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#### FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

I hope everyone had a nice Christmas and Happy New Year, and I'm sure you did. Bur I can just almost hear all the sighs of relief from all the ladies out there, saying whatever it is they say about having the holidays over with. Now, if we can just get all the turkey sandwiches eaten. I like turkey sandwiches all right, but the one I like most is the LAST one. I am pleased with our progress and want to thank all of you for the good work you are doing. Some of the districts are going into the schools with workshops put on by Greg Baker, and the results are terrific. District #1, Klamath Falls area, did this with great success and I congratulate them. Greg tells me he is available to do this for us and would be glad to go almost ahywhere. I would like to see more districts try it, as I've heard nothing but compliments on his workshops.

Looks like these next three months will be kind of busy for us, with all the things we have to do, so, watch your Hoedowner and we will try to keep

you posted.

Love you all, BUCK TS: A smile becomes more valuable when you give it away to someone else. DISTRICT 1

Klamath Falls, and our area, wishes to say "Season's Greetings". Good attendance was reported at Shasta Grange Hall, Dec. 6 (Jam and Workshop). It was well attended with 9 fiddlers present and several young people from different schools. Special thanks go to Les Tucker and Chuck Bruneau for giving these youngsters support and help at this time.

There wasn't any Dec. Jam, due to the Christmas Party, Dec. 22. Hope every-

one got in the holiday spirit.

Minnie Springer is well and doing her thing which is helping out with the fiddling session at Clairmont Apts., and a good turnout also at the nursing homes the 3rd Sunday.

Welcome to three new members in the O.O.T. Fiddlers Assoc; Celea Sipinen, of Klamath Falls, and Donald and Helen Fleming, of Klamath Falls. They are

both beginner fiddlers and enjoying it.

The Snowflake Festival was a great success and well attended. The OOTFA helped out with music, and we were very surprised and pleased that Leroy Simms and wife, Shirley, stopped by and helped out. We always welcome their special

singing and fiddling with enthusiasm.

So I guess this just about wraps up another good year of fiddling. Now we can get all set to do some 1985 fiddling around before fishing and camping time gets here. From District one to all you good fiddling friends, have a wonderful Christmas, go to the church of your choice, and let us remember to be thankful for this past year and plan on making this new year a good one and drive with caution, this slick and snowy time.

## LOUISE POLLICK, Reporter

DISTRICT 3

The January Jam will be held January 15, 1985, at the Bend Senior Center

at 1:30 p.m.

December 9th, Fiddlers Bob Hawes, Dick Williams, Orlo Flock, Don Hanna, Don Hanson, Brian Hanson, Tony Spatz, Harley Nimmo and Marge Nimmo, with all their great accompanists Bill Spatz, Harley Nimmo, Dick Williams, Tom O'Neal, Brian Hanson, Don Hanson, Don Hanna and Ches Fullerton, made lots of great music together.

There was a nice and enthusiastic audience to encourage the music makers, among them Tom and Betty O'Neal's lovely daughter, Shirley McCart, from

California.

Our sympathies are extended to Tom and Betty O'Neal upon the death of a cousin.

A short business meeting was held following the jam session. Twenmty fiddlers and family members met at North's Chuck Wagon one Friday in December for a No-Host Christmas dinner and jam session following. A happy time was had by all.

## MARGE NIMMO, Reporter

DISTRICT 4

Jan. 13, State Meeting & Jam, Fairgrounds, Roseburg Jan. 27, Metting, election of officers & Jam, IOOF Hall, Gold Hill

Happy New Year from District 4 members!
We had a nice Christmas Party at the Vitality Center in Grants Pass, on Dec. 8th. It was a rather dark damp day, but did have approximately 58 members for a delicious dinner and nice afternoon of music and dancing. Those able to attend had a nice time. A big vote of gratitude to the ladies who came through to give Juanita type support she needs to put on a nice dinner. It was very good! Thanks also for all the potluck dishes brought in to complete the dinner. Thanks fellows for your "muscle" support, too.

We will note a district 4 meeting Jan. 27th, at 10 a.m. at the IOOF Hall in Gold Hill. This will be for election of officers for 1985-86. Please do try to attend and hope for good weather so members from the northern end of the district will be able to attend. We'll have potluck at noon and doors will open to the public at 1 p.m. Better remind new members to please bring your own table service as well as a dish for potluck. Don't forget...come to the meeting and get your name in for the drawing for the door prize!

Hope to see many of you from all over the state at trhe Jan. 13th meeting

in Roseburg.

MARIAN JORGENSON, Re porter

DISTRICT 5
December 31 New Year's Eve Dance, Senior Center in Coos Bay
January 5 Greenacres Grange Dance, 9 miles south of Coos Bay

We hope that you had a Merry Christmas and we want to wish you aHAPPY NEW YEAR from all of us in District 5. We got together three times during December. The first Saturday we gathered at Greenacres for the grange dance. We were particularly happy to have Les McLeod join us again and to get a chance to hear his fiddle tunes. Carl Dean, Alice Holt, Bob Shaffar, Norma Allen, Leonard Olson, John Allen, Fred Virtue and myself took our turns during the evening on our fiddles. Our faithful back-up was there: Betty Lively, Shorty Dow, Don Mattix, Dale Alley, Jerene Shaffar, Murrel Walton, Ella Savery, Dan Pullis, Al Lively, and Ernest Allen. On the 7th we were invited to play for the Seniors down at Langlois. We want to welcome John and Dorothy Settle to District 5 from California. They now live in Port Orford. John plays the fiddle and Dorothy plays the banjo. On the 15th we went back to Greenacres for a Christmas party with the grangers. There were over a hundred people there for the potluck and then for the dance. Fiddlers and back-up were there from all over. We were pleased that you took the time to attend and for some of you who drove so far; we are glad you came. It was one of those great evenings of friends, gifts, food, and music. It was a great way to end 1984. January will find us starting out with a New Year's Eve dance at the Senior Center in Coos Bay on December 31. It will start at 7:30 with finger food later in the evening. On the 5th of January we will go back out to Greenacres for our dance with the grange. Come early and order one of Glen's famous hamburgers. You'll be glad that you did. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

LEW HOLT, Reporter

DISTRICT 6
January 6, Willamalane Sr. Center, Springfield February 17, American Legion, Lebanon

We'll be meeting on January 6 for a jam and potluck at the Willamalane Senior Center, 215 West C, Springfield. Doors will open at 10 a.m. for jamming, to tempt you to come for the DISTRICT MEETING AT 11 a.m. We need to talk about the possibility of buying a small, compact p.a. set for district use and designating our unwieldy but fine-sounding district p.a. for state use. We also need to discuss some of the policies that have governed the Vernonia campout. We need to think about election of next year's officers, too. We'll see you there, and please bring your own table settings for the potluck.

On December 16, twenty-seven fiddlers and singers performed for what the Lebanon Moose members said was the biggest dinner crowd they'd ever served.

Stan Gonshowrowski was master of ceremonies for a program that included, besides Stan, fiddlers Charley Sanford, Rusty Modrell, Buck Milligan, Bill Cavasos, Mike Chen (yet another promising young fiddler -- we're attracting the right people lately), David Kohl, Everett Bennett, Linda Danielson, Gaylen Morris, Thelma Shephard, Hugh Doolittle, Alex Paladijczuk, Darla Miller, Laura Weber, Leroy Sims, Al Swigert, Russ Naftzger and Janine Naftzger. Singers were Vivian Steele, Ted Miller, Jack Walker, Walt Benson (with Maxine helping with the fiddle backup!), Addie Gonshorowski, Don Swigert, bith backup from his dad, and even Lauren Weatherall of the Lebanon Moose, who also proved a good enough auctioneer to run the bidding up to sixteen dollars on a beautifully decorated fiddle cake, to benefit the local hospital. Other accompanists included Tab Allen, Vera and Jerry Kinnaman, Jake McCullough, Don and Ruth Loring (good to see you folks back from your travels), "Smitty" Smith, Dick Ondrasek, Shirley Sims, Fred Anderson, Chuck and Dorothy Booher, Jack Sally, and Judy and Cash Naftzger. We are sorry that Dorothy Payne's name was left out of the list of people who played with Stan Gonshorowski in November for the Antique Car Club. Dorothy and her harmonicas were definitely part of the group. Several members tell me thjey've received cards from Dale and Myrtle McCoy, who are enjoying warmer, drier weather in Quartzite, Arizona, and Vilas and Dorothy Sansom who are living it up in Bullhead, Arizona. On December 15th, Some of our members participated in the county-wide children's program at the First Baptist Church in Springfield. The entire Sprunger family played and sang (father MC'd), and David Kohl played his fiddle. His rendition of "Orange Blossom Special" brought a standing ovation from the audience of over 400. We neglected to mention earlier, that during this past summer, Bill Sprunger and David Kohl played at the Hult Center and donated the money paid them to the Oregon Old Time Fiddler's Association. This was a generous and fine gesture from these young people. Our thanks to them for this, as well as their fine music, too.

## LINDA DANIELSON, Reporter

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TS: It isn't what you eat between Christmas and New Year's that makes you fat; it's what you eat between New Year's and Christmas!

#### DISTRICT 7

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

Feb. 10 Milwaukie Senior Center, Milwaukie, Free fiddle workshop for beginners to advance fiddlers. No potluck. More on workshop in next Hoedowner.

March 10 Ascension - 7507 SE Yamhill (corner of Yamhill and 76th), Portland.
Play 11:30 to 4 p.m. Expect a large new audience for this one. No
potluck. Note that this is a change in date and place as stated
in the December Hoedowner.

April 21 Elsie Stuhr Senior Center, Beaverton. Potluck at this one.

The Christmas party and jam had a big turnout. Over 40 fiddlers and musicians played to a large audience. Special guest Buss Boyk, Carol Finley, Ray Langville, along with Penny Mead (all former members of Tiny and His Wranglers) played and sang some great numbers. Thanks to all and especially to Penny Mead for organizing the feast. More from Penny later. Thanks also to our Santa (Butchy Phillips) for the goodies and cheer.

January ( jam at Kinton Grange is an important one. We will have an election pf officers for the upcoming fiddlers year - July 85-June 86. I believe the Chairman, Co-Chairman and Secretary positions should be rotated or have new people, as this will assure that someone will be available who has had experience to fill in for a current officer if they have to be vacant from their position for some reason. This will provide a pool of people who will be available to run our district smoothly. I'll be available in the future to fill in for future officers, as I'm sure other current and past officers will be. We will open at lo:30, Election and meeting 11-12, potluck 12-1. We'll play 1-5. Let's have a big turn out.

Now back to our Christmas Jams. I was able to attend District 8's party and

jam. Several from our district were there and we had a good meal and time. Thanks, Lee and gang. Our jam, as I stated earlier, was a huge success. Penny wanted to pass on the following: "I was so very proud of every one at our Christmas Party. I had so much help in the kitchen all I had to do was ramrod it. Most all the people who cooked the turkey and ham were fairly new members of a year or so and it really pleased me to see them get involved in the workings of the association, so thanks Colleen and Carrol Finley for all your help and cooking the ham. It was done up beautifully. Thanks to Myrtle and Virgil Arnold for cooking a turkey and making gravy. to Forrest and Josephine Jacklin for cooking a turkey and making dressing. Forrest hurt his back so was unable to cut turkey, so special thanks to our friend, Chuck Williams. The day was saved by him volunteering to carve the turkey. I'd also like to thank Edity and Ray Olson for the mashed potatoes, keeping them warm until meal time was no easy task but they figured out a way and they were fine. Dulcie Fast, Ann Williams and Ann Evans did a great job setting up the tables and overseeing the dinner. I want to thank all our members for making our guests feel so welcome. Buss Boyk said he was amazed at the friendliness of people that makes people want to come again. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all, Dinner Chairman, Penny Mead". I second that, thanks, Penny.

I'd like to also mention that Chet Norby, husband of our fiddler Ida May Norby, passed away November 20. Our condolences and prayers go out to our

dear friend.

## GARY EVANS, Reporter

DISTRICT 8

Jan. 20, Jam Session, Salem Senior Center, Salem Feb. 17, Jam and Election, McMinnville Grange Hall, McMinnville

Happy Holidays to all! District 8 had a nice Christmas party and jam at McMinnville on the 16th. We had 19 fiddlers, 8 specials and old Santa. In addition to our usual happy crowd from Dist. 8, we had 8 people from Dist.7 and two from Dist. 10 in Washington. We also had a great group of accompianists which we appreciate very much. Old Santa led the group in playing and singing "Jingle Bells".

We are glad to report that Minnie was there and played her organ. She also helped a group of us play for the Mid-Valley Workshop Christmas Party on her birthday. But the effort was a little too much for her, so she asked me to

do this for her this time.

We were sorry to miss Bob and Joyce Crump. They were in California for the funeral of Joyce's mother, who passed away recently. Our deepest sympathies

to Joyce.

A small group of the "faithful" have been very busy playing for Christmas parties in the area. It's getting harder and harder to get players during the day as most of the members work. Hopefully, a couple more will reach retirement age this coming year. Some of the ones we used to depend on have passed away and some have moved out of the area.

Our next Jam will be in Salem again at the Salem Senior Center on January 20th. Then comes election of officers again in February at the McMinnville Grange. God Bless, and a Happy New Year to all.

LEE JONES, Reporting for Minnie Bennett

DISTRICT 9

January 13, Jam & Potluck at Burns Senior Center 1 p.m. February 10, Jam & Potluck at Burns Senior Center 1 p.m. February 10, Election of Officers 11 a.m.

#### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Let the good times roll! Boy, did we have fun at our Christmas Party Jam. Margaret Teague roasted the turkeys and plenty of food was brought by others for a scrumptious potluck. Margaret Wellington and Clarence and Irene Gardner opened up the Senior Center for our use. Fiddlers from throughout the district showed up to jam. Everyone was delighted to see John and Eva Murray come down from John Day. John's been recuperating from an illness and hasn't been around for a few months. They brought along Gifford and Ila McIntosh from Prairie City. Folks in from Drewsey for the day included Della Myrtle and Floyd Dunten, Turen and Wilma Dunten and Helen Sargeant. Local Burns folks who turned up included Irv and Susi Smith, Ruel and Margaret Teague, Brick and Ellen Callaway, Harry Blair, Connie Lefor, Rosie Roberts, Pat Scott, John McGothlin, and Janet Burgess. Joe Enneberg was on the sick list and couldn't make it.

Fiddlers have had the pleasure of entertaining people at the Mason's Hoyt's and Nursing home Christmas parties and played for several hours at Pioneer Pizza one Sunday during the last month.

Next month's jam will be January 13th. In February we will elect new officers for Dist. 9, as nearly every one of our current officers' terms are about up. Let's have a good turnout Sunday, Feb. 10th at 11 a.m. for that business meeting. By the for now.

JANET BURGESS, Reporter

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TS: Mother, overheard 'The way my kids eat up a bag of apples they must think they grow on trees'.

Folks who think they must always speak the truth overlook another good choice - silence.

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I want to thank all the wonderful members throughout the state who have helped make my job a pleasure by getting all their news in so promptly. It is really YOUR Hoedowner, and I would like for it to serve you with your news and special items. I just add the nonsense and tie up the ends. I am looking forward to the state meetings when I can meet more of you person to person. Thanks again and God bless you.

Tickets for the Oregon State Fiddler's Contest in Lebanon, May 10 & 11, can be purchased ahead of time from Irene Wetherell, 30870 S. 5th Street, Lebanon, Oregon 97355. Phone 258-6534.

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Had a nice note from Carol Ann Wheeler, telling about completing her 3rd fiddle album recently. It's in tape form only, She will mail you copies of that, or her earlier records for only 50¢ extra. Her latest is Vol. III, JOY OF FIDDLIN! 25 tunes, tapes only, mailed for \$8.50. Her records, Vol.I and II are \$8.00 plus mailing. Her address is: Carol Ann Wheeler

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Side 2

dlers, Graham Townsend.

a. Little Burnt Potato Jig

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JIG TRIO (C.A.W.)

#### Side 1

DEVIL'S DREAM (played by C.A.W.) An old time dance 1. tune played in show style.

THE OLD ROSE WALTZ (C.A.W.) Carol Ann likes the

danceability of this old waltz.

- CROSS TUNED DUO (C.A.W.) a. Laughing Boy b. Indian on a Stump. A change of tempo and a "tom-tom" mark the second of these two tunes learned from Roscoe White of California.
- HERMAN'S RAG (G.W. & C.A.W.) This tune, learned from, created by, and used here in Twin fiddle style with permission of Mr. Herman Johnson, five-time National Fiddle Champion of Shawnee, Oklahoma, to whom this recording has been dedicated.

APPLE BLOSSOM (G.W.) One of Grant's favorite contest 5. tunes, learned from Herman Johnson.

- KATTY HILL (C.A.W.) Bones and banjo are part of the accompaniment to this real old-time tune learned from James B. Herd, of Sunnyside, Washington.
- GAUDETTE POLKA (C.A.W.) Canadian spoons add to this lively Canadian Polka.
- PEACHES N' HONEY (G.W.) Grant learned from Herman.
- OOK PIC WALTZ Twined fiddled by Grant and Carol Ann.

10. GRAY EAGLE Carol Ann learned from Herman.

11. BLACK MOUNTAIN RAG (C.A.W.) Joey adds a fine mandolin break to favorite cross-tuned show tune played by Carol Ann.

ed on from James B. Herd, Carol Ann plays here in 3-part har-GROWLING OLD MAN, GRUMBLING OLD WOMAN (C.A.W.) Listen for the Irish-style drum in this

French Canadian fiddle tune. SUNRISE ON THE GUINEA FARM (G.W.) Grant learned this tune from Herman, and they both agree it was a funny

BLACK JACK WHISKEY (used by permission, Graham

Townsend) (C.A.W) A show tune by one of Canada's great fid-

MARMADUKE'S HORNPIPE An old timey tune which

b. Smash the Window. Listen for the wimlow!
c. The Irish Washer Woman. An old favorite with audiences.

TROUBLE IN THE COWPEN! (C.A.W.) Herman sent

NERVOUS BREAKDOWN (C.A.W.) Listen for a bit of

favorites, this lovely haunting waltz is an original, used here by

TENNESSEE GRAY EAGLE An old time toe-tapper pass-

SWEET MEMORIES WALTZ One of Carol Ann's

humor at the end of this show tune learned from Roscoe White of

this tune, really "Hell Amongst the Yearlings" to Tiffany, when

Grant, Tiffany and Carol Ann all play together.

We really had fun with percussion in this jig trio!

she was 11 years old, but he renamed it!

name for a pretty swing tune. 10. THE MOUNTAIN CANARY (T.W.) In Colorado "Mountain Canary" was a nick-name miners used for their burros. Listen carefully and you'll hear his footsteps and his bray!

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Hortance Tull, wife of Leslie Tull passed away Leonard "Chet" Norby, husband of Ida May Norby with a heart attack Oct. 30, 1984 passed away November 20, 1984. SILENT FIDDLES

comfort their loved ones, I'd like to share this In memory of these dear ones, and to help beautiful poem written by Julian L.

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FIDDLERS AFAR

When the fingers of fame that had played earth's last fiddle has faded And its melodies muted with age,

When the basses, the banjos, and mandolins, Lie still like the notes on a page,

silences Lie deep in the dusts of the of the lot, Guitars, and all

Sometime, where the springtimes are always, Somewhere, when days never end; By eras and eons forgot....

friends and new friends to cheer We will jam where the angels will hear us Whilethe saints crowd around to applaud, When all the old tunes are remembered blessings of Almighty God And everyone there is a friend... With old 'mid

us,

each with trhe joys of love in the heart gold, Where none but the Master will praise us Or no one will play for trophies even the Master will blame... no one will fiddle for fame; But Not And And

For the God of things as they

Will fiddle the tune from the soul

In that Somewhere Land afar,

within

are.

want This is so beautiful to save it and have it read when I cross Thelma Thank you, Julian. over the "bar"