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COMING EVENTS	AUGUST 1983			DISTRICT
Aug 1 - 5	Haystack Workshop	Carol Ann Wheeler	Cannon Beach	PSU
5 & 6	State Show	Benton Co Fairgrounds	Corvallis	OOTFA
13	Show	Rockwell Grange Hall	Elgin	BMOJFA
14	Jam	Central Point Grange	Central Point	4
14	Jam	Senior Citizen Center	Bend	3
18	State Show	Clackamas Cty Fairgrounds	Canby	OOTFA
20	State Show	Polk Cty Fairgrounds	Rickreall	OOTFA
21	Jam	Malin Park	Malin	1
27	CONTEST	Junior Hi Gym	Canyonville	
Aug 28 thru				
Sept 5	CAMPOUT	Warwicks	Williams	
Sept 4	Jam	Senior Citizen Center	Gladstone	7
11	Jam	Moose Lodge	Lebanon	6
16	Contest	Banana Belt	Clarkston Wa	
18	Jam	Grange Hall	Lincoln City	8

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our first State Executive Board meeting will be held at Canyonville at the time of the contest there on August 27th. Time will be 11:00 AM. Inquire at the desk for location of the meeting place. Chairman or his representative from each district should be there.

We are very proud of our Oregon contestants who brought home winnings from National and other contests so far this summer. Hang in there.

Its time we all should be planning to take part at the Fairs that have asked the Oldtime Fiddlers to play. Dates, time, and places will all be in the Hoedowner. These are all state shows so lets all do our best to put on a good show.

The Vernonia Campout was a big success. Thanks again to the Maikens, Bill & Edna Yohey, Bob & Delsey Fast, Wayne Holmes, The Emerts, Maxine & Walt Bensen and many others who worked so hard to make it a success. Oh Yes! and not to forget Jim Oldham and his towing service. The rain the first couple of days was a little discouraging, but it sure didn't dampen the spirit of the people. Then the sunshine made it so beautiful. A big thanks to those who helped put together the "This is your life - Bill Yohey" show, a climax to the Saturday night show. This is probably the first time the organization has pulled off anything that Bill did not know about or suspect. You have to be sharp to do that - Right Bill??

OOFTA Members, you are a great group of people, and lets not forget to thank the Lord for the great time we had at the Campout.

Your President

LEONARD MAHNS

DISTRICT 1

The fiddlers are still turning out for the jams and practice sessions and we have had a rather busy month and still more coming on. Some are playing at the Pizza Parlors and some played at the Artic Circle July 3rd, 4th & 5th which was enjoyed a lot. Several played at the Church Cluster Picnic and at Churches throughout the valley, and other things are coming up yet. Several reunions and picnics are coming up and the Nursing Homes and Apartments are being played at regularly. We appreciate all who are participating.

We had our July meeting at Wiard Park, Klamath Falls and had a good turnout and a lot of enthusiasm in spite of the wind. Betty Bruneau is coming along on the fiddle and singing more. Bob Collman, Richard Vaughn, Fay Patterson and Pat Boyer are coming right along too. Anne Johnson plays a little bit occasionally, so its spreading. Chuck Bruneau and Paul King presided over the meeting and we are getting off to a good start. Chuck recognized Saray Furry for taking the kitchen detail again, Anne Johnson for writing the news and Elma Ewing for M'C'ing and Doris Ellingson will be the new program organizer.

The usual good barbecue was held at John and Irene Lewis' again on the 4th of July and the fiddlers float won a plaque in the parade. John Lewis thanked everyone for their concern and cards he received when he was in the hospital and we are happy to see him back on deck. Bill Noble was the only one from this District to go to Burns, I understand. He reported having received 7th place in the contest.

There was a good group at the practice session at Shasta Grange on July 7th and there will be one August 4th at 6:30 at Shasta Grange at the end of Madison on Shasta Way.

There will be a Western Wedding at Harrington Ranch at Doris Calif, Aug 13th and if anyone wants information, call Irene Ruddock.

Some will be playing at the Bluegrass Festival at Jacksonville this weekend, and some gone on Reunion dates. We wish all a safe and happy ending of July and pray all will be back safe and sound for more of the same "Fiddlin & Fun." We missed Lois and it was good to see Dennis again. We also miss Ed McGinnis who had an accident with his leg, and wish him a quick recovery.

August Meeting at Malin Park, Malin Oregon. Picnic, and everyone bring their own place settings August 21st at 12:00 noon. The club will furnish the watermelon and soft drinks. The rest will be potluck. See you all there.

ANNE JOHNSON - Reporter

DISTRICT 3

District 3 will meet next month on Sunday August 14th at the Bend Senior Center.

Last month some of our group entered a float in the parade for the Redmond Junior Rodeo. They won a first place ribbon!

Our last jam was on July 10, we had a couple of visitors. One was Barney Alexander and the others name I did not get, (sorry) but we enjoyed you both very much! Please come again.

This will be my last report for the district, as I am handing my pencils over to the very capable hands of Marge Nimmo. Please contact her if you have any information that should go into the "The Hoedowner".

Goodbye and thank you, it's been fun!

PEGGY HANSON - Reporter.

DISTRICT 4

Aug 14, Sunday Central Point, Or Grange Hall. Bring finger food, no pot-luck. Open to the public at 1:00 p.m.

The July 10, Gold Hill Jam brought an outstanding crowd. The audience was so enthusiastic over the music---lots of applause & lots of dancing. It was a real joy for the 15 fiddlers and 5 specials with several back-ups, to play for such an appreciative group! Dorothy & Bill Cory came from Crescent City and Jim & Gynn were down from Roseburg. Jim & Gynn will be chairing the Canyonville Contest on August 27th.

Eudell Blair has had to resign from the Sec/Treas position and we're looking for a volunteer. Pat Wheeler has offered to take the job until a permanent person can be found.

Julian & Mildred Christiani have been vacationing in Canada. They left for Canada from the Weiser National Contest. Carvel "Jiggs" Rost is "Holding the Fort" until Julian returns.

Jim Hoots had to come home early from Weiser to go into the hospital. We hope you are recovering now, Jim. Also heard that John Baldwin and Sara Cade were in the hospital this summer. We pray for everyone's speedy recovery.

VERNONIA CAMPOUT: Your reporter was able to make the campout and what a good time was had by all. District 4 was represented by Tommy & Joyce Grissom, Red & Martha Warwick in their new mini mobile home, Ray & Alice Krogstad and Dorothy & Bill Cory.

The Warwicks invite everyone who attended Vernonia to come to Williams to their Campout!

Tex Looper is recuperating well and coming to the nursing homes and Jam sessions. Good to see you back, Tex!

PAT WHEELER - Reporter

DISTRICT 5

August 6 Greenacres Grange Dance
27 Blackberry Festival - Coos Bay

Summer vacation schedule has caught up with me this month. Alice and I are going to be in Seattle the last half of July so it is a little difficult to write about something that hasn't happened yet. I suppose that I could, but that wouldnt be fair so I'll write what I know and tell you the rest next month. We haven't been able to firm up all of our schedule for August so if you are in doubt, give one of us a call before you drive too far - and perhaps miss us.

July started off with a bang - literally and otherwise for the fiddlers. On the 2nd a group of us headed for Powers. We had been invited to participate in their White Cedar Days festivities. All of the advertisements had given us a lot of attention, but Mother Nature doesn't watch TV it seems. At 11:00 it was wet but we couldn't be outdone, so we fell in with the rest of the parade. We gave the people along the parade route fiddle music, but it came from a cassette player tucked in the dry under my coat. We waved and smiled and the people waved and smiled back. However, all was not lost - that afternoon we all met at the Moose Hall in downtown Powers and we gave them a fine old time fiddling program.

The next weekend found us in North Bend for another parade. This time the sun was warm and Mother Nature was on our side. Everything was perfect all day long. The parade route was lined with people who showed their appreciation by their applause as we went by. After the parade most of us gathered at our house to rest, eat, and fiddle some more. At 3:30 we played on stage for many of the town's people who sat on the grass in the warm sun. It was a good old time afternoon. It had been many years since there was fiddle music on the town square. I hope they don't wait 80 years to invite us back the next time.

LEW HOLT - Reporter

DISTRICT 6

The big news from here is what we're not doing: no jam session in August. We figured that we'd probably get saturated with fiddle music from all the shows, campouts, contests, etc. between now and early September, so our next District 6 meeting is September 11, at the Moose Lodge in Lebanon. The Lodge will serve lunch to musicians and spouses at noon, with the program at 1 PM. To find the Lodge from the freeway, go all the way south through town on the main street; the building is on the right, just a bit out of town.

For a little town, Lowell sure seems to be able to fill a Grange hall for a fiddling program. That's where District Six met on July 10. District Chair Thelma Berg ran a program of nineteen fiddlers: besides Thelma, they were Wayne Holmes, Leroy Sims, Linda Danielson, Diane and Melody Booher, Stan Gonshorowski, Carol Ann, Grant, and Tiffany Wheeler, Vilas Sansom, Hugh Doolittle, Casey Jones, Paul Lakey, Poco Boyd, Bob Young, Darla Miller, Everett Hall and Doyle Hall. Buck Milligan stopped in to tell us about winning fifth in the Senior Division at Weiser and to show us where he'd run a sharp wire half an inch into a fiddling finger. (Buck, you must take care of those golden fingers). Singers included Addie Gonshorowski, Shirley Sims with Leroy, Vivian Steele & Jack Walker, Walt Benson, John Clark and Lorri Jones. Ray Goble played some mandolin tunes. Accompanists included Dave Boyd, Shirley Bailey, Charles and Dorothy Booher, Marian Hiatt, Jerry and Vern Kinnaman, Hank Napier, and Paul Williams.

Thelma sends apologies about having gotten wrong the date of the Trude Kaufman Senior Center evening. It will be August 18, from 5 to 8 PM. We need five to seven musicians, as the space is small. Please call Thelma, 935-2700, if you are interested in playing. I think she said something about getting a dinner out of the deal.

Thelma also has a pick box which was left at Lowell.

WE've been playing at Coburg Golden Years, lead by Stan Gonshorowski; at the Applegate Trail days, with both jamming and a contest whose results won't be in until too late for this issue. I've been playing Irish music a couple Mondays a month at the S High Street Coffee Gallery in Eugene, and on the other Monday nights there's usually some sort of good old-time music from 8:30 to 10:30. If anybody is playing regularly or specially somewhere, let me know, preferably beforehand, so we can put it in the newsletter and people can go to hear you.

Warm wishes for recovery and good health to District Six member Betty Cannon, who has been in the hospital.

LINDA DANIELSON - Reporter

DISTRICT 7

I recently began my term at District No #7 Chairman and thought I had better say hello and welcome to our members. We certainly had a busy end of July with the State Campout, the West Linn Fair and the State Jam at Cook Park.

The Old Time Fiddlers will be performing at the Clackamas County Fair on Thursday, August 18th from 7 to 8. The Fairgrounds are at the East end of Canby on the North side of Highway 99E. I remember the fine show we had last year with the terrific fiddling of Carol Ann Wheeler, Joey McKenzie, Hollis Taylor and others, and I won't miss this year's show! I'm going out of town on business and vacation afterwards and have planned our first jam, with yours truly as Emcee, on Sunday September 4th. This will be at Gladstone Senior Citizen Center located at 1050 Portland Avenue in Gladstone, near the High School and the Thriftway Store. The potluck will be moved back to 12:00 and the show to 1:00. We believe we'll have a better turnout with these hours.

So Long Ed and Penny... We'll miss your leadership and of course we'll see you at all the jams!!

It looks like we're in for a good year. I'll see you Soon

GREG BAKER - Chairman

District 7 Cont'd

Fiddlers around Ranier, Oregon have been invited to make music for Ranier Daze, Saturday August 13, starting at 3 PM and going as long as we want. Location in on A street downtown Ranier. Bill Johnson from the Washington OTFA will have the PA system set up and a sign up sheet available. Greg Baker says he'll be there. There is a parade at 11 AM if anyone is interested. Sounda like a fun one.

HELEN HAKANSON - Reporter

DISTRICT 8

We had a wonderful time at the Fish Fry at Yachats and also a big jam at Waldport. We want to thank everyone that helped. It sure was nice to have such a great group and so many helpers.

Our next show will be at the Polk County Fairgrounds at Rickreall August 20th. Show time about 7 o'clock PM or after the awards are finished. Come one Come all and lets give them another big show.

Sept 18th we will have a jam at Lincoln City Grange Hall. Doors open at 10 O'clock, Potluck at noon. Show for the public at 1 o'clock PM.

We are proud to announce that our own Shorty Allen brought home the 10th place trophy in the Senior Division at Weiser. (actually we are not sure if he received a trophy, but if he didn't he should have). Anyway we are proud of you Shorty. Next year!!! Who Knows?

JEANETTE ROBINSON - Reporter

DISTRICT 9

Greetings from District 9: The High Desert Fiddle Contest in Burns last month was a great success. We are starting plans for next year and with the support of the community hope to continue the contest annaally.

Our new Chairman, Ruel Teague stepped into office on July 1. We welcome him and the other new Officers aboard.

Following is a list of the High Desert Contest Winners:

CHAMPION DIVISION

- 1 Tony Ludiker, Spokane
- 2 John Frances, Spokane
- 3 Heather Bennett, Grants Pass
- 4 Joey McKenzie, McMinnville
- 5 Matt Hartz, Pocatello, Idaho
- 6 Terry Ludiker, Spokane
- 7 Nolan Murray, Troy
- 8 Bill Noble, Bonanza

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

- 1 Susan Smith, Burns
- 2 Robin Fox, Mesilla Park, N Mex
- 3 Terry Caleb, Rogue River
- 4 Kiley Ruwe, Meridian, Idaho

SENIOR DIVISION

- 1 Henry McVeigh, Tacoma
- 2 Noel Metzger, St. Maries, Idaho
- 3 Howard Milligan, Springfield
- 4 Leonard Maahs, McMinnville

JUNIOR DIVISION

- 1 Randy Pollard, Whitmore, Cal
- 2 Chadley Ruwe, Meridian
- 3 Kendra Ruwe, Meridian
- 4 Stacey Pagter, Santa Clara, Cal

ACCOMPANIST DIVISION

1. Terry Ludiker, Spokane
- 2 June Secor, Salem
- 3 James Read, Auburn Wash
- 4 Joey McKenzie, McMinnville
- 5 Tony Ludiker, Spokane
- 6 John Oenring, Granite Falls, Wash.

We're glad you all came and will look for you next year.

JANET BURGESS - Reporter

LIST OF WINNERS AT WEISER 1983 (Thanks to Dulcie Fast)

CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION

- 1 Tony Ludiker
- 2 Mark O'Conner
- 3 Loretta Brank
- 4 John Francis
- 5 Jeff Pritchard
- 6 Monte Gaylord
- 7 Fred Carpenter
- 8 Jay Dean Ludiker
- 9 Olan James
- 10 Brenda Wallace

MEN'S DIVISION

- 1 JOEY MCKENZIE
- 2 Doug Thomas
- 3 Terry Ludiker
- 4 Ed Carnes
- 5 Dale Lake

Jr. JR. DIVISION

1. Michelle Icly

PEE WEE

1. Meagan Lynch

LADIES DIVISION

1. HEATHER BENNETT
2. Cynthia Bartlett
3. Carol Ann Wheeler
4. Cheryl Lindley
5. Bobbie Nagel

SENIOR DIVISION

1. Marvin Johnson
2. Coy Daily
3. Miley Barron
4. Jess Glover
5. HOWARD MILLIGAN

JUNIOR DIVISION

1. Randy Pollard
2. SHERI HILL
3. Randy Sloan
4. Dan Reilly
5. Matt Hartz

Notes from Here and There

On Sunday, July 17th a group of dedicated people turned out to help put on a great show at the High School in Cottage Grove. Twenty-seven fiddlers, five vocalists, a harmonica soloist and an accordion soloist were instrumental (pun intended) in increasing our State Treasury to the tune (another one??) of \$250.00. On behalf of the entire Association, I want to extend heartfelt thanks to all of you who took the time and trouble of sharing your talent in this effort.

Wayne Holmes - Program Chairman.

Ed Note : I want to apologize and explain the reason for the mistakes and strikeovers in the July issue of the Hoedowner. I returned from California on the 27th and found I was facing a one day deadline due to the printers taking a four day 4th of July Holiday. I only had one day to type it and get it to Salem, in order for you to get it before the 4th of July. So I apologize for the mistakes etc., I don't always have a good excuse. Another note to the reporters. We have new set of reporters now so I will ask you again to please put your calendar events right at the top of your report so I won't miss it when I type the calendar, which is the first thing I type.

Bill Yohey called and asked me to extend his thanks to all who helped make the Northern Campout a success, and to all who helped in the special program for him. The time was too short and deadline too close for a written report, but he will try to write one up for next month. I personally think the Campout was a success, and mostly because of the efforts and dedication of one Bill Yohey. Cheers for him.

The Fiddlers Story
From the interviews of the Oregon Oldtime Fiddling Project

Delores Lakey--d. 1982

Delores and I were talking about fiddling contests of the Mid 1930's:

Delores: My Aunt Lila won couple of contests down around Hay Springs and Rushville Nebraska. As a woman fiddler.

Linda: Was it a special women's division, or was she competing with everybody?

Delores: She was competing with everybody. It was one of those old-fashioned picnics out underneath the trees, you know, and they decided to hold a contest, and anybody that wanted to, joined.

Linda: Do you happen to remember how they chose the judges?

Delores: No, I think they just--"would you be a judge, would you be a judge?"-- and ask somebody out of the crowd if they would act as judge, or maybe there was a schoolteacher around and they'd be the judge.

Linda: What kind of prizes did they usually give?

Delores: Well, I remember one time my aunt got a great big white goose. I never will forget that goose. Chased us kids all over the yard!

--Linda Danielson--

BITS AND PIECES

By Lois Tucker

We received this bit of wisdom on a beautiful card from our youngest son in Alaska..... "Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it."

Here is something I found in my files, I don't even know where it came from, but it works. It is a recipe for

FIDDLE POLISH

2 Oz Mineral Oil	Mix ingredients, bottle, and shake well
2 Oz Raw Linseed Oil	before use.
2 Oz Turpentine	
4 Oz Alcohol	
4 Oz Water	

Art Dodge D.V.M.

Don't forget the Canyonville Contest This year is Aug 27th in conjunction with the Pioneer Days Festival in Canyonville. The prizes are the same as last year, a total of \$530.00 in prize money is being offered. Only One division may be entered. Divisions are Open, Intermediate, Senior, Junior and Junior Junior. Top Prizes run from \$10.00 to 50.00. It is a good contest and lots of fun.

Another Editors Note: Sorry about the pictures. None of the pictures I took at the Campout came out good enough to use. I will have to buy me an Instamatic.

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ARKANSAS TRAVELER

Sprightly tempo

Oh, once up-on a time in Ar-kans-sas, An old man sat in his lit-tle cab-in door And
 fid-dled at a tune that he liked to hear, A jol-ly old tune that he played by ear. It was
 rain-ing hard but the fid-dler did-n't care, He sawed a-way at the pop-u-lar air; Tho' his
 roof tree leaked like a wa-ter fall, That did-n't seem to both-er the man at all.

*A traveler was riding by that day
 And stopped to hear him practicing away.
 The cabin was afloat and his feet were wet,
 But still the old man didn't seem to fret.*

*So the stranger said, "Now the way it seems to me,
 You'd better mend your roof," said he.
 But the old man said as he played away,
 "I couldn't mend it now, it's a rainy day."*

*The traveler replied, "That's all quite true,
 But this, I think, is the thing for you to do,
 Get busy on a day that is fair and bright,
 Then patch the old roof till it's good and tight."*

*But the old man kept on a-playin' at his reel,
 And tapped the ground with his leathery heel.
 "Get along," said he, "for you give me a pain;
 My cabin never leaks when it doesn't rain."*

The tale recounted in the verses printed above is derived from the dialogue that began circulating in Arkansas in the 1840's. The tune is supposed to be the one begun by

the squatter and finished by the traveler. First published in 1847, its authorship, like the dialogue's, is disputed, but it survives as a popular country song and fiddler's air.