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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The busiest time of year for contests and shows is past, and now is the time for planning for things to come. Both the contest and the convention committees will be meeting soon. We can use more interested people on both of these committees. Make your views and opinions known. Don't let others run the show all the time.

There will be more details about the upcoming training session for judges, which will be here in Eugene, Saturday, November 18.

Plans are well under way too for our Oregon State 1973 Oldtime Fiddle Contest. This will be in May, in Eugene, Oregon. The judging will be remote, by three out of state qualified judges. The exact date of the State Contest will be sent to the Hoedowner editor no later than December, so that he can print it in the January '73 issue along with all the other dates of contests which I hope every sponsor will send in. If every sponsor cooperates on this, the list in the January Hoedowner will show every contest for the year.

The campout at the Warwicks was an unqualified success in every way. Martha and Red couldn't have been more pleased at how well everything went. Without exception everybody I talked to there plans to go again next year.. A more complete story will be in this issue.

Our next jam session and pot luck will be here in Eugene, Sunday, Oct. 22 at Whiteaker School. You'll find details and directions on how to get there following this article. I hope to see you there.

WAYNE HOLMES

EUGENE JAM SESSION & POTLUCK OCT, 22

The October 22nd Jam Session will be at Whiteaker School in downtown Eugene. Doors open at 10:00 A.M., potluck at noon, Program at 1:00 P.M. Have you seen anyone dance the Clog, the reel, the hornpipe, or a jig? We might have a special treat in that we might have a bagpipe band with dancers to perform these dances for us. Y'all come and join the fun.

Directions on how to get there follow: .

FROM THE I-5 FREEWAY Take Hiway 136 westerly for about 3.5 miles following the signs to downtown Eugene and "Ocean Beaches" to the first traffic light (First street) turn right for .4 miles to the next traffic light (Van Buren St.) turn right again for one block.

FROM BEND & REDMOND via McKenzie River Hwy. get on Highway 105 and at the point of passing over the I-5 freeway, follow directions cited above for leaving freeway.

FROM FLORENCE AND THE OREGON COAST. Come through the city of Veneta. As you approach downtown Eugene, turn left at the Monroe St. traffic light (County Fair grounds will be on the right.) After several blocks you will come to a fork, take the left leg. Four and half blocks later is another fork, go right onto Van Buren St. and proceed over the tracks, thru the First Ave. traffic light, and slow down. Your at the school.

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DIRECTIONS (CONT.)

FROM THE NORTH ON HIGHWAY 99 After the overpass and long left turn into the approach to downtown, the fourth traffic light is Blair Blvd. This is your St., but don't turn left (no left turn). So, continue one block past Blair Blvd, then make two left turns so as to get onto Blair. Turn right to get on Blair, proceeding 2½ blocks to the fork. Take the right leg which puts you on Van Buren St., then over the tracks and thru the First St. traffic light. School one block away.

If necessary to ask directions, the school is located one block North of the Fire Department at W. First Ave. and Jackson St.

To those who would bring recorders, let me suggest, if you really want good quality recordings, that you leave your microphones at home. Bring patch cords get them from the Sound Shop of your choice so that you can take sound from our amplifier. Please bring patch cords, not microphones, you will get better recordings

RAY WALKER

MORE ABOUT THE JUDGES TRAINING SESSION

WIEN: Saturday Nov. 18, 1972 WHERE: Whiteaker school, Eugene, Oregon

Kelley Kirksey tells me that in order to adequately cover everything planned, the session should begin in the morning, as early as possible and still give people time to drive from a distance. I take this to mean about 10 A.M. So our agenda would be something like this:

10 A.M. Registration

10:30-12 noon: Introductory remarks by Pres. Holmes, stating what we hope to accomplish.

*Remarks by Kelley Kirksey

*Tapes of fiddling and comment by Kirksey

12-1 Lunch

1:00-5 *Further remarks by Kirksey

*Scoring practise by all participants

*Discussions of scoring

*Tapes of various fiddling styles and comment on by Kirksey

5-6:30 Dinner

6:30-to as long as needed;

*More actual judging of fiddling by all participants, with discussion of the scoring, question and answer period.

*More listening to tapes of various styles of fiddling and evaluation and comment on them by Kirksey.

*Joining of Federation of Old-Time Fiddling Judges

*Summing up.

It would be helpful if all who plan to attend the training session would write me and let me know, especially all those out of state people. We want to keep the registration fee as low as possible, and the more people come, the lower the fee can be. We don't want to make anything on this monetarily, but only charge enough to pay the Kirkseys expenses to come here. I want to emphasize that every person who wants to learn how to be a better judge of an oldtime fiddle contest will be welcome, but let me know if you plan to come, don't send any money. If enough come we may be able to only charge 2 or 3 Dollars for registration. So start those cards and letters coming in and all you Oregon members who want to attend the training please come also to our next jam session here in Eugene, because we want to decide what to do about meals during the all-day session Nov. 18, and I think that the people who plan to attend should be the ones to decide the matter. Also, the jam session will be at the same place where the training session will be, so you'll know right where to go. So PLEASE let me know if you plan to attend by sending your cards and letters to:

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CONTEST RESULTS

Callahan Gold Rush Days Contest in July

1st Fred Virtue
2nd Jim Estes
3rd Ralph Dias

SISTERS CONTEST in Sept.

SENIORS: 1st George Jenkerson; 2nd Bob Hawes; 3rd Bill Weber

OPEN: 1st Benney Thomasson; 2nd Doug Atwell; 3rd Rusty Modrell; 4th Don Gish;
5th Billy Warwick.

JUDGES: Edna Grace, Idaho; Ruby Zang, Calif.; and Bill Yohey, McMinnville who filled in for Patsy Buckley.

They are planning to make this an annual affair and hope to add a Jr. contest next year.

EDNA YOHEY

ASTORIA

A small but enthusiastic group attended the Astoria jam session on Sept. 9th.

The entertainers were: FIDDLERS: Marshall Jackson, Charlie Johnson, Wayne Holmes, Clarence Davis, Charlie Francis, Tina Willing, Dale Johnson, Clarence Greenlund, Fred Hildebrandt, Kathy Smithwick, Dick Frankland, and Clyde Cinley.

ACCOMPANISTS: Charlie Francis, Ron Gimm, Minnie Bennett, Nancy Martin.

Specials: Fred Hildebrandt & Charlie Johnson; Wayne Holmes & Fred Hildebrandt with Fiddle Duets; Ron Gimm, Singing; Marshall Jackson, Mandolin; Tina Willing, 5 string Banjo.

Marie & Max Wilson were celebrating there 50th wedding anniversary and extended an invitation to the fiddlers and there families to come over after the program.

COQUILLE

There was a small crowd attending the Coquille Evening jam session, but every one had a great time. The FIDDLERS were: George Stout, Larry Pinson, Ivan Shuck, Buck Aulman, Jim Rose, Fred Virtue, Dave Pinkerton, Jack McKasland, Sherm Wilson, and George Gabal. ACCOMPANISTS: Don Loring, Ruth Loring, Roy Ziegler, and Ron Gimm. Specials: Ron Gimm, Singing; Bob Gervise, Harmonica. Marion Enlow, and Alta Bance, also accompanied the fiddlers. My wife and I would like to thank the folks from that area and especially the Earl Aulman and Fred Virtue families for a very nice and fun weekend.

RON GIMM

PORTLAND

Fourteen Fiddlers and 6 Accompanists entertained at the Sellwood Center for Senior Citizens; on Saturday evening Sept. 23. FIDDLERS: Benny Thomason, Harold Shively, Charlie Johnson, Mura Collins, Bill Weber, Eva Caldwell, Valdimar Nelson, Bill Wilson, Del Anderson, Bob Fast, George Cieloha, Chet Haven, Bert Chamberlain, and Fred Hildebrandt. ACCOMPANISTS: Ed Gorham, Mildred Shiviley, Ed Morken, Frank Warner, Roy Thorpe, and Marshall Jackson who also acted as Master of Cere. They played for about three hours.

Called in by Fred Hildebrandt

FROM THE EDITOR:

I recieved word that Jim Morris has had knee surgery on Aug. 31 and he will be in a full cast for six weeks. As if that isn't enough of a problem, his wife Elaine is in the Univ. of Oregon School of medicine, and she is very ill. She had abdominal surgery on Sept. 25th. I'm sure Jim's wife would appreciate a visit or some cards to cheer her up. Her address is: Mrs. Elaine Morris, Floor 10-A, Room 40, Univ. of Oregon Medical School, Portland. Get well soon, both of you.

RON

JAM SESSION OCTOBER 15, GRANTS PASS

The next jam session for the Southern part of the state will be on Oct. 15 at the Jerome Prairie Grange in Grants Pass. This is where it was held last year in May. For those of you who don't know where it is here are the directions: The Grange hall is Approx. 5 miles S.W. of Grants Pass on the highway to Crescent City.

COMING EVENTS

Oct. 15th-----Jam Session-----Grants Pass
Oct. 22nd-----Jam Session-----Eugene
Nov. 18th-----Judging school-----Eugene
Nov. 25th-----Contest-----Illwaco, Wash.

REPORTS OF THE WARWICK CAMPOUT

A total of 58 families from California and Washington as well as Oregon attended the Campout at the Warwick Ranch near Williams, Oregon the last week of August and the Labor Day weekend. About 50 other "day visitors" from the surrounding area also signed the Registration books.

As expected of such gatherings, there was constant jamming, (two or three groups going at once) bull sessions at which such important subjects as instruments, fiddlers associations, contest rules and well known musicians were thoroughly discussed and a sort of "show" each evening at which the musicians entertained themselves and one another. Other highlights of the affair were: the "ol" Swimmin"Hole made from a dam in the creek where many a bathing suit got gleefully wet, a non-Denominational Church service on Sunday morning, a Barbecue on Sunday afternoon and a pancake breakfast on Monday morning.

Red and Martha Warwick, host and hostess of the affair agreed that the event was a great success and a good beginning. Setting aside about an acre and a half along the banks of the South Fork of Williams Creek (which runs through their ranch) as a permanent campground for fiddlers and fiddle functions, they expect to make the campout an annual affair on the Labor Day weekend.

A LETTER FROM A HAPPY MEMBER

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Warwicks for the wonderful weekend we had at the Fiddlers Campout. Everything was perfect, the weather, the music, the friendly people, the barbecue, the lovable old Pooch and even the Old Swimming Hole. We're sorry for everybody who missed it. Plan now to attend next year. What a pleasure to go to sleep with music all around and to wake up to fiddle music too. Sincerely

VI BROWN & FAMILY
MEDFORD

MARTHA REPORTS

As you may have heard the campout was a success. Everyone had fun and said they are looking forward to next year. The weather favored us and at one of the shows a woman told me she counted 135 persons. We had a good number at every campfire. There were 35 campers, tents, and trailers. Visitors came from as far south as Fresno, and Monterey, and as far north as Tenino, Wash.

The only items left for lost and found were a small camp pan (had dog food in it), a white plastic bowl with an H on the bottom, and two forks and one spoon. We'll keep them until next year unless someone wants them now.

We want to thank everyone for coming and working to make the happy time we all had. We wish we could share all the gracious thank you notes we've recieved,

MARTHA WARWICK

CAMPOUT REPORTS (cont.)

Picture a secluded meadow bordered by trees on all sides and a cool mountain brook cascading along the northern edge. Fill most of the outer area with campers, trailers tents and vehicles and the space in between with happy people, and you have the outline of a mental picture of the Warwick campout. The time was spent in fiddling, in groups large and small, in eating some of the best food anyone could ask for. Somehow, things taste better in a setting like that, But I think that the corn on the cob and the barbequed lamb I had would have tasted good anywhere, not to mention the canteloupe and watermelons cooled in the creek, and all the other goodies.

Everybody gathered around the campfire each evening and listened to the fiddlers 'till the wee hours of the morning, and there were all kinds of opportunities to talk to folks and get to know them better. Sound too good to be true? Well, it happened. I know because I was there, and I plan to go back next year, Lord willing.

Nobody knows for sure how many people came during the entire nine days, but at one time there were 35 campers and trailers and 135 people assembled.

The Warwicks have had many thank you letters and not one complaint. After all expenses, they have \$80.00 left over, but any and all contributions would be welcome toward next years campout, because a new bridge is planned so folks won't faint at the sight of that bridge next year. More wiring and electrical outlets are going to be provided too, so these things will require money.

The Warwick family has decided that this campground from now on will be for any and all fiddlers and their families to use at any time. How about that?

See you next year.

WAYNE HOLMES.

AN IDEA

Since the campout at the warwick Ranch was so unique and smacks of something that ought to be done more ofter among the fiddlers, I am hereby notifying all readers of the HOEDOWNER that there will be one page of next months issue devoted to short comments from those who attended the campout, limiting the comments to not more than fifty words.

These comments should be short and to the point, and answer such questions as; is it inspireing and should this be done again, perhaps on a larger scale? This idea is proposed by; Marshall Jackson.

EDITORS NOTE;

Anyone wanting to comment on the campout I will gladly put in our Newsletter. I have one request however, PLEASE GET THEM TO ME BY THE 25th OF THE MONTH. One more thing, be sure they are readable, Preferably typewriten. Thank you.

RON