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## NOVEMBER 1986

### COMING EVENTS

			DISTRICT
Nov 1	Dance, Greenacres Grange	Greenacres	5
2	Lunch & Jam, Lebanon Moose Lodge	Lebanon	6
2	Jam, Central Point Grange	Central Point	4
6	Fun Nite, Shasta Grange	Klamath Falls	1
16	Jam, Fairgrounds	Klamath Falls	1
16	Holiday Dinner & Jam, Westmoreland Ctr	Eugene	6
16	Jam, Elsie Stuhr Center	Beaverton	7
16	Dinner & Jam, Stayton Community Ctr	Stayton	8
	PLEASE NOTE CORRECTED DATE. I GOOFED LAST MONTH. T.S.		
22	Dinner & Jam, V.F.W. Hall	Bandon	5
Dec. 14	STATE QUARTERLY MTNG., Clackamas Comm. College	Oregon City	3, 7
21	Lunch & Jam, Moose Lodge	Lebanon	6
21	Jam, McMinnville Grange	McMinnville	8

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS: Life members should have received "Life Membership Cards" last year from Naxine. I will not be sending renewal "Life" cards this year. I will be sending life membership cards to new life members only. Be sure to have application for this signed by one of your district officers. At the campout at Warwicks I received a membership application and \$6.00 for G. Gene De Briae from Kent, WA from somebody I know but I have forgotten who it was. The membership card has been returned. Will the person who gave me the money and application please notify me so we can process the membership application. Thanks.

LEW HOLT, State Membership

### HELP " " HELP " "

I also have some members who are LOST!!! Their Hoedowners come back to me and no forwarding address is available. They are: DAVID MOFFITT, Salem, BILL UAUGH (I think should be "Vaughn"), Shasta, JOHN EPLER/IRENE WYATT, Portland, and, of course, GENE DEBRIAE, of Kent. If you know their correct addresses, please let me know so they can continue receiving their Hoedowners.

THELMA

### DISTRICT 1

A big Howdy from District one. Hope everyone is pleased with this beautiful fall weather...and probably thinking of Holiday plans.

District one wants to say "thanks" for the good response from so many of the good friends helping out with the state meeting and jam here in out Merrill town. There was lots of good picking and fiddling, and an enthusiastic crowd. We were proud to host it.

The fiddlers at the state jam surprised Minnie Springer with a big birthday cake enough to feed 100 people. Her family's presence was a big happy surprise. We won't tell how many years she's been fiddling, but she was "Queen" for one evening. I just hope I can make it that far and be as happy and pleasant

as Minnie. She sends her heartfelt thanks for cards, good wishes, and the surprise out to everyone.

The fiddlers were in the Merrill potato parade and played for the barbecue. October 19th, the jam was at Lakeview. We appreciated their hospitality and there was a good turnout. Lakeview sure rolls out the red carpet to us with a lot of good listeners.

Some of the fiddlers played for the Sunday evening services for the Lorella Church Community on Oct. 19th.

Nursing homes always expect the fiddlers on the 4th Sunday. We need all the help we can get, as there's sever of the regular fiddlers gone Elk hunting and Arkansas vacationing.

Our next thing on the agenda will be the Fun Nite, Thurs., November 6 at the Shasta Grange (6:30). You all come.

November 16, Jam at Klamath Fair Grounds. Business meeting at 1 p.m. and music starts at 2 p.m.

Nursing homes Nov. 23.

Fiddlers play Nov. 20 at the Clarmont House for the guests.

Fiddlers, watch out for those Ghosts & Goblins!

LOUISE POLLICK, Reporter

### DISTRICT 3

The Central Oregon Old Time Fiddlers did not meet for their usual fiddle session this month, due to deer hunting season. Since school started our junior fiddlers have to get back to the books.

We are looking forward to the Holidays, where we will be playing in our annual parade, and make lots of good music for the nursing homes and senior centers. Hope everyone got their deer.

THELMA L. TERRILL, Reporter

### DISTRICT 4

November 2 jam will be at Central point Grange. Doors open 10:30, meeting at 11 to discuss the Christmas party, potluck after the meeting, doors open to public at one. Christmas Party will be Dec. 7 at Central Point Grange. There was a nice crowd for the Jerome Prairie jam Oct. 5, but short of musicians due to the state meeting on the same day and hunting season. It was nice to have some of Dist. 4 North members attend. We were sorry to hear Stella Neathammer had a stroke and was in the hospital, but happy to report she is home and progressing nicely. We thank her for getting the hall for us. A THANK YOU to Dist. 1 and 9 for a great week-end in Merrill. Get well wishes to Fred Samples who has had his last surgery, we hope, and this ends all his problems. Also to Bud Brown who has an ulcer on his eye. Good health to everyone.

A farewell party was held Friday night, Oct. 17th, for Jonas and Marge Cox, who are moving to the Portland area. A good evening of food, music and friendship was enjoyed. About 60 people attended. We will surely miss them and now "Who's going to steal the show at our Jams?"!!!! Jonas is a true OLD TIME

FIDDLER! Our loss is Dist. 7 gain. We wish Jonas and Marge much happiness in their new home.

DORENE WINKELMAN, Reporter

#### DISTRICT 5

Greetings. At the end of last month we played for the Lady Lions at Langlois down in Curry County. It was the most enthusiastic crowd that I believe that we have ever played for. There was handclapping, singing along, and serpentines around the room. October 4th we again gathered at the Greebacres Grange Hall south of Coos Bay for hamburgers, music and dancing. On the 18th we met at the Coos Bay Activities Center for more dancing and music. We were especially pleased to welcome Cecil Davidson, a new "fiddle member" in District 5. In November we will start the month off on the first with a dance at the Greenacres Grange Hall - just off hiway 42 - 9 miles south of Coos Bay on the way to Coquille. Hope to see many of you there. Then on the 22nd we will meet at the VFW Hall in east Bandon for a Thanksgiving dinner at 6:30. District 5 will furnish the turkey and ham and we hope that you will bring food that will round out the meal. Please bring table service, but if you forget, come anyway. We'll have a few extras.

LEW HOLT, Reporter

#### DISTRICT 6

Many musicians continue their playing for rest homes and retirement centers on a regular basis, with many "estras" thrown in for good measure. A small group went to the hospital and played and sang twice for Ray Goble. He is beginning to see more improvement and needs to see his friends for short visits. The doctor may let him go home either the first or second of November..pbobably by the time you read this. The Fun Nites, every second Friday, at Thurston Grange are into their second month for the winter season, with a potluck at 6:00 and picking and grinnin' & dancing the rest of the evening. Remember they are for everyone, not just Fiddler or Grange members. Bring your friends. A small group played and sang for the Seniors' "Dinner Out" at Western Sizzlin Steak House, at the Viking Sal Pumpkin Pie Feed in Junction City, and for the potluck at Sorgenfrei Retirement Center. Our regular jam at the Eugene Moose Lodge was a fun-filled day of good food, good friends, good music and plenty of dancing. Several welcome guests from other districts came and joined in the merriment. It is always good to see them. At our November 2nd jam, Lebanon Moose Lodge, lunch will be furnished by the lodge. Come early in plenty of time to sign up before lunch and have a good time. We could get some extra jamming in before we eat. On November 16th we will have our Thanksgiving Dinner and jam at the Westmoreland Community Center in Eugene. To find it, go south on Chambers and turn left on 22nd. Address is 1545 W. 22nd. It will be on the left of 22nd. The district will furnish ham, turkey, dressing and gravy, so please bring potluck dishes to round out the dinner, and your own table service. Sorry to report that John Steele has been under the doctor's care for a bad back. I have consented o take care of the district sound equipment. I may not fit all the Boy-Scout qualifications as stated last month, but at least I'm WILLING.

STAN GONSHOROWSKI, Reporter

What do you get if you cross a chicken with a banjo????? You get a chicken that plucks itself. T.S.

DISTRICT 7

November 16, Jam at Elsie Stuhr Sr. Center, Beaverton, OR  
December 14, State Meeting, Clackamas Community College, Oregon City

Hi Folks! Although our turn-out was somewhat diminished, our last jam in Gresham was especially nice. We enjoyed visitors Cris & Lyle Reed, from Astoria, we had a great group, the potluck was yummy... what more can I say?

Our next jam will be Nov. 16, at the Elsie Stuhr Sr. Center, 5550 SW Hall Blvd., in Beaverton. (Take Allen Blvd. Exit off Hwy. #217). Potluck as usual at noon and play from 1 to 5.

Just a reminder about the State Meeting Dec. 14 in Oregon City, at Clackamas Community College. There will be parking for self-contained RV's. I'll try to give you a little more about that next month, and also more about that jam, too.

Don't forget! Nov. 16, in Beaverton, see you all then!

JOANNE MINATO, Reporter

DISTRICT 8

Nov. 16, Stayton Community Center  
Dec. 21st, McMinnville Grange Hall

We had a nice jam at the VFW hall, even though I made a mistake on the name of the hall. I am sorry. We had a very good turnout. We also had some visitors and we do welcome you and do come again.

Joe McKenzie is from Dist. #8 and we are very proud of him, as he is the new World Champion Fiddler, which he won at the World Championship in Texas. Laura Weber is our State Junior Champion. She and Joe put on a beautiful twin-fiddling show for us. Thank you and keep fiddling. Our next jam will be at the Stayton Community Center, Nov. 16th. We must have a meeting so please come early. Meeting will be at 11 o'clock. Doors will open at 10, and potluck at 12 o'clock, noon. Show for the public at 1:00. This will be our Thanksgiving dinner. District #8 will furnish the ham, gravy and potatoes. Please bring other foods accordingly. NOTICE...A CHANGE IN A DATE!! McMinnville date has to be changed. It will be Dec. 21, at the Grange Hall. Keep fiddlin. See you next month.

JEANETTE ROBINSON, Reporter

MESSAGE FROM DIST. #8 CHAIRMAN:

We have a State Meeting at Clackamas Community College on Dec. 14th and I would like to have a big turnout from Dist. #8 for the meeting.

DAVE ROBINSON, Chairman

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PLEASE MAKE THESE NEW MEMBERS WELCOME TO YOUR DISTRICT ACTIVITIES:

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Dean E. Lewis, P.O. Box 202, Paisley, OR 97636  
Mrs. W.A. Moore, Box 5, Days Creek, OR 97429  
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JUST A REMINDER, ESPECIALLY TO OUR SNOWBIRDS: If you let me know your winter mailing address, we can mail your Hoedowner to you. Then when you come back home in the spring, let me know to change it back again. You may have already made other arrangements for forwarding, etc., but this may save time, etc. Others who just move, your "Change of Address Cards" help keep your mail coming to you. Thanx.

THELMA

HERE I AM AGAIN..... Just got a call FROM YOUR PRESIDENT, and Maxine wanted me to tell you she hated to miss out on the state meeting in Merrill, but at that time she was "an expectant grandmother" in a delicate physical condition, and shortly thereafter was cuddling a new baby granddaughter. Both baby and grandmother are doing fine at this time. And I want to let all of you good folks down there know how very much I appreciated your warm generous hospitalit y. It felt like a family-reunion... and I guessit was - our Fiddle-Family! Also, that I have never ever seen our magnificent flag move me so much as when I first caught sight of Old Glory proudly saluting the breeze as it towered over Merrill. If you have never seen it, that flag can be seen for MILES down the road, before you reach town. To me, it says a lot for the wonderful folks in that little community- and says it with each little breeze.

THELMA

P.S. Happy to let you know that the last request for words to a song were mailed in by many readers. Thanks so much. We appreciate.

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

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DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN.....

.....the only hazard presented by insecticides was running into the flypaper?  
.....a marriage was likely to outlast all three wedding-present toasters?  
.....a drug problem was trying to get a prescription filled on Sunday?  
.....the postman not only rang twice, but also delivered twice?  
.....jokes that couldn't be told in mixed company weren't?  
.....only STAR athletes were paid more than the President?  
.....bicycles and chickens came fully assembled?  
.....paperbacks had more passion on the cover than in the contents?  
.....the quality of mucis wasn't measured in decibels?  
.....the only person you'd find in a store at 3 o'clock in the morning was a bunglar?  
.....a whole family could go to the movies for what it now costs for a box of popcorn?  
.....kids needed batteries only for reading comic books under the bed-covers?

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I've come to the conclusion that if you exercise all the time, the only thing that will happen is that you'll die healthier!

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This may be a man's world, but statistics show that 50% of the people who marry each year are women!

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It has always been said that "money isn't everything", but, at the same time, I'd like to make a lot of it before I started talking such nonsense

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You don't need advanced technology to succeed. Shakespeare had no type-writer, Darwin had no computer, and David decked Goliath with no advice from Howard Cosell!

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Since the human body has some 60,000 miles of blood vessels, is it any wonder that they get tired blood!!!

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## TEXAS PLAYBOYS WILL LIVE FOREVER

As of late 1985, five of the original eight Bob Wills' Original Texas Playboys were still pickin' and grinnin' - the "oldest working band in America" according to their steel guitarist, Leon McAuliffe. The group, which was first called the "Light Crust Doughboys" then later became the "Texas Playboys" was formed in 1933 by Bob Wills. Wills died in 1975, having been in a coma for two years following a stroke. The last recording session was for the album "The Last Time" during which he was confined to a wheelchair and could only offer encouragement. He suffered the catastrophic stroke on the second day of that recording session. After Bob's death, his widow, Betty, encouraged the group to continue as Bob would have wanted them to do. Since that time they have recorded several albums, including "Live and Kicking". With the help of others who joined the group in later years, the original five performing members are Eldon Shamblin, Al Stricklin, Smokey Dacus, Joe Frank Ferguson and Leon McAuliffe. Performing since the age of 10 (1915), Bob's improvisational playing style which combined Texas fiddle music, Dixieland jazz, folk and country, blues, with some of his own soul and rebellion thrown in for good measure, began a new era of dance music that has been emulated, loved and remembered for over half a century. The first radio appearance by the group was over station KFJZ in Fort Worth, Texas, in 1935. Bob, carrying his fiddle in a flour sack, and his down-and-out bandmates were a scruffy looking bunch as they showed up at the radio station, but the immediate outpouring of letters and calls proved to the station that they really "had something". The "music maverick" and his bunch of Playboys proved to them and to the whole world that they knew how to produce what people wanted to hear. The remaining five of the original group have agreed to disband when any one of them passes on. Their average age, last year was 64.7, ranging from 50 to 77 years (this average included the entire group, not just the original five). Regardless what the future holds for them, Bob Wills and his Texas Playboys' music will live forever in our hearts.



Everybody, Everywhere  
Seeks Happiness, it's true,  
But finding it and keeping it  
Seems difficult to do.  
Difficult because we think  
That happiness is found  
Only in the places where  
Wealth and fame abound -  
And so we go on searching  
In "palaces of pleasure"  
Seeking recognition  
And monetary treasure.  
Unaware that happiness  
Is just a "state of mind"  
Within the reach of everyone  
Who takes time to be kind  
For in making others happy  
We will be happy, too  
For the happiness you give away  
Returns to "shine on you"

# Amos Fine finds fiddling fun

Amos Fine is proud to have fiddled around Oregon and Washington for more than 50 years.

During his career with Pacific, Amos shared his own brand of fiddle music with many communities around the system. "Each new area meant new crowds to please," he said.

Amos now finds more time for his hobby since he retired as Walla Walla district line supervisor early in 1983.

He began performing in 1929 at the age of nine, with only six months of formal training. Amos still plays the same violin that he learned on.

"But I suppose it all started during the late 30s in high school," he said. "We had a small group that played for senior citizens at the Townsend Club in The Dalles. And that was for money," he added. Amos said they could count on \$3 per person for an evening's performance.

At the same time Amos began volunteering to play for shut-ins at The Dalles Tuberculosis Sanitarium. He continues this practice today with performances in nursing homes and convalescent centers throughout the Walla Walla area.

While in Madras in 1949, Amos put together a dance band he called The Melodiers. Now he entertains at county fairs, benefits, dances, nursing homes and convalescent centers with a group known simply as "Amos Fine and Friends."

When asked to name the song he liked best, Amos declined to choose, but admitted that "Whispering" and "Margie" are among his favorites. All the songs he performs are played by memory. "He doesn't read music," his wife, Bonnie, pointed out. "They're all just stored up there somewhere in his head."

Amos is not quite sure how he remembers all those tunes or just how many songs he knows. "But I can play several three-hour dances without repeating," he said.

A self-proclaimed "fiddleist" (a word Amos coined), he enjoys playing dance band music rather than the fancy fast-paced style heard in most fiddle contests.

Although he has never competed in a fiddle contest, Amos is active in the District #12 Old Time Fiddler Association of Washington. He also serves on the Washington State Fiddle Contest committee.

Amos finds his hobby fun and rewarding. "But the reward doesn't come as money," he explained. "The payment is a smile or a tapping foot."

Amos told of one instance when the reward was especially great. "We were playing at a nursing home when a woman was brought in a wheelchair and set about 10 feet from us. She stared at me; she seemed immobile or even paralyzed," he remembered. "I tried everything I could to get her to react, to tap her foot or something. We played a whole medley of songs, but nothing seemed to work." When the medley was over, Amos said he was taken by surprise when the woman suddenly clapped her hands and cried out with a smile, "We can stand a lot of that!"

"Music seems to bring out things deep inside of people," he said.

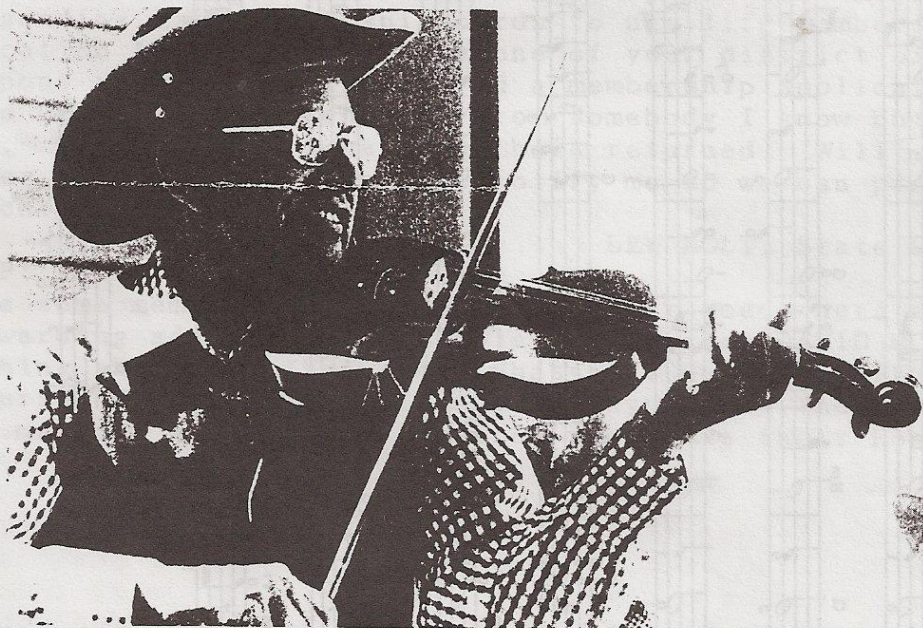


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Amos Fine has put a song in the hearts of listeners for more than 55 years.

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The next tune introduces a new concept -- triplet eighth notes. Notice the groups of three notes flagged together in measures 34, 35, 42, 43, 50, 51, 58 and 59. The symbol, 3, tells you that you are to play three notes in a time span where you would otherwise play two eighth notes, i.e., a triplet eighth note group equals two eighth notes. Beware of the C# accidentals in measures 3, 13 and 19.

## WESTPHALIA WALTZ

The musical score for 'Westphalia Waltz' consists of ten staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. It includes a variety of chords such as G, Bm, Em, D, D7, Am, and G, along with triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes) and fingering numbers (1, 2, 3, 4). The notation includes eighth notes, quarter notes, and rests. The final staff is labeled 'Tag' and shows a short melodic phrase with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp.

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