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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

AS WE ENTER A NEW YEAR, WE HAVE GOOD REASONS TO EXPECT ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR OUR ORGANIZATION, OLDTIME FIDDLING AND OLDTIME FIDDLERS ARE BOTH BEGINNING TO GET THE RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION THAT THEY DESERVE. WE WILL PROBABLY BE ASKED TO ENTERTAIN AGAIN THIS SUMMER AT TWO OR THREE COUNTY FAIRS, WHERE WE HAVE PLAYED BEFORE AND THEY WANT US BACK. DONATIONS FROM THESE SHOWS WILL BE MORE THAN ENOUGH TO ENABLE US TO OPERATE ALL YEAR. PLANS FOR OUR CONVENTION IN MARCH ARE ALMOST COMPLETE. THERE WILL BE ONE MORE MEETING OF THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE EARLY THIS MONTH IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THOSE PLANS. GEORGE STOUT AND HIS COMMITTEE HAVE DONE A GOOD JOB ON PLANNING EVERY DETAIL FOR THE CONVENTION.

I WISH THAT THE SAME COULD BE SAID ABOUT PLANS FOR OUR 1973 STATE OLDTIME FIDDLING CONTEST, BUT THE FACT IS THAT PLANS TO HAVE IT HERE IN EUGENE HAVE NOT MATERIALIZED. ALL IS NOT LOST, HOWEVER, AS WE STILL HAVE 4½ MONTHS TO PREPARE FOR IT, IF IT IS HELD THE MIDDLE OF MAY AS IT WAS LAST YEAR. ANY OFFERS FROM PROSPECTIVE SPONSORS WILL BE CONSIDERED AND THE BEST OFFER ACCEPTED.

BEST WISHES TO EVERYONE FOR A HAPPY, AND SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

WAYNE HOLMES

POTLUCK & JAM SESSION SHERWOOD JANUARY 14, 1973

OUR NEXT JAM SESSION & POTLUCK WILL BE AT THE AMERICAN LEGION HALL IN SHERWOOD, ON JAN 14TH, 1973. THE DOORS WILL BE OPEN AT 10:00 A.M. WITH DINNER AT ABOUT NOON, AND THE PROGRAM TO START AT ABOUT 1:00 P.M.

TO GET TO SHERWOOD FROM I-5, TAKE THE THALITAN EXIT AND FOLLOW THE SIGNS. FROM HIWAY 99-W, WHEN YOU GET TO SIX CORNERS, TURN EAST FOR 1 MILE AND YOUR IN THE MIDDLE OF TOWN. SIX CORNERS IS ABOUT 18 MILES SOUTH OF PORTLAND,

DON'T FORGET YOUR TABLE SERVICE AND FAVORITE DISH FOR THE POTLUCK AND YOUR INSTRUMENTS FOR THE PROGRAM. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS MEETING WERE MADE BY:

RON GIMM

SHERWOOD

THERE WILL BE A CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETING AT THE GIMM HOME, 150 N.W. 10TH ST. SHERWOOD, ON SAT. JAN. 13TH AT 7:30 P.M.

IF ANYONE HAS ANY IDEAS OR SUGGESTIONS FOR THE CONVENTION, EITHER COME TO THE MEETING OR GET IN TOUCH WITH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS: MR. & MRS. GEORGE STOUT, MR. & MRS. EARL AULMAN, MR. & MRS. BUCK AULMAN, MR. & MRS. BILL YOHEY, FRED HILDIBRANDT, RAY WALKER, WAYNE HOLMES, MR. & MRS. FRED VIRTUE, OR MR. & MRS. RON GIMM

POTLUCK & JAM SESSION CANYONVILLE JANUARY 20TH

THERE WILL BE A JAM SESSION & POTLUCK IN CANYONVILLE ON JAN. 20. THE BUILDING WHERE THE JAM SESSION WILL BE HELD IS DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM WHERE THE CANYONVILLE CONTEST WAS HELD LAST YEAR. THE POTLUCK FOR THE FIDDLERS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND GUESTS WILL BE JUST BEFORE THE JAM SESSION BEGINS. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT GYNN DEATON , P.O. BOX 487, CANYONVILLE, OR 97417

ALBANY

A SMALLER THAN USUAL NUMBER OF FIDDLERS PLAYED AT THE CALLAMETTE GRANGE HALL NEAR ALBANY ON SUNDAY, DEC. 17TH, FOR AN AUDIENCE THAT WAS ALSO SMALLER THAN WE HAVE BEEN HAVING LATELY AT OUR JAM SESSIONS. PROBABLY THE RECENT BAD WEATHER WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COMPARATIVELY SMALL TURN-OUT. FIDDLERS WERE; WAYNE HOLMES, DON TOOMBS, DICK FRANKLAND, GEORGE STOUT, CLIFF BUKER, FRED VIRTUE, CARL VAN HOOSER, SHORTY ALLEN, LEROY SIMS, CHARLEY FRANCIS, JIM MORRIS, MERVIN DICKERSON, MARGARETTE THORNBURUE, STEVE BENNETT, (STEVE IS 13 YRS. OLD. THIS WAS HIS FIRST APPEARANCE BEFORE AN AUDIENCE) WALT WHITSON, FLOYD HARMON, AND DEL ANDERSON.

IN ADDITION, THESE ACCOMPANISTS HELPED ONE OR MORE OF THE FIDDLERS; BESSIE BUKER, REBA MAYO, LEROY SIMS, AND SHORTY ALLEN.

AS USUAL, THE ENTIRE GROUP OF MUSICIANS PLAYED SEVERAL TUNES BEFORE THE INDIVIDUAL FIDDLERS TOOK THEIR TURNS, AND AGAIN AFTERWARDS, WHEN MANY REQUESTS WERE PLAYED. EVERYONE HAD A GOOD TIME. CLYDE BUKER MADE THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION.

WAYNE HOLMES

MEDFORD REPORT ON DEC. 10, JAM SESSION

THERES AN OLD SAYING SOMETHING ABOUT NEITHER WIND NOR RAIN, SLEET NOR SNOW NOTHING WILL STOP THE MAIL. WELL THE SAME GOES FOR THE FIDDLERS. WE HAD 20 FIDDLERS AND 17 SECONDS. THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS: FIDDLERS: JACK MCCASLAND, CHRIS CHRISTIANI, JONAS COX, IVAN SHUCK, HUGH SAMPLES, WILLIAM RAINES, JIM HOOTS, DICK THIEROLF, HJALMER EDWARDS, L. D. DANIEL, RALPH BYERS, BOBBY BURTON, BILLY WARWICK, DON GISH, JOE NELSON, GLEN OPPIE, RALPH DIAZ, PHIL SIMMONS, NED COVERDALE, GEORGE HAYNES. SECONDS: PHIL SIMMONS, AL SARTAIN, FRED SAMPLES, TEX LOOPER, ALTA BANCE, VIC FLOOD, CURTIS COX, FORREST SAMPLES, STEVE HOLMES, JACK MCCASLAND, DUSTY YANCEY, FRAN TUCKER, PHIL VIELING, MARION ENLOW, DAVE WINKLEMAN, IRENE EDWARDS, AND JIM HOOTS.

DURING OUR POTLUCK SEVERAL OF THE FIDDLERS ENTERTAINED US. WE HAD A VERY FESTIVE DINNER. THERE WERE MANY SALADS, HAM, FRIED CHICKEN, AND TOO MANY FESTIVE HOLIDAY DESERTS. THERE WAS A LOT OF FOOD TO TAKE HOME, WE JUST COULDN'T EAT IT ALL. VI BROWN OF MEDFORD AND HER HELM-MATES ARRANGED THIS JAM SESSION. SINCE OLD MAN WINTER AND BEEN SHOWING US HIS STRENGTH, VI DECIDED TO REMIND US THERE IS STILL WARM WEATHER SOME PLACE SO SHE DECORATED THE HALL, STAGE AND TABLES WITH PALM TREES AND SOUTH SEA ISLAND DECOR. REAL CUTE IDEA VI. OUR PA FOR THIS JAM SESSION WAS FURNISHED BY VIC FLOOD. THANK YOU VIC.

LOTS OF THE FIDDLERS AND FOLLOWERS HAVE ASKED ME HOW THE CAMPSITE IS DOING IN THIS WEATHER. WELL IT IS UNDER ABOUT 5 OR 6 INCHES OF SNOW AND THE CREEK WAS FROZEN OVER SO THAT BEAVER WAS SKATING ON IT THIS MORNING. IT IS ALL VERY BEAUTIFUL BUT IN A DIFFERENT WAY THAN LAST SUMMER. DON'T THINK EVEN THE CAMPFIRE WOULD HELP MUCH IN SEVEN BELOW WE HAD THIS MORNING. WELL THATS IT FOR THIS TIME.

MARTHA WARWICK

ASTORIA CONTEST JANUARY 20TH

THERE WILL BE AN OLD TIME FIDDLING CONTEST AT THE NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY IN ASTORIA, OREGON ON JANUARY 20, 1973. PRELIMINARYS START AT 1:00 P.M. WITH THE FINALS STARTING AT 7:00 P.M. THERE WILL BE FIVE DIVISIONS: OPEN, SENIORS, INTERMEDIATES, LADIES, AND JUNIOR. THE JUDGES WILL BE RUSTY MODRELL, DON GISH, AND BILL YOHEY. NATIONAL RULES WILL APPLY. THE SPONSOR IS THE ILLWACO BOAT BASIN ASSOC.

FROM THE BLUE MOUNTAIN OLDTIME FIDDLERS ASSOC.

I CAN SEE BY THE NUMBER OF FIDDLERS AT ILLWACO WASH, IN THE INTER. DIVISION THAT WASHINGTON AND THE WESTERN PART OF OREGON DO ENJOY THE INTER. DIVISION OF A FIDDLING CONTEST.

I WONDER WHY IT HAS TAKEN SO LONG FOR THIS DIVISION TO BE INCLUDED IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY? THE FIRST CONTEST WITH AN INTER. DIVISION INCLUDED THAT I KNOW OF WAS HELD AT CANYON CITY OREGON IN 1967. SINCE THEN ANY CONTEST THAT THE EASTERN OREGON FIDDLERS OR THE BLUE MTN. FIDDLERS ASSN. HAS HELPED WITH, INSIST THERE WILL BE A DIVISION FOR INTERMEDIATES.

WITH THE HELP OF IDAHO, WASH. AND OREGON FIDDLERS WE HAVE COME UP WITH SOME PRETTY GOOD RULES. IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE A COPY OF THESE RULES, WRITE TO ME AND I WILL SEND THEM.

IVAN MCDANIEL
BLUE MTN. FIDDLERS PRES.
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ADAMS, OREGON

TO THE HOEDOWNER

FIDDLERS SAY WE SHOULD HELP YOUNG PEOPLE LEARN TO PLAY TO PRESERVE FIDDLING. I ATTENDED THE JUDGES TRAINING, AND AM TOLD NOT TO GIVE REAL LOW SCORES, THAT IT MIGHT DISCOURAGE THE PLAYER. I TOOK A YOUNG BOY TO THE ILLWACO CONTEST. ANYONE HEARING HIM PLAY COULD TELL HE WAS A BEGINNER. THE JUDGES GAVE HIM ZERO. ONE JUDGE WAS PRESENT AT THE JUDGES TRAINING.

KENNETH BRANK

COMING EVENTS

JANUARY 14-----JAM SESSION-----SHERWOOD
JANUARY 20-----CONTEST-----ASTORIA
JANUARY 20-----JAM SESSION-----CANYONVILLE
JUN 19-23RD-----NATIONAL CONTEST-----WEISER, IDAHO
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