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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

August has been a memorable month, with many fiddle contests and shows. I don't know how I am going to thank all the fine people who helped our organization during the month, but I am going to try. First, to all the fiddlers and accompanists who played in the shows our Association put on, my heartfelt thanks. To all who helped sponsor and arrange and put on oldtime fiddle contest, thanks a million. These contests spread the wonderful sound of oldtime music, and they let more folks know that the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association exists and that we want them in it if they love our music.

I just returned from a fun-filled week-end at the Canyonville oldtime fiddle contest and the very successful jam session in Coquille the next day. Geroldine and Fred Virtue were helpful in seeing to it that the meeting was successful. They deserve a lot of credit. Wilma and Bud Ryan had a house full of fiddlers and guests Saturday night. I don't know how many people were there but their house must have bulged at the seams. They really put themselves out in feeding and putting up so many people, and I thank them for their hospitality. There must have been at least a dozen fiddlers and 7 or 8 guitar players jammed into their front room. We started fiddling after supper, I called it quits at 2 a.m. Some die-hards didn't give up 'till 5.

I am glad to announce a couple of things that are planned for the near future which I hope will be for the betterment of our organization. One is the coming meeting Sept. 18 in Corvallis. This is something I've hoped for, a get-together on Saturday. We will have our program just as always at 1 p.m., have our pot-luck evening meal, then have more fiddling after our meal. If this is the success I hope it will be, we can have more meetings on Saturdays during the winter and spring when there are very few fiddle contests. If you like this and want to see it continue, come to our meeting in Corvallis Sept. 18th.

The other encouraging thing to report is that it looks like a southern Oregon District Fiddle Organization will come into being. This will be a group within our group and not a separate organization. I asked Don Gish, Fred Virtue, Russell Hall and Bud Ryan to set up a meeting time and invite all the people in that part of the state who want to have a southern district to come, and as soon as Don can get settled in a place (he moved to Medford the middle of August) this planning meeting will take place. I am very hopeful about this, because this will mean that the many fine fiddlers in the southern part of our state will have regular meetings within reasonable distance, and they'll remain members of the Oregon Association.

Our extremely capable editor tells me we now have 428 members. I'd like to see every one of you in Corvallis at our next pot-luck and jam session.

It seems that people need to be frequently reminded that for an item to appear in the newsletter it has to be sent in to the editor by somebody. So my last word for this month is: SEND IN THE NEWS.

WAYNE HOLMES

CORVALLIS JAM SESSION SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 18.

Our next potluck and Jam Session will be held at the Senior Citizens Center in Corvallis, Sept. 18. This will be our first Jam Session to be held on a Sat. afternoon, and our Pres. Wayne Holmes is hoping for a successful turn out, so we may continue to have Jam Sessions on a Sat. now and then. It's my understanding that Washington Fiddlers always have their Sessions on a Sat., and their very Successful.

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The program and potluck dinner will be a little different than your used to. We plan to have the program start at 1:30 p.m. and continue until 5:00 p.m. At this time our potluck dinner will be served. After we have eaten, at about 6:00 p.m. those wishing to play may do so, for I think Wayne is planning a program after dinner too, plus of course the dancing to follow. This can continue until 11:00 p.m., if the Fiddlers and Accompanists will play that long. Now after that big build up, I'll tell you how to get there.

Upon entering Corvallis, find and get on 25th St. Stay on 25th until you come to the Senior Citizens Center. Its located down by the Clinic (a former Catholic School). The center will be opened at 1:00 p.m. So come one and all to our first Sat. Jam and Potluck, bring your family and friends too. See you there.

CLIFF AND BESSIE BUKER

FOR THE HOEDOWNER

First we would like for everyone to know how much we enjoyed having them over to our home. We hope you all had as much fun as we did, and we should do it more often. I guess things were pretty crowded around here, so "Next Time" we will find a larger place. Thank you "ALL" for coming. There were some things left here, a navy blue belt, and some money in a book of matches. So if these parties will let me know, I will get them in the mail.

As some of you know there was a meeting of what was left of the members after the fine Jam Session, the Virtue family put on, about a branch for the Southern area. My husband was elected the chairman, so he was thinking maybe we should have another meeting as maybe some of the members would like to have someone else for this job. Martha Warwick is Sec. Tres.

Don Gish, suggested we have a camp out soon, so we could have a meeting at this.. I'm sure we all have lots of ideas, so lets get together.

If some of you members can't make it to the camp out in the Klamath Falls, or Lakeview area, drop us a line. Thank you.

THE RYANS Bud & Wilma
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LINCOLN CITY

I wasn't able to make it to Lincoln City for the Jam Session they had there on Aug. 15, but from what I hear they had a good one, real good food and good fiddling to go along with it. I can't think of a better way to spend an afternoon. My thanks to Fred Hildebrandt for stopping by the house and dropping off the report, and the collection from the hat pass.

The following entertainers were there. FIDDLES: Fred Hildebrandt, Cliff Buker, George Cieloha, George Jenkerson, Clarence Davis, Harm Baker, Wayne Holmes, Guy Kyler, Fred Virtue, Valdemar Nelson, Ray Mack, Lee Reynolds, Dick Frankland, Owen Hayter, and Tom Sears. ACCOMPANISTS: Bessie Buker & Leama Baker, Piano. Frank Warner, Guitar. and Ed Gorham, Bass Fiddle. SPECIALS: Carlton Smith, Accordion and Harmonica; Lorane & Marvin Chase, singing and accompanied by Ray Mack on the fiddle; Wally Weaver, Harmonica; Fred Hildebrandt and Wayne Holmes, duet on the fiddles; and Leama Baker. The M.C. for the program was Cliff Buker.

RON GIMM

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

I was talking with Martha Warwick at Coquille, and she told me some of her plans for next August, she is planning a weeks camp out on the Warwick ranch at Williams Ore. and all fiddlers and there families are welcome. She said there would be more details and an exact date later but she gave me these few details so some of us could make some tentative plans for next year. It sounds like fun Martha and after the fine time I had in Coquille I'm certainly going to try and make it.

RON GIMM

CANYONVILLE

The 5th Annual Pioneer Days Fiddle Contest was held in Canyonville Aug. 28, The contest was sponsored by The Lions Club of Canyonville. This was the first year for a Jr. contest and they had five entries. The winners in the Jr. Division were as follows: 1st Billy Warwick; 2nd Loretta Brank; 3rd Sue Walker. The prizes were a Trophy for first and ribbons for second and third.

There were 17 entries in the open division and the winners were: 1st Don Gish; 2nd Wayne Holmes; 3rd Bud Rayn; 4th Doyle Young; 5th Kenny Brank; 6th Guy Spurlock. The prizes were \$50., \$25., and \$15. for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place and ribbons for 4th, 5th, and 6th. place. The accompinists were Don & Ruth Loring, Wilma Ryan, Marion Enlow, Bill Young, and Clem Spurlock, the M.C. was Christine Deaton. The Judges were Cliff Buker, Bob Hawes, and Don Haynes. The score keepers were Martha Warwick and Gynn Deaton.

The chairmanship of this contest was in the hands of Gynn Deaton, and I thought it was a very well run contest, keep up the good work Gynn and I hope you will continue to have a contest in Canyonville as long as there are fiddlers to play in them. Thank you from all of us.

RON GIMM

COQUILLE

Well folks about the only way I can describe the Jam Session in Coquille on Sun. Aug. 29, in just a few words is, you missed a great one. I arrived at the community hall at about 11:30 a.m. and the fiddle players and Accomp. were already playing up a storm. There were not very many there for dinner, but what food was there sure looked and smelled good. The crowd started arriveing around noon so the fiddlers kept right on playing through the dinner hour. At about 1:00 p.m. we started the regular afternoon show, I say regular show but believe me there was nothing regular about the music that the people who performed put out, it was some of the best fiddling I have heard for quite some time, they were all great. The performers were: FIDDLERS: Wayne Holmes, Beaver Warwick, Billy Warwick, Susan Walker, George Stout, Mary Walker, Dick Frankland, Fred Virtue, Guy Kyler Kenney Brank, Bud Ryan Don Gish, Jim Rose, Sherman Wilson, Loretta Brank, Russell Hall and Jim Morris. GUITARS: Melvin Eades, Wilma Ryan, Earl Aulman, Steve Hall, and Jim Morris, and Ron Gimm. BANJO'S: Bill Christian, and Marion Enlow. SPECIALS: Ron Gimm sang a couple of songs and Kenney Brank did some trick fiddling for the folks and the crowd really enjoyed it. During the dancing after the program we didn't get to many folks dancing, so Don Gish took over the mike and had the two or three couples all stop, and then go to the side lines and get a new partner, after this happened two or three times we got quite a crowd on the dance floor. Then Don called an informal Square dance I guess you would call it, and the dancers sure had fun. I was ready to put my guitar down and go out and join the dancers but I just didn't have enough nerve.

This is the first time I've had a chance to go to the southern part of the state for a Jam session, and I must say I really enjoyed myself. They have a fine bunch of people down there, Wayne Holmes asked me to be sure and thank the Ryans and the Virtues for the Hospitality, and the fine job they did for this Jam Session. Thank you so much, it was a ball. And thanks to Martha warwick for all her help at the Jam Session.

RON GIMM

COMING EVENTS

Sept. 18-----Jam Session-----Corvallis
 Oct. 17-----Jam Session-----Tillamook

HANEY, B.C. CONTEST

The British Columbia Government sponsored a Centennial Celebration, which included an old time fiddling contest, at Haney B.C. on Aug. 13, & 14. The contest was held in the Royal Legion Hall in Haney. Elmer Coffey, of Bremerton, Wash. was M.C. Bill Yohey flew up to be one of the three judges. Several fiddlers from the states took in the contest. They were: Steve Crawford, of Eatonville, Wash., Don Gish, of Yakima, Charlie Johnson, Bill Wilson and son Rick of Portland, and Marshall Jackson, and Joe Pancerzweski, of Enumclaw, Wash. Candian fiddlers from British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan came to fiddle. This was a fine contest for Seniors, Juniors, Ladies, Opens and Nolvety playing. The incredibility of the contest was that a lot of money went to a few fiddlers. There were only three places for opens and Seniors, with \$600, \$400, and \$200 for opens, and \$200, \$100, and \$50. for Seniors. A lot of good fiddlers went home without any of that money. But the fiddlers from the States did a fine job of cooling the fired up Canadian fiddlers. Don Gish took third in the opens, while Joe Pancerzweski took first in the Seniors, with Charlie Johnson coming in third. This is a good showing for the fiddlers from south of the border. At some future date, we'd like to see a contest between the top five from Oregon, the top five from Washington, and the top five from B.C. and the top five from Alberta holding a Regional Contest.

MARSHALL JACKSON

Our association was asked to provide some good oldtime fiddle entertainment at three shows this month, and there was a fine response from the fiddlers and accompanists from our group; several of them playing at more than one show. I want to thank all of you who turned out. By participating in these shows you not only provided entertainment for hundreds of people, you also helped to publicize our organization, obtain new members and last but not least brought some contributions into our treasury.

These fiddlers played at the Clackamas County Fair in Canby Aug. 13th and 14th. Cliff Buker, Bill Weber, Ray Mack, George Jenkerson, Wayne Holmes and Fred Hildebrand. Accompanied by: Bessie Buker, Frank Warner, Vern Baker, Ron Gimm and Ed Gorham.

Here was the line up at Rickreall for the Friday evening out door show; Aug. 20th: Fiddlers; Larry Modrell, Guy Kyler, Valdemar Nelson, Ray Mack, Sue Walker, Cliff Buker, Fred Virtue, Wes Brunson, Dick Frankland, Clarence Greenlund, Wayne Holmes and Eddie Johnson, Accompanied by Don and Ruth Loring, Ray Johnson, Frank Warner, and Ed Gorham.

At the unusual and interesting Steam Festival at Brooks on Sat. Aug. 21, these folks turned out to play: Del Anderson, Eddie Johnson, George Jenkerson, Valdemar Nelson, Fred Virtue, Kati Warner and Wayne Holmes. Backing up on guitars were Ray Johnson, Wes Brunson and Frank Warner and Ed Gorham on Bass. Ed Turner Brought his accordian and helped out also.

Besides all the fiddling entertainment at these shows, Eddie Johnson and Wayne Holmes, helped out by Al Shannon and Ray and Wayne Johnson on guitars, played an additional program at the Brooks Steam Festival on Thurs. night, Aug. 19th.

Every one of these programs was enthusiastically received, and provided additional proof that people really love the oldtime music. All we need to do is to let them know where and when we are going to play, to give them a chance to come and hear.

WAYNE HOLMES

MOLALLA

There certainly has been a lot of fiddling and good will spread out during the month of August, it's to bad we can't have the same each month, but that would be asking a little to much of the member's of any organization.

Here is another show that went on at the Molalla Buckerco on Sat. Aug 28th. The featured fiddlers were Bill Yohey, Rusty Modrell, and Jimmy Miller & his sons. From what I hear it was a very good show and well excepted, but why shouldn't it be with fiddlers like Bill, Rusty, and Jimmy there.

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