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COMING EVENTS

		AUGUST 1984		DISTRICT
August 1-4	Campout	Mt St Helens Viewpark	Ariel Wash	
2	Dance	Shasta Grange	Klamath Falls Or	1
3-4	STATE SHOW	Benton County Fair	Corvallis Or	OOTFA
4	Dance	Greenacres Grange	Greenacres Or	5
5	Contest	Applegate Trail Days	Elmira Or	6
11-12	Campout	Diamond Lake	Diamond Lake Or	1
11	Jam	Senior Center	Coos Bay Or	5
12	Jam	IOOF Hall	Gold Hill Or	4
12	Jam	Senior Center	Bend Or	3
15	STATE SHOW	Clackamas County Fair	Canby Or	OOTFA
18	STATE SHOW	Polk County Fair	Rickreall Or	OOTFA
19	Jam	Moose Lodge	Cottage Grove Or	6
25	Contest	State Fiddle Contest	Canyonville Or	OOTFA
24-26	Contest	Western Div OTF Contest	Carson City Nev	NOTFA
Aug 27-Sep 2	Campout	Warwick's	Williams. Pr	OOTFA

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Weiser. Boy! That seems to be the magic word every June, and it seems to me that everyone kind of gets Fiddle Fever along about then. I guess the Oregon fiddlers were running a pretty high temperature for they really let them know Oregon was there. I won't mention any winners for fear I'll miss someone, but I came away from Weiser with a great feeling that I'd never left there with before. I believe it was because of so many winners among the younger set of fiddlers. They were just fantastic..not just because they were winners. They were all playing so well you could just sit back and really enjoy their music. So, naturally, I was very proud of and pleased with them. Every one of them just being there and competing. I don't think there are any losers --only winners. is the way I see it, and the moral support we all had was also terrific. I do want to thank all of you who came to see us either "win or lose". You slapped us on the back or shook hands and said, "You'll get'em next time. We love you and you are important to us."

And now I am going to mention one name, and that is Bob Crump. Most of you know Oregon was host to the National Old Time Fiddle Contest this year. There has to be someone to organize all this and see that it goes well. So Bob took on the job of Director and really did it up right. Between Bob and our President, Leonard Maahs, it really went great. It was actually hard to tell who was working the hardest. So step up, fellows, and take a bow! We really did appreciate the huge turnout of all of you who came up

on stage to play. I know some of you who never missed a night. It is great to have people who are so dedicated. Thank you all for helping so much.

Then here came the float! Yep! Oregon had it's own float in the big parade at Weiser. I think it won 2nd place thanks to all the nice people who put it together. I say that because it looked as if it had all been made and brought over, then all we did was put it together, load it up with fiddlers and join the parade. Bob Crump's good friend(also mine and yours). Les Tucker, was our driver. Les lives way down in California, but all the same he came and drove our float for us. Could be his driving that won us 2nd place, so three cheers for Les. We could use more like him. To those who rode in the hot sun and played so well for so long...what can I say? You are beautiful. We love you.

We are badly in need of someone who can store, transport and manage the PA system for our Dist. 6, so anyone who wishes to do this can contact me or Maxine, and we will love you for it. I know LeRoy Simms and his lovely wife, Shirley will, also. They are a couple who deserve a round of applause and standing ovation for their dedication in caring for our PA so faithfully for so long.

July was a busy month and August looks to be the same with all the fairs and everything. You have all been great, so let's hang in there and make August a great month. Keep checking the Hoedowner for dates, etc.

The Bohemia Days was terrific..much fun and a good show. Thank all of you who participated, and we missed those who had other things to do.

Love all of you, BUCK

SPECIAL MESSAGE

I want to express my heartfelt thanks for all of you who helped so faithfully at the contest in Weiser. It was through all your fine hard work that it was such a huge success.

LEONARD MAAHS

SEC-TREASURER'S MESSAGE

Gynn and Jim Deaton wish to invite everyone to Canyonville's 18th annual Pioneer Days Celebration which begins Thursday, August 23rd and runs through August 25th.

Camping on the grounds of the Canyonville Junior High School will be available again this year. Also, beautiful Stanton Park is nearby with full hookups, etc.

Junior-Junior, Junior, Senior, Intermediate, and Open divisions are the categories. A total of \$530.00 in prize money and trophies for five places in each division will be awarded. Also, new this year, three accompanist's trophies will be awarded.

Also different this year will be the starting time of the preliminary competition. 12:30 p.m. This means that it is more important than ever that fiddlers sign up as soon as they can after 9:00 a.m. The evening program will begin at 7:00 p.m. Those people who have special numbers worked up, please see me early so that I may get the program organized.

Those of you who wish to volunteer your help, let me know which job you prefer. Without your help, this contest could not be put on. We are looking forward to seeing all you fiddlers, accompanists, and listeners in Canyonville.

Thanks,
GYNN DEATON

NEW EDITOR'S MESSAGE

I took a good look at Lee Jones' boots and I think his shoes will be a real job for me to fit, but, with all the wonderful help from all over the state, I'll do my best. Thanks for all of you getting your reports to me so promptly. Now, when I get used to this new-fangled typewriter, and teach it to spell right, I'll get the hang of things. I really feel just like a mosquito in a nudist colony...I know what to do but I don't know just where to start!

THELMA SHEPHARD

DISTRICT 1

Hello from Klamath Falls, Oregon. Our busy month of July is going fast. Makes one wonder where our summer went to. We won a nice trophy with our float in the Klamath Falls 4th of July parade. We can most always depend on the fiddlers to have a good turn out. Then we went to John and Irene Lewis' house for Bar-B-Q hamburgers. John could run a good competition for those fast food places. Thanks to the Lewises for a good afternoon. July 15th we had a hot day and good turnout to our Jam and potluck at Moore's Park. July 28th our fiddlers will have a float in the Chiloquin Western Days Parade. Then after the parade we plan to join the Big Springs Carnival fun at Bonanza, so that will be a full day. We are looking forward to the Bluegrass Festival in Klamath Falls, and some of our fiddlers plan to join the fun. Thursday, August 2nd, will be fun night for the fiddlers at the Shasta Grange Hall. Bring your git-fiddle and join us. We are looking forward to the Campout and Jam at Diamond Lake, August 11 and 12. Bring your camper, but there are also cabins available. For more information call Irene Ruddock, 884-1484. We gave out plaques in our group recently. The Most Enthusiastic Associate went to Glenna Furry, and the Most Improved Accompanist, Paul King. The Most Improved Fiddler was Fay Patterson. Well, as the new Reporter for District 1, I'm sure there will be some mistakes made. The first one was asking me to be the Reporter. But if I'm the first one to make a mistake in the association, I'll get the blue ribbon.

LOUISE POLLICK, Reporter

DISTRICT 2 No news

DISTRICT 3

August Jam, August 12, 1:30 p.m., Bend Senior Center

Seven fiddlers attended the July 8th jam at the Senior Center in Bend. Brian Hanson, Don Hanson, Dick Williams, Bob Hawes, Jim Neeley (from Madras), and Harley and Marge Nimmo fiddled and Tom O'Neal, Harley Nimmo, Ches Fullerton, Dick Williams and Don and Brian Hanson helped the fiddlers sound pretty sweet when they tickled the strings on their banjos, mandolins and guitars. Most of the backers did double duty on their fiddles, too. We were so glad to have Jim Neeley join us again. He has been very busy with his square dance group and could not get away. Surely good to have you back again, Jim. Vollie Chisholm was a very able M.C., standing in for Don Hanna, who was over his head in hay, which is usual for him this time of year. We missed you, Don, and you missed hearing all those sharp jokes Vollie told us. Orlo and Hazel Flock were away on a trip to a reunion. We hope you had a good time. George Terrill, who passed away suddenly in late June, was really missed. He has added so much to the fiddlers and given enjoyment with his fiddle and mandolin for many years to so many people. We will continue to play your old favorites, George, and will always think of

you when we play them. Marge Nimmo spent five days in the local hospital recently. A blood clot decided to make a trip through her lung. She is out and doing okay now. She says a great big "THANK YOU" to all you beautiful people for your visits, cards, gifts and books...and especially the ice cream bar and cookies. God bless all of you. Eight members of District 3 rode a beautiful red and yellow wagon and set toes to tapping with lively music when they took part in the parade in Prineville, July 14th, to get the Crooked River Roundup off to a good start. The owner of the wagon (and those big beautiful horses) drove the wagon for us and made a nice smooth ride of it. We got a big blue ribbon for our efforts, too, and had a lot of fun doing it.

MARGE NIMMO, Reporter

DISTRICT 4-NORTH

I have been asked by Sam Steele to report some of the happenings of North District #4. The fiddlers have been playing, as usual, at several nursing homes in Roseburg, as well as the Veterans' Hospital and for Senior Citizen Dances. The Big Event, for me, was the big party they had for Jessie and me for our Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary, where the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers played for us. We played at the Masonic Hall, at the invitation of Ralph Houston, then we were invited to their house for a fine dinner. After dinner we jammed for hours.

It was nice to see Roselle Kinman around and looking good again, after surgery. Ed Doolittle has just finished making two fine fiddles, which is no small accomplishment. Some of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers went to play at the Easter Seal Camp at Tenmile Lake, which is an annual happening, but we were not able to play for them due to plumbing difficulty. Anyway, we had a nice trip to the coast. Hope to see you all this summer.

GLEN A. BROWN, Reporting

DISTRICT 4-SOUTH

Sunday Jam Session, Gold Hill IOOF Hall, August 12th. NO POTLUCK. Doors open at 11:30. There will be a short meeting - also a drawing for a door prize at the meeting. Open to the public at 1:00.

Our Jam Session at the Grange Hall in Grants Pass was well attended. The new officers were installed. Julian Christiani (outgoing Chairman) presented a "new" gavel to the new Chairman, Sam Stelle. We had 13 fiddlers, 6 specials and 11 accompanists. Ralph and Dorothy Houston stopped by on their way to Reno. Our guests were Fred Virtue and friend from District 5 and Bob and Fay Seeley from Cottonwood, Arizona (who belong to the Arizona Old-time Fiddlers).

Noah Couch is home from the hospital. We hope he continues to get stronger and will be back fiddling with us real soon. Jim Hoots is in the hospital. He has had knee surgery. Roy Harnden is in the Rogue Valley Memorial hospital. We hope to hear that you're home and feeling good again real soon, Roy. Our fiddlers have been busy playing at the nursing homes and Senior Centers. They played at the Gold Hill Centennial and at the Jackson County Fair in July. Hopefully, this will be the only time I will be trying to report the news from South District 4.

VIRGINIA STELLE: (Acting) Reporter

DISTRICT 5

Welcome to our new editor. Congratulations, Thelma. Things have been buzzing for us down here on the coast during July. The week-end after the

4th we went to Powers to play for their White Cedar Days Celebration. Saturday at 10:00 we pulled our float to the finish line of the 10 km race and played for the crowd which had gathered to watch the runners finish the race. As soon as all of the runners came in we slipped around the corner and got in our place in the parade. We played many of the old favorites as we went through town. People in Powers love fiddle music and their applause always makes us welcome. After a half of a barbequed chicken at the park and all the watermelon that we could eat (thanks to Dan Pullis) we played for an audience in the park. Les McCloud, Alice Holt, Jack Storm, Bud Bishop, John Allen and I played our fiddles. Betty Lively, Dale Alley, Ernest Allen, Al Lively, Murrel Walton, Dan Pullis, Ella Savery and Don Mattix were our back-up. The weather cooperated this year and it was one of those all-around great week-ends. The 14th, a group of us played in the mall in Coos Bay as a part of the Music Enrichment Association activities. That night we played for a dance at the Senior Center in Coos Bay. We have played in parks, on floats, in stores, on the street and all kinds of activities, but on the 20th we added another. We played at a CB break. Our "ten four buddies" were a great audience and we gave them a good show. Gene, Carl, Alice and I played our fiddles and were joined by Lee Lewis and Betty Lively who stepped to the mike and surprised us with their fiddle tunes. Back up was Lee, Ella, Bob, Betty M., Betty L., Dan and Paul. The first Saturday, August 4th, will find us again at the Greenacres Grange Hall to play for the dance. You're invited to order a hamburger and then attend our business meeting. We'll start playing about 7:30. The next Saturday, on the 11th, we will play at the Senior Center in Coos Bay. Happy fiddling. Oh, yes, please mark your calendar for the last week-end in September and come and join us for the Cranberry Festival in Bandon.

LEW HOLT: Reporter

DISTRICT 6

Aug. 3,4 Benton County Fair Show, Corvallis
5 Applegate Trail Days, Show and Contest, Veneta-Elmira
19 Jam Session, Moose Lodge, Cottage Grove
Sept 23 Jam Session, American Legion Hall, Lebanon

After some District 6 musicians participated in two days of Coburg Golden Years Festival, the Trudy Kaufman Senior Center Yard Sale, and Cottage Grove's Bohemia Days Show, they probably didn't even miss the July jam session which we decided not to have. But we're back to a usual schedule in August, with a jam session at the Moose Lodge in Cottage Grove, 711 Hwy 99 S, just south of the main part of town. Sandwich and salad lunch will be served at a reasonable price at noon, with the program at 1 p.m. In addition, there are plenty of fair shows, festivals, and the Canyonville contest coming up in August. Of special concern to District Six fiddlers are the two Benton County Fair shows on Friday, Aug. 3, from 3 to 4 p.m., and Saturday, Aug. 4, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Benton County Fairgrounds. This pair of shows has traditionally been one of the organization's fund-raising events, and Leroy Sims, who has been responsible for these shows for several years, tells us we didn't have much of a turnout for them last year. So, as the host district, we need to grease our wheels and rosin our bows and GET THERE! The following day, Aug. 5, is the show and contest at Applegate Trail Days. The show will be at 1 p.m. with the contest at 2 p.m. at the festival grounds on Territorial Road, a right turn from West 11th and watch for the crowd. It's a good contest for anyone who's never played in one, because it's mostly for fun, mostly just whoever comes to play the show, and so not as hard on your nerves as a big contest.

So you can plan ahead, District Six will be meeting on Sept. 23 at the American Legion in Lebanon. It'll be Fall already--that's hard to believe.

Word comes to us of the death of Fayth Maahs's brother. Our heartfelt condolences to Fayth and Leonard at this time of loss.

LINDA DANIELSON: Reporter

DISTRICT 7

Helio. District 7's June 10th Jam was a smashing success. Twenty-six fiddlers performed for a crowd of 120 folks. This was our State Benefit jam and we are happy to announce that we raised \$96 through "pass the hat" donations and our bake sale. Again, Greg and I wish to thank our members who participated in the bake sale and, especially, Dulcie Fast and Dee Johnson who co-ordinated the event. Greg sent out the news letter after the June Jam but mailed it to the wrong address and the post office returned it like a bad penny. I'm co-ordinating his June report with the July one. I told him we'll blame June's report on the post office. They should be more alert to our bloopers. We were not planning any regular Jams in July and August. Remember Clackamas County Fair on Aug. 15. Your help there will be greatly appreciated. We had a nice group show up for the program at Oral Hull Park for the Blind at Sandy on July 18th. We played two hours steady and the folks enjoyed a lot of dancing.

Greg wanted me to pass this on: "Well, it sure has been fun being Chairman this year. I'd like to thank everyone who helped me out, especially Helen Hakanson, Bob and Dulcie Fast and Ed and Penny Mead. We'll see you at the July Campout".

GREG BAKER & GARY EVANS: Reporters

DISTRICT 8

The fund raising jam held at the Sr. Citizen Hall in Salem, July 8th, was a fair success. 28 fiddles, 5 vocals, 1 auto-harp, 1 harmonica, a Jews harp and twin mandolins made up the program. 8 musicians came from Dist. 6, 8 from Dist. 7, 1 from Wash., and 20 from Dist. 8.

The Smelt Feed at Yachats on the 15th was well attended and the large audience seemed pleased with us. The group of musicians and families gathered at the Sr. Citizen hall in Waldport for a pot-luck and jam afterward. Everybody had a wonderful time, thanks to Jim and Bea Morris, who hosted the occasion.

On Sunday, Sept. 9, there will be a picnic and jam in the Sheridan City Park. Pot-luck at noon and program from 1:00 to 5:00p.m. The purpose is to help raise funds for a new roof on the Sheridan Methodist Church, which is one of the oldest churches in the state. If the weather is bad, we will find cover.

MINNIE BENNETT: Reporter

DISTRICT 9

Hi Gang! Hope you all are having a terrific summer. I can't decide if this summer is hectic or lazy. There's not too much happening around the area as far as fiddling goes. We all survived the High Desert Fiddle Contest the end of June. There were 90 contestants from 10 states and 2

Canadian Provinces participating in the contest. We had a good time and hope you all did, too. Come on back next year and bring your friends! Susi Smith played in the contest at Weiser and finished in the top 20 in the Ladies Division. Fiddlers played at the wedding reception of Geren Moon and Tricia Scott. Tricia is the daughter of Pat Scott. Coming up is a family reunion on August 17 and then the Harney County Fair in September.

Have a good day,

JANET BURGESS: Reporter



WEDDING BELLS for VIOLA DAVIS and CECIL PIZER



Unless you are a real dyed-in-the-wool competitor, you just wouldn't believe how many fiddle contests are going on all around us. I have winner's lists from three of them now, but believe I will only have space this time to give winners of one competition. So, if I have left you out this time, it isn't because I forgot you. Or did I?
Thelma

HIGH DESERT FIDDLE CONTEST

Champion Progressive

- 1 Joey McKenzie, McMinnville, OR
- 2 Ed Carnes, Litchfield, KY
- 3 Ricky Turpin, Lubbock, TX
- 4 Brian Wurst, Phoenix, AR

Senior

- 1 Lloyd Wanzer, Caldwell, ID
- 2 Myllie Barron, Salmon Arms, B.C.
- 3 Elmer Bolinger, Gleichen, Alberta
- 4 Penny Mead, Portland, OR

Junior

- 1 Kendra Ruwe, Meridian, ID
- 2 Christine Crabill, Redding, CA
- 3 Lynnette Lane, Anderson, CA
- 4 Matt Hartz, Pocatello, ID

Pee Wee

- 1 Tony Spatz, Bend, OR
- 2 Angell Ann Martin, Nampa, ID
- 3 Darrin Reitan, Redding, CA
- 4 Stacy Reynolds, Bend, OR

Champion Oldtime

- 1 James B. Herd, Sunnyside, WA
- 2 Bill Yohey, McMinnville, OR
- 3 Carol Ann Wheeler, Sherwood, OR
- 4 Grant Wheeler, Sherwood, OR

Intermediate

- 1 Jim Apperson, Phoenix, AR
- 2 Jason Crisp, Houston, TX
- 3 Irene Walters, Selah, WA
- 4 J.W. Taylor, Odessa, TX

Junior-Junior

- 1 Ruston Ruwe, Meridian, ID
- 2 Laura Weber, Corvallis, OR
- 3 David Kohl, Eugene, OR
- 4 Megan Lynch, Anderson, CA

Accompanist

- 1 Joey McKenzie, McMinnville, OR
- 2 Mike Henderson, Big Springs, TX
- 3 Paul Carrelli, Palo Cedro, CA
- 4 Bill Yohey, McMinnville, OR

Some people are like blotters -- they soak it all in and get it all backwards!

HE WHO LAUGHS, LASTS!



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FIRST CLASS



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MARRY YOU THE FIDDLER

My daughter came to me one day
She asked "please tell me, Mother,
How can I pick a husband,
And choose one or the other?"

CHORUS:

I told her
Marry you the fiddler
For a fiddler's heart is true,
When he isn't holding his fiddle,
He'll be holding you.

You know I have two sweethearts
a courtin at our door,
One of them's a rich man
But the fiddler is so poor.

Now both of them are good men
So loving and so kind
They both want to marry me
And I can't make up my mind.

It's many long years later now
My daughter came to me
She said "I thank you, mother,
For advice you gave to me".

CHORUS AFTER LAST VERSE:

She said
I married me the fiddler
I'm happy as can be
When he isn't holding his fiddle
He's always holding me".

By Thelma Shephard

NEWS FLASH!! STATE MEETING AT SPRINGFIELD SEPT 8,
at SENIOR CENTER, 215 W C St. MEETING AT 10 a.m.
Will not be a long jam but we can get together for
some good pickin and grinnin. (Doors open at 8)
PLAN TO BE THERE AND LET'S START OUR MEETING
PROMPTLY. SEE YOU THERE.

