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COMING EVENTS OREGON WILL BE HOST AT WEISER THIS YEAR

May 2 & 3-----	Contest-----	Vert Auditorium-----	Pendleton, Oregon
May 10-----	State Contest-----	Umpqua Community College-----	Roseburg, Oregon
May 10-----	Jam Session-----	Westside Grange-----	Lakeview, Oregon
May 18-----	Jam Session-----	Lincoln City Grange-----	Lincoln City, Oregon
May 18-----	Jam Session-----	Sunnydale Grange-----	Drain, Oregon
May 31-----	Contest-----	Coquille Grange-----	Coquille, Oregon
May 31-----	Jam Session-----	Veneta Rec Room-----	Veneta, Oregon
June 1-----	Jam Session-----	Memorial Hall-----	Lakeview, Oregon
June 15-----	Jam Session-----	High School-----	Burns, Oregon
June 17-21-----	National Contest-----	Weiser High-----	Weiser, Idaho

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The State Contest is just around the corner and I am sure it will be a big success. This is a lot of work for a lot of people and believe me, their efforts are really appreciated.

I would like to have a meeting of all District Chairmen, Co-Chairmen and Secretaries while we are all together in Roseburg.

See you at the contest. Have Fun!

Jim Secor, President.

May 18, we are planning a Bi-Centennial Kick Off Jam Session at the Sunnydale Grange near Drain. Doors will open at 10:00 am, pot luck at noon and a program at 1:00. Come to the Union Station in Drain and follow Hwy #38 toward the coast for about four miles. Follow the paper plates when you get to Drain.

Guy, Clem and Ida Spurlock, Jim and Myra Rose, Al Tester, Susan Rosenberg, Dorothy Houston, Paul and Delores Lakey drove to Eugene on April 28th to play for a T.V. program to be shown on KVAN, Channel 13 to advertise our State Contest.

Delores Lakey

DISTRICT #6

There will be a Jam Session Saturday May 31st at Veneta Recreation Room at Veneta, Oregon. Hall opens at noon, pot luck dinner at 6:00 pm in the evening. Let's make this a big one, this is the first one in Veneta. This is just West of Eugene on Hwy 126.

Jim & Margie O'Bryant

DISTRICT #1

Delberta Daniels has invited us to stop at Burns on our way to Weiser, Idaho for a jam session at Burns, Oregon June 15th, Sunday afternoon at 2:00 pm. This will be in the High School. See you all there.

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STATE CONVENTION 1975

Needless to say that our Convention this year was a big success and I think everyone had lots of fun. Our show on Friday night was well attended. Our Fiddlers and Accompanyists, the McKensie River Boys and Wayne Walter, MC, all did a fine job making up a good program.

Everyone worked real hard taking care of all the jobs that needed to be done. This especially holds true for our kitchen crew. They served hot dogs and coffee continually and also served a nice breakfast of bacon, eggs and hot cakes Saturday morning.

At our business meeting, all our new district officers announced: Dist. 1--L.C. Daniel, Chairman--Homer McLain, Co-Chairman, and Kieth Wells, Sec. & Treas. Doris Clark, Reporter. Dist. 4--Fred Samples, Chairman--Vic Flood, Co-Chairman--Marge Cox, Sec'y & Reporter--Neva Flood, Treas. Dist. 6--Jim O'Bryant, Chairman--George Stout, Co-Chairman--Marjorie O'Bryant, Sec'y & Treas. Dist. 7--Wayne Walter, Chairman--Fred Hildebrandt, Co-Chairman--Penny Mead, Sec'y & Treas.--Bob Fast, Reporter. Dist. 8--Guy Kyler, Chairman--Leonard Maahs, Co-Chairman--Minnie Bennett, Sec'y & Treas. Fred Virtue spoke for Dist. 5 and said they hoped to organize soon.

Our additions and changes in our by-laws were adopted as they appeared in the March issue of the Hoedowner.

Our State Officers that were elected are as follows: Jim Secor, President-- Hugh Samples, Vice President and Dulcie Fast, Sec'y & Treasurer. Evelyn Walter has been appointed as our new Editor.

There was folk dancing in the afternoon and a very nice banquet and dance Saturday night. FUN! FUN! FUN! We all extend a very special thanks to Wayne Holmes, our convention chairman. We also want to thank our past officers for a job well done. Thanks Wayne Walter, Jonas Cox and June Secor.

DISTRICT #1

A meeting was held April 5th at the Merrill Recreation Hall. Nine new members joined. A Jam Session followed the meeting. Refreshments of pie and coffee were served. Clyde Lynce and Sam Watson came from Lakeview. We wish to welcome Dorothy & Lee Eddy who recently moved here from California. Lee plays Fiddle and Guitar. Several from here, the Johnsons, Daniels, Wells and the Clarks attended the April 6th Jam Session at Yreka.

April 13th the Fiddlers played for the Rebecca Lodge at the I.O.O.F. Hall in Klamath Falls. Fiddlers and Accompanists were Doc Bowman, Lee Eddy, L.D. Daniel, Cliff Tunnell, Delberta Daniel and Lee Wells. April 18th the Fiddlers and Accompanists played for a Merrill Rec Hall program.

Doris Clark, Reporter.

NEWS FROM LAKEVIEW

Lakeview has been jamming it up the last month. Jam sessions were held at the homes of Homer McLain, Clyde Lynch and Dan DeVeny. Those playing were Sam Watts, Mary & Dan DeVeny, Homer, Larry & Jerry McLain and Clyde Lynch. Joining us at the DeVeny's were the Fred Rodger's family from Wyoming. Fred and all 6 children played instruments. They belong to the Old Time Fiddlers in Wyoming. Guests at the Lynch home were Carla and Bill Alertson. Bill played his jew's harp. We also played April 19th for the Valley Falls Grange Anniversary Celebration.

Clyde Lynch.

DISTRICT #7

Looks like this has been a busy time for Fred and his gang. They have played for several places this month. Keep up the good work Fred. They played for the Spring-fest at the Evergreen High School in Vancouver, Wn. April 12. On Sunday evening, April 20, they played at Edgefield Manor in Portland and April 22, they played for a

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dance at the Hollywood Senior Citizen Center. Then on Saturday afternoon, April 26, they played for Clark Co. Volunteer Bureau Fair at Tower Mall in Vancouver, Wn.

Those helping him were Gladys and Jim Braskett, Del Anderson, Charlie Johnson, Bill Wilson, Clarence Davis, Penny and Ed Mead, Mura Collins, Bert Sterling, Frank Warner, Chet & Cleta Haven, Geo. Jenkerson, Bill Weber, Eva Caldwell, Carol Wheeler, Stan Gleason, John Gerber, Bob Fast, Ida Mae Norby, Wes Brunson and Mike Howell.

On Saturday night, April 26, Mike Walter was called upon to furnish some fiddling music for the Whirl-a-ways Square Dance party at the Non Comm. Club at the Air Base. Those playing were Penny and Ed Mead, Jim and Gladys Braskett, Fred Hildebrandt, Mura Collins, Bob Fast, Frank Warner, Stan Gleason and June Secor. Later, they went to Bob Fast's home and finished off with a jam session.

Anyone having news to put in our paper, please send it to me.

Reporter, Bob Fast.

New Rules for 1975 State Contest

This new ruling applies to the intermediate division. Anyone placing First place in the intermediate division at a State Contest must play in the open division the following year. Anyone placing 8th or higher in the open division cannot play in the intermediate the next year.

Any individual can only play in one division.

News From District #8

The Woodburn Grange Hall was the site of a nice jam session April 13th. The doors were open at 10:00 am, the show started with Ray Sessions as emcee. The Fiddlers were Ray Mack, Shorty Allen, Leonard Maahs, Earl Beckett, Dave Quinlan, Ernest Linsword, Wes Brunson, Wayne Walter, Fred Hildebrandt, Charles Johnson, "Our Favorite" Bill Yohey, Frank Williams, Dave Murray, Clarence Greenlund and Guy Kyler. Several specials were played and we enjoyed them very much. Dancing was enjoyed by many people from the area after the program. This jam session was put together without much notice but many fiddlers and accompanists turned out to really make it a good session. Everyone had a good time and asked us to return real soon.

Guy Kyler, Chairman.

LINCOLN CITY JAM SESSION

Bessie Buker has asked everyone to please come to the jam session at Lincoln City. The directions are as follows: Coming from the North, after crossing D River about 1/8th of a mile there will be a sign "Grange Hall" on the left. In a few blocks another Grange Hall sign to the right. From there you can see the Grange Hall. From the south the same applies except it is to the right off the main highway.

Bessie Buker.

DISTRICT #4 HAPPENINGS

On Sunday April 6th the Fiddlers went to Yreka for the third annual jam session there hosted by Norma and Ralph Dias. Each year it is better, if possible. We played for about 400 people this year and had the largest turnout of fiddlers yet for this district, 34. We had some excellent specials on the program also. Our audience stayed until the last fiddler drew his bow and then they enjoyed dancing for a while afterwards. Of course, we had our delicious potluck as always and coffee and punch were served during the entire program.

The following fiddlers played on the program: Fred Samples, Chris Christiani, John Hoerster, Phil Simmons, Alice Gish, Smokey Estes, Alta Bance, George Dawson,

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Sue Davenport, Ivan Shuck, Van Southwood, Claire Johnson, Jim Hoots, Ralph Houston, Marsh Mitchell, Irvin Johnson, Don Kitterman, Hank Wobbe, Don Gish, Billy Warwick, Jim Cloud, Floyd Harmon, Bud Bishop, Jack McCasland, Lois Feiguth, Hugh Samples, Bob Oldfield, Jim Rose, Jonas Cox, Ruth Wagner, Al DeLorme, Fred Virtue, L.D. Daniel and Ralph Dias.

The seconds were many and there were several from which I failed to get names. For this I am sorry, but we wish to thank them fully along with the following: Bill Frye, Al West, Elwin Simmons, Bud Richardson, Bob Hinch, Jimmy Bevel, Dick Zediker, Dave Winkelman, Dusty Yancy, Anne Johnson, Forrest Samples, Fred Samples, Hugh Samples, Tommy Grissom, Tom Joyce, Vic Flood, Dick Simmons, Doris Clark, Jim Hoots, Tex Looper, Phil Simmons, Jack McCasland and several of the fiddlers played beautiful harmony to other fiddlers.

We found out an interesting item that day, Ralph Dias asked me to announce on the program that when he was a little boy, he used to listen to radio station CFM voice of the prairie, Canada. The highlight of the day was when Jim Rose, our own Jim Rose, came on with his fiddle and his band.

On May 4th our Fiddlers will play for the annual Country Fair at Rogue Community College in Grants Pass. Please try to be there by 12:30. May 10th of course is the Oregon State Championship Contest. Jack Link will be our Emcee. Doors will open at 8:00 am at the Umpqua Community College. (Follow freeway signs from both directions.) The Friday night, May 9th, before the contest there will be jamming and a nice evening of dancing and fun for those who reach Roseburg that night. It will be in the I.W. Union Hall behind Montgomery Wards. (First entrance coming from the north and second freeway entrance coming from the south.) The arrangements for this hall were made by Dorothy and Ralph Houston.

District 4 would like to encourage all fiddlers to go to the contest in Coquille on May 31st. There will be overnight camping at the high school. Also there will be a nice Fiddlers party with jamming until "whenever" on Friday night, May 30th, at the Labor Temple in Coquille. Bud and Wilma Ryan are hosting this party so let's all make it a big night. See you there.

On June 8th there will be a jam session at the Legion Hall in Central Point. We will have a short business meeting after our usual potluck. Doors will be open to the public at 1:00 pm.

July 20th there will be a fiddlers picnic at Indian Mary Park, on the Rogue River near Grants Pass. This will be an old fashioned picnic with a keg of beer and a watermelon feed. Bring your potluck and come enjoy the all, the fun including swimming and fiddling.

This picnic will be sponsored by Cecil and Bernice Bocell of Galice.

August 2nd and 3rd will be clean-up weekend for the campout. We will be painting the band stand, toilets and repairing and painting the tables. Also we will be getting down wood for the campfires.

On Saturday night during that weekend, there will be a fiddlers work shop. Don Gish will be in charge of this project.

We will potluck on Saturday night and on Sunday the barbecued lamb will be furnished, the rest of the meal will be potluck.

The big campout will be the week of August 24th through September 1st.

We want to remind all of you again that there will be no camping on the school grounds Friday or Saturday night. Amecher Park is about 2 miles from the college and very easy to get to. It was not crowded last year so there should be plenty of room for anyone who wants to stay there. Martha has done a fine job on organizing this contest so let's all back her up. Sign up for the contest is from 8:00am to 10:30 with the juniors beginning at 11:00 am. See you all there.

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DISTRICT #5

There will be a contest sponsored by the Coquille Chamber of Commerce May 31st. Sign-up must be completed by 12:00 noon that day.

Two divisions: Open and Intermediate---top prize in each \$50.00.
\$5.00 entry fee in each.

Contest begins sharply at 1:00 pm. Held in the Sawdust Theater

Judges to be: Don Gish-----Bill Yohey-----Rusty Modrell
Overnight camping at the high school.
For further information call Bud Ryan at: Phone 396-4202.

Just a note to thank everyone for all the nice compliments I received on the center pieces. Am going to try to get a few more for next year. So for those who were not lucky this year, there still might be a chance for next year. Thanks again.

Wilma Ryan.

We had a very nice thank you from Homer McLain, Co-chairman in District 1. He said that he and his family were very grateful to get to go to the 75 Convention. When they arrived Friday night at the Fairgrounds, they were greeted by Wayne Holmes, Linda Daniels and asked to bring their instruments to jam it up for a while. It made them feel right at home. They said it's nice to be among friendly folk and they think the Old Time Fiddlers have some of the friendliest people they have seen anywhere. Homer said it was a pleasure to hear such good fiddling and the excellent accompanists that were there. He enjoyed playing with June Secor on piano, Don and Ruth Loring on Guitars and Jack McCasland on Bass. He considered it a great privilege to play with such good musicians. The show was of the best quality. Wayne Walter did a very fine job of emceeing it. Since he went home he has gotten together with their group at a couple of different homes and have plans to play for 3 different benefits this next month. While at the Fiddle Convention, he learned several songs that they are now playing. He wanted everyone to know how much it meant to them as that was their first convention. Homer hopes for another terrific convention next year and said with Jim Secor leading the band, sure it will be one of the best yet.

Last but not least I want to remind all of you that OREGON is going to host at Weiser this year. So let's all plan to get in and help out. Also if anyone has any good ideas for a Float, let's hear from you. We only have six weeks to think about it.