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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Coming up is the big event of the year for fiddlers and fiddler followers: The National Oldtime Fiddle Contest at Weiser, Idaho. This year the four day activities will begin June 21 and culminate in the grand finale Saturday June 24. This year should provide another great National Contest, and I urge all oldtime fiddle fans to attend if you have never done so. Those who have been there need no urging to go back, I have no official confirmation, but have been told that the judges this year will be Herman Johnson of Oklahoma, Joe Panczerwski, Wash., Jana Grief, Calif., Gene Wilhite, Indiana and Harry Hanson of Nebraska. Some of the changes in the National Contest this year include the addition of a division called Junior Juniors for under 12, and the change in age for Seniors from 70 and over to 65 and over.

There was some mighty fine fiddling heard over at Pendleton last May 20, when our State Oldtime Fiddle Contest was held. Bill Yohey emerged victorius, and now holds two top titles: Northwest Regional Champion and Oregon State Champion. See story herein on the contest for complete details. Our next Jam Session is scheduled for Sweet Home June 11. There are complete details about that in this Hoedowner also. Hope to see as many of you there as possible.

WAYNE HOLMES

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM THE UNWORTHY VICE-PRES.

The Southern Division was established to encourage participation in the southern part of the State. One Jam Session a month was insufficient due to the size of our State and the vast number of miles many people had to travel to attend.

In my opinion the Southern Division has increased our membership, participation and strength of the State Organization as well as brought many hours of enjoyment to many people who otherwise would have been deprived of Old Time Fiddling.

It has been brought to my attention that people are drawing boundaries between the Northern division and the Southern division. We don't want to see this happen. We want everyone to go where they can, as often as they can. Whether we live north or south, we are all Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Assoc. members and are working for a common goal. That goal is to preserve and encourage Old Time Fiddling and above all to have a good time doing it.

EARL AULMAN

EDITORS NOTE:

I feel that a word of explanation is in order about the heading for our Vice-Pres. article. Earl asked me to head this article in this way, but I feel he is wrong on one of the words. I think he is very worthy of the office and has been doing a fine job so far.

RON

