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## COMING EVENTS

Feb. 9-----State Jam Session   Moose Lodge-----Cottage Grove, Oregon  
 Feb. 16-----Jam Session   Middle High School-----Stayton, Oregon  
 Feb. 23-----Jam Session   Warnor Grange-----Canby, Oregon  
 Mar. 2-----Jam Session   Elks Lodge-----Sweet Home, Oregon  
 Mar. 8-----Fiddlers Contest   Pacific University-----Forest Grove, Oregon  
 Mar. 21-22-----Fiddlers Convention   Lane Co. Fairgrounds-----Eugene, Oregon  
 Apr. 4-5-----N.W. Regional Contest-----Spokane, Washington

## DISTRICT #4 - #6

District #4 & #6 will sponsor next State Jam Session Feb. 9th, at Cottage Grove, Oregon. Pot luck and Jam Session to be held at Moose Lodge located on Highway 99 So, across from the Dairy Queen. We are hoping for Fiddlers and Accompanists from all Districts. Pot Luck at 12:00 noon followed by Jam Session. Arrangements for Hall made by Paul and Delores Lakey.

District Reporter,  
Don Loring.

## COMING EVENT

A Jam Session will be held Feb. 16th, at Middle High School on Shaff Road in Stayton, Oregon. Hall will open at 10:00 A.M. Pot Luck Dinner at noon. Program will begin at 1:00, Dancing after the Program. We will appreciate it if everyone will try to come and participate in this Jam Session as this is Stayton's First. I understand that they are working very hard to make this a big success, so let's cooperate with them.

Thank you,  
Editor.

## COMING EVENT

District #6 will sponsor a State Jam Session March 2nd, in Sweet Home. Pot Luck and Jam Session to be held at Elks Lodge. Coming into Sweet Home on Hiway 20, take first right hand exit onto Osage St. , a turn of about 180 degrees and you will see the Elks Lodge Building. Up the hill about three blocks coming into Sweet Home on Hiway 228 from Freeway three Brownsville, take a left on 1st Ave., proceed about four blocks on 1st to Osage, left on Osage to the Lodge. Doors will open at 10:30 A.M. We are looking forward to seeing a lot of Fiddlers and Accompanists. All of Sweet Home and environs are anticipating a good Jam Session, so let's have a good turnout. Arrangements made by George and Helen Stout.

NOTE: I would like for all District #6 members to be there as early as possible so we can hold our election of District #6 Officers.

District Reporter,  
Don Loring.

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### CONTEST

Dear Old Time Fiddlers;

We wish to extend to you again this year an invitation to participate in the Balladtown's 9th Annual Old Time Fiddlers Contest, to be held Saturday March 8th, starting at 1:30 P.M. at Forest Grove, Oregon. Balladtown U.S.A.

General Fiddling--1st prize \$125.00 and trophy; Second prize \$100.00 and trophy; Third prize \$75.00 and trophy; Fourth prize \$50.00 and trophy; Fifth prize \$25.00 and trophy.

Senior Fiddlers, 65 years and older; First prize \$50.00 and trophy; Second prize \$30.00 and trophy; Third prize \$20.00 and trophy.

Junior Fiddlers, 18 years and under, shall receive Trophies for first three positions and cash prizes --- \$25.00, \$15.00, \$10.00.

Many festivities will be going on throughout the day so come early and enjoy them. Entry Blanks, Sandwiches, and coffee, plus get-together will be at Floyd's Music Store.

There will be a \$5.00 Entry Fee for General Fiddling and a \$2.00 Entry Fee for Fiddlers 65 years and older. Entry Fees are to be paid not later than 1:30 P.M. Saturday March 8th, National Contest Rules will apply.

The 8th Annual Balladtown Fiddlers Contest held last year at our 27th Annual Original All Northwest Barber Shop Ballad Contest and Gay 90's Festival was a great success. We, of Forest Grove appreciate your time and effort in making this one of the biggest Fiddlers Contests in the Northwest.

Sponsored by Forest Grove Elks Lodge #2140 B.P.O.E.

Floyd Parson.

### CONVENTION REPORT

It is time once again for our Annual Old Time Fiddlers Convention for 1975.

This being the program planned thus far;

When---March 21 & 22 1975.

Where---Lane County Fairgrounds, 700 W. 13th, St. Eugene, Oregon.

What----The 8th Annual Convention and the fourth to be held consecutively in Eugene. Friday, March 21st, Registration. Banquet tickets sales (\$2.75) each.

Jamming all day in the Pioneer Building which opens at 10:00 A.M. Annual Fiddle Show begins at 8:00 P.M. Friday evening in the Auditorium Building. This Building will seat 1200 people and will be open by 7:00 PM in the evening. Members are admitted free (You must have a correct Membership card) Admission for Adults \$2.00, Children Grade School age and under \$1.00. Saturday March 22nd, Pioneer Building will open at 9:00 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. Business Meeting. At the conclusion of the Meeting there will be Jamming and Dancing. 6:30 P.M. Banquet--North's Chuck Wagon, Willamette Plaza 29th and Willamette St. 8:30 Dance----Members and Guests only. See you all at the Convention, come and have fun.

Convention Chairman,  
Wayne Holmes.

### NEWS

Jan. 16th several Fiddlers and Accompanists gathered at the Van Vista Highrise Apt. Building in Vancouver, Washington and entertained those residing there. In exchange for our entertainment, we were served a very nice Dinner. The Fiddlers present were Fred Hildebrandt, Penny Mead, Gladys Braskett, those Accompanying were, Ed Mead, Frank Warner, Jim Braskett and June Secor. Jim Secor played several tunes on the Harmonica.

### COMING EVENT

There will be a Jam Session at Warner Grange, February 23. Don's will open at 10:00 A.M. Pot luck at noon. Program at 1:00 Warner Grange is located at New Era on Hiway 99 E between Oregon City and Canby. There will be a business meeting at 11:00 to elect new Officers for the coming year.

DISTRICT #8 REPORTS

We are very happy and proud to report that our Jam Session held at Buell Grange was a very inspiring one. A large crowd was present and lots of Fiddlers and Accompanists came to participate. It is always more fun to play for a crowd who seems to be pleased with what they hear and we really want everyone to know that we enjoyed their presence and hope that they will plan to come to all that they can. The Fiddlers playing were Gladys Braskett, Fred Hildebrandt, Jim Morris, Cliff Baker, Guy Kyler, Shorty Allen, Bob Fast, Charlie Johnson, Gus Pearson, Don Toomb, Shorty Wimer, Penny Mead, John Malnichuk, Ray Mack, Frank Williams, Mona Luczycki, Leonard Mahs, Charlie Francis, Phillip Francis, Dave Quinlan, Valdemar Nelson, Carl VanHooser, Leroy Sims, Carol Wheeler, Grant Wheeler, Harm Baker, Jim Sutton, Del Anderson, and Bob Booth. Specials: Cliff & Jim Morris, Fiddle Duet, Gus Pearson, Shorty Allen & Ed Turner played Accordians. Lloyd Smith and Charlie Francis played Banjos, Ray Mack trick fiddled, Sam Shepherd and Walley Weaver and Dave Robinson played Harmonicas. Gladys, Penny and Fred - Fiddle Trio. Accomp; Piano were Minnie Bennett, June Socr, Bessie Baker, Gladys Braskett. Guitars; Ruth and Don Loring, John Malnichuk, Bob Hughs, Frank Warner. Bass; Penny Mead and Charlie Francis.

Editor,  
June Socr.