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COMING EVENTS

Dec. 13	Jam Session	Merrill Rec Hall	Merrill, Oregon
Dec. 20	Christmas Party	OOTFA Only	Jerome Prairie, Oregon
Dec. 21	Christmas Party	Sunnyside Grange	Sunnyside, Oregon
Jan. 11	Jam Session	Roseburg Fairgrounds	Roseburg, Oregon
Jan. 11	Jam & Business Mtg.	Sunnyside Grange D #7	Sunnyside, Oregon
Jan. 17	Contest	High School	Cottage Grove, Oregon
Feb. 15	Jam Session	Central Point Grange	Central Point, Oregon
Feb. 21	Contest	Clark College	Vancouver, Washington
Feb. 29	Jam Session	Elks Lodge	Sweet Home, Oregon
Mar. 6	Contest	Grade School	Forest Grove, Oregon
Mar. 14	Jam Session	Wymer Grange	Wymer, Oregon

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Now that the holidays are almost here, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I would like also to thank everyone for their generosity at the jam sessions that were held for our fellow member.

A no-host breakfast will be held Sunday, Jan. 18th, 1976 at the Village Green in Cottage Grove. Time: 10:00 AM. The purpose of this is to have a state meeting before our convention in March. Please be sure there is at least one person attending from each district. Bring any ideas and complaints with you to present at this time.

Jim Secor, President

FIDDLER'S MESSAGE

This is a switch, instead of trying to think of something to play, I'm trying to think of something to say.

Elaine and I just can't think of words good enough that would convey our very deep gratitude to the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association. To all the members and people who attended the various jam sessions in our cause, may the good Lord bless each and every one of you and let you feel in your hearts the great blessing your deeds have provided us.

We are truly grateful. All our love and respect.

Jim & Elaine Morris

COMING CONTESTS

FAR WEST, -COTTAGE GROVE, ORE. SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

The BICENTENNIAL edition of the Cottage Grove FAR WEST OLD TIME FIDDLERS' CONTEST (not held last summer) has been scheduled for January 17, 1976 at Cottage Grove High School Auditorium. The Business Club (FBIA) will sponsor the contest. Afternoon preliminaries and evening finals are planned.

Prize money and Trophies will be awarded for the first seven in open; first 3 in senior and first 3 in junior divisions. Registration fees are: Open-\$4.00; Senior & Junior-\$2.00.

Jamboree facilities are being planned after the contest with snacks, etc. Coffee will be served free during Saturday morning registration. Coffee, soft drinks and

snacks will be sold during the afternoon and evening.

Charlie Stovall

VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON

There will be a Fiddle Contest at Clark College, Saturday Feb. 21, 1976. More details will be in the January Issue of the Hoedowner. This is in connection with the Bicentennial Days in Vancouver and if it turns out well, it could turn into an annual affair. The Friday night before, Feb. 20th there will be a Fiddle Show Concert with the Tall Timbers String Band featuring Barbara Lamb. This is Phil & Vivian Williams group from Seattle, Wn. They are also putting on a show here in Portland on Dec. 7, 1975 from 2:00 - 5:00 PM at the Arbuckle Flat Coffee House, 1532 S.W. Morrison. This information comes from John Ulman who is helping to set up the contest at Vancouver, Wn.

FOREST GROVE

We talked to Mrs. Floyd Parsons this morning, as Floyd was out on the golf course in this combination rain and snow we are having this morning. Almost as bad as a dedicated fiddler. Ballard Town U.S.A. is in March again this year due to the availability of the facilities of the college for the Barbershoppers. Mrs. Parsons said the fiddle contest will probably be held in the grade school this year. As we had so many people last year there wasn't room to seat everyone and some had to be turned away. It is certainly nice to know the fiddlers are so well followed.

DISTRICT #1

The fiddlers have played for several occasions during the last month. Oct. 25th for the Retired Teachers, Nov. 5th for the Daughters of the Mile, Nov. 19th for the members at the Scottish Rite Temple.

A good time had by all Nov. 8th at Merrill. The next get-together will be Dec. 14 at the Merrill Rec. Hall. A short business meeting will be held that night. Hope to see everyone attend.

Reporter, Doris Clark

DISTRICT #4

District #4 Fiddlers are playing their hearts out making many area people so happy lately. They have played for the Vets, senior citizens, rest homes, private parties and just for the pleasure of each other. Their calendar is pretty full for the rest of the year.

On Dec. 14th at 6:00 PM the fiddlers have been asked to play at Mariola Nursing home, 1450 N.E. Fairview, Grants Pass. At 8:00 PM (same evening) they are invited to play at the Royal Gardens, 2075 Highland Ave., Grants Pass.

On Dec. 20th at Jerome Prairie Hall we will have our Annual Christmas Party. Members only are invited. The hall will be open from 10:00 AM on. Stella Neathammer will be decorating tables etc. She has asked that several people make centerpieces for the table. Each centerpiece will be given away during the evening. Come early and help her. District #4 will furnish the meat, punch & coffee. Everyone bring your favorite holiday dishes to go with it. We will be eating sometime around 4:00 PM with a nice evening of music & dancing after dinner. It has been suggested that some of you please bring card tables if you can. Don't forget your table service. There will be a \$1 gift exchange - Ladies bring a ladies gift and men, a man's gift. The doors will be open all night for those who need toilet facilities and want to camp all night. All members are invited - come and have fun.

There will be no official jam session for District 4 in Dec. Our next one will be Jan. 11th in Roseburg at the Fairgrounds. See you at our Christmas Party. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us in District 4 to all of you.

Reporter: Martha Warwick

A Jam session was held Nov 16 at Roseburg Moose Lodge with a delicious potluck luncheon for the fiddlers and their families. An over capacity crowd was entertained by the following fiddlers: Fred Samples, Ralph Houston, Paul Lakey, Al Tester, Hugh Samples, Buck Aulman, Jim Rose, Jim Cloud, Jim Hoots, Guy Kenman, Floyd Harmon, Bud Bishop & Warren Baker. Accompanists were Dave Winkleman, Jim Hoots, Eldon Powell, Hugh Samples, Delores Lakey, Larry Aulman, Fred Samples & Ray Ziegler. There were several specials done by the Fiddlers & Guitarists. The Houstens, Ralph the Emcee and Dorothy

