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COMING EVENTS

June 4-5	Contest		Canyon City, Oregon
June 6	Jam Session	Buell Grange	Buell, Oregon
June 8-9-10	International Contest		Bottineau, N. Dak.
June 13	Jam Session	Gresham Sr Cit. Cent.	Gresham, Oregon
June 13	Jam Session		Reedsport, Oregon
June 18-20	Rogue Community College		Roseburg, Oregon
June 22-26	Nat'l Old-Time Fiddle Contest	High School	Weiser, Idaho
July 3	Contest	Clatskanie Grade Sch.	Clatskanie, Oregon
July 4	Show	Fairgrounds	Bend, Oregon
?-July 11	Jam Session	Elks Lodge	Cottage Grove, Ore.
?-July 24	2 Hour Show	Logging Festival	Estacada, Oregon
?-July 31	Contest	High School	Drain, Oregon
Aug. 28	Contest	High School Gym	Canyonville, Ore.
Aug. 29-Sept. 6	Campout	Warwick Ranch	Williams, Oregon

Don't forget the Fairs in July & August - Dates will be announced in July Issue.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thanks to the help and work of many, many people, I believe the State Contest at Bend was a complete success. This was a lot of work for many people that were so busy, they didn't get to enjoy the fine fiddling and the specials.

I had a nice letter from Kathy Proctor of the Bend Chamber of Commerce saying that the Central Oregon people really liked our show and that we are welcome to come back anytime. I think it might be a good idea to have our contest there next year.

I want to thank our judges for coming and doing such a fine job.

Rusty Modrell had a great Jam Session at his place the night before the contest. Rusty and Vi are wonderful hosts and their hospitality is really appreciated. We had a lot of fun. Many of our people stayed all night. Thanks again to all of you nice people for your help.

Jim Secor

CONTEST NEWS

Habitat Forum sends an invitation to Pickers, Pluckers, Strummers, Thumpers, Frailies and Fiddlers and to all old time & Bluegrass players and singers. There will be a festival on Saturday & Sunday June 5 & 6 at the Habitat Forum site, Jericho Beach, Vancouver, Canada. There will be two full days of concerts, jams and workshops finishing up with an old time fiddle contest. Prizes will include a \$500.00 first prize with a trophy in the open category and a \$100.00 prize with a trophy for seniors. No entry fee required. If further information is required, please contact either Mr. Frank Kochie, 467 Municipal Ave., Penticton B.C. or phone 492-8407 or Mr. Jack Smith, PO Box 46360, Station G, Vancouver, B.C. Phone 732-8856.

CANYON CITY CONTEST

There will be a contest on June 4 & 5 at Canyon City, Oregon. Categories will be: Grant County, Eastern Oregon, Intermediate, Open & Seniors. Friday beginning at 7:30 PM Grant County Preliminaries, Grant County Finals & Eastern Oregon Preliminaries. Saturday 1:30, Eastern Oregon Finals, Intermediate Preliminaries and Intermediate Finals. Saturday 7:30 will be Seniors Preliminary & Finals, Open Preliminaries, Open Finals, Entertainment, Awards and the Ray Sherwood Trophy. Sign up before 1:30 Saturday for Intermediate and Open.

We had a very fine contest in Bend. Five very fine judges who are known for their "Fiddlin" ability, which they displayed for everyone to hear. There were also specials from our own Fiddlers that were very good. Wayne Holmes did a fine job as emcee and our President Jim Secor did not sit down for a minute. All in all it was a fine show. Jess Cooper is our Jr. Champ, George Jenkerson our Sr. Champ, Bill Yohey our State Champ, who we are glad to see back in the winners circle and a young lady from Waldport named Johnny MacDonald who is a newcomer to our Organization in our Intermediate winner. This little gal is really showing promise. Cliff Buker has been working with her & has done an excellent job. Following is results of the contest,

<u>JUNIORS</u>	<u>SENIORS</u>	<u>INTERMEDIATES</u>	<u>OPEN</u>
1. Jess Cooper	George Jenkerson	Johnny MacDonald	Bill Yohey
2. Steve Bennett	Ed. Johnson	Jim Morris	John Melnichuk
3. Phillip Francis	Van Southwood	LeRoy Sim	Jim Hoots
4.	Robert Hawes	Jack McCasland	Carol Wheeler
5.	Leonard Green	Dale Johnson	Linda Danielson
6.		Wayne Walter	Rusty Modrell
7.		Penny Mead	Al DeLorme

Following is the profit & loss from the Contest:

<u>Expenses</u>		<u>Income</u>	
Posters	\$ 56.95	Admissions	\$1,670.40
Trophies	300.00	Entry Fees	184.00
Judges	525.00		
Prize Money	696.00		
Ad Redmond Paper	25.00		
Emcee	100.00		
P.A. Rental	50.00		
Concessions Judges	18.10		

Cost of the Piano Tuning & Janitor are not in as yet. To date, profit of \$83.35.

I would like to apologize to Chet Haven as you know was our Fiddler of the Month for May and is a fine Fiddler from Portland. Minnie wrote that he loved his Fiddle best but it came out ad Duffle. A lot of people want to know what kind of an instrument that is. Maybe Chet would like to give lessons. Sorry Chet.

This is the month for the National Contest in Weiser and we are really looking forward to going. Hope to see all of you there.

BENEFIT FOR ROBERTS ART CENTER

Blue Grass, Old Time Fiddle and Country Dance Festival at the State Fairgrounds, Salem, Oregon on June 12th, Saturday starting at 10:00 AM to 10:30 PM. \$4.00 advance tickets, \$5.00 at the door \$2.50 for Senior Citizens, under 12 free. Appearing will be several Blue Grass Bands including The Tall Timbers & Middy Bottom Boys. Fiddlers will be Bill Yohey, Frank Ferrell, Vivian Williams, John Burke, Hank Bradley & Jody Stecher. There will also be several specials, Sue Reager for square dance instruction and the Old Hat Band to do a zany spoof on a medicine show called Dr. Snootful Medicine Show.

I want to thank all the Fiddlers and their families and District 4 for all the beautiful flowers and their help during my wife's passing. It is a wonderful feeling to belong to this large family who are always there whether in sorrow or in joy to give their help and friendship, their all. I have always been thankful for the day I met these wonderful people. They are not just Fiddlers and friends, they are family. Thankyou one and all from the bottom of my heart.

Ralph E. Dias

DISTRICT #4

District 4 was very proud and happy at the showing they made at the state contest. We all had fun and came home tired but satisfied with a well run contest. Our hearts were saddened Sunday night as we arrived home finding out our friend Jim Rose had died. Elsewhere in this issue you will read the life story of this delightful man. Our hearts are with Myra during this saddened time.

Our calendar is full for many weeks ahead. June 9th, Wednesday night at 7:30 to 8:30 the fiddlers are asked to play background music at the Elks Lodge, upstairs, in Grants Pass, June 15th again in Yreka there is a bicentennial celebration. The Fiddlers who can will be caravanning back to Medford area with the cross country caravan. June 18th the Fiddlers will be jamming for dancing at the Oldtime Fair at the Rogue Community College. Sunday the 20th there will be the annual jam session in the gym at the college to close the weeks Old-Time Fair festivities.

DISTRICT #7

We had a nice jam session at Kinton Grange Sunday, May 16th. We wish to thank all the fiddlers and accompanists who made up our program. Also, we had several nice specials and the crowd seemed to enjoy our music. This was a very nice Grange and we thank Mike Walter and Mr. C.P. Huddleston for their help in securing it for us. We had a short business meeting and Mona Luczycki was elected as our new sec.-treas.

Clarence Davis has arranged for our next jam session to be held at the Gresham Senior Citizens Bldg on June 13. Doors will be open at 10:00, potluck at 12:00 and the program to begin at 1:00. The center is located at 50 N.E. Elliot in Gresham. See you there.
Fred Hildebrandt, Reporter.

On July 4th, 1976 a Bicentennial Music Festival is being scheduled for 2 PM in the Library Park, Woodburn, Ore. Fiddlers & Accompanists who can are urged to attend. Russian music, Mariachis, a Dixieland Band, bluegrass and country western music will also be featured. There will be a piano and a P.A. system. Two blocks away at the Fettlemeir Park, food & picnic, games for kids and adults will be available.

Mona Luczycki, Dist. Sec'y

DISTRICT #8

The 17 members of Dist. 8 that attended the State Contest at Bond wish to send our many thanks to the Rusty Modrells' for having parking space for all of us and the great jam session Fri. nite! We're all proud of our new champion Bill Yohey, Johnny MacDonald winner of the intermediate class and Jim Morris, second place. The contest was outstanding and the weather beautiful. There will be a jam session June 6th at Buell Grange. Doors open at 10:00 AM, Potluck at 12:00 and program at 1:00.

See you all there, Bea Smith, Reporter.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be a State Jam in Cottage Grove July 11th, put on by Dist. 6. Doors will open at 11:00, potluck at 12:00 and show at 1:00. There will also be a board meeting that morning before the potluck. Time and place will be announced in the July issue. We urge every district to have their chairman and co-chairman there, or if it is impossible for them to attend, to appoint a delegate to take their place.

MUSIC CLUB

Jim McDowell, vice-pres. of 1413 Trevitt St., The Dalles, Ore. 97059, informs us of a new musical group called the Mid-Columbia Old-Time Music Club. It is made up of people interested in old time music from Parkdale, Mosier and The Dalles. At present they have about 15 members and the dues are \$2.00 a year. They do not plan to become affiliated with the OOTF but will encourage their members to join and will support the OOTF. They play at nursing homes, dinners and festivals. Their president is John Daugherty from Mosier.

CONTEST AT CLATSKANIE

There will be a contest at Clatskanie, Ore. on July 3. We will have information on this in the July issue of the Hoedowner.

DISTRICT #1

Sat. night May 15 our potluck, business meeting & get-together was great. Good food and good friends and good music. We had some fine musicians visit from Dist. 4 and they brought guest & had a nice time with us. Doris Clark from Keno was awarded a plaque for a fine job of reporting for Dist. 1 last year. Well done, Doris.

Lots of activity in May. We fiddled for a bicentennial program at Klamath Vets memorial Park, Tule Lake Chamber of Commerce banquet, Washburn Manor, Henley FFA Awards, Old Car Club, Potluck at Collier Park & Malin Eastern Star, a wedding reception and

at Old Folks Homes programs.

Coming up in June we would like to have fiddlers & accompanists at Keno Sat. June 5 at 12:30 to participate in a send off program for the Applegate Trail Wagon Train. Meet at the fire house in Keno. June 12 we will need fiddlers & accompanists at the Klamath County Museum at 3:00 to play for the Historical Society benefit to save the Baldwin Hotel. Also June 5 the Lakeview group will play for a scholarship fund at Paisley. Sat. night June 12, monthly meeting & get-together at Merrill Rec. Center. Salad supper & desserts. No sweet salads. Start eating at 7:00 PM.

See you there, Lee Eddy - Reporter

FIDDLER OF THE MONTH

JAMES J. ROSE

About 200 friends and relatives gathered near Roseburg recently to celebrate the 78th birthday of James Rose. We celebrated a few days early as Jim was losing strength fast. His birthday was May 1st and on May 8, he left us, but we have some wonderful memories he left behind.

Over the past several years there was a standing invitation to come and jam with Jim and Myra on Friday nights. We often got together on Sunday afternoons at some home in the area also.

Jim was born at Days Creek, Oregon in 1898. His father and grandfather were fiddlers and Jim took up fiddling at a very early age. He played for his first dance at age 15. The fiddle we have heard him play for many years at jams and dances was given to him by his step-father, Captain Teiderman, a sea captain on a passenger ship who doubled as a musician in the ship's orchestra.

Jim lived around Douglas County most of his life except for a few years as a young man when he worked in Canada. While in Canada, he picked up some of that Canadian style in his fiddling.

Ralph Dias, a fiddler at Yreka, tells us that he heard James Rose play over the Voice of the Prairie, a Canadian radio station, when he (Ralph) was a boy in Montana.

In 1923, in Roseburg, he married Myra Wagoner. Myra's family were pioneers of Drain, Oregon. Jim's uncle, Aaron Rose, was the founder of Roseburg.

The Roses raised two daughters, Virginia and Dorene and a son, Charles Robert. Jim was a logger, he farmed, worked in a saw mill, worked for the railroad and the highway department over the years. Often he played for dances in the evenings. Sometimes the dances lasted till nearly time to go back to work in the morning, but he loved to fiddle.

He taught Myra to chord on the piano so he'd have an accompanist at home. He played for weddings, parties, picnics, parades and anywhere people wanted to hear his music. Dave Winkleman, a banjo player and fiddler in District 4 remembers hearing his dad and Jim play together around the Glendale and Azalea area when he was a boy attending school with the Rose children. Geroldine Virtue grew up in Southern Douglas County and Jim was about the first fiddler she ever heard.

Jim was always active as a fiddler and when he heard of the organizing of Oregon fiddlers, there was no one happier about it. If there is anything a fiddler likes better than fiddling, it's getting together with other musicians to fiddle and talk about fiddling.

Our music is very worthwhile. Jim thought so and he loved the idea that it was being passed on to future fiddlers through our organizations. He was happy to see youngsters taking up the fiddle.

Last year at a jam in Grants Pass about midway through the show, it was Jim's turn to play. The liveliness and spirit of his playing caught the crowd and they began to clap to the music. When he finished his third tune, everybody stood up and shouted for more. Jim said later, "When they all stood up, I thought maybe I better start running. But when they yelled for more, I was amazed."

A lot of us will never hear lively old tunes like 'Leather Britches' and 'Shamus O'Brien' without thinking of Jim Rose.

Dorothy O. Houston