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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Another National Oldtime Fiddle Contest is behind us. What a great time it was. With each year that I go I find myself enjoying all the activities besides the contest as much or more than the contest itself. For Example, jamming with Jimmy Widner from Montana and Gene Wilhite, the lefty from Indiana, 'till the wee hours of the morning, and loving every minute of it. Watching the irrepressible Chuck Griffin, that born entertainer, holding an audience spellbound for hours in the Washington Hotel. Listening to the dozens of other fiddlers who just start fiddling anywhere and soon have a big circle of listeners. And when you found a real big circle, You'd always find Benny Thomasson in the center of it.

Oregon was well represented in the Contest. George Jenkerson of Portland placed highest in any category of any Oregonian, coming in third in the Senior Division. Congratulations, George.

I want to extend a big thank you to all those who participated in the parade Saturday. Thanks to those who decorated the truck as well as those who rode and played. There's a complete story about the parade on page 3.

Everybody on the Oregon truck went from the parade to the Weiser Convalescent Home and played a program of Oldtime Music for the patients, who loved it.

Wish I had space to comment at length about the contest results, but will content myself with just a brief note; I agreed with the judges in all the divisions except the open, and in that found myself in complete disagreement with them. It was not that Dick Barrett didn't play well, because he always does, and his time is always perfect. He and Alvin Sanderson have one thing in common, they both make a metronome seem erratic by comparison. It just seemed to me that the way Wanzer was playing, the only question was, who would come in second? But it's all past history now, and complete contest results are on page 3.

See you all in Corvallis July 16.

WAYNE

P.S. I would like to mention one more thing, and that is for all fiddlers to save the dates of Aug. 18 & 19 for the two big shows our group is to put on for the County Fairs at Canby and Rickreall.

CORVALLIS JAM SESSION & POTLUCK JULY 16

Our monthly Jam Session and potluck will be held in Corvallis on July 16. The dinner and show will be held in the gym at the Catholic Church School, or is now known as the Senior Citizens Center. This is the same place we have had our jam session in Corvallis before. The hall is located on 25th St. just off Harrison St. west of town. The hall will be opened at 10:00 A.M. and dinner will be about 12 noon with the show starting at about 1:00 P.M. Don't forget your food, table service, fiddle and what have you, and your friends.

COQUILLE

The Coquille Retail Trades Committe is sponsoring a street dance on Sat. July 22 starting at about 6:00 P.M. in Coquille. If we can get a few Fiddlers and Accompanists to this event it will give them a chance to earn \$100. for the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Assoc. Treasury. So if you can and plan on making this event get in touch with EARL AULMAN 291 2nd Ave. Eastside, OR 97420, Or phone 267-3669.

COTTAGE GROVE CONTEST SAT. JULY 15

I have very little information on the Cottage Grove contest, but I will give you what I have. There will be over \$675.00 in prize money, and there will be three divisions. Open, Senior and Junior. There is free overnight camping and all night jamboree facilities. The times stated on the flyer I have are 3:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M.

RON

THE DALLES CONTEST JULY 22

All the information I have on The Dalles contest is the town and date. The judges will be Kenny Brank, Winlock Wash; Neil Johnston, Tonino; and Edna Grice, Fruitland, Idaho.

CONTEST CALAHAN, CALIF

A fiddling contest is to be held in conjunction with the 7th Annual Callahan Gold Rush Jubilee at Callahan, Calif. DATE: Last weekend of July, 1972. Starts Friday July 28th at 9 P.M. and runs to 12 Midnight. Continues at 10 A.M. Sat., July 29th and will run until 12:30 P.M. Contest will be continued beginning at 10:30 Sunday July 30th if not concluded the preceding Sat. (Junior and Senior performers will perform together in their respective age groups).

GENERAL CONTEST RULES

- (1) Entry blank submitted and entry fee paid before entry deadline. Entry fee \$3.00
- (2) Entry deadline, postmarked not later than July 24th. For entry blanks write Secretary Mt. Bolivar Grange Box 1595, Callahan, Calif. 96041 or Phone 467-3626 area code 916.
- (3) Contest will consist of two divisions: Senior and Junior. Senior contestants must be at least eighteen years of age and may be of either sex. Junior contestants must be less than eighteen years of age and may be of either sex. We will be seeing you and will assure a hospitable welcome at the Callahan Gold Rush. To get to Callahan from the North. Take the 3rd Yreka, Ft. Jones Exit, Calif. 3. Go through Fort Jones and follow signs.

BAKER DONTEST SAT, AUGUST 5

You may sign up one half hour before the start of any contest. Blue Mt. standard Contest rules in effect with qualified judges. Tune of choice will be other than waltz or Quadrell. All tunes must be 50 years or older and played in oldtime manner. All tunes must be of danceable quality. Decision of judges is final. Sponsored by the Baker Rotary Club.

PRIZES:

- OPEN DIVISION: \$75.; \$50.; \$35.; \$25.; and \$15.00 plus trophy for 1st three places
Open contest starts at 3:30 P.M. Sign up time is 3:00 P.M.
- INTERMEDIATE DIVISION: \$35.; \$25.; \$15.; \$10.; and \$10.; plus trophy 1st three plcs
Intermediate starts at 2:00 P.M. sign up time is 1:30 P.M.
- SENIOR DIVISION: \$25.; \$15.; and \$10.; plus Trophy
Senior contest time, 10 A.M. sign up time is 9:30 A.M.

A dance will follow the contest.

TO THE HOEDOWNER

After talking to some of the Oregon and Wash. fiddlers I find several of them are very dissatisfied with the distribution of prize money at Cottage Grove this year. \$695.00 in prize money and \$500. going to the first three places in the open division. I think this is the worst management of prize money I have seen yet.

We often hear the fiddlers say we should encourage the young people to carry on the fiddling art. We would do well to keep our Senior fiddlers going to the contests too. Why should any fiddler, unless he is a top player, go to this contest drive 100 or more miles and pay \$5.00 knowing there is no chance of winning anything. Lets spread the prize money more than we have been instead of less.

KENNETH BRANK

NEWS FROM WEISER

Earlene and I were able to attend the National Contest this year and we enjoyed it very much. There was some work that had to be done and we would like to thank the people who helped us with decorating the float and those who were riding on the float and making the music when we were in the parade. Our thanks to George and Helen Stout, Judy Aulman, The John Calvert Family, Gracie Jenkerson, Nell Turner and Geroldine Virtue for helping with decorating and flower making, and thanks to Buck Aulman for driving the truck for us. RIDERS on the float: Earlene Gimm, Pitt Calvert, Wade and Cathy Calvert, Teresa Holmes, Loretta Brank,. Guest Fiddler "Max" Sexsmith of Whitehorse, Yukon. OREGON FIDDLERS: Don Gish, Bill Yohey, Billy Warwick, Fred Virtue, Fred Hildebrandt, Gary Hamlin, Nell Turner, Charlie Johnson, Cliff Buker, Wayne Holmes Clarence Greenlund, and Bill Wilson. GUITAR ACCOMPANISTS: Ron Gimm, Don Loring, and Ruth Loring. MANDOLIN: Marshall Jackson.

After the parade was over the Oregon Fiddlers and the Accompanists went to the Convalescent home and entertained the people there for about an hour. These people really go for this sort of thing. One of the comments made as we were leaving was "That's better Therapy then Pills".

Now for the Winners of the contests:

JUNIOR JUNIOR CONTEST: Loretta Brank, Joie Hanson, and Alican Hale.

NATIONAL JUNIOR CONTEST: John Francis, Hiram Posie, Aron Lowe, Barbra Lamm and Gary Kraufstead.

NATIONAL LADIES CONTEST: Patsy Buckley, Vivian Skeans, Francis Anderson, Linda Child, and Edna Grice.

NATIONAL SENIOR CONTEST: Hank Bell, Laurier Birginal, and George Jenkerson.

GRAND NATIONAL CHAMPION CONTEST: Dick Barrett, J.C. Boughton, Benny Thomason, Loyd Wanzer, Junior Daugherty, Bill Mitchell, Roy Lee Cowan, and Dwayne Youngblood.

While I am writing this article I would like to thank my wife and family for all the help they have given me with putting out the HOEDOWNER these last few months.

RON

EASTERN OREGON NEWS

With three outstanding judges in attendance, Oren Shaw of Payette, Loyd Wanzer of Caldwell and Bill Yohey of McMinnville, the winners of the "62" days Eastern Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Contest were as follows; Listed in order with first place listed first, Etc.

GRANT COUNTY CONTEST: Jim Baker, Gifford McIntosh, Barney Swan, Clay Claughton, and Emil Domas.

EASTERN OREGON CONTEST: Rusty Modrell, Barney Swan, Jim Baker, Ivan McDaniels and Bob Hawes.

INTERMEDIATE CONTEST: Charles Burray, Clay Claughton, Emil Domas, Clifford Constant, and Earl Potts.

OPEN CONTEST: Don Gish, Edna Grice, Rusty Modrell, Gary Hamlin, and Allen Rice.

SENIOR CONTEST: Bob Hawes, Charlie Johnson, and Allen Rice.

FIRST ANNUAL RAY SHERWOOD TROPHY PRESENTED

The Ray Sherwood Trophy, in memory of a great fiddle player and a man who did so much to further old time fiddle music, presented for the first time this year to the fiddler voted the most liked at the "62" days contest, was presented by Jim Baker to Rusty Modrell, this years winner. Said Rusty, "I've won many trophies in my day, but I wouldn't trade this one for any of them, this is really an honor."

EDITORS NOTE:

Many thanks to the ROSIN DUST NEWS for the last two items.

RON

SWEET HOME

A fine and fun time was had by all who attended the Sweet Home jam session and potluck on Sun. June 11. After a fine meal was had a very fine show was put on. FIDDLERS: Wayne Holmes, Jim Morris, Shorty Allen, Leroy Sims, Fred Hildebrandt, Bob Hawes, Fred Virtue, Cliff Buker, Cliff Tunnell, L.D. Daniel, Guy Kyler, George Stout, Charlie Johnson, Leonard Maahs, Clarence Greenlund, Harm Baker, Charlie Francis, Carl Van Hooser, Dick Frankland, Del Anderson, James Ramsey, and Bill Bell. ACCOMPANISTS: Ron Gimm, Earl Aulman Don & Ruth Loring, Ed Gorham, Marion Eñlow, Margaret Guthary, Leama Baker, Minnie Bennett, L.D. Horner, Frances Horner, Shirley Sims, Ed Turner and Charlie Francis. SPECIALS: John Dougherty, Wally Weaver, Ron Gimm, Wayne Holmes & Fred Hildebrandt, and Cliff Buker, Charlie Johnson and Bessie Buker. Jim Morris also did some trick fiddling for the crowd, and the crowd loved it. There was some dancing following the program. The arrangements were made by George and Helen Stout and they would like to thank everyone who helped make the Sweet Home jam session a success.

RON

ENUMCLAW, WASH.

Marshall & wife Sarah and Gladys and I left for Prince George B.C. May 31st. Make it up there (608 miles) easily on the 31st. Had Thursday to get acquainted, and Friday we took in the eliminations of the general contest. (This is the B.C. contest same as our State contest). Then on Sat. the Seniors, Ladies and Juniors played, and the rest of the open got thru, in the evening of course were the finalists and we heard some mighty fine fiddling as only those Canadians can do it. The climax of the whole show was when the Mounted Police brought Marshall and Les Rattray onto the stage to play a novelty act, if you've never heard Marshall yodell and Mocking bird lying on his back, while Les stood on his head playing the fiddle you haven't seen anything yet. That north country water is pretty potent believe me. After the crowd got settled after all that, the M.Ps left them in our custody again and we all had a ball believe me. Those Canadians went all out to make us welcome as they always do of course, whenever we invade them. Now we can settle down and get our strengthback for Weiser. Hope to see you all there and that everyone wins.

JOE PANCERZEWSKI

North Country Reporter.

JUDGING SCHOOL

Because I am convinced that good judges are the most important factor (next to fiddlers themselves) in improving Oldtime fiddle contests, a training session for Oldtime Fiddle judges is planned for Nov. 18, 1972 at a location not yet selected. Instruction will be given by a qualified instructor who knows old time fiddling and how to judge a contest. A \$5.00 fee will be charged.

Each person attending will actually score fiddlers, and their scores will be examined and evaluated. All interested persons are invited to attend. You don't need to be a fiddler or an accompanist. There will be much to learn from this session, weather you are an experinced judge or have never judged at all.

At the conclusion of the day's training everyone who qualifies will be asked to become a member of the Fedration of Old Time Fiddling Judges.

Attending this training session is one way we in Oregon can set the example for the rest of the country in haveing competent, knowledgeable judges.

WAYNE HOLMES

NOTE OF THANKS

The Blue Mtn. Fiddlers Assn. would like to express our thanks and apprication to the Western Ore. Fiddlers for their cooperation in makeing the State Contest a very successful contest. We cleared above expenses \$300.00. This money was placed in a trust fund for Shannon Griffith, an 8 year old girl from Athena, Ore. who has Lukemia. Thank you.

IVAN McDANIEL

Blue Mtn. Pres.

COMING EVENTS

July 8 & 9-----Fiddling fun-----Goldendale Wash.
 July 15-----Contest-----Cottage Grove
 July 16-----Jam Session-----Corvallis
 July 21 & 22-----Contest-----Enterprise
 July 22-----Street Dance-----Coquille
 July 22-----Contest-----The Dalles
 July 28-30-----Contest-----Callahan, Calif.
 Aug. 5 & 6-----Fiddle shows-----Tigard,
 Aug. 11 & 12-----Contest-----Marysville, Calif.
 Aug. 13-----Jam Session-----Lincoln City
 Aug. 18-----Fiddle Show-----Canby
 Aug. 19-----Fiddle Show-----Rickrall
 Aug. 19-----Contest-----Myrtle Point
 Aug. 26-----Contest-----Canyonville
 Aug. 27-31 & Sept. 1-4-----Camp out at Warwick Ranch-----Williams
 Sept. 30-----Contest-----Madera, Calif.

TIGARD TOWN & COUNTRY DAYS

Sat Aug. 5th & Sun Aug. 6th. Fiddlers are asked to play from 7 to 10 P.M. on Sat. and 1 to 5 P.M. on Sunday. This will be held at Cook's Park south or behind the Tigard Sr. High School on Durham Rd. We had a small group and played two years ago. Mr. Karl Hanneman at 639-3205 called me so you can call him for more information.

ED GORHAM.

TO THE HOEDOWNER

All of the fiddles and followers of fiddling are looking forward to the Camp-out at the Warwick Ranch the last of August, thru Labor Day. We all know that it takes a little money to pay the bills and though there is no charge for camping out at Warwick's, there will be some expenses in making available toilets, wash-rooms and camp sites. It would cost us a lot of money to go camp at a commercial campsite, so why don't each of us contribute a small amount to the Warwicks so they won't have to dig into their own pockets? I feel that if each family who plans to attend a few days or as long as they want to, can help out with the financing by sending \$5.00 to Martha sometime during the next month or six weeks. If each family will send in \$5.00 that will be a small amount, but will add up so it will pay the bills for Martha and her husband who will be doing most, or all of the work. If you feel that this is too much, or if you can't afford it, send whatever you feel is right, or send more if you wish. Just keep your money order receipt, or check stub and it will be your receipt that you sent in that money. And let's all get down there and take full part in this great out doors event where the smell of campfire, boiling coffee and frying bacon will tantalize your hunger senses. And tell your friends too, so they won't miss out on this one,

MARSHALL JACKSON

ST. HELENS

A short business meeting preceeded the jam session in may in St. helens. After calling the meeting to order President Holmes said that he wanted to bring to the member's attention the fact that most fiddle organizations charge people who sell recordings at their meetings. He asked that the members decide one way or another on the issue so that a principle could be established. A motion was made by Jerry Buckman that no assessment be made against any member of the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association for selling records or recording materials at any of our meetings or activities. This motion was seconded, and after some discussion passed with only one dissenting vote. Mr. Buckman gave for his reason for the motion that recordings help to stimulate and spread interest in oldtime fiddling, so there should be no charge made by the Association to those selling them. The result of the vote on the issue indecated overwhelming agreement with Mr. Buckmans view. Notes taken by Verneda Weber.