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The Summer season is sure on us now and the fiddlers are all busy between contests, jamborees, vacations, etc. There are several new contests this year. The one at the Dalles was a great success, so they are making it an annual event. We hope that the one at Hood River, August 2nd will do the same. Let's all get behind these new deals and help put them over. The Dalles contest was only in the open category, so it didn't give the seniors much of a break, but we didn't mind because we knew that all things had to have a beginning and the management didn't want to plunge too heavily until they saw how it caught on with the public. They sure found out, as they had a capacity crowd and it sure was a well matched and hard fought contest. Some of the best fiddling I have heard in a long time. The winners in this order: Bill Yohey, Kenny Brank, Bois Stucky, Doug Atwell and Don Gish. Neil Rogerson of the American Music Co. did a very fine job of M.C.ing the show. Here's all the luck in the world for bigger and better contests at The Dalles.

For the pot luck dinner and jamboree at Silverton, here is Mrs. Don Hawes' letter about same. I think she covers the subject very well.

The monthly jam session of the Association of Oregon Old Time Fiddlers was held July 13th at the American Legion Hall at Silverton with 21 fiddlers performing for the entertainment of a large audience.

Following a pot luck dinner the following members played their favorite numbers: Ray Mack, Gordon Gilbert, Clarence Greenland, "Shorty" Allen, Tony Descombe, Andy Nellikon, Katy Warner, Bob Hawes, Walt Whitsun, Fred Hilderbrandt, Fred Virtue "Pop" Powers, Marshall Jackson, Al Williams, John Bruhl, who was accompanied by his wife on the fiddle; Archie Bovee, Charley Johnson, Bill Wilson, Walt Larson, Ray Abbey and Guy Kyler. Katy and Fred Hilderbrandt also played a duet accompanied by their father, Dave on the guitar. Other guitarists were: Ron Gimm, Marshall Jackson as well as Ed Gorham on the bass fiddle. A special thanks should be given Ed; he is one of the most faithful members in the organization.

Two special numbers were given by Ron Gimm and his four daughters as he accompanied them on his guitar and all sang a song he had sung in his boyhood, and Miss Loraine Pratt and Marvin Case as she played her accordin as an accompaniment for a vocal duet rendered by them and Tony Descombe accompanied them on the fiddle.

After the entertainment the audience participated in the dancing until the musicians closed up their instruments and it was time to go home.

Mrs. Don Hawes

The contest at Cottage Grove was well attended and hard fought. I know because I was one of the judges and when you get a gang of fiddlers like the ones mentioned below and a few others who were right behind them, you really have a headache trying to decide who is best. I didn't see the final score, but I know it must have been very close.

An unfortunate thing happened. A new contestant, Russell E. Baxter from Klamath Falls, being unfamiliar with our rules, made the mistake of using Pizzicatoe (string picking) in his hoe down. There was quite a little argument about what to do about it until Mr. Baxter voluntarily withdrew from the contest; thereby showing the finest kind of sportsmanship. He turned out to be an extra fine fiddler and if it hadn't have been for this little mistake, might certainly have been close to if not at the top of the list. We hope he was not discouraged and will come again.

The winners in this order:

Open: Doug Atwell, Rusty Modrell, Jimm Miller, Bill Yohey, and Kenny Brank.
Seniors: Cliff Buker, Guy Spurlock, Clarence Greenland.

The Contest At Hood River:

Saturday, August 2nd, 1969, in the Y east school near the fair ground N.W. of Hood River City near Odell. Starts at 1:00 P.M. The judges are: McDaniels, Clay Claughton and Cliff Buker. This is also a first, so let's all turn out to give Hood River a good boost, so maybe they will also make this an annual event. For further information, contact Mr. Frank Herman Rt. 1 Box 1180A Hood River.

At Banks, Oregon, August 10th

A barbecue dinner free to the fiddlers and wives if they get there before 3:00 P.M. Contest to start at 7:00 P.M. Prizes are Open: \$40.00; \$25.00; \$15.00 and \$10.00. Seniors \$10.00 first. We always have fun at Banks, so let's go. Contact Jim Miller at 1755 N.W. 272nd Avenue Hillshoro.

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August 16th Polk County Fair grounds--Fiddlers contest. 7:00 P.M. Please be there by 6:30 P.M. to register. Prize money as follows: 1st, \$25.00; 2nd, \$20.00; 3rd, \$10.00; 4th, \$5.00. For information, contact Ray Clever, Dallas.

Salem Oregon State Fair

August 26th. Registration will start at 11:00 A.M. Contest at 1:00 P.M. Details haven't been quite worked out yet, but they will be about the same as last year, minus the rain, we hope. They tell me that the stage and shelter have been rebuilt, so at least the fiddlers will have some projection.

September

Bill Yohey and others are setting up a contest for seniors only sometime in September. They intend to get Sanderson and some of the other top notchers to come and will have more details for us in the September Hoe downer.

The only thing that I have for sure now is the Yakima County fair at Yakima September 25, 26 and 27th. This is always a good show, so let's all go and meet our good Washington neighbors.