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COMING EVENTS

				<u>DIST.</u>
Jan. 14	Jam Session	Lowell O Grange Hall	Lowell, Or	6
Jan. 14	Jam Session	Senior Citizen Center	Salem, Or	8
Jan. 14	Jam Session		Central Point, Or	4

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

Greetings Fiddlers and Hoedown Members.

I am sorry I never got an article in the Hoedowner last month, but seems like time went by me too fast.

I am hoping everyone had a nice Thanksgiving, as we went to my Mothers and enjoyed the day.

Looking towards Christmas I hope you all get out to the different Christmas Programs and enjoy the Fellowship of members and non-members alike. I wish I could be at them all, but I only have one fiddling body. I'll try to be there in spirit, so everyone look for a little old Santa Claus Fiddler.

Keep Fiddling
LeRoy Sims

CORRECTION:

Last month at the Tulelake-Butte Valley Fair, there was a mistake in the standings, we are correcting them here. Bill Noble - 2nd Dick Thierolf - 3rd.

EDITOR'S MESSAGE:

Don't forget, your dues are due. \$4.00 single; \$5.00 couple; \$6.00 family.

Sorry the paper is so late, but we have moved and I just could not get the moving; part to the beach and part to an apartment; my job and Christmas all completed on time. January will be on time provided I receive all the material in time. This month is my fault and I am sorry. Please note my change of address.

Some very sad news to pass on to you. L.D. Daniels passed away from a heart attack on Thanksgiving Day.

It is impossible to tell you the loss that I feel this organization will have from his passing. My heart goes out to the family. We will miss him very much.

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DISTRICT #1

This past month our fiddlers played for a benefit dinner at the Keno School raising money for an emergency medical unit at Keno. We also played at the nursing homes besides getting together at different homes for a night of jamming.

Our next meeting will be our Xmas party at Merrill on Dec. 9. For the potluck, we are asking for a hot dish and salad or dessert. There will be a gift exchange - \$2 limit. Please label the gift whether to a man or a woman.

We had eight out-of-district fiddlers at our last meeting and wish to thank them all for coming.

June Sandusky, Reporter

DISTRICT #4

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District #4 had their monthly jam at Wimer Hall. As always a good time was had by all. Many of our fiddlers were off hunting, but we managed to have 23 anyway. There were plenty of seconds, so thanks to all these nice people we had a good program. There was plenty of dancing to the toe-tapping music and all who potlucked were full and content.

Dist. #4 Christmas party is scheduled for Dec. 16 at Jerome Prairie Hall. The hall will be open all day Saturday for those who can and will come to help get the tables up etc. There will be overnight camping, so come one and all for a fun weekend.

The meat will be furnished, also the punch. The meat will be ham and turkey, so bring your best holiday goodies to make up the rest of the dinner.

There will be a \$2 gift exchange; men bring a man's gift, ladies a woman's gift.

District #4 wishes all our friends a happy holiday season and we hope to see lots of them at our Christmas party.

Martha Warwick

DISTRICT #6

There will be a jam session Dec. 17 at Thurston Grange, 66 and High Bank Road. We will have pot luck and elect officers. Turn off Hwy 126 at 66th east of Springfield; go north, you can't miss. Hope to see you there.

Jerry Kinnaman, Co-Chairman

The jam session at the Albany Senior Center was quite a success in spite of the inclement weather. We had 14 fiddlers and a good number of accompanists plus a few specials. Danced a while after the show too.

The Albany Center is a fine place to hold a jam. Fine, large hall; kitchen and parking area.

Please note the important item from our Co-chairman, Jerry Kinaman for all Dist. 6 members.

This will be our Xmas party also, NO GIFTS, PLEASE!

George Stout, Chairman Dist.6

Sunday, January 14, 1979 district #6 will have a "jam" at the Lowell O Grange.

Doors will open at 10:30 - potluck at noon. The public is invited at 1 PM.

Road directions from the north. Follow freeway #5 to Klamath Falls, Oakridge exit onto Willamette highway # 58 to Lowell turnoff. Go through covered bridge on Pioneer Street to first stop sign. Turn left on Moss to Grange hall on the right side of street. You all come! For any additional information please call Marion M Hiatt, 38896 Fir Ave. Box 91, Dexter, Or. 97431 or call 937-2675

DISTRICT #8

Had a large crowd at Buell Grange last jam session. Thanks to everyone who helped. Next jam session is a Christmas party plus a jam session.

When: Dec. 10 Where: Woodburn Grange Hall at Highway 214 and Settlemier St. across from Jr. Hi School, Woodburn, Or. Dist. #8 will furnish meat, potatoes, dressing and gravy. Bring your favorite dishes for Christmas dinner. Bring your own service, exchange gifts. Woman bring womens and men bring a man's gift. \$2 limit please.

Doors will be open at 10 AM, dinner at noon; Show 1 PM for public.

January 14th jam session at Salem Citizen Center; location, Capitol St. N.E. and Erickson N.E. 1000, Salem, Or.

A special thanks to the ones that are playing for the Nursing homes, and a special thanks to the group that played for the V.F.W. potluck dinner on Nov. 11th a Woodburn Grange Hall.

Jeanette Robinson, Reporter District #8

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FIDDLER OF THE MONTH

BOB FAST

Bob Fast was born October 30, 1918 near Kirksville, Missouri. He was one of nine children and music was very much a part of all their lives. His dad was a well-known fiddler in N.E. Missouri, who won a few contests and played for many dances.

Bob seconded for his father on the banjo, when he was very small. Sometimes he'd get so sleepy he'd start to nod; his dad would reach over and, with his fiddle bow, crack him over the head to wake him up.

Bob took very few lessons on the fiddle and played some when he was a teenager, then, like so many others, forgot it for years.

While camping in Eastern Oregon one Saturday night in June, he heard the Weiser Contest on his radio. He thought it was so great to hear such good old-time fiddling. After that he began watching for contests and joined the Old-time Fiddlers around 1970. Since then he has really enjoyed the music and his association with the other fiddlers.

Bob and Dulcie have been married 37 years. They have two children and three grandchildren. Bob is a sheet metal worker, and next to fiddling he likes to fish and enjoys the outdoors.

Bob is a fine fiddler and like so many others, has composed some real fine fiddle tunes. He has a style that is distinctively his very own. As he plays, his finger action and his fiddle tunes closely resemble the beauty and fluidity of a flute.

Bob has a friendly, sensitive personality that has endeared him to all his many friends.

Minnie Bennett, Historian

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