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COMING EVENTS

Sept. 13		Harvest Festival	Talent, Oregon
Sept. 14	Jam Session	Sunnyside Grange	Sunnyside, Oregon
Sept. 21	Jam Session	Ocean Crest Grade School	Bandon, Oregon
Sept. 27	Coos Bay Mall	Bi-Centennial Celebration	Coos Bay, Oregon
Sept. 28	Jam Session	Elks Lodge	Sweet Home, Oregon
Oct. 12	Jam Session	Central Point Grange Hall	Central Point, Oregon
Oct. 19	Pancake Feed & Jam	Warner Grange	Canby, Oregon
Dec. 20	Jam Session	Jerome Prairie Grange	Jerome Prairie

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This message is coming from the camp grounds at the Warwick Ranch, where everyone has had a week of fun, Fiddling, eating and socializing. There were over 200 people and about 85 camping vehicles. This is the largest yet.

We are very fortunate to have a place like this to come every year, thanks to the generosity of the Warwicks. They are great hosts and we are certainly looking forward to next year. I hope that the people that missed this year will be able to make it to the next campout. Many thanks again Martha, Red, Billy and Beaver from all of us.

DISTRICT 1 REVIEWS

The fiddlers and accompanists played for Big R in the parking lot on Aug. 1st and 2nd. Aug. 24th at the Modoc County Fair at Cedarville, Cal., Fiddlers and Accompanists from several districts played for the dance. Many thanks to the Lorings, Secors, Don Gish, Yanceys and the McCaslans. From District #1 were the Daniels, Johnsons, Pollocks, Cliff Tunnell, Carl Novotny and the Clarks.

Reporter, Doris Clark.

DISTRICT 4 HAPPENINGS AND COMING EVENTS

Our summer has gone all too quickly. We had busy fiddlers all summer playing for various functions, including rest homes, Grants Pass Fair on Senior Citizens Night, Cleanup -Campout Weekend and of course the Big Campout Week. (They got in some fishing too). We had the most campers yet. The weather threatened us several times but in all it was a beautiful week. The first day plans began for the 1976 campout to come a year from now. There was a State Meeting held at the campout on Sunday. The story of this meeting is elsewhere in this Hoedowner. Red and I want to thank all those who came and made the 1975 campout such a success, each in his own way.

We have several fiddling events coming up. Talent on Sept. 13th for the Harvest

Festival, Bandon on Sept. 21st with District #5. The fiddlers will all camp in the McCloud yard on Saturday night the 20th. On October 12th we will be at Central Point Grange Hall. November will be in Ashland, date not set yet, and on Dec. 20th at the Jerome Prairie Grange Hall for our Christmas Party. Club will furnish the meat and we will potluck the rest. Stella did such a beautiful job last year on the Christmas party she won the chairmanship again this year. Congratulations Stella, this is what the Hoedowner is for, to bring all the latest news.

Reporter, Martha Warwick.

DISTRICT #5 BI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

All fiddlers are asked to come to Coos Bay to help play at the Coos Bay Mall for their Bi-Centennial Celebration at 3:00pm on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Please contact Bud Ryan if you can make it. Bud lives in Coquille and his phone no. is 396-4202.

DISTRICT #6

Where are you. We can't print any news if we don't receive any. A jam session is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 28th at the Sweet Home Elks Lodge. Signs will be placed on Highways #20 & #228 directing you to the lodge. Doors will be open at 10:30 am and the potluck will be at noon. We look forward to seeing those who were here at the March jam session and hope to see a great many more of our friends, fiddlers and accompanists at this jam. See you there.

George Stout

DISTRICT #7 NEWS

Our fiddlers have been well represented at all the fairs. We had a very nice and attentive crowd and we want to thank all the fiddlers and accompanists who played. We also want to give a special thanks to Wayne Holmes, who made all the arrangements for dates and financial agreements. At Lloyd Center a very nice group of fiddlers & accompanists came to play and put on a fine show. Thankyou, thankyou! Penny Mead received the following letter from the management:

Dear Penny Meade,

The Oldtime Fiddlers Association was such a hit Aug. 20th that we will want you back for a repeat performance. The songs you chose to play were really crowd pleasers as you could tell by the audience's participation. Thank you for making Entertainment Week at Lloyd Center a success. Bargarr Jamison, Public Relations Asst. Director.

Bob Fast, Reporter.

DISTRICT #8 REPORTS

There hasn't been much going on this month as there has been so much activity with the state fairs and the campout at Warwicks. Hope to have more next month

During my 8 day stay in the hospital after hip surgety I received so many cards, letters, phone calls and visits. I do so appreciate everyone taking the time to think of me. I came home saturday afternoon and I'm improving everyday. About ready to dance to the good oldtime fiddle music. See you all at Sunnyside Sept. 14th.

Carlton Smith

CANYONVILLE CONTEST WINNERS

<u>Juniors</u>	<u>Seniors</u>	<u>Intermediate</u>	<u>Open</u>
1- Mike Mc Clellam	1- Clarence Norberg	1- L.D. Daniels	1- Don Gish
2- Steve Bennett	2- Fred Hildebrandt	2- Dave Moffitt	2- John Melnichuk
3- Cathy Calvert	3- Jack Mc Ca Gasland	3- Fred Virtus	3- Gary Moore
	4- Al DeLorme	4- Bob Fast	4- Loretta Brank
	5- Jonas Cox	5- Jack Smith	5- Gary Kropsted
		6- Kenny Brank	

We want to thank the CB Clubs at Canyonville for having us over to play. They are great people and we had a lot of fun.

Sam and Jo Ann Davis

BOARD MEETING AT THE CAMPOUT

The board meeting of the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association was called to order by President, Jim Secor. Evelyn Walter was acting Secretary. The districts were represented by the following: L.D. Daniel, #1--Fred Samples, #4--Bud Ryan, #5--Linda Daniel acting for #6, Wayne Walter, #7--Guy Kyler, #8. Jim stated that if the members wanted to null & void this meeting because of not being notified in the Hoedowner, they could do so.

Also, he brought up the idea of Districts paying for the expenses of their Chairmen to come to the four board meetings that are supposed to be held each year. He suggested each district discuss this at district meeting and report their decision at the next board meeting.

Jim reported that the State Contest will be held in Bend, May 8, 1976. The Bend Chamber of Commerce are going to try and aid us in securing trophies and prize money. It will be held in the Bend High School. Also, they have asked the fiddlers to help at their 4th of July celebration. They will give us a place to camp and if possible a little expense money.

Jim also brought up the possibility of paying a member of the Oregon Fiddlers to be the MC at the State Contest instead of paying an out of state MC. Bill Yohey was asked to get the judges for next years' contest.

Wayne Walter made a motion that the judges should receive \$100.00 seconded by Bud Ryan. Passed unanimously.

All districts were reminded again that Delores Lakey is our State Coordinator for all jam sessions and to please let her know in advance.

Rules for the state contest to be printed again in the Hoedowner as there has been some misunderstanding as to who can play and in what division. This will be done at a later date.

Another board meeting to be held in December. Time and place not yet announced, possibly a state jam session.

Wayne Walter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Hugh Samples. Motion carried.

Evelyn Walter, Acting Secretary

FIDDLER OF THE MONTH

Ray, better known as "Mack", was born in Carthage, South Dakota, June 17, 1893. He became interested in playing the fiddle at about 8 years of age, probably because his Uncle Edward was an old-time fiddler, also because his neighbor lady, Mrs. Hann, played and got him started by letting him play her fiddle every time he came over.

After he learned to play a tune on Mrs. Hann's fiddle, Ray's folks bought him one. He said it wasn't an expensive fiddle, but was indeed better than the ones he had made out of corn husks.

Mack has never taken lessons, so like most of the truly "old-time" fiddlers, he cannot read notes, is completely self-taught and has a style and method all his own.

He was about fifteen when he started playing for dances and social functions around his community. Later he entered several contests in South Dakota and surrounding states, his big start coming when he won first over forty entries in a big contest on Station WMAX in Yankton, South Dakota.

After that, Mack began playing over small radio stations to advertise his dances. In 1932 he got his first radio job at KMMJ Clay Center, Nebraska, where he played for several years. Later he went to work for other radio stations in Lincoln and Omaha, Nebraska and in Topeka and Kansas City, Kansas. In those days it was called a radio circuit and he played where the wages were the highest.

Mack and his family moved to Salem, Oregon in 1948. Since then he has won several contests in Oregon and some other states. He also won first in trick fiddling at the National Contest at Weiser, Idaho. He joined the Old-Time Fiddlers Association the first year it started and attends as many of its functions as his busy schedule allows.

Although Mack celebrated his 82nd birthday in June, he is still very much in demand as a fiddler. Besides playing for dances every Friday and Saturday nights, he also plays for nursing homes, senior citizen meetings and other social functions.

Mack built a home at Lincoln City where he and his wife Lillian spend much of their time and where he still enjoys his fishing.

The many friends and relatives of Ray and Lillian Mack helped them celebrate their fiftieth Wedding Anniversary at a reception given by their children in Salem on August 17.

Historian, Minnie Bennett

DID YOU KNOW

We have a Limbo artist in Klamath Falls that can make it under a door with a six inch clearance.

Anonymous