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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

At this time of year we sum up the past year then resolve to make the new year better. 1971 was a good year for our organization in nearly every way. One thing we have not done is attract enough youngsters into our gropp. The ultimate future of oldtime fiddling depends on getting young folks started at it. Each one of us should do whatever we can toward this. In other respects, the picture has been all good. We had good times together and heard some good fiddling at our jam sessions, contests and shows. We increased our membership and added to our treasury. The great success of our southern district group of fiddlers has been encouraging. Behind their apparent overnight success was hard work and planning by dedicated people. I claim no credit for their achievement. What they have done in a short time has been the result of their own efforts. I asked some of them to get together and start a group. This they certainly did. On behalf of the entire Association I wish them continued success in "72" and in years to come.

It has been a busy, challenging year for me as your president. I thank all the people who have helped me in countless ways, and especially Ron Gimm who has done such an outstanding job of putting out our newsletter each month, providing us with all the fiddling news. Although I have decided not to be a candidate for office in "72", I am certainly going to do all I can as an individual to promote oldtime fiddling. I ask each of you to do the same. We can invite new people to our meetings, we can ask the officers about having a jam session in a new area, we can try to interest people in putting on an oldtime fiddle contest. If we do these things and not wait for someone else to do them, Our Organization will grow and oldtime fiddling will be heard by more and more people.

I'm asking our editor to send out this January Hoedowner to all our present (1971) membership. This gives you January to pay your dues and continue receiving all the news via the Hoedowner. But if you don't get your dues in this month, that's it.....no February Hoedowner for you. Don't let that happen. I hope to see everybody in Corvallis on the 16th. So long for now.

WAYNE HOLMES

CORVALLIS JAM SESSION AND POTLUCK JAN. 16

Our monthly Jam Session and Potluck will be held in Corvallis January 16, The dinner and show will be held in the gym at the Catholic Church School, or is now known as the Senior Citizens Center. This is the same place we had our Sat. Jam Session last September. The Hall is located on 25th St. just off Harrison St. west of town. This is a fine hall for our meeting and we would like to thank Guy Kyler for making the arrangements for it. The hall will be opened at 10:00 a.m. and dinner will be about 12 noon with the show starting at 1 or 1:30 p.m. Don't forget three things. Your table service, a friend, and yourselves.

RON GIMM

NOTICE

Clarence Greenlund dropped me a note which read; Sometime this past year at Gresham, I Beleive, I got hold of some one's overcoat not noticing the name A.C. Calkins sewn in it, I would like to locate Mr. Calkins who probably has my similar coat and arrange a "swap".

CLARENCE GREENLUND

GRANTS PASS JAM SESSION AND POTLUCK JANUARY 23

The Southern divisions next Jam Session will be held in Grants Pass on Jan. 23, at the Fruitdale Grange.

For those coming from the North, turn off the freeway at the first exit, come through town keeping to the left. Cross the bridge and keep to the far left, this will be the Rogue River Hwy. and the grange is only about a mile from the curve. It is on the left directly across the street from the Fruitdale Market. The hall will be open from ten o'clock on. For those coming from the south just turn off at the first exit and follow the same directions.

MARTHA WARWICK

BUELL GRANGE

A dedicated bunch of fiddlers braved some of the worst weather of the year and made it to the Buell Grange Hall Dec. 12th to play for some attentive oldtime fiddle fans. Following an excellent pot-luck dinner these fiddlers played three of their favorite tunes: Guy Kyler, Fred Hildebrandt, Wes Burnson, Joe Moreland, Valdemar Nelson, Cliff Buker, Ray Mack, Sue Walker, Wayne Holmes, Clarence Davis, Dick Frankland, Don Toomb, Lee Reynolds, George Cieloha, Clarence Greenlund and Floyd Harmon. Ron Gimm and Frank Warner backed up on guitars and Ed Gorham on Bass during the entire session, and Ed Turner, accordion and Don Toomb, Banjo, helped out on several tunes. There were a half dozen specialty numbers during the afternoon. Ron Gimm did his usual good job singing some Christmas songs, helped out on one by his daughter Annette; Marvin and Lorraine Chase sang two Christmas Carols; and Ed Turner and Carlton Smith each gave the crowd a couple of accordion solos. Wally Weaver rendered some tunes on the harmonica, after a disastrous attempt to play the guitar.

As usual, the entire group of fiddlers and accompanists played a few numbers before the individual performances, then after all the fiddlers had played, the group played some requests, followed by a dance. One of the dances was a real old fashioned square dance. Doing the calling for this was a friend of Nell Turner whose name was Ben, I didn't get his last name but he did a great job, and he has been calling square dances for over 50 years. Despite the bad weather, a pleasant time was had by all there.

WAYNE HOLMES

SOUTHERN DIVISION REPORTS

First the jam session at North Bend. It was another big success. We had fifteen fiddlers; Cliff Buker, Dick Frankland, Sue Walker, Mary Walker, Jim Rose, Jim Morris, Russ Hall, Billy Warwick, Carl Van Hooser, Sherman Wilson, Fred Virtue, Buck Aulman, Cecil Davidson, Bud Ryan, and Don Gish. As back-ups we had: Bessie Buker, piano; Earl Aulman, Wilma Ryan, Steve Hall Ken Ryan, Pete Oden, Jim Clark, Billy Warwick, all on guitar, also Jim Morris on guitar. As extra solos we had George Cabal on Mandolin; and also soloing on Mandolin was Pete Oden. The I.W.A. Local 3-261, donated their beautiful new hall for our jam session. Russ Hall and his wife were responsible for all the wonderful help we had. We want to thank all of those that helped to make this another successful Jam Session. I hope I have mentioned all those who helped.

MARTHA WARWICK

MORE NEWS FROM THE SOUTH

Pete Oden is in charge of programing at station KBBE. He is very interested in fiddling. He has been a guitar man for many years. He told me to send him any newsworthy happenings and to keep him up on all the fiddlers activities. He will do any advertising for us that we ask him to do, free.

MARTHA WARWICK

(Editor's note)

Thank you Pete, for your generous offer and we'll certainly keep it in mind and we'll be in touch with you.

One more note from the South. Robert Virtue has been home for the Christmas Holidays and wishes to say hello to all his friends.

COMING EVENTS

JAN. 16-----JAM SESSION & POTLUCK-----CORVALLIS
 JAN. 23-----JAM SESSION & POTLUCK-----Grants Pass

NOTICE TO ALL CONTEST CHAIRMAN

I would like to have the Dates or Tentative dates of all the contests in Oregon for the 1972 season so I can send them to the Music Division of "THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS". This is a Mailing put out by the U.S. Government with the dates of all Folk Music Festivals, Fiddlers Conventions, and Related events in the United States and Canada. So if I can have these dates as soon as possible they will be put in this National mailing. Thank You.

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