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## COMING EVENTS

APR. 4-5-----N.W. Regional Contest, Masonic Temple-----Spokane, Washington  
APR. 6-----Jam Session Fairgrounds-----Yreka, California  
APR. 12-----Variety Show, 25th Harrison-----Corvallis, Oregon  
MAY 2-3-----Fiddle Contest, Vert Auditorium-----Pendleton, Oregon  
MAY 10-----Oregon State Contest, UMPQUA Comm.College--Roseburg, Oregon  
JUNE 15-----Topanga Banjo & Fiddle Contest-----Santa Monica, California  
JUNE 16-21-----NATIONAL CONTEST & FESTIVAL-----Weiser, Idaho

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I wish at this time to thank everyone for electing me the new President of our Organization. This is a special honor, especially since I am not a Fiddler. I hope that I can do as well as our previous President and I will do whatever possible to help the Association.

I will appreciate all of the help and cooperation that I know I will have. I would also like to thank Wayne Holmes for all that he has done, he is a real worker.

Thanks again,  
Jim Secor.

## NEWS ITEM

A Country Music Jamboree will be held at the Senior Citizens Hall at 25th & Harrison, Corvallis, Oregon. This variety show features the Sims Family. The show starts 7:00 till 9:30 p.m. April 12, 1975. Price of admission \$2.00 a couple, \$1.50 for singles, children under 12 free.

Thankyou,  
The Sims Family

The Sims Family are scheduled to appear with Tex Williams in a Western Variety Show the 24th of April at the Lane County Fairgrounds in Eugene, the 25th of April at Yakima, Washington and the 26th of April at Pendleton, Oregon. Everyone try to attend if possible, it will be a great show.

The Sims Family

## DISTRICT #4 REPORTS

This has been a very busy month for us, as usual. Some of our Fiddlers play each Tuesday for the Senior Citizens in Medford. They have also played for other clubs and Organizations, and have had several home Fiddling Parties.

We had our regular Jam Session at Jerome Prairie Hall, Grants Pass March 16th. After the bountiful pot-luck dinner (Thankyou Ladies) we hold our first meeting with our new Chairman, Fred Samples presiding. Jonas Cox was presented with a beautiful Trophy in appreciation of his work as Chairman for the past two years. Martha Warwick and Margaret Cox were presented with lovely corsages. Thankyou Fred.

We had twenty-four Fiddlers and eleven seconds at the Jam Session following the meeting. We also had several special numbers. Tex Looper and Dick Zedikor played a

special number on the Mandolin and Banjo; Vic and Neva Flood sang, Al West also sang. Mr. Skeie played special numbers on the Accordion. Don Gish played an excellent version of "The Orange Blossom Special." The Fiddlers also played several good old Irish Tunes for St. Patricks Day. We had a very wonderful crowd and everyone seemed to have an enjoyable time and afternoon.

Our next Jam Session will be held April 16th at the Fairgrounds in Yreka, California. Ralph and Norma Dias will be our Hosts. "YOU ALL COME."

Margaret Cox Reporting

### DISTRICT #6 REPORTS

The Jam Session held in Sweet Home at the Elks Lodge on March 2nd was a great success. It was one of the best, we are told of any District #6 Jam Sessions.

28 Fiddlers and 14 Accompanists along with several Specialties as registered, supplied the entertainment for the more than 400 people attending the show. Jim Stout was M.C. for the day. Thanks, Jim, for the fine job.

We would like to acknowledge each and every individual that participated, but the list would be quite long and we might miss someone, so, we will just say "A GREAT BIG THANKYOU" to all.

Quite a number of people danced to the good music supplied by many Fiddlers and Accompanists until about 5:30 p.m. After the dance several of the Fiddlers and Accompanists retired to the Lounge and entertained Lodge Members in an Impromptu Jam Session, which was enjoyed by all.

A short Business Meeting preceeded the usual good Pot-Luck Dinner. District #6 elected Officers for the coming year and those names will appear elsewhere in the Hoedowner.

Thanks again for the fine turn-out of Fiddlers Accompanists and Specials that made this Jam Session so successful.

Reporters, Jim & Helen Stout

### NOTE:

Once again I would like to thank each and everyone for the lovely cards and flowers, stationary and gifts that were given to me during my stay in the hospital. They were very much appreciated and made me feel great to know that you were thinking of me, I might add, that I really do hope that I won't be thanking you very soon again that is, because of an accident.

June Secor, Editor

### DISTRICT #1 REPORTS

L.D. Daniel, Don Gish, Irvin Johnson played for an hour at the Malin Chamber of Commerce Crab Feed on February 22nd, Accompanists were Cliff Tunnell, Ann Johnson and Doris Clark.

L.D. Daniel, Irvin Johnson played for Tulalake Potato Growers Banquet February 25 at Winema Motor Hotel. Accompanists were Cliff Tunnell, Ann Johnson, Doris Clark.

District #1 people who attended the State Convention March 21 & 22nd in Eugene were Melvin Bowman, Irvin & Ann Johnson, Homer McLain & Family, L.D., Delbert and Cheryl Daniel, Homer and Doris Clark.

Doris Clark, Reporter.

### CONTEST NEWS

May 2 and 3, 1975 there will be an Old Time Fiddling Contest at Vert Auditorium, Dorian Avenue, Pendleton, Oregon. This is the fifth year for the Contest sponsored by the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie No. 28.

Prizes;	Open- Entry Fee \$15.00	2nd Open- Entry fee \$7.50
	1st- \$150.00	\$ 75.00
	2nd- \$125.00	\$ 50.00

3rd-	\$100.00	\$ 35.00
4th-	\$ 75.00	\$ 25.00
5th-	\$ 50.00	\$ 15.00

For the Intermediate Class, Senior Class and Junior Class the Entry Fee will be \$5.00 each Contestant. The prizes for each class will be as follows;

1st place-	\$50.00
2nd place-	\$40.00
3rd place-	\$30.00
4th place-	\$20.00
5th place-	\$10.00

Entry fees will be added to the prize money.

Juniors and Seniors play Friday night, starting at 7:00 p.m.

Entry closes at 5:00 p.m.

Age on Juniors under 18 years old.

Age on Seniors - 65 years and over.

If a Senior can qualify for first open (to qualify contestant must have placed, within the last 5 years, in the top 5 at a State Contest or the top 20 at the National Contest) he or she may choose 1st Open, but can play in only one division.

Preliminary starts at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, May 3rd, for the first Open Class, the second Open class and the Intermediate class. Finals for the top 5 in each class will start at 7:00 p.m. Saturday evening May 3rd.

April 19th, the Blue Mountain Fiddlers Association will put on a Fiddle Show at Union, Oregon to begin at 7:30 p.m. with old time Dance to follow. This is sponsored by the Blue Sage Tac Team.

#### DISTRICT #7 REPORTS

Several members of District #7 enjoyed Jamming with Levi Walter at the home of his brother, Wayne, also a brother of Mike. He was visiting here from Branson, Missouri. What a Jam Session!

March 1st, a small group entertained at a Convalesant Home at 33rd and Holgate.

The Contest at Forest Grove, Oregon March 8th, was a big success. There were people who had to be turned away because all seats were sold out. Winners in the Senior Division were; 1st Fred Hildebrandt, 2nd Charley Johnson, 3rd Clarence Greenland. Junior Division were; 1st Loretta Brank, 2nd Alice Gish, 3rd Jim Braskett, 4th Grant Wheeler. In the Open Division Winners were; 1st John Melnichuk, 2nd Bill Yohey, 3rd Don Gish, 4th Chuck Griffin, 5th Eddie Johnson. Our Judges were Jim Hoots from Ashland, Oregon. Marshall Jackson, Gresham, Oregon and Jack Darland from Eastern Oregon.

March 15th, a group was asked to play a few numbers for the Merry Mountaineer Square Dance Club at Pleasant Valley Grange.

Arlene Lommen from Roseville, California was visiting in this area and we enjoyed Jamming with her.

March 16th, Fred's Gang played at Sunnyside Grange for a Pioneer Celebration. They also played at Battleground for an "Over 60 Club."

Bob Fast, Reporter.

#### STATE CONTEST NEWS

1975 Oregon State Contest will be held at the Umpqua Community College at Roseburg, Oregon May 10th, 1975. There is to be NO OVERNIGHT PARKING on the grounds, but there is the Amacher Campground near where you are welcome to stay, for a small fee. The College is located -- Approximately 5 miles north of Roseburg at Winchester. Watch for Freeway sign.

Date- May 10, 1975

Time- Doors to open at 8:00 a.m.

Sign-up 8:00 until 10:30 a.m.  
 Junior Contest begins at 11:00 a.m.  
 Senior, Intermediate, Championship.

Emcee: Jack Link assisted by Martha Warwick.  
 Food Concession throughout the day, the Menu will consist of Hot dogs, Donuts, Coffee, Soft Drinks. There will be free coffee for the Fiddlers all day.

Format for Contest;

Junior Division, Senior Division, Open Division.---Entertainment Spot Champion Division.---Entertainment Spot while scores are being brought up. Reading of names of those to play in the Finals.---Adjourn until 7:00 p.m. when evening show will start.

EVENING SHOW:

Junior-----approximately 20 minutes  
 Senior-----approximately 25 minutes  
 Entertainment Spot-----approximately 5 minutes  
 Intermediate-----approximately 35 minutes  
 Entertainment-----approximately 10 minutes  
 Championship-----approximately 40 minutes  
 Entertainment-----approximately 10 minutes  
 Passing out prizes & trophies-----approximately 20 minutes

DIVISIONS:

<u>Juniors</u>	<u>Senior</u>	<u>Intermediate</u>	<u>Championship</u>
1. \$20.00	1. \$40.00	1. \$60.00	1. \$75.00
2. \$10.00	2. \$30.00	2. \$50.00	2. \$65.00
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\$3.00 Entry Fee	4. \$10.00	4. \$30.00	4. \$35.00
	5. \$ 5.00	5. \$20.00	5. \$25.00
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		7. \$ 5.00	7. \$10.00
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All of above with Trophies.

Accompanists: The three most popular Accompanists to be chosen by the contesting fiddlers only.

They will each receive the following: A trophy and

1.	\$30.00
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College secured and rented by Gynn Deaton.

1975 CONVENTION

Income:

Door Receipts-----	\$1495.00
Banquet Ticket Sales-----	241.05
Kitchen-----	140.00
Record Sales-----	68.00
Total Income-----	\$1944.23

Expenses:

Rent-----	\$ 275.00
Officer's Gifts-----	62.80
Sat. Night Dance-----	150.00
Fiddler Rubber Stamps-----	17.50

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Xerox Copies-----	\$ 6.60	
Conv. Booklets -- Postage-----	15.00	
Groceries for kitchen-----	108.61	
Sound Equipment-----	50.00	
Table Centerpieces-----	35.00	
Posters & Programs-----	108.45	
McKenzie River Boys-----	75.00	
Banquet at North's-----	253.00	
Tips to Waitress' (cash)-----	20.00	
Piano Rental-----	60.00	
3 Banquet tickets-----	8.25	
Conv. Pins & Badges-----	24.75	
Total Expenses-----	\$1269.96	-- \$1269.96
Profit-----		\$ 674.27

There will probably be some small expenses to be added, but this is a general run-down. Also I want to mention that many people helped who did not get mentioned and I am very sorry there just isn't enough room to mention everyone who gave a helping hand but thanks to one and all. It was a great convention.

Dulcie Fast, Sec.

#### COMMITTEE REPORT:

Any intermediate placing 1st in his division at a State Contest must play in the Open Division the following year.

Anyone placing 8th or higher in the Open Division cannot play in the Intermediate the following year.

Bob Fast.

Our 1975 Convention was a great success. Thanks to all those responsible and a special thanks to Wayne Holmes for coordinating the entire Convention. Also thanks to Wilma Ryan for the beautiful table decorations. I know we all wished we had been fortunate enough to have won one of the fiddle centerpieces.

A humorous note to end our weekend was supplied by Irven Johnson. He and Ann retired early and sometime in the morning hours he heard noises outside his camper. Looking out, many lights around him were on and looking at his watch he thought it was 6:15 so he and Ann got up, dressed and had breakfast. When he went outside to get everything ready to go, all the lights were out, so he went back in and looked at his watch, it was 4:25. Needless to say, he was up early alright, like 3:30. I heard they gave up going home and went back to bed. Better luck next time Irven.

Anonymous.