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COMING EVENTS

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Feb. 19	Contest	Clark County College	Vancouver, Wash.	
Feb. 20	Jam Session	Coquille Comm. Bldg.	Coquille, Oregon	5
Feb. 27	Jam Session	Buell Grange	Buell, Oregon	8
Mar. 6	Contest	Ballad Town U S A	Forest Grove, Oregon	

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am starting this message with a very sad note, the passing of Ray Mack. Ray had been a fiddler for most of his life. He also was a fine man with so many friends that it would be difficult to count them. He is going to be missed by all of us. I am sure that I am speaking for everyone in our organization in extending our deepest sympathy to Lillian Mack and all of the family.

I hope we have a good turnout at the State Jam Session in Roseburg. I want to remind you of the business meeting also at that time.

I want to wish all of you nice people a VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR. I hope it will be good to you.

Sincerely, Jim Secor

Linda sent in the following on the Cloverdale, Ca. Contest: On the 8th of January, 1977 the second annual 8th of January contest will be held at the Cloverdale Citrus Fair Bldg., Railroad Avenue, Cloverdale, Calif. 11:00 AM until evening. The entry fee will be \$2.50 and can be sent in to Cloverdale Historical Society, P.O. Box 433, Cloverdale, Ca. 95425. Judges will be Tumbleweed Turner of Bakersfield, Ca., Tim Rued, the grandson of Kelly Kirksey and the 3rd judge, yet to be named will also be of high caliber. Edith Thompson will be the emcee. There will be workshops in Mandolin, Swedish Fiddle, Banjo, Nickelharpa, Flatpick Guitar, possibly Cajun Fiddle and Dobree.

Fiddlers will compete in two Divisions. The Championship Division, offering \$150.00 First prize and \$75.00 second prize, will include all who have won a State, Regional or National or Major Contest. The second division will be the open or regular division for all who do not qualify for the above. First prize \$100.00, second prize, \$50.00. Trophies will be awarded to 1st & 2nd places in both divisions and to the oldest and youngest fiddlers and to the best-liked accompanist.

There will be a \$2.50 admission charged to everyone over 12 and \$1.00 for under 12. Accompanists will pay nothing further, fiddlers will pay an additional \$2.50 to register for competition. There will be a check stand for instruments, a food concession and designated areas for artists to sell their recordings. For further information

call Dr. Robert Quam, 1-707-894-7910 or 894-3495.

Three announcements sent by John Ullman which may be of interest to many of you.

1. Tracy Schwarz, expert old-time fiddler, will appear with Elizabeth Cotton, author of Freight Train on Jan. 15. Tracy has many records out as one of the New Lost City Ramblers, a new solo album, and 2 excellent fiddle instruction records, one on Country Fiddling and one on Cajun Fiddling.
2. The 2nd annual Clark College Fiddle Contest will be Feb. 19, Saturday, with an exhibition on Feb. 18. Dick Barrett and Frank Ferrell have agreed to judge and be in the exhibition and there will be square dancing in another building on Sat. afternoon.
3. Bill Monroe will be at the Paramount Theater Feb. 11 with the Blue Grass Boys featuring Konny Baker on the fiddle. This is a benefit for the Mental Health Assn. of Oregon. Bill Monroe will also be in Medford Feb. 4, Eugene (U of Oregon) Feb. 5. Corvallis (CSU) Feb. 6 and Pendleton, Feb. 10. All for the Mental Health Assn.

DISTRICT #1

Since we did not have a get-together in December there is not much to report. On Saturday the 18 of Dec. we attended a Tea at the Ponderosa Nursing Home. This Tea was a special thanks to our fiddlers and other volunteers who had entertained there during the year. The patients had a little program rehearsed about the night before Christmas. It was a very touching experience. Later the 18th we played for a wedding reception at Kingsley Field. We will play at the Eagles Hall Sunday, Dec. 26th.

Our district has had a good year, lots of improvement in our fiddlers and accompanists and we have given lots of good entertainment to many people. I think we have enjoyed every minute ourselves. Not only in making the music but also in meeting and having friends like the fiddlers group. To me they are the greatest.

Saturday night, Jan. 15 we will have our first 1977 get-together and business meeting. Merrill Rec Hall, Merrill, Oregon. Potluck at 7 PM. Everyone come and let's have a good turnout to start the year right.

See you there! Leo Eddy, Reporter

DISTRICT #4

We are hoping to have a large turnout for the state jam here in Roseburg at the Moose Hall on Jan. 16. We have arranged for a hall for the evening before the jam. The Ten Mile Community Hall. So anyone who can come a day early plan to attend a party Saturday night the 15th anytime after 7 PM. Directions to the hall are as follows: Drive south from Roseburg on the freeway 4.4 miles to the Winston turnoff. Turn and drive 3.3 miles to the center of Winston and take highway 42. Drive 8.5 miles on Hwy 42 west from Winston to Ten Mile Cemetery road. Turn right and drive just .6 of a mile to the Methodist Church and Ten Mile Elementary school. Turn between the two buildings. The hall is right behind them. There will be signs to guide you from Hwy 42 in Winston. We will have a light supper about 10 PM. You may bring sandwiches or a dessert.

I visited Al Tester at home on Sunday Dec. 19 and he is looking very good and planning to see everyone at the Roseburg jam. God Bless you all in the New Year.

Dorothy O. Houston

December has been a busy month everywhere. District 4 has had it's share of celebrations in honor of that special day, Dec. 25. The Annual Christmas party at Jerome Frairie Hall was lots of fun. Stella Neathammer did a fine job of decorating and arranging for everyone's fun. Thanks Stella! Was good to see L.D. Daniel out again.

There was a number of fiddlers who stayed overnight. This really puts a fine ending to a nice party. At the party we talked about the upcoming state jam session in January at Roseburg. It will be an overnight stay too for those who can get there on Saturday night. Do try to make this.

Be sure to bring your dues to the next jam session.

District 4 wishes all a very prosperous New Year. I would personally like to thank all those who sent cards and Christmas Cheer to Red and me.

Martha Warwick

DISTRICT #5

We want to thank everyone for coming to the jam at Reedsport. After a delicious Turkey, Ham and all the trimmings, potluck dinner was enjoyed, we had the gift exchange. The doors were then opened to the public. We had 18 fiddlers and 9 accompanists to play for the show and the dancing afterwards. Paul Williams and Al Lively were the emcees and did a fine job.

On Feb. 20, 1977 there is to be a jam and meeting, election of officers at the Jr. Auditorium in the Coquille Comm. Bldg. More details in next months Hoedowner. We hope everyone had Happy Holidays.

Geri Virtue, Reporter

DISTRICT #6

On Sunday, Nov. 28, several fiddlers and accompanists led by George Stout had a fine jam session at the Moose Lodge in Lebanon. We started at 1 PM and a full audience applauded every number until we quit at 5:00.

Saturday, Dec. 4, several of us played in Florence at a benefit for the Blind sponsored by the Lions Club. Had a nice turnout and were well received. There is to be a jam session at the Moose Hall in Lebanon, Jan. 23 starting at 1 PM. Jan. 8th a jam session, potluck and dance will be held at the Lowell Grange Hall, Lowell, Oregon. Potluck at 6 PM, jam and dance 7:30 PM.

David Boyd, Reporter

DISTRICT #7

District 7 & 8 held a joint Christmas Party Dec. 12th at Sunnyside Grange. In spite of all the fog, many came to enjoy our dinner and program. Our table looked very pretty with all the lucious and colorful dishes to go along with our ham, turkey and dressing. Our fiddlers and accompanists made up a very nice program. Our thanks to the grange for a share in their pretty Christmas tree. Here's hoping we can look forward to a happy and prosperous New Year with lots of Fiddling, too.

We look forward to the next meeting, February 6th at Warner Grange, because it will be our election of officers for 1977. I hope everyone will show up. The meeting will be at 11 AM, potluck at noon and show to start at 1 PM. Ya all come, Hear!

Bob Fast, Chairman

DISTRICT #8

District 8 is very saddened by the passing of Ray Mack. He will be missed very much by all his friends. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his wife Lillian.

Many of our Fiddlers are busy playing this Holiday time. Several of our fiddlers joined us at our Grange Christmas party potluck and caroling and played some good dance music for us. Thanks to one and all.

Our next jam session will be Jan. 30 at Buell Grange Hall. Doors open at 10:00 AM and potluck for members at 12 noon with program open to the public at 1 PM.

Feb. 27 there will be a jam session and business meeting for the election of officers at the Buell Grange. More in the February Hoedowner.

We also would like to report that Stella Pearson, wife of Gus Pearson, is in the McMinnville Hospital after Gall Bladder surgery Dec. 20. Gus called last night and said she was getting along alright. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to you, Stella.

Bea Smith, Reporter

LAST CALL FOR DUES: If your money is not in by the 25th of January you will not be receiving your February Hoedowner. So please send today to Edna Yohey, 934 N. Davis, McMinnville, Ore. Make your checks out to the Oregon Old-Time Fiddle Assn.

Thankyou, Edna Yohey

A TRIBUTE

by Minnie Bennett

The Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association has lost another one of it's few remaining, genuine old-time fiddlers. Ray Mack, of Salem passed away December 14, 1976 at the age of 83.

Ray will be greatly missed by his many friends, among which are the hundreds of invalids and aged in rest homes and especially by the musicians who played with him regularly every week.

An instrument of wood, bone and horse-hair has reverted to its elements. A fiddler once vibrant with life in the skilled hands of it's owner, now lies silent in it's case. Silver strings that, for so many years brought joy and gladness into the hearts of multitudes lie silent because the talented fingers that moved the m have no further use for them.

What a priceless gift, were it possible for the fortunate heir who is given the fiddle, to be given also, the great talent, the skill, the love for music and the sheer joy of making it, that was once so vitally a part of it's owner.

Ray was generous with his talents, always willing to play his fiddle any time and any where he could. He spent much of his time doing just that.

His fiddle is now silent, but it's music will live on in the hearts of all who listened and danced to it's melodies.