



**OGANOOKIE**, a new rock band from the Santa Cruz mountains, will make its first Sonoma County appearance tonight (July 21) at the Inn of the Beginning in Cotati. Another performance is set for tomorrow night. The five-member band features bluegrass-rock played on banjo, violin,

bass, guitar, piano, mandolin and drums. Unique to the group is a combination of electric banjo and electric fiddle. Members include, from left: Bob Stern, fiddle; Timmy Ackerman, drums; Bruce Frye, guitar and lead vocal; Jack Bowers, piano; and George Stavis, banjo.

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**Bluegrass-Rock  
Band Plays  
At Bull's Eye**

Oganookie, a new rock band from the Santa Cruz Mountains, is now making its first Monterey appearance with performances through Saturday at the Bull's Eye.

The five-member band, playing nightly from 9 o'clock, features bluegrass-rock music played on banjo, violin, bass, guitar, piano, mandolin and drums. Unique to this group is the combination of electric banjo with electric fiddle.

Each member of Oganookie comes from a different musical background. Timmy Ackerman (drums) has been playing jazz and hard rock since starting in the New York area at the age of 14. Bob Stern (violin) had a long classical background before turning to rock music. George Stavis (banjo) has been playing primarily bluegrass music since age 12. Jack Bowers (piano) has chiefly country western roots and is the band's composer. Bruce Frye (guitar and lead vocal) has played mainly folk and blues music since starting his career in San Diego.

Country-western feeling is prevalent in the band's music, along with touches of folk, blues, jazz and rock. Bowers has composed more than a third of the group's music. Each of them has recorded with national labels, including Vanguard and Musicor, New York City.