

Boring man, 81, spends 54 years making violins

"Good enough" isn't good enough for 81-year-old violin maker Frank H. Busch.

"It has to be good period," the Boring man said.

Busch, who has been an accredited violin maker and repairman for 54 years, said some people have dragged in some pretty tough jobs for him to repair.

One by ran over his violin with his bicycle and then brought it to Busch to repair.

"That violin top was in 21 pieces," Busch shook his head, remembering, "but I got it back together and the boy won a music scholarship with that instrument."

Busch recalls one customer most vividly.

"A little girl—she must have been about 11—came in to see if I'd fix her violin," he recalled. "Her mother asked how much it'd cost and I said about \$9. She turned to her daughter and asked if she thought they could scrape together the money somehow. The girl said she'd pick berries because she really wanted to play the violin."

"Her shoes were really worn and I asked her if they were her Sunday shoes. She said they were her only shoes. I fixed the violin, but I couldn't take her money—I made her buy new shoes instead. She showed me the shoes and later even sent me a birthday card."

Busch, who has crafted 32 violins, still has the first violin

he ever made. He becomes unhappy when he thinks of some of the poor instruments young children are given to play.

"No wonder the children think they don't like music," he shook his head. "Nobody could get a good sound out of some of those instruments. Occasionally, though, a factory will turn out an exceptional instrument—Somebody did a little extra somewhere on the line."

Busch was apprenticed to Robert Robinson of Portland, a well-known violin craftsman. "Dad Robinson couldn't play himself, but he really had it," Busch pointed to his ear.

Some of Busch's fondest memories are of sitting around with great violinists and hearing them argue what makes the best instrument, he said.

"Everybody has a different opinion," the former concert violinist laughed.

Fritz Kreisler, Jascha Heifetz, Adolph Busch and Albert Spaulding all made their way into the Portland violin shop.

Busch even took a turn at playing Kreisler's violin which was made by the Italian Antonius Stradivarius.

"The violin was bought for \$25,000, brought \$50,000 at the estate sale and was finally resold for \$100,000," Busch said. "It was a great instrument."

Busch, who cringes at the thought of doing what he describes as a "blacksmith job," has practically a whole orchestra waiting to be repaired. He repairs (they're made from horse tails) bows and does general repair work for high school and college music programs including University of Oregon, Oregon State and Oregon College of Education.

"There are 14 bass fiddles and 19 cellos here plus 100 bows to repair," the veteran



FRANK BUSCH, violin maker for 54 years, plays a tune for his granddaughter, Becky, daughter and her husband, Kathy and Robert Bruner, who live near Boring.



BATTERED INSTRUMENT gets a facelift from Frank H. Busch, who has been an accredited violin maker for 54 years. Busch said he likes a challenge as he fitted a replacement piece on the instrument.

County dairy agent named

Donald E. Anderson has been named extension area agent for dairy programs in Clackamas, Multnomah, Washington, and Columbia counties, according to Lee Kilmer, director of the Oregon State University Cooperative Extension Service.

Anderson, who begins his duties July 1, will replace R.G. McCarty, who is retiring after nearly 20 years of service with the Oregon State University Extension Service in Clackamas and Josephine counties.

McCarty has been responsible for the 4-H animal science

program in Clackamas County, as well as serving as area dairy agent.

Anderson, who will be based in the Clackamas county office in Oregon City, will have primary responsibility for dairy education programs in the four counties and will assist with 4-H and youth programs.

The new extension area specialist has been in extension dairy work at OSU since 1953. He was instrumental in establishing the Oregon Dairy Herd Improvement Association and has served as DHIA secretary since 1959.



TWO DIFFERENT styles of violins are shown by Frank H. Busch, 81, a violin maker who was once apprenticed to Robert Robinson in whose shop great violinists gathered to argue about what makes the best instrument.

(Outlook photo)

New field opens in medical field

Three months of study can lead to an exciting career in the medical field as a ward secretary.

Mt. Hood Community College is offering the one-term program fall term.

No experience is necessary and both men and women are encouraged to enroll.

A ward secretary is assigned to a nursing unit in a hospital. Aside from normal secretarial duties, the position combines responsibility, constant interaction with the public and a daily challenge.

The Mt. Hood course includes both classroom study and clinical, on-the-job training.

The ward secretary curriculum includes a three-hour class, once a week, in medical terminology.

Two days are spent in the classroom and three days a week are spent on the job.

"It's an exciting field that pays well and is always interesting," said Cheryl Naman, MHCC instructor.

"The ward secretary transcribes doctors' orders, does public relations for the nursing unit, is a receptionist and performs a number of other duties," she says.

Graduates of the Mt. Hood program receive a certificate which qualifies them to work in a hospital anywhere in the country.

A number of openings remain for the fall term class and information can be obtained by calling the admissions office at Mt. Hood or by contacting Ms. Naman at 666-1561, ext. 123.

Bridges get road survey

Surveys for the Canyon Creek and Clear Creek bridges on the Woodburn-Estacada Highway in Clackamas County were approved June 27 by the State Highway Commission. The existing narrow bridges will be widened as emergency highway safety projects.

Consequently, the Federal Highway Administration has approved the State Highway Commission's request for a waiver of certain administrative procedures pertaining to the projects.

Project plans on the Canyon Creek bridge call for the bridge to be widened on the downstream side, thus providing bridge and approaches with two 12-foot travel lanes with minimum six-foot shoulders. The project is scheduled to be let June 29. The estimated cost is \$120,000.

The Clear Creek Bridge project will be widened on the downstream side to a horizontal clearance which will provide two 12-foot travel lanes with four-foot shoulders at an estimated cost of \$175,000. This is scheduled for the July bid letting.

Dakota society holds picnic

The North and South Dakota States Society of Portland will hold their annual picnic on Sunday, July 9, in Laurelhurst Park in Portland near the Ankeny Street entrance. All Dakotans interested in attending the picnic are urged by the society to bring a picnic luncheon and participate in the event.

HeadStart planned for Sandy in fall

The Clackamas County Head Start program will begin again October 4, according to Cari Olmsted, the director of the program.

There are four centers located one each in Sandy, Oregon City, Milwaukie, and Molalla. Each school will enroll seventeen children and operate on a federally financed budget of \$76,500 provided through the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare's Child Development program. The program is administered locally through Development Opportunity, Inc.

Applications are now being taken for children from low income families. In Sandy they must be five by Nov. 15.

Emphasis in the program will be on taking the child at its present level and promoting self-identity, social understanding and cooperation, eating habits, health habits, and working in groups.

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Wreck victim still serious

A Troutdale man was in serious condition at Gresham Community Hospital Monday following a two-car crash June 24.

Robert Bruns Schaefer, 62, of 300 Barr Rd., Troutdale, was being treated in the hospital's intensive care unit after his auto collided with another

being driven by Jack Forest Dodd, 41, of Rt. 4, Box 9810, Boring.

The accident occurred about 11:30 a.m. at the intersection of SE 202nd Ave. and Burnside, where Schaefer's wife Dora, 59, was also injured.

She was treated and released at the hospital and no citations were issued.



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