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COMING EVENTS

				DIST.
June 4	Contest	62 Days	Canyon City, Or	
June 12	Jam Session	Wimer Grange	Wimer, Or	4
June 21-25	National Contest	High School	Weiser, Idaho	
July 2	Contest	Grade School	Clatskanie, Or	7
July 4	Jam Session	Lithea Fairgrounds	Ashland, Or	4
July 10	Picnic Jam Session	Blue Lake Park	Troutdale, Or	7
July 22-23	Contest	High School Gym	Joseph, Or	
July 29	Jam Session	Wooden Nickel Days	Myrtle Creek, Or	5
July 30	Contest	High School	Drain, Or	4
Aug. 27	Contest	High School	Canyonville, Or	4
Aug. 28 - Sept 5	Campout	Warwick Ranch	Williams, Or	4

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

I have received a lot of helpful suggestions and ideas from many of you with regards to our association activities. To help me with the many areas we are concerned with, the following is a list of Chairpersons appointed to help handle the various committee assignments.

1. Summer Shows - Director, Wayne Holmes
2. Real Estate Investigation Committee - Chairman, Wayne Walter
3. Contest Rules Revision Committee - Chairperson, Carol Ann Wheeler
4. By-Law Committee - Chairman, Les Tucker
5. Membership Committee - Chairman, Marshall Jackson
6. State Contest Committee - LeRoy Sims
7. State Convention Committee - Chairman, John Melnichuk

These people will be calling on many of you to help out on these very important committees, so please give them a hand. As we have our quarterly business meetings this year, we will report on progress being made by these various groups.

Please take a minute to drop me a note in regards to your ideas or suggestions on both the State contest and State Convention for next year.

John Melnichuk

WINNERS OF PENDLETON CONTEST

JUNIORS	SENIORS	INTERMEDIATE	OPEN	CHAMPION
1. Jess Cooper	Walt Linglitz	Nolan Murry	Jack Darland	Sam Sloan
2. Doug Thomas	Fay Sneed	Linda Chandler	Ivan McDaniels	Patsy Mercer
3. Loretta Brank	Leon Stevens	Jim Thomas	Jonie McDonald	Chuck Griffin
4. Bryan Goode	Fred Hildebrandt	Jim Norriss	Kenneth Brank	John Francis
5. Randy Sloan	Wilber Taylor	Pady Goode	LeRoy Sims	Carol Ann Wheeler

NEWS OF COMING CONTESTS

62 DAYS

55th Annual 62 Days, Canyon City, Ore. June 3-4-5th in Canyon City, Oregon. The

fiddle contest will be Friday and Saturday. Exact time was not sent to us or the amount of entry fee or prizes, but anyone interested in entering should contact Ellen Stull, Sec. 575-1462 Work, or 575-1992 Residence.

NEBRASKA STATE COUNTRY MUSIC CHAMPIONSHIP - JUNE 10-11-12th

Contest will be held in the Douglas County Fairgrounds at Waterloo, Neb. The contest is the benefit of all country music performers of all kinds to not only provide a stage for them to perform on, but also to provide good clean family entertainment for the whole weekend. Admission is only \$2.00 per day or \$5.00 for the 3-day weekend, and camping is free. Featured at the contest will be the Friday night "OLD-TIME OPRY SHOW," a big free Gypsy Flea Market, an Arts & Crafts competition under the auspices of the Nebraska Arts Council, an Antique Display competition and over \$2,500 in prize money, trophies, certificates of participation and recording studio time awarded in 9 categories of competition. For further information contact Everett Hicks at 1914 North 40th St., Omaha, Neb. 68111.

INTERNATIONAL FIDDLE CONTEST:

June 10-11 The International Oldtime Fiddlers Contest will be held at the International Peace Garden located on the border between the United States and Canada near the Geographical Center of North America, 10 miles north of Dunseth, North Dakota, on US Hwy 281 and 15 miles south of Boissevain, Manitoba Hwy 10. Judges will be Joe Pancerczewski, Enumclaw, Wa, Bob Steinborn, Swift Current, Sask, Can., Willard Ferch, Melstone, Montana.

ANNUAL OLD-TIME FIDDLERS AND BLUEGRASS CONVENTION

June 16-17-18th Chilhowid, Wa. 40 acres of music, camping and fun. 2,280.00 in cash prizes. No electric instruments, horns or drums. They must have your registration before June 6th.

HERITAGE DAYS OLD TIME FIDDLERS CONTEST:

July 2nd is the date. Place: High School in Clatskanie, Or. Judges will be Penny Mead, Bob Fast and Jim Heard. There will be a Senior, Open, Intermediate, Junior and Junior, Junior Division. Weiser rules will be used. Only one division may be entered. Any additional information please contact me or Connie P. Reed, Chairman. Rt. 2 Box 361, Clatskanie, Oregon 97016. Parking for trailers and campers on school grounds with washrooms available at no cost for contestants and their families.

CENTRUM:

A Fiddle Tunes Festival will be held July 4th thru July 10th at Port Townsend, Wa. There will be an old timey fiddles, banjo and band contest on July 8th and 9th, also many work shops. If anyone is interested, please call me as we have the brochure and will mail it to anyone interested.

WILLOWA COUNTY CONTEST:

John Melnichuk has been asked to pass on the information that there will be a contest July 22 - 23 at the High School Gym in Joseph, Oregon. The agenda is: Willowa County and Senior Contest, Friday at 7:00 PM, Jr., Intermediate, Open and Championship, Saturday at 7:00 PM. There will be 18 trophies awarded and \$495.00 in prize money. This is sponsored by the Enterprize Volunteer Fire Dept.

DISTRICT #1

Our schedule was full again this month. We played for the downtown and shopping center merchants and Chamber of Commerce Assoc., the Kingsley Field Air Show, Licensed Practical Nurses and the four nursing homes.

Our regular meeting was great. We wish to thank everyone for coming and helping make it so enjoyable. Our next scheduled regular meeting is June 11th. It will be held at Crescent, Ore. in the Crescent Community Hall. Potluck at 6:30 PM, open to the public at 8:00. Bring your own table service.

The regular jam session for July will be held in Lakeview, Oregon on July 9th in the Memorial Hall Court House. Keep that date open and we will see you there.

Irene Ruddock

DISTRICT #4 REPORTS

District 4 has invited everyone to come and help put on The Old-Time Fiddlers Jamboree at the Lithia Park Old-Time Fiddlers Jamboree in Ashland, Or. It will be sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and Ashland Senior Citizens. They will give a donation to our district in place of a contest. Time has not been announced as yet.

Dorene Windleman

DISTRICT #5 NEWS

We had a good jam session at Gold Beach the 22nd of May. We and four fiddlers, Les McLeod, Charlie Vernard, Fred Virtue and Clell Mason, 12 accompanists. Mr. Johnson from Gold Beach secured the VFW hall for us, and also plays a great bass fiddle. Sam Trask razzled and dazzled us with a few songs which were great. We also want to give thanks to Joe and Martha Scheiblaver from Gold Hill. A big thanks for coming and joining us.

Geri Virtue

DISTRICT #6

Our members have been travelling to various affairs around the state and to Seattle. Enthusiasm is generating for the Bend contest. Our district will be well represented. We had a great time at Elmira where we honored our Life Time membership holders. Earl Willes, a "lifer" and his wife Elsie keep the ball rolling with an ambitious program of entertaining, much of it devoted to those who are unable to travel. A big HURRAH!! for them.

A number of our members have opened their homes for jam sessions, always fun and much appreciated.

We wish to extend a big warm welcome to our many new members.

Poco Boyd

DISTRICT #7 NEWS

District 7 is sponsoring a Fiddlers Picnic July 10th at Blue Lake Park. Everyone bring something for Potluck and also your place setting. We will not be playing our usual way because we want a relaxed day so we will just JAM, eat, rest and visit. We have the band stand and the mike will be set up and we will play music off and on as much as we want. Come around 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM or whenever. Blue Lake Park is located at N.E. 223rd and Marine Drive. It is in the Fairview District.

Our jam session at Bay City was very successful. We didn't have a lot of fiddlers, 8 in total, 7 accompanists, but the music was good and the crowd was wonderful. Thanks to Dach and everyone of you who came and helped out.

Penny Mead

FIDDLER OF THE MONTH FOR MAY 1977

GEORGE STOUT

Viola, Wisconsin was the place of his birth, but George has lived most of his life in Oregon. When he was 6 years old, George's father and grandfather made a 3/4 size fiddle out of a lemon crate. (George thinks perhaps that's why some of his notes are sour). He took a couple of years training when he was quite young and later played in high school orchestra.

Besides his fiddle, George plays mandolin and Cello, does some chording on the

piano and a bit on the electric organ. He started playing in public about 1927 and had his own orchestra for four or five years. In 1971, George joined The Old Time Fiddlers Association because he enjoys playing and "listening to the good guys" play the old time music.

George is an interested member and has taken an active part in the association, both state and in his own community. He says he has not won any honors except for 5th place in the open contest at Myrtle Point in 1972. He has entered the National Contest at Weiser several times and although "scared to death" he did better than he believed he could do. George means to keep on trying, always with the thought and hope that he can do better next time. Good luck to you, George.

Minnie Bennett, Historian

WINNERS STATE CONTEST, 1977

<u>OPEN</u>	<u>INTERMEDIATE</u>	<u>SENIORS</u>	<u>JUNIOR</u>	<u>ACCOMPANIST AWARD</u>
1- Carol Wheeler	Guy Kinman	Fred Hildebrandt	Jess Cooper	Eldon Powell
2- John Melnichuk	Jim Moores	Ed Johnson		Jim Hoots
3- Bill Warwick	Steve Bennett	Hank Wobbe		June Secor
4- Bill Yohey	L.D. Daniel	Hugh Samples		
5- Johnny McDonald	Dale Johnson	Walt Langlitz		
6- Wayne Holmes	Jack Darland			
7- Jim Hoots	Penny Mead			

All Junior-Juniors received trophies and were:

Grant Wheeler, Mike Dukart, Scott Ranes, James Brown, Valorie Jeffers and Tiffany Wheeler.

NEWS FROM YREKA, CALIF.

We have again been asked to play at the Yreka Fairgrounds on July 4th at 8:00 PM in the grandstand area. Instead of a contest, it will be a jam session and therefore no trophies will be awarded. We hope to have a large turnout of players and as usual a large audience will be expected. See all of you there.

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DISTRICT #8 REPORTS

We had a nice crowd at Buell Grange jam session May 22nd. Only 12 fiddlers, but several accompanists and some fine specials, thanks to all.

We had an hour or more of dancing which everyone enjoyed. We won't have a jam session in June, too many other commitments. We hope as many as possible will come and ride on the truck in the Phil Sheridan Days Parade June 18th at 6 PM. Everyone to meet at 5:30 at Faulcouer School.

This reporter has been learning to play the guitar again after many years. Thanks to our local group of fiddlers and guitar pickers for helping me. I do so enjoy it at our get-togethers. Here's for pickin' & grinning.

Bea Smith