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COMING EVENTS

Sept. 15-----State Jam Session- Warner Grange-----New Era, Oregon
Sept. 22-----Jam Session- Whitacre School-----Eugene, Oregon
Sept. 22-----Jam Session- Applegate Ranch

PRINCE GEORGE CONTEST B.C. CONTEST, AUG. 8-10th

A huge crowd attended this fine contest, being attracted by special guest Graham Townsend, famous North American Fiddle Champ from Toronto, Canada. What a fiddler this young man is! Being born nearly blind, he has never driven a car or done a lot of things others have, but his sensitive feelings for music have been developed to such a high degree of perfection so as to make his fiddling, piano playing, guitar and mandolin picking something to behold. Winners in this contest were; Marj Lewis of Montana won the Ladies. Stan Prudin of Quesnell, B.C. won the Srs. In the Open it was Frank Ferrell 1st. Bob Montgomery of Prince George 2nd. John Givens, Burford, Ontario 3rd. John Melinchuk of Lebanon, Oregon 4th. Art Lindstrom of Prince George 5th. Bill Warwick of Williams, Oregon 6th. Jim Ropp, Spokane, Wash. 10th.

Bill Warwick was piloted up there by Keith Whiting of Grants Pass. Jim Ropp flew Aaron Lowe up from Spokane. The boys all four had a good time and flew for home Sunday morning, complete with their burp bags.

Marshall Jackson

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On August 17th, some of our fiddlers and accompanists played to a very, very small audience in a very fine Studio room at Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham. The fiddlers were Mura Collins, Clarence Davis, Harold Shivley, Fred Hildebrandt, George Jenkerson, Wes Brunson, Penny Mead, Bill Wilson, Gladys Braskett, Charlie Johnson, Valdemar Nelson, Palmer Olson and Jim Ramsey. Accompanists were; Frank Warner, Jim Braskett, Marshall Jackson and Penny Mead on Guitar. Piano Accompanists were; Minnie Bennett, Millie Shivley and Gladys Braskett. Penny Mead played Bass Fiddle. Specials were offered by Harold Shivley and Clarence Davis, playing a Fiddle Duet. Fred Hildebrandt and Gladys Braskett, Fiddle Duet, John Dougherty and Marshall Jackson played Mandolin specials. Thank you for helping out on this occasion.

Marshall Jackson

DISTRICT 1 REPORTS:

Our Fiddlers are still busy when they can get there. With summer vacations and work, it's been a little difficult, but we have played at Lakeview, Oregon for a street dance on Friday July 26th. L.D. Daniels, Ivan Johnson, Perry Forga and Homer McLain and Larry McLain were the Fiddlers. Doris Clark, Cliff Tunnell, Anne Johnson

and Terry McLain accompanied.

We played at Bonanza, Oregon for their Park Benefit the next day, July 27th. Fiddlers; Dave Hitsin, Bill and Will Noble, Irvin Johnson, L.D. Daniel, Cliff Tunnell, Rocky Dudley and Pat Reed. Accompanists were: Doris Clark, Lina Hathaway, Lanes Walker, Anne Johnson, Cliff Tunnell and Leonard McDonald did several numbers on the Harmonica. We had a large crowd and the Bonanza people felt it was a very successful carnival. Irven Johnson, Bill and Will Noble fiddled for the Parade. Accompanied by Anne Johnson. That same evening we played for a large Mormon Picnic. They furnished us with a lovely and tasty dinner of Barbecued Beef and Lamb and all the trimmings. Those playing were Irven Johnson, Pat Reed, L.D. Daniel, Cliff Tunnell. Doris Clark and Anne Johnson accompanied.

Don Gish joined L.D. Daniel with Doris Clark and Cliff Tunnell and played at Rocky Point for a dance on August 3rd and the next day Billy Warwick and L.D. Daniel and Cliff Tunnell fiddled at the Fly-In Gun Club near Tulelake, Calif. with helpers Lina Hathaway, Doris Clark, Cliff on the Banjo and Guitars. Bill Noble with Irven Paul fiddled for the Old Time Picnic at Bly, Oregon on August 4th.

We held our first Annual Fiddlers Picnic at Merrill Park on August 11th in the afternoon on a beautiful sunny day for District #1, Fiddlers and Guests, and we barbecued hamburgers for ninety people. We had several delicious salads and desserts to go with it. Our guests from District #4 were Hank and Beulah Wobble and Grand-daughter, Don and Nellie Gish, Jim and Lou Hoots, Vic and Neva Flood, Dusty and Juanita Yancy. We signed up sixteen new members that day. They were the Charlie McKingey family from Eagleville, Calif. Out of state Associate members John Reed, Mary Reed, Chris, Mike and Pat Reed, Fiddlers. Teresa, Donna, Tammy and Karen Reed. Klamath Falls, Oregon District #1 Bud and Dawn Maupin Fiddlers. Ronnie, Todd, Tracy, Ty, Maupin, Merrill, Oregon. Welcome to Old Time Fiddlers folks. We're happy to have you.

Saturday August 17th, we had a District Meeting at Irven Johnson's Residence. We played for a while. Keith and Lu Wells, Jack and Louise Pollick with grand-daughter Sherry Moore, L.D. Daniel and Roberta, Carl Novotney, Cliff Tunnell, Roy and Barbara Gooing, Mrs. Viola Houck, Irven's mother were in attendance. Jack, Cliff, Irven, Lu and L.D. Daniel all fiddled. Lu played Piano, Anne played Piano and Guitar, Cliff helped on Guitar. We payed our bills and voted to donate \$100.00 to the Warwick Campout. We hope to see everyone there.

Our Chairman of District #1 felt our District was spread over such a large area, approximately 300 miles, that we need a co-Chairman for Lake County and one for Harney County. He appointed Homer McLain, co-Chairman from Lakeview some time ago, and in July after our fiddle show at Burns, Oregon, he appointed Esther Race as co-Chairman for Harney County and she appointed Hazel Fields as Reporter.

Ivan Johnson

HOEDOWNER NEWS FROM BURNS, OREGON

The Burns Chapter of District #1 is getting off the ground with 19 paid members. We have had two meetings and Jam sessions with 15 present the first meeting and 20 present the second meeting. We are advertising on local radio and in local papers for more local talent.

The group was invited to play at a Potluck Supper given by the Senior Citizens Group of Burns, some of them did play.

Every effort is being made to create interest in this type of music in this area.

Reporter Hazel Fields

P.S. Our group has been asked to have 3 or 4 members to ride and play on the Edwards Hines Float in the Parade in Burns on Sept. 7th. We are also going to have a Float of our own and wish to extend an invitation to anyone of the Old Time Fiddlers to come to Burns and help us out on Sept. 7th, 1974 at 10:00 A.M.

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DISTRICT 8 REPORTS

- Because of the willing people who help out at the County Fair Shows, our Association earns over a \$1000.00 each summer. The Association owes a debt of gratitude to these Fiddlers and Accompanists who have given of their time and talent, at Corvallis.

- FIDDLERS:**
- Fred Hildebrandt Penny Mead Bob Fast
 - Chet Haven Bill Yohey
 - Linda Danielson Leroy Simms David Moffitt
 - Guy Kyler Wayne Holmes Charlie Francis
 - Shorty Allen Steve Bennett Dave Quilan

Accompanists:

- Penny Mead Everett Bennett June Secor
- Ed Turner Charlie Francis Erma Quilan
- Shirley Simms Don Loring
- Steve Simms Ruth Loring
- Lisa Simms David Moffitt

RICKREALL FAIR FIDDLERS AND ACCOMPANISTS:

- Fiddlers:**
- Eddie Johnson George Stout Fred Hildebrandt Don Tomb
 - Wayne Walter Charlie Johnson Leonard Moahs Gladys Braskett I
 - Valdemar Nelson Guy Kyler Frank Williams Jim Morris
 - Clarence Greenland Charlie Francis Bob Fast Shorty Allen
 - Bob Booth Gene England Linda Danielson Cliff Buker
 - Del Anderson Wayne Holmes

Accompanists:

- John Daugherty Jim Braskett Don Loring Joe Cogar
- Charley Francis Mike Walter Wayne Johnson June Secor
- Wally Weaver Frank Warner Pat Grogan Nell Turner
- Kent Andre Ruth Loring Walt Hardy Bessie Buker
- Leonard Vorderstrasse

CANBY FAIR FIDDLERS AND ACCOMPANISTS:

- Fiddlers:**
- George Jenkins Guy Kyler Bill Yohey Earl Beckett
 - Charlie Johnson Fred Hildebrandt Simms Family Valdemar Nelson
 - Wayne Walter Linda Danielson Bob Fast Gladys Braskett
 - Frank Williams Palmer Olson Chet Haven Wayne Holmes

Accompanists:

- June Secor Minnie Bennett
- John Daugherty Ray Scissors
- Frank Warner Mike Walter
- Walt Hardy Bob Hughes

A heartfelt Thanks to each one on behalf of the Association from the Summer Show Director.

Show Director
Wayne Holmes

DISTRICT #8 REPORTS:

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Buell Grange Jam Session was held on August 24th. There was a good crowd of regulars and lots of visitors. Three new members were signed up that day and the program was a great success. Fiddlers that participated were: Earl Beckett, Don Toomb, Hilbert Lardy, Leonard Moas, Nell Turner, Guy Kyler, Shorty Allen, Charlie Francis, Tony Decomboz, Cliff Buker, Valdemar Nelson, Dave Murray, Linda Danielson. Specials: Wally Weaver, Harmonica, Charlie Francis, Mandolin, Marvin and Lorraine Chase, Accordion and song, Gus Pearson, Mandolin, Walt Hardy Guitar, Shorty Allen, Dave Robinson Harmonica. Wally Weaver Guitar. Accompanists were: Frank Warner, Charlie Francis, Gus Pearson, Nell Turner, Minnie Bennett, Shorty Allen, Walt Hardy, Tommy Grism. Carlton Smith was M.C. A fine time was had by all. Everyone enjoyed the dancing after the show.

Co-Chairman
Carlton Smith

NEWS ITEM

Wally Weaver has announced that anyone interested in buying a Cassette Tape of the music that was played at the Polk County Fair can obtain a copy from him for \$2.00. He will send it to them. For Tape send to Box 91, Willamina, Oregon 97396.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Fiddlers that voted for me as the best Accompanist at the Drain Fiddling Contest. I appreciate the Honor and Love accompanying each and everyone of you.

The Editor,
June Secor

WINNERS AT CANYONVILLE'S 8th ANNUAL CONTEST

OPEN

INTERMEDIATE

SENIORS

JUNIORS

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| 1st Loretta Brank | 1st LeRoy Sims | 1st George Jenkerson | 1st Steve Bennett |
| 2nd Don Gish | 2nd Bud Ryan | 2nd Jack McCasland | 2nd Alice Gish |
| 3rd Bill Yohey | 3rd Kenny Brank | 3rd Fred Hildebrandt | 3rd Kathy Calvert |
| 4th John Melinchuk | 4th Jim Morris | | |
| | 5th Dave Pinkerton | | |

Judges: Charley Johnson, Rusty Modrell and Billy Warwick.

SEPTEMBER 15 - DISTRICT #7

State Jam Session at Warner Grange in New Era. Pancake Breakfast 8 a.m. til 2 pm. Fiddlers, Accompanists and Families get FREE breakfast. Come anytime and play all day if you wish. Dancing from 1 til 2 pm.

Wayne Walter

Show Director
Wayne Holmes

DISTRICT #7 REPORTS

On August 18th, a group of Oregon Old Time Fiddlers put on their show at the Washinton Park in Portland. It looked like they were going to be rained out again, but the weather cleared and everything went off fine. And what a crowd there was! Wayne Holmes was in charge of the show, I think he did a fine job. The fiddlers and accompanists seemed to play their best, and the crowd seemed to really enjoy and appreciate their fine music. The performers were as follows: Wayne Holmes, Valdemar Nelson, Charlie Johnson, Bill Yohey, Linda Danielson, George Jenkerson, Bill Weber, Wayne Walter, Mura Collins, Leonard Moas, Gladys Braskett, Sims Family, Jess Cooper, Marshall Jackson, Bob Fast, Chet Haven, Fred Hildebrandt, Penny Mead, Minnie Bennett, Charlie Francis, June Secor, Jim Braskett, Don Wood, Don Loring, Ruth Loring, Steve Sims, Mike Walter, Stan Gleason, Frank Warner and Lloyd Smith.

District Reporter,
Bob Fast

EDITORS NOTE:

I would like to make a request and do hope that all will take notice of it. Please make an effort to get all the material that you wish to be published in the Hoe-Downer by the Dead Line which is printed on the front page, preferably a day or two ahead of the Dead Line.

Thank you,
Editor.

DISTRICT #6 REPORTS:

A meeting will be held for Lane, Linn and Benton County September 22 at Whiteaker School, 42 N. Grand, Eugene, Oregon on Sunday. Hall will be open at 11:00 am. Pot Luck at 12:00 noon. Show at 1:00 pm. Everyone welcome to Pot Luck and Jam Session.

Wayne Holmes

COMING EVENT

A special treat is in store for the Fiddlers when Shannon and Susan Applegate, along with District #4 and #6, host a special Jam Session, September 22 at the Applegate Family Home in Yoncalla. The house, built in 1852 by Charles Applegate has recently been nominated as a National Historical Site, and is probably the oldest house in Oregon continuously occupied by the members of the settling family. Fiddling and Fiddle making have long been important activities in the old house. Two Swedish-body Fiddles built by Buck Applegate in the 1880's will be on display. Shannon and Susan have invited George Abdill, Douglas County Museum Curator to exhibit a few of the Historic Fiddles from the Museum's collection.

To reach the house from the north on I-5, take the Yoncalla Elkhead exit. When you reach town, you will cross railroad tracks, then turn right onto Hwy 99. Go through town, then turn right onto Hale Trail, after about a half mile, turn left onto Applegate Section and go to the end of the road. Be prepared to park along the road. From the south, take Hwy 99 Yoncalla exit, go straight through town, turn right onto Halo Trail left onto Applegate Section.

Spaces and chairs will be available for a Pot Luck in the yard and front rooms of the house. Dining tables will not be available. The house will be open to guests at 10:00 am. Lunch at noon and Program at 1:00 pm. An alternate site will be available in case of bad weather, but we're planning to use the outdoors as well as the indoors.

Since the place is, after all a private house, this session is not being public-ally advertised. It's just for us and whoever we choose to invite.

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