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COMING EVENTS

APRIL 1985

DISTRICTS

April	5-6	Fiddle Contest	Hermiston	BMOTFA
	6	Reg. Jam and Dance, Grange Hall	Greenacres	5
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	21	Reg. Jam, Moose Lodge	Eugene	6
	21	Reg. Jam, Elsie Stuhr Sr. Ctr.	Beaverton	7
	27	Booster Program	Greenacres	5
MAY	10, 11	STATE FIDDLE CONTEST, High School	Lebanon	OOTFA
	12	Reg. Jam, Live Oak Grange	Rogue River	4
	19	Jam, Svenson Grange (near Astoria)	Svenson	7
	26	Benefit Jam	Rockaway	8
June	9	Jam, Gresham Sr. Ctr.	Gresham	7
	9	Benefit Jam, Woodburn Grange	Woodburn	8
	16 thru 22	NATIONAL FIDDLE CONTEST	Weiser, Idaho	NOTFA

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Well, I'm glad the convention is over. Was I busy? Yeah! Did I have fun? Two yeahs! But let me tell you it was worth it. I thanked all of you down there, but I am going to say THANK YOU all, again, just in case some of you weren't listening. I thank you for all your help, your suggestions and support. I thank you for all the nice things you have done for this organization, but mainly for the way you have promoted and helped the young people. I think it is terrific. I love you for it, and I'm sure they do, too. It was wonderful to have all the backing you give.

A big welcome to our new officers for next term: Maxine Benson, our first lady-president nationwide, Lew Holt, Vice President, and Gynn Deaton, as Secretary-Treasurer again. I was very pleased with your choices for the next term and I hope you understand why I couldn't serve another term. I will always be grateful you gave me the chance to serve this organization this past year as President. The plaque I received at the banquet is very beautiful and I am very proud of it. It now hangs in our living room and I worry about it a lot. So I am seeking advice from all you past-Presidents on how to take care of it. Do you think that polishing it just twice a day is often enough? Suggestions appreciated.

Two good old boys were fighting and one of them was yelling that he had enough. Somebody said, "Hey, stop it! Didn't you hear him say he had enough?" The other good old boy replied, "Yeah, I heard him, but he is such a liar you can't believe a word he says!"

Love you all, BUCK

OREGON'S OLDEST MEMBER ATTENDS STATE
CONVENTION IN ROSEBURG



Born in White Earth, Minnesota, in 1893, the first old time fiddlers DAVE QUINLAN heard were two uncles who played for dances. His first fiddle came from a Sears Roebuck catalog and he started playing for dances at age 15 and played for 75 years. He came to Corvallis, Oregon, in 1959 and is a Charter Member of the Oregon Old Time Fiddler's Assoc. and has 4 fiddling trophies. He also helped organize and played fiddle in the Great Corvallis Original One And Only International Recycling Band in Corvallis, which played at the World's Fair in Spokane, Expo 74, and many cities in Oregon. About five years ago, with his wife, Emma Quinlan, daughter, Verna Blaine, and friends Whistling Mitch Hider and singer Flo Arbeiter, formed the Valley Vaudeville Review which entertained extensively on "The Potluck Circuit", Sr. Centers, Granges, Lodges, Retirement Homes, Schools, Nutrition Sites & Nursing Homes. Even though he officially "retired" his fiddle on his 90th birthday, he still takes part in making music with a variety of percussion instruments, maracas, sand blocks, tambourine, castanets, triangle, and his newest favorite "instrument", a ratchet type screwdriver which, surprisingly, makes a great percussion rhythm accompaniment. Once a week,

with daughter Verna and harmonica player, Lillian Hardwick, entertains at the Grace Adult Day Care Center in Corvallis. Friends are always welcome at Dave and Verna's house. More than 25 instruments, including piano, organ, accordion, mandolin, ukelele, several fiddles and guitars, drums, autoharp and lots of percussion instruments are always at hand and ready for a jam session. So any of you Old Time Fiddlers who happen to be in the Corvallis area, give them a call (753-8429) and head on out for a musical afternoon or evening.

Additions to your ROSTERS (Continued)

- Robert M. & Jerene M. Shaffar, 960 Jackson, Bandon, OR 97411 ph 347-2776
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- Wayne (Bill) & Norma Talbert, 1771 Doerner Rd., Roseburg, OR 97470 ph 672-3895
- Alfred & Sally West, Box 518, Winchester, OR 97495
- Ron & Yvonne Windsor, P.O. Box 456, North Plains, OR 97133 ph 647-2823

LET'S ALL MAKE THESE FOLKS WELCOME TO OUR FIDDLE FAMILY

WANTED: Tenor guitar in good condition. Have fiddle that I'll swap. Contact R.E. Anderson, P.O. Box 1666, Cave Junction, OR 97523 ph 592-2356.

Dale and Myrtle McCoy wish to thank all you members who helped them celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary at the State Convention in Roseburg. They were certainly surprised when it was announced.

Bill Yohey wishes to especially thank his two fine guitar players who helped back-up for his workshops.

DISTRICT 1

March 17th was Jam day at Klamath Falls Firgrounds. We had a room full of enthusiastic musicians and listeners, with everyone getting out to enjoy the beautiful weather. Several Dist. 1 musicians attended the Roseburg Convention and thought it was very good. We wish a speedy get-well to different ones who are ill.

March 21 was fun night at Altamont Church of God, and March 28th was good old fiddling at the Claramont Senior Citizen apartments.

March 24, fiddlers play at the nursing homes.

April 4th will be fun night, 6:30, at the John Lewis home on Winter Ave., in Klamath Falls. (Thanks, John and Irene).

April 21 will be a business meeting and jam at the Fairgrounds in Klamath Falls. Meeting will be at 1 p.m. and fiddling gets underway at 2 p.m. Public Welcome.

LOUISE POLLICK, Reporter

DISTRICT 3

The regular April Jam will be April 14th at 1:30 p.m. at the Bend Senior Center. At the March 10th jam we had our largest audience ever since Dist. 3 was activated. 125 listened to the music and antics of nine fiddlers and seven accompanists. The Art Kroetsch's brought their son and his new bride, Rie. Rie charmed us with singing and classical style guitar music. Art Kroetsch played special numbers on his harmonica and Marge Nimmo sang along.

Tom and Betty O'Neal are home again after their trip to California, just in time to go along with Don and Lee Hanna, and Orlo and Hazel Flock to the State Convention. All reported they had a wonderful time.

Lois Chisholm is recovering from successful ear surgery and Deane Thomas is due to have surgery on his arm soon. Deane is more upset over his inability to practice his fiddle or banjo without pain and, hopefully, the surgery will straighten this problem out.

Following the April Jam we will have election of officers. Don Hanna suggests that we think of members for office who will be able to attend out of town meetings when necessary. We hope to see you all at the Jam in April.

MARGE NIMMO, Reporter

DISTRICT 4

Apr 14 Jam, Community Center, 821 N. Oregon St., Yreka, CA.

May 12 Jam, Live Oak Grange, Gardiner & Arbor St., Rogue River

Regressing to the Jan. 27th meeting and jam held in Gold Hill, this was the election of officers meeting for 1985-86. Dave Winkelman was elected Chairman, Mona Givens was re-elected as Sec. Treas. and, as of yet, we have not elected a Co-Chairman. Dusty Yancey, Co-Chairman of 1984-85, has been approved as presiding Chairman for the remainder of the term upon the resignation of Sam Stelle in Jan. The Feb. 24 regular Jam held in Jerome Prairie was very enjoyable. Vic Flood emceed the program consisting of 18 fiddlers, and four specials. Melissa Carlisle played her fiddle for the first time before an audience. Mike and David Williams, young fiddlers from Ashland, were also able to join in the fiddling day. These young people do a fine job and we hope they can come more often.

Members of this dist. and family of Alta Bance joined together on March 2nd in Talent for a Farewell Fiddle Party to Alta who is moving to Springfield to be with her daughter. What is Dist. 4's loss will be dist. 6's gain. Good luck, Alta, we will miss you.

March 10 meeting, potluck and jam was held at the Grange hall in Central Point. Program was emceed by Vic Flood and consisted of 16 fiddlers and 5 specials. We had a smaller audience but several dancers. Many of them remained after the program for more dancing. It was a fun day!

Some of the members from this area were able to attend the Convention, or a portion of it and do wish to offer a big THANK YOU to all who, in any way, contributed to the convention. A lot of planning and hard work goes into this annual affair.

On April 14 we have been invited to Yreka, CA., to join in jamming with our friends and members across the state line. Directions are: take 1st or North off-ramp from I-5, to the right (west), cross through 2 stop signs, turn right on N. Oregon St. to the Community Center. Howard Jones says doors will be open at 10 a.m., pot luck at 11:30 a.m. Please bring a dish to serve and your own table service. Program to the public at 1 p.m. Hopefully, we will have good weather so many of us can go. We always have a good time in Yreka.

Regular meeting and Jam for May will be Sunday, the 12th, at the Live Oak Grange Hall, Rogue River. Directions: Cross railroad tracks in city of R.R., turn right for 1 block, then left turn to the front of the hall. Pot luck served at 11:30 a.m. and doors open to the public at 1 p.m.

Members here were shocked and saddened to learn of the sudden death of a former member (living in the Applegate area), Al Pondelick, on Feb. 22. Al was a guitar picker with our fiddlers a few years back. Our condolences to his wife, Adele, and their family.

It is good to hear Henry "Hank" Wobbe is recovering nicely in Villa Royal Nursing Home following surgery for reduction of a hip fracture. Congratulations to Hank and Beulah on your 58th Wedding Anniversary, April 6th.

MARIAN JORGENSON, Reporter

DISTRICT 5

April 6 Greenacres Grange Dance

April 20 McKinley Grange Dance

April 27 Greenacres Booster Program

We started March off with our "first Saturday of the month dance" at Greenacres on the 2nd..just as we did in February. It turned out to be one of those special nights to write about. We had a good turnout for the Dist. 5 business meeting. At 7:00 we gathered around the tables and went down the agenda. We discussed insurance for the PA system but decided that it was too expensive. We will take the money that we received fiddling for the Kiwanis in Feb., and donate it to the "Hero" fund in Coos Bay. Hero was a police dog that was shot by a man he was helping to capture in January. We discussed our calendar for the spring and summer and held an election of officers for the coming year. Lew Holt was re-elected Chairman, Al Lively was re-elected as Co-Chairman and Barbara McLeod was elected Secretary.Treasurer. Everybody was thanked for their support of Dist. 5 the past year.

There was a good turnout of fiddlers: Alice Holt, Gene Gosney, Warren Baker, Dave Pinkerton, Bob Shaffar, Norma Allen, Catherine Hall, Lew Holt, Les McLeod, Carl Dean, John Settle, John Allen, Leonard Olson, Fred Virtue, Jack Storm and Claude Strader. We had an equally good turnout of back-up: Betty Lively, Abbie Shaffar, Dorothy Settle, Bob McKee, Paul Williams, Al Lively, Ernest Allen, Dennis Allen, Ella Savery, Dan Pullis, Shorty Dow, Murrel Walton, Dale Alley, Terrance McGown, and Don Mattix. Dennis and Thelma Allen gave us a couple of songs.

The rest of the month kind of slowed down for us as a group. Several Fridays, groups went to the senior rest homes to play. Alice and Lew went to an elementary school and put on an assembly. The kids enjoyed the fiddle playing and asked several good questions about fiddles.

April won't be as quiet, though. April 6th we will again gather at the Greenacres Grange for their dance. Hamburgers will be served from 6:00 on. We will start playing for the dance about 7:30. Why don't you take Highway 42 from Coos Bay to Coquille, take the Greenacres turn off, and join us for the evening? There is always room on the stage for one more.

On April 20 we will be playing at the McKinley Grange. There are so many ways to get to McKinley out of Coquille or Myrtle Point - you'd better ask one of us who has been there before for directions.

On April 27th we will go back to Greenacres for their Booster Night. We will play after their booster program - so it won't be until 8:00. Please plan to attend.

STANDING RULES

I. Official State Contest Rules

A. Contest Division

1. Championship Division
2. Intermediate Division
3. Senior Division
4. Junior Division
5. Junior-Junior Division
6. Pee Wee Division

B. Division Rules

1. Championship Division includes contestants eighteen (18) years old and less than sixty-five (65) who have placed as follows:
 - a. In top twenty (20) of Championship Division at Weiser.
 - b. In top three (3) of Ladies Division at Weiser of Certified Regional Contest.
 - c. In top five (5) of any State Championship Division.
 - d. Any other contestant who qualifies by age and who feels qualified, may enter the Championship Division.

Exception:

Any person placing first in the Intermediate Division of the Oregon State Contest must compete in the Championship thereafter. If such contestant does not make the first elimination in the Championship Division at the State Contest two years in a row, he may drop back to Intermediate Division competition the following (or third) year.

Responsibilities:

Contestants who participate in the Championship Division shall be expected to actively participate at fiddling functions during the year including fairs, shows and the State Convention.

The first place winner in the Championship Division will be expected to represent the OOTFA at the National Contest at Weiser, Idaho in June. In the event that the reigning champion establishes residency in another state, or for other reasons cannot represent the OOTFA during the year in the State of Oregon or at the National Contest, a Reserve Champion will be selected by the Board of Directors as a substitute. This Reserve Champion will be the second place winner in the Championship Division. Should the Reserve Champion not be able to attend, then a Reserve Champion will be selected in top order of placement in the Championship Division at the State Contest.

2. Intermediate Division includes all contestants eighteen (18) years old to sixty-five (65) who do not qualify for Championship Division.
3. Senior Division includes all contestants sixty-five (65) years of age or older.
4. Junior Division includes all contestants under eighteen (18) years of age and not qualifying for Junior-Junior Division.
5. Junior-Junior Division includes all contestants under thirteen (13) years of age.

C. General Contest Rules

1. Participants in the Oregon Oldtime Fiddling Contest shall:
 - A. Have resided in Oregon Permanently for six (6) months prior to the contest date.
 - B. Hold a current valid individual OOTFA membership card for a six (6) month period prior to the contest date.
 - C. Qualify for competition by payment of entry fee as established by Contest Chairman and may play in one division only.
2. At registration, all contestants shall draw for initial order of appearance for the first preliminary round. Contest Chairman in further rounds will draw before each round for new order of appearance.
3. Contestants at each appearance must first play a hoedown, second a waltz, and third a tune of their choice other than a hoedown or waltz. No tune shall be played more than once during all appearances of contestant. Suggested total playing time is four (4) minutes. Points will be deducted if playing becomes monotonous or repetitious.
4. Contestants may play without accompanist or with no more than two.
5. Any danceable folk tunes played in Oldtime Fiddle fashion are acceptable.
6. Contact microphones and amplified instruments will not be permitted.
7. No trick or fancy fiddling will be allowed during the contesting appearances.
8. Judging will be scored for Oldtime Fiddling Style, Rhythm or timing, Tone Quality and Danceability. 25 points each, all scores will be accumulative. Points will be deducted for any violations of the above rules #3 through #7 inclusive.
9. Any contestant wanting total scores mailed after contest will pay an additional fee at the time for registration. This fee is to be established by Contest Committee.
10. Any protest must be submitted to the Contest Chairman and signed by not less than three contestants of the contest involved within three (3) hours of the protest occurrence.
11. Judges will be selected by the Contest Committee and will number either three (3) or five (5) at the discretion of the committee.
12. All decisions of the Judges and of the Contest Committee will be final.
13. All other considerations, such as payment of registration fee at the National Contest and determinations regarding residency and eligibility will be made at the discretion of the Board of Directors of OOTFA.

Mark May 4 for Greenacres, Juune 1 for an REA Picnic at the Fairgrounds in Myrtle Point and then to Greenacres for the dance the same evening. We'll let you know next month about Brookings and Powers (Memorial Day week-end and the Fourth of July).
Wasn't the state jam and get-together at Roseburg a good one! I counted 39 District 5 members attending all or part time.

LEW HOLT, Reporter

DISTRICT 6

First let me correct some errors and omissions. Lud Schoenfelder did a fine job on his harmonicas playing at the Red Lyon and the Sr. Centers last month for the kick-off of the Springfield's 100 year Birthday Party. Left his name out...sorry. Also it was VIRGIL HOOTS (Not Jim Hoots) who played at our jam last month.

Please note the CHANGED DATE for this month's jam session. We're meeting APRIL 21, instead of the date listed last month. We will still meet at the Eugene Moose Lodge, 1666 W. 12th, but we're having a potluck, unlike other times we've met there. Please bring your own service; however, hamburgers will be available if you really don't want to make a bowl of coleslaw.

March 24 turned out to be an eventful day at the Elmira Grange Hall. We elected the following district officers for the 1985-86 year: Charlie Sanford re-elected as Chairman, Jack Walker as Co-Chairman and Jeanie Morris as Secretary-Treasurer. Many thanks, before the year ends on July 1, to those who have served so faithfully in those offices during this past year. All your fine efforts are certainly appreciated.

We had a full afternoon of performers, MC'd by Stan Gonshorowski, and welcomed many players from other districts. Among them were Rusty Modrell-Dist. 8, John Allen and Bernard Charleboiser from Dist.5, Helen Hakansen-Dist.7, Paul Lakey-Dist.4 . Also Jack and W ilma Gilliland, Vergie Linde, Ernest Allen, Fred Grove and Stan Smith were guest performers. If I left out any guests it's because I didn't have your names listed. You are always welcome.

We hear the sad news that Alex and Betty Paladijczuk lost their home in a fire last week. Some personal property was saved, including Alex's fiddle and hammered dulcimer, but the loss is heavy. Our district voted to contribute two hundred dollars to help them cover some of their losses.

NEWS FLASH!!! Just look on page 128 of the April issue of the SUNSET MAGAZINE which features the beautiful gardens of Chuck and Dorothy Booher.

Since this issue of the Hoedowner is just minutes away from going to press I still have time to tell you that a group of our musicians played March 28th for an early morning breakfast at the Willamalane Senior Center in Springfield.

LINDA DANIELSON, Reporter

DISTRICT 7

April 21 Elsie Stuhr Sr. Center, Beaverton, Potluck and Bake Sale

May 19 Svenson Grange, Svenson (near Astoria). Potluck

June 9 Gresham Senior Ctr., Gresham. Welcome in our new officers and Potluck
31 people played at our March Jam. Audience was somewhat small but, thanks to all who gave it their best.

April 21 will find us at Beaverton, Stuhr Adult Leisure Center, 5550 S.W. Hall Blvd. We always have a good crowd and, rumor has it that it will be televised by cable TV. Bake sale, Bake Sale at the April 21 jam. Everybody bring something and let's fatten the District pot a bit. Also we'll have a potluck. Doors will open at 10:30 a.m., potluck at 11:30 to 12:30 and play 1 to 4. Let's all try and work with our accompanists before we play at the next jam. It's tough (and embarrassing) for the accompanist to try and figure out a tune they've never heard or played before. I'm guilty of this myself but vow to change my ways. A little practice before playing on stage will help them a great deal.

While on the subject of accompanists, I'd like to say a few words. Our back-up people aren't often lauded for their participation. Without them our jams

would not be of very **great** interest to the general public and the fiddlers sure wouldn't have as much fun. Let's all look at our back-up musicians and be sure they share the limelight with the fiddlers. Some of them spend many hours practicing for jams and other fiddler events and their ability hasn't come easy. Sometimes they are really the best musicians on stage. I'm a great one for not telling them the key I am going to play in, or, worst yet, I give them the wrong key. By the second measure of music, their good ears are usually on track and they are right with me. God bless the back-up people and thanks for the help you give to all fiddlers.

GARY EVANS, Reporter

DISTRICT 8

April 14 Regular Jam, Buell Grange
May 26 Benefit Jam, Rockaway, OR
June 9 Benefit Jam, Woodburn Grange

Buell store is approximately 21 miles west of Salem on Highway 22. Direction signs for the grange hall will be there.

The benefit jam at Rockaway will be held for the purpose of raising funds for the Vernonia Campout.

The Woodburn Jam is an annual event held at the grange hall to raise funds for "Dogs for the Deaf".

Sunday, Mar. 10, turned out to be a beautiful day for our Lincoln City Jam. After a delicious dinner, M.C. Lee Jones presided over a well organized program consisting of 11 fiddles, 6 guitars, 2 vocals, 2 harmonicas, 1 mandolin, an autoharp, a Jews harp, a melodion (welcome, Jeannette Robinson!) and 2 piano accompanists. (It was good to hear Bessie Bukar playing piano acc. again!)

Many from Dist. 8 took active part in the convention at Roseburg this year. The most outstanding were Bill Yohey, Joey McKenzie, Lee Jones, Faythe Maahs and Jeanette Robinson. Bob and Joyce Crump had to leave on account of sickness in the family. Nearly all of us took part in the programs and enjoyed ourselves immensely.

MINNIE BENNETT, Reporter

DISTRICT 9 (No news)

Please make these additions to your new ROSTERS:

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FROM YOUR VICE-PRESIDENT:

THANK YOU..THANK YOU..THANK YOU..THANK YOU..THANK YOU..THANK YOU.....

to all who came to the Convention! You really made it great! To those who worked so faithfully in the duties assigned to them, your names were all recognized at the banquet so I won't list you here.

To those who brought items for the Drawings, Friday! Wasn't that fun!!!

To those who donated the Raffle items: Fishing pole made by Isom Patterson and won by GREG BAKER. Good fishin', Greg! The Afghan made by Marge Sanford and won by Myrtle McCoy, and the beautiful Fiddle Clock made by Sam Stelle and won by Arnold Canning. Andy Emert won the Baby T-Doll. Your mom sure liked that, Andy! We know you will all enjoy your loot! You lucky people!

To all those people who made the 20 lovely centerpieces. Our tables would have been bare without them. Those who won them later will treasure them.

To Thelma Shephard, for typing up the Rosters and having them there. We sold almost all of them already. Let me know if you need more.

To Joyce Grissom for collecting "rent" out in the parking area. That was quite a job!

To LeRoy Sims, our Emcee. Great job, LeRoy! You had fun, didn't you. Is the chocolate cake mystery solved, or are we still lookin'? It was a fun banquet and we thank you lots.

To Carol Ann Wheeler, Greg Baker, Joey McKenzie, Bill Yohey, and Ed & Penny Mead for our outstanding Workshops. They were great and people asked for more.

To our Guests of honor, Dave Quinlan and those from out of state. We are so happy you came!

To Wayne Holmes for bringing the beautiful plaques.

To Dan Pullis for the many, many pictures he takes. Good job, Dan!

To those who got up so early and cleaned the hall on Sunday morning. That was so nice of you. You saved us a cleaning bill!

I could go on and on and, no doubt, forget someone, so please - please - if you did anything at all to help make our 1985 Convention what it was, accept our thanks for a job well done!

Last, but not least, Walt and I wish to thank you for your vote of confidence when you elected me to the office of President for the 1985-86 year. It is a real honor and I will serve in that office the best I can. This is a great organization and we are very proud to be a part of it! Arent you?

May the Lord bless you all real good 'till we meet again.

MAXINE BENSON

Convention Chairman

P.S. (Not T.S.) As Membership Chairman, If any of you have not yet received your 1985 membership cards, please notify me as soon as possible. Your new Vice-President, Lew Holt, will take over the duties of this job July 1 and I need to have all records current. Thank you.

MAXINE

FROM YOUR EDITOR:

Please accept my apologies for late, lost, or "otherwise" Hoedowners during March. We are going back to 1st class mailing from now on, and they should be getting to you on time. However, several were not forwarded, and some went "astray" so please let me know if your address has changed, etc. I really was glad you griped about late or missing Hoedowners, it told me you value getting it and that you do read it. Be looking . . . for the Trivia Quiz coming soon on information in your state Rosters.

Some of you asked me to let you know, so here goes! I expect to have a brand-new knee joint put in on April 1st, and the second one about a week later if all goes well. I told the Doc I had to be home in time to type the next Hoedowner! He sez I might make it. I want you to know how much I enjoyed meeting so many of you at convention and putting the right faces to names I knew. Love my Fiddle-Family!

THELMA SHEPHARD

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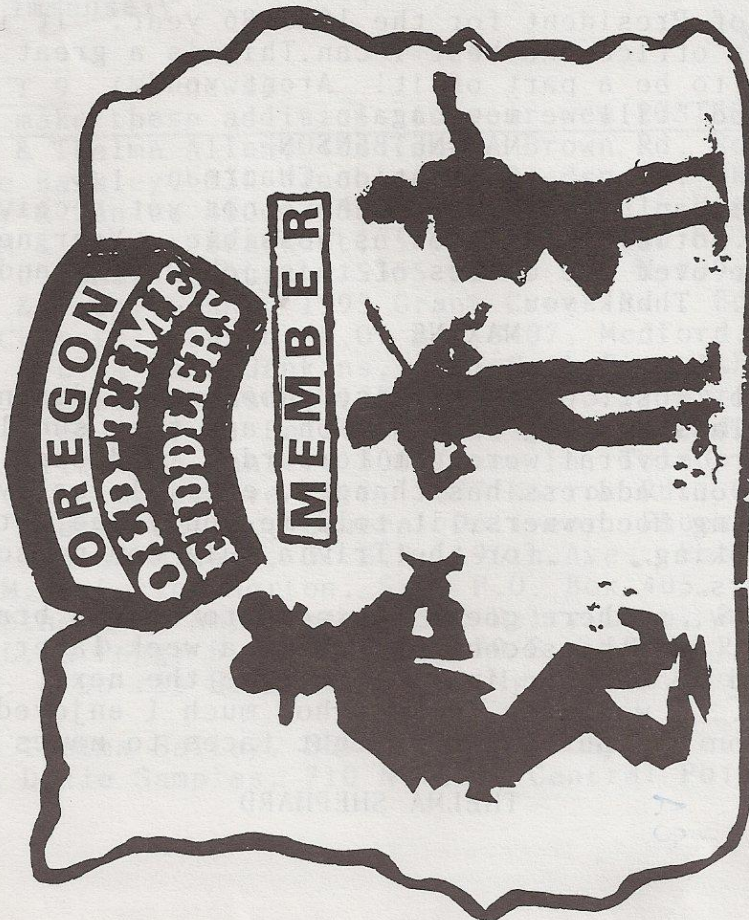
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Article I

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a Non-Profit Organization.

Article II

Purpose: To perpetuate the oldtime fiddling and
oldtime music. To encourage the younger people to
learn & appreciate this type of music.

DON'T FORGET OUR OREGON STATE FIDDLE CONTEST

May 10-11. Fri. 7-11, Sat. 11-4 & 7-11

Session or package tickets available. For further
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