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COMING EVENTS		December	DISTRICT
		S M T W T F S	
Dec 5	Christmas Party, Grange		Central Point 4
5	Jam, Potluck, Grange	6 7 8 9 10 11 12	Myrtle Creek 10
6	Jam, Moose Lodge	13 14 15 16 17 18 19	Lebanon 6
11	Jam, Cable Company building	20 21 22 23 24 25 26	
12	Christmas Party, Jam, Community Building	27 28 29 30 31	
13	Christmas Party/Jam, Recreation Hall		Dew Valley 5
13	Jam, Senior Center		Merrill 1
13	Pony Village		Bend 3
13	Christmas Program, Senior Center		Coos Bay 5
13	Jam, VFW Hall		Gresham 7
13	Christmas Potluck/Jam, Harney Co. Sr. Ctr		Willamina 8
Jan 2	Jam, Potluck, Senior Center		Burns 9
9	Dance, Senior Center		Rogue River 4
9	Meeting, Potluck, Jam, Youth Center		Coos Bay 5
10	Senior Center		Canyonville 10
10	Jam, Harney County Senior Center		Hillsboro 7
17	State Quarterly Meeting, Potluck, Jam		Burns 9
Feb 6	Jam, Potluck, Senior Center		Springfield OOTFA
7	Jam, Potluck, Senior Center		Rogue River 4
7	Jam, YWCA		Springfield 6
13	Meeting, Potluck, Jam, Civic Center		St. Johns (Ptld) 7
Mar 7	Jam, Potluck, Senior Center		Drain 10
19-20	State Convention		Springfield 6
			Roseburg OOTFA

NOTES FROM YOUR TOE TAPPEN PRESIDENT: Christmas Greetings to all of you. This is the time of the year when family and friends feel the spirit of love everywhere. We need to daily remind ourselves of the true meaning of the Season. How wonderful it is to see the glow in the faces of young and old. Those of you who play in the nursing homes and schools know what it is to see the older people reminisce and the younger ones dreaming of what is to come.

I made a mistake last month on the date we will meet in January. It will be Sunday, January 17, 1993, at 10:00 AM at Willamalane in Springfield. This will be our State Quarterly Meeting.

Plans are developing for our State Convention in March at Roseburg. I have asked Mark Carmickle to be responsible for the Friday night show. At our Quarterly Meeting in January we will draw for times to play at the Saturday Night Dance. Danceable music is to be played.

A committee met to recommend proposed changes to the by-Laws and Standing Rules. The committee will in turn present these at our January meeting. The

committee felt that since inflation of services is constantly rising, an increase in dues would be needed. Also, in Standing Rules it was the feeling that our State Contest should follow the same Divisions that Weiser has. You will hear more at our January meeting and the February Hoedowner will have any proposed changes in by-Laws or Standing Rules.

For each of you who play for the different groups, I say THANKS. We are a non-profit organization and what better way to share our talents.

Merry Christmas from Walter and me. We will be flying to Virginia December 16, 1992, for 10 days to be with our two children and their families. Make this a Christmas Season to REMEMBER. ZELMA

DISTRICT 1:

CHAIRMAN-Faye Patterson; CO-CHAIRMAN-Irene Ruddock; SEC/TREAS-Harold North

We voted to change our monthly meeting date from the 3rd Sunday to the 2nd Sunday of each month. With winter upon us, we want to start on time so we can finish by 4:00. So please be on time. Potluck 1:00, meeting 1:30, jam 2:00. Until further notice we will be playing only at Clairmont House. Call Faye or Irene.

Our Christmas party will be at the Merrill Recreation Hall Sunday, Dec. 13, 1:00 sharp. Ham and turkey furnished by the district. Members who weren't at the November meeting, please call Jo Harris, 884-9852, evenings, for information on what to bring for our planned dinner. Gift exchange--\$5 limit. Label presents "man" or "woman." If you are bringing children, label presents with the child's name. We want to help a needy family have a nice Christmas dinner, so we plan on fixing a food basket. So bring food Dec 13 to the party. Turkey will be furnished by the district. This is the time to think of others who are less fortunate than we.

All are invited to play and have lunch for the senior birthdays at the Merrill Rec Hall each month, 2nd Tuesday. Lunch at 11:30.

After a short illness, Jack Pollick had a stroke and passed away on Oct. 25. He will be missed by all. Our sympathy to his wife, Louise.

Happy Anniversary to Irene and Jerry Ruddock, Dec. 18.

Looking ahead to District 1 Diamond Lake Campout, July 29-Aug 1, 1993, Irene and Faye have looked at a very beautiful, secluded campsite. Section A26-42. It's about a 10-minute walk to the lodge. The path is paved. It's close to the lodge, yet far enough away you have the feeling you are in the woods. The lake is near--(boat dock). Bring your boats, fishing rods and worms. There is water and restrooms. The cost is \$7.50 per night or \$3.50 with a Golden Age Card. To reserve, we need to know by March 31. Please call Faye--798-5973, or Irene--884-1484. If we get our reservation in early enough, we may have the campsite for no one but fiddlers. Also, the gravel pit is available. We will have a blown-up picture of the campsite in the next Hoedowner.

Have a Merry Christmas and stay well. Get your flu shots.

Faye Patterson reporting

DISTRICT 2

CHAIRMAN-Don Haley; CO-CHAIRMAN-Pam Wachter; SEC/TREAS-Sandy Haley

Most things in District 2 are going quite well, I think. We are absolutely thrilled to hear that a quarterly meeting will be held here in June and are busy thinking about the details that will need to be addressed before that time. Also, we are delighted with the \$250 donation from the state, another \$100 from District 4, and also personal donations from Shorty and Charlotte Dow and Albert May -- all to help us get on our feet. Thank you all so much!

Perhaps you noticed we have a new Sec/Treas. And she actually has some money to take care of. Time for true confessions: Our recently retired Sec/Treas. is only 13 years old. When we organized a year ago, getting anyone to volunteer to serve as an officer was like pulling teeth. When no one would accept this position, Beth (then 12 yrs old) offered. Those in attendance at that 1st meeting agreed that if she could add and subtract, then she should be allowed to do it. She could, so she did. Thanks, Beth, for a great job! And welcome aboard, Sandy!

In October we had an excellent potato bar supper (put on by the ladies of the Salvation Army) right before our jam. The jam was great -- with lots of good musicians and lots of fun. This month, we had regulars, Albert May, Casey Willis, Amos Fine, George Storms, Andrea and Jennifer Haley, and yours truly on fiddle; Sheila Pruet, who sang; and Sherley Boursau, Bonnie Fine, Frank Moore, Jan Post, and Peter Willis playing backup. It was a special treat to have Wally Ralston, Leonard Gage, and Dan Emert fiddling with us for the first time, and Leonard's wife, Vesta, playing piano -- a very welcome addition.

We have changed our regular meeting date (from the 2nd Sat.) to the 2nd Friday of each month for the 92-93 year. We did this primarily to avoid conflicts in scheduling with the Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers who have all of their shows on Saturdays. But the change has eliminated some of our good musicians and faithful audience members. Sigh! Isn't there a perfect way to work all this out?

We are unable to rent the Salvation Army hall for our December jam, so we have decided on a much needed jam/meeting for members and/or musicians only. Our goals are to 1) get to know each other better and work up some tunes we can all play together, and 2) take care of some business. We need a new chairman, co-chairman, and reporter. Please make every effort to be there, District 2 people! Friday, Dec. 11, 7:00 PM, meeting room in the Cable Company building -- near the Bi-Mart exit. Peg Willis, reporter

DISTRICT 3:

CHAIRMAN-Don Hanna; CO-CHAIRMAN-Jack Kerr; SEC/TREAS-Billie Kitchens

Our November 8 jam only brought out eight musicians and 59 central Oregon residents to sign the guest book. This was the first time in a long while that the notice about our jam was not listed in the Safeway paper, and the first time we have not had guests from out of the area. Several of our members are elk hunting and others traveling.

Following the jam we held a business meeting and decided, starting in January of 1993, to hold our jams at different locations throughout central Oregon. Tentative plans are to have six jams a year in Bend, two in LaPine, two in Redmond and two in Prineville. The Bend jams will continue to be held on the second Sunday, but starting at 2:00 instead of 1:30. The other jams are planned for the second Saturday. We are hoping the location change will allow us to reach more of the residents of central Oregon and acquaint them with OOTFA.

Our annual Christmas Potluck will be held on December 13 at 1PM at the Bend Senior Center. All OOTF members are invited. Bring a potluck dish and your own table service. The meat will be furnished. Our jam will start at 2PM.

December anniversary congratulations go to Evelyn and Fred Martin, who will celebrate their 46th on December 7, and to Ada and Cliff Harris, who were married on December 23, 59 years ago! Birthday greetings to Rene Delude and Bob Kitchens on the 6th, Vi Perret on the 16th, and Ada Harris on the 25th.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM DISTRICT 3.

Peggy Kerr, Reporter

DISTRICT 4:

CHAIRMAN-Joe Levine; CO-CHAIRMAN-Merle Pasley; SEC/TREAS-Doris Barkley

November 7 jam got us off to a good start, with a large turnout of faithful musicians, dancers and listeners, at the Central Point Grange. We had a delicious potluck with enough cake and coffee to last all afternoon. Door prizes were won by Donna Frazier and Pick Lydic; emcee was Ralph Byers and Merle Pasley on sound. Guests were: Al & Edith Lewis, Harlin Prince and Lola Holley, all from District 5 Coquille; Irvn Johnson, District 1 Klamath Falls, and the Modrells, District 10 Canyonville. Welcome! One and all! Please, come again, soon! Jim Hoots started off our program. You may not know that he is a National Grand Champion, winning many trophies. His favorite might be placing 1st at Weiser over a field of 81 fiddlers. New member, Katie Ryder, from Central Point, played the guitar and sang; another new fiddler was Stacy Horton, from Ashland. Welcome, we are glad you came. It was good to have Ray Hanson back, after a long sick spell. Betty Deckard is bouncing back, playing the harmonica.

Hank Modrell is scheduled for major surgery on November 23 at the Sacred

Heart Hospital in Eugene. Our prayers and best wishes for a full recovery.

Tommy and Joyce Grissom, Mona Givens, Don and Kathern Luker are all enjoying a winter in the sunny south. Ralph Byers and Zee Blakeslee are planning a three-month vacation in Baja, Mexico.

Time to think about our Christmas Party. Zelma Foote is Chairman, with help from Doris Barkley and Pauline Winslow. Gift exchange--optional--bring one, receive one--\$5 value--mark "him" or "her." District 4 will furnish the turkey, ham, mashed potatoes and gravy. You bring something to round out a festive dinner. The date is Saturday, December 5 at 10:30 AM. Dinner will be served at noon. Y'all Come--guests welcome, too, and let's have a lot of fun! Open to the public at 2 PM.

Jam and Potluck on January 2, 1993 (Saturday) and Saturday, February 6, 1993, will be at the Rogue River Senior Center, 132 Broadway, Rogue River.

Hope you had a happy Thanksgiving. We will look forward to a big turnout on December 5, at our Christmas Party.

Pauline Winslow, Reporter

DISTRICT 5:

CHAIRMAN-Pat Kraemer; CO-CHAIRMAN-Lew Holt; SEC/TREAS-Ruth Whaley

Greetings from District 5 and the southern Oregon coast. We were pleased to have Mapril Combs join us at Hearthside with her fiddle. It has been a long time--too long.

The gang has been busy all month at the nursing homes. We average 15 to 20 people each time, so if you multiply that times four nursing homes and two senior centers each month, that comes out to a lot of hours. It keeps us busy and happy. One Tuesday we play at one nursing home in the afternoon and another that evening. We try to arrange our tunes so we play different tunes each time. The audience doesn't know the difference, but it makes us reach out more for tunes and it adds variety to our playing.

The "big one" for the month was our Thanksgiving Dinner and Jam on the 14th in Reedsport. We were especially pleased to have Buck and Susie Milligan, Don and Ruth Loring, Jo Barnes, Paul Lakey, Dorene and Dave Winkelman, Mark and Ila Mae Carmickle, Dennis and Thelma Allen, Linda Carver, Joy Halliwell, and others from other districts who came to listen. District 4, 5, 6 and 10 were represented. We want to thank all of those who helped prepare the food and for helping with the tables and chairs. And Lloyd Shriber for doing the MC-ing.

Now we look forward to December. On the 12th we will gather at Dew Valley at noon for our Christmas dinner and jam--much like we did at Reedsport. The district will furnish the turkey and mashed potatoes and you can bring the rest. Dew Valley is south of Bandon 4 or 5 miles. It is a little community building on the right--right next to the highway. You can't miss it. The next day--on the 13th--we will be playing in the mall in Pony Village at 2:00. Going to January--the 9th we will be at the Senior Center in Coos Bay from 7:00 to 10:00. In February we hope to be in Florence. March at Broadbent. We are working on April, and in May at Brookings. We are attempting to move around to better serve the membership in our district.

Lew Holt, Reporter

DISTRICT 6:

CHAIRMAN-Joy Halliwell; CO-CHAIRMAN-John Davis; SEC/TREAS-Ray Mitchell

Our December jam will be held on the 6th at the Moose Lodge in Lebanon..(To get there from I-5, go through town about 2 1/2 miles..Moose is on the right.)

Ken Halliwell has been ill with pneumonia. He is feeling better. Charlie Pruitt had his tonsils removed November 4..he is doing well. Vivian Steele had cataract surgery November 4--she is doing well.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Veda Margason in July. We wish to offer our deep sympathy to Donald and his family at this time.

Lucille Childers has name tags--anyone wishing to get one call 688-2976.

NEW MEMBERS: John and Pem Winquist, Eugene....Roger and Nancy Berggren and son, Dallas.

A big "Thank You" to all the musicians who played at Scottish Rites and at Peterson Barn and other events.

BIRTHDAYS: Wayne Tracy, 18th; Mike Garcia, 31st; Grace Fox, 9th; Lloyd

Shriber, 23rd; Vera Kinnaman, 2nd. Belated birthday greetings to Jay Sykes, Nov. 29.

HOW TRUE: The easiest way to find something is to buy a replacement.
WE WISH EVERYONE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Addie Gonshorowski, Reporter

DISTRICT 7:

CHAIRMAN-Red Arnold; CO-CHAIRMAN-Carl Helgerson; SEC/TREAS-Cohleen Finley

Our next jam will be at the Gresham Senior Center. The address is 50 Elliott St. in Gresham. To get there, go out Powell Blvd. to Elliott St. It is on the corner, the door is on the Elliott side. The doors will open at 10 AM, with Christmas dinner at 12 noon. District 7 will furnish the turkey, ham, spuds, gravy and dressing. Bring your own dinner service and salad, vegetables, or dessert. Dinner will be at 12 noon, then the jam till 4 PM.

We will have our Feb jam at the YWCA in St. Johns, at which time we will have election of officers, so have someone in mind you would like to have for officers next year.

Cactus Finley had a good workshop at our Beaverton jam. We had about a dozen present and future guitar players. We had an interesting and productive class.

We had a real good jam at Beaverton with 32 musicians to a good audience, if everyone would have sat down it would have been a full house. We had some people we have not seen for a long time.

One of our oldtime members, Frank Warner, passed away Nov. 10. He has not been active for several years, due to poor health.

Someone left a tan jacket at our Gladstone jam. With cold weather setting in he might like to have it back.

REMEMBER, DUES ARE DUE. IF YOU WANT TO BE IN THE ROSTER, HAVE THEM IN BY MARCH 1.

That's all from our neck of the woods, have fun and see y'around.

Red Arnold, Reporter

DISTRICT 8:

CHAIRMAN-Don Simons; CO-CHAIRMAN-Lew Standiford; SEC/TREAS-Faythe Maahs

We had a good jam at Buell Grange. Lots of good music and good food. A big "THANKS" to the ladies who cooked the Thanksgiving turkey, ham and trimmings. It was delicious and was enjoyed by all.

Our Christmas Jam will be at the Willamina VFW Hall Dec 13. Doors open at 10 AM, short business meeting at 11 AM. Nominating Committee, please have your report ready for the meeting. Potluck at 12:00. Everyone please remember to bring your own cups, plates and silverware for the potlucks.

District 8 will have all monthly jams, until further notice, at the VFW Hall in Willamina. Jams will be on the 3rd Sunday of each month--starting in January.

Our sympathy is sent to the families of Lee and Hilda Reynolds. They passed away within two days of each other. We will miss them, as they were always at District 8 jams. Also, sympathy to Don Woods and family on the loss of a brother-in-law.

Chuck Williams had surgery Nov 13 and is not doing well. Will have more surgery Dec. 7. Get well wishes to you, Chuck. Mable Neal will have hip surgery Dec 15. We wish you well, Mable. Betty Dunn is doing fine after knee surgery. Charlie Jensen had eye surgery on Nov 24. Good luck to you, Charlie.

Lew and Jean Standiford have two new great-grandsons, born within two days of each other. Congratulations!! to you, Lew and Jean.

Ed and Donna Priebe were married a couple of months ago, and they are leaving for a honeymoon ocean cruise Dec 13.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS: Nylene Beck, Faythe Maahs, Helen Marsland, Inez Pickering, Richard Anderson, Pauline Buckbee.

ANNIVERSARY WISHES: Bertha Veer, Les and Jeanne Johnson.

Remember, your yearly dues are due.

Joyce Crump, Reporter

DISTRICT 9:

CHAIRMAN-Walt Cooper; CO-CHAIRMAN- Julia Milleson; SEC/TREAS-Ruel Teague
Seasons Greetings!

A good number of musicians turned out for the November jam. It was nice to see a few familiar faces back to enjoy an afternoon of music and dancing. Fiddlers in attendance were Darlene Austin, Brick Calloway, Walt Cooper, Rusty Knight, Lloyd Louie, Stacy Reynolds, Rose Roberts and Ruel Teague. Back up musicians included Janet Burgess, Julia Milleson, Roy Reed, Paula Reynolds, Joan Sutter and some of the folks who also fiddled.

A couple of folks entertained at the Burns Nursing Home. Brick Calloway keeps this project alive by faithfully remembering it is the second Monday of the month when the fiddlers play for an hour or so. The folks at the Home greatly enjoy this monthly event.

The December jam will feature a Holiday Dinner with ham, turkey and all the trimmings....potluck, of course. The district will provide the ham and turkey, cooked by a couple of willing volunteers. Mealtime is 1 PM at the Senior Center in Burns.

Thanks to the musicians who have been opening their homes on Friday nights for practice sessions. You are appreciated! And a round of applause for Julia Milleson, who calls everyone each week with the time and place.

Happy fiddlin'

Janet Burgess, Reporter

DISTRICT 10:

CHAIRMAN-Lewis Roy; CO-CHAIRMAN-Dennis Allen; SEC/TREAS-Etta Powell

We hope all of you had a happy Thanksgiving, and Christmas will soon be here. With so many people hungry and out of work we think it would be good if everyone could bring a can of food or something to put in Christmas baskets to help feed the needy people for Salvation Army, etc. We will have a box for this when you come to the Dec 5 meeting.

We had a good turnout at North Douglas Grange Hall in Curtin on Nov 7--62 people came for dinner/jam. We want to thank Lloyd Shriber for being MC there and all the others who came from District 6. We had a good meeting-dinner-jam.

Our next meeting will be Dec 5 at Myrtle Creek Grange. Meeting 11 AM, potluck at noon, jam at 1 PM. Please bring your own table service. To get there: going south take Exit 108 into Myrtle Creek, go through town past Dairy Queen, cross the bridge and turn left on Riverside Drive. You'll find the grange hall on the left, not very far; going north take Exit 103 (Tri-City), through Tri-City to Riverside Drive, turn right and you'll find the grange on the left--I think less than a mile. Plenty of parking space.

Bud Richardson and Louise Trimble went to Sacramento, CA, to attend his daughter's wedding on Oct. 4.

Linda Carver had a jam on the center line of Highway 42 near Bridge when a truck wrecked and blocked the highway for nearly two hours. She started playing her mandolin and people started gathering around. One truck driver said he played guitar, so Linda said she had a guitar. He played it while a couple of women started singing along. Good way to kill time. Perhaps one of the strangest places to have a jam.

We want to thank Zelma Foote, Jim Lockard and Linda Carver, our state officers, for a job well done.

Our sympathy goes out to Percy Langdon and family. We will miss Lucille very much.

Get well wishes go to Kater Gates of Elkton, who had surgery in November. Lowell Coffey has been in the hospital and is home now. Hope all goes well. Also to all of you who were hit by the flu bug.

Happy Anniversary to Dennis and Thelma Allen on the 24th of Dec.--their 53rd. And to Tom and Marlene Shepherd for their 40th on the 20th of Dec.

Happy Birthday to all of you who have birthdays in December. Peggy Krohn, Whitey Kelm, Gayle Curtis, Velma Kinman, Leon Rosson, Dick Miller, Lisa Rosson, Chole Mason, Alta Tackett, Jerry Rogers, Louise Trimble and Carol Beck--and all of you who didn't give me your dates.

We want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Several of us are still playing and singing at senior centers, care homes, etc. The people enjoy the music and dancing once in awhile.

My slogan is "Every reality was once someone's dream." Don't be afraid to dream. They do come true sometimes if you believe--God bless all.

Lanora Waggoner, Reporter

FROM THE EDITOR:

I received notice from Soroptimist International of Crescent City announcing "The Redwood Country Fiddle Contest has been discontinued. Soroptimist International of Crescent City, California has decided not to sponsor the contest any longer."

I have information on the contest/show at "The Ranch" in Arizona July 2, 3, and 4. Competition categories: Old Time Country Band, Bluegrass Band, Specialty Vocal, Specialty Instrumental, Fiddle (Senior, Open & Junior). If you want copies, please call or write to me.

At Buell yesterday at the Thanksgiving dinner, Lee Jones gave a nice tribute to the Reynolds' years of service. It was appreciated. Charles Bennett (Their son-in-law.)

SECRETARY'S CORNER:

I would like to thank the districts who have been so supportive of the new ways of district record keeping.

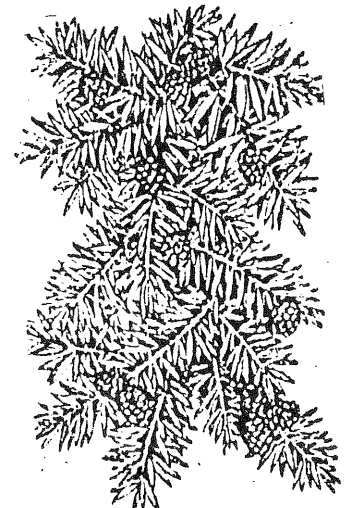
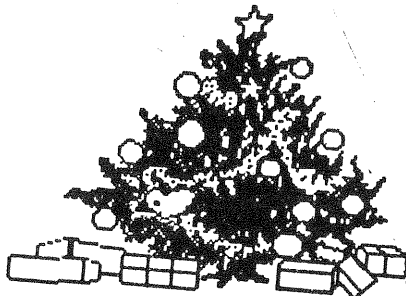
By paying your dues at the district level each district will know who has and has not paid. The district treasurer is the proper person to pay, monies deposited in the district treasury and sent on to the state treasurer for deposit at the state level.

With the districts becoming uniform, we also need the state association in line. Somewhere along the line the membership chairman started depositing dues monies--this is what a treasurer is elected for. It's very hard to keep records when you don't do the bookwork. So, let the 10 district treasurers do the work they were elected to do. This will take the workload off a few individuals. The district secretary will forward the application forms to Alice for process and roster information. Alice Holt has done a fine job and we do appreciate it.

I have had several questions on this subject, so I hope this will clarify the proper process.

The Carver family wishes each and every one a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. See you in January at Springfield. Linda Carver

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