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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

The last few week's have been busy ones. I have never gotten so many letters, or written so many before.

It wasn't many days after being elected President that I realized that both the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association and I needed the talents and experience of our past officers; so I created a Board of Directors, consisting of all the present and past officers of our organization. This Board met at the Gimm home in Sherwood on April 17, and discussed some goals for our Association and how we could best work toward achieving them.

We decided to contact Chambers of Commerce and Festival Committees in several cities about the possibility of having fiddle contests. Most of these would be those where there haven't been any oldtime fiddle contests. The concensus of the Board was that we should continue to promote and participate in fiddle shows also, because these too help to foster public interest in oldtime fiddling.

At this meeting the decision was made to get a special permit so that the Hoedowner could be mailed at a greatly reduced postage rate. The editor will give details about this.

The Jamboree in Roseburg was more than well received. It was more comparable to giving a thirsty man in the desert a cup of cool water. The folks there were really enthusiastic about oldtime fiddling. We signed up many new members that day too.

Our regular Jamborees will continue in the northern part of the state, but we will be having some more Jamborees in the southern part too. These probably won't be every month, but should be at least every two or three months. These sessions will be important to the people there to promote and sustain interest in oldtime fiddling. To those of us farther north we can consider these as bonus sessions which we can take in occassionally, just as those of you who have joined from the southern area will try to come to a jamboree in the northern section once in a while.

So as many as possible come to Grants Pass May 9th and to Eugene May 23.

WAYNE HOLMES

GRANTS PASS JAM SESSION AND POTLUCK MAY 9TH

Our president Wayne Holmes has made arrangements to have another jam session and potluck in the southern part of the state, this jamboree is in ADDITION to the one in Eugene. Here are the details on how to get there.

It will be at the Jerome Prairie Grange Approx. 5 miles S.W. of Grants Pass on the highway to Crescent City. Watch for a pickup truck with a sign on it to direct fiddlers to the grange.

EUGENE JAM SESSION AND POTLUCK MAY 23RD

Here is the scoop on our jam session in Eugene from our President Wayne Holmes. The May jamboree and potluck dinner will be in Eugene at the River Rd. Parks Building, or Emerald Park on 1400 Lake Drive. For any who haven;t been there before, turn west from Interstate 5 at Belt Line Rd. turn off, turn south on River Road, West on Maxwell to Lake Road. Go south on Lake to Emerald Park. We'll have the place open at 10 a.m. to get ready for dinner.

DON'T FORGET: BRING YOUR OWN TABLE SERVICE TO THE POTLUCK'S

