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DECEMBER 1986

COMING EVENTS			DISTRICT
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6	Party & Dance, Greenacres Grange	Greenacres	5
7	Party & Jam, Central Point Grange	Central Point	1
7	J. C. Penney's (see #5 news)	Coos Bay	5
14	STATE MEETING, Clackamas College Hosts Dist. #3 & #7	Oregon City	OOTFA
14	Holiday Party & Jam, (See Dist. # News) Bend		3
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21	Lunch & Jam, Moose Lodge	Lebanon	6
21	Holiday Party & Jam, McMinnville Grange Hall	McMinnville	8
Jan 4	Jam, Talent Community Hall	Talent	4
5	Jam & BBQ, Museum Club Room	Burns	9
8	Nursing Home	Burns	9
11	Moose Lodge	St. Helens	7
11	Dinner & Jam, Burns Senior Ctr.	Burns	9
18	Jam, Stayton Community Center	Stayton	8



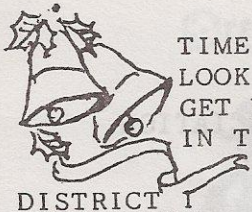
FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

From all reports everywhere I go, I'm still hearing about the good meeting at Merrill. I'm so pleased! Wish I could have been there. It's the first meeting we've missed since being in state work.

By the time you get this, November will be in the past. I hope you had a good Thanksgiving. We did. Even though we haven't been around much these last three months, I have not been idle. A good meeting with the Lebanon Lodges was held on Nov. 2nd and lots was accomplished for the State Fiddle Contest in May (8 & ()) 1987. The Moose and American Legion Lodges will be our major sponsors again for the fifth year. Committees have been appointed and are active. Also, some plans have been discussed with various district people and are being carried out for the State Convention March 26-28, 1987. More about both of these coming events after the Quarterly Meeting in Dec.

Our second State Executive Board Meeting, December 14th, will be held in Oregon City, at the Clackamas Community College. The business meeting will convene at 10 a.m. and I trust each District Representative will be there if at all possible. Please have your reports written so they can be given to the State Secretary after the meeting.

Walt & I wish you Happy Holidays -- A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to each & everyone. We appreciate & love you all. We've had a good year & hope you have, too. God Bless,



TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES! TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES! TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES!
LOOK FOR APPLICATION FORM ELSEWHERE IN THIS HOEDOWNER. DON'T FORGET!
GET YOURS IN EARLY SO YOU CAN KEEP GETTING YOUR HOEDOWNER & GET
IN THE STATE ROSTER!!!!

DISTRICT 1

Hello, Friends! By the time you get this, Thanksgiving day will be history. But we hope we can all stay thankful for our many blessings all through the next year.

Sunday, the 16th, was Jam Day for a very happy and friendly crowd at Klamath Falls Fairgrounds.

The Fiddlers won first place in the Merrill Potato Festival Parade.

Fun Nite at Shasta Grange Hall was well attended. While some stayed and made music, some went and helped the United Way Fund Benefit.

Dec. 4th will be Fun Nite and potluck at the Shasta Grange hall, 6:30 p.m. Everyone bring their own table service and a food dish and join the fun, then there will be plenty of music to help all feel better after a big feed.

There won't be any December Jam, as there will be a Christmas Party, Dec. 20th at the Merrill Recreation Hall. There will be a gift exchange. Men to bring a gift for a man & ladies bring a ladie's gift. Hope old Santa reads this!

We want to extend a "Hurry and get well" wish to several of our musical friends who are ill. We also wish to extend our sympathy to the Flury family in their sorrow, due to a death in the family. Also to Minnie Springer in the death of her sister.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL....

LOUISE POLLICK, Reporter



DISTRICT 3

The Bend Old Time Fiddlers met Nov. 9 at the Senior Center. We had a large crowd of about 75 - who listened and danced to the music. We had a lot of out-of-town guests - some from Othello and Tacoma, Washington. Art Kroetch, from Redmond played some special tunes on his harmonica, accoppanied by Don Hansen. Jim Neeley, of Romaine Village, also played some special tunes on his fiddle. Lots of two steps and waltzes pleased the seniors to dance by, although it was cold and foggy.

Vollie Chisholm is on our sick list and we hope he improves and can be back with us soon. The Flocks were elk huntin' so we missed them.

Thelma Terrill was elected Co-Chairman last month. Tony Spatz entered a Fiddle Contest Open at Redding, Calif., on Oct. 31, in the Jr. Jr. Division and placed 3rd. Nice going, Tony!

We will hold our annual Christmas Party at J.J. North's Chuck Wagon, at 4 p.m., directly after the monthly jam session on Dec. 14th. We hope everyone can attend. We always enjoy their food.

We had 6 fiddlers and 9 accompanists at our last session and some of the best and liveliest music that we've had in a long time.



THELMA TERRILL, Reporter

DISTRICT 4

Dec. 7 will be our Christmas party at Central Point Grange Hall, doors open at 11. We will eat dinner at one. Dist. 4 will furnish turkey and ham. Coffee, too. Members to bring potluck to fill out our festive dinner. The afternoon will be filled with music, dancing and singing some Christmas songs.

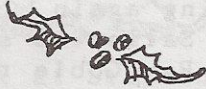
Our Jan. 4 jam will be at Talent Community Hall. Doors open 10:30, potluck at noon, open to public at one.

A meeting was held before Nov. 2 jam at Central Point Grange to discuss our Christmas Party - lots of good food at our potluck. Even though we didn't have a big public turnout, everyone had a good time. There were 11 fiddlers and lots of specials. We welcomed Gordon Indergard from Portland and hope

he can visit us again soon. It was nice to see some of our old members there who haven't attended for a long time.

We're happy to report Jack McCasland is doing great after a stroke and a stay in the hospital. He told us the other day he had walked two miles that day, something he hasn't done in years. Keep it up, Jack. Tex Looper is recovering in Rogue Valley Medical Center from two heart attacks and open heart surgery, four bipasses, no less. He's doing excellent at last report. This is a turkey story in two ways: John Baldwin was chasing some unwanted neighborhood turkeys out of his yard, fell and tore a ligament in his knee. Forrest Samples had knee surgery and is doing O.K. A get-well to all these good people and anyone else who isn't feeling up to par.

Just a note to say the beautiful azalea the OOTFA gave me last year doesn't know it isn't spring! It is in full bloom in our backyard!! Also have a camelia in bloom.



DORENE WINKELMAN, Reporter

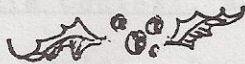
DISTRICT 5

Besides the rest homes, we had three good chances to play music this month. On the 1st we gathered as we usually do at the Greenacres Grange Hall south of Coos Bay for a hamburger and an evening of fiddle music. At the last moment we ended up at the Eagles in Coos Bay on the 16th. Even with only a short notice, we had a good turn out of fiddlers and back-up. The audience was terrific and greeted us with all the enthusiasm we could wish for. Thanks to all of you who came out to help. And then on the 22nd many members of District 5 had a Thanksgiving feast at the VFW Hall in Bandon. We were pleased to have out of town guests -- Wally Bloom, Dawn Meldrim, and Thelma and Courtney Shephard. Thanks for coming down to be with us. And thanks to Abbie Shaffar and Betty Lively for cooking the turkeys.

December 6th we will have a Christmas potluck at the Greenacres Grange at 6:00. Why don't you bring some food and join us for an evening of fun. (Turkey and ham will be furnished). Santa's helpers would like for you to bring a gift of under \$3.00 marked for a man or woman. We will have music and dancing to finish the evening. Coming from Coos Bay go 9 miles south towards Coquille. Turn left and stop before crossing the two north bound lanes. You cross the north bound lanes on to a road which, at first, eludes you, but it is there, and, after you have been there once, the next time is easier. Cross the RR tracks, go straight ahead to the first intersection. Turn left at the second intersection. The hall is a couple of blocks up the road on the left. Don't laugh - it is different getting there, but it is worth it. If in doubt, give me a call and I will help you.

The next day on the 7th, we will be at the J.C. Penney's store in Coos Bay about 11:30 to play for a couple of hours. This has always been a fun time.

Alice and I hope to see a lot of you at the state meeting on the 14th. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you from all of us.



LEW HOLT, Reporter

DISTRICT 6

Our special jam, Nov. 2nd, at the Lebanon Moose Lodge played to a full house of dancers and listeners, after a lovely holiday meal. Several guests from other districts helped make the occasion a festive day of music and friendship.

On Nov. 16th we had our Thanksgiving Dinner and jam at the Westmoreland Community Center, in Eugene. Welcome out-of-district guests included Etta Powell, Guy Kinman, Paul Lakey, Charlie & Dorothy Booher, Mike & Dolores Booher and family, Hollis and Carol Real, Dennis & Thelma Allen, Shorty Dow, Glenn & Jessie Brown, and several others I don't have on my list. If I forgot to name you, we love you, anyway. 'Scuse please. Our turkey and ham holiday dinner was bountiful. Virginia Anderson and Anne Schoenfelder cooked the turkeys and Walt Benson cooked the ham. I would like to especially

thank our wonderful kitchen crew who helped set up and prepare such a great dinner, and to those who worked so hard helping set up and take down tables and chairs. We had 35 fiddlers and specials and Jack Walker, M.C., kept a lively program going like clockwork. Jack sends his apologies to all smokers who attended that jam. He did not know that smoking was forbidden in ALL AREAS of the building, or he would not have scheduled our jam there. All members must feel welcome at our jams, and we don't intend to have anyone have to step outside in the rain for a smoke. We will not meet there again.

Small groups have been busy playing, as usual, at rest and retirement homes, granges & other organizations. Four members played several hours for the special Thanksgiving dinner at Harmony House (for people who live in group homes) the day before Thanksgiving.

John Steele, who recently had back surgery, is (very carefully) kicking up his heels and doing a little dancing again. Dorothy Payne is recovering from successful eye surgery. Thelma Salley is somewhat under the weather, but it takes a lot to get her down. Ray Goble returned to the hospital last week-end with a set-back, and is now in the Veteran's Hospital in Roseburg. His wife, June is staying in Roseburg, to be nearby.

Our next jam will be the Christmas luncheon and jam at the Moose Lodge in Lebanon, on December 21st. Hope to see you there, and Best Wishes from all of us for 1987 to be the best year ever!



STAN GONSHOROWSKI, Reporter

AS PROMISED YOU ON PAGE 2, CUT OUT THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION BELOW, FILL IT OUT COMPLETELY, AND GIVE OR MAIL TO YOUR DISTRICT SECRETARY/TREASURER, OR MAIL TO MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN, LEW HOLT, WITH YOUR \$12.00 DUES FOR 1987.

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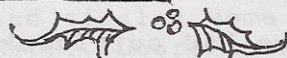
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Get your application for renewal in soon so membership cards can be processed and mailed to you. This will also get you in the 1987 state Roster which will come out in March. If you are age 70 (or over), have been an active performing member for the past two years, have your Dist. Chairman sign your application form for you to become a Lifetime Member. Then get it to your Dist. Sec. or to me. Lots have come in already & I look forward to hearing from you soon.



LEW HOLT

DISTRICT 7

Hi Folks! Here I am with lots of news this time. Our last Jam was just great! With 31 signed up, we had a real good program. Thanks to those who always seem to be there when the work needs to be done and thanks also to everyone who participated to make it a fun day for everyone.

Our Christmas Jam, which is the State Meeting, will be Dec. 14, at Clackamas Community College, Oregon City, in the Community Center Building.

Please come early and bring side dishes and desserts, an extra special treat of turkey, ham and dressing will be provided by the District. Doors open 10 to 5. The college is at 19600 S. Molalla Road (Hwy. #13), south of Oregon City. Parking for self-contained RV's on Barlow Campus, Barlow Hall Parking Area, near the Archery Range. Rumor has it that a Mr. S. Claus will make an appearance.

The next Jam is Jan. 11, at the Moose Lodge in St. Helen's, and here's how to get there: As you're going North on Hwy #30 to St. Helen's, turn Right at the sign that says Bennett Road. A short stretch of road will bring you on to Old Portland Road, where you turn left. The Lodge is the first building on the left.

Don't forget Dec. 14 -- Clackamas Community College -- and please remember to bring your own table service, your hungry tummies, your side dishes and desserts AND your instruments! See you all then!!



JOANNE MINATO, Reporter

DISTRICT 8

We had a very good turnout at Stayton Community Center. Lots of music and lots of good food. I want to thank the ladies who helped in the kitchen and everyone who brought food. Without everyone doing their part we wouldn't be able to continue doing the big dinners. Thanks to everyone.

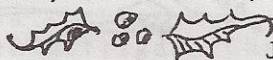
Our next Jam will be Dec. 21st at McMinnville Grange Hall. This will be our Christmas Jam and Dinner. Dist. #8 will furnish Turkey, dressing, potatoes, gravy, and rolls, and the ham that was left from Thanksgiving. Everyone else please bring accordingly and bring your own table service.

The doors will open at 10 o'clock -- dinner at 12 o'clock noon. Show for the public at 1 o'clock.

We will also have an exchange of gifts, price not over \$2.50. Men bring a man's gift and ladies bring a lady's gift.

In January we will be back in Stayton Community Center. Let's have a big turnout from Dist. #8 for the State Meeting Dec. 14th at the Clackamas Comm. College.

Don't forget our Christmas Jam, Dec. 21st, at McMinnville Grange Hall.



JEANETTE ROBINSON, Reporter

NEWS FLASH: Just got word that Bob Crump has been hospitalized with a serious stroke, but is home now.

Also, Pauline Buckbee has had a heart attack and was hospitalized for awhile but is home recuperating by the time you read this.

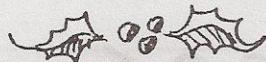
Bill Cavasos is mending just fine from a recent hip joint replacement.

DISTRICT 9

Well, quite a bit is going on this month for our fiddlers. We played on Nov. 29th in the Christmas Parade. We also played for the Burns Nursing Home and a Harvest Dinner for a local church. The Teague family attended the Redding, Calif., Fiddle Contest, and Stacey Reynolds placed in the top 10.

We Jammed at the Senior Center - had a small turnout. We also played for Victor Cleveland's 85th birthday party.

We will be having Turkey dinner at the Senior Center on the 14th. Fiddlers will be furnishing the turkey. I hope that everyone is in a fiddling and dancing mood.



MICHELLE AUSTIN, Reporter

TS: I spent the first few years of my life trying to get my toes to my mouth, and these past few years trying to get my foot out of my mouth! Where did I go wrong!!

MANY THANKS to those of you who helped me locate lost members. I now have the correct addresses for JOHN EPLER/IRENE WYATT and GENE DE BRIAE.

PLEASE MAKE THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS WELCOME IN YOUR DISTRICTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR:

Frank & Laura Booth, 905 N. Myrtle, Coquille, OR 97423
Andy Burt, 4320 S.E. Pine, Portland, OR 97215
Thomas & Margaret Comfort, 3743 N. Overlook Blvd, Portland, OR 97227
Harold & Ethel Cooper, 13280 Eastborne Dr., Oregon City, OR 97045
Janice Gorton, 902 SW Briar Lane, Portland, OR 97225
Ed & Ira Harlan, 306 NW Delaware, Bend, OR 97701
Bobby & Billie Kitchens, 20777 Mini Ln, Bend, OR 97702
Arthur & Dolores Kroetsch, 4048 N. Canal Blvd, Redmond, OR 97756
Starr & Pat McMullen, 866 N.E. Thousand Oaks Dr, Corvallis, OR 97330
Walter & Oma Nash, 10701 S.E. Hwy 212 Sp#3, Clackamas, OR 97015
Robert & Ruth Nyman, 1391 Tyler St, Eugene, OR 97402
Glynn E. Richkoff, 3915 NE Wistaria Dr, Portland, OR 97212
Charles & Elsie Tippett, 6500 SW Scholls Ferry Rd #37, Portland, OR 97223
Harvey & Verna Walters, 60159 Cinder Butte Rd, Bend, OR 97702
Leon & Juanita Woods, 922 N 9th, Lakeview, OR 97630

REMEMBER: A STRANGER IS JUST A FRIEND YOU HAVEN'T MET YET.

AND A FRIEND IS SOMEONE WHO KNOWS ALL ABOUT YOU AND STILL LIKES YOU ANYWAY!

This invitation goes out to all members of the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers:

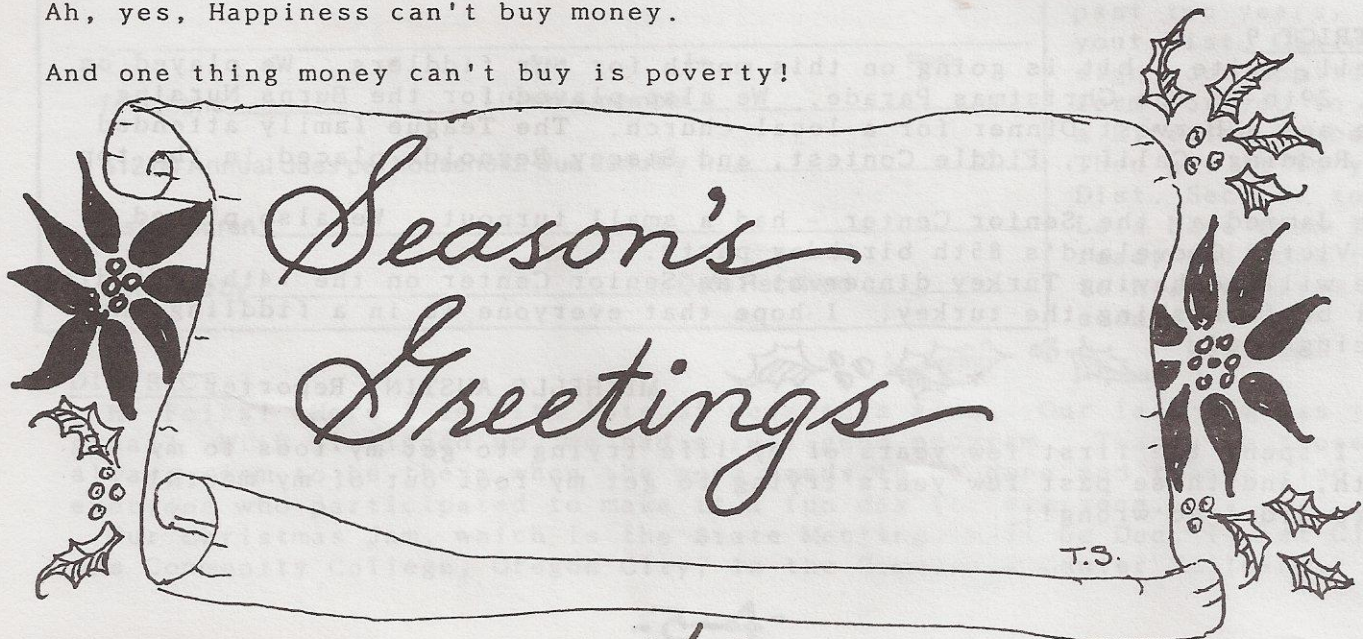
"The children of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Modrell request the pleasure of your company at a reception in honor of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the marriage of their parents on Saturday, December thirteenth, nineteen hundred and eighty-six at one o'clock, Garibaldi City Hall, Garibaldi, Oregon."

FOR SALE: Lady's Moreno 120 base ACCORDION. \$150.00. Contact Abbie Shaffar, phone 347-3369.

TS: Life may be short but it gives most people time to outlive their good intentions.

Ah, yes, Happiness can't buy money.

And one thing money can't buy is poverty!



LET'S HEAR IT FOR THE FIDDLER

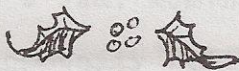
A long-standing question asks "If a mighty oak falls in the forest and there is no one there to hear it, was there REALLY ANY SOUND?" Think about it.

You may well wonder what this has to do with fiddling. Let's use your imagination. Maybe YOU are the one who signed up as #27 at the fiddle jam. You are up there playing your best, and, around the room several performers are saying their "goodbyes" to friends, waving across the room at others and carrying their instruments out to their cars. They are leaving! You wonder "Gosh, am I really playing that bad!" Small wonder that you feel let-down and discouraged. And WHO will be there to hear the LAST performer?

It is comprehensible that, if you have a long distance to drive home (especially in inclement weather), not feeling well, or have a true emergency, you have a good reason to leave early. The rest of you, please consider how the performer is feeling. They could have stayed home and played to a small audience!

Oldtime fiddling was handed down through the years by LISTENING and learning from others. Players need listeners - this is our feedback to see if we're doing OK. Do you go to a jam just to hear yourself play and then you're ready to leave? Not if you care about how the "other person" feels! A good, attentive audience, some applause and a few kind words later, and a player is encouraged to keep going and do even better next time. Stay and enjoy everyone else's music. Show that we care about each other.

On Broadway, when a noticeable number of the audience walks out on a play before it is over, it is considered a "flop" and folds up. Do we want any of our members to feel like a "flop"? Remember that kindness and courtesy is at the base of all good manners. Keep on fiddlin' but let's be good listeners, too.



THELMA SHEPHARD

NOTICE: Chairman, Buck Milligan, has called a meeting of the SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE to meet at the December 14th State Meeting. Members of the committee are: Helen Hakansen, Les Tucker, Gynn Deaton, Lew Holt, Joey McKenzie and Thelma Shephard, with Buck Milligan, Chairman. I do not know the ones who were appointed for districts 3 and 9.



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Here's another old-time fiddle favorite called Snow Deer. Play the third finger high (G) on the D string when you see a sharp (#) sign preceding it, but make certain your first finger remains positioned above tape 1.

SNOW DEER (MELODY)

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