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COMING EVENTS

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Dec. 4	Jam Session	Lions Club	Florence, Oregon	6
Dec. 11	Jam & Xmas Party	Community Bldg.	Reedsport, Oregon	5
Dec. 11	Jam Session	Hinnehaha Grange	Vancouver, Washington	7
Dec. 12	Jam & Xmas Party	Sunnyside Grange	Sunnyside, Oregon	7 & 8
Dec. 18	Christmas Party	Jerome Prairie Grange	Jerome Prairie, Oregon	4
Dec. 31	New Years Eve Party	Moose Hall	Merrill, Oregon	1
Jan. 16	State Jam Session	Moose Hall	Roseburg, Oregon	4
Feb. 13	Jam Session	To be Announced	Myrtle Creek, Oregon	4

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I haven't any news this time so I will take this opportunity to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jim Secor

NEWS FROM OUR SECRETARY

Another reminder of your dues - due by Jan. 1, 1977. \$3.00 for one, \$4.00 per couple and \$5.00 for a family. PLEASE make checks to THE OREGON OLD-TIME FIDDLERS ASSN.

It is also time to think about your district elections. Please hold them before our convention in Eugene, March 18th & 19th. Remember that two members of a family cannot hold office at the same time, also officers are limited to two consecutive terms. The new officers begin their year in office as of convention time.

Edna Yohey

THANKYOU NOTE FROM AL TESTER:

I want to thank the many friends all over the state who are pulling for me as I fight this illness, and I want to thank the members of District 4 for the nice azalea plant. Friends mean so much when trouble comes.

Wayne and I want to thank each and everyone of you for your help this past year. Without many of you that have helped put out the paper, it would have been quite a chore. There have been people from all over our state that have been in town during paper time that have come to Bob & Dulcie Fast's home or to our home and helped, and without the Fast's we never would have made it. Our paper is small this month due to the lack of activity in November and possibly the U.S. Mail. Hope for more next month. Keep those cards and letters coming.

A very merry Christmas and a happy New Year to each and everyone of you.

Wayne & Evelyn Walter

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

Saturday night, Nov. 13th we had a Hamburger Fry and get-together at Merrill Rec Center. After a brief business meeting we had a lively jam session. We had a good turn out including several guests, some from Dist. 4. Sunday, Nov. 14th, we enter-

tained at two nursing homes here in Klamath Falls. Thursday, Nov. 18th, we played for a 4-H Banquet at O.I.T. Had a nice dinner and a good audience that enjoyed our music.

We have two members in the hospital, L.D. Daniel and Doc. Bowman. Both are doing well.

There will not be a get-together in December, instead we will have a New Years Eve party at Merrill in the Moose Hall on Front Street. Starting at 7:00 PM Friday, Dec. 31st. Ladies bring finger foods. We will look forward to a nice get-together for members and guests. See you there.

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

Our 200th year is almost gone. Wow! What did I do with my share! This weekend we moved into the new kitchen. There are still things to be done but at least the sink doesn't leak and we have a dishwasher. (Good news for all you people that go to the campout and help do the dishes for all the apple pies, hotcakes, etc. etc. etc.)

District #4 fiddlers have been very busy with their hunting and fishing and I dare say a lot of fiddling on the side.

November 14th jam session and meeting was at Wimer. As usual we had a packed crowd and 35 fiddlers. Along with the seconds and specials we had an excellent program. There were several private parties and the fiddlers played at the usual rest homes and senior citizens gatherings.

December promises to be filled with pre-holiday fiddlin' fun. Dec. 5th the fiddlers have promised to play for the rest homes in Grants Pass, meeting at Mariola at 1:00 PM. Dec. 15th Gold Hill Senior Citizens Club. Call Fred Samples for more details.

District #4 Christmas Party will be Dec. 18th at Jerome Prairie Hall - doors open at 10:30 AM. (There will be overnight camping). Our big dinner will be at 5:30 PM. Bring your best holiday dishes. Don't forget your table service, something for breakfast if you stay over, card tables and extra chairs. If you can bring a jug of fresh water. The water tastes terrible at Jerome Prairie. District #4 invites all of those who can come to join us for the festivities. Don't forget a gift for the gift exchange.

January 16th at Moose Hall, 1222 South Stephens Street in Roseburg will be the 1st meeting of the year. Jim Secor has asked for it to be a state jam.

February 13th jam session will be held in Myrtle Creek. We will elect officers then.

Merry Christmas to all from District #4.

Please note that the jam session in Roseburg will be a state jam session and also a quarterly meeting for the board of directors. So please plan to attend and have a representative from each district there. It will be our last meeting before our convention.

Evelyn Walter, Ed.

DISTRICT #7 ----- Fred Hildebrandt, Reporter

We've had a very quiet month in November, a few jam sessions in people's homes and we have played for different nursing homes and Senior Citizen centers.

Remember District 7 & 8 our Christmas party on Dec. 12th at the Sunnyside Grange. A \$2.00 gift exchange for any who would like to participate. The ham and turkey will be furnished so bring your best holiday dishes and come join us. Doors open at 10:00 AM, dinner at noon and doors will be open to the public at 1:00 PM.

The Vancouver members of District 7 along with Washington old time fiddlers from this area are putting on a jam session which we would like all of you to attend. The jam will take place Dec. 11th, Saturday, at the Mirnehaha Grange, 49th and St. Johns Road. Take the freeway to the 4th Plain exit, turn right then turn left at St. Johns Road which is about 2 blocks from the freeway exit, it is between two and three miles out St. Johns Road. Potluck at 6:00 PM, show will be at 8:00 PM with dancing following.

Del Anderson

JACK McCASLAND

Our Fiddler for the month of December

Jack was born in Morrilton, Conway county, Arkansas, May 26, 1912.

He was a member of a musical family consisting of one brother and three sisters. He is a third generation fiddlers, his grandfather, George, being a champion of his time.

Jack's father traded an Elgin watch for a fiddle, which he kept hidden under his bed. When he was 18 months old, Jack would crawl under and paw on it. Later, when he was old enough to learn to play, his grandfather took him in hand. He used to make Jack set sideways in an old ladder-back chair, hook his elbow over the back and practice bowing. When he was 12 years old, Jack's father bought him a bass fiddle. He wasn't tall enough to reach the strings so he had to stand on a box to play it. Jack's mother played an old pump organ, his father the fiddle and all but the youngest in the family were good musicians. They played as a family group, listened to the "Grand Ole Opry" on the radio and broadcast their own music to their friends and neighbors over the telephone. Jack worked 3 days pulling a cross-cut saw for a Sears Roebuck guitar.

During the 1930's and 40's Jack played bass in a western band of their own, at that time they lived in the San Joaquin Valley, Cal. Also during that time, in 1935, Jack was married. He and his wife Clemmie have 3 children and 8 grandchildren.

They joined the Old Time Fiddlers in 1971 when the association was first organized in southern Oregon by Martha Warwick.

Jack has become quite an accomplished fiddler. He won 4th place in the intermediate group, in state competition this year. He plays at jam sessions, dances, parties and rest homes, wherever and whenever he can.

Jack is a friendly, out-going person with an engaging personality. Whenever he joins in with a group of musicians his presence stands out like his big bass fiddle.

Minnie Bennett, Historian

Minnie sent a sad note along with her letter this month. Leonard Maahs sister and brother-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Miller of Banks, Or. (Members of OOTFA) lost their only son by drowning. The accident occurred near Klamath Falls, Nov. 14, and the funeral was held in Bend, Nov. 17th.

We send our condolence to the Miller family.

DISTRICT #6 "

There will be a jam session at the Siuhslaw Jr. High Dec. 4th. Potluck at 6:00 PM jam will start at 7:30. This is being sponsored by the Lions Club in Florence.

We are sorry this did not get into last months newsletter as it is so early in the month many people who would like to go will not have the news in time to attend. Whenever there is a jam session, it would be nice if it could be announced at least one month before.