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COMING EVENTS

Mar. 8-----Fiddlers Contest Pacific University-----Forest Grove, Oregon
Mar. 16-----Jam Session Community Center-----Grants Pass, Oregon
Mar. 21&22-----Fiddlers Convention Lane County Fairground--Eugene, Oregon
Apr. 4&5-----N.W. Regional Contest Masonic Temple,
1108 Main-----Spokane, Washington
Apr. 6-----Jam Session Fairgrounds-----Yreka, California
May 2&3-----Fiddling Contest Vert Auditorium-----Pendleton, Oregon
May 10-----Ore. State Contest/UMPQUA Community College--Roseburg, Oregon
June 15-----Topanga Banjo & Fiddle Contest-----Santa Monica, Calif.
June 16-21-----National Contest & Festival-----Weiser, Idaho

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's nearly convention time again, the time of year we all wait for. Renewing old friendships with fellow fiddlers, some of whom we have not seen for many months. Wayne Holmes, with the help of others, has everything ready for us. He is very capable and has done a fine job.

Jim Stout has done the posters and programs again - Many thanks Jim.

The show is organized, which I will have the pleasure of emceeing. The only problem with working up a show is that not everyone can be asked to play because of the time element. Don't feel badly if you were not asked, I wasn't either.

The show will open with all of the Fiddlers playing though, so be prepared to help with the opening number. The Hoedowner is quite lengthy this time, so will not take up anymore space. See you all at Eugene, where we'll have a lot of fun and fiddlin.

Wayne Walter

DISTRICT #1 REPORTS

Don Gish, L.D. Daniel, Cliff Tunnell and Doris Clark played at the Midland Grange Hall for a Chili Feed and Dance on Jan. 4th.

Jan. 18th, Dist.#1 had a Chili Feed and Meeting at the Merrill Recreation Hall. New Officers elected were L.D. Daniel--Chairman, Keith Wells--Secretary. Homer Mc Lain was reappointed as Co-Chairman and Doris Clark News Reporter. The outgoing Officers were commended and given thanks for their time spent and all the good work during the past year. They were Irven Johnson, past Chairman, Barbara Gooing, past Secretary and Anne Johnson, News Reporter. Following the meeting, we had a very nice Jam Session.

A going away party was held Jan. 29th for Art Vaughn and Denver Lynch at the Clyde Lynch home in Lakeview. Guests enjoyed music furnished by Homer Terry, Larry McLain, Sam Watts and Clyde Lynch.

We had a Jam Session Friday night, Jan. 31st in Lakeview. We want to say "Welcome" to our new members, "The DeVeny's."

Doris Clark & Clyde Lynch

DISTRICT #4 REPORTS

District #4 held it's regular Jam Session at the Fairgrounds in Roseburg on January 26th. Nothing seemed to stop the Fiddlers from coming, not even snow. A short business meeting was held, an annual financial report was given and then everyone enjoyed a fine Pot Luck Dinner. In the afternoon, we listened to some fine Old Time Fiddling. We had 26 Fiddlers and 13 Accompanists and some very fine special numbers. District 4 will hold their next Jam Session March 16th in Grants Pass at the Community Center on E St. District 4 is host again this year for our State Contest. We are getting the format ready. We will do as last year and involve some workers from each District. Jack Link has consented to be our emcee.

We had 19 Fiddlers and 14 Seconds at our Jam Session Feb. 23rd. District #1 is always well represented at all of our Jam Sessions and we're so happy to have them. We had election of officers as follows; Fred Samples--Chairman, Margaret Cox--Sec'y, Neva Flood--Treas., Stella Neathammer--Historian and publicity chairman, Alex Phillips--caretaker of PA system, Martha Warwick--Program Chairman & Emcee.

Our next Jam Session will be at Jerome Prairie Grange Hall and we'll finish the meat and punch from our Christmas Party at this upcoming session. Members bring hot dishes, salads and desserts. Doors open at 10:00 am---Open to public at 1:00 pm.

April 6th will find us all in Yreka at the fairgrounds where we've met the previous 2 years. Ralph and Norma Dias are our hosts. See you all next month.

Martha Warwick

DISTRICT #4 & #6 REPORTS

A State Jam Session was held Sunday, Feb. 9th at Cottage Grove Moose Lodge. We are proud and happy to report that our Jam Session was very inspiring. A large crowd was present and lots of Fiddlers and Accompanists came to play. A lot of wonderful food was served at noon Pot Luck. We enjoyed lots of good fiddling and specials in the afternoon. We wish to thank all the Fiddlers and Accompanists that participated in this wonderful Jam Session. We are looking forward to this again next year with a bigger building and better seating arrangement, also parking area.

Entertainment Chairman-
Reggie & Joan Land

DISTRICT #7 REPORTS

February has been a busy month for our Fiddlers. They have played for the Friendship Lodge at 57th & Sandy, an Eastern Star group, the Rainbow Girls at the Masonic Lodge on E. Burnside and at Washington Plaza in Portland.

Feb. 23rd was our district Jam Session at Warner Grange. The day started off with a bang. The tragedy was, that bang was June Secor falling on the slippery grass as she got out of the car. We were so sorry to hear that she broke her leg, but the doctor said he would have her sitting at the piano again very soon.

We had a beautiful spring day, a very nice crowd---several from District 8 and a very nice dinner. About 45 Fiddlers and Seconds came to play for us, and we had several nice specials. Our audience especially enjoyed John Melnichuk, our present State Champion, and his brother Steve, when they played for us.

We had our election of officers. Wayne Walter and Fred Hildebrandt will again be our Chairman and co-Chairman and Penny Mead is our new Sec'y and Treas. Bob Fast was re-appointed for our reporter, so any news or activities that you think would be of interest to our Hoedowner, please let me know.

I want to thank all Fiddlers and Accompanists which were too numerous to name but certainly not unappreciated.

Bob Fast

NOTE OF THANKS

We wish to extend our thanks to each and every Fiddler and Accompanist that helped to make the Cottage Grove Jam Session a success. It's people like all of you that make a Jam Session a success. A special thanks goes out to Don and Ruth Loring for all their help. See you at Sweet Home.

Paul & Deloris Lakely.

NEWS FROM ROSEBURG

February 6th & 7th Ralph Houston and Jim Rose fiddled at Melrose School near Roseburg. They were accompanied by Al Tester on Guitar. State Superintendent Vern Duncan visited the school and couldn't resist an impromptu dance to Jim's rendition of Jennie Lind Polka. The school children expressed a great interest in the Old Time Music and seemed to enjoy it very much.

Ralph & Dorothy Houston

PENDLETON CONTEST

Due to having so much news this time we will put the complete details on the Pendleton contest in our April issue. Be sure and keep the date open, it will be our fifth year for the Eagle Aerie No. 28 Sponsored Contest.

NEWS FROM THE BLUE MOUNTAIN FIDDLERS ASSN.

April 19th the Blue Mountain Fiddlers Assn. will put on a fiddle show at Union, Oregon to begin at 7:30 pm with an old time dance to follow. This is sponsored by the Blue Sage Tac Team.

WORD FROM OUR SECRETARY

Just a reminder - There are several who haven't renewed their memberships. You will need your 1975 card to attend the convention at Eugene and to vote at the business meeting. Also no money, no paper in April. We have now made up our Lifetime membership cards, if anyone has missed receiving theirs please let me know, as we are hoping to have them all mailed before the convention.

BILL YOHEY SPECIAL

We are very proud and honored to have "our" Bill Yohey represent our state when he judges at the Masters Fiddle Contest in Nashville, Tennessee this coming June. This is a contest by invitation only and Bill has played there in previous years and this year was invited to judge.

Dulcie Fast, Sec.

FOREST GROVE CONTEST

Registration at Floyd's Music Store by 1:30. Judges will be Marshall Jackson, Gresham, Ore., Jim Hoots, Ashland, Ore. and Jack Darlin, Durkee, Ore.

DISTRICT #8 REPORTS

A meeting was held in the basement of Warner Grange while District 7 held theirs upstairs. This was for the election of Officers for the coming year. Our new Chairman is Guy Kyler, Co-Chairman - Leonard Maahs, Sec.-Treas. - Minnie Bennett.

ALL ABOUT THE ANNUAL CONVENTION IN EUGENE, MARCH 21-22

Our annual convention has gotten bigger and bigger every year and our 1975 affair will probably be no exception. A brief report was in last month's Hoodowner, but here is a complete summary of all the activities:

Dates-----March 21 and March 22
 Where-----Lane County Fairgrounds
 700 W. 13th St. Eugene, Oregon
 What-----Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association
 8th Annual Convention

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

Pioneer Building will open at 9 am Registration, jamming, banquet ticket sales all day. Banquet tickets are \$2.75 this year, and will be sold on a first come,

first served basis. At 8 pm the big Fiddle Show will be held in the Auditorium Building. Bring your friends. Admission will be \$2.00 for adults, children of grade school age and under \$1.00. Members with paid up cards for 1975 will be admitted free.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

Jamming all morning in the Pioneer Building. Building will open early. How early depends on you fiddlers; if you want it open at 7 am let me know.

BUSINESS MEETING-----1:30 p.m.

FUN DANCE TIME-----as soon as business meeting ends.

BANQUET-----NORTH'S CHUCK WAGON, 20th & Willamette St. 6:30 p.m.

DANCE-----for members and guests only at 8:30 in the Pioneer Building.

That's the outline of the agenda for the convention, but I hope each of you will read the following: Anyone who has a camper or trailer will be able to stay on the grounds as long as you wish, from Friday through Sunday. Restrooms are on the lot West of the buildings we'll be using.

There'll be a chance for you to help out with several chores that go with the convention: ushering at the show or helping Stage Manager, Jim Secor, see that performers get to the stage on schedule, helping at the soft-drink booth or in the kitchen. This year, I plan to have salads, snacks and burgers available to our members at cost on both Friday and Saturday. It will take people willing to help in the kitchen in order to do this. If you want to help in any way, let us know when you register Friday.

Plan to attend the business meeting at 1:30 Saturday. Don't let others decide things for you. Come and be part of it. I want to urge everyone to stay after the business meeting and get in on the fun when we have Sue Reager show us some of the real oldtime dances like the Virginia Reel and the Contra Dances. Sue is one of the best dance teachers in the U.S., so don't miss out on this.

SPECIAL NOTE TO PERFORMERS IN FRIDAY NIGHT SHOW: In order to avoid some of the confusion that we experienced last year, we are going to try to follow the system used at the National Contest and have performers out of the Auditorium Building until a short time before going on stage. All performers will be on stage at the start of the show and then all but the first solo player and the 2nd and 3rd will go to the Pioneer Building. Jim Secor and his assistants will then see to it that you are brought back to the Auditorium Building at the proper time. If you will cooperate, the show this year will run the smoothest ever.

ABOUT TAPE RECORDERS: No objection to small hand-held tape recorders. As for the big reel-to-reel machines, let's keep it simple. We don't want the stage or the area in front cluttered with a lot of recorders.

MOTELS: Here are the four I picked as being the most conveniently located for getting to and from the Fairgrounds:

Bon House	1190 W. 6th	Eugene, Oregon 97402
Toxan	750 W. 7th	Eugene, Oregon 97402
Mills	568 W. 7th	Eugene, Oregon 97402
Mason	345 W. 6th	Eugene, Oregon 97402

See you at the Convention!

Convention Chairman,
Wayne Holmes

PROPOSED 1975 CHANGES TO OUR BY LAWS

Article I addition: Any member in good standing, residing in Oregon shall be eligible to vote at the annual business meeting, held for the purpose of electing new officers, also at any special meeting that the officers of the association shall deem necessary to call. Time and place to be published in the newsletter, the Hoedowner, at least once prior to such special meeting. ADDITION - This shall also apply to each district.

Article III addition: Election of Officers by ballot: Addition "to hold an office a member must belong to the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association for at least one year prior to their nomination." First, President, Second, Vice-president. Third, Sec-Treas. In the event three or more names are nominated the two receiving the most votes shall be voted on again to determine the one receiving the majority of votes. The term of office, one year, unless re-elected. Addition "But not more than 2 consecutive years for state and district offices."

1972 Ammendment Changes:

State Contest requirements: Any member must be a resident of the State of Oregon six months prior to entering contest. Addition: "That there shall be five judges at any state sponsored contest."

1973 Changes:

Item I. That 20% of all "net" monies taken in by the districts from jams, contests, etc. shall go to the association. "Exception to this is money donated from outside activities."

Item 6: Word change from 'That the advisory board shall make a yearly audit of the treasurers report prior to the annual meeting. To read: That the president shall appoint a qualified person to make a yearly audit of the treasurers report prior to the annual meeting. This shall also apply to district books. That all checks, bank statements, receipts and any pertinent data be sent in for supporting documents on audit.