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COMING EVENTS

Oct 13-----State Jam Session-----Buell Grange, Buell, Oregon
Oct 19-----State Board of Directors Meeting---Albany, Oregon
Oct 27-----Jam Session - Wimer Grange Hall---Wimer, Oregon
Nov 3-----Jam Session - Sunnyside Grange----Portland, Oregon
Nov 10-----Jam Session - American Legion Hall-Central Point, Oregon
Nov 16-----Contest - Tentative-----Bend, Oregon
Nov 22 & 23-----Contest-----Madera, Oregon
Nov 24-----State Jam Session-----Albany or Corvallis, Oregon
Dec 15-----Jam Session & Christmas Party-----Grants Pass Community Center
Jan 26-----Jam Session - Fairgrounds-----Roseburg, Oregon

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There will be a State Board of Director's meeting in Albany at the Lorings residence, 1133 So. Sherman, Saturday, Oct. 1st at 1:00 PM. Telephone number 928-7548. Please have all District Chairmen attend or send a Proxy.

A very informative letter from Dolores "Fiddlin" DeRyke of Lincoln, Nebraska announced the formation of another organization, "The National Traditional Old Time Fiddlers" by the Northeast Fiddler's Association. They will conduct workshops on maintaining the standards of judging traditional Fiddling. Also will have Fiddling contests based on these standards. This is of particular interest to me, because, although I enjoy all types of fiddling. I feel that the real oldtime fiddling is being distorted to more of a technical performance than just plain old foot stompin, happy, good feeling inside, music. This letter is too lengthy to put in the Hoedowner, so if any member would like a copy, write to Dulcie Fast, 3707 SE Clinton, Portland, Or 97202.

DISTRICT #1 REPORTS

Our Fiddlers have been kinda resting up since the Warwick Campout. We all wish to express our appreciation to Red and Martha for having this each year. As usual there was a real spirit of neighborliness there.

Some entered the Fiddler's Contest at the Butte Valley Fair at Tulelake, Calif. Rocky Dudley received a trophy for being the oldest fiddler entered and Pat Reed received one for being the youngest. L.D. Daniel was voted most entertaining fiddler, Billy Warwick won the Best Fiddler Award and Alice Gish was the Best Young Fiddler. Bill Noble, Irven Johnson, Homer McLain and Terry McLain, Charlie Thurman, Jack Pollock, Will Noble also entered it. Don Gish played several special numbers and he and Bill Warwick played a special number. Don passed out the trophies and it was a very entertaining show on a beautiful sunny afternoon. Irven Johnson and L.D. Daniel also entered the Hog Calling Contest. It was won by a lady hog caller.

We gained some new members, Henry Weller, Box 243, Doris, Cal. and Lester and Lois Tucker, 8349 Booth Road, Klamath Falls, Ore. Lester is a Fiddler. We welcome you folks and hope to see you at some of the Jam Sessions as well as fiddling at them. Fiddlers, don't forget the Klamath Basin Potato Festival. We play at the Barbecue. Be there by 12:30 or right after the parade. See you there.

Ann Johnson

DISTRICT #4 REPORTS

The Warwick Ranch at Williams, Ore. was the setting for another week of fun, food and music. The weather co-operated. We had many moonlight nights around the campfire as we played music, ate apple cobbler and visited. A program was worked out every evening for the audience that came to listen. Good crowds attended every evening. Saturday night being the largest, approximately 300 people. Brian Baker from Martinez, Cal., the Burl Ives of the camp, furnished us with beautiful folk singing. We also conducted a Sunday morning worship service. We are very grateful to you, Brian, and were happy for your presence. The fiddlers played at Messingers Produce Stand and were given all the fresh produce we could eat. It did taste so good - corn, peppers, watermelon, squash and tomatoes. We enjoyed pot luck dinners in the evenings and to round out the week, we had a chicken barbecue. Our thanks go out to Mrs. Stella Neadhammer for her effort in getting us a piano. Also to Pick and Margaret Wood, owners of the Grants Pass Music Store who loaned us one of their brand new ones. The campout was a grand success and more people came this year than ever before, of course, we all want to express our thanks to that great family, the Warwick's, who made all this possible. About 52 campers and trailers came. Some from California and Washington. Fiddlers from every District were represented. Do plan to come next year and join the great week of fun.

DISTRICT #4 and #6 REPORTS

We had a delightful time at the Applegate Estate in Yoncalla. There were 13 Fiddlers present and nine seconds. The guests were mostly invited, since there would not have been room for the public jam session we usually have. As it was, there were about 100 guests. The old mansion is unique. One family blood line has occupied it since it was built. The great great granddaughter lives there now. After our fiddlers had given their program, Don Gish led the fiddlers jamming in the yard for the next two hours while the Applegate Sisters conducted tours through their home. So much of it is original furnishings and each generation since has added it's bit to history. George Abbill, the curator of Douglas County Museum, brought a fiddle once owned by Jesse James. There was also a couple of fiddles made by one of the early Applegate Brothers. Our Fiddlers were allowed to play these fiddles. We enjoyed a delicious potluck under the big trees in the yard. Some Fiddlers played while others ate, so we had dinner music all the while. Thankyou Susan and Shannon Applegate for sharing your historical home with us. Fiddlers were Jim Rose, Roy Summers, Paul Lakey, Jim Morris, Ralph Houston, Billy Warwick, Eldon Powell, Floyd Harmon, Chris Christiani, Linda Danielson, Jack McCasland, Don Gish and Blanch Shoemaker. Seconds were Dave Winkelman, Susan Applegate, Carroll Bass, Will Stump, Delores Lakey, Al Ponderlich, Carol Wood, Don and Ruth Loring. This lovely day was a fine kick off for our fall season of fiddling. I'm sure all of our Fiddlers have had a fine summer with Weiser, Fairs, filling invitations, private parties and trips, ending the summer with another successful campout.

In Memorium: Bob George, one of our own members of Grants Pass, and Mrs. Laura Hoerster lost her mother.

DISTRICT #7 REPORTS

Sunday, Sept. 15th, the Warner Grange put on a big pancake feed. The Old Time Fiddlers were invited to furnish the music. There was quite a turn out. We all en-

joyed a fine breakfast of pancakes, bacon or ham and eggs. There was lots of fiddling and dancing. The players were Wayne Walter, Bill Yohey, Fred Hildebrandt, Mura Collins, Bob Fast, Guy Kyler, Frank Williams, Leonard Maahs, Penny Mead, Charley Johnson, Valdemar Nelson, Gladys Braskett, Eva Caldwell, Erle Beckette, Clarence Greenlund, Del Anderson, Wes Brunson, P.H. Olson, Don and Ruth Loring, Frank Kirwan, Marshall Jackson, Stan Gleason, Ed Mead, June Secor, Minnie Bennett, Howard Leonard and Frank Warner. Wally Weaver and Dave Robinson did specials on the harmonica.

Fred and his fiddlers played at the Northwest Towers in Portland on Sept. 11. Tuesday the 24th they played in Oregon City for the Golden Age Club. The next evening the gang played at West Moreland Union Manor. Those helping him were; Bill Weber, Charley Johnson, Jim and Gladys Braskett, Del Anderson, Eva Caldwell, Valdemar Nelson, Erle Beckette, Minnie Bennett, Frank Warner, Netta Mae Rymel, Ed Gorham, Mura Collins, Wayne Walter and Bob Fast.

Sept. 22nd a bunch of Old Time Fiddlers were asked to play at the Mt. Hood Community Center, south of Hood River. Fiddlers were Fred Hildebrandt, Penny Mead, Gladys Braskett, Del Anderson, Marshall Jackson, Bob Fast, Cecil Snow and Elmer Wilson. Accompanying them along with Gladys, Penny and Marshall were John Dougherty, Jim Braskett, Ed Mead, Mark Petty and Bud Brown. Marshall, John and Bob played a mandolin special and Mark did a Banjo special.

Saturday, Sept. 21st Wayne Walter was in charge of entertainment for the installation of the Rainbow Girls at the Masonic Temple at 6th and Burnside in Portland. Players were Bill Yohey, Wayne Walter, Bob Fast, Stan Gleason, Mike Walter and June Secor.

We are sorry that June Secor fell and broke her knee cap. She is laid up in the Salem Memorial Hospital, but we expect her to be home soon. Hurry up June, we need you on that piano. Our friend George Jenkerson is in the hospital in Portland, Emanuel Hospital, Room 374. He has had surgery and we hope to see him out and around soon. Sorry to hear Edna Yohey's brother-in-law passed away. We extend our sympathies to her and her family.

Bob Fast

DISTRICT #8 REPORTS

There will be a State Jam Session at Buell Grange, Oct. 13th. We are hoping for a large crowd and lots of good old time fiddlin. Come join us. Potluck at noon, show at 1:00.

NEWS FROM CALIFORNIA

A late report on the Callahan Fiddling Contest which was a great success with Delbert McGrath winning first place, Billy Warwick second place and Jana Grief third place. The judges were Jonas Cox from Talent, Ore., Phil Simmons from Medford, Ore., and Orvel Poteet from Lodi, Cal. The winners of this years contest will be next years judges, if they are unable to attend, they will appoint someone to take their place. I want to personally thank all the Fiddlers and judges for helping make this a fun thing as well as a darn good contest. Hoping to see you all next year.

Ralph E. Dias,
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A SPECIAL THANK YOU

I want to thank the Fiddler's Organization for the flowers and cards during my stay in the Hospital.

George Jenkerson

CANYONVILLE CONTEST SUCCESSFUL

Results of the Canyonville Contest held on Saturday, August 24th are found in a separate article. The purpose of this article is to thank all the persons responsible for making our contest the most successful yet.

I want to thank all fiddlers and seconds who have so faithfully shown up each year; Wayne Holmes for his always efficient emcee work; Judges, Rusty Modrell, Bill Warwick and Charles Johnson; Tabulators, Marie Harmon, Martha Warwick and Etta Powell (These gals have an exacting job that rarely gets a mention unless a mistake is made); and Ticket Sellers, Paul and Delores Lakey. Always appreciated are the special acts which this year included Charlie Francis, Wally Weaver, Carla Cox, John Melnichuk, Tim Hawkins, Don White, The Sims Family, Bill Yohey, Don Gish, Bill Warwick, Rusty Modrell and Wayne Holmes. Please forgive me if I overlooked anyone. Linda Danielson also has my special thanks for her always efficient volunteer help. Also the accompanists are so appreciated. And of course, the people who showed up to listen. They are most certainly important to a successful contest.

The evening show was very well attended with almost a full house. For the first time we drew the audience that the talent presented deserves. The persistent hard work by everyone involved each year has begun to show and hopefully the future years will continue to be most successful. We will try to install fans or some means to cool the gym in the future.

The \$100.00 profit made from the Canyonville Contest this year (the first profit ever) was turned over to Gynn Deaton by the Pioneer Days Committee to contribute to the Warwick Camp-out to which all fiddlers, seconds, and their families are invited for the week following the Canyonville Contest each year. It was felt that in this way, all participants could be shown that Canyonville appreciates the efforts of the Oregon Old Time Fiddler's Association to keep this good oldtime music alive in Canyonville.

Gynn Deaton
Canyonville Contest Director

DISTRICT #8 REPORTS

There will be a State Jam Session at Mill Grange, Oct. 13th. We are hoping for a large crowd and lots of good old time fiddling. Come join us. Potluck at noon, show at 1:00.

NEWS FROM CALIFORNIA

A late report on the California Fiddling Contest which was a great success with Robert Roberts winning first place, Billy Warwick second place and Jane Grier third place. The judges were James Cox from Talent, Ore., Phil Simmons from Medford, Ore., and Arvel Foster from Redd, Cal. The winners of this years contest will be next years judges, if they are unable to attend, they will appoint someone to take their place. I want to personally thank all the fiddlers and judges for helping make this a fun thing as well as a damn good contest. Hoping to see you all next year.

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