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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

At this time of year we sum up the past year then resolve to make the new year better. 1971 was a good year for our organization in nearly every way. One thing we have not done is attract enough youngsters into our gropp. The ultimate future of oldtime fiddling depends on getting young folks started at it. Each one of us should do whatever we can toward this. In other respects, the picture has been all good. We had good times together and heard some good fiddling at our jam sessions, contests and shows. We increased our membership and added to our treasury. The great success of our southern district group of fiddlers has been encouraging. Behind their apparent overnight success was hard work and planning by dedicated people. I claim no credit for their achievement. What they have done in a short time has been the result of their own efforts. I asked some of them to get together and start a group. This they certainly did. On behalf of the entire Association I wish them continued success in "72" and in years to come.

It has been a busy, challenging year for me as your president. I thank all the people who have helped me in countless ways, and especially Ron Gimm who has done such an outstanding job of putting out our newsletter each month, providing us with all the fiddling news. Although I have decided not to be a candidate for office in "72", I am certainly going to do all I can as an individual to promote oldtime fiddling. I ask each of you to do the same. We can invite new people to our meetings, we can ask the officers about having a jam session in a new area, we can try to interest people in putting on an oldtime fiddle contest. If we do these things and not wait for someone else to do them, Our Organization will grow and oldtime fiddling will be heard by more and more people.

I'm asking our editor to send out this January Hoedowner to all our present (1971) membership. This gives you January to pay your dues and continue receiving all the news via the Hoedowner. But if you don't get your dues in this month, that's it.....no February Hoedowner for you. Don't let that happen. I hope to see everybody in Corvallis on the 16th. So long for now.

WAYNE HOLMES

CORVALLIS JAM SESSION AND POTLUCK JAN. 16

Our monthly Jam Session and Potluck will be held in Corvallis January 16, The dinner and show will be held in the gym at the Catholic Church School, or is now known as the Senior Citizens Center. This is the same place we had our Sat. Jam Session last September. The Hall is located on 25th St. just off Harrison St. west of town. This is a fine hall for our meeting and we would like to thank Guy Kyler for making the arrangements for it. The hall will be opened at 10:00 a.m. and dinner will be about 12 noon with the show starting at 1 or 1:30 p.m. Don't forget three things. Your table service, a friend, and yourselves.

RON GIMM

NOTICE

Clarence Greenlund dropped me a note which read; Sometime this past year at Gresham, I Beleive, I got hold of some one's overcoat not noticing the name A.C. Calkins sewn in it, I would like to locate Mr. Calkins who probably has my similar coat and arrange a "swap".

CLARENCE GREENLUND

