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COMING EVENTS

				Dist.
Feb. 11	Jam Session	IWA Hall	Klamath Falls, Or	1
Feb. 12	Jam Session	Grange Hall	Central Point, Or	4
Feb. 17 & 18	Contest	Clark College	Vancouver, Wn	
Feb. 19	Jam Session	Grange Hall	Buell, Or	8
Feb. 19	Jam Session	Community Bldg	Coquille, Or	5
Feb. 26	Jam Session	Grange Hall	Sunnyside, Or	7
Mar. 4	Contest	Forest Grove Hi School	Forest Grove, Or	
Mar. 12	Jam Session	Moose Lodge	Cottage Grove, Or	6
Mar. 24 & 25	State Convention	Fairgrounds	Eugene, Or	
Apr. 2	Jam Session	L.C. Stehur Bldg	Beaverton, Or	7

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I want to thank all of the District Chairmen and representatives who attended the board meeting at Roseburg. We got a lot accomplished, including planning for the State Convention and our State Contest.

We will be getting posters out soon and we will expect the District Chairmen to get them out in their own districts. Remember, good advertising is the key to a successful program.

Also, attached for everyone's study, is a copy of the new by-laws which we will act on at convention. Please take the time to review them and submit any last minute comments to Les Tucker, our by-laws revision chairman.

I feel Les and his committee have done a fine job and we all owe them much thanks.

John Melnichuk

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

To clarify the requirements to become a lifetime member, you have to be an active member, over 70 years of age, who has been a paid up member for 2 previous years before you may apply for lifetime membership. An active member is one who has taken part in our public jam sessions, state shows and charity events.

Dues will be taken at the convention, but cards will not be issued until the April Hoedowner comes out, so anyone wishing to renew and attend the convention, get your dues to me before convention time.

Edna Yohey

We are saddened to hear of the death of Vera Rowley, June Secor's mother. She passed away January 19, 1978 at the age of 87. She always enjoyed our old time fiddling very much, and attended a lot of our jam sessions and contests. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Jim and June.

Dulcie Fast

CONTEST NEWS

Dear Fiddlers and Friends,

This is to welcome you all once again to the Ballad-Town Fiddlers Contest, to be held Saturday, March 4th at 1:30 PM at the High School in Forest Grove, Oregon. Come anytime Saturday, before 1:30 to Floyd's Music Store for get-togethers and a little chow. I will be open by 8:00 AM.

Prizes shown below plus trophies for each division.

	<u>OPEN</u>	<u>SENIOR</u>	<u>JUNIOR</u>	<u>JUNIOR-JUNIORS</u>
1.	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$50.00
2.	75.00	50.00	50.00	25.00
3.	50.00	25.00	25.00	10.00
4.	25.00	Entrance fees - Open-----\$10.00		Srs. & Jrs.-----\$5.00
	15.00	Junior-Juniors - Free		
	Seniors - Over 65	Juniors - 13 thru 18	Jr-Jrs - 0 thru 12	

If any fiddlers are interested in judging the contest, please call Floyd Parson, 357-3031 collect. I need 3 for \$35.00 each. I also have a good electronics man working on the PA system in the school, so it should be a lot better this year. Hope to see you all the 4th of March.

This is being sponsored by B.P.O.E. #2440.

Floyd Parson, Chairman

DISTRICT #4

Another Sunday has come and gone. The rains stopped long enough for our fiddlers to play the state jam session on 1/15/78. The sun shown all day. The state meeting will be discussed elsewhere.

Our potluck was filled with goodies, of course, all too many dishes to have some of each. As usual we all ate too much. During the meeting I was presented with a gift from the California Fiddlers who attended the campout. Quite a unique symbol of the campout. Such a surprise!

The program was smooth and the audience hung in there until the end. We had 40 fiddlers and probably as many seconds. This was the most yet. They were all veteran players and the music was tops. We had many nice compliments. Most of our districts were represented.

Thanks go to the Kinman's and the Houston's for our day. Next January we will have the large building at the Roseburg Fairgrounds to hold the huge crowd (some of which had to stand outside to listen.) Dorothy Houston will be securing it this month for next year.

February will see #4 meeting in the Grange Hall in Central Point. (We've all been there before). This will be election of officers and we are asking everyone to come by 10:00 AM for the meeting. Potluck will be at 11:30. Program open to the public at 1:00 PM. See you all there.

Martha Warwick, Reporter

DISTRICT #5

District 5 will meet Sunday, Feb. 19th in the Junior Auditorium of the Coquille Community Building. Doors open at 10:00 AM with a business meeting and election of next year's officers at 11:00 AM. Potluck dinner will follow the meeting with the public invited at 1:00 PM.

The fiddlers have been asked to play for a Valentine dance, Feb. 11th. Sponsored by the VFW #3440, the dance will be held at the VFW Hall in Bandon at 7:00 PM. You are asked to bring "finger food."

Geri Virtue, Reporter

DISTRICT #6

An almost capacity crowd at the Elmira Grange hall responded with resounding applause to 20 fiddlers, with the help of 10 able accompanists, take their turns at the mike. The program was interspersed with good specials, both vocal and instrumental. Leroy Sims vary ably exceed much of the time. His clever and good-natured manner contributed much to the enjoyment of all. The crowd persevered through a long show and many stayed to dance a while afterwards.

We wish to extend a hearty welcome to the new members and a big thanks to the members of other districts who helped to make the day such a success.

A REMINDER-----March 12th at Cottage Grove is a significant date, both for fun and the business meeting to elect next year's officers. Remember the potluck will be at 11:30 to give us time for the meeting before the jam session. I cannot stress enough the importance for all members to attend this meeting.

Poco Boyd, Reporter

DISTRICT #7

Our next jam session will be held at the L.C. Stehur Building, 5550 S.W. Hall Blvd. This is 2 blocks off Allen Ave. on Hall Blvd. next to the Pilgrim Lutheran Church, in Beaverton. Doors open at 10:00 Potluck at noon. Open to the public at 1:00 PM.

Penny Mead, Reporter

FIDDLER OF THE MONTH

WESLEY BRUNSON

Wesley Brunson was born in Miles city, Montana, August 4, 1902.

Wes's grandfather served in the 7th Cavalry of the U.S. Army. After he was mustered out, he homesteaded at Calabar, about 20 miles west of Miles City. The family was living there during the Indian wars, and the grandfather and an uncle helped bury General Custer and his men. It was here that Wes's parents were married.

The Brunson family moved to Oregon where Wes's father homesteaded in Columbia County. They moved to Newberg when Wes was quite young.

Wesley learned to play on his father's fiddle and played his first tune, an old church hymn, when he was 7 years old.

Wes possesses a fine natural musical talent and has learned to play several instruments. Besides fiddle, he plays guitar, mandolin, banjo and accordion. His favorites are fiddle and guitar. He joined the G.O.T.F.A. in March 1967.

Wes Brunson is a quiet, unassuming person with a keen sense of humor. Like all musicians, he loves to play, and is always willing to lend his talents to any occasion or group. His beautiful guitar harmonies add greatly to any musical rendition.

His many friends are looking forward to a rapid improvement in his health so that he can again take part in all the things he enjoys so much.

Minnie Bennett, historian

***Clark College
Fiddle Contest
& Exhibition***



Feb. 17 & 18

THIRD ANNUAL CLARK COLLEGE FIDDLE CONTEST & EXHIBITION

Program

February 17th: 8:00 - 10:30 p.m.
EXHIBITION: Balfa Brothers
 with Marc Savoy, Mike Seeger,
 Joe Pancerzewski, Vivian
 Williams, Frank Ferrel with
 Bertram Levy.

February 18th:
 10:00 a.m. - Registration opens
 10:30 a.m. - Judges meeting
 11:00 a.m. - Judges meet with
 contestants
 11:30 a.m. - Drawing for places
 12:00 noon - Preliminaries
 Junior-Junior
 Junior
 Senior
 Intermediate
 Open
 1:00 p.m. - Country dancing in
 2:00 p.m. - Gymnasium with
 Sandy Bradley &
 All-Star Square
 Dance Band
 12:00 p.m. - Workshops:
 4:00 p.m. - Balfa Brothers &
 Marc Savoy - Cajun
 Fiddle Styles
 Mike Seeger -
 Archaic Fiddle
 Styles
 Vivian Williams -
 Bluegrass Fiddle
 Frank Ferrel -
 Irish Fiddle
 Joe Pancerzewski
 Western Canadian
 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. **FINALS**
 Judges Exhibition
 Jr.-Jr. Finals (top 3)
 Junior Finals (top 3)
 Senior Finals (top 3)
 Intermediate (top 3)
 Open (top 3)

Prizes:

OPEN

1st	\$100	&	trophy
2nd	80	&	trophy
3rd	60	&	trophy
4th	50	&	trophy
5th	40	&	trophy
6th	30	&	trophy
7th	20	&	trophy

INTERMEDIATE

1st	\$ 35	&	trophy
2nd	25	&	trophy
3rd	15	&	trophy

SENIOR

1st	\$ 40	&	trophy
2nd	30	&	trophy
3rd	20	&	trophy

JUNIOR

1st	\$ 30	&	trophy
2nd	20	&	trophy
3rd	10	&	trophy

JUNIOR-JUNIOR

1st	\$ 15	&	trophy
2nd	10	&	trophy
3rd	5	&	trophy

Weiser-style rules will be observed.

Ticket Information

	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Under 12/ Over 65</u>
Exhibition	\$2.50	\$1.00
Preliminaries, Dance, Work- shops	2.00	1.00
Finals	2.50	1.00
Preliminaries, Dance, Finals	4.00	1.50
All Events	5.00	2.00

Ticket Outlets:

America the Beautiful
 Dreamer, Vancouver
 Pioneer Music, Portland
 Longhair Music, Portland
 For What It's Worth,
 Beaverton

Entry Information

<u>Division</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Jr.-Jr. (under 12)	\$.50
Junior (12-17)	\$2.50
Senior (over 65)	\$5.00
Interm. (18-65)	\$5.00
Open	\$5.00

All events, except country dancing, will take place in Gaiser Hall, Clark College, Vancouver, Washington.

For more information, contact Jim Britton or Evy Warshawski (503) 231-6050.