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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I just returned from the big National Contest at Weiser. It was an exciting week, with something going on all the time, and music everywhere, in the park, the hospitality center, in the streets, in and around the hotel, on the lawn in front of the motel, and of course at the contest site, the high school. It was the third year in a row I have gone to Weiser, and the first time that the weather was cool most of the time. The air conditioned auditorium added to the enjoyment of the contest, details of which I have sent in for this edition of the Hoedowner. Those of you who haven't yet been to the National Contest should try to go next year. The fiddle contest is wonderfully exciting but it is only part of the enjoyment. The many fine people you will meet; the friends you will make; the informal jam sessions to be listened to and participated in; the congenial atmosphere that prevails at Weiser, all make it an unforgettable experience.

If you can manage to go I can promise that you won't regret it, because I've never met any one who was sorry that they went.

The big event is past history now, and we can all get busy practising for next year.

See you at Woodburn Grange Hall July 11, our next get together.

WAYNE HOLMES

WOODBURN JULY 11, OUR NEXT JAM SESSION & POT LUCK

Our next jam session and pot luck dinner will be at the Grange Hall in Woodburn. There is a Woodburn turnoff on the Salem Freeway (I-5) about 10 miles North of Salem, take that turnoff and go toward town and you will go right past the Grange Hall. See you all there and don't forget all that wonderful food and your own table service.

RON GIMM

WEISER, IDAHO

Results: In the Open division, Dick Barrett of Texas took the top place. He came in 2nd last year. 2nd was Dwayne Youngblood of Idaho, 3rd Roy Lee Cowen of Oklahoma, 4th Junior Daugherty of New Mexico, 5th Jay Belt, the California State Champion, 6th Duane Stevens of Idaho, 7th Dean Trammel, Calif. and 8th Jana Greif of Calif.

JUNIOR DIVISION: John Francis of Spokane won 1st place for the 2nd year in a row, edging out James Bryan of Alabama, who holds the title of "Tennessee Valley Fiddle King". It required some exceptionally fine fiddling on John's part to win over such a good fiddler. Both of these boys are just 16 years old. Aaron Lowe, also of Spokane, took the No. 3 spot.

LADIES DIVISION: Vivian Skeens of Boise captured first place for the 2nd successive year, followed by Jana Greif the 2nd place winner last year too. A newcomer to the big Weiser contest, Patsy Buckley of Moscow, Idaho, was third. A noteworthy aspect of the ladies contest was that the top three could just as well have been the top three in a beauty contest. They are lovely young ladies.

SENIOR DIVISION: Alvin Sanderson of Seattle repeated in winning first place. This made the 4th year in a row that he has succeeded in taking first in this division, and this is the first time anyone has ever won a top title 4 consecutive years. No. 2 spot was taken by Mr. Whittington of Idaho, 3rd was our own Charlie Johnson, Portland, and next another Oregonian, Cliff Buker of Waldport, 5th place was taken by Van Cunningham of California. Nell Turner of Amity, Oregon made front page news for being the first lady entrant in the Senior Division.

WAYNE HOLMES

CONTESTS

FAR WEST FIDDLERS CONTEST

PLACE: COTTAGE GROVE, OREGON DATE: JULY 17, 1971

WHEN AND WHERE: Open and junior competition will begin immediately after the Mining Days Parade, about 3:00 P.M., at the Cottage Grove high school, 1000 Taylor St. The Open division finals and Senior division will begin at 8:00 P.M. at the high school.

REGISTRATION: Registration will be at the high school auditorium entrance starting at 10:00 A.M. and continuing through to contest time. Registration fee's are as follows: Open \$5.00; Juniors \$2.00; Seniors \$3.00; Open & Senior \$7.00

PRIZES & TROPHIES: Open Division: 1st \$100. & traveling Trophy; 2nd \$60. & Trophy; 3rd \$40. & Trophy; 4th \$20. & Trophy; 5th \$10. & Trophy. SENIOR DIVISION: 1st \$30. & Trophy; 2nd \$20. & Trophy; 3rd \$10. & Trophy. JUNIOR DIVISION: 1st \$15. & Trophy; 2nd \$10.; 3rd \$5.

PARADE: A low boy semi-trailer will be available for fiddlers and accomp. at the Dairy Queen on the South edge of town. All those who can be here at about 1:00P.M. are invited to participate in this event. Parking space is reserved for you just South of the Dairy Queen.

OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS: The Cottage Grove Jaycees invite all fiddlers, accomp. and families with campers to use their facilities at walker, 3 miles North of town and all to join in an all night jamboree after the contest. There is no charge.

CHIEF JOSEPH DAYS FIDDLERS CONTEST

PLACE: Enterprise, Oregon DATE: Sat, July 24th

TIME: Preliminaries 2:00 P.M. Finals 7:30 P.M. Position Drawing 1:45 P.M.

Senior Division: No entry fee, 1st \$15. & Trophy; 2nd \$10. & Trophy; 3rd \$5. & Trophy.

Intermediate Division: Entry fee \$3.00. Prizes will be 1st \$25. & Trophy; 2nd \$20. & Trophy; 3rd \$15. & Trophy; 4th \$10. & Plaque; 5th \$5.00 & Plaque.

Open Division: Entry fee \$5.00. Prizes will be 1st \$75. & Trophy; 2nd \$50. & Trophy; 3rd \$30. & Trophy; 4th \$20. & Trophy; 5th \$10. & Trophy.

Contestants, accompanists and their families will be admitted free. Arrangements have been made for camping space for contestants and families near the Cloverleaf Hall. An oldtime dance will be held after the evening contest. Their will also be a jam session on Friday evening July 23rd.

HOOD RIVER FIDDLING CONTEST JULY 31, TIME 1:30 P.M.

I have set up a Fiddling Contest at Hood River. The contest will be held at the Hood River Fair Grounds at 1:30 P.M. sharp.

This is an open contest, with prizes for Seniors and Regulars. The Hood River Fair Board will furnish the Trophies, the prize money and the M.C. and three judges.

Entry fee's will be: Open \$3.00 and Seniors \$2.00 Seniors must be at least 65 years old.

Prize Money and Trophies as follows: Open: 1st \$35.00; 2nd \$25.00; 3rd \$20.00 4th \$15.00; 5th \$5.00 SENIORS: 1st \$20.00; 2nd \$15.00; 3rd \$10.00; 4th \$5.00.

All fiddlers, from all states are invited to take part in this contest. Lets all get into the act at this contest for Hood River Fair.

MARSHALL JACKSON

THE DALLES CONTEST JULY 10, 1971 TIME 4:30 P.M.

There will be a Fiddling contest in The Dalles on July 10th. I will give you the information I have on it which isn't much but here it is. There will be two divisions, Open and Seniors. There will be a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize with trophies for the Senior division and 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Prize with trophies for Opens. Contest will start at 4:30 P.M. and sign up time will be at 3:30 P.M.

HAS ANYONE NOTICED:

Rusty Modrell and Don Gish being featured on the Olympia beer ad on T.V. This film was taken at the Potatoe Festival at Redmond, Oregon last year.

SHERWOOD

Our June jam session was held in the town of Sherwood on the 13th. As seems to be the trend for the summer, we didn't have to many people for our pot luck dinner but the persons that did come for dinner I'm sure enjoyed themselves.

After dinner we went upstairs for our program. After our program started the people seemed to come out of the woodwork, and it wasn't very long before we had quite a crowd. The FIDDLERS were: Wayne Holmes, Bill Yohey, Tony Descombaz, Ray Abbey, Walther Marvin, Valdimar Nelson, O.B. St. Clair, Warren Gray, Billy Warwick, Jim Morris, Fred Virtue, Harold Shively, Fred Hildibrandt, Susan Walker, Don Haynes, Del Anderson, Bob Hawes, E. Hardibeck, Charlie Johnson, and Cindy & Doug Thomas from Washington. Beaver Warwick, Mary Walker, Neil Johnston, Marshall Jackson, Bill Weber, and James Mason. ACCOMPANISTS: were GUITAR Jim Morris, Beryl Thomas, Ron Gimm, Marshall Jackson, BASS FIDDLE Ed Gorham. SPECIALS by Lorraine & Marvin Chase, Wally Weaver, Tony Descombaz, The Gimm Girls and Ron Gimm.

After the program was over some of the fiddlers played for the people who wanted to dance, Fred Hildibrandt and Ron Gimm were M.C's.

RON GIMM

GRESHAM

Our State fiddling contest was held in Gresham on June 12th. I was not able to get there until just before the preliminaries were over but what fiddling I did hear in the afternoon was terrific. When the afternoon show was over, several fiddlers and there families went over to Marshall Jackson's house for a fine lunch. The doors to the Auditorium were opened again at 6:00 P.M., so the fiddlers could practice and choose the tunes they wanted to play. Then it was showtime at 7:00 P.M.

First the Ladies division played, the winners were; 1st Kati Warner; 2nd Eva Caldwell; 3rd Nell Turner.

Next the Junior division. The winners were; 1st Bill Warwick; 2nd Susan Walker; 3rd Dan Warwick.

Then the Senior division played. The winners were; 1st Charlie Johnson; 2nd Bill Weber; 3rd Tony Descombaz; 4th Cliff Buker.

The Open division then did there stuff. The winners were; 1st Bill Yohey; 2nd Jerry White; 3rd Eddie Johnson; 4th Wayne Holmes; 5th George Jenkerson.

We also had some fine special entertainment by Cynthia & Doug Thomas. And then by Chuck Griffen Fiddle, Ray Johnson, Guitar, and Frank Bolden, on the Banjo.

The Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Assoc. would like say "Thank You" and a job well done to the following:

EAST MUET, COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING-----SPONSORING ORGANIZATION

MT. HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE-----USE OF THE AUDITORIUM

SENIOR ADULT CENTER-----ORGANIZATION

THE JUDGES Monty Stephens Winchester, Idaho
 Les Rattrey Maple Ridge, B.C.
 Neil Johnston Tenino, Wash.

AND THE MESHERS AND STAGE ASSISTANTS

And a special THANKS A LOT TO MARSHALL JACKSON FOR EVERYTHING.
 (Editors Note) We also signed up 21 new members at this event, were growing folks.

RON GIMM

Here is a sad note from Marshall Jackson:

Mr. J.W. Soderstrom, a member of our Fiddlers Association died on June 16, in an accident near Corbett. He was mowing weeds for the county, and his tractor tipped over on him and killed him. Our sincerest sympathy to the family and friends of Mr. Soderstrom.

TO THE HOEDOWNER

The Oregon State Fiddling Contest for 1971 is now history. New trophies are now standing in 15 different homes. Proud winners of these trophies are glancing at their prizes, happy that they had taken part in the contest.

I wish to say a great big "Thank You" to all fiddlers, judges, accompanists, program directors, stage hands, ticket takers and sellers, Master of Ceremonies and the audiences. All of you made this such a successful contest. It is gratifying to know that so many people came to enter and see this contest, which was sponsored by the Senior Adult Center of Gresham. We here in Gresham are happy to have had such a fine and splendid auditorium for the fiddlers to play in this contest. Gresham will not be the same from now on, Fiddling has entered its doors.

If I did overlook some things that needed to be taken care of during the contest, I'm sorry, but I am happy to hear so many fine reports that tell me the fiddlers were pleased with the set up and the results.

Thanks to the officers of the Oregon Fiddlers Association who helped in so many ways to guide me in making this contest a smooth working one.

The ladies who did the book work and the tabulating of scores, surely need to be complimented on their fine flawless work.

We hope Gresham, will ask us back again. Thank you, one and all

MARSHALL JACKSON

COMING EVENTS

July 10th-----	Contest-----	The Dalles
July 11th-----	Jam Session-----	Woodburn
July 17th-----	Contest-----	Cottage Grove
July 24th-----	Contest-----	Enterprise
July 31st-----	Contest-----	<i>Newport</i> Hood River
Aug. 20th-----	Fiddle Show-----	Rickreall
Aug. 28th-----	Contest-----	<i>Cannonville</i> Canyonville
Aug. 29th-----	Jam Session-----	Coquille

PORTLAND

May 8th will be a happy memory for the many friends who met with Wes & Evelyn Brunson in their new home. The home is an ideal place for flowers, music and fun. The new piano put every one in jam session mood, and the music went round and round, with Wes Brunson, Bill & Verneda Weber, Marshall & Sara Jackson, Al & Mildred Hadler, Daisy & John Ratcliffe and Eva Caldwell. This worked up a good appetite and a lovely lunch was served by Evelyn and Wes. Before leaving for home, we made a tour of their lovely yard and garden spot. Seemed like a happy setting for a wonderful couple.

EVA CALDWELL

OROVILLE, CALIF.

Here are the results of the Calif State Championship Contest held at Oriville, April 23 & 24. Open: 1st Jay Belt; 2nd Ron Huey; 3rd Ray Parks; 4th Tim Rued.

The Seniors winner was Van Cunningham. The Ladies winner was Jana Grief and the Junior division was won by Jenny Rued. The judges were Pop Powers, Kelley Kirksey and Cy Widener.

I would like to say "Thanks again" to all those who sent in items for The Hoedowner. Again I would like to remind you we can't have a newsletter without any news. And many thanks to my wife and family for their help getting the Hoedowner out.

RON