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COMING EVENTS

May 4-----	Pendleton Contest-----	Pendleton, Oregon
May 11-----	Oregon Contest-----	Roseburg, Oregon
May 19-----	District 6 Jam Session-----	Eugene, Oregon
May 26-----	District 4 Jam Session-----	Canyonville, Oregon
May 31-----	Whiteaker School-----	Eugene, Oregon
June 1-----	62 Days Contest-----	Canyon City, Oregon
June 2-----	Jam Session, Buell Grange-----	Buell, Oregon
June 18-22-----	National Contest-----	Weiser, Idaho
July 20-----	Far West Fiddle Contest-----	Cottage Grove, Oregon
July 27-----	North Douglas County Fair Contest-----	Drain, Oregon
Aug. 25-Sept. 2-----	Campout--Williams Ranch-----	Williams, Oregon

TO THE O.O.T.F.A. MEMBERS

First of all: I would like to make known to those of you who do not know that you had one of Oregon's best sound Engineers on the job on the Friday Night Show. Our son, Jim Stout, also Show Chairman and M.C. has had a number of years experience in the Armed Forces Network, with all the best equipment that Uncle Sam could provide in sound equipment. T.V., Tape recordings, program directing and many other aspects of the entertainment field during a four year tour of Europe, so we can lay no trouble at his door. The fact is that no fiddler can play a good tune on his fiddle with two "A" strings and "2" G strings regardless of how hard he might try to tune his instrument to the correct key.

You must know that the equipment was first class, but this is not all that is needed for good results. Some of it was mismatched and after trying for hours, we finally got it to working beautifully. At 6:00 P.M. the time for show rehearsal, we turned the equipment on and found that part of it was not operating properly, so we fixed it as best we could.

I want to thank Linda Danielson for her introduction of some very good plans for next year's Convention. We have gone over these plans together and believe it will make it easier for the Convention Committee.

This is what I really wanted to do this year, but I did not have the help and support, it left too much work to do for the few that had to do it.

I want to thank those who worked so hard this '74 Convention. We feel that a great job was done by all.

I would hope, that although the general consensus of opinion seems to be that this year's Convention was the best, yet I know that next year's will be better and I will be available to assist in any capacity.

Sincerely,

George Stout
Chairman of Convention '74

