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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We had a business meeting at Warwicks' during the campout and among other things, we discussed the possibility of buying 15 or 20 acres in some nice part of the state for a campground for members of our Association. It would be an investment for us. We could have light and water hookups for trailers, campers, etc. There would be many details, so give it some thought. We can discuss it at the convention. This in no way would interfere with Warwick's campout. Nothing can take the place of that. Red told me that he hasn't any plans to make any changes and that we are always welcome. They are very hospitable and good friends to all of the fiddlers.

If anyone has any ideas or any property or suggestions please let me know. This could be a great thing for us to have. Keep on fiddling.

Jim Secor

THANK YOU NOTES

I would like to thank all my friends in the organization who have expressed their good wishes with cards and calls since I have been ill. I will be having surgery soon, followed by chemotherapy and it's great having friends who care. Keep on fiddling.

Al Tester

"I am in Rogue Valley Hospital recovering from a heart attack, and I wish to thank all the nice people who sent me cards and visited me here. Also a special thanks to the old time fiddlers from district 4 for the lovely flowers they sent. Thank you all very much.

Alfred Delarme, 925 Grant St. Medford, Ore. 97501

This year, as usual, the campout at the Warwick Ranch was a huge success; thanks to our gracious hosts, the super weather and the beautiful clean, green campground. A bright moon, a warm crackling bonfire and the background music from the softly gurgling creek, all combined to inspire the happy musicians to their very best efforts every night.

Just one big fly in this beautiful "ointment"! A breakdown in the plumbing system at the bathhouse! And what a catastrophe.

Fiddlers are an ingenious bunch, besides being clean. A garden hose was thrust through a hole in the wall, but only one fiddler mustered the courage to brave the rigors of the icy shower. As a result, the cost of a new tank was willingly and quickly contributed by the campers, and a brand new system was hauled into place.

Everyone breathed a sigh of relief and settled back in his or her respective degree of effluvia to await the glad moment. Fiddlers are also a resourceful group. Among the crowd, there's always some generous fellow with "know-how" and a willing spirit. After the better part of three hot days' hard labor with the aid of only one young lad and a host of sidewalk superintendents the task was finished. The new hot-water tank was ready for business!

I'm wondering if any of us remembered to give proper expressions of appreciation and thanks to CARLTON SMITH???

Minnie Bennett

John Ullman stopped by the other night with the news that he is helping to put on another show at Reed College. He certainly has done a lot for the old time fiddling and he is now trying to record information on all old time ways, other than music. He feels that if it is not put down on paper there things will be lost to our future generation. The group that he has brought are "The Boys of the Lough" which has one of the world's best fiddlers, Aly Bain. They will be at Reed, Wednesday, October 13th at 8:00 PM in the Reed Commons. Aly Bain comes from Lerwick in the Shetland Islands and learned his fiddle playing from Tom Anderson, the expert on Traditional Shetland Music. Although he plays all kinds of fiddle music, including jazz and country music, his main interest still lies in the music of his own islands.

Mike Seeger will be at the University of Portland, Tuesday October 26th at 8:00PM.

District 1

Reporter.....Lee Eddy

Our district has had some good times this month. The contest at The Tule Lake Fair was well attended by District 1 and also District 4 including Yreka. The winners were Ralph Dias, Yreka, Cal. for best All Around Fiddler - Rocky Dudley, Klamath Falls for the Oldest Fiddler and Pat Reed, Klamath Falls for Best Junior. It was a good contest and well enjoyed by the crowd and judged by crowd applause.

Some of us attended the Canyonville Contest and enjoyed it very much. I thought the contest was a great success. The Deatons do such a good job each year and Homer McLain from District 1 won 4th place in the intermediate group.

On Aug. 29th part of our District played for the dance at Cedarville, Cal. Our fiddlers and accompanist did a fine job and the Cedarville people certainly enjoyed their music.

Several couples from District 1 were at the campout at the Warwick Ranch. We met some old friends and made some new ones and had a super good time. Thanks to the efforts of Martha and Red Warwick. It was a real experience to be there for a couple of days.

Our monthly get-together was Saturday night, the 18th of Sept. We had a spaghetti feed and a real nice time. Next meeting and get-together will be Saturday the 9th of October at Merrill Recreation Center, Merrill, Oregon. Potluck at 7:00 PM. Bring hot dish and salad or dessert. See you there.

District 4

Reporter.....Martha Warwick

Southern Oregon has had a good month. Fiddlers have been busy at Rest Homes, senior citizen groups, lodges, schools, festivals, etc. There is always a house party somewhere on weekends. Others of our fiddlers who can, attend fiddle functions around the state. The annual campout was, for the 5th time, a real success. We want to thank everyone for the many thank you cards and letters. Our weather was perfect this year.

October 3rd will be the regular monthly jam session to be in Ashland at the Womens Club House, 59 Winburg Way on the plaza next to the American Legion Hall. Potluck and jam session. On November 14th we will meet for our monthly potluck and jam ses-

sion at the Grange Hall in Wimer, Oregon. The Hoesters will host this one.

December 18th will be the annual District 4 Christmas Party, It will be at Jerome Prairie Hall. More details later. It should be a fun weekend and overnight camping there at the hall.

More on District 4 by the Deaton'sWinners of the Canyonville Contest

Juniors:

- 1st Darla Cobb
- 2nd Cynthia Bartlett
- 3rd Grant Wheeler
- 4th Tiffany Wheeler

Seniors:

- 1st Hugh Samples
- 2nd Jonas Cox
- 3rd Van Southwood
- 4th Gus Pearson
- 5th Julian Christiani

Intermediate:

- 1st Guy Kinman
- 2nd C.S. Chappell
- 3rd LeRoy Sim
- 4th Homer McLain
- 5th Stuart Williams

Open:

- 1st Connie Bonar
- 2nd Loretta Brank
- 3rd Bill Yohey
- 4th Carol Ann Wheeler
- 5th Fred Virtue

I want to thank the fiddlers and accompanists for their good turn-out. I also want to thank Mary Holmes, Martha Warwick, Etta Powell, Dixie Samples, and Fern Samples for their help. An enthusiastic crowd of about 400 enjoyed the evening program.

***** Gym Deaton

District 5

Reporter.....Geri Virtue

We had a good turnout for the Cranberry Festival. Several fiddlers and accompanists rode in the parade. The jam session was MC'd by Dorothy Houston, who always does a very nice job. There were 20 fiddlers, 13 accompanists and we had 10 specials, Cliff and Bessie Buker, Minnie Bennett, Mel Turner with a special rag time number and a young girl from Port Orford, Or. Joyce Henry, who is new to our organization, did a fiddle number.

On December 11th, we will have our Christmas Party at the Reedsport Community Building beginning at 3:00 PM. There will be a \$1.00 gift exchange in the afternoon so bring a gift, male for a male, female for a female. Potluck will be at 5:00 PM and doors will open to the public at 7:00 PM. There will be a jam session with a dance afterwards. Hope to see you all there.

District 6

Reporter.....David Boyd

Things have been a bit quiet in the Eugene area this summer. We have played at the Cottage Grove Fair, at the Applegate affair in Crow and for the Historical Society in Eugene. Playing is fun, so lets hope we can get things going again soon.

District 7

Reporter.....Fred Hildebrandt

Gresham Senior Citizens have invited the fiddlers to join them at their potluck and have a jam in the afternoon. They have enjoyed us playing out there and they always have a very nice turnout. So bring your main dish, salad or dessert and come join them on October 24th. Doors open at 10:00 AM Potluck at 12:00. Location is 50 N.E. Elliot in Gresham, Oregon.

We have a little news item from Gladys Braskett. The Andersons and the Brasketts were vacationing in Canada and stopped off in Merritt where a fiddle contest was being held. Del and Gladys both entered the limited class of 10 fiddlers and Del won second place trophy. Congratulations, Del.

District 8:

Reporter.....Bea Smith

Thanks from us all to the Warwick Family for another great campout. We'll all be looking forward to next year. We had a rather small jam session at Salom, not many fiddlers but with specials, we had a good program. Thanks to the Wilson's for help in making arrangements, kitchen and cleanup. Our next jam session will be Oct. 31st at Lincoln City Grange Hall. Doors open at 10:00 AM, potluck at noon and program at 1:00 PM. Open to the public. Watch for fiddler signs about 6 or 8 blocks past the D River, then turn left. We're really proud of our District 8 fiddler - Gus Pearson. He won a beautiful trophy for 4th place at Canyonville. My thanks to the Dave Robinson's, Gus Pearson's, Les McLeod's and the Don Cameron's for a lovely birthday party. Aren't friends great. See you at Lincoln City.

Our Fiddler For The Month of October, 1976

L.D. Daniel

L.D. (Lloyd Denzil) Daniel was born in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, Sept. 8, 1929. He, with his four brothers and four sisters were brought up on a little farm in Hico Township, five miles south of Siloam. L.D., as he is familiarly known, was fortunate to have been the son of an old-time Fiddler, Ben Daniel, and can remember sitting in the corner, as a child, listening as his father played for square dancing.

The urge to play fiddle like his father began to take hold of L D when he was about 10 years old, so while his dad was at work, he would sneak the old fiddle out from under the bed and try to play it. It was very discouraging and he didn't make much headway, but the longing to play did not leave him. In 1946 L D came to Oregon. While on his way, in Kingman, Arizona, he bought a fiddle. He tried for a year to learn to play it but became discouraged and gave it up. When his father died, his mother gave him the old fiddle and he again tried to learn to play it. He worked for about two years until he became too involved in raising his family and making a living to bother with fiddling.

In 1967 L D attended the annual Potato Festival in Redmond, Ore. and had the good fortune to listen to the fine fiddling of Bill Yohey, Don Gish and Rusty Modrell. He was so impressed with their music he went back the next two years just to hear the fiddlers play. The old urge took hold of him again and he decided to do something about it. In 1970 he joined the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers at Central Point, Oregon and has been playing ever since. According to him, he has never had such fun and enjoyment.

L D has since won quite a fine degree of success with his "South-Paw" fiddling. He has attended contests over the state and won several trophies and prizes. Added to his fiddling ability, he has also become quite proficient as a guitar accompanist.

L D is a good-natured, friendly person with a very engaging, happy smile. He is always heartily welcomed by his many friends, wherever he goes.

Minnie Bennett, Historian