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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK ALL THE PEOPLE WHO PUT THEIR CONFIDENCE IN ME TO REPRESENT THE OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLERS FOR THE YEAR OF 1973. AS I WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE CONVENTION MEETING, AND I HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING I CANNOT REPORT ANY HAPPENINGS AT THIS TIME, EXCEPT THERE WILL BE A STATE CONTEST ON MAY 26TH AT KLAMATH FALLS. ALL DETAILS SUCH AS PRIZES, TIME, AND PLACE WILL BE IN THE MAY ISSUE OF THE HOEDOWNER.

I THINK WE SHOULD ALL GIVE A SPECIAL THANKS TO WAYNE HOLMES WHO HAS PUT A LOT OF TIME AND EFFORT INTO THE OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLERS ASSOC. WHICH HAS RESULTED INTO THE FINE ORGANIZATION THAT IT IS. I WILL ENDEAVOR TO CARRY ON THE VERY FINE GUIDE LINES SET UP BY THOSE BEFORE ME. DUE TO MY JOB, I MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND SOME OF THE FUNCTIONS AS PAST PRESIDENTS HAVE, BUT THERE WILL BE COMMITTEES APPOINTED TO TAKE CARE OF ANY PROBLEMS THAT MIGHT ARISE. THANKS AGAIN ONE AND ALL AND KEEP FIDDLING.

DON GISH

OUTGOING PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I WAS VERY PLEASED ABOUT THE 1973 CONVENTION WHICH JUST CONCLUDED. EVERYTHING WENT WELL, PRINCIPALLY DUE TO THE HARD WORK OF SEVERAL WILLING WORKERS. THE FRIDAY NIGHT SHOW WAS A CROWD PLEASER; THE BUSINESS MEETING WAS PRODUCTIVE; THE BANQUET GOOD IN SPITE OF THE PACKED ROOM, AND THE DANCE LOT'S OF FUN. I'M NOT GOING TO TAKE UP SPACE HERE TO TELL THE COMPLETE STORY OF THE CONVENTION, AS RON WILL PROBABLY WRITE THAT STORY; BUT I WILL SAY THAT I WAS PLEASED ABOUT THE FINE PEOPLE OUR MEMBERSHIP SELECTED TO LEAD US THIS YEAR. THEY ARE ALL CAPABLE, DEDICATED PEOPLE.

I'M JUST AS CONVINCED AS EVER THAT IT IS A REAL HONOR TO BE SELECTED TO BE IN A POSITION OF LEADERSHIP IN OUR ORGANIZATION, AND I THANK ALL OF YOU WHO CONSIDERED ME WORTHY OF THIS HONOR FOR TWO YEARS. THANKS TOO TO ALL THOSE WHO TOOK TIME TO TELL ME PERSONALLY THAT THEY APPRECIATED THE JOB I DID. IT WAS A GOOD EXPERIENCE FOR ME TO BE PICKED AS PRESIDENT. IT GAVE ME A CHANCE TO SPEAK IN PUBLIC, WHICH I HAD NEVER DONE, AND I FOUND THAT I THOROUGHLY ENJOYED IT; ESPECIALLY BEING MC AT THE JAM SESSIONS.

ONE OF THE BEST EXPERIENCES OF MY LIFE HAS BEEN BEING IN THE OREGON OLDTIME FIDDLERS ASSOCIATION, MEETING SO MANY WONDERFUL PEOPLE AND MAKING SO MANY FINE FRIENDS.

I PLAN TO HELP THE ORGANIZATION AND OUR NEW OFFICERS IN ANY WAY THAT I CAN IN THE FUTURE. I WANT TO THANK EACH ONE WHO HELPED ME IN SO MANY WAYS DURING MY TIME IN OFFICE. EVEN IF I COULD REMEMBER THEM ALL, IT WOULD TAKE UP AN ENTIRE ISSUE OF THE HOEDOWNER FOR ME TO LIST THEM ALL, SO I'LL JUST SAY THANKS AGAIN TO ALL OF YOU.

WAYNE HOLMES

FIDDLE SHOW AURORA AREA APRIL 15

THERE WILL BE A FIDDLE SHOW IN THE NORTH MARION HIGH SCHOOL GYM #2 ON APRIL 15, 1973. ALL FIDDLERS AND ACCOMPANISTS AND THEIR FAMILYS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. THE SPONSERS OF THIS SHOW IS THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 110 AND THE OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLERS ASSOC. WILL RECEIVE ONE-HALF OF THE PROCEEDS FOR THE TREASURY. DON'T LET THESE PEOPLE DOWN FIDDLERS BECAUSE THEY ARE ADVERTISEING THIS IN ALL THE LOCAL PAPERS AND RADIO STATIONS. PLACE: NORTH MARION HIGH SCHOOL GYM #2. TIME: 2:00 P.M. DATE: APRIL 15, 1973. LOCATION: (FROM WOODBURN/AREA) 5 MILES NORTH OF THE WOODBURN HIGH SCHOOL ON BOONE'S FERRY RD. (WOODBURN HI IS ACROSS FROM THE GRANGE WHERE WE PLAYED IN THE PAST.) SEE YOU ALL THERE.

RON

LINCOLN CITY JAM SESSION & POTLUCK SUN. APRIL 22

OUR NEXT JAM SESSION AND POTLUCK WILL BE IN LINCOLN CITY AT THE SAME HALL THAT WE HAD OUR JAM SESSIONS BEFORE, THE NORTH LINCOLN GRANGE. THE HALL WILL BE OPEN AT 10:30 A.M. AND THE POTLUCK WILL BE SERVED AT AROUND NOON, WITH THE SHOW TO START AT AROUND 1:00 P.M. DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR OWN TABLE SERVICE AND OF COURSE YOUR FAVORITE DISH.

TO GET TO THE NORTH LINCOLN GRANGE, TURN OFF HI-WAY 101 AT EAST DEVILS LAKE RD. (LARGE BLUE HIGHWAY SIGN) COMING FROM EITHER NORTH OR SOUTH, AND GO EAST ABOUT THREE CITY BLOCKS. TURN SOUTH ON OAR ST. ONE BLOCK AND THE GRANGE HALL IS ON THE LEFT. EAST DEVILS LAKE RD. IS NOT NUMBERED, BUT IT IS BETWEEN SOUTH 11TH AND SOUTH 14TH. ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE BY CLIFF AND BESSIE BUKER.

SOUTHERN DIVISION JAM SESSION AND POTLUCK APRIL 8TH

OUR NEXT JAM SESSION AND POTLUCK WILL BE IN YREKA, CALIF. ON APRIL 8TH A SUNDAY. IT WILL BE AT THE FAIRGROUNDS. THERE WILL BE A POTLUCK FOR MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES AT 12:00, BE SURE TO BRING YOUR OWN TABLE SERVICE. THE JAM SESSION WILL BEGIN AT 1:00 P.M. SEE YOU THERE.

MARTHA WARWICK

CONTEST PENDLETON MAY 5TH

THERE WILL BE AN OLD TIME FIDDLING CONTEST IN PENDLETON AT THE VERT AUDITORIUM ON MAY 5, 1973. ENTRY FEE'S AND PRIZE MONEY;
 1ST OPEN DIV. \$5.00 ENTRY FEE. PRIZE MONEY IS \$75.; \$50.; \$40.; \$30.; \$20.; PLUS BELT BUCKLES. THE FIRST DIV. IS FOR FIDDLERS THAT HAVE PLACED IN THE TOP 20 AT WEISER OR HAVE WON A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN THE LAST 5 YEARS.
 2ND OPEN DIV. \$3.00 ENTRY FEE. PRIZE MONEY \$35.; \$25.; \$20.; \$15.; \$10.; PLUS BELT BUCKLES.
 INTERMEDIATE DIV. \$3.00 ENTRY FEE. PRIZE MONEY: \$35.; \$25.; \$20.; \$15.; \$10.; PLUS BELT BUCKLES.
 SENIOR DIV. PRIZE MONEY: \$30.; \$20.; \$10.; PLUS TROPHIES.
 JUNIOR DIV. PRIZE MONEY; \$20.; \$15.; \$10.; PLUS TROPHIES.
 BEST LIKED ACCOMP. PRIZE: \$15.; AND \$10.; TO BE VOTED ON BY THE FIDDLERS.
 FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE BLUE MT. OLDTIME FIDDLERS ASSOC. BOX 427 LONG CREEK, OREGON.

WILLIMINA

OUR MOST SINCERE SYMPATHY GOES TO WALLY WEAVER. HE LOST HIS WIFE PEARL LAST MONTH. SHE WAS AN AVID LOVER OF OLD TIME FIDDLING AND WE'LL MISS HER AT OUR JAM SESSIONS.

JUDGES FOR THE NATIONAL CONTEST

THE JUDGES FOR THE NATIONAL CONTEST IN WEISER THIS YEAR WILL BE: VIVIAN SKEANS OF BOISE, IDAHO; JOHN GIVENS OF ONTARIO, CANADA; CLEM MEYERS OF BARRE, VERMONT; ROY LEE COWAN OF OKLAHOMA; AND BILL YOHEY OF MCMINNVILLE, OREGON.

ALBANY

THESE FIDDLERS AND ACCOMPANISTS PLAYED AT THE JAM SESSION IN ALBANY SUNDAY MARCH 11 TO AN APPRECIATIVE AUDIENCE. WAYNE HOLMES, FRED HILDEBRANDT, GEORGE STOUT DONALD TOOMB, ROY SUMMERS, WAYNE WALTER, GEORGE JENKERSON, BOB FAST, CLARENCE DAVIS, RUTH LORING, DAVE MURRAY, SHORTY ALLEN, BILL YOHEY, RAY MACK, CLIFF BUKER, FRED VIRTUE, MARSHALL JACKSON, CHARLEY FRANCIS, GUY KYLER, LEE REYNOLDS, MERV DICKERSON, STEVE BENNETT, NELL TURNER, L. D. DANIEL, DON GISH, SAM NEWMAN, ALLAN CAMPBELL. ACCOMPANISTS: GUITAR: RUTH LORING, DON LORING, RON GIMM, MARSHALL JACKSON, BOB HUGHES, EVERETT BENNETT, MARSHA BENNETT, FRANK WARNER, LLOYD SMITH. PIANO: ED TURNER, MINNIE BENNETT, NELL TURNER, JUNE SECOR. BASS: CHARLEY FRANCIS, SPECIALS: RON GIMM SANG TWO OR THREE NUMBERS.

THE ENTIRE GROUP OF MUSICIANS PLAYED SEVERAL TUNES BEFORE THE INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES BY EACH FIDDLER, AND PLAYED SEVERAL REQUESTS AFTER THE MAIN PROGRAM ENDED. A HALF HOUR DANCE CLOSED THE EVENTS OF THE DAY. A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL.

WAYNE HOLMES

SOUTHERN DIVISION REPORTS

AS I SIT DOWN TO WRITE ABOUT OUR JAM SESSION OF MARCH 17 I HAVE A VERY WARM FEELING FOR ALL THE FIDDLERS' WIVES AND THOSE WHO WORKED SO HARD TO MAKE SO MANY PEOPLE HAPPY. EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED HAD A WONDERFUL TIME LISTENING TO CELEBRITIES OF FORMER YEARS. DON MADDOX WHO SANG AND FIDDLED WITH THE MADDOX BROTHERS AND ROSE, AND KIRK QUINN WHO SANG AND FIDDLED WITH BOB WILLS. THESE FELLOWS ENTERTAINED US SEVERAL TIMES THROUGHOUT THE EVENING.

WE HAD OUR REGULAR POTLUCK DINNER AT THREE P.M. WITH OUR JAM SESSION FOLLOWING, THEN IN THE EVENING WE ALL ENJOYED DANCING UNTIL ABOUT 11:30. THE FIDDLERS WIVES SOLD CAKE AND COFFEE THROUGHOUT THE EVENING. THE FIDDLERS PLAYED IN GROUPS FOR THE DANCE, CHANGING OFF ABOUT EVERY HALF HOUR. SEVERAL OF THE FIDDLERS SANG FOR US DURING THE DANCING AND GLORIA VOORHIS AND ED SKEIE ENTERTAINED WITH THEIR ACCORDIONS. CARLA COX ACCOMPANIED BY STEVE HOLMES SANG DURING INTERMISSION.

WE HAD 23 FIDDLERS AND 17 SECONDS. FIDDLERS WERE: IVAN SHUCK, AL DELORME, HUGH SAMPLES, CHRIS CHRISTIANI, JOHN MEREDITH, JOHN HOERSTER, ROY SUMMERS, EARL WILLIS, NOAH COUCH, AUDREY REYNOLDS, HENRY TRAHAN, BILLY WARWICK, JONAS COX, JIM HOOTS, JACK MCCASLAND, PHIL SIMMONS, JIM ROSE, RALPH HUSTON, NED COVERDALE, RALPH DIAS, JOE NELSON JOHN BRANNON, AND 12 YEAR OLD GARY VOORHIS. SECONDS WERE: STEVE HOLMES, FRED SAMPLES, BILLY WARWICK, FOREST SAMPLES, HUGH SAMPLES, TEX LOOPER GEORGE VOORHIS, BUD RICHARDSON, JACK MCCASLAND, PHIL SIMMONS, VIC FLOOD, ALTA BANCE. PHIL HAR LEY, CLAUDELL HARPER, JIM HOOTS, JOE NELSON, KELLEY HODGEN, RICK NELSON PLAYING BANJO.

MARTHA WARWICK

COMING EVENTS

ARRIL 6-7-----NORTHWEST REGIONAL CONTEST-----SPOKANE, WASH.
 APRIL 8-----JAM SESSION-----YREKA, DALIF.
 APRIL 15-----FIDDLE SHOW-----N. MARION HI
 APRIL 22-----JAM SESSION-----LINCOLN CITY
 MAY 5-----CONTEST-----PENDLETON
 MAY 26-----OREGON STATE CONTEST-----KLAMATH FALLS
 JUNE 18-23-----NATIONAL CONTEST-----WEISER, IDAHO
 AUGUST 18-----CONTEST-----MYRTLE POINT
 AUGUST 25-----CONTEST-----CANYONVILLE
 AUG. 27-SEPT. 5-----WARWICK CAMPOUT-----WILLIAMS
 SEPT. 22-----CONTEST-----SISTERS

OLD TIME FIDDLE MUSIC. EACH WEDNESDAY NIGHT FROM 9:00 TO MIDNIGHT. RADIO STATION KBOO FM 90.7 ON THE DIAL.

STATE CONVENTION REPORT

THE OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLERS ASSOC. HAD ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL AND FUN CONVENTION IN EUGENE ON MAR. 23 & 24. WE HAD ABOUT 155 REGISTERED MEMBERS AND THE SHOW ON FRIDAY NIGHT WAS SUPURB. THE SHOW COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE CHAMPION FIDDLERS AND ACCOMPANISTS WHO PARTICIPATED, AND ALL DID SUCH A FINE JOB.

THE MEETING ON SAT. AFTERNOON WAS HANDLED WELL AND SEVERAL NEW BY-LAWS WERE VOTED ON AND ACCEPTED. THE NEW OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR OF 1973 ARE: DON GISH, PRESIDENT; L. D. DANIAL, VICE-PRESIDENT; EARLENE GIMM SEC. TRES. ONE OF THE NEW BY-LAWS HAS MADE THE OFFICE OF STATE EDITOR TO BE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT. PRESIDENT DON GISH APPOINTED RON GIMM TO CONTINUE AS STATE EDITOR.

THE DINNER AT NORTH'S CHUCK WAGON WAS GREAT. IT WAS SERVED BUFFET STYLE WITH ROAST BEEF AND FRIED CHICKEN AND ALL THE TRIMMINGS. THE ROOM WHERE THE DINNER WAS SERVED WAS A LITTLE CROWDED WITH ABOUT 140 PEOPLE ATTENDING BUT NO ONE SEEMED TO MIND.

THE DANCE AFTER THE DINNER AT THE PIONEER BUILDING WAS WELL ATTENDED AND THE MUSIC BY JIM CALVERTS GROUP OF WASHINGTON WAS FINE. I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT SO MANY FIDDLERS COULD DANCE SO WELL AND AS MUCH AS THEY DID. THE FLOOR WAS PACKED FOR JUST ABOUT EVERY NUMBER PLAYED. AFTER THE BAND FINISHED PLAYING, SOME OF THE MEMBERS STILL WANTED TO DANCE SO SOME OF THE OREGON FIDDLERS PLAYED ON INTO THE WEE HOURS OF THE MORNING. ALL OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE PEOPLE WHO HELPED WITH THE CONVENTION. THE PEOPLE THAT MISSED THE CONVENTION MISSED SOME FINE FIDDLING, FOOD, AND FUN.

RON GIMM

TO THE HOEDOWNER

THE WONDERFUL TOGETHERNESS OF THE OREGON FIDDLERS ASSOC. WAS VERY NOTICEABLE, AND VERY PLEASING TO ALL WHO CAME TO ENJOY OUR ONCE-A-YEAR CONVENTION IN EUGENE. SO MANY NICE THINGS HAPPENED, AND SO MANY NICE PEOPLE CAME TO ASSOCIATE. THE PROGRAM WAS WELL PRESENTED, THE BUSINESS MEETING WAS WELL CONDUCTED, AND THE BANQUET WAS WELL FEASTED UPON.

THERE IS ALWAYS SOME HUMOR THAT ENTERS INTO A CONVENTION, BUT NONE LIKE THE UNEXPECTED, OR UNREHEARSED. MY HUMOR SENSES WERE TOUCHED BY AN UNEXPECTED HAPPENING AT THE BANQUET. AS THE PEOPLE WHO WERE SEATED AT SIX LONG TABLES ROSE TO MARCH TO THE HELP YOURSELF FOOD COUNTER, THEN FILE BACK TO THEIR TABLES, ONE LONE INDIVIDUAL GOT LOST. YES, THERE WITH HIS PLATE HEAPED WITH GOODIES, AND TRYING TO FIND HIS WAY BACK TO HIS SEAT WAS ONEMAN WITH A LOOK OF PARTIAL EMBARRASMENT AND PART "MAKE THE MOST OF IT" EXPRESSION ON HIS FACE, TRYING TO COPE WITH THE FACT HE HAD GONE DOWN THE WRONG AISLE AND GOT HIMSELF INTO A NO-RETURN SPOT. HOLDING HIS LOADED PLATE HIGH OVER HIS HEAD TO AVOID COLLISION, BUT NOT DARING TO MOVE UNTIL THE WAY WAS CLEARED FOR HIM TO LOWER HIS PLATE AND GO BACK TO HIS OWN TABLE TO HIS WAITING WIFE WAS CLIFF BUKER. AS IT WAS TOLD TO ME WHILE IT WAS HAPPENING, IT SEEMED HE LOOKED LIKE A TOPLESS WAITRESS, TRYING TO HANDLE A LOADED TRAY OVER HIS HEAD. BUT IT WAS ONLY HIS BARE HEAD THAT WAS SHOWING. THEN I UNDERSTOOD THAT CLIFF HAD CELEBRATED HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY THE DAY BEFORE, AND PERHAPS NOW THAT HE WAS OLDER, HIS VISION HAD BLURRED A BIT BUT HIS MIND HAD FIXED ON THE NEXT BIRTHDAY, AND SO HE HAD GOTTEN LOST IN THE SHUFFLE. BUT WITH DUE ELOQUENCE, HE FINALLY RETURNED TO HIS OWN CHAIR AND INDULGED IN THE DINNER AS IF NOTHING HAD HAPPENED. NONE OTHER COULD HAVE HANDLED A SITUATION SO GRACEFULLY AND SO MASTERFULLY AS DID CLIFF. SEE YOU NEXT YEAR, CLIFF, IN YOUR RIGHT PLACE.

MARSHALL JACKSON

A SHORT QUOTATION FROM THE CALIF. NEWSLETTER "THE SOUND POST": REMEMBER YOU FIDDLERS AND WOULD BE FIDDLERS, "IN ORDER TO PRESERVE AND PERPETUATE OLD-TIME FIDDLE MUSIC, IT IS NOT REALLY IMPORTANT HOW WELL YOU PLAY, BUT THE IMPORTANT THING IS, THAT YOU PLAY.

OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLERS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL TREASURERS REPORT MARCH 1, 1972 TO MARCH 1, 1973

INCOME

MARCH 1, 1972 STARTING BANK BALANCE-----	\$1451.40
1972 CONVENTION GROSS INCOME-----	\$1873.00
DUES RECEIVED-----	\$1491.00
HAT PASS, DONATIONS, AND CONTRIBUTIONS-----	\$1841.34
NATIONAL NEWS SUBSCRIPTION, PICTURES & BUMPER STICKERS SOLD-----	\$ 8.00
JUDGES TRAINING SCHOOL INCOME-----	\$ 105.00
	TOTAL INCOME \$6769.74

EXPENSES:

1972 CONVENTION-----	\$1690.22
HOEDOWNER & EDITOR-----	\$1029.61
OFFICERS SUPPLIES & PHONE CALLS-----	\$ 93.25
ELECTRIC TYPEWRITER AND STAND & ADDING MACHINE & STAND-----	\$ 289.45
SEC. & TRES. DONATIONS-----	\$ 220.00
POTLUCK SUPPLIES, HALL RENTAL & BANK SERVICES-----	\$ 139.11
CONTRIBUTION TO JACK STRAW MEM. FOUNDATION-----	\$ 25.00
NATIONAL AFFILIATION DUES-----	\$ 256.50
NATIONAL NEWS SUBSCRIPTION-----	\$ 1.56
INCORPORATION FEE & FUNERAL SPRAYS-----	\$ 27.00
JUDGES TRAINING SCHOOL-----	\$ 206.95
P.A. SYSTEM, MICROPHONE COVER & PAD-----	\$ 233.20
NATIONAL PARADE DECORATIONS-----	\$ 18.73
TROPHIES, OVERPAID DUES & 1,000 MEMBERSHIP CARDS-----	\$ 58.57
1973 CONVENTION FEB. 1, 1973 TO MAR. 1, 1973-----	\$ 33.30
	TOTAL EXPENSES \$

GROSS INCOME	\$6769.74
LESS EXPENSES	\$4322.45
BALANCE MAR. 1, 1973	\$2447.29

1973 MEMBERSHIP AS OF MARCH 19TH-----486

SUBMITTED BY EARLENE GIMM AND APPROVED AT THE 1973 STATE CONVENTION MEETING.

EARLENE GIMM SEC.-TRES.

SPECIAL PLEA FROM THE EDITOR

IF YOU WANT SOMETHING PUT IN THE HOEDOWNER PLEASE GET YOUR NEWS ITEMS AND CONTEST INFORMATION TO ME BEFORE THE 25TH OF THE MONTH. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE. SEND YOUR INFORMATION TO:

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