



Purl and Grace Fox have graciously consented to do the guest book and sale of Banquet tickets again this year. They will be assisted by Helen Barth. You'll hear more about the ticket sales in the future. Others who will be helping with registration, etc., will be Joe & Stella Barta, Susie Milligan & Marge Sanford. We'll need a couple more volunteers. So let me hear from you soon.

As you know, each district will be bringing 2 table decorations (which the districts will furnish). The State has taken care of the head table decorations made by Martha Warwick. Also, "Red" Warwick has made us some beautiful signs for the Convention and the State Contest and we do thank him. These signs can be used from year to year. A big THANK YOU from all of us. That's enough for now. Have a nice holiday and the Lord Bless You.

MAXINE BENSON, Convention Chairperson

P.S. I'm slowly getting the 1985 dues. Keep them coming and please bear with me. Your new membership cards will be coming out the first part of January. Bye Bye, again. M.B.

THANK YOU FROM CANYONVILLE SCHOOL:

The School District has asked me to extend an appreciative "THANK YOU" to District No. 1 and the State Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers. The \$500 from the State and \$150 from District 1 will make it possible to install a vent fan in the Canyonville Gym which is so badly needed. The donation of guitar strings from Shorty Dow of District 5 is also much appreciated as our Music budget is never enough. Thank you, friends.

GYNN DEATON

P.S. The Canyonville Contest ended up with a \$35.00 deficit which Dist. 4 took care of. Thanks so much. Gynn

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TS: Some people are always grumbling that roses have thorns. I am thankful that thorns have roses.

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DISTRICT 1

HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM OUR DISTRICT.

Greg Baker, from Oregon City, spent 3 days in Klamath Falls schools, conducting Fiddling Workshops. It was a real success. The Thursday evening concert at Henly High School had a full house and more than 100 students of all ages were there with their fiddles. All helped put on a 2 hr. fun evening. It was a beautiful sight...all those young people playing together. The Emert's family, from Salem, also assisted in the entertainment. District 1 will have their Christmas party December 22, at 6:30 p.m., with turkey, all the trimmings and a Gift Exchange. Everyone bring a gift to exchange.

The Jam last Sunday was well attended, and I really think the Holiday Spirit has got in our group. There were also several young folks there to do their thing. We sure enjoyed them.

There won't be any December Jam, due to our having the Christmas Party. Our friend and faithful fiddler, Minnie Springer, wishes to send her thanks and appreciation to everyone for their nice cards, good wishes and prayers through her illness.

You folks out there have a nice, happy and enjoyable holiday season and hope families can be together, and a good New Year coming up.

This reporter is layed low with "shingles" and it's not the kind on a house, either.

LOUISE POLLICK, Reporter

### DISTRICT 3

The next Jam will be on December 9th at 1:30 p.m., at the Bend Senior Center. Come join us and gete in on some Christmas music and fun.

The doors of the Senior Center opened bright and early November 10th for the State Meeting...BUT...due to the uncooperative weather, not much was accomplished. One thing was decided by those who did attend which was of some importance. It was dec ided that, while playing as a group, that every player should, if possible, play in the same key and play the same tune as each other player. Two couples did manage toi defeat the weather and get to Bend. Lou and Alice Holt, from North Bend, and Chuck and Betty Bruno, of Klamath Falls, arrived for the meeting, but did not stay for jamming..wanting to get back home ahead of the weather. Stan and Ellamae Lenox, from Lebanon, came over to listen and dance to the music. It is hoped that next time the weather will not be so ornery.

The regular jam, November 11th, featured fiddlers Bob Hawes, Don Hanna, Tony Spatz, Don Hanson, Harley and Marge Nimmo, Dick Williams, and little beauty Stacie Reynolds made her debut in Bend. They were accompanied by Frank Waldron, Tom OS'Neal, Tony and Bill Spatz, Harley Nimmo, Dick Williams, Don Hanson, and Don Hanna. Don Hanna was delayed in arriving by an Old West problem...his cattle decided to depart the pasture at the wrong time.

It was so nice to have Thelma Terrill in the audience and Mrs. Teig from over Burns way. Everyone is invited to come bring fiddles, guitars, banjos, accordians, etc. and join us for the December Jam session. All of you have a very Merry Christmas.

MARGE NIMMO, Reporter

### DISTRICT 4 South

Dec. 8 Jam & Party, Vitality Center, Grants Pass

Jan. 13'85 State Jam, Fairgrounds, Roseburg

Jan. 27, Meeting & Jam, IOOF Hall, Gold Hill

Our November meeting in Talent was attended by about 30 members. Meeting was conducted by Chairman, Sam Steele, and minutes taken by Joyce Grissom, in Mona's absence. The door prize was won by Forest Samples. A nice potluck was enjoyed by all following the meeting. Jamming started at 1 p.m. with Ray Hanson emceeing. We had 23 fiddlers, with their backups, and 11 specials to entertain a good audience. Hope all of you got to see and hear yourselves on TV over Channel 10 in the evening. We had visitors from Districts 1 and 3 joining us and many from the north end of our district ventured out in the rainy weather. The bright spot of the day was having Hugh Samples, Hank Wobbe, Noah Couch and John Baldwin being able to join us after long absences due to poor health. So good to have you and your "Girl Friends" back with us. Sat., Dec. 8, is set for the Christmas Party. It will be held at the Vitality Center in Grants Pass, located at the corner of 4th and L St. Doors open at 10 a.m. Dinner planned for 2 p.m. Meat, potatoes, dressing, gravy and cranberries will be furnished by the association. Please bring complimentary dishes for the pot luck, and your table service. Ladies, if you have some things extra to make a table decoration or two, please bring it with you. It will be appreciated. Hope all of you can join in, as we have the hall as long as we like.

Condolences are extended to Cecil Bobell upon the death of his wife, Bernice, following a long illness. The Bobells have been associate members of Dist.4 for several years.

I understand some members have already gone and several more planning to go to the warner areas for the winter season. You all have a safe trip, you hear! We want you all back in the spring.

Sam has scheduled a meeting and jam for Jan. 27, 1985, in Gold Hill at the IOOF Hall. More on this later. This is due to the fact that several members will be unable to attend the State Jam in Roseburg on the 13th and is offering

this as a special favor to all members who will be unable to go to the state jam. Thank you people who are entertaining the shut-ins in our rest homes, etc., in the community. I think too often we neglect to acknowledge what efforts and expenses these people experience to perform this service to the less fortunate. Special "Thank You" to you all.  
MERRY CHRISTMAS from all of us to all of you.

MARIAN JORGENSON, Reporter

#### DISTRICT 5

The first Saturday of November musicians and friends gathered at the Greenacres Grange south of Coos Bay to eat a hamburger, to dance and to play for the dancers. The fiddlers were Paul Lakey, Carl Dean, Carl Granich, Leonard Olsen, Fred Virtue, Claude Strader, and Norma Allen. The back-up included Dale Alley, Murrel Walton, Don Mattix, Betty Lively, Bob McKee, Betty McKee, Ella Savery, Paul Williams, Dan Pullis, Al Lively, and Carlton Smith. Alice and I are not on the list this time. We were playing hooky -- off in California at a conference.

The next week-end, though, there was to be a state meeting in Bend so, Friday we took off for a drive east of the mountains. To make a long story short - by bed time there were several inches of snow on the ground. There were heavy snow warnings for the mountain passes that night. The next morning we went to the meeting place and met a wonderful group of local musicians. They invited us into the circle and we had a great couple of hours of music. The snow had prevented the others from coming over the passes. At noon Alice and I made the decision to head for home instead of waiting until after the Sunday afternoon jam. Nature was kind to us and we had a good 250 mile drive home. We want to thank the Bend gang for their friendship and for sharing their music.

December will find us busy in District 5. On the 1st we will be at Greenacres again for their dance. On the 7th we are invited to Langlois to play for the Senior Citizens in the firehall. The potluck will start at 6:00. Langlois is a little town on 101 a few miles north of Port Orford. On the 15th we will be back at Greenacres for our Christmas potluck at 6:30, and then dancing and music.

LEW HOLT, Reporter

#### DISTRICT 6

Dec. 16 Christmas dinner and jam, Moose Lodge, Lebanon

We were thankful on Sunday, Nov. 18, for an almost-sunny day, a fine turkey dinner potluck, a good dance floor at the Thurston Grange, and most, for each other and all the music. About 125 people came through the dinner line. Maxine Benson said.

Among the fiddlers, it was especially good to see Wally Bloom, here on a too-short visit from Montana. Stan Gonshorowski and Thelma Shephard ran a show which included nineteen fiddlers; Paul Lakey, Earl Payne, Alex Paladijcup in duet with son Ben on the accordion, Tom Given, Stan, Buck Milligan, Charley Sanford, Hugh Doolittle, Russ Naftzer and daughter Janine (who's making good progress, by the way), Carol Lockard, Sandy Sanderson, Linda Danielson, Everett Bennett, Gaylan Morris, Darla Miller, Walt Westberry, David Kohl, and Wally.

The following people provided special performances: vocalists Jack Walker, Walt Benson, Vivian Steele, John Clark, Everett Bennett with daughter Marcia Ledbetter and Bill Tull, Ray and Carol Borders, and Smitty Smith. Ludwig Schoenfelder and Ray Goble both gave us tunes on the harmonica. Among those who provided backup were Hank Napier, Jack Salley, Dorothy and Chuck Booher, Judy and son Mike Naftzer, Jake McCullough, Dick Ondrasek, John Clark, Thelma Shephard, and Jerry and Vera Kinnaman.

On December 16 we'll be meeting in Lebanon at the Moose Lodge for a Christmas celebration. As usual, the lodge will serve lunch to musicians and spouses at noon, with the program to begin at 1 p.m.

A good regular event to remember is the Thurston Grange potluck and jam every second Friday of the month. For the 6 p.m. dinner, please bring a potluck dish and your own service. Come on out...the next one is Dec. 14. Stan Gonshorowski's group played at the Eugene Hilton on November 3, for the Oregon Antique Car Club...they're hitting the big-time. Members included Addy Gonshorowski, Vivian Steele, Jack Salley, Earl Payne, and Howard Matoon. Remember, too, that Stan will be offering Lane Community College's fiddle class again next term from 7 to 10 p.m. on Thursdays, starting January 10 at the usual location, 300 Fairview, Springfield.

We'll see you at Lebanon -- District 7, you folks aren't doing anything that day, are you? Come on down.

LINDA DANIELSON, Reporter

P.S. Just got this news (and check) before the Hoedowner went to press. The McKenzie River Lions Club donated a check for \$89 to Dist. 6; \$39 was from the kitty and \$50 from the Lions Club. This was to show their appreciation for the music and time spent at the Lions' festival in August at the Leaburg Community Center. Our musicians played for many hours during the afternoon and evening. They and their spouses were treated to a barbecue beef dinner. Smitty adds his personal thanks to each one who participated.

BUCK

#### DISTRICT 7

Dec. 9, Christmas party, pot luck and jam. Clackamas Community College, Oregon City

Jan. 6, Kinton Grange, 4½ mi. West of Washington Square on Scholl's Ferry Road (State Hwy 210) Election of Officers, vote in your candidate.

Feb. 10, Milwaukie Senior Center, Milwaukie, Greg Baker will put on free workshops for beginner and intermediate fiddlers.

March 3, Cornelius Community Center, Cornelius-in conjunction with Sadie Hawkins days.

December 9 is the big party. Turkey and ham will be provided by the District. Rest is potluck. The party will be at Clackamas Comm. College. Plan to eat at 11:30. We will open at 10:30 and jam until dinner, then play from 1 to 4 p.m. Santa will be there with all the goodies.

Our Gresham jam and bake sale was a big success. I'd like to thank my wife, Ann, and Dulcie Fast for handling the sale and coffee. Also thanks to all those who helped set up, take down, put away and clean up, plus all the other details necessary for making the jam a big success. Over 30 fiddlers and accompanists showed up and played to a full house. Thanks to all the folks who put on a superb performance. We owe our gratitude to Mr. Fast for building our new monitor speaker...a much needed addition to our sound system. The district voted to spend up to \$100 for a new monitor speaker but Bob built a good one for next to nothing and it worked beautifully. We signed up some new members at our Gresham jam and hope to do more of that at future jams. If you know somebody who would like to join, I have fliers printed with application forms and information on the organization. A year's membership would make a fine Christmas gift for someone. See me at the December jam for a copy of the flier.

Let's kick off the holidays with a good get together. Come one and all to the Christmas jam and party.

GARY EVANS, Reporter

## DISTRICT 8

Dec. 16, Christmas Party and Jam Session, McMinnville Grange, McMinnville

Our Thanksgiving dinner and jam session at Woodburn Grange on Nov. 18 was a great success. This district has some super cooks. Faythe Maahs, Jeanette Robinson and Ruth Jones cooked the turkey, ham, potatoes, gravy and dressing, and all the rest of the good ladies brought the salads, desserts and other goodies. We were all well stuffed for the performance. We had 17 fiddlers, 5 specials and a good group of accompanists for the show. It went a little faster than usual, so we finished early and danced awhile. I might mention that a lot of the musicians play their tunes for the show and then leave. We usually dance after the show and could use them to help play. It's good practice, too.

Our next Jam will be Dec. 16, at McMinnville Grange. It will be our Christmas Party. Again, the turkey, ham, potatoes, gravy and bread will be furnished and everyone else can bring salads, desserts, etc. Come prepared to play a Christmas tune as one of your numbers. We will have a gift exchange with the cost not to exceed \$3. Men bring a man's gift and ladies bring a lady's gift. Everyone is invited.

It was too bad that the storm came the same weekend as the State Meeting scheduled in Bend. The State Highway patrol said there was 10 inches of snow on the pass and chains were required. There should be better days coming, so maybe it can be rescheduled.

I haven't seen Minnie, but talked to her on the phone. She says she is doing fine. She is able to walk some and her arm is improving. She even plays a little, but not enough to play for a jam session or a dance yet.

LBE JONES, Reporting for  
Minnie Bennett

## DISTRICT 9

Dec. 9, Christmas Dinner Potluck and Jam, Burns Senior Center at 1:00 p.m.  
Business Meeting at 11 a.m.

Greetings Friends! District 9 has just been hopping with good times. Over the past couple of months we've been fiddling at the Harney County Fair, the Nursing Home and the Senior Center. Our float took 2nd place in its division in the fair parade. V.J. and Connie Lefor brought their draft horses to town to do the pulling so we went down the street in style.

Fiddlers Turen Dunten, Brick Callaway, Susi Smith, Ruel Teague, Connie Lefor, Harry Blair, and Rosie Robirts have been attending jams. Ever-Faithful accompanists include Joe Enneberg, Pat Scott, Darlene Austin, Dennis Sedam, Janet Burgess, Helen Sargeant, Paul McCart, and Ruel Teague. We've had some fantastic practice sessions at the homes of Ruel and Margaret Teague, Joe and Mickey Enneberg, Pat Scott, and Jim and Rosie Robirts. As the session at Rosie's broke up we walked out into 4 inches of snow that weren't there when we walked in.

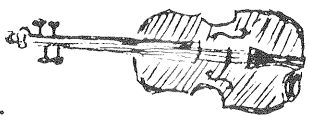
Coming up on December 9 is our Christmas Dinner Potluck. The fiddlers will supply the turkey and trimmings and everyone else should bring side dishes. The festivities will begin at 11 a.m. with a business meeting at the Burns Senior Center. Dinner is at 1 p.m.

Plans are being made to play at the Elk's on December 28 and 29, so keep your ears open for details.

Susi Smith and Pat Scott attended the contest in Redding. The word is that they had a real good time. John Murray, of John Day, is recuperating slowly from his illness earlier this fall. Plans for the High Desert Fiddle Contest are getting underway. Leonard and Edith Necochea have consented to take

over the chairmanship from the Teagues. We're all looking forward to working with them.

Many thanks to the ladies who open up the Senior Center for the jams. Apologies to District 9 for being lax on the job the last couple of months. I'll try and do better.



JANET BURGESS, Reporter

SILENT FIDDLES:

WALTER LANGLITZ, of Baker, passed away on Thanksgiving Day. Funeral was held the following Monday.

BERNICE BOBELL passed away recently, after a lengthy illness.

Our heartfelt sympathy and love goes out to the loved ones left behind.

We have received word that Vilas and Dorothy Sansom (Dist. 6) are "alive and well" in Bullhead City, Arizona. We miss them, but glad to know they are getting a well-deserved vacation.

Arnold and Betty Canning, of Junction City (Alvadore) have just returned from a three month's vacation and ready to play music.

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TS: Did you know that two pints make one cavort?

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IMPORTANT DATES: Hermiston's 4th Annual Fiddle Contest, April 5 & 6, 1985 at the Hermiston High School Gym, Hermiston, Oregon.

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TS: Did you hear about the cat that swallowed a ball of yarn? It had mittens.

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FOR SALE: 1 Lyan & Healy mandolin, 1 Strad-model violin, 2 Gibson mandolins, 1 tenor Gibson guitar (large), 1 Washburn mandolin, 1 Martin ukelele, 1 Kay cello, 1 Ludwig tenor banjo (Kingston model), and 1 violin-uke (antique). Contact Bill Yohey, 934 N. Davis St., McMinnville, OR 97128, PH. 472-2058.

FOR SALE: Bass Fiddle. Contact Stan Gonshorowski, P.O. Drawer 5426, Eugene, OR 97405, PH. 343-5868.

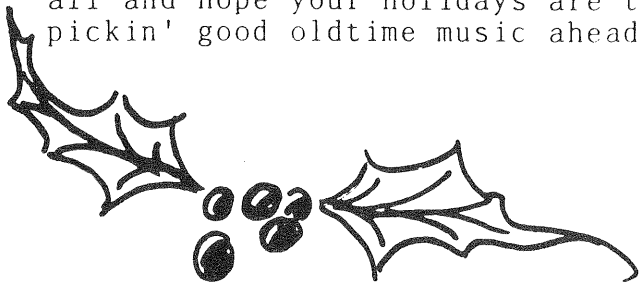
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TS: If a chinese cook lets the soup boil over, is he guilty of won ton negligence?

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I hear we have some new members around the state recently, but I have not received their names yet to welcome them. Keep up the good work of making all new members feel welcome and helping them get acquainted. Love you all and hope your holidays are the merriest and many good years of finger-pickin' good oldtime music ahead for you.

THELMA SHEPHARD, Editor

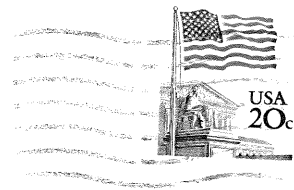


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Christmas Eve...when the children were sleeping,

Old Santa came stealthily creeping.

As he quietly inched,

The cops came and pinched

Old Santa, for all of his PEEPING.

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