will raffle a "MILLENNIUM BABY DOLL" with all proceeds going to the State Contest. Tickets are 3 for \$1 - drawing at 3 P.M. - must be there to win!

Mark Carmickle, Chairman District 6

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Happy New Millennium! We ended our 1999 jam with wonderful entertainment from Meriwyn, Ben, Brendan & Gabe Booher and everybody knows what a tough act they are to follow. However, Janet Burgess and Joan Suther, District 9 did just that and gave us terrific enjoyment. How we liked being treated to such enjoyable talent. We would like it even better if you would all come back and give us more encore performances. After the jam we went out for our Christmas party and had more good jamming, food and fun. Plans for the December 2000 Christmas party promises to be our best ever Christmas celebration and something to really look forward to.

Dorothy Brumbach recently had a bad fall requiring surgery on her shoulder. She is recuperating nicely and we

hope to see Dorothy and George at our next jam. It is a pleasure to welcome new members David, Carol, Amie, Sarah, Jon and Brandon Conner from Madras. Fifteen year old Amie is a self-taught fiddle enthusiast and played two of her tunes at our jam. At our Nov. jam I failed to mention that Julia Milleson, Dist. 9 was our guest. It's always great to have Julia join us and we look forward to her coming again.

If anyone is interested in running for state president, Vice-president or secretary/treasure, please let Ed Nelson know so he can submit your names at the convention in Roseburg. Lew has advised us that the Oregon State Fiddle Championship dates at Chemeketa Community College in Salem have been changed to April 28 & 29, 2000 and the dates for the Florence Fiddle Festival in Florence have been changed to May 12 & 13. Please mark your calendars with these changes.

There will be a meeting af-

ter the Jan. 9th jam. (Deschutes Co. Fairgrounds High Desert Activity Center) It will be regarding finances and follow-up of the July '99 memo. Nomination of officers for our district will be after the Feb. jam.

We are pleased to report that many members have paid their dues making their membership current. One of the benefits of paid dues is that it entitles members to continue receiving their Hoedowners with all the statewide news and information. To renew, please contact Betty Fullerton at the jam or by mail.

Marie M. Nelson, Reporter

P. S. Count your many blessings, not your many complaints.

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We're all looking forward to our December jam on the 18th, which will be history by the time this is published. Last year at Roxy Ann Grange in Medford we ended up with 6 inches of snow that fell as we played! Who knows what to expect next? Please note the change (again) for our January Jam which will be on New Year's Day at Roxy Ann Grange.

A group consisting of Mary and Frank Armstrong, Kathy and William Greene, Vic Flood, Gene Williams, Maggie and Jessie James and Judy McGarvey played for a special program at the Domiciliary. The folks really enjoyed hearing the

old time music, and many came up afterwards to share their own special memories. One gentleman even showed off his double 9 foot beard! (Yes, 18 FEET from one end to the other!).

Tommy and Joyce Grissom have moved into the Fountain Plaza Retirement Center and are enjoying making new friends and getting settled. Gene and Lola Williams are progressing on their home; the rafters are almost completed with sheeting soon to come (dependent on the amount of snow they get). Donna Frazier's sister died in Pocatello, and her brother is ailing. Virginia Parren's son died suddenly. Ethel Holstin's sister Jean and brother Marvin are both very ill. Our sympathy goes out to you who are concerned about or have lost someone dear.

Some of our snowbirds have departed for points

south. Jerry and Zelda Cook, Sammy and Alice Burton, and Kathy and Don Luker are some of those heading for Quartzite.

We continue our playing at various nursing homes and retirement centers. Several of our members play regularly every month, in addition to the "gigs" we do. With a few informal jams as well, we seem to be doing a lot of playing--and we love it!

Are you ready for Y2K? I don't know what the Y2K effect is, but I'll change my hardware, my software and my underwear, just in case.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy McGarvey,
District 4 reporter

Looking into the year 2000, these are important dates to remember as you plan your district calendars:

January 8	District 6 jam and State Quarterly Meeting in Springfield
March 16,17,18	State Convention in Roseburg
Apr 28 -29	State Fiddle Contest in Salem
May 12 - 13	Florence Fiddle Festival in Florence
June 15,16,17	High Desert Jam in Burns
June 19 - 24	Weiser Fiddle Contest
July 20 -23	Mt. Hood Campout
Aug. 3-6	Diamond Lake Campout
Sep. 14,15,16	1000 Trails at LaPine/Bend

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Welcome everyone to the "New Millennium" and may the year 2000 bring many blessings your way!

District 5 will start out the new year with their regular schedule of the convalescent and retirement homes in our area. I recently visited a couple of these homes and several of the residents said they could hardly wait until the old time fiddlers came again. These seniors really appreciate all of you and your toe tapping music.

We will also have a meeting and jam at the Greenacres Grange in January, however, our chairman said the grange has not set up their "Year 2000" schedule for the fiddlers at this time. Fred said he would contact Lew as soon as our January meeting is set up, so hopefully, this information will be available as this goes to press!

We are happy to hear that Ned Matthews is home from the Sacred Heart Hospital in Eugene after having a quadru-

ple heart bypass. We wish him a very speedy recovery and that he will soon be fiddling around again! Val said he would like to hear from his friends as he must take it easy for a couple of months. You may send cards to Ned at P. O. Box 3564 Coos Bay, OR 97420-0419.

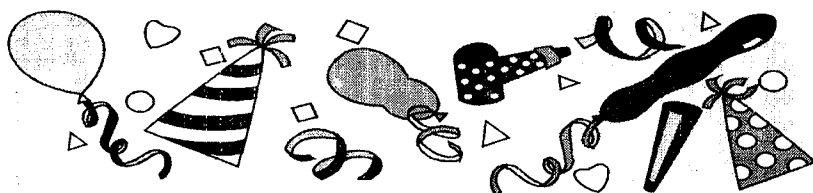
I also received a phone call from Rose Johnson just before Christmas and she said she was having surgery Dec. 27th. She said the doctor would be taking bone from her hip and would fuse 3 vertebra together in her lower back. She was to be in the Bay Area Hospital 4 or 5 days and then she would be in Life Care Center for approximately 2 weeks. She will be in a back brace for 2 months. We are thinking of you, Rosie and praying that everything goes well for you. Rosie also said she would appreciate prayer and cards from all of her friends. Cards may be sent to her home at 3193 Cooley Drive, Coos Bay, OR 97420 or to the Life Care Center, 2890 Ocean Blvd, S. E., Coos Bay, OR 97420. Rosie's daughter, Kathy, recently suffered a second stroke and is taking therapy. We wish Kathy a speedy recovery, also.

Word has it that Betty Lively was in the hospital, too, but I don't have the details. Get to feeling better soon, Betty.

I was pleasantly surprised to get a phone call from Donna Sneed Punzel who is a member of dist. 7. I had mentioned in my Dec. news about the Sneed sisters who played and sang at our jam and Donna was wondering if they may be related to her. We are contacting the Sneed sisters through one of our fiddlers and we pray Donna will be hearing from these gals real soon. I would like to thank Donna for the nice compliment she gave all of the district reporters on their articles in the Hoedowner. So reporters, keep up the good work and thanks also to Lew, Cheryl and our publisher for all of the hard work they do getting this paper together.

We wish a Happy Birthday to Phil Fry the 5th, Harold Householder the 7th, Russ Hall the 12th, Sally Jordan the 16th and Elwood Serfass the 28th. Happy Anniversary to Dorothy and Bill Tennant on the Jan. 14th.

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The Christmas jam on December 5 at the Moose Lodge in Lebanon was a big success. We had a good District six turnout, there was a large audience, Santa made his annual appearance, the turkey dinner was excellent, and -- when the time came to pass the hat (Lloyd Schreiber's) --- the response was generous, yielding \$225, half of which was given to the Lodge.

The Moose have extended an invitation for a return ap-

pearance on Sunday, May 7. Stay tuned for further information as the date draws nearer, and put this date on your calendar.

Want to remind you -- The January State quarterly meeting will be held at the Wilamalane Senior Center in Springfield on Saturday, January 8. It will, of course, be potluck. For details on what to bring, see the announcement elsewhere in this issue. The state meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., followed by lunch at 11:45. The jam will start at 1:00 p.m.

Directions: get off I-5 at the I-105 interchange (exit 194), going east toward Springfield. Take the first Springfield exit, turning right down Pioneer Parkway toward downtown, and right again on C

Street. Follow C St. two blocks into the Senior Center parking lot.

There will be another of the renowned Morningstar Grange jams on Sunday, January 23. It is, as usual, potluck, and will run from about 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or so.

Directions: Coming north, get off I-5 at the Scio/Jefferson exit (exit 238), just north of Albany. Go west under the freeway, and take the second right (the first puts you back on the freeway southbound) on Morningstar Road. The grange is on the left.

Joe Moyle, reporter District 6

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consists of all District Chairmen, and it is their responsibility to present nominations for President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer to our membership at our annual State Convention in Roseburg in March. Ed Nelson, Bend, District 3 Chairman, has been appointed, and agreed to serve, as chairman of our nominating committee. (Thank you, Ed, for serving as chairman).

January 8th is our State Quarterly Meeting to be held at Wilamalane Senior Center, Springfield. This will be a good time to begin discussions and

work on nominations for next year.

Over the past six months throughout all our Districts, I have had the unusual opportunity to talk with probably well over 150 to 200 members of OOTFA. The questions I've asked each one of them are, "What is it about OOTFA that makes you want to be a member?" and, "What do you cherish most about your membership?" Following are just a few of many answers given to those questions:

1. I love to emcee jams and special events.

2. OOTFA is where all my friends are.

3. I love the fellowship and camaraderie among our members.

4. Good fiddling and singing is my kind of music.

5. I never want to miss an opportunity to promote OOTFA.

6. The willingness of our members to help wherever needed.

7. I belong because my husband is a member and likes to play music.

8. I belong because my wife makes me drive her to the jams.

9. Playing at nursing and retirement homes is my first love.

10. The music, people and companionship are very important to me.

11. Fiddling gives me a reason to get up and go different places.

12. There is always something to do at Oregon Old Time Fiddlers.

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Our December jam was at the Gresham Senior Center. We had a comfortable turn out of old friends. The day was relaxed and enjoyable. A few of our musicians dropped by after some period of absences. Those musical folks include: Gary Evans, Jonathan Summers, John Waddingham, Eileen Witler, Art Lane, Anne Seaman, Chet and Nita Haven, PaPa Spain, Don Hoeye, and Vera Schenck. Thanks for joining our regular attendees!

...AND FOR UPCOMING JAM. Gladstone Senior Center Jam Sunday, Jan. 16th. Directions are: Gladstone Senior Center

1050 Portland Ave. From 1-205 (exit 9) McLaughlin Blvd. Right on Arlington, left on Portland Ave. The Senior Center will be on the left side about 5 to 6 blocks up.

Well here is the list for the next several jams: February 6th we are booked for the Forest Grove Senior Center. March 12 will be in Lake Oswego, and April 2nd will see us in Oregon City at the Pioneer Community Center.

Our "under the weather gang" are up and around and able to attend our most recent jams! Glad to see those smiling faces we requested to appear!

The Hodag I mentioned last month appears here by Frank Robinson, Bill Brown, Rory Schneider and Tim Dorland. Remember that a "Hodag" is a creation by several people creating one poem.

Sometimes when I play mu-

sic my body seems to disappear, and particular objects and thoughts dissipate as pure sound innervates my entire mind and body. This effect is so powerful that I have come to believe strongly that music can be used as a tool to heal the mind and body. (and soul)

Doesn't this say something to all of us who either play or simply enjoy music? Most of us have expressed similar sentiments, but perhaps not quite as eloquently. 2000 here we come!!!!

Pat Gates, Reporter District 7

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13. You can have fun without spending a lot of money.

14. It gives me a place to go and something to do when I get there.

15. It's been a part of my life since I was 4 or 5 years old.

16. I belong to other organizations, but fiddlers come first.

17. It gives me a reason to go to National Fiddlers in Weiser.

18. OOTFA helps beginners like me learn to play the fiddle.

19. It's the only place where I can find people who play music like I play.

20. I just want to be a part of promoting, preserving and perpetuating Old Time Fiddling.

These are but a few of the many reasons our members gave me for belonging to OOTFA. Think about this and ask yourself these same questions; "Why am I a member of Oregon Old Time Fiddlers?" and, "What do I cherish most about being a member?" Thank you for reading my Hoedowner piece this month, and a very Happy New Year to everyone.

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Not only is it a new YEAR, it's a new CENTURY, AND a new MILLENNIUM! So, HAPPY NEW YEAR everyone. May your next 1000 years be good ones. (Our grandson, Taylor, says that it is also a new day and a new month.)

Our Thanksgiving Jam at McMinnville was even more successful than we anticipated. We had over 30 signed up to play. So good to have our friends from around the state come and share their company and their music with us. We hope they will come back to see us again.

Small groups have been honing their Christmas and Seasonal tunes as we play at Nursing Homes and Senior Centers among other places. Music brings much joy to all ages.

At this writing we're getting

ready for our December Jam at Willamina. Next month's Hoedowner will report on it.

Sunday January 16th we will gather at the Community Center in Woodburn. (We discussed changing to the 15th so not to conflict with District 7, but that date was not available. So Sunday, January 16 is the day). We're also trying something new for our meal that day. We'll have a variety of SOUPS and SALADS. If your last name begins with A through M, bring a pot of soup. N through Z, bring salad or dessert. Also be sure to bring your SOUP BOWL. We'll eat at 11:45, jam at 1 pm. The center is at 491 3rd St. It's on the corner of 3rd and Grant. From I-5, take the Woodburn exit, turn right at Settlemeier. Turn left at sign that says City Center (Garfield St.). Turn left on 3rd St. Or, if you're on 99-E, take Young St., following signs that say City Center, to 3rd St. Turn right and go 2 blocks to the center.

Marie Bailey is chairperson for our district nominating committee. Let her know who you want for next year's officers for District 8 or if you

know of somebody else who is willing. Jackie is the only one eligible for re-election. The election will be at our Jam in McMinnville February 20th.

What? You haven't sent your dues for 2000 yet? Do it now! Assure that you don't miss a single Hoedowner, and that your name is in the Roster. Send it to Jackie Stephenson. Her mailing address is at the top of district 8 news.

Alice Holt, Reporter



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Happy New Year! Oh what a fun month December was. The holiday potluck at the Senior Center was especially good this year. Thanks to all who cooked the main dishes and also those who brought potluck. I hesitate to mention any names as I'm not sure just who did what.....but it was excellent!

Vance Bonner of District 3 drove over from Bend to join the festivities. Several of the musicians stepped out for a bit to do their part in the annual Chamber Music Society Christmas Concert. What a talented bunch of folks we have who share their talents in a variety

of ways.

Gordon Black's brother-in-law was in town for a visit from Maryland which gave us a good excuse to schedule some extra jam time. Come on back, Joe. We need all the excuses we can get to play music.

Welcome to new member Patty Leahy. Patty plays guitar, sings and writes songs. Glad you'll be around, Patty.

We're saddened by the news of the death of Ike Marler of Ontario who passed away just after Thanksgiving. Ike was an active member of several fiddle organizations and kept busy playing music in Eastern Oregon and Southwest Idaho. Ike and Wilma often made the trip to the state convention in Roseburg.

January's jam is January 3 at the Harney County Senior Center. Potluck is at 1 p.m. with jamming from 2 - 4 p.m. Please feel free to join us fid-

dling in the new year. The Aspen's is the 8th of January at 7 p.m.

Janet Burgess,
Reporter District 9

If you are not getting an occasional e-mail from me with web site updates and other bits of information - and you have e-mail - let me know so I can get you on the "e-mail list."

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Hello from district 10. What a nice dinner and dance for our Thanksgiving jam. So many friends came to help us celebrate. The turkey and ham were catered in and as usual the members come through with the balance of the meal.

The selection was outstanding. Was good to see such a nice turn out. Some of the friends we had not seen for quite a while.

Our next meeting will be Jan. 8, 2000. Please note that our Saturday meeting has been changed to the 2nd Saturday of each month.

Celebrating birthdays for this month will be Joyce Picket, Louis Roy, Martha Rogers, Merna Jones, Teresa Plybon, Vernon Christensen and Jerre Jackson. Congratulations to all. Don't for-

get January 8 -- Meeting 11:00 -- Potluck 12:00 and music 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Hope to see you there.

May you have a wonderful 2000.

Tiny Stinett - Reporter Pro-Term District 10

Notes from the Editor

OOTFA History Project: I am filling in spots again in this month's Hoedowner "tid-bits of history" of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association. Actually I am whetting your appetite with the kinds of things you will find in the history book when it comes out early in the next century. I hope you enjoy the "tid-bits of history."

IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE: The dates for the Oregon State Championship Fiddle Contest has been changed. There was a scheduling conflict at the college and after much negotiations, the contest has been rescheduled for April 28 and 29, 2000 at the Chemeketa Community College. In order to make this change, it was necessary to reschedule the Florence Fiddle Festival. The May 12-13 dates were open at the Elks so the festival was changed to that week end. We apologize for any inconvenience these changes might cause but it could not be helped.
Signed: Fred Hardin, Roger Germundson, Starr McMullen, Lew Holt

Diamond Lake Campout: We will have the campout again year 2000. It will be Aug. 3, 4, 5, 6, & leave on Monday the 7th. All motor-homes and campers must park in the Forest service camp ground of at the Diamond Lake R V park. The forest service wants more revenue. We will still be able to have the rest as before at the Activity Center. We have cabins 47 & 48 reserved. If you would like to reserve any cabins you should do it soon. Each cabin has two bedrooms and a sofa for sleeping so you could share the expense with others by sharing cabins with someone. We will have the breakfasts and the pot-lucks as before. Jerry & Irene

The Ruddocks write, Jerry and I would like to say thank to all who came to our anniversary party. We enjoyed it very much and will be remembered always. Thank you for all the beautiful cards that were sent to us. It is wonderful to have so many friends. Love Jerry & Irene

Joy Smith says, I have another violin to sell. It is a Vuillaume A' Paris (Rue Croixdes Petits Champs 46). I, also, have a Sound Tech Professional Audio sound system for sale. It is a Quick Mix 6tm powered mixer. I am asking seven hundred for it. It has only been used twice. My phone number is (503) 829-5234, or write me at P.O. Box 112, Molalla, Or. 97038-0112 Thanks so much Joy Smith

Last month in the Tid Bits I listed Walter and Bessie Hardy as being at the Vernonia Campout. It should have been "Walter and Marie Hardy."

I have one of their CDs and thought you might like to know that "Swingtime," a Portland-based group of Fiddlers, has just released their first CD. The group consists of Norm Nash, Ella Opdal, Bob Huffman and George Taevs – names we all know. The CD is a collection of old time tunes, waltzes, dance music and Western swing. The CD is available from any of the group for \$10.

I was saddened to hear of the passing of Ike Marler. He was a grand "old guy" who would come to our state convention all the way from Ontario – right on the Idaho border. He was proud to be a member of OOTFA and wanted to show his support. And then I would see him each June in Weiser. We had some great visits over the years.

Calendar

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

January 2000

1	Roxy Ann Grange Medford	4	
3	Burns Senior Center . Burns	9	
8	Willamalane Springfield	6	
8	State Quarterly Mt Springfield	OOTFA	
8	VFW-Moose Lodge ... Shady Cove	4	
8	Winston Community Building	10	
9	Winema Inn	Klamath Falls	1
9	Deschutes Co. Fairgrounds	3	
15	Memorial Hall	Lakeview	1E
16	Gladstone Senior Center	7	
16	Woodburn Community Building	8	

February

5	West Side Grange Hall	1E	
5	Grange Hall	Lake Creek	4
6	Burns Senior Center .. Burns	9	
6	Forest Grove Senior Center	7	
20	McMinnville Senior Center	8	

March

4	Community Ctr. Rogue River	4
11	Keizer Senior Center. Keizer	8

April

28 – 29 Oregon State Fiddle Contest

May

12 – 13 Florence Fiddle Festival

June

19 – 24 Weiser Contest

July

20 –23 Mt. Hood Campout

Aug.

3-6 Diamond Lake Campout



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