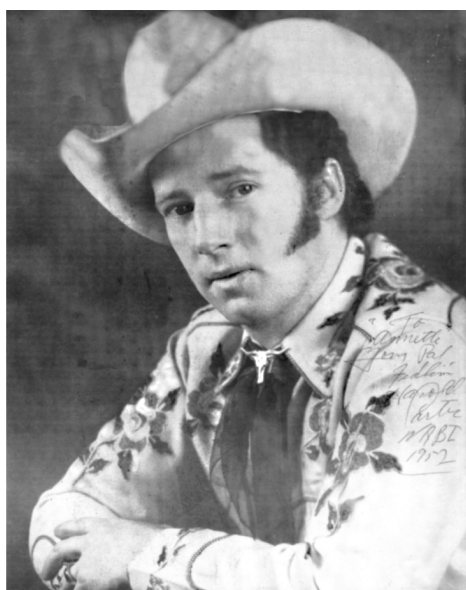


Harold's Polka

transcribed by Frank Ferrel from a 1993 recording of Maine
fiddlers Lucien Mathieu and Bill Dara,

Harold Carter



Harold Carter (1919-1981) Harold came to Maine from Ohio as a 15 year old fiddle player with a show called the Kit Carson Show, his first professional show, and he decided to stay here. After being with several bands, he worked his way to Bangor where he settled into playing clubs.

He later joined Curly O'Brien's Show and started his own Barber Shop in Hampden. He later owned and operated the Riverside Grill in Bradley for several years.

He played extensively throughout the United States and Canada with well known names such as the Ken MacKenzie Show, Tony & Juanita, Hal Lone Pine and Betty Cody, Yodelin' Slim Clark, Gene Hooper, Ray and Ann Little, and of course, was a member of Curley O'Brien's "Top Hands" for many years. After working for a short period of time with Bud Bailey and the Down Eas- ters, Harold formed his own band in 1947, the "Riders of Prairie Express."

Harold Carter passed away suddenly during a performance of the Orange Blossom Special, on Father's Day, June 21, 1981 in Lewiston, Maine. He was 61 at the time.