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MARCH 1985

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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Well, convention time is here again, and we think we are going to have a good one if all the hard work that goes into these things is any indication. I want to thank the lot of you out there who have worked so hard to have a good convention. To me, it is the best thing we do all year because it draws so many people from all over...people who you would not get to visit and play with, otherwise. So, all of you who can...come on and let's have a good time together. I'm looking forward to seeing you there. Love you all.

BUCK

MORE CONVENTION NEWS:

Well, how did you like that long letter? Bet you thought I wouldn't have another thing to say, but fooled you!

Please note: There will be NO MEALS SERVED from the Concession on THURSDAY, so bring finger foods for an evening snack. Coffee will be furnished. The Concession will be open at 8 a.m. Friday.

The OOTFA History and Albums will be available for browsing.

Note about MEMBERSHIP: Secretaries, please try to get the birthdate of your Life Members and all your youngsters and young people. We need to know the OLDEST and YOUNGEST MUSICIAN in our state! Bring as much information as you can on this to convention.

Several districts have reported the "flu bug" has bitten a few of their people. Remember them in your prayers. We hope they will be well soon. We have a great Convention planned and we need all of you there. Besides, if you don't come, you'll never find out WHO BAKED THE CHOCOLATE CAKE in Dist. 6. I know LeRoy Sims would sure like to know. Guess that's it! See you March 14, 15 & 16 in Roseburg.

MAXINE BENSON
Convention Chairman

DISTRICT 1

Our district reporting in again. Welcome home, Grandma Angie Weeks. She has been away all winter visiting relatives and missed a lot of our icy weather.

There was a good turnout to our Feb. 17th Jam. We had a new Fiddling-Member to join us; Welcome aboard, Violet Hachenberg of Klamath Falls.

At our business meeting we elected new officers. Al Nelson will replace Chuck Bruneau as Chairman, Celia Sipinin is the new Co-Chairman and Faye Patterson remains as Sec./Treasurer. We appreciate the good job done by our outgoing officers. Awards were presented to Fay Patterson, as the most improved fiddler, Virgie Schmue, as the most improved accompanist, and Sarah Furrey as the most enthusiastic member.

By the time you read this we will have played for the nursing homes Feb. 24th. March 7th will be Fun Nite at Shasta Grange Hall. Our March Jam will be March 17th at the Fairgrounds in Klamath Falls. Public is invited at 2 p.m. Starting Feb. 21st, Fun Nite will be each month on the third Thursday, 6:30, at the First Church of God, on Altamont.

LOUISE POLLICK, Reporter

DISTRICT 3

March 10 Jam will be at Bend Sr. Center, 1:30 p.m. Y'all come, hear? Fiddlers Tony Spatz, Orlo Flock, Don Hanson, Don Hanna, Dave Gutcher, Marge Nimmo, Harley Nimmo, Bob Hawes, Dick Williams and 7 year old Stacy Reynolds, bacied by accompaniasts Bill Spatz, Don Hanson, Don Hanna, Harley Nimmo, Dick Williams, Deane Thomas and Tom O'Neal kept toes tapping at the February 10th jam.

Atacy Reynolds pleasantly surprised us by singing two songs, as well as doing a great job on her fiddle. She is really a talented young lady.

Darrell and Jane Thompson just returned from warm and sunny Hawaii. They report having a very good time but not enough time to see everything they wanted to see or do everything they wanted.

Several of our number were on the sick list. Hurry up and get well Bernie Hanson, Lois Chisholm, Kay Gutcher because we did miss you.

Our sympathy is extended to Vollie Chisholm who lost his brother recently. Tom and Betty O'Neal are off to California for a couple of weeks. We wish them a safe and pleasant trip.

The audience was really great for the recent jam and there were more folks there than have been for some time.

Some of the fiddlers will take part in a fund raising tea on Feb. 23rd for the Senior Center Meal-site and Meals on Wheels programs. They will present both instrumental and vocal numbers.

MARGE NIMMO, Reporter

DISTRICT 4

March 10	Reg. Meeting & Jam, Central Point Grange Hall	Central Point
April 14	Reg. Meeting & Jam, Yreka Community Center	Yreka

Our Jan. meeting and jam was held at the IOOF hall in Gold Hill Jan 13th, conducted by Chairman, Sam Stelle. At the Chairman's request, the election of 1985-86 officers was presided over by Julian Christiani. Potluck was held at noon and the doors opened to the public at 1 p.m. Eighteen fiddlers, with their back-ups, entertained a small, but attentive, crowd, with Vic Flood emceeing. Thank you to all who assisted. It was good to have you members who have been ill the past weeks be able to join us. There are several still ill. The list would be as long as my arm, so, to all of you, "Please get well soon. We miss you."

At the time this report goes in, we will not have had our Feb. 24 meeting and jam at Jerome Prairie, so will report in next issue.

On April 14th, our district is invited to Yreka, Calif. for a meeting at 10 a.m. and potluck at noon. Jam is open to the public at 1 p.m. This will be at the Community Center located at 821 N. Oregon St., Yreka, CA. Coming from the north off I-5, take the first off-ramp to Yreka, go to the right (west) two blocks and turn right on N. Oregon St. Hope many of you can attend, as we always have a good time with our members at Yreka.

Our sympathy is extended to Millie Couch upon the death of her husband, Noah, who passed away Feb. 5th. He will be sincerely missed by all of us. He will be remembered for playing so many great old fiddle tunes.

Word has been recieved of two of Dist. 4's fiddlers having achieved 1st place honors at the Fiddle Contest in Yuma, Arizona held in Jan. Ray Krogstad in Senior Division, and Billy Warwick in the Intermediate Division. Contratulations to you both.

Hope to see many of you at the Convention in Roseburg.

MARIAN JORGENSON, Reporter

DISTRICT 5

Thanks to Thelma for salvaging the news for Dist. 5 last month and we'll hope that the new 22¢ stamp will get our news safely to her this month. This has been a fun month. Ground Hog's Day we went to Greenacres for the dance. We had a good turn out of both musicians and dancers. Carl Dean, Fred Virtue, Warren Baker, Alice Holt, John Allen, John Settles, and I played our fiddles. Back-up included: Abbie Shaffar, Shorty Dow, Paul Williams, Murrel Walton, Dorothy Settles, Ernest Allen, Ella Savery, and Dale Alley. Pay Weyer joined in with his harmonica. John S., Alice H., and I doubled as seconds, too.

Valentine's evening found Carl Dean, John Allen, Leonard Olson, Alice Holt and I playing for a Kiwanis birthday party at Pony Village. It was kind of formal with 150 people sitting around tables - all dressed up, but, when we started playing, they let their hair down and it was about as fun of an evening playing as we had seen for a long time. Our back-was Murrel Walton, Ella Savery, Dan Pullis, and Alice Engles.

The next evening the same group of us went to the North Bay Grange in Glasgow to play for a big meeting they were having. There must have been over a hundred people in the audience that evening. Another fine evening.

The same night Les McLeod, John Settles, Catherine Hall, Claude Strader, Norma Allen, and their back-up, Al Lively, Dorothy Settles, and Betty Lively, played for the Seniors down at Langlois. They started their evening off with a potluck and then played for two hours. They reported that they had a very fine time and were well received by the Seniors down there.

On March 2nd we will start the evening off at Greenacres with a hamburger around 6:00 and then at 7:00 we will have a business meeting with the main item on the agenda being the election of new officers. On the 4th a couple of us will go to the Glasgow Elementary School to play for the students. And we'll see you at the state meeting in Roseburg.

LEW HOLT, Reporter

Save some energy from the convention for a District 6 meeting the following Sunday, March 24th, because it's an important one -- election of officers. If you're interested in being a district officer, it's a good idea to be there so people will know you're willing. On the other hand, it's also a good idea to be there if you don't want to be elected. I've seen plenty of people elected because they weren't around to turn down a nomination! What this really means is, please be there. We need lots of members for a good election of district officers. The meeting will be at 11 a.m. at Elmira Grange Hall, with sandwiches desserts and coffee available to purchase from Grange members at noon and the usual jam session at 1 p.m. To find the Grange from Eugene, head west on Highway 126 (W. 11th Ave.) to Veneta. Then turn right onto Territorial Road, about a mile, then one block past the coast highway cutoff, turn left. A sign on Territorial points the left turn to the Grange. The Grange Hall is visible from Territorial.

The Feb. 17th session at the Lebanon American Legion was huge, as usual. We've grown to expect that in Lebanon, with lots of fiddler families and a large audience eating some three hundred lunches and listening or dancing all afternoon. Fiddlers included Don Bowman, District Chairman Charley Sanford, Gaylen Morris, Stan Kilbourn, "Sandy" Sanders, Darla Miller, Vi Jensen, Bunky McFee, Carol Lockard, Charley Jensen, Dorothy Cory (visiting from California -- a nice surprise), Jerry Kinnaman, Hugh Doolittle, Alex Paladijczuk, Fred Virtue, Shorty Allen, Dorothy Cavasos, Bill Cavasos, Linda Danielson, Bill Yohey, Al Swigert, State Pres. Buck Milligan, Lee Johes, and 1984 State Junior-Junior Champion Laura Weber. Besides fiddling, Stan Gonshorowski served as master of ceremonies for the afternoon.

Special entertainment was offered by vocalists Charlie Jenson, Walt Benson, John Clark and Alan Ede. Thelma Shephard played mandolin solos, and Eddie Richie performed with Shorty Allen (Jew's Harp and fiddle).

Accompaists included state Vice President Maxine Benson playing some backup fiddle for Walt's singing, Minnie Bennett, Carol Gonshorowski, Vera Kinnaman, Neil Janssen, Jeanie Morris, Don and Ruth Loring and Jim Hoots.

Walt and Maxine Benson, Fred Anderson, Jerry Kinnaman and Thelma Shephard played recently for the Talent Show at the Willamalane Sr. Center and at the Red Lion Inn. This was to help kick-off the Springfield 100 year Birthday Party which will be celebrated by many events throughout the rest of the year. If you like Irish music, there will be plenty of it in the Eugene area around St. Patrick's Day. The well-known Irish band, DeDanaan, is scheduled to play at the Eugene Hilton Saturday evening, March 16. The Emerald Ceili Band will be playing on Blackberry Jam, KLCC, at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 9, at the Hilton Hotel late afternoon March 16, and probably a couple of other places around town. I'm in it, and the band's engagements will keep me away from the convention this year. Wish I could be two places at once. Have fun at the convention, everybody.

LINDA DANIELSON, Reporter

DON'T FORGET: The second Friday night of every month meet at Thurston Grange at 6 for a potluck and playing and dancing afterwards. Then the third Friday night of every month we do the same at the Junction City Grange Hall.

WANTED: Whereabouts and identity of the lady who baked the CHOCOLATE CAKE at the Dist. 6 jam. If located, please do not notify your local FBI but get in touch immediately with LeRoy Sims. If it weren't for Shirley, he'd marry her.

TS: Someone told me that, at my age, I should just consider myself like some fine vintage wine. Is that why I feel like all my grapes had been stomped?

DISTRICT 7

March 10 Ascension Church, Tony Rinella Hall, 7505 S.E. Yamhill (corner of Yamhill and 76th), Portland. Play 11:30 to 1 p.m. No Potluck.

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

May 19 Svenson Grange, Svenson (near Astoria). Potluck.

June 9 Gresham Senior Center, Gresham. Welcome in our new officers. Potluck.

Over 30 fiddlers played for a large enthusiastic crowd (170 people counted at one time) at the Milwaukie jam. We signed up some new members and Greg Baker had a successful workshop with a number of new folks showing in interest in fiddling. About \$100 was collected through donations at this time.

Our new officers for the next year were elected. Congratulations to Chairman (Chairperson? Chairwoman? Chairhuman?) Helen Hakanson, Co-Chairman Forrest Jacklin and Secretary-Treasurer Myrtle Arnold. Sorry, Helen, don't know what they call you folks these days. Anyways, want to thank everyone who attended the election and also want to thank you who carried the show and entertained the audience while the rest of us held our meeting. A great job. The district also voted to contribute \$300 to Clackamas Community College as our donation to some organization who has and will continue to further benefit oldtime fiddling and music.

Also discussed at our meeting was the possibility of chartering a bus and driver to take to the Astoria Jam in May. It would cost \$6.50 per person. The bus would carry 47 people. Members who are interested in this mode of transportation should let me know at the March jam. If there is enough interest, I will pursue it further. You would be able to jam on the bus both ways. Tentatively, the bus would leave Portland at 9 a.m. and return around 6:30 p.m.

We anticipate a large new audience at the March 10 jam at the Ascension Church, Tony Rinella Hall. There will be NO POTLUCK. Cookies and coffee will be provided by the district, donations welcome. We will start playing at 11:30a.m. and we will play until 4 p.m. Remember the jam starts at 11:30. This is a nice large hall and the acoustics should be great. Let's have a big turnout and spread the word (music) as to what this organization is all about.

On Saturday, March 23, there will be a fiddle show benefit for the Oldtime Fiddlers Scholarship Fund. The show will be from 2 to 4p.m. and will be held at the Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 NE 40th, Portland. The show will feature Greg Baker and the Beaver Creek Fiddlers along with students of the School of Old Time Country and Bluegrass Music. The show is free, no cover, open to the public. Donations will be accepted for the scholarship fund. Inasmuch as the proceeds from this show will go to OOTF for their scholarship program, tell your friends and let's support this worthwhile cause.

GARY EVANS, Reporter

DISTRICT 8

March 10 Jam Session, Lincoln City Grange

Another month has gone by and here it is, time for the news again!

On Feb. 10, an election and a regular Jam session was held at the McMinnville Grange hall.

The meeting was short and sweet. The Nominating Committee, Norm McGrew and Bud Beck, had picked the same officers (except for Phil Emert, who declined). Don Wood was nominated to take his place. The district was so pleased with their choice that it took only a show of hands to put them right back into office. Lee Jones, Chairman, Don Wood, Co-chairman, and Joyce Crump, Sec. Treas. The jam was rather poorly attended, probably due to the change of date, illness or the weather. 14 fiddles, 4 vocals, 4 mandolins, 1 accordion and 1 guitar with 6 accompanists made up the program. An hour of dancing followed and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Our March Jam will be held at the Lincoln City Grange hall on Mar. 10.

From the highway 101, turn east on the south end of Devil's Lake Road. Go about 4 or 5 blocks and watch for the Grange sign. Doors open at 10:00.

Potluck at noon and the show starts at 1:00 p.m.
Leonard Maahs wishes to thank all his friends who sent cards and get-well wishes to him during his recent illness. He is much better now and able to take part in local affairs again. We've really missed seeing him and Faythe at the jams, lately.
Lee Jones says to tell everyone he hopes to see them at the Convention during March.

MINNIE BENNETT, Reporter

DISTRICT 9

March 10 Jam and Potluck at Burns Senior Center

Burns

Howdy!

What a beautiful day! The sun's shining and everyone is delighted. We fiddlers just spent an hour entertaining at Art-Appreciation Day. Lately we've had real good turnouts at both jams and practice sessions. At the February business meeting, Brick Callaway was elected Chairman for Dist. 9, Pat Scott will be Co-Chairman and Margaret Teague will take on the Secretary/Treasurer job. Three cheers for the new officers and also for those currently serving a term.

Preparations for the High Desert Fiddlers' Contest are falling into place. Loretta Branc, of Bend, Herman Johnson of Shawnee, Oklahoma and Cy Lovell of British Columbia will be the judges. The contest is the last weekend in June, June 27, 28 and 29. Watch your mail for brochures.

Lloyd Louie has recently joined the group. Lloyd picks the guitar and is very much welcomed. Paul McCart is in the hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery. Our next jam is March 10 at the Burns Senior Center. As usual, the potluck starts at 1 and the music begins about 2 p.m. We'll see you there.

JANET BURGESS, Reporter

TS: We are sorry to hear that Blanche Inks, of Dist. 6, is ill in the hospital recently. We'll look forward to a speedy recovery and "back to the piano" for her.

Gynn Deaton says she needs about three volunteers to help serve at the Convention banquet. When you get there, please let her know if you can help.

- *DID YOU KNOW THAT: the first known fiddler in America on record was John Utie of England, who sailed up the James River in 1620 on the Francis Bonaventure. He was a professional fiddler before sailing for America.
- *The first recorded fiddle contest in America was held in Hanover County, Virginia on November 30, 1736. First prize was a "fine Cremona Fiddle".
- *John Carson was the first fiddler to play on radio. This was on Sept. 9, 1922.
- *The first recordings of fiddle music was in the summer of 1922 when Eck Robertson and Henry Gilliland recorded "Sally Gooden" and "Arkansas Traveler" in New York City.

Be on the lookout for news of a ROSTER TRIVIA CONTEST coming up soon. You can pick up this year's new roster at the Convention or from one of your district officers about that time.



SILENT FIDDLES:

Elsie Bostick's mother, MINNIE PATRICK, passed away in late February. She lived in Grants Pass and was known at the Warwick Campout for playing her fiddle and singing at the same time--melody and harmony.

NOAH COUCH, husband of Millie Couch passed away February 5th.

FOR SALE: Martin guitar with case and a Takamine guitar with case. Both are in nice condition. If interested, contact James Summers, 383 Jaynes Dr., Grants Pass, OR 97527. Ph. 476-9544.

Please add to your new rosters when you get them. These were too late to get in:

New: Paul C & Jane E. Glasser, Rt.3 Box 173, Sherwood, OR 97140 Ph 628-1827
Renewal: Everett & Flora Bennett, 1565 Holly, Eugene, OR 97401 Ph. 343-4075

LETTER FROM THELMA:

I have become several years older since I saw you last and a few changes have come into my life since then: Frankly, I have become quite a frivolous old gal! I am seeing five gentlemen every day: As soon as I wake up, Will Power helps me get out of bed. Then he leaves and I go to see John. Then Charley Horse comes along and, when he is here, he takes a lot of my time and attention. When he leaves, Arthur Ritis shows up and stays the rest of the day. He doesn't like to stay in one place very long, so he takes me from joint to joint. After such a busy day, I am really tired and glad to go to bed with Ben Gay....WHAT A LIFE!

Don't forget you can get records and cassettes from our own Oregon fiddlers. I might forget some, but among the ones I remember are Bill Yohey, LeRoy and Shirley Sims and Carol Ann Wheeler. Greg Baker's tapes accompany books for teaching. All these names you can get from your new ROSTERS. Then in last month's Hoedowner or the one before was the address for Wally Bloom's new tape.

At age 20, we worry about what others think of us. At age 40, we don't care what they think of us. At age 60 we discover they haven't been thinking about us at all.

No one can really pull you up very high - you lose your grip on the rope. But on your own two feet you can climb mountains.

The richest man in the world is not the one who still has the first dollar he ever earned. It's the man who still has his first friend.

Progress isn't always for the best. For instance, smoke signals never woke an Indian at 3 a.m. to answer a wrong number.

How happily "love on a shoestring" can abide
Depends on just how firmly the knot is tied.

Marriages often fall apart by default -- either default is his or default is hers.

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PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love,

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is discord, union;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

And where there is sadness, joy;

O Master, grant that I may not so much

seek to be consoled as to console;

To be understood, as to understand;

To be loved, as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

And it is in dying that we are born to
eternal life.