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 ANNUAL DUES FOR ALL MEMBERS IS \$12.00.

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COMING EVENTS	FEBRUARY 1986		DISTRICT
Feb	1	Greenacres Grange, Dance	Greenacres 5
	2	Jam, Central Point Grange Hall	Central Point 4
	6	Fun Nite, Shasta Grange Hall	Klamath Falls 1
	8	Dance, Coos Bay Senior Center	Coos Bay 5
	9	Jam, Senior Center	Bend 3
	9	Jam, Milwaukie Center	Milwaukie 7
	9	Elect. of Officers, Senior Center	Burns 9
	15	Jam & Dance, Community Bldg	Reedsport 5
	16	Jam, Fairgrounds	Klamath Falls 1
	16	Jam & Potluck, Yoncalla Elem. Sch.	Yoncalla 4N
	16	Election & Jam, McMinnville Grange	McMinnville 8
	23	Jam, American Legion Hall	Lebanon 6
Mar	1	Dance, Greenacres Grange	Greenacres 5
	6	Jam, Community Hall	Talent 4
	9	Jam, North Plains Senior Center	North Plains 7
	22	Benefit (More later)	Silver Lake 1
	13-15	STATE CONVENTION, Fairgrounds	Roseburg OOTFA
Apr	13	Jam, Moose Lodge	Eugene 6
May	9,10	Certified STATE CONTEST, H.Sch.	Lebanon OOTFA
June	8	Strawberry Festival (Vernonia Benefit)	Lebanon 6
July	10-13	Campout, Albertson's Reservoir	Lakeview 1
	16-20	Campout	Vernonia OOTFA
	4	Timber Carnival	Albany 6
	13	Bohemia Days Fiddle Show	Cottage aGrove OOTFA
Aug	8,9	Benton County Fair	Corvallis OOTFA
	16	Polk County Fair	Rickreall OOTFA

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

We had a wonderful time at the State Meeting, Jan. 12th, in North Bend! Maarred only by the news of the death of one of our long-time members, Ed Mead. The business meeting was well attended by EVERY DISTRICT except one! We sure do appreciate that kind of dedication. Our hosts, Dist. #5 & 6, did a great job under the direction of Lew Holt. We thank you. We have our Convention plans verified and all the Districts are ready to do their specific jobs. WAYNE HOLMES has volunteered to be the "General Overseer" during the convention. That was nice of you, Wayne. More about the Convention

in the March issue.

Please be sure to read the following information. It concerns some propowed By-Laws Changes. See you soon. God Bless.

MAXINE

1986 BY-LAWS CHANGE PROPOSALS TO BE VOTED ON AT THE STATE CONVENTION, MARCH 15th. STUDY THEM OVER AND BE READY WITH YOUR INPUT AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

1986 CHANGE PROPOSALS

ARTICLE 1X AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS:

- (1) These By-Laws may be amended by 2/3 vote of the members at any Annual Meeting or any Special Meeting called for that purpose.
- (2) Any Amendment must be advertized in the Newsletter - The Hoedowner- at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting.

AMENDMENTS AND PROPOSED CHANGES.

#1. ARTICLE 1V, Paragraph 1, OFFICERS.

Election of Officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer. These three officers must be elected by secret ballot. In event three or more names are nominated and one does not receive the majority of the votes, the two receiving the most shall be voted on again to determine the one receiving the majority votes. The term of office for each shall be one (1) year but not more than (2) consecutive years for State and District offices. ✕

THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE AND THE EXECUTIVE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING ADDITION: TO READ EXCEPT FOR THE SECRETARY-TREASURER.

#2. ARTICLE 1V, Paragraph 5,

Qualification of officers shall be a member for at least one (1) year prior to their nomination.

THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE AND THE EXECUTIVE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING CHANGE: DELETE ONE (1) YEAR PRIOR TO THEIR NOMINATION AND ADD ONE (1) YEAR PRIOR TO THEIR TAKING OFFICE IN JULY.

#3. GENERAL RULES, Paragraph 1V

All monies for dues shall belong to the State Association. Also, all monies received by the State Association from Fairs, etc; shall be retained by the Association.

THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE AND THE EXECUTIVE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING CHANGE: DELETE THE "FAIRS AND ETC;" AND ADD STATE AFFAIRS.

#4. STANDING RULES - OFFICIAL STATE CONTEST RULES:

DIVISION RULES #1. Championship Division includes contestants eighteen (18) years old and less than sixty-five (65) who have placed as follows:

- (a) In top twenty (20) of Championship Division in Weiser.
- (b) In top three (3) of Ladies Division at Weiser or Certified Regional Contest.
- (c) In top five (5) of any State Championship Division.
- (d) Any other contestant who qualifies by age and who feels qualified may enter the Championship Division.

PROBLEM AREA: Some want the "eighteen (18) years old and less than sixty five (65) under #1, and "who qualifies by age" under (d) deleted.

THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE AND THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MAJORITY RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING: NO CHANGE IN ANY OF THE ABOVE.

CONVENTION GO-ERS:

CAMPING, with full hook-ups available on first come basis. Other parking for self-contained rigs inside fenced area. There is a charge for both areas. Motels also available - get reservation early! Here's a list of some Motels.

Roseburg Area Motels
Call early!

		NUMBER OF UNITS	SPECIAL RATES	DIRECT DIAL PHONES	AIR CONDITIONED	SUITES	KING (K), QUEEN (Q) DOUBLE (D), WATERBEDS (W)	KITCHENETTES	COLOR TV (C), HBO (H), SHOWTIME (ST) CABLE (CA), SATELLITES (S)	HANDICAP FACILITIES	POOL (P), JACUZZI (J), SAUNA (S)	RESTAURANT / LOUNGE	SMALL PETS	CONFERENCE / MEETING ROOMS	MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED	TRANSPORTATION TO AIRPORT / BUS	RATES - SUMMER (S), WINTER (W)
1	BEST WESTERN DOUGLAS INN 511 SE Stephens, (503) 673-6625	46	.	.	.		Q,W		C,S				.		.	.	S - 34.00-44.00 W - 30.00-40.00
2	BEST WESTERN GARDEN VILLA MOTEL & ANNEX 760 NW Garden Valley Blvd. (503) 672-1601 / 800-547-3446	110	.	.	.	.	K,Q,W		C,S		P,J	.	.	.	.	.	S - 37.00-60.00 W - 32.00-60.00
3	BUDGET 6 1067 NE Stephens, (503) 673-5556	50	.	.	.		Q	.	C,CA		P		.	.	.	.	S - 22.00-28.00 W - 22.00-28.00
4	CASA LOMA 1107 NE Stephens, (503) 673-5569	18	.	.	.		Q	Fee	C,CA		J		.	.	.	.	S - 25.00-35.00 W - 20.00-30.00
5	CITY CENTER MOTEL 1321 SE Stephens, (503) 673-6134	9	.	.	.		Q		C,CA				.	.	.	.	S - 18.00-38.00 W - 18.00-32.00
6	THE DUNES MOTEL 610 W. Madrone, (503) 672-6684	46	.	.	.		Q		C,CA				.	.	.	.	S - 27.00-40.00 W - 25.00-36.00
7	FRIENDSHIP INN HOLIDAY MOTEL 444 SE Oak Ave., (503) 672-4457	40	.	.	.		K,Q		C,CA	.	P		.	.	.	.	S - 30.00-40.00 W - 25.00-35.00
8	HILLTOP MOTEL 978 NE Stephens, (503) 673-6223	12	.	.	.				C,CA				.	.	.	.	S - 18.00-30.00 W - 16.00-30.00
9	MASTER HOST MOTOR INN 427 NW Garden Valley Blvd. (503) 673-5561 (Oregon) 800-452-4678 (Outside) 800-547-4678	54	.	.	.	.	Q,W	.	C,CA		P		.	.	.	.	S - 34.00-48.00 W - 32.00-38.00
10	ROSE CITY MOTEL 1142 NE Stephens, (503) 673-8209	12	.	.	.		D	Fee	C				.	.	.	.	S - 22.00-28.00 W - 18.00-24.00
11	ROSEBURG TRAVELODGE 315 W. Harvard Ave. (503) 672-4836 800-255-3050	40	.	.	.		Q		C,CA	.	P		.	.	.	.	S - 34.00-42.00 W - 30.00-39.00
12	SYCAMORE MOTEL 1627 SE Stephens, (503) 672-3354	12	.	.	.		Q	.	C,CA				.	.	.	.	S - 25.50 W - 22.50
13	TOWNHOUSE MOTEL 525 NE Stephens, (503) 672-9293	9	.	.	.				C,CA				.	.	.	.	S - 20.00-36.00 W - 18.00-28.00
14	TRIPLE-A NEW VISTA MOTEL 1183 NE Stephens, (503) 673-2736	15	.	.	.		Q		C,S	.			.	.	.	.	S - 26.00-40.00 W - 24.00-40.00
15	WINDMILL INN 1450 NW Mulholland (503) 673-0901 800-452-8018	128	.	.	.		K,Q,W		C,CA, ST	.	P,S,J	S - 36.00-50.00 W - 36.00-50.00

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RATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

CONVENTION SHOW, Friday, March 14th, 7:45 p.m. Dist. #7 in charge. GREG BAKER will emcee. Schedule of players will be posted by early Fri. afternoon. Members (paid up) will be admitted to the show free with 1986 MEMBERSHIP CARDS (yellow ones), all others, Admission \$3.00, adults, and \$1.00 for under 12 years.

THURSDAY Night Jam, March 13th, BRING FINGER FOODS.

CENTERPIECES for Convention Banquet Tables will be provided, as usual, by Districts (2 each). Dist. #9 will also bring the Head Table Centerpieces.

DRAWINGS. There have been requests, and some have already made things, so Lew Holt's Crew has agreed to do it again this year. The Drawings will be on Friday. Donations are strictly volunteer, but it's a lot of fun!

VERNONIA CAMP-OUT NEWS: Recent word was received from Mr. & Mrs. Harold Maikens, at Vernonia. Mr. Maiken has been ill since Sept. 6th, but is better now and looking forward to the Campout in July. He finally got an electric lift so he can get up and down stairs in their home and is anxious to be outdoors. We wish them the best and you'll be hearing from some of us soon. We all send our love and prayers to you. (Harold & Beulah Maiken, Keasy Rt. Box 134, Vernonia, OR 97064).

CONTEST COMMITTEE MEETING, 10:30 alm., Feb. 23, American Legion at Lebanon.

DISTRICT 1

Another month, another news-letter! District #1 is still fiddling away! The Jam at the Klamath Fairgrounds had a good turnout to enjoy their music. Chairman, Al Nelson, attended the State Executive Board Meeting and had a good report. As everyone so enjoyed the nice centerpieces that Isom Patterson had made for the state convention last year, they asked him to make them again for this year's convention in March.

Jan. 26th, we will play music for the nursing homes.

Feb. 6, first Thurs., will be Fun Night at Shasta Grange Hall. They have a lot of fun and practise. Some join them.

Feb. 16, Jam day at Klamath Falls Fairgrounds. Everyone welcome. Business meeting 1 p.m., and music starts at 2 p.m.

Jan. 11, the fiddlers played for the State Trappers' Assoc. at the Middlen Hall. There were 60 present and a chicken dinner was enjoyed.

Jan 17, the fiddlers entertained at Kingsley Field Air Base.

March 22, the fiddlers plan to play at a benefit at Silver Lake.

I hope everyone has passed up the flu bug. Something went wrong, I think, as I have had the second round...so to one and all...BE CAREFUL!

LOUISE POLLICK, Reporter

SPECIAL NEWS (That means perk up your ears and listen well):

Recent letter from Homer and Rosalee McLain sez "We are planning another MUSIC CAMPOUT AT ALBERTSON RESERVOIR, starting July 10 through 13th, 1986. It's located approximately 32 miles from Lakeview & 70 from Klamath Falls. The Albertson family and we want to invite all of the OOTFA and any others who want to come. The 1st year we had over 50 & 2nd year over 150 and hope for more this year. There will be lots of music, bass fishing, several boats, & water skiing, & good visiting, too. Lots of room for campers tents and so on. Call or write for further details.

Jan. 11 we had a jam in Lakeview. We had 158 out to enjoy the evening. Our new members, Perry Forga & Ken Egnatovich played exceptionally well and the crowd enjoyed all very much. We had a man from Adin, and another young couple from Alturas, California, who joined us and put on a good show. Our very good friend and outstanding sythm guitar accompanist, Clyde Lynch, helps us all to keep the beat."

DISTRICT 3

The next regular jam session will be on February 9, at the Bend Senior Center at 1:30 p.m. All fiddlers, banjo pickers, guitar pickers, mandolin pickers, big bass viol pickers are invited to come...and that's a lot of pickers that are welcome! And then all the foot tappers, dancers and listeners are more than welcome.

At the January 12th jam an audience of around 60 listened to eight fiddlers, backed up by guitars, banjos and mandolins, an accordion and a visiting auto-harp from Portland. Muriel Powers, from Portland, said she'd much rather play and listen to good music than ski, so she and her auto harp came and joined in the fun. She reported that she had a WONDERFUL TIME! She also pleased us with some solos and singing.

It was so nice to have Dave Gutcher join us again after a lengthy absence. Some of our regulars were on the missing list. Tom and Betty O'Neal were called to Calif. due to the serious illness of a friend of Tom's. Harley Nimmo was not feeling real pert and is due to have surgery early in February. Hill Edwards and his lovely granddaughter gave us a real treat....they danced a jig, a good old fashioned Irish jig. Now Hill Edwards has a good topping of white hair but you'd never know his age by the way he can really get out and move those feet. His granddaughter, in her twenties, is carrying on this grand tradition.

A big thank you to Thelma Terrill for filling in in December as Reporter when this one was ailing with a bug. We celebrated Thelma's birthday by singing Happy Birthday to her. She never seems to look a day older. I wonder how she does that!

Six people from Madras were in the audience and we hope that they enjoyed the music and will come again in February.

MARGE NIMMO, Reporter

DISTRICT 4N

Here in the North part of the District, we have been busy as usual, playing for Senior Dances, Nursing Homes, and Dining Centers. This is good. It benefits both the players and the listeners, by keeping them interested and involved.

There was a good turnout for the jam that was held at the Tri-City School, on Jan. 5th. About one hundred people were there and the floor was jammed with dancers. There was a good write-up about it in the Myrtle Creek paper. The weather also cooperated, and we had a nice dry day.

Jan. 12th, several members from Dist. #4 were represented at the Business Meeting and at the two different jams in Coos Bay & North Bend. All districts were well represented.

GLEN BROWN, Reporter

Don't forget the Jam at the Yoncalla Elementary School on Feb. 16th. There will be a potluck at 11:00. Bring your own service, too. To get there, take Exit 154 from I-5 and go west for about 3 miles. Go on almost through Yoncalla and turn left at the Douglas Electric Co. The school is about one block down that street. COME HELP US HAVE A FINE JAM!

DISTRICT 4S

Feb. 2 Jam - Central Point Grange Hall Central Point

March 2 Jam - Talent Community Hall, doors open 10:30 Potluck

Since we've had no volunteers for reporter, you will have to put up with my reporting. I said "That will make someone volunteer!" Anyway, we had a very nice jam at Tri-City, Jan. 5, as Glenn has reported and we were honored by Maxine and Walt Benson's attendance. Many thanks to Jessie and Glenn for getting the school, setting up the kitchen (we were late with car trouble) and furnishing the coffee as we are to bring our own beverages. Also thanks to Mike Booher for being M.C. for the day.

Our next Jam will be at Central Point Grange, Feb. 2, for election of officers--looking forward to a good attendance.

Mona Givens has a fiddle bow that was left at the Nov. jam at Talent. If you have lost a bow, her phone number is 855-1625.

It's great to have Jack Lester out and about after a week's stay in the hospital from a car accident. Our sympathy to Jack as he and two sisters were enroute that morning to a third sister's funeral when the accident occurred on black ice and fog. His two sisters are still in the hospital. A speedy recovery to Fred Samples who is in the Providence Hospital in Portland, recovering from surgery. Sure hope this ends all your problems, Fred. Dave and I enjoyed our day at North Bend to the state quarterly meeting, the good potluck and nice jam on Jan. 12.

DORENE WINKELMAN, Acting Reporter

THANK YOU!

I want to thank the O.O.T.F.A. for the beautiful azalea plant sent to me after my surgery. It is still lovely and later I can plant it in our yard to enjoy year after year. Many thanks again to all who were concerned. What a great bunch of people! I'm back to fiddlin' full time again.

DORENE WINKELMAN

DISTRICT 5

Feb 1	Greenacres Dance	Greenacres
8	Coos Bay Senior Center Dance	Coos Bay
15	Reedsport Jam, Community Building	Reedsport
Mar 1	Greenacres, Dist. #5 Meeting 7:00	Greenacres

We have started the new year off with a lot of activities here in Dist. 5. January 4th, we went to Greenacres for a dance. We had a very good turnout of both musicians and dancers. What a great evening we had!

January 12th was the day that we had been anticipating for a long time. We were co-hosting a state meeting and a jam. Many people had come from across the state so we had a little get-together the night before in the Senior Center in Coos Bay. It was fun to hear new fiddlers and new songs. It is great when people can get together and have the fun that we had.

The next morning we had the state meeting at 10:00 and a potluck at noon. We had no idea what kind of crowd we would have for the jam. It was a "first" for us- a new hall and a new experience in North Bend. The hall was full with well over a hundred people and over 20 fiddlers and specials. When the day was over, we were tired but happy with the way everything turned out. Our appreciation goes out to all of the fiddlers who came from all over the state to attend the meeting and to help make our jam successful. Come back and see us again soon.

Except for the rest homes - we took the next week off. I can't tell you about the potluck on the 25th in Bandon - our editor needs the news. I hope your January was as friendly and full of music as ours here in District 5.

We look forward to our activities in February. On the 1st we will again be at Greenacres for a hamburger at 6:00 and music at 7:30. On the 8th we will be in Coos Bay at the Senior Center - starting at 7:30 and then with finger food at 9:00. We are going to try something new on the 15th in Reedsport. We will gather at the Community Building downtown at 1:00 for a jam. This will last throughout the afternoon. We will have a potluck at 6:00 and then play for a dance at 7:00. It is a day of music and good friends getting together. We hope to see a lot of you. There will be all night parking for self-contained RV's.

LEW HOLT, Reporter

DISTRICT 6

Several members of our district attended the State Executive Board Meeting in North Bend, attending both the jams, Sat. and Sun.

Our District Jam in Albany, at the Eagles Lodge, was a huge success. It was reported that over 400 people were served lunch by the lodge. We always welcome visitors from other districts, especially Joey McKenzie and Bill Yohey from Dist. #8, who came down from McMinnville.

John Steele has agreed to be responsible for our audio equipment, since Gaylen Morris's resignation. Thank you, Gaylen, for a job well done, and welcome, John. We should always try to help our "Sound Man" in carrying in and out the heavy equipment and helping set it up.

A moment of silent prayer was observed at the jam, in loving memory of Ed Mead, a longtime Oregon member who passed away recently.

Move over, Dist. #5! A small group was asked to play for the Style Show for the square dancers' 1986 Mid-Winter Festival, at the Fairgrounds, and we earned \$100.00 to donate from our district to the State SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

Players were Al Swigart, Vilas Sansom, Howard Milligan, "Smitty" Smith, Wally Bloom, Fred Anderson, Walt Benson, Charley Sanford, Wayne Holmes, Dave Boyd & Thelma Shephard. They were up early in the morning at a "dress rehearsal" at the fairgrounds, then back in the evening for the final performance. They worked hard to earn this money for the Scholarship Fund and are proud to be able to help out.

Don't forget the fun night every second Friday of every month at the Thurston Grange. Come for the potluck at 6:30 and stay for an evening of playing and dancing. Everyone welcome..this is not just for fiddler members. Just good fun!!!

Stan's group played for the Elks Senior Dance in Cottage Grove. Other groups played for nursing homes, and for Peterson's Barn Chili and Hot Dog Feed. Be sure and plan to attend our February meeting and jam at the American Legion Hall in Lebanon, on Feb. 23rd. There will be AN IMPORTANT BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS, starting at 11:00 a.m. Be there on time and let's get the business taken care of so we can pick and grin after lunch. Be thinking about who you want to nominate for next year's officers, and get there with your vote.

STAN GONSHOROWSKI, Reporter

DISTRICT 7

Feb 9 Jam at Milwaukie Center, Milwaukie

Mar 9 Jam at North Plains Senior Center, North Plains

Hi Folks!

Our next jam is at the Milwaukie Sr. Center, located at 5440 S.E. Kelley Creek Drive. Take the Rusk Road Exit off the Milwaukie Expressway #224. Doors open at 10:00. Potluck at 12 and play until 5:00. There will be a business meeting at 11:15, with ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS. Have your candidates in mind; remember, this is your organization, we need you! Please come and have your say.

I am truly sorry to report that Ed Mead died recently. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Penney and family. He will be missed by many.

Our jam on March 9 will be at the North Plains Senior Center, located at 512 S.W. Commercial in North Plains. More on that next time.

Hope to see you all on Feb. 9. Until then, Happy Fiddling.

JOANNE MINATO, Reporter

LETTER FROM HOLLIS TAYLOR: "I know all the fiddlers join me in feeling a real loss over the passing of Ed Mead. Ed contributed to the fiddlers in so many ways: he was a very organized and dedicated past Chairman of our district, he had a great voice for emceeding our jams and shows, he and Penny were responsible for bringing many new members into the fiddlers (myself included), he always encouraged excellence, he always made you laugh, and he was a good fiddle repairman. Ed was a real blessing to me and all of us fiddlers."

HOLLIS

LETTER FROM PENNY MEAD;

"I'd like to thank all of Ed's and my dear friends for the cards, letters, phone calls and visits. You all made Ed feel better to know you cared when you came to see him in the hospital so many times. Yoursupport before and during the services was greatly appreciated and helped to ease the pain for my children and I. The family was very happy to know Ed and I had so many friends. Also, thanks to the ladies who brought food to my house and my son's house. I'm leaving for Yuma the 30th of January and will be back the 3rd of March.

Again, thank you. I love you all.

PENNY

DISTRICT 8

Feb 16 Jam and ELECTION, McMinnville Grange McMinnville

Don't forget our Jam and District Election of new officers at the McMinnville Grange, Feb. 16th. Both the Chairman and the Secretary have served their maximum allowable terms, therefore, new ones must be elected. All of you should be thinking about who you want to represent you for the coming year, and consider nominating them. We have a Nominating Committee, but always welcome nominatiois from the floor. Doors will open at 10:00 a.m. and the meeting will start at 11:00. Potluck at noon or at the end of the meeting, whichever is first.

We had a great jam at Salem Senior Center, Jan. 19th. We had 24 fiddlers, 10 specials and a host of good back-up musicians. We were happy to welcome seven good fiddlers and several good backups from Portland, Vancouver and vicinity. We always have a nice crowd and a good time at Salem.

I am writing this on short notice and am trying to keep my Texas-Oklahoma accent out of it. We had a great trip with almost perfect weather all the way. Only a couple of incidents marred the trip. While on the trip, we were devastated to hear that Andy Emert, formerly of Salem and now of Pendleton, had suffered an injury to his left hand or arm in a hunting accident. However, on our way back through Pendleton, we called his mother and learned that it was nothing really serious and that he is already playing again. The other incident was that my brother-in-law, Emmett Crawford, passed away while I was there. He was an old-time fiddler and a good one.

Our March Jam is not completely firm yet, but I think it will be in Newport on March 9. This will be our first in Newport.

LBE JONES, Reporting for
Minnie Bennett

DISTRICT 9

Feb. 9 ELECTION OF OFFICERS, Harney County Senior Center

Our fiddlers played for the New Year's Dance, that was held at the Grange Hall. There was a good turn out of musicians and people coming out to dance. We had our monthly Jam the 14th, at the Harney County Senior Center. A good turnout of musicians, and also a good turnout of Seniors coming from our Burns area. We had guests that came in busses from John Day, Bend, Redmond, and Prineville. Everybody enjoyed the afternoon with a potluck and dancing. On Monday night we played for the Burns Nursing Home. We will have a Jam and Business Meeting, Sunday, the 26th. We will be discussing the State Convention and our 4th Annual Fiddle Contest.

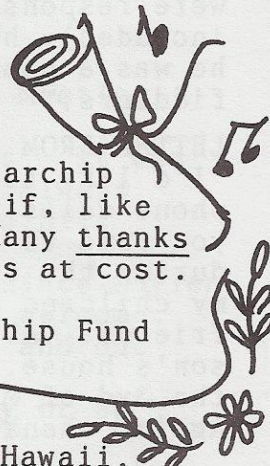
REMINDER: February 9, 1986 ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

PAULA REYNOLDS, Reporter

P.S. Youe DUES are due.



Scholarship Fund



District #6 has a new project to earn \$\$\$\$\$\$ for the State Scholarchip Fund. They will sell pin-on buttons with the oldtime fiddler motif, like the small decals, and all proceeds go to the Scholarship Fund. Many thanks go to Chet and Alice Elliott for securing the 500 Fiddler buttons at cost. The buttons turned out BEAUTIFUL!!! Get one! Some private donations are continuing to come in for the Scholarship Fund as well as the two large sums from Districts 5 and 6.

ODDS 'N ENDS, BITS 'N PIECES FROM HERE AND THERE:

Jim and Millie Miller, from Garibaldi returned February 2nd from Hawaii.

CONGRATULATIONS to Wayne Lee, one of our young members in District 5, who placed FIRST in the Bowling Division of the Olympics. Not everyone can do that from a WHEELCHAIR!!!! We're proud of you, Wayne.

Frank Kent, from Drain, had a heart attack after the Dec. 15th Jam in Lebanon, and was hospitalized. He is home now and getting better every day. He hopes he will soon be back dancing. Take care, Frank.

Richard Edgar's wife, Betty Jean, has been very ill and in Intensive Care in Sacred Heart Hospital. We hope she is much better by now.

Arnold and Betty Canning's daughter, Bonnie, is recuperating and taking treatments after major surgery in the Roseburg Hospital recently. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

A recent note from HELEN AND GEORGE STOUT, says that, since Sept. 27th, they have traveled through the northern states and into Texas. They are now in Apache Junction, Arizona and plan a stay in California before getting home in late April or early May.

Don Wood, of Lafayette, recently had a heart attack while visiting in Washington. I think he is home now, and we would welcome any word of his progress.

TS: Doesn't it seem a bit lopsided when half the world is going to bed hungry every night and the other half is worried about sticking to their latest DIET!!!

SWIPED THIRD HAND FROM THE "FIDDLE STICKS:

Two (rather inexperienced) do-it-yourselfers were putting a new roof on a house. One fellow was throwing almost every other nail he pulled out of his apron to the ground.

"Darn cheap nails," he complained. "Half of them have the heads on the wrong end."

"I hate to tell you how to do your job," said his buddy, "But you better save those nails -- they're for the other side of the roof."

WHO GETS TO PLAY?

Our state fiddler's organization is made up of many varied wonderful talents and personalities. Throughout the state you will hear them performing in large groups, smaller groups and as "singles". Our musicians play at fairs, fiddle shows, district and private jams, nursing homes, retirement & senior centers, breakfasts, luncheons, picnics, dinners, banquets, dances, concerts, benefits, recreation centers, lodges & other special organizations and for many other community functions both large and small. Sometimes the fiddlers (their district treasury) get paid well for the performance - at other times, we play for the sheer joy of playing and get our meal free. Which brings me to a problem I hear that exists throughout the state.

If someone requests a very small group of players (either limited by space, funds, or food available), how does one choose who is to play, without leaving someone out with hurt feelings? The one who has been first contacted has a responsibility to either organize a group to play or turn it over to their Chairman. The most logical first choice is to have a good balance of sound - lead players and backups. Consider the total sound. Is it well balanced and do they play what the audience wants to hear?

The second consideration is to choose players who have had experience playing together. Do they know each others' tunes?

Third - who is readily available to play? Obviously, people who are working are not available during regular working hours.

If you feel left out and wish to get more playing experience, form a group. A fiddle and guitar (or piano) is fine for many places. You can add more later. Volunteer to play - nursing homes and retirement centers will be most happy and grateful to schedule you, either for single performances or on a regular schedule. Let people get to know you. If they like you, word gets around and you will be getting more requests than you can fulfill. Remember that any monies earned if you play under the title of "Oldtime Fiddlers" must be turned over to your district treasurer. However, if you name your group and play under that name (or just your own name) you may keep the money earned.

To sum up, please don't get angry or hurt feelings if you were not asked to play at some function that requested a small group. We try to cooperate with our host by respecting their requests and do our best.

There are plenty of places for everyone to play. Always remember you are a public representative of our Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers any time you perform in public. Your performance and loyalty lets the public know who and what we are. And we are proud of it! Keep up the fine playing that makes us all proud to be members of our fine fiddle family!

THELMA

Mark this date on your calendars: March 8th. WINTERGRASS II will be held at the Grants Pass High School Student Union at 7:30 p.m., (Saturday night). This will star our very own Hollis Taylor with Foxfire, playing bluegrass, swing, spirituals, modern acoustic, cowboy, '50's, yodeling, comedy and novelty tunes.

This is a benefit show for the Women's Crisis Support Team and Family Friends, which focuses money and attention on handling battered and abused women and children. This fine program gets very minimal support elsewhere. You will be amazed at the outpouring of community help, support and affection for the show if it is anything like Wintergrass I.

HI-LITES ABOUT HOLLIS

HOLLIS TAYLOR was born in Portland, Oregon and began studying the piano at age five, the violin at nine. She lived in Grants Pass for three years of her childhood and attended Lincoln Grade School. She began her career in classical music, soloing both in this country (including at Wolf Trap Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D. C.) and Europe. She continues her love of the classics with occasional performances with symphony orchestras, both as an orchestra member (The Oregon Symphony Orchestra, The Portland Opera Orchestra) and as a soloist (in a work she co-wrote entitled Symphony for String Band which has received national media attention).

In 1981, Taylor took a sabbatical and while in Jackson Hole, Wyoming she heard some fiddle music on a local radio station that impressed her with its creativity and virtuosity. The next year she entered her first fiddle contest, the Oregon Old Time Fiddle Contest, and won the State Championship. Since then she has been in demand as a performer throughout the West Coast and has diversified even further into bluegrass, country, and swing music, earning praises from Willamette Week as "exciting in all styles." Taylor can be heard with Mason Williams' River Show. She performs on a rare Italian violin made in 1806 in Parma.

WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS TO YOUR DISTRICTS:

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Edward & Sylvia Springsteen, 1775 N 14th, Coos Bay, OR 97420
Johnny Swearingen, Star Rt 2 Box 19, Days Creek, OR 97429
Baron & Katie Tracy, Pine Creek School, Drewsey, OR 97904

BE SURE TO LET YOUR SECRETARY/TREASURER KNOW BEFORE THE CONVENTION IN MARCH IF YOU WOULD LIKE A STATE ROSTER. REMEMBER THEY WILL BE FREE TO YOU THIS YEAR AS A SPECIAL COURTESY FROM YOUR STATE ORGANIZATION. YOUR DISTRICT OFFICER WILL PICK UP COPIES THERE FOR ALL WHO HAVE REQUESTED THEM.

FIDDLE MANNERS: Some members have voiced objections to those who are off the stage yet "play along" with the regular performers. If the timing is not precise, it confuses the beat for the dancers. If you really want to play, ask the fiddler if you could help back them up (and ask before they start to play).



If you are doing a little "warm-up" practise while a jam is in progress, PLEASE find a place to play completely away from both audience and the players on stage. It is pretty frustrating to hear two different tunes in "stereo" at the same time. Be sure, especially, to teach this to your young performers. The courtesies and consideration that go along with actual performance are vitally important to a player's success and popularity. Remember, the very basis of all good manners is simple kindness and consideration for your fellow man (and woman).

A big WELCOME HOME to Wayne and Mary Holmes who recently returned from a three month's vacation throughout Europe.

FIDDLER'S FANTASY

Hand me down my fiddle
I've got some tunes to play
I didn't sleep too well last night
Until the break of day

About 3 o'clock in the morning,
I had the Devil's Dream
Or was it 4 in the Morning
When I awoke with a scream?

I had a shot of whisky
To keep my breakfast warm
And then went out to do the chores
Way out Behind the barn.

I took some hay and grain to feed
The Snow Deer down the glen,
And found the old Red Fox had waltzed
Away with my old Clucking Hen.

The Old Gray Mare kicked out her stall
As Gray Eagle soared above,
And Red Wing Listened to the Mockingbird
As he sang his sweet Song of Love.

The Arkansas Traveler came to town
With his Flop-eared Mule in tow--
Came courtin' the Irish Washerwoman
Whispering words so Soft and Low.

They planned a Hillbilly Wedding
To end this fanciful tale,
But the widow ran off with The Gambler
To the Little Brown Church in the Vale.

The moral of this story is
Quite dim, I must confess,
If you put all your tunes in one basket
You'll end up with a mess.

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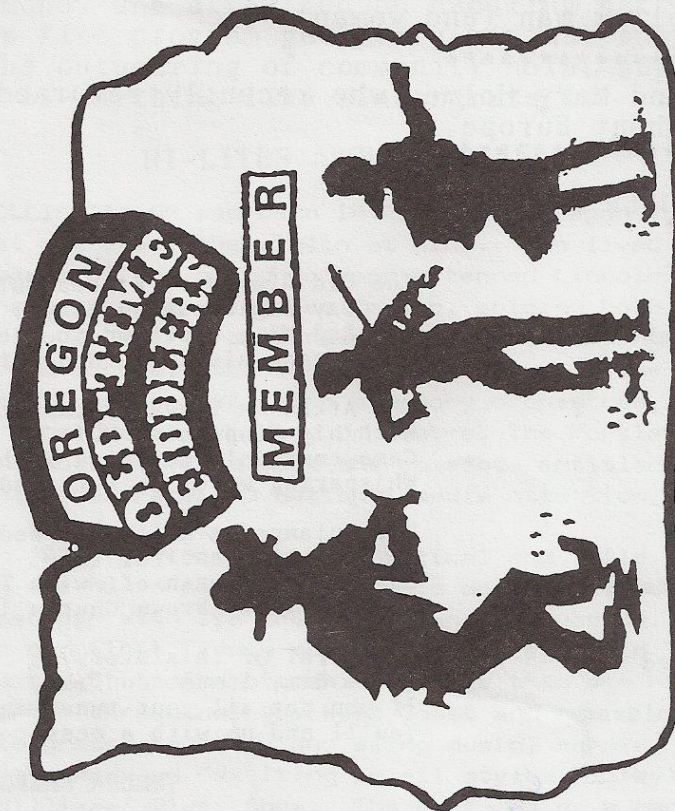


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oldtime music. To encourage the younger people to
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