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COMING EVENTS

				<u>DIST.</u>
Jan. 8	Jam Session	Grange Hall	Buell, Or.	3
Jan. 15	State Jam & Bus.Mtg.	Douglas C. Fairgrounds	Roseburg, Or.	All
Jan. 21	Jam Session	Community Bldg.	Reedsport, Or.	5
Jan. 21	Jam Session	Merrill Grange	Merrill, Or.	1
Jan. 22	Jam Session	Grange Hall	Elmira, Or.	6
Jan. 29	Jam Session	Grange Hall	Lowell, Or.	6
Feb. 11	Jam Session	IWA Hall	Klamath Falls, Or.	1
Feb. 12	Jam Session		Central Point, Or.	4
Feb. 17 & 18	Contest	Clark College	Vancouver, Wn.	
Feb. 19	Jam Session	Community Bldg.	Coquille, Or.	5
Feb. 19	Jam Session	Grange Hall	Buell, Or.	8
Feb. 26	Jam Session	Grange Hall	Sunnyside, Or.	7
Mar. 4	Contest	High School	Forest Grove, Or.	
Mar. 12	Jam Session	Moose Lodge	Cottage Grove, Or.	6
Mar. 24 & 25	State Convention	Fairgrounds	Eugene, Or.	

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Well, here it is again, A New Year! I hope everyone had a good Holiday Season. As we look back to 1977, I feel we have reason to be very proud of our organization, when we realize the number of benefits, nursing homes and shows that we have provided entertainment for. All members who have made this possible deserve a great deal of credit. As their efforts are voluntary and require the giving of time and much effort.

Looking ahead to 1978, I see another busy year shaping up and I am sure you will all join me in making it even more exciting than last year.

Please remember to have your District Chairman or a representative attend the state board meeting to be held prior to the jam session at Roseburg on January 15, if at all possible.

Thanks again for a great job.

John Melnichuk

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

THIS IS YOUR LAST HOEDOWNER if you have not paid your dues prior to Feb. 1. Be sure to look for your 1978 membership cards in this issue if they have been paid prior to Jan. 1st.

Also a reminder to have each district hold their election of district chairmen before convention time. Two members in one household cannot hold district or state offices.

Edna Yohey

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Anyone interested in joining the National Old-Time Fiddlers Assn. Send a \$3.00 check made out to the NOTFA to Betty Wilhite, 311 Stc. Forest Ave., Brazil, Ind. 47834

The Virgil E. Judds' write that their son Jimmie is now out of the hospital, but will be a long time before he can come home and they can hear his good guitar music. He has been in St. Joseph's Hospital with a broken leg and complications. Anyone interested in writing to him may do so at the following address. Mr. & Mrs. Jimmie Bevel c/o Frank Trammell, School House Rd., Black Canyon City, Ariz. 85324 or call 1-602-

374-5764. The Judd's live in Grenada, Ca. and are members of the COTFA.

CLARK COLLEGE FIDDLERS' CONTEST RELEASE

The third annual Old-Time Fiddlers' Convention will be held at Clark College, 1800 East McLaughlin Boulevard, Vancouver, Wash., on February 17 & 18, 1978. \$700 in prizes and trophies will be awarded at the close of the final competition on Saturday night, February 18th.

On Friday the 17th at 8:00 pm, the Convention will open with exhibition fiddling by the Balfa Brothers, Joe Pancerewski, Vivian Williams and Frank Ferrel.

The Balfas represent the best in Cajun music. Dewey Balfa is the preeminent Cajun fiddler, an all-around expert in playing and teaching. He is accompanied by his brother Rodney on the guitar and Marc Savoy on the 10-button Cajun Accordion or second fiddle.

Joe Pancerewski is the champion Canadian fiddler who retired from railroad work a few years back, picked up his fiddle again and began winning contests.

Vivian Williams, fiddler with the Tall Timber String Band, has won many fiddle contests--local, state, national and international--and judged at competitions as well.

Frank Ferrel won the first contest at Clark in 1976 as well as several state and regional championships. He has been very active in traditional music in the Seattle and has appeared with the ACT Theatre, the Seattle Opera and Symphony, and the Joffrey Ballet as a fiddle, banjo and mandolin player..

During the day, Saturday, there will be workshops by the exhibition players on Cajun, Canadian and Texas fiddle styles. There will also be a square dance, called by Sandy Bradley with live music provided by an "all-star" square dance band including Phil and Vivian Williams, Warren Argo and Dick Marvin.

The categories of competition will be Junior, Senior, Intermediate and Open. Weiser-style rules will be observed.

John Ullman

Forest Grove Fiddle Contest in conjunction with the Ballardtown Barbershop quartet contest will be on March 4 this year. More news on this next month.

DISTRICT 1

Our next jam session will be Jan. 21st at Merrill Grange, Merrill, Or. instead of the 14th because of the State Jam Session in Roseburg on Jan. 15. We will have a regular business meeting at 6:30 PM with potluck and jam to follow. We played for our usual nursing homes this month and also for the City of Doris, CA Christmas party.

Homer McLain from Lakeview has been quite ill, they have found after many tests that this is due to a weak heart muscle. He is now on medication and is doing much better. Homer Clark is also on the road to recovery and we are very glad to see him up and around again. Feb. 11th at the IWA Hall in K. Falls will be our next jam with election of officers and business meeting. Wish everyone a very Happy New Year, see you in Roseburg.

Les Tucker, Chairman

DISTRICT 4

District 4 had their annual Christmas Party, Dec. 10th & 11th. Many commented that this was the best one yet. I'm sure I had a good time. The specialty foods were spread out as for a regal feast. The tables were decorated so pretty, the tree lighted the dance floor and the music added to the enhancement of the evening.

We had most people from Dist. 4 but we did have some visitors from other districts. We hope the Winners from Portland enjoyed the evening. They got the long-distance prize. L.D. Daniel & Delberta were there. We don't see as much of them as we did since LD is a school boy.

We all want to thank Stella Neathammer for her part in the Christmas Party. Also Lou Hoots who so aptly managed the kitchen; Jim Hoots, Jack McCasland for the tree & any others not mentioned who helped make this such a fun time. We never cease to thank our musicians who really are the ones who cause these good times to happen. The gift exchange was fun and all seemed happy with their gifts.

There will be a state jam session in Roseburg at the fairgrounds, Jan. 15th. All districts please note. We'll have our usual potluck, bring your table service. On

Jan. 14th, Sat. night, there will be a nice party at the IWA Hall behind Montgomery Ward store in Roseburg. Bring finger foods. There will be overnight parking at the IWA Hall, also at the fairgrounds. Call Guy Kinman for details. See you in Roseburg.

Reporter ,Martha Warwick

Don't forget the State Jam session at Roseburg, Sunday, Jan. 15th in the Floral Bldg. at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. This ixit is marked off the 1-5 Freeway. There will be a party for OOTFA members and guests Sat. night at 8:30 at the IWA union hall on Vine Street, behind Montgomery Wards. There will be camping on the fairgrounds, Sat. night.

Recently, a group of our people got together with the Senior Citizens Club from Waldport to raise money for Cancer Research. Participating in the show were Al Tester, Tab Ailax, Eldon Powell, Johnny McDonald, Gary Moore, Jim Morris, Cliff Buker, Larry Modrell, Rusty Modrell, Guy Kinman and Floyd Harmon. Some of these folks traveled quite a distance to help with this effort. Members of our organization are helping with benefits of this type all over the state. I am so proud of the fine people that make up our membership.

God Bless you all and give you a wonderful New Year.

Dorthy O. Houston

DISTRICT 5

We had a very nice Christmas Party at Bandon, Dec. 3rd. Nice crowd, plenty of "goodies" to eat. Good gift exchange. A few went to the Nursing Home and played music, seemed to be very much enjoyed. The evening was spent in dancing. Everyone seemed to have a good time. Special thanks go to Les & Barbara McLeod for getting the hall. Barbara did a great job of making the decorations.

Our next jam will be at Reedsport, Sat. Jan. 21st. I don't know what time the doors will open, but knowing Paul, anytime someone gets there. The community building has had quite a bit of work done since our last jam. Should make the music sound better than ever. Potluck for members & guests at 5 pm. Door opens to the public at 7:00 PM.

Remember - Membership dues are due. Hope everyone had the best of Holidays.

Geri Virtue, Reporter

Additional news from Barbara McLeod, District 5: On Sunday, February 19th, there will be a meeting of District 5 members for election of officers at 11:00 AM, with potluck to follow at noon and jam at 1:00 PM, to be held in Coquille at the community building. Would like as many members as possible to attend.

DISTRICT 6

The jam session at the Moose Lodge in Springfield was a most gratifying and successful event, thanks to the 28 musicians out-doing themselves. Wayne Holmes and Elsie Willis shared the emceeing stint - Wayne, with his usual aplomb and Elsie in her charming manner.

We owe a vote of thanks to the members and officials of the lodge for their warm welcome and invitation for us to come again.

What a nice kick-off for what we hope will be very happy holidays for all.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!!!!

On March 12th at the Moose Lodge in Cottage Grove we will have a business meeting and election of officers. Doors will be open at 10:00 AM, a potluck will be at 11:30 with meeting to follow. A jam session will start immediately after, to which the public is invited at no charge.

Members, bring your table service. Coffee and punch will be furnished.

Please put this date down as a must on your calendars. Hope to see you all at Elmira, Jan. 22nd.

Poco Boyd, Reporter

District 6 will hold a potluck and jam session, Sunday, Jan. 22, 1978, Elmira Grange Hall, 88764 Sprague, Elmira, Oregon. Hall will be open at 10:30, potluck at noon, jam session at 1 pm. Take highway 126, west from Eugene, right turn on Territorial Rd., left on Sprague. Fiddler signs will be posted.

Marjorie O'Bryant

There will be a fiddlers jam session at the Lowell Grange Hall. There is a correction to last month's Hoedowner in as much as this is not being put on by the grange, they will be there only to sell enough food to pay their expenses and furnish the

hall. The date is Jan. 29th, Lowell Grange Hall, 2nd & Moss in Lowell, Ore. Take the Oak Ridge - K. Falls Hwy out of Eugene. The exit to Lowell is plainly marked. For any additional info please call Marion M. Hiatt, 38896 Fir Ave.-Box 91, Dexter, Or. 97431 - or call her at 937-2675. Time 1:00 to 4:00 PM.

DISTRICT 7

Our Christmas Party was really a nice one. We had 35 fiddlers and 10 or more accompanists. I'd like to thank everyone of you for coming and making it so. I'd also like to thank the ladies, Dulcie, Evelyn, Edna and Penny, who prepared the turkeys, hams, and those who worked in the kitchen. Thanks to all you ladies for bringing your special dishes. It was a dinner to be proud of. There will be a Jam Session at Sunnyside on Feb. 26. We will have our business meeting at 11:00 to elect new officers for the coming year. So please come early and let's have a good turnout.

Your Chairman, Ed Mead

As Ed says, the party was very nice. Santa Claus made (her) appearance and played a couple of fiddle tunes. It was Ida Mae Norby. She also made her own suit; it was very nice, and the children there really enjoyed it.

Carol Wheeler stopped by later in the day and shared her trip with us. She spent a couple of days in California with the Buck Owens band. She played a job with him and had an audition. We wish you well, Carol. We all signed a card for our Dear Fiddling Friend, Bill Weber, who had a stroke recently. Verneda sent me this letter to be put in the Hoedowner. Also it was very nice to see some people at the jam that haven't been coming. It was a pleasure to have you back.

Reporter, Penny Mead

Here is a thankyou we would like to pass along:

Dear Penny: Please convey Bill's thanks to all the fiddlers and other friends who attended the Christmas Party and expressed their kind wishes by signing the get-well card; also to the many who have kept in touch with us by phone and cards during our hospitalizations.

I am happy to be up and around again at a slow pace. Bill has been transferred to the Friendship Health Center for recovery from his stroke and other complications. We extend our best wishes to all for a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Sincerely, Verneda Weber

DISTRICT 8

The Salmon River Grange jam session was very well attended. Had a very good program, several played Christmas Carol's, gave us all a lift. Carlton Smith did a good job as emcee as usual. The grange has invited us to come again. The combined Christmas party of District 7 & 8 was really great again, had really a lot of fiddlers and accompanists. The turkey and all the trimmings were delicious, hard on the waist line tho. Santa Claus came and played the fiddle and the gift exchange was lots of fun.

District 8's Gus Pearson has finished his second fiddle and it's really beautiful, and sounds great, although he likes the tone of the first one better. We're hoping he will start on a third one soon. Our next jam session will be at Buell Grange Jan. 8th. Doors open at 10:00 AM, potluck at noon and program at 1:00 PM. Hope all had a merry merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Our election of officers will be Feb. 19th at Buell Grange.

Bea Smith, Reporter