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## COMING EVENTS

|         |                     |                       |                        |
|---------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Dec. 13 | Jam Session         | Merrill Rec Hall      | Merrill, Oregon        |
| Dec. 20 | Christmas Party     | OOTFA Only            | Jerome Prairie, Oregon |
| Dec. 21 | Christmas Party     | Sunnyside Grange      | Sunnyside, Oregon      |
| Jan. 11 | Jam Session         | Roseburg Fairgrounds  | Roseburg, Oregon       |
| Jan. 11 | Jam & Business Mtg. | Sunnyside Grange D #7 | Sunnyside, Oregon      |
| Jan. 17 | Contest             | High School           | Cottage Grove, Oregon  |
| Feb. 15 | Jam Session         | Central Point Grange  | Central Point, Oregon  |
| Feb. 21 | Contest             | Clark College         | Vancouver, Washington  |
| Feb. 29 | Jam Session         | Elks Lodge            | Sweet Home, Oregon     |
| Mar. 6  | Contest             | Grade School          | Forest Grove, Oregon   |
| Mar. 14 | Jam Session         | Wymer Grange          | Wymer, Oregon          |

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Now that the holidays are almost here, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I would like also to thank everyone for their generosity at the jam sessions that were held for our fellow member.

A no-host breakfast will be held Sunday, Jan. 18th, 1976 at the Village Green in Cottage Grove. Time: 10:00 AM. The purpose of this is to have a state meeting before our convention in March. Please be sure there is at least one person attending from each district. Bring any ideas and complaints with you to present at this time.

Jim Secor, President

## FIDDLER'S MESSAGE

This is a switch, instead of trying to think of something to play, I'm trying to think of something to say.

Elaine and I just can't think of words good enough that would convey our very deep gratitude to the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association. To all the members and people who attended the various jam sessions in our cause, may the good Lord bless each and every one of you and let you feel in your hearts the great blessing your deeds have provided us.

We are truly grateful. All our love and respect.

Jim & Elaine Morris

## COMING CONTESTS

### FAR WEST, -COTTAGE GROVE, ORE. SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

The BICENTENNIAL edition of the Cottage Grove FAR WEST OLD TIME FIDDLERS' CONTEST (not held last summer) has been scheduled for January 17, 1976 at Cottage Grove High School Auditorium. The Business Club (FBIA) will sponsor the contest. Afternoon preliminaries and evening finals are planned.

Prize money and Trophies will be awarded for the first seven in open; first 3 in senior and first 3 in junior divisions. Registration fees are: Open-\$4.00; Senior & Junior-\$2.00.

Jamboree facilities are being planned after the contest with snacks, etc. Coffee will be served free during Saturday morning registration. Coffee, soft drinks and

snacks will be sold during the afternoon and evening.

Charlie Stovall

### VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON

There will be a Fiddle Contest at Clark College, Saturday Feb. 21, 1976. More details will be in the January Issue of the Hoedowner. This is in connection with the Bicentennial Days in Vancouver and if it turns out well, it could turn into an annual affair. The Friday night before, Feb. 20th there will be a Fiddle Show Concert with the Tall Timbers String Band featuring Barbara Lamb. This is Phil & Vivian Williams group from Seattle, Wn. They are also putting on a show here in Portland on Dec. 7, 1975 from 2:00 - 5:00 PM at the Arbuckle Flat Coffee House, 1532 S.W. Morrison. This information comes from John Ulman who is helping to set up the contest at Vancouver, Wn.

### FOREST GROVE

We talked to Mrs. Floyd Parsons this morning, as Floyd was out on the golf course in this combination rain and snow we are having this morning. Almost as bad as a dedicated fiddler. Ballard Town U.S.A. is in March again this year due to the availability of the facilities of the college for the Barbershoppers. Mrs. Parsons said the fiddle contest will probably be held in the grade school this year. As we had so many people last year there wasn't room to seat everyone and some had to be turned away. It is certainly nice to know the fiddlers are so well followed.

### DISTRICT #1

The fiddlers have played for several occasions during the last month. Oct. 25th for the Retired Teachers, Nov. 5th for the Daughters of the Mile, Nov. 19th for the members at the Scottish Rite Temple.

A good time had by all Nov. 8th at Merrill. The next get-together will be Dec. 14 at the Merrill Rec. Hall. A short business meeting will be held that night. Hope to see everyone attend.

Reporter, Doris Clark

### DISTRICT #4

District #4 Fiddlers are playing their hearts out making many area people so happy lately. They have played for the Vets, senior citizens, rest homes, private parties and just for the pleasure of each other. Their calendar is pretty full for the rest of the year.

On Dec. 14th at 6:00 PM the fiddlers have been asked to play at Mariola Nursing home, 1450 N.E. Fairview, Grants Pass. At 8:00 PM (same evening) they are invited to play at the Royal Gardens, 2075 Highland Ave., Grants Pass.

On Dec. 20th at Jerome Prairie Hall we will have our Annual Christmas Party. Members only are invited. The hall will be open from 10:00 AM on. Stella Neathammer will be decorating tables etc. She has asked that several people make centerpieces for the table. Each centerpiece will be given away during the evening. Come early and help her. District #4 will furnish the meat, punch & coffee. Everyone bring your favorite holiday dishes to go with it. We will be eating sometime around 4:00 PM with a nice evening of music & dancing after dinner. It has been suggested that some of you please bring card tables if you can. Don't forget your table service. There will be a \$1 gift exchange - Ladies bring a ladies gift and men, a man's gift. The doors will be open all night for those who need toilet facilities and want to camp all night. All members are invited - come and have fun.

There will be no official jam session for District 4 in Dec. Our next one will be Jan. 11th in Roseburg at the Fairgrounds. See you at our Christmas Party. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us in District 4 to all of you.

Reporter: Martha Warwick

A Jam session was held Nov 16 at Roseburg Moose Lodge with a delicious potluck luncheon for the fiddlers and their families. An over capacity crowd was entertained by the following fiddlers: Fred Samples, Ralph Houston, Paul Lakey, Al Tester, Hugh Samples, Buck Aulman, Jim Rose, Jim Cloud, Jim Hoots, Guy Kenman, Floyd Harmon, Bud Bishop & Warren Baker. Accompanists were Dave Winkleman, Jim Hoots, Eldon Powell, Hugh Samples, Delores Lakey, Larry Aulman, Fred Samples & Ray Ziegler. There were several specials done by the Fiddlers & Guitarists. The Houstens, Ralph the Emcee and Dorothy

The workers are certainly thanked for all the time and work to make this very special jam session turn out so well.

A cake auction was held by Delores Lakey and a bake sale was held until they ran out of goodies. A lot of people did a lot of work & thanks to each & everyone of y... Fun, Music & Dancing was had by all that attended.

Roseburg had one of the largest attendances and in turn the largest donation. There was a square dance held the night before the jam with Fred Virtue, Jim Hoots, Al Tester, Roy Ziegler & Bill Petheram playing. The square dance group donated \$100.00 toward our special fund as a thankyou for the fiddlers playing.

The above information was sent in total or parts & pieces by so many people that it is hard to give anyone individual credit or blame or whatever. Everyone wanted the Houstons to know how very much each and everyone appreciated all the work that went into the Roseburg jam session.

#### DISTRICT #6 REPORTS

About 30 fiddlers & a bunch more seconds"Everybody from the North half of the State" according to Marge O'Bryant - performed at the State Jam Session in Albany on Nov. 16. LeRoy Sim exceed the show for a large crowd, seems to be the usual sort of fiddling crowd in Albany. Cliff Baker made his first appearance in some time, which was special. Speaking of special, one of the special performers was 12 year old Joe McKenzie, on banjo & mandolin; another special number featured McNatt & Benson, vocalists & instrumentalists. They've got first names too, but Marge said she couldn't recall them. I asked her to cover for me since I couldn't make the session & from her description, I'm sorry I wasn't there.

So that everyone will have a good long time to think about it, District 7 will hold elections at the Feb. 29 jam session to be held in Sweet Home.

It seems the Association Fiddlers are outdoing what they are supposed to - preserving & perpetuating old-time fiddling - at such places as the Lowell Grange (don't forget the old-time dance the 1st Sat. of each month at Lowell Grange) and now we hear of dances at the Thurston Grange the 2nd Sat. of the month. Thurston is in the Eugene-Springfield area and along with other area fiddlers, Earl Willis reappeared among us (he hasn't been around much since his midsummer bout with surgery) for the Nov. 7 Thurston Dance. Earl (726-0372) or the O'Bryants (935-1560) could probably tell you more about the Grange dances. Fern Schultz writes that a group of the Sweet Home musicians played at a Foster Community Center event in honor of the 88th birthday of Charlie Cowita, Oct. 27 and for the Nov. 3rd LH award dinner in Sweet Home. Besides all that, those Sweet Home live wires are getting together every Tues. night to play music just for the fun of playing music. Delores & Paul Lakey arranges for the fiddlers to entertain at the Scotts Vanley PTA rummage sales on Nov. 22nd.

Has anybody found an unfamiliar looking bow in his/her case???? Poco Boyd lost hers at the Nov. 1 Lowell Grange dance and would like to have it back.

Be seeing you all with instruments in hand at jam sessions this month. Meanwhile, Season's Greetings to us, from us--

Linda Danielson, Reporter, District 6

Linda had an item that there was to be a Holiday Potluck & Gift exchange from 12:00 to 2:00 with an open jam session following. We were unable to wait any longer for information & called several people with no one knowing the whereabouts of the jam. The date was to be Dec. 12, 1975. Call Linda Danielson or Marge O'Bryant.

#### DISTRICT #7

November has been sort of quiet in our area. We played at the Sunnyside Masonic Lodge in Portland, Nov. 11. Then we spent the rest of the evening jamming at the home of Wayne Walter.

Jim & Ju Hoots journeyed up our way and several enjoyed jamming & visiting them. They were house guests of Bob & Dulcie Fast while in Portland.

We will have a jam session Jan. 11 with a business meeting in the morning at 10:00. This is also for election of officers. This will be held at Sunnyside Grange, Jan. 11, 1976.

Reporter, Bob Fast