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COMING EVENTS

Dec. 15-----Jam Session and Christmas Party-----Grants Pass, Oregon
Dec. 15-----Christmas Party---Sunnyside Grange-----Portland, Oregon
Jan. 12-----Jam Session---Buell Grange-----Buell, Oregon
Jan. 26-----Jam Session-----Roseburg, Oregon
Feb. 9-----State Jam Session-----Cottage Grove, Oregon

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Had a good visit with Jonas Cox over the phone, was very happy to hear from him, that he is doing well.

We discussed various items about our coming State Contest in May. He again verified that he will act as Coordinator and Chairman, being that he is chairman of the district. The auditorium has been secured, with the help of Gynn Deaton and plans for committees to provide a smooth running, fun contests are being formulated.

At the Board of Directors meeting on October 19th, we voted to have 5 out-of-state judges with high and low scores being discarded to provide the most accurate scoring possible. Bill Yohey has long been acting as contest coordinator, so at that meeting, I appointed him to secure the judges.

I am negotiating with Jack Link from Seattle, the MC at Weiser, to do the MC job at the State Contest. Just haven't agreed on a fee as yet.

The Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Organization and contests are held in high regard by other states, so let's give our full support to make this years' one of our bigger and better ones.

If any member has an idea to help, submit it to Jonas or myself, between us we'll make it an event of the year.

For more fun and fiddlin, Wayne Walter.

DISTRICT #7 & #8 CHRISTMAS PARTY

We are having a joint Christmas Party with District #8 at the Sunnyside Grange, Sunday, December 15th at 12:00 noon. District 7 & 8 will furnish the turkey, ham, green beans and sweet potatoes. We are asking everyone else who comes to bring the desserts, salads and any other goodies you want to eat. There will also be a \$2.00 gift exchange for anyone who wants to participate. Men, bring a man's gift and ladies, bring a ladies gift. The dinner is for members only but there will be a jam session open to the public starting at 1:30.

MADERA CONTEST

Champion Division: 1. John Francis 2. Dick Barrett 3. Lloyd Wanzer 4. Jim Pinkston 5. Jana Greif 6. Gary Krogstad 7. Coy Dailey 8. Vernon Keithly 9. Jay Belt 10. Marvin Johnson.

Regular Division: 1. Mark O'Connor 2. Paul Shelasky 3. Henry The Fiddler
4. Glen Tarver 5. Jim Ropp 6. Jack Carter 7. Francis Anderson 8. Bob Sadler
9. Billy Warwick.

Judges were Bill Yohey, Aaron Lowe, Don Gish, Jr. Daugherty and Ray Park.

OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLERS SHARE A PIECE OF HISTORY

It's a foot stompin', get-down kind of music, somewhere between bluegrass and folk music, and it's alive and well in Clackamas County. "We try to preserve the old way of fiddling" said Wayne Walter, President of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers at an Old Time Fiddlers jam Sunday at the Sunnyside Grange.

Old time fiddling started in Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee, Walter explained. "The style was brought along with the pioneers," he said. "On a wagon train, the fiddler was often the only kind of entertainment a person had. And there was usually a fiddler on a wagon train." These days, there's usually a piano or guitar accompaniment, but the Old Time Fiddlers don't allow any kind of electrical instruments. "That's not authentic," Walter said. "That's more like folk music". Whereas folk lyrics deal with social issues or social protest, the songs the Old Time Fiddlers play tell the story of the pioneers, and the simple pleasures of country life. "We play at County Fairs, hospitals and for different kinds of clubs," Walter said. Then once a year, there's a national contest. In between the national contest, the fiddlers come together once a month and "just fiddle for fun."

an article as appeared in the Gresham newspaper, "The Citizen"

DISTRICT #7 REPORTS

District 7 held a Jam Session at the Sunnyside Grange, November 3rd. We had a very nice crowd, lots of Fiddlers and Accompanists. A delicious dinner and everything that goes to make a successful day. We were glad to have several from District 8 with us and Dennis Johnson from District 4.

District Reporter, Bob Fast

NEWS FROM FRED'S FIDDLING GANG

Fred and his Fiddling Gang played at Marshall Union Manor in Portland, Saturday night, November 23rd. Those helping him were Gladys and Jim Braskott, Penny and Ed Mead, Valdemar Nelson, Charley Johnson, Mura Collins, Harold and Millie Shively, Howard Leonard and Frank Warner.

Bill Wilson is again ill and in the Kaiser Hospital in Portland, Room 414 South, 5055 N. Greeley.

CHILDREN'S SPECIAL

The children of the Old Time Fiddlers can write to Santa Claus and get an answer if the enclose a self addressed stamped envelope to Santa Claus, North Pole, Willamina, Oregon 97396.

DISTRICT #6 REPORTS

The State Jam Session was held at Corvallis, November 24th. A large number of Fiddlers and Accompanists attended and a good crowd came to enjoy the program provided for them. Mr. & Mrs. Moss made arrangements for the hall and had charge of the kitchen. At noon a Pot Luck Dinner was served and at 1:00 the program started. The Fiddlers entertaining were as follows, MC, Wayne Holmes. Fiddlers: Dave Murray,

Guy Kyler, Don Toomb, Shorty Allen, Cliff Baker, George King, Gus Pearson, Jim Morris, Everett Tipsword, Dave Quinlan, Verna Blaine, Bob Fast, Wayne Walter, The Sims Family, Bud Bishop, Jim Hoots, Charley Francis, Phillip Francis, John Melnichuk, Fred Virtue, Leonard Maahs, Clarence Greenland, Howard Ede, Ray Mack, Richard Schlegel, Del Anderson, Paula Waters & Stuart Williams. Accompanists were Ruth and Don Loring, Owen Hodge, Alan Ede, Janet Ede, Bessie Baker, June Secor, Minnie Bennett and Charley Francis. Specials were enjoyed and performed by Cliff and Jim Morris playing harmony on their Fiddles. Carlton Smith played his Harmonica and Accordion, The Sims Family singing and playing, Owen Hodge doing a number on his Bass, Wally Weaver on Harmonica, also Dave Robinson on Harmonica, Shorty Allen and Ed Turner, Accordians. More Jam Sessions will be scheduled in the future so please come and join the fun.

REPORTER: DON LORING

DISTRICT #1 REPORTS

On October 12th, we had a meeting at the Merrill Rec Hall but didn't play much as it was the night of the Potato Festival Queens Ball.

We had gathered at home for fun and fellowship together. October 19th, we were asked to play at the Potato Festival and many of our own group couldn't make it so we borrowed from District 4. Don Gish, Jim Hoots, Jack McCasland and Vic Flood were kind enough to come and help out. L.D. Daniel from here, also was a fiddler along with Johnny Gard, Cliff Tunnell, Doris Clark, Anne Johnson and Leona Walker as Accompanists. Don, Cliff and L.D. rode in the parade. Thanks so much for your help. That same evening, Don Gish, L.D. Daniel, Doris Clark, Cliff Tunnell, Anne and Irv-en Johnson played for a house warming at Stronghold, Cal. A large crowd danced the evening away. Delberta Daniel played her tub.

Oct. 27th there was a Jam Session at Lakeview and Bill Noble, L.D. Daniel, Doris Clark, Delberta Daniel journeyed over to help Homer McLain, Terry, Larry and Clyde Lynch out. There was a small crowd attended.

Two of our members have been in the Hospital and had surgery, but are recuperating at home now. Mrs. Charles Thurman and Cliff Tunnell are doing well and are in good spirits. Rocky Dudley hasn't been too well either. Hope we see you out and around soon Folks.

Well, the fall work is about over so we should get going again. Let's try to spark some new interests and flush out others who play. We all need to help each other along. Hope Lou Hoots and Jonas Cox are feeling better.

Anne Johnson, News Reporter

FIDDLEN PARTY

On November 9th, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Davis rented a hall and were the gracious hosts for a party given for the Fiddlers and Accompanists and their families. Refreshments were served and dancing and jamming were enjoyed by everyone who attended. The Fiddlers attending were as follows: Clarence Davis, Harold Shively, Bill Weber, Fred Hildebrandt, Gladys Braskett, Wes Brunson, Mabel Wood, Valdemar Nelson, Sam Newman, Mura Collins and James Ramsey. Accompanists were "Guitar" Stan Gleason, Jim Braskett, Howard Leonard, "Piano" Millie Shively. Everyone had a wonderful evening and "Thanks" to the Davises' for providing an evening of fun.

June Secor, Editor

YONCALLA BENEFIT

On November 3rd, a group of Fiddlers played for a benefit at the Yoncalla High School to help raise money for lights for their Football Field. The Fiddlers and

Accompanists were Don Gish, Alice Gish, L.D. Daniel, Billy Warwick, John Melnichuk, Jack McCasland, Eldon Powell, Don and Ruth Loring. We received this note of thanks from their program chairman.

TO MR. AND MRS. LORING: Thanks alone cannot express my deep appreciation to you wonderful people who so generously gave of your talent to aid out local effort.

In behalf of the Yoncalla P.T.A. School Supt. Douglas Carl, the entire community and myself, please accept our utmost gratitude. Your kindness and music were immensely appreciated and will long be remembered here.

Sincerely,
Dorothy Kenney, Program Chairman

SPECIAL THANKS

On behalf of Buell Grange, I want to thank all the Musicians who helped me to make our Benefit Dance a big success. We sure do appreciate your help.

Carlton Smith,
District Chairman & Buell Grange Member

COMING EVENT

Just received word that District 8 will hold a Jam Session, Jan. 12th at Buell Grange Hall, Buell, Oregon.

DISTRICT #4 REPORTS

District 4 has had two fine Jam Sessions since we reported last. The first one was held at Wimer on Oct. 27th. Thanks to the Jochem Family of Wimer for being such good hosts. There were 18 Fiddlers and 11 Seconds. We had several specials, Mr. Skeie and his Accordion, Tex Looper, Vic Flood, Dick Zediker and Jimmy Bevel. We had a short business meeting followed by a delicious Pot Luck. At the business meeting we found out that Jonas Cox is our 1975 State Contest Chairman. He has asked me to report that the contest will be May 10th at the Umpqua Community College as it was last year. There will be a similar format to last year with each district helping as they can.

Details of the Christmas Party was issued in the November issue of the Hoedowner, a few items have been decided upon. There will be a \$1.00 gift exchange. The ladies bring a ladies gift and the men bring a mans gift. The Pot Luck will be at 6:00 P.M.

On November 10th we had another fine Jam Session at Central Point. We can thank Dixie and Fred Samples for getting things arranged and done there. Fred even had to go find more chairs after the Jam Session started. We had 23 Fiddlers and 13 Seconds. The following Fiddlers and Seconds attended both Wimer and Central Point Jam Sessions: Roy Summers, Chris Christiani, Jonas Cox, Phil Simmons, Jack McCasland, Hank Wobbe, Carval Bass, Linda Danielson, Al DeLorme, Claire Johnson. Seconds: Dick Zediker, Tommy Grissom, Jimmy Bevel, Dusty Yancey, Vic Flood, Dave Winkelman, Al Pondelick, Jack McCasland, Phil Simmons, Phil Simmons, Carvel Bass, Linda Danielson and Tex Looper.

These Fiddlers and Seconds were at Wimer only, Jim Rose, Ned Coverdell, Ralph Houston, Floyd Harmon, Jim Hoots and Ralph Dias. Seconds were Eldon Powell, Velma Lowery. Fiddlers present at Central Point were John Hoerster, Ivan Shuck, Alta Bance, Bill Noble, Bob Pantel, Ollie Hudson. Seconds were Burl Johnson and Fred Samples.

As usual there have been several house parties and many of our Fiddlers have entertained at various functions and rest homes. District 4 is very active with the Fiddlers keeping in touch all the time.

1974 has been an excellent year for Fiddlers. Hopefully we'll all have as much fun next year as we did this year.

Our January Jam Session will be held at the Fairgrounds in Roseburg on January 26th.

District Reporter, Martha Warwick

SPECIAL THANKS

I would like to thank everyone for their cards and flowers that I received while I was in the Hospital.

Jonas Cox

NOTE FROM OUR SECRETARY

It is time to send in your 1975 dues. \$5.00 for a family, \$4.00 for a couple or \$3.00 for one person. You can receive the National Newsletter for only a \$1.00 more, or if you would like to receive the Hoodowner only and not be an active or voting member, you can do so for \$2.50. You can send your dues directly to me or give them to your district secretary.

This month we're going to start mailing out the Hoodowner without using envelopes. We believe this will be just as good and save the expense of buying envelopes. Unless we stamp FIRST CLASS on them they will not be forwarded to a new address or be returned to us, so if you move, be sure and let me know. We're trying to do our best but right now we're sending out about 400 papers and it's very easy to make a mistake.

Thankyou, Dulcie Fast, Secretary.

SPECIAL NOTICE

DISTRICT 7 JAM SESSION:

Gresham Senior Citizens have asked us to join in their Potluck and have a Jam Session at the Senior Citizens Center in Gresham on Sunday December 8th.

Potluck at noon, Jam at 1:00P.M. Everybody Welcome.

Wayne Walter

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