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COMING EVENTS			DISTRICT	
Jan	2	Jam, Potluck, Senior Center	Rogue River	4
	9	Jam, Senior Center	LaPine	3
	9	Dance, Senior Center	Coos Bay	5
	9	Meeting, Potluck, Jam, Youth Center	Canyonville	10
	10	Senior Center	Hillsboro	7
	10	Jam, Harney County Senior Center	Burns	9
	13	Jam, Finger Foods, Recreation Hall	Merrill	1
	17	State Quarterly Meeting, Potluck, Jam	Springfield	OOTFA
	17	Jam, VFW Hall	Willamina	8
Feb	6	Jam, Potluck, Senior Center	Rogue River	4
	7	Jam, Potluck, Senior Center	Springfield	6
	7	Jam, YWCA	St. Johns (Ptld)	7
	13	Meeting, Potluck, Jam, Civic Center	Drain	10
	13	Senior Center	Florence	5
	14	Jam, Senior Center	Bend	3
	14	Jam, Harney County Senior Center	Burns	9
	21	Jam, VFW Hall	Willamina	8
Mar	7	Jam, Potluck, Community Building	Talent	4
	7	Jam, Potluck, Senior Center	Springfield	6
	13	Jam, Senior Center	Redmond	3
	14	Jam, Senior Center	Sandy	7
	19-20	State Convention	Roseburg	OOTFA
Apr	11	Jam, Senior Center	Bend	3

FROM YOUR TOE TAPPEN PRESIDENT: HAPPY NEW YEAR, 1993---It was wonderful having all ten districts reporting for the December Hoedowner. Reporters keep up the good work. Everyone wants to know what the other people are doing. I would suggest when telling where a jam is being held to give the address or directions to find the place.

As a child, the years were so long, but it seems they are getting shorter all the time. With that in mind, I'm going to remind you of a few dates that will be here before we know it. Sunday, January 17, 1993, 10:00 a.m. we will have the State Quarterly Meeting in Springfield at the Willamalane Senior Center. March 18-20, 1993, the OOTFA State Meeting will be held in Roseburg. Set-up day is Thursday, March 18, 1993. As many people come in on Wednesday, March 17, 1993, and want to jam, we have reserved an area for this purpose. The OOTFA State Contest will be in Lebanon the weekend of May 14-15, 1993.

Since the last Hoedowner came out I've had numerous calls regarding the proposed dues change and possible changes for our State Contest. It has been

interesting as I've received more positive reaction than negative. So, if you have any suggestions give them to your District Chairman and remember YOU will have an opportunity to vote on these issues at the State Convention. All proposed changes will be in the February Hoedowner.

It is so easy to overlook someone new who has come to a jam to listen and play because they don't know the procedure used in getting to play. Anytime you see a new person carrying a fiddle, please make an effort to get them on the program. This is so important with children. Break the rule a little to let them play. Many people are shy about being forward in a group.

MY QUOTE: The best remedy for discontent is to count our blessings. HAPPY NEW YEAR----Zelma

DISTRICT 1:

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

A new year is almost upon us. It flew, and I didn't accomplish much. Hope all had a wonderful Christmas.

The fiddlers played two nights at the Mall, entertaining the Christmas shoppers, Merrill Seniors Birthday Lunch. It is held the 2nd Tuesday of each month. All who would like to play, feel free to join them at the Merrill Recreation Hall. Lunch at 11:30. We played at Clarmont House on December 13.

Our Christmas party was well-attended. Nice people, delicious food and music. I want to thank all who helped. Evelyn Peterson did a wonderful job of cooking the turkey, potatoes and gravy. We have to keep her happy, don't want to lose her.

It was Bill Noble's 86th birthday, so we celebrated with a beautiful cake. Irene Ruddock, Bob Schome and Sarah Fury also had December birthdays. Faye Patterson made a pretty angel for the raffle. Didn't get the name of the young girl who won the angel. Alice won the Christmas tree.

Happy Birthday to our January members--Naomi Voss, 3rd; Thelma Nelson, 13th; Jo Harris, 19th. I'm sorry if I've missed anyone, I've mis-laid my list. Don't forget Clairmont House.

A map of the Diamond Lake Campground is in the Hoedowner. We want to have Section A for fiddlers. We need to have reservations in by Feb. 1. Call Faye, 798-5973, or Irene, 884-1484. (From Faye: Several people have mentioned that they would like to be in the gravel overflow area again this year. This is already reserved for '93--no charge. So you have a choice of that or campsites. Call Faye for more information, 798-5973.)

January meeting second Sunday, January 13, at Merrill Recreation Hall. Starts at 10:00. Bring finger foods.

Happy New Year, stay well.

Jo Harris, Reporter

DISTRICT 3:

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

Our December 13 jam and Christmas dinner brought out about 50 people. The icy roads and numerous Christmas events kept many occupied. We had an excellent jam with 14 musicians. Sally and Ken Jordan delighted us all with a new (to us) song, "Jesus Makes Housecalls," which they heard Boxcar Willie do when they were in Branson, Missouri, 'this past September. By popular request, Jack Kerr did the Yogi Yorgesson comedy "Yingle Bells" that he sang the previous Christmas season.

The January jam will be held at the LaPine Senior Center on Saturday the 9th. We are hoping to reach more people by holding six of our jams in locations other than Bend. We will be in Bend every other month beginning in February.

A membership in the OOTFA for Mary Ann and Clarence Harris, Jr. of Hood River was purchased as a Christmas gift from Clarence's parents Cliff and Ada Harris of District 3. Clarence is a talented fiddler and we welcome another Harris family to OOTFA. It appears the new members live within the District 7 area, but any new OOTFA member is a plus for all of the districts.

A membership in OOTFA would be a nice present to give for most any occasion and something we should all keep in mind for people who enjoy good music.

January birthday greetings go to Bill Dalton, 14th; Shirley Sims, 15th;

Sally Jordan, 16th; Jane Thompson, 21st; Don Hanson, 24th; and Hazel Flock on the 31st. We have no anniversaries listed for January.

Peggy Kerr, Reporter

DISTRICT 4:

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

The Christmas Party on Dec. 5 at the Central Point Grange was a big success. Zelma Foote, Doris Barkley and Pauline Winslow spent Friday afternoon decorating the hall, including the two trees. The dinner was delicious--we had it all. Many thanks to one and all for providing such a wonderful feast. Paula Pasley was in charge of the gift exchange. We had many door prizes, including poinsettias, turkey and fruit bowl. Odetta Levine and Ethel Holstin kept things rolling in the kitchen. By early afternoon there was a head count of 125, musicians, dancers and listeners. Vic Flood was MC and Merle Pasley on sound. For special entertainment, we enjoyed the Bethel Hand Bell Ringers, who played a series of Christmas songs. Ruby Downing had time for only one dance, with her puppet show. Our guests were Irven Johnson, from District 1, Klamath Falls, and Guy Kinman, District 10, Roseburg. We even had a visit from Santa. Such a feeling of love and cooperation. We are fortunate to be a part of this organization.

We have several on the sick list. Jack Lester had minor surgery. Fred Samples is recovering from a serious automobile accident. Helen Brown had a bad fall, but with the help of Jim Barrett and his sister, Freda Serpa, she is making some improvement. Hjalmer Edwards has had triple by-pass heart surgery and expects to be able to leave the hospital by Friday, December 18.

Walter and Zelma Foote left on December 16 to spend the holidays with their daughter, son and families in Chantilly, VA (near Washington, D.C.) They will be gone about two weeks.

Liz Brenner has invited our members to come to a jam session at the Shady Cove Grange on Saturday, January 16, 1993, 1:00 PM. Hopefully, this will develop into a regular event for the 3rd Saturday of each month. Coming from Medford on Highway 62, turn left at the laundromat to find the grange.

Our next two jams will be at the Rogue River Senior Center, 132 Broadway. January 2 and February 6, both on Saturday. Doors open 10:30 AM, potluck at noon, open to the public at 1:00 PM.

Joe Levine has done a fine job as Chairman, but his two-year tenure is nearly over, and it is time to step down. The March 7 meeting will be election time for new officers.

March 7 jam and potluck will be on a Sunday, at the Talent Community Building. Address: 204 East Main Street, Talent. Doors open at 10:30 AM, election of new officers, potluck at noon, and open to the public at 1:00 PM.

Best wishes for the New Year. Don't forget that dues are due, and we are on the lookout for new officers.

Pauline Winslow, Reporter

DISTRICT 5:

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

The first Tuesday we played twice in Reedsport. At 11:30 we played for the seniors as they ate at the senior center. We particularly enjoyed the time after lunch when we played for a special group that "hung around" to listen. There were two couples that came right down where we were playing and started requesting tunes. We were able to play most of the requests. As they go back to California, I bet they are still talking about the "old time fiddle music" and the memories that it brought back. They requested such tunes as Turkey in the Straw, Tennessee Waltz, Yankee Doodle, Home on the Range, Red River Valley, Coming 'Round the Mountain, Green, Green Grass of Home - tunes that we could play. We stayed an extra 15 minutes just to play for them.

At 1:15 we scooted over the nursing home in Reedsport. Chairman Pat and Russ Hall had met with the people at the nursing home and had set up a schedule for us to play there each month. Russ introduced the director of activities who welcomed us to the facility. We played many of our old favorites that we play most every week - besides some requests. Now we look forward to when we play there the first Tuesday in January.

December 8 we played in Myrtle Point at the nursing home. December 12 a Christmas jam turned into a Christmas party. The closeness of Dew Valley and the friendly atmosphere gave us the feeling of Christmas and a good time together. Chairman Pat conducted a business meeting of District 5. We were especially pleased to have Norma Allen attend and it was nice to have Wally Bloom and Dawn Meldrim from Veneta and Robert and

Dorothy Meadows from Roseburg. We want to thank all of you who did so much to make the party a success.

The next day we played in an empty store off the mall in Pony Village. The back up sat on the stage and the fiddlers stood down front. We each took our turn and played one time through and the hour was up. We attracted a good audience - many coming in to sit down to listen. All of the this was to help out the RSVP program.

The 15th we played at the Life Care Nursing Home in Coos Bay. It was fun to mix in some Christmas Carols. We did have a little competition, though, when in marched a llama, two cockatoos, a cat, and several dogs.

We need to take a few lines to note the members who have been in the hospital this month. Fred Virtue had a two week stay with surgery. Paul Williams ended up in the hospital, too. Esther Gosney has been in the hospital for away too long. Then Dan Schaeffer was injured and is in the hospital. This has not been a good month for District 5. We want all of these people to know that we are thinking about them and give them our best for the best recovery possible.

I want to remind you that on January 9th that we will be at the Senior Center in Coos Bay from 7:00 to 9:00. On February 13th we will be at the Senior Center in Florence from 1:00 to 4:00. We will continue our regular nursing home schedule.

Lew Holt, Reporter

DISTRICT 6:

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

Next jam is January 17 at Willamalane Senior Center, C and Water Street, Springfield, OR. This is the State Quarterly Meeting.. Potluck at noon.. Bring Hotdishes, Salads or Dessert.. Have all pies, cakes, etc., cut and ready to serve... Out-of-town campers can park at Coburg Grange lot.. There will a jam at the Grange on Saturday night. Sandwiches and pies will be sold starting at 5 PM and also at evening break about 9 PM. For more details call Jim Lockard, 484-6488.

NEW MEMBERS: Robert and Bettie Williams, Albany... Lloyd and Vera Jeideman, Springfield... Roy and Margaret Voss, Veneta...

Earl Payne was in the hospital for several days. He is doing better but still not up to dancing... Hurry back, we miss you... Andy Menkins had eye surgery December 7... Jim Powell had minor surgery December 3rd.. He is back dancing again.. Faye Jackson had surgery on her wrist.. Hope to see her playing that fiddle again soon. Oscar Halverson has been sick, he got the flu on top of getting cancer treatments. We wish him a speedy recovery.

BIRTHDAYS: John Childers, 22nd; Althea Delp, 26th; Betty Bruneau, 1st; Dawn Meldrim, 13th; Glen Wagner, 4th; Alan Eade, 16th; Allison Roberts, 19th; Brian Peckham, 9th; Stan Murrey, 1st; Kristina Pruitt, 16th; Elaine Costa, 27th.

ANNIVERSARIES: Purl and Grace Fox, 26th, 57 years; Calvin and Velma Boyles, 24th.

FORGOTTEN AT THE NOVEMBER JAM in Springfield.. Corning casserole dish and orange cup. Call Addie, 343-5868.

STRANGE LAWS: A Kansas law states: If two trains approach each other at a crossing.. they shall both come to a full stop and neither shall start up until the other has gone..?..

Addie Gonshorowski, Reporter

DISTRICT 7:

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

Our next jam will be January 10 at the Hillsboro Senior Center, located at 750 SE 8th, or 8th and Maple. The doors will open at 11:00 AM, potluck at noon and jam 1-4 PM. As you go into Hillsboro on Highway 8 westbound, the highway makes a turn to the right--a park is on the left. Go to the first light, turn left, go two blocks and the Center is on the left.

We will have election of officers at our February jam, at which time we will have to elect all three officers as well as someone to carry the coffee pot and help with the potluck, also someone to take charge of the sound equipment.

I failed to report a while back the Irv Smith had major surgery but is now recovering nicely and feeling frisky enough to join the snowbirds. As far as I know, everyone else is in pretty good shape for the shape there are in. If

I forgot anyone or anything, I might remember it and report it later.

I would like to welcome all new members we have taken in recently. There are some good fiddlers and some good prospective fiddlers.

If anyone knows of guitar or fiddle teachers in various areas of town, please let me know. Recently we have had requests for teachers in various parts of town and sad to say we have not been able to help them out.

Our Gresham jam was a big success. With a few major operational changes it turned out great. I would like to thank everyone for the delicious food and thank the ladies who took care of the potluck.

We have the opportunity to play at the Warner Grange the third Sunday of the month. We will talk it over later as to the hours, compensation and the frequency. You are welcome to go check it out the third Sunday in January.

And now for the lighter side: dues are due!!

Red Arnold, Reporter

DISTRICT 8:

CHAIRMAN-Don Simons; CO-CHAIRMAN-Lew Standiford; SEC/TREAS-Ruth Jones

We hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas. Now we look forward to the New Year 1993, with all good wishes for everyone.

We had a good jam December 13 at the Willamina VFW Hall in Willamina. We were pleased to have musicians from the other districts join us. It was good to see Bundy and Ruth Albertoni from Florence. They are former District 8 members.

Our next jam will be January 17 at the Willamina VFW Hall. Doors open at 10:00 AM, potluck at noon, jam open to the public at 1:00 PM.

Chuck Williams is recovering very well from his surgery. Mable Neal had surgery December 15.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BIRTHDAYS IN JANUARY: Alan Ede, Jeanne Johnson, Jackie Stephenson, Bob Hughes, Johnnie Leigh, Mable Neal, Jess Neal, Frank Smith, Steve Fedorko.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO: Leonard and Faythe Maahs, Don and Daisy Simons.

Happy New Year from District 8.

Joyce Crump, Reporter

DISTRICT 9:

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

Happy New Year!

Well, the Christmas Season is now behind us and the new year is on its way. The Christmas potluck was wonderful, thanks to all the folks who came and brought such good food to share. Thanks to Darlene Austin for cooking the turkey, gravy and dressing. And thanks also to Julia Millison for cooking the ham.

Carl, Brenda and Stephen Stinnett of John Day and Dave and Lynette Hulick of Seneca were down for the afternoon to join in the festivities. Y'all come back now, anytime. Ruel and Margaret Teague were busy vacationing in Mexico, so they missed all the fun. Well, maybe you could have fun on vacation.

Fiddlers played at the Christmas Light Extravaganza held at the local theater in mid December. It's a talent show, and the fiddling went on between the tumblers and the break dancer.

Don't forget the jam on January 10. Bring a friend!

Janet Burgess, Reporter

DISTRICT 10:

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

We hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas and remember the true meaning of Christmas. I hope and pray the New Year will be better for all of us and that we can know the true meaning of friendship, get together and talk to each other, sing and play for the joy it gives.

Our December meeting was held on the 5th at the Myrtle Creek Grange Hall with over 60 attending. Frances Roy did a beautiful job of decorating the tables--thanks, Frances.

Our next meeting, potluck, jam will be January 9 at the Youth Center in Canyonville, starting at 11:00 AM. Please bring your own table service, potluck

dish. To get there, take I-5 south to exit 98, turn left, go under freeway then right to yellow building near Methodist Church, 1st and Pine. Hope to see you there.

Buck Milligan suggests we spend some money to give guitar lessons to children who want to learn so they can back up future fiddlers. Also, he wants to thank Cactus Finley for a job well done in the guitar workshop.

I'm happy to report Kater Gates is recovering very well from his surgery. Eating everything in sight. Hank Modrell is feeling better--get well soon, Hank.

Happy Anniversary to Van and Johnie Garret and Rudy and Bea Engelbrecht in January 21.

Happy January Birthday to Joyce Pickett, 1st; Lewis Roy, 11th; Glen Brown, 18th; Merna Jones, 30th.

We had our first snow this morning, so pretty. Wishing all of you a Happy New Year.

Lanora Waggoner, Reporter

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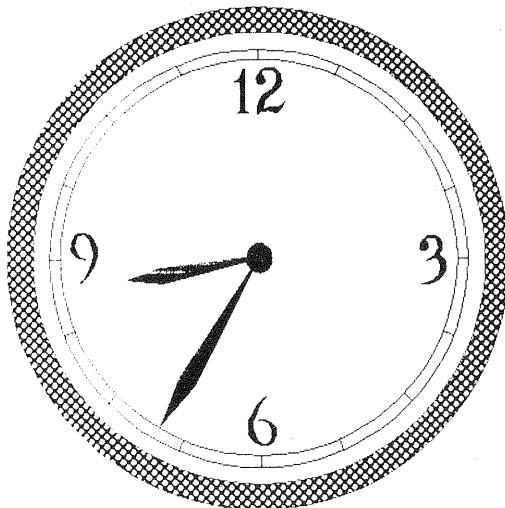
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