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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is the month of the two big contests, our own State Oldtime Fiddle Contest and then the National Oldtime Fiddle Contest at Weiser. To those of you who have never gone to Weiser I can give a word of warning; It's habit forming. Once you go, you just want to keep going back every year. Each year the contest keeps getting better.

Our two extra Jam Sessions, one in Roseburg and one in Grants Pass, were exceptionally well received. I am hopeful that one more "bonus" Jam Session will be held this year in Coquille, if a good hall can be located. If so, it will be on the Sunday following the Canyonville contest.

In this issue of the Hoedowner I have written down most of the complaints that I have received, and then my attempts at answering them as well as I knew how. In my first message as President I asked for gripes from you and now I find that I have one of my own; the extremely poor response from members to the report which was included in last month's Hoedowner. I am almost too embarrassed to say it, but I'm going to be honest even if it hurts (and it does this time) and tell you that I have received 13 replies. This from a total membership of over 300. It is pretty hard to form any conclusions on the basis of 13 replies, but one conclusion is inescapable, the biggest problem we have is not opposition to what we want to accomplish, but rather lack of interest.

WAYNE HOLMES

OUR NEXT JAM SESSION AND POTLUCK SHERWOOD JUNE 13, 1971

Our next jam session and potluck will be in Sherwood, the location for our jam session will be at the Grange Hall across the street from the high school.

Coming from Portland, take I-5 south to the Tigard turnoff and you will be on 99W, go through Tigard and about six miles after you go through Tigard you will come to an intersection called Six Corners, turn left at Six Corners and come to Sherwood and you will come right to the Grange Hall. Coming from the Salem direction on I-5 take the Tualatin turnoff and go into Tualatin, follow the signs to Sherwood, when you come into Sherwood, turn right at the lumber yard and you will run right into the Grange Hall. Now that I have every completely confused, dig out your road map and lets all come to the Sherwood Jam Session.

RON GIMM

COMING EVENTS

June 5 -----Contest-----Canyon City
 June 12-----OREGON STATE CONTEST-----Gresham
 June 13-----Jam Session-----Sherwood
 June 19-----Fiddle Show-----Sheridan
 June 21-26-----NATIONAL CONTEST-----Weiser, Idaho
 July 10-----Contest-----The Dalles
 July 17-----Contest-----Cottage Grove
 Aug. 28-----Contest-----Canyonville

LOST AND FOUND DEPT:

LOST: Round aluminum cake cover with a round walnut handle on top. Left at Grants Pass on May 9. Anyone finding this item please bring it to Gresham, return to Jim Morris P.O. 783 Wilbur, 97494 or give it to Mrs. Warwick of Grants Pass and she will take it to them.

FOUND: One box of dirty dishes, contents of which were, a 1 or 1 1/2 qt. corn- ing wear dish with lid, several colored plastic dinner plates, and silver wear. These items were found at the Eugene Jam Session and potluck May 23. Articals above may be claimed from Mrs. Wayne Holmes, she also has a cut glass serving bowl and I believe a stainless steel bowl. If you wish to have your things back please contact Mary Holmes, Eugene Ore.

EARLENE GIMM

OREGON STATE FIDDLING CONTEST

DATE: JUNE 12, 1971

PLACE: MT. HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

One mile N.E. of Gresham, between Stark and Division St. at the 257th Main Auditorium. Tickets \$1.00 per person.

TIME: Preliminaries at 1:30 p.m. and finals at 7:30 p.m. Doors will open at 10:00 a.m. for practice and tuning up. Doors will be closed to the auditorium between close of the preliminaries until 6:00 p.m.

There is parking room for 500 cars and school will not be in session, so there will not be a parking problem

The contest is being sponsored by the Senior Adult Citizen's Center of Gresham with the cooperation from Mt. Hood College and Gresham Chamber of Commerce.

Three out of state judges will judge this, using National Rules. The judges will be: Les Rattrey, Maple Ridge, B.C.; Monte Stephens, Winchester, Idaho, and Neil Johnston, Tenino, Washington.

There will be four divisions: Juniors, for those under 18 years of age and may be either male or female; Ladies, 18 and over; Seniors, 70 years of age and may be either male or female; and open division 18years and older and may be either male or female.

Entry fee's are Juniors and ladies none; Seniors \$2.00; Opens \$5.00

AWARDS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

LADIES; 1st place \$15.00 plus trophy; 2nd \$10.00 plus trophy; 3rd \$5.00 plus trophy. JUNIORS; Same as Ladies division. SENIORS: 1st place \$40.00 plus trophy; 2nd \$30.00 plus trophy; 3rd \$20.00 plus trophy, 4th \$10.00 plus trophy. REGULARS OR OPEN: 1st place, Certification paid to Weiser National contest for 1972 plus \$50.00 plus trophy; 2nd place \$40.00 plus trophy; 3rd place \$30.00 plus trophy; 4th place \$20.00 plus trophy; 5th place \$10.00 plus trophy.

All fiddlers who are residents of Oregon weather they are member's of The Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Assoc. or not are invited to take part in this contest.

If there are any questions that have not been answered, please contact;

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DON'T FORGET, LETS ALL GO TO THE OREGON STATE FIDDLING CONTEST IN GRESHAM JUNE 12

GRESHAM

Here are some comments and reminders from the State Fiddling Contest Chairmen Marshall Jackson;

The OREGON STATE FIDDLING CONTEST is coming soon, we want all of you Oregon fiddlers who live in Oregon to come and take part in this contest. All contestants should come early and be registered before 1:00p.m. Deadline for registration is 1:15 p.m. Saturday June 12. No late comers will be admitted unless they have been in an accident, or some other mishap delayed them. If you don't live in Oregon, come anyway and enjoy this contest with us.

Remember, the contest will be held at Mt. Hood Community College, 257th S.E. Stark St. between Division and Stark St. plenty of parking space.

MARSHALL JACKSON

(Editors Note) Remember folks the public is invited and more then welcome to take in this contest and show. So bring a friend and let's help to promote Old Time Fiddling.

COTTAGE GROVE FAR WEST OLDTIME FIDDLE CONTEST JULY 17, 1971

There will be a fiddle contest in Cottage Grove on Saturday July 17, 1971. The preliminarys will be at 2 p.m. and the finals at 7:30 p.m. The location of the contest will be at the high school. As of publication date of the Hoedowner two judges have been selected, they are BILL YOHEY of McMinnville and WAYNE HOLMES of Eugene.

GRANTS PASS

On a beautiful, sunny Mother's Day, May 9, 16 fiddlers converged upon the Jerome Prairie Grange Hall and provided some good Oldtime Fiddling for an enthusiastic crowd. The fiddlers were:

Guy Spurlock, Fred Virtue, Hjalmer Edwards, Ivan Shuck, Billy Warwick, Van Southwood, Bob Hawes, Ed Forsha, John Hoerster, Danny Warwick, Bill Yohey, Jim Rose, Ralph Dias, Jim Morris, M.A. Richardson, and Wayne Holmes.

ACCOMPANISTS: Piano; Mrs. Ed Forsha, Mrs. Hjalmer Edwards. Banjo; Marion Enlow, Bill Christian, Dave Winkelman, Guitars; Don Loring, Ruth Loring, Jack Ivy, Jim Bevel, Gut Bucket; Linda Ivy. SPECIALTY NUMBERS: Duane Prose accompanied by Jack Ivy and Ruth Loring, sang "Chime tells" a Swiss yodelling number, and Les Catchpole played a medley of tunes on the harmonica.

For the conclusion of the fiddle program Mr. & Mrs. Forsha did a clog dance as Wayne Holmes played the Great Western Clog for his final number. Several requests were then played, and then the fiddlers provided dance music for the next hour. A good time was had by all, and 15 new members joined our association.

Information for this report provided by two of the new members;
ELMER AND ADELIN CARD

EUGENE

Our May jam session was held at the Emerald parks building in Eugene. We didn't have to many people for our pot luck dinner but the people that did come and bring there favorite dish sure out did themselves with the cooking, it was some of the best food I have had at a potluck dinner. After dinner we cleared the table and set up chairs to get our show underway, but we had a very short meeting first The purpose of this meeting was to establish how long a person had to be in the state before he would be eligible to enter our contest to determine our State Champion, the motion was made, seconded and carried that a person had to reside in the state of Oregon for a period of six months to be eligible for the Oregon State Contest. When this was over we started our show.

FIDDLERS: Cliff Buker, Bill Yohey, Tony Descombaz, Shorty Allen, Bill Wilson, Billy Warwick, Fred Hildebrandt, Bob Hawes, Carl Van Hooser, Jerry White, Walt Beers, Charlie Johnson, O.L. St. Clair, Fred Virtue, Clarence Greenlund, Lyle Pritchard, Jim Morris, wes Johnson, and Wayne Holmes. ACCOMP: Guitars; Frank Warner, Jim Morris, wes Johnson, Oral Robbins, Ron Gimm. Piano; Bessie Buker, Shorty Allen, Jane Thompson, Bass Fiddle; Ed Gorham. Banjo; Marion Enlow.

After our program the fiddlers and accomp. got on stage and played a few request numbers. Then the chairs were moved back and we all enjoyed some dancing.

RON GIMM

GRESHAM:

To the Hoedowner;

I have decided to resign as chairman of the Oregon Fiddling History Project. I find that my inability to see what is written to me is too much of a handicap, and causes too many errors and misunderstandings. I would like very much to be able to help bring this project to a well done finish, but since I am unable to do so, I do hope that others will carry on and complete the task

I had in mind, a history book that would be more than a scrap book. It would be for sale after it has been published. It will require the assistance of many volunteers, under the leadership of someone who can compile the information gathered from near and far. I have notified our President, Wayne Holmes, and I'm sure he will find someone who is interested enough in preserving the historical information that will make the book a source of interest and knowledge to all fiddlers and members of our fine association.

Thank you very kindly,
MARSHALL JACKSON

HILLSBORO

Tony Descombaz has been very busy with his fiddling lately, in April he received a very nice letter from the Beaverton school district for playing for them at an assembly during there Cultural Arts Week. Tony has also been busy playing for shut-ins and at the Senior Citizens home in Hillsboro. Keep up the good fiddling Tony.

RON