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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Another National Oldtime Fiddle Contest is behind us. What a great time it was. With each year that I go I find myself enjoying all the activities besides the contest as much or more than the contest itself. For Example, jamming with Jimmy Widner from Montana and Gene Wilhite, the lefty from Indiana, 'till the wee hours of the morning, and loving every minute of it. Watching the irrepressible Chuck Griffin, that born entertainer, holding an audience spellbound for hours in the Washington Hotel. Listening to the dozens of other fiddlers who just start fiddling anywhere and soon have a big circle of listeners. And when you found a real big circle, You'd always find Benny Thomasson in the center of it.

Oregon was well represented in the Contest. George Jenkerson of Portland placed highest in any category of any Oregonian, coming in third in the Senior Division. Congratulations, George.

I want to extend a big thank you to all those who participated in the parade Saturday. Thanks to those who decorated the truck as well as those who rode and played. There's a complete story about the parade on page 3.

Everybody on the Oregon truck went from the parade to the Weiser Convalescent Home and played a program of Oldtime Music for the patients, who loved it.

Wish I had space to comment at length about the contest results, but will content myself with just a brief note; I agreed with the judges in all the divisions except the open, and in that found myself in complete disagreement with them. It was not that Dick Barrett didn't play well, because he always does, and his time is always perfect. He and Alvin Sanderson have one thing in common, they both make a metronome seem erratic by comparison. It just seemed to me that the way Wanzer was playing, the only question was, who would come in second? But it's all past history now, and complete contest results are on page 3.

See you all in Corvallis July 16.

WAYNE

P.S. I would like to mention one more thing, and that is for all fiddlers to save the dates of Aug. 18 & 19 for the two big shows our group is to put on for the County Fairs at Canby and Rickreall.

CORVALLIS JAM SESSION & POTLUCK JULY 16

Our monthly Jam Session and potluck will be held in Corvallis on July 16. The dinner and show will be held in the gym at the Catholic Church School, or is now known as the Senior Citizens Center. This is the same place we have had our jam session in Corvallis before. The hall is located on 25th St. just off Harrison St. west of town. The hall will be opened at 10:00 A.M. and dinner will be about 12 noon with the show starting at about 1:00 P.M. Don't forget your food, table service, fiddle and what have you, and your friends.

COQUILLE

The Coquille Retail Trades Committee is sponsoring a street dance on Sat. July 22 starting at about 6:00 P.M. in Coquille. If we can get a few Fiddlers and Accompanists to this event it will give them a chance to earn \$100. for the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Assoc. Treasury. So if you can and plan on making this event get in touch with EARL AULMAN 291 2nd Ave. Eastside, OR 97420, Or phone 267-3669.

