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COMING EVENTS

				DIST.
Mar. 11	Jam Session	Moose Lodge	Cottage Grove, OR	6
Mar. 11	Jam Session		Gold Hill, OR	4
Mar. 17	Jam Session	Community Hall	Merrill, OR	1
Mar. 18	Jam Session	Grange Hall	Estacada, OR	7
Mar. 23-24	Convention	Lane County Frgrnds	Eugene, OR	
Apr. 6- 7	N.W. Regional Contest	Central Valley Hi		
		S. 821 Sullivan Rd.	Spokane, WA	
Apr. 8	Jam Session	Moose Lodge	Lebanon, OR	6
Apr. 8	Jam Session	Legion Hall	Aurora, OR	8
Apr. 22	Jam Session	I O F Hall	Springfield, OR	6
Apr. 22	Jam Session		Yreka, CA	4
May 6	Jam Session	Senior Cit. Center	Salem, OR	8

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

Hi Fiddlers & Hoedowners,

I feel like we are back in Oregon again. People are getting out to Jams and Contests and having a good time. It makes it nice to see people enjoying themselves and I do believe Fiddlers and those who come and listen really enjoy themselves.

Remember convention time, March 23rd and 24th. Come and bring someone with you. See you there.

Keep fiddlin, LeRoy

CLARK COLLEGE CONTEST RESULTS:

OPEN: 1. John Francis, Spokane, WA. 2. Dick Barrett, Pottsboro, TX. 3. Carol Ann Wheeler, Sherwood, OR.

INTERMEDIATE: 1. Lex Browning, Portland, OR. 2. Robert Sigler, Vancouver, WA. 3. LeRoy Sims, Philomath, OR.

SENIOR: 1. Benny Thomasson, Toledo, WA. 2. Clarence Norberg, Toledo, WA. 3. Fred Hildebrandt, Portland, OR.

JUNIORS: 1. Randy Sloan, Kennewick, WA. 2. Cynthia Bartlett, Hazel Dell, WA. 3. Lisa Rhoades, Pottsboro, TX.

JUNIOR JUNIORS: 1. Bonnie Griffin, Portland, OR. 2. Grant Wheeler, Sherwood, OR. 3. Tiffany Wheeler, Sherwood, OR.

FOREST GROVE CONTEST RESULTS:

OPEN: 1. Loretta Brank 2. Anna Hanson 3. Gary Moore 4. Carol Ann Wheeler 5. Nancy Berg.

SENIORS: 1. Bennie Thomasson 2. Fred Hildebrandt 3. Sadie Gates.

JUNIORS: 1. Brenda Wallace 2. Cynthia Bartlett 3. Jim Braskett.

JR JRS: 1. Randy Goodman 2. Grant Wheeler 3. Scott Raines.

THE CRYING CORNER:

We received the following note from Verneda Weber. Bill passed away on January 25, 1979. Please see the last page for The Fiddler of the Month "Bill Weber" by Marshall Jackson.

Thanks to District #7 for the lovely floral arrangement sent to the slumber room in memory of Bill.

Also my thanks to the many who conveyed their sympathy in cards or telephone calls. All of these things were sincerely appreciated.

Verneda Weber

Ron Gimm, our reporter for many years, and a very good one, passed away on February 13, 1979 of cancer. Geri Virtue sent a thank you to us for the plant that was sent to the funeral home, from Earlene. Earlene and Ron were members of the OOTFA for many years and put lots of hard work into our paper, the Hoedowner.

Evelyn Walter

NOTE FROM DORSEY GRIFFIN:

On March 14, KBOO fm (90.7) at 8:15 PM on the "Front Porch Music" show done by Meryle Korn, I have been invited to be her 'guest host'. At this time, I plan to feature only old-time fiddle music. It is a good show I've worked up; fiddling by the Red Clay Ramblers, Jay Ungar, Fred Cockerham, Larry Riendeau, Bob Walter, (Wayne Walter's Uncle) from the '50's; J.P. Fraley, Mark O'Connor, Dewey Balfa, Amy Kenny, Carol Ann Wheeler, Russell Burris.

It may happen that Dorsey will have a regular program starting in March or April on Wednesday evening which will be only traditional and old-time fiddle music. As soon as we know for sure we will pass the information on.

DISTRICT 1:

Election of officers resulted in the following list: John Lewis, Chairman; Clyde Lynch, Co-chairman; and Lois Tucker, Sec.Treas. We had a good jam session this month with several visitors, mostly young people.

Our next meeting will be Mar. 17th at the Merrill Community Hall. Potluck at 6:30pm
Reporter, June Sandusky,

DISTRICT 4:

District #4 held their annual elections at a potluck meeting on Feb. 11th. The same officers were put back in office for 1979.

Our chairman, Claire Johnson, needs a volunteer to store the kitchen supplies from month to month. Several of the ladies have offered to help with the chore of kitchen duty at the monthly jam session, but do not have room for the supplies. Please call Claire if you can help with this problem at 664-2455.

We had lots of dancers at this jam session. The music was just right and our 34 fiddlers kept them busy. The seconds were many and added their usual wonderful rhythm. Of course our potluck was fattening!

We want to thank all you out-of-towners who came - really makes a good gathering. The regular places where the fiddlers play during the month were happy again this month to have so many fiddlers come. The fiddlers never forget the shut-ins and senior citizens.

Our next jam session will be at Gold Hill, OR on March 11th in the Oddfellows hall. Doors open about 10:30 - potluck at 11:30.

April 22nd we'll travel to Yreka. We always have such fun there. The exact place of the jam session - Winema Hall at the Yreka fairgrounds - potluck at 11:30, open to the public at 1:00 PM. See you all at Gold Hill.

Martha Warwick, Reporter

DISTRICT 5:

District 5 had their business meeting in the Coquille Community Bldg. in the afternoon on Feb. 17th. New officers were elected as follows - Chairman: Gene Lowe, Co-chairman: Ivon Cowdray, Sec-Treas: Billie Pinkerton. Had a very good potluck at 5:00 and at 7:00 the "Jam Show" started. Had about 14 fiddlers. Didn't have too large a crowd, but seemed to enjoy the program. The weather was real nasty. We want to thank everyone for all the help. Gene hadn't made up his mind about the reporter, so I will be doing it until he does.

Geri Virtue

NOTICE TO ALL DISTRICT 5 MEMBERS - Gene would like to see fiddlers and accompanists at the Dew Valley club house on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 PM to practice together to put on a better show at the jams.

DISTRICT 6:

The Jam Session at Sweet Home was an outstanding success. 16 fiddlers and at least 8 or 10 accompanists played until 4:30 to a full house, estimated at about 250 or more people. Several vocal and instrumental specials were enjoyed.

Helen and I, personally wish to thank everyone who participated in the show and those who helped with the jam, food and whatever.

Thanks again everyone, it was great.

Helen & George Stout, reporting

There will be a jam session on April 8th at the Moose Lodge in Lebanon. Door will open at 11:00 AM, lunch will be furnished and open to the public at 1:00 PM. The hall is south of town towards Albany.

On April 22nd we have been asked to play at the I O F hall in Springfield. The address is 342 Main in Springfield. Program will start at 1:00 as there will be no potluck. Coffee and snacks will be available for a small fee.

DISTRICT 7:

We had a great time at our February jam in Oregon City. Good crowd, about twenty fiddlers plus accompanists, and good music. We had young fiddlers (9 years of age) and senior fiddlers (82 was top of the announced list, but there may have been others to beat that.)

Next jam is March 18 at the Estacada Grange which is about 4 miles out of Estacada East on N.E. 6th Avenue. Turn right at the Yoders sign to get to the Grange. These are not the most complete directions ever, but I haven't been there myself, so if you get lost, hang your fiddle out the window, maybe someone will spot you and lead you to the right place. Time is 10:00 AM--Potluck at noon and music from there on out, is open to the public.

DATE TO REMEMBER: July 1st. OTFA has been requested to supply as many fiddlers as possible for the Oregon City Territorial days celebration...Time 1-4 PM. Place: The beer tent at Clackamas Community College.

Bob Strelow

DISTRICT 8:

We had a full house at McMinnville for our Jam session. We had election of officers. Chairman: Dave Robinson. Co-chairman: Lee Jones. Sec-Treasurer: Minnie Bennett. Reporter: Jeanette Robinson.

Want to thank everyone who helped us.

At the jam session, we had 21 fiddlers and 12 specials, also a lot of good backup help.

Next Jam Session will be at Aurora, Oregon on April 8th at the Legion Hall on Main Street off of 99E. Doors open at 10:00, potluck at 12 Noon. (Please don't everyone bring beans this time.) Bring own table service. Show for Public at 1:00pm.

Hope to see you at the Convention at Eugene on March 23, 24 & 25.

District 7 Reporter
Jeanette Robinson

WINNERS OF OPEN DIVISION AT CLARK COLLEGE CONTEST:

See *** page 1.

1. John Francis
2. Dick Barrett
3. Carol Ann Wheeler
4. Loretta Brank
5. Aaron Lowe
6. John Melnichuk
7. Sam Sloan

FIDDLER OF THE MONTH

BILL WEBER

Bill Weber, age 85, passed away in Portland on January 25, 1979. He had suffered a stroke in October 1977 and had been confined to a rest home ever since that time.

Bill was one of Oregon's real oldtime fiddlers, having learned to play fiddle from his grandfather in Wisconsin at an early age. Bill will be remembered by we fiddlers as a big man with a lot of good tunes such as, 'Grandpa's Whiskers, London Hornepipe, Coming Down From Denver, Little Ole's Schottische, Scan Waltz and his own Mississippi River Boat.'

When Bill knocked on the door of THE GOLD FIDDLE ROOM on January 25th, the OLDTIMER who keeps the keys to the Gold Fiddle Room asked, "What do you have with you, Bill?"

Bill replied, "Just my fiddle and my golf socks, you know, the pair with a hole-in-one."

We miss you here on Earth Bill, but we know you are happy up there with the fiddlers. Tell them to keep practicing because there are a lot more fiddlers who will be coming along to join you and them some of these days.

by Marshall Jackson