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SALEM: NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT: We had what I think was a very good jam-session at S. E. Foster Rd. near Portland on Sept. 15th. Over one hundred in attendance; and I want to thank all the fiddlers and their accompanists for a good performance.

Our next pot luck and jam session will be Oct. 13th at the Sweet Home High School, west entrance, 1861 Long St. There is plenty of parking space and there will be someone there to open the door for us at 11 a.m. Let me urge all you fiddlers and members to make a special effort to be there as we have never had one of our jam sessions in that vicinity before. I hear they have some good oldtime fiddlers up in that neck of the woods, so I am hoping to take in some new members.

Earl Willis writes that they are having a fiddling contest at Grants Pass on October 19th, and they want to have a jam session that evening following the contest. I hope that as many of you fiddlers as possible will try and make it down there as they hope to get the fiddlers organized down there. See you at Sweet Home.

Donald Leith

McMINNVILLE: QUIPS FROM OUR SECRETARY:

We would like suggestions for our coming convention. Where to hold it? Shall we feature a program? a dance? a banquet? All ideas will be considered. Send to any of the officers.

JOHN DAY: Among the highlights of this year's very successful Grant County Fair held at John Day was the Pickin' Contest on Saturday, Sept. 7 sponsored by the Eastern Oregon Fiddlin' Association. The preliminaries were at 2:00 p.m. and the finals at 7:00 p.m. Those winning top honors were: 1st- John W. Adams, Auburn, Wash., 2nd - Bill Yohey, McMinnville, Ore., 3rd - Dale Goodwin, Mt. Vernon, Ore., 4th - Jim Carley, Auburn, Wash., and 5th - Gene Vaughn, Fox, Ore.

Eva O. Murray

PORTLAND: September 15, 1968 at Pleasant Valley Grange Hall, Portland, the Oregon State Oldtime Fiddlers Association held their regular monthly meeting-pot-luck dinner and jam session.

The following fiddlers entertained an appreciative audience with a medley of tunes in a group, before individually playing their favorite selections; "pop" Powers, Carl Van Hoosier, Bill Wilson, Bill Weber, Bob Hawes, Charlie Johnson, Fred Hilderbrandt, Mervin Dickerson, Marshall Jackson, Agnes James, Bill Rounsavell, Melvin Yaden, Kenneth Brank, Eva Caldwell, Warren Grey, Clarence Greenlund, Tony Descombez, John Bruhl, Stan Edwards. Special numbers were given by: Mr. and Mrs. John Bruhl, Fred Hilderbrandt, Dorothy Cain, Eva Caldwell, Marshall Jackson, Ed Gorham, and Frank Warner. Those acting as accompanists were: Marshall Jackson, guitar; Dorothy Cain, piano; Agnes James, piano; Mrs. Bruhl, piano; and Ed Gorham, bass viol. Don Leith, President of the Association acted as Master of Ceremonies. After the entertainment by the fiddlers the erst-while audience enjoyed a period of dancing.

Mrs. Don Hawes

REDMOND: Entertainers from three states gathered in Redmond to help Rusty put on the annual fiddlin' show held in conjunction with the Potato Festival on September 21st. Coming from Idaho were Loyd Wanzer, Lyle Powell, Allen and Elsie Rice, Edna Jenkins, and Lenny Baum. Even though they weren't on stage, Wanda Wanzer and Dorothy Powell were there to add moral support (and sell some fiddler's records!) Representing Washington were Don and Nellie Gish, and Don, Betty, Larry, Aaron, Radonna, and Lonnie Lowe. Oregonians entertaining were Rusty Modrell, Larry Modrell, Bill Yohey, Harold Allen, Dave Hite, Bob Hawes, Ruth Loring, Bob Allen, and Vic Brown and Leon Crouch. Bill Jenkins of Redmond and Bill Brummett of

Weiser, Idaho, shared the duties of M.C. and did a fine job, adding much to the show. Sunday Morning all enjoyed a bountiful breakfast which was cooked by Vi Modrell, Bill and Dess Jenkins, and featured those famous sourdough biscuits made by LaVeita Welch.

YAKIMA: Results of the fiddlin' contest held at Yakima on Sept. 27-28 are: 1st- Doug Atwell, 2nd - Rusty Modrell, 3rd - Harold Allen, 4th - Bill Yohey, 5th - Edna Jenkins. In the Junior Contest: 1st - Larry Lowe, 2nd - John Thomas, 3rd - Aaron Lowe. The Senior Contest was won by Charlie Johnson. Judges were: Kenneth Brank, Bob Hawes, and Gerald Prock. A special thanks goes to Don and Nellie Gish who held open house for all the fiddlers over the week-end.

GRANTS PASS: There doesn't seem to be much happening in Grants Pass in a fiddlin' sort of way. We do have a small jam session occasionally, say every week or so. Willis's Westerners did play two nights at the Timber Room in the Redwood Hotel. The big event will take place here at the Grants Pass Shopping Center. We hope to turn this Shopping Center into a fiddler's paradise. Starting at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 19th, there is to be a fiddler's contest sponsored by the Grants Pass Shopping Center Merchants Association. There is no entry fee and the prizes will be \$40-\$30-\$20-\$10 in both senior and open divisions. Seniors 65 years of age and older. All fiddlers, from any state, are welcome. Please be there and register by 1:00 on date of contest. The Merchants Association would like to know the approximate number of fiddlers who plan to enter. As they have asked us to help them in notifying the fiddlers and finding out how many plan to enter, please let us know, if possible, so we can give your names to the Merchants Association. Our address is 540 N. W. Manzanita Street, Grants Pass, Oregon 97526. In any event, come and enter if you can. We are looking forward to seeing all you fiddlers here on Oct. 19th. With your help we can make this a success.

Directions to the Shopping Center: If you come from the north, leave the freeway at the second Grants Pass exit, from the south at the first exit. The shopping center is just a short ways from the freeway.

Earl and Elsie Willis

We were saddened to learn of the death of Mrs. Clay Claughton on September 28th, due to injuries suffered in an automobile accident near Toppenish, Washington. Members extend their sympathy to the family, and flowers were sent in the name of the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association.

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McMINNVILLE: "Arrived" recently at the Bill Yohey residence in McMinnville a gorgeous bouquet of "daisies", "sweet", from a leading florist, accompanied by a "scented" card bearing the lush greetings "From an ardent admirer, with lotions of love!". Now, things like this should inspire fiddlers far and wide to put forth efforts worthy of such affluence among our loyal supporters; also realizing that such expressions can strain domestic tranquility. We can be sure that Edna can evaluate the sincerity of the donor and retain her usual calm attitude.

Clarence Greenlund

That's the news for this month. Please remember to send in your items for the Hoedowner and keep in mind our two coming events...the Jam Session and Pot-Luck Dinner at Sweet Home on October 13th and the contest at Grants Pass on October 19th.