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COMING EVENTS

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Dec. 12	Jam & Xmas Party	Sunnyside Grange	Sunnyside, Oregon	7 & 8
Dec. 18	Christmas Party	Jerome Prairie Grange	Jerome Prairie, Oregon	4

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ----- Jim Secor

Now that the County Fairs are over, I want to thank all of the people that helped. The turnout at Albany could have been better, but I realize that Friday evening early is a bad time, also, this was our first year at Albany and we can plan on it next year. We have been invited back to all of them. This is our main source of income, so let's take care of them.

I would like to have a business meeting in January, preferably in the Eugene area, as this is the most centrally located. Let's make it a State Jam and have a good turnout.

This is all for this time. I hope everyone has a nice Thanksgiving.

NEWS FROM OUR SECRETARY ----- Edna Yohey

1977 dues may be paid now. Single membership \$3.00, couple \$4.00 and a family is \$5.00. Either pay your district secretary or send direct to me. It's a big help if this is done early. My address is 934 N. Davis, McMinnville, Ore. 97128.

DISTRICT #1 ----- Lee Eddy, Reporter

Saturday night, October 9th we had our potluck and get-together. Rather a small turnout, due to other local activities. We had a nice potluck and a nice evening with some good music enjoyed by all.

Sunday, October 23rd we played for the Klamath County Nursing Home and The Holiday Motel for a Senior Citizens group.

We will have our next get-together and business meeting, Saturday night, November 13th at the Merrill Rec Center in Merrill, Oregon. There will be a hamburger fry for members and invited guests starting at 6:00 PM and business meeting. Open to the public at 8:00 PM. Ladies bring salad or dessert. We will discuss plans for our December Activity and New Years Party, See you there.

DISTRICT #4 ----- Martha Warwick, Reporter

District #4 had a successful jam session on Oct. 3rd despite the hunting season

down here. There was a delicious potluck, a full compliment of entertainment featuring our talented fiddlers with their very special seconds and many talented guests with other instruments or singing. What a fine program!

During the rest of October, many requests have been filled at rest homes, senior citizens clubs, hospitals, nursing homes, schools and churches. Fiddlers are very generous. There also has been several fun parties at various homes.

Our next jam session will be at Wimer Grange in Wimer with a meeting along with our usual potluck. Meeting to start about 11:30. Let's have a large turnout on Nov. 11th at Wimer Grange Hall. The Hoesters will host this one.

District 4 Christmas Party will be Dec. 18th at Jerome Prairie Comm. Hall where we always meet. There will be overnight camping there. All of the ladies special dishes will be served. Our hostess will be Stella Neathammer who will be doing the decorating. She may need some help so please see her at the Wimer Jam if you can help.

We had fun with our \$1.00 gifts last year. Those who want to participate, bring a gift. Men bring man's gift and ladies a woman's gift.

District 4 extends an invitation to all our friends in other districts to join us for this fun weekend Christmas Party. The hall will be open Saturday, Dec. 18th at noon. Our supper will be served at 5:00 PM. Happy Thanksgiving to all.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT #4 Roseburg area ----- Dorothy O. Houston

Saturday, Oct. 23rd, fiddlers and accompanists from the Roseburg, Drain and Elkton area played at Kellogg Grange for a Grange Booster Night program. After the program, the musicians stayed to play for dancing. This group gets together quite often in homes and halls in the area. We are missing very much our old fiddling friend, Jim Rose. He was the heart of our bunch for a lot of years and we spent many a Friday night at his house.

Al Tester was home from the hospital for a couple of days but has returned for more surgery. His address there is: Al Tester, 4th Floor, U.S. Veterans Hospital, S.W. Terwilliger, Portland, Or. 97207. He would enjoy hearing from any or all of you.

DISTRICT #5 ----- Geri Virtue, Reporter

There isn't much to report this month, as we did not have a jam session in District 5, but don't forget our Christmas Party on December 11th beginning at 3:00 PM at the Reedsport Community Building. There will be a \$1.00 gift exchange for anyone who would like to participate. Just bring one for your own sex. Potluck will be at 5:00 PM and doors will open to the public at 7:00 PM. There will be a jam session with a dance afterwards. Hope to see you all there.

DISTRICT #6 ----- George Stout, Chairman

There hasn't been much news from our area of district 6, so thought you might like to hear what we've been up to.

In Sweet Home, we, the Fiddlers and Accompanists play each Tuesday night at the Senior Center from 7:30 to 9:30 PM. This has been received very well and we have had very good audiences. Also once each month we play for a dance at the Center as well as a Fiddle Show once a month at the local nursing home.

We have played for dances at the Senior Center in Lebanon several times and it looks like this may be continued in the future. We enjoy doing this and our audience just loves to hear the music.

The jam session here on Sept. 26th was not the huge success that some in the past have been, but it turned out okay. We had 15 fiddlers and several accompanists and we had time to include a number of specials and played many requests from the audience.

We've been very busy here in Sweet Home and Lebanon fiddling and enjoying it very much, and as Marshall Jackson says "Everybody should fiddle a liddle" and we've been trying to do this.

DISTRICT #7 ----- Marshall Jackson, reporting

Despite the first rainy, dismal, gloomy day of October, a very good turnout of fiddlers, accompanists and audience came to the jam session and potluck held Oct. 24 at the Senior Adult Center in Gresham. The gloom of the weather was turned into a happy and carefree day, with fun for all. A tasty, spicy bountiful potluck was devoured and relished by those who came for it. The show was stolen by "The Mystery Fiddler." A masked, overcoated fiddler, about five feet tall walked to the microphone and played a fine tune. Then the unmasking came and revealed not one, but two fiddlers under the coat. It was Tiffany Wheeler, age six, sitting astride the neck of her 8 yr. old brother, Grant. Tiffany did the fiddling while Grant balanced her on his head and he did the toe tapping also. The act was a scream and was entirely thought up and arranged by these two fine young children of Carol and Jim Wheeler of Schools. Bet you can't fool us again, Kids.

There were 25 fiddlers, 8 accompanists, several more who did not register, and we had several specials. One of our new members from Mt. Angel did a singing, 5 button accordion special that was very good. This gentleman's name is Adam Fairber, Welcome aboard.

We have some very sad news from our district this month, Ellen Hildebrandt passed away on October the 18th. She is the wife of Fred "Freddie the Fiddler" Hildebrandt. We had some wonderful times at their home, wonderful food and great hospitality. She will be sorely missed by us all.

I want to thank all of our friends for the cards, flowers and especially the personal condolences at the time of our loss. The warm feeling of friendship is a great help.

Fred Hildebrandt

DISTRICT #8 ----- Bea Smith, Reporter

Several of our district 8 members attended the Cranberry Festival at Bandon, Sept. 24, 25 and 26th. We had a jam session friday night at the Les McLeod's and the walls were bulging. Saturday night we had a swinging dance with "Good ole Fiddle music." On Sunday they had a big jam session at the school. Thanks to our wonderful friends and hosts the Al Lively's and Les McLeod's, we had a great week-end. Our next jam session will be Nov. 28th at the Buell Grange Hall. Doors open at 10:00 AM, Potluck at noon and program at 1:00 PM. See you there.

DISTRICT 7 AND 8 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Christmas party will again be held at the Sunnyside Grange Dec. 12th. They have enjoyed us being there and asked us to please use their hall again this year. We will have a \$2.00 gift exchange, man for a man, woman for a woman for anyone who would like to. The two districts will furnish the turkey, ham, dressing and rolls. So ladies, bring your special desserts, salads, vegetable or potatoes. Doors will be open at 10:00 AM potluck at noon for fiddlers and their guests only. Public is invited to the afternoon jam session beginning at 1:00 PM. See you there.

YOU ALL COME, HEAR!!!!!!

JONAS COX

FIDDLER FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Jonas Cox was born in Clovis, New Mexico in 1909. His birthplace was a "one-half dugout." He has two brothers and two sisters. He was married in 1930 and his wife, Margie, was a bookkeeper and secretary. They have one son, three grandsons and three granddaughters.

Jonas worked in the Texas oil fields and from there moved to Arizona. He spent two years in Alaska and two in Seattle. He also worked in the shipyards at Swan Island during the 2nd world war. He and Margie now live in Talent, Oregon, where they have resided for thirty years. He says he is a jack of all trades, but spends his time mostly doing cement finishing.

Jonas started playing fiddle when he was about 5 years old. His two uncles played fiddle and he still has the one his father's twin brother gave him. Jonas learned to play by himself. He would go to the square dances and call them while he danced. He learned the tunes he heard, then go home and practice playing them till late in the night after the dance was over. His wife, Margie, said she married him so her folks and his could get some rest.

Jonas joined the Old Time Fiddlers Assoc. about 4 years ago and really has had fun fiddling. He says that all the other fiddlers seem like relatives he loves them so much. He has been State Vice-president and chairman of District #4 for two years. He says he has 15 trophies "including one great grandchild."

Jonas and Margie Cox are super, friendly, outgoing people with hearts of gold. They believe in having a good time and proceed to have one wherever they go.

Minnie Bennett, Historian