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COMING EVENTS

				<u>DIST.</u>
Mar. 4	Contest	High School	Forest Grove, Or.	
Mar. 11	Jam Session	Moose Lodge	Merrill, Or.	1
Mar. 12	Jam Session	Moose Lodge	Cottage Grove, Or.	6
Mar. 19	Jam Session	Community Hall	Talent, Or.	4
Mar. 24 & 25	Convention	Fairgrounds	Eugene, Or.	
Apr. 2	Jam Session	L.C. Stehur Bldg.	Beaverton, Or.	7
Apr. 7 & 8	NW Regional Contest	High School	Spokane, Wn.	
Apr. 16	Jam Session	OSU Memorial Ballroom	Corvallis, Cr.	6
Apr. 16	Jam Session	Winema Hall	Yreka, CA.	4

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I wish to thank all of you for making this last year a big success. It is people like you who continue to make the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers such a great organization.

In the line of advertising our convention, I have arranged for Governor Bob Straub to sign a proclamation declaring the week of March 19 as Oregon Oldtime Fiddler's Week. This will be done on March 3 at the State Capital.

We are relying on all of you for advertising help for our convention.

Also, please plan to attend our State Convention. We need a lot of help for the Friday night show. We also need your representation at the business meeting on Saturday afternoon. See you there,

John Melnichuk

A REMINDER FROM YOUR SECRETARY

Anyone whose dues are not paid before the State Convention will have to pay admission to see the show. Memberships will not be issued until after the state meeting on Saturday.

Edna Yohey, Sec.

CONTEST NEWS

Saturday the 4th of March will be the contest in Forest Grove in conjunction with the Barbershop quartet contest. Sign up at Floyd's Music Store where you will find many old friends, a tune or two and a little food to keep your inerds warm. Floyd will be open from 8:00 AM on. The parade starts at 11:00 and the contest starts at 1:00 PM.

CLARK COLLEGE FIDDLE CONTEST WINNERS

Junior-Junior

1st - Scott Ranes, Gales Creek, Or.
2nd - Michelle Van Andel, Vancouver, WA.
3rd - Jimmy Brown, Forest Grove, Or.

Junior

1st - Doug Thomas, Yakima, WA.
2nd - Brenda Wallace, Toledo, WA.
3rd - Brian Goude, Kennewick, WA.

Senior

1st - Fred Hildebrandt, Portland, Or.
2nd - Joe Muise, Port Orchard, WA.
3rd - Henry Mitchell, Bremerton, WA.

Intermediate

1st - Margaret Lenker, Kennewick, WA.
2nd - Nolan Murray, La Grande, Or.
3rd - Lex Browning, Portland, Or.

there at the Winema Hall at the Yreka Fairgrounds.

Howard Jones and Marvin Wright will host the jam. Doors open at 10:00 AM. Those with self-contained campers and trailers are welcome to come the day before and park at Wright Way Mobile Homes. Marvin Wright will be the Emcee for the day. Come one and all for our usual good time in Yreka.

See you all at the convention.

Martha Warwick, Reporter

DISTRICT 5

Members of District 5 gathered at the Jr. auditorium in Coquille, Bab. 19 for election of officers, potluck and jam session. There was a turnout of 16 fiddlers and 13 accompanists, one of which was former Arizona State Champion, Don Clough. He played several tunes for us and also did some trick fiddling, which was very good. We had several new members, which are musicians signed up for our district which will greatly add to the group. Everyone had a chance to play and there was time for dancing, which all seemed to enjoy.

On Feb. 11th the group played for a Sweetheart dance, sponsored by the V.F.W. in Bandon. There was a nice crowd and everyone had a good time.

Arrangements are being made for the fiddlers to appear at the Azalea Festival in Brookings on Memorial Day weekend. This will be our first time, so we would like to have a good turnout! We are working on a float to be in the parade. Would like those who think they might be able to attend to drop Les a note and let him know. If arrangements cannot be made for camping elsewhere, it will have to be made at one of the parks by reservations, which will be \$5.00 per nite with all hookups and laundry facilities. Please let us know as soon as possible. More details in next Hoedowner.

New officers for 1978 are: Les McLeod, Chairman, Keith Shaffar, Co-Chairman, Billie Pinkerton, Sec-Treas, Barbara McLeod, Reporter.

Thanks to all who came to our jam!

Barbara McLeod, Reporter

DISTRICT 6:

We received a special thanks from Mrs. Marion M. Hiatt in Dexter, Or. Between 125-150 people enjoyed the "Old-Time Fiddlers Assn." jam session at Lowell Grange Hall, Sunday the 29th of January. Hugh Hiatt acted as MC. There were 20 fiddlers, several guitars, a banjo and piano accompanists. There were 5 specials. From Forest Grove "The Ballad Town Trio" consisting of the 3 Brown Children, stole the show. Thanks again to all who came.

*****Marion Hiatt*****

Dave Altman, who was originally from our District 7 has now moved to Corvallis, working on his Masters at the University. They are going to have a jam there on April 16th, at the Memorial Union Ballroom at Oregon State University. Follow the green Hwy signs to O.S.U. A guard will be on duty and will give directions to the hall. Doors open at 11:00 AM, potluck at noon and will open to public at 1:00 PM.

DISTRICT 7:

Just a reminder of our next jam to held in Beaverton at the L.C. Stehur Bldg. 5550 S.W. Hall Blvd. 2 blocks off Allen Ave. on Hall Blvd. next to the Pilgrim Lutheran Church. Doors open at 10:00 AM, potluck at noon and open to the public at 1:00 PM. If you are attending our potluck, be sure and bring your own table service and either a hot dish or a salad. (We have many new people joining our group who come to our jams not realizing there is a potluck at noon. I guess we have become so accustomed to our program, we don't think of the newcomers. We know where all of the grange halls are and the community bldgs. so we forget to put in the directions for getting there. I have had several letters for directions to different places, also the times that the potluck is served, because we all seem to eat at a different time. So let's think of this the next time we send in our newsletter. Thanks, (Evelyn Walter, Editor)

A small group of us played at the Eastport Plaza, Feb. 14th for the Heart Foundation Walk-a-thon and again on Feb. 17th at the Jantzen Beach mall to advertise the Clark College contest. The audience was very receptive and we had a good time. The ones playing received a ticket for the evening show at Clark College and fed us lunch.

We went to the contest, which was very nice, but the nicest thing about it was seeing the friends we hadn't seen for several months.

I failed to put a notice in last month about our friend Eva Caldwell leaving us. Mrs. Weber, who knew her very well sent this article along for you to read.

Eva Caldwell, Lifetime member of the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association, passed away at her home on January 12th. A fine pianist and oldtime fiddler, Eva was born and raised in the Red River Valley near Grand Forks, N. Dakota and came to Oregon to make her home in 1930.

After much persuasion by her friends, she reluctantly entered her first and only fiddler's contest at Gresham, Or. in 1970 and there, won second place honors in the Women's Division.

Eva will be remembered for her willingness in assisting the fiddlers in entertaining at Rest homes, jam sessions and programs and is badly missed by her many friends in the association. Her sister, Ruth, with whom she resided survives her.

Verneda Weber

DISTRICT 8:

Sorry that my report didn't get in the "Hoedowner." I did mail it, but it never got there. Our Feb. 18th jam session was A-1. We even had some attend from district 6. We were sure glad to have them. Wally Bloom and Jim O'Brian showed us how versatile they are. Dolores Lakey sang a couple of numbers and played the piano. Thanks for coming - come again. We had 24 fiddlers and several specials. Our new officers were elected. Dave Robinson, Chairman; Lee Jones, Co-Chairman; Minnie Bennett, Sec.-Treas. We'll return the favor and help as they have helped us. We're busy around here playing for the Senior Citizens, Kiwanis Crab feed and "get-togethers."

Looking forward to seeing all of you at convention. Until then, keep fiddlin,

Bea Smith, Reporter

NEWS FROM MARIAN DRAKE

An informal "community jam session" of all traditional, bluegrass, and old-time fiddlers, banjo players, mandolin and guitar players, and other folk instruments, will be held Sunday, March 12, 1978 at the Salem Senior Center, 2000 block of Capitol Street N.E. beginning at 1:00 PM. All interested enthusiasts -- listeners -- and musicians are welcome to attend and become acquainted with our old-time musical community. An open jam is held once a month, on the second Sunday of each month.

There will be no formal "Program"; attendance is free; acoustic instruments are welcome -- no electronics, please.

For further information contact Marian Drake of Mehama, 859-3145, or Steve Thompson, 588-6303.