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The contest at Hood River was held down in size a little because the Washington State contest was held at the same time in Wenatchie. We lost one of our best fiddlers to them. Bill Yohey was one of their judges. Their results were, in order: Doug. Atwell, Don Gish, Vivian Williams, Bois Stuckey and Glen Berry. In Hood River it was: Rusty Modrell, Pete Haines, George Jenkerson, Charles Johnson and Phil Brumbaugh. The contest was well attended and appreciated and we hope and expect it to grow into one of the major events. Mr. Percy Jensen was fair manager and did very well with his first fiddlers contest. The judges were: Cliff Buker, Ivan McDaniels and Clay Claugton. I think Frank Herman was M.C.

The Banks contest was held August 10th. Free barbeque dinners were served to all fiddlers and their wives at 3:00 P.M., and the contest was at 7:00 P.M. Winners were: Jim Miller, Bill Yohey, Cliff Buker and Kenny Brank in the open. Cliff also won first in the seniors.

The contest at Rickreall was well attended, but played under great difficulty. Fiddles are not meant to be played out doors and the P.A. system was just plain lowsey, so no one really showed up too well, but it was the same for all, so it was still a contest; like playing football on a very muddy field. The winners were: Kenny Brank, George Jenkerson, Marshal Jackson and "Shorty" Allen. Only one division.

I was not able to attend the State Fair, but I think Don Leith will fill you in on these details.

Letters from members:

I received a parcel in the mail the other day. It contained a very lovely trophy, having a guitar mounted on a small white stone, back dropped with a large piece of hardwood. On the base is engraved: To Marshal Jackson for his help in the preservation of oldtime fiddling, 1969.

I did a little phoning to find out who sent this nice trophy to me. I found out it was a very neighborly act done by Kenny and Maxine Brank, all on their own.

Thank you so very much, Ken and Maxine. You have certainly made me happy. I won't cut off your mustache now, Kenny.

Signed, Marshal Jackson

Friend Charles and all:

We had a nice time at the Salem Fair. Good old outdoor fiddle weather.

I have a couple of ideas to share with you. At our jam sessions it would be different to have each one play five tunes in five minutes. Anything old or new. I also have a ditty to the tune of Little Brown Jug To wit: Grandpa in a speedy car. Pushed the throttle down too far. Twinkle twinkle little star, Music by the D.A.R.

I will pay \$1.00 for any added verses to this for any fiddlers or friends. (Sorry, Clarence, but I can't read that last line)

Signed, Clarence Greenland.

As we have moved, we are sending you our new address:

P.O. Box 5433 Charleston, Oregon 97420.

We are managing the Charleston Travel Park which is near the boat basin. For those who enjoy Boating and fishing, as well as fiddling, we have lots of over night camping spaces at a reasonable price with the usual facilities that a camper enjoys.

The annual fiddler's contest at Canyonville on August 23rd was a very successful event. There were fiddlers from 13 to 85 years of age. Billy Warwick of Williams, Oregon, formerly of Santa Rosa, Calif. is only 13. He has been playing that fiddle since last Easter and placed No. 7. Billy plays a real fine fiddle and his place on the winning list will be much higher before too long. Jim Breeding of Wolf Creek, Oregon was honored as the oldest fiddler, age 85. He still knows how to put a fiddle and bow together for some mighty pleasing results. Jim Estes of Yreka, Calif. won first place followed by Earl Willis and Gay Spurlock.

We were sorry to miss the State Fair, but it was our lot to move to our new home on that day.

Signed, Else and Earl Willis.

---Coming Events---

The September potluck dinner and Jamboree will be held at the Fernwood Grange. About one mile east of Newburg on the Highway (99W) there is a blinker light. Turn south there, about ¼ mile to Fernwood Grange. The building is visable from the Highway. There will be church services being held in this building until 12 Noon. You may enter the basement on the south side of the building beofre that, but please, no fiddling until the services are over. It is a nice building and easy to get to, so let's all go and have a ball. The kitchen and dining room will be open to make coffee and get the dinner under way by 11 A.M. as usual.

The only contest that I have for September so far is at Yakima September 25th, 26th and 27th, at Their big Fair. This is always a good big fair and a good contest, so let's all go and have fun. Foreigners, such as Oregonians, are always welcome.

We were sorry to learn one of our members, Earl Hunter of Salem passed away August 16th. Flowers were sent in the name of the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association. Our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Hunter.

C.N.J.

Results of Oregon State Fair Fiddling Contest: We had a good day at the State Fair and a very good turnout of Fiddlers; total of nineteen fiddlers entering the contest.

Judges were: Ed Gorham, Don Loring and Don Leith.

Winners were as follows:

Open Division: George Jenkerson, Portland, 1st; Eddie Johnson, Salem, 2nd; Kenneth Brank, Zinlock, Washington, 3rd;.

Senior Division:

Ray Mack, Salem, 1st; Cliff Buker, Waldport, 2nd; Charley Wymer, Salem, 3rd; Bill Webber, Portland, 4th.

Don Leith.

To The Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association:

Your kind expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged. The flowers were beautiful.

Mrs. Earl Hunter.