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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The summer contest season is winding down. The Missouri Valley Old-Time Fiddlers Reunion has come and gone. Another Mid-America Old-Time Fiddling Championship is now history. We had a well attended and successful State Fair Championship. I hope everyone had a chance to get out this summer to many events in spite of the hot weather.

It is time once again to send in dues for the 1987-88 year. If a red "X" appears in the box below then you need to send in your \$5.00 annual dues. An envelope has been enclosed for your convenience. Thanks.

GOVERNOR SIGNS BILL MAKING FIDDLE OFFICIAL STATE INSTRUMENT

In a ceremony in the Governor's Capitol Building office on June 17, 1987, Governor John Ashcroft signed into law House Bill No. 630 making the fiddle the official state instrument of Missouri (see below). The new law will mean the inclusion of the fiddle along with the bluebird, dogwood tree and hawthorne as an official symbol of the Show-Me state.

In signing the bill Governor Ashcroft noted the importance of the fiddle in the lives of those who settled this region. Representative Doyle Childers (R-132 dist.) on hand for the signing pointed out the importance of this bill from both a cultural and economic standpoint.

Bob Walsh of Cape Fair and Gordon McCann of Springfield played "Rag Time Annie" as Governor Ashcroft signed copies of the bill for presentation to those involved in its passage. Other present were Representative Ken Fiebelman (sponsor of the bill from Dent County) Dean Sims, Charlie Walden, Bill Shull, and Senator Danny Staple D-Eminence.

FIDDLER'S DAY HELD AT JEFF CITY

In honor of the new state instrument a fiddler's day was held in the lobby of the Truman Office Building in Jefferson City on Tuesday, August 25, 1987. There was plenty of jamming throughout the day. At noon Bob Walsh presented a fiddle to the state for display in the Capitol Building. Governor Ashcroft was on hand and participated in the music.

STATE OF THE OZARKS FIDDLERS CONVENTION SEPT 17-20

The State of the Ozarks Fiddlers Association will hold it's 14th fiddlers convention this fall on September 17 thru 20. The event will take place at the Compton Ridge Campground near Branson, Missouri. No admission charge. For further information call Bob Walsh 417-538-2888. For information concerning camping and motels call Compton Ridge at 417-338-2911. Make reservations early.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP SEPT 19th

The Missouri State Old Time Fiddling Championship will be held on Saturday, September 19, beginning at 1:00 PM. The event will take place in Nifong Park in Columbia, Missouri. A tent has been provided so that the contest can occur in event of rain. For more information contact Janice Hagan at 314-874-7475. Fiddlers should look for informational letter in the coming weeks.

MEXICO CONTEST WILL BE HELD SEPT. 25TH

In conjunction with the annual Soybean Festival, Community Federal of Mexico will sponsor its 7th annual Old Fiddlers Contest on Friday, September 25, 1987. The contest will be held in downtown Mexico and begin promptly at 6:30 PM. Look for a flyer in the next week or so. For further information call Charlie Walden 314-445-4035 or Dave Wilmshorts 314-473-1100.

RESULTS OF BETHEL CONTEST

Results of the Mid-America Old-Time Fiddling Championship at Bethel contest appear below. We would like to thank all those who participated either as volunteers or contestants. Also, to the many fine folks who came and enjoyed the program your presence was vital to the success of the event. To everyone concerned---THANK YOU!

OVERALL CHAMPION: Pete McMahan, Harrisburg, Missouri

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

[TRULY AGREED TO AND FINALLY PASSED]

HOUSE BILL NO. 630

84TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

AN ACT

Establishing an official state musical instrument.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

- Section 1. The fiddle is selected for and shall be known
2 as the official musical instrument of the state of Missouri.

OPEN DIVISION: 1st John Shaw, Lincoln, NE; 2nd Lynn "Chirps" Smith, Grayslake, IL; 3rd Jake Hockemeyer, Mokane, MO; 4th Lynn Wells, New Franklin, MO; 5th Mike Ewing, Hannibal, MO; 6th Al Cooley, Hannibal, MO.

SENIOR DIVISION: 1st Pete McMahan, Harrisburg, MO; 2nd Taylor McBaine, Columbia, MO; 3rd Nile Wilson, Bucklin, MO; 4th Jimmy Gilmore, Jefferson City, MO; 5th Everett Vestal; Roadhouse, IL; 6th Al Swaggert and his Swingin' Fiddle, Center, MO; 7th Virgil Smith, Montgomery City, MO.

JUNIOR DIVISION: 1st Jason Shaw, Lincoln, NE; 2nd John Mitts, Peoria, IL; 3rd Amy Quackenbush, Hamilton, IL; 4th Alicia Browning, Kirksville, MO.

PICKING CHAMPION: Wes Brown, Florence, MO. NOVELTY FIDDLE CHAMPION: Jimmy Gilmore, Jefferson City, MO.

OLDEST FIDDLER: Jimmy Gilmore, Jefferson City, MO.

YOUNGEST FIDDLERS: Lindsey Mitts (7), Peoria, IL; Andrea Geisendorfer (7), Moberly, MO; Amy Quackenbush (9); Hamilton, IL.

JUDGES: Dave Copeland, Ottumwa, IA; Dwight Lamb, Onawa, IA; Randy Smith, Macomb, IL; Bob Walsh, Cape Fair, MO; Gary Watson, Womack, MO.

PRESENTERS: Fiddlers: Pete McMahan, Taylor McBaine, Bob Walsh, Nile Wilson w/ Harry Careaker, John and Jason Shaw, Dwight Lamb and Dave Copeland. Dancers and Callers: Betsy Boyer and dancers from Potosi, Washington County, Missouri; Burrell Snyder and dancers from Bible Grove, Scotland County, Missouri; Chester Gaus, square dance caller from Ewing, Knox County, Missouri; T. A. Terrill (Tebbetts, MO) Leland Reagan (Valley Mines, MO) and Rosel Parker (Salem, MO)---Ozark Jig Dancers. Old-Time Piano Players: Dwight Grover---Wellsville, Audrain County, Missouri; Musial Wolfe---Boonville, Cooper County, Missouri. Also: Bill Graves---Old-time songster, fiddler and dulcimer player from Laclede County, Missouri; and the Bethel German Band.

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FIDDLERS, ACCOMPANISTS, DANCERS AND CALLERS WHO ATTENDED AND PARTICIPATED: Joe Stevens, Montgomery City, MO; Jim Lindsay, Newark, MO; Mitch Johnson, Cherokee, IA; Larry Ayers, Knox City, MO; Kenny Applebee, Rush Hill, MO; Charlie Douglas, Quincy, IL; Elmer Privia, Lawry, MO; Buss Maddox, Millersburg, MO; Mike Sulcer, Marion, AR; Phil Fry, Brownstown, IL; Joel Chrisman, Laredo, MO; Warren Melton, Quincy, IL; Lloyd Lalumonder, Festus, MO; John Philbrick, Overland, MO; Janelle Browning, Kirksville, MO; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Shaw, Lincoln, NE; Frank Oltman, Hannibal, MO; F. R. Schultz, Center, MO; Tim Stokes, Buncombe, IL; Archie Smothers, IL; Carl Whitlatch, Parma, IL and many others.

ADD GAY OF MONROE CITY DIES

Adam "Add" Worley Gay passed away on February 9, 1987. Add was born near Monroe City in May 29, 1905. He was a respected dance fiddler. He learned most his music from a black fiddler in Monroe County named Ace Donell. He is survived by his wife Glessie.

WAGNER AND GREY EAGLE WERE FAMOUS SOUTHERN RACE HORSES

I've always found any information concerning the history of tune titles with some fascination. John Hartford has provided the following information taken from the book by John Hop Franklin "From Tennessee Slave to St. Louis Entrepreneur" (University of Missouri Press, 1984):

In the later thirties or somewhere about 1840 Kentucky's great horse was beaten by Wagner. It used be said that Kentucky went broke on Grey Eagle. Wagner was brought from Virginia and beat Kentucky' favorite. For twenty years that race was talked of.

SHORT STROKES

Brewers Barbershop---If your passing through Chillicothe, MO stop in and play them a tune at Brewer's Barbershop on Jackson Street just off the square.

This year's Land of Mark Twain Fiddling Contest to be held in Hannibal on November 20-21 will include a division called "Missouri Old-Time." Call 314-853-4344 for more information.

Sunshine Twinsters photo available---This sensational duo of north central Missouri which features Floyd Kemp on guitar have photos available: \$3.50 color, \$2.00 B&W. Order from Darla Johnson, 621 West Love, Mexico, MO 65265.

SOURCES FOR COMMERCIAL OLD-TIME FIDDLE RECORDINGS

For those interested we provide the following addresses as sources for old-time fiddle music recordings (ask for free catalogs):

County Sales
P. O. Box 191
Floyd, VA 24091

Disc Collector
P. O. Box 169
Cheswold, DE 19936

Roundup Records
P. O. Box 154
North Cambridge, MA 02140

Elderly Instruments
1100 N. Washington
East Lansing, MI 48901

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Little Ferry, NJ 07643

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ART GALBRAITH'S PECK-A-BOO WALTZ As transcribed by Randy Smith of Macomb, Illinois.

Art Galbraith's Peck-A-Boo Waltz
Dixie Blossoms by R.S.

The image shows a handwritten musical score for 'Art Galbraith's Peck-A-Boo Waltz'. It consists of ten staves of music in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and accidentals. There are several boxed annotations: 'A' at the end of the first staff, 'B' at the end of the second staff, 'B' at the end of the sixth staff, and 'A' at the end of the eighth staff. Other annotations include 'ending', 'second ending', 'slide', and 'stacc'. The piece concludes with a double bar line and a final chord.

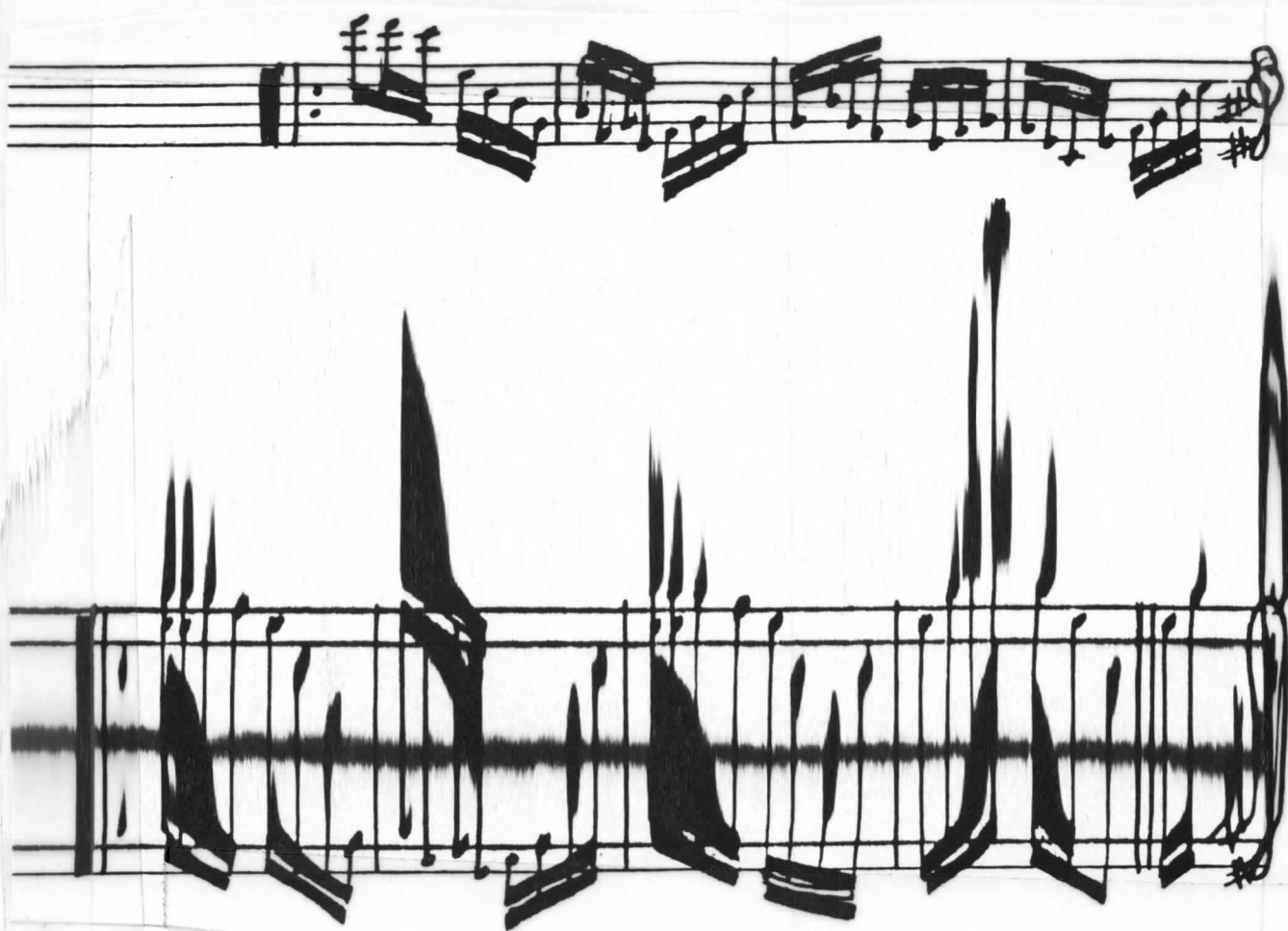
I lay in my bed and fiddled
With a dreamland viol and bow,
And the tunes flew back to my fingers
I had melodized years ago.
It was two or three in the morning
When I fancy fiddled so
Long reels and country-dances,
And hornpipes swift and slow.
And soon anon came crossing
The chamber folk in gray
Figures of jigging fieldfolk--
Saviours of corn and hay--
To the air of "Haste to the Wedding",
As after a wedding day;
Yea, up and down the middle
In windless whirls away!
There danced the bride and bridegroom,
And couples in a train,
Gay partners time and travel
Had longwhirls stilled again!...
It seemed a thing for weeping
To find, at slumber's wain
And morning's sly increeping,
That now, not then, held reign.

IN THE SMALL HOURS Thomas Hardy

October 11, St. James, Phelps Co., Old Iron Works Days, Meramac Spring Park, 6 mi. south of St. James on Hwy. 8, 2:30PM (register by 2:15, pre-registration suggested), \$575 in cash prizes, 5 places, Ford Hughes 314-265-7124
October 30, 31 & Nov. 1, Mountain View, Stone Co., Arkansas, SPBMA 8th Annual National Fiddlers Convention and Championships, Ozark Folk Center, \$5000 in cash prizes plus trophies, Chuck Stearman 816-665-7172

HAMILTON IRONWORKS—provided by John Hartford

This tune comes from the playing of Roy Woollyer, a fiddler from South Central Missouri.



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MASTER OF CEREMONIES--Available for your contest. Contact Louis Spry, 2205 North 11th St, Blue Springs, MO 64015. 816-229-3569 or 913-384-3220.

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1987 Contest and Events Calendar

Here's what remains of the listings in the 1987 contest calendar for September and October:

SEPTEMBER

September 12, St. Joseph, Buchanan Co., 3rd Annual Acres of Diamonds Old Time Fiddlers Contest, Acres of Diamonds Park, Registration 10:00AM, Prelims 1:00PM, Finals 6:00PM, Jr. Div. \$100 1st prize, 7 places; Open Div. \$150 1st prize, 10 places; Sen. Div. \$150, 10 places. 1st place trophies and traveling trophy. Square dance Friday nite 8-12:00PM. Chad or Karen Ellifrits 816-662-3175
 September 18, Eisberry, Lincoln Co., Old Threshers Annual Show Fiddlers Contest, Old Threshers Showground Hwy B & NM, 7:00PM, each contestant will receive \$10, \$100 1st place, 3 places. Ralph Galloway 314-898-5634

September 19, Columbia, Boone Co., Missouri State Old Time Fiddling Championship, Nitong Park, registration at 12:00 Noon, contest begins at 1:00, 7 places Open, 4 in Senior, \$900 total prize money. NOTE: Missouri Residents Only. Janice Hagan 314-874-7475
 September 19, Humansville, Polk Co., Humansville Fall Festival, Pavilion, Downtown City Park, 6:30PM. Earl Ball 417-754-2329
 September 20, Laurie, Morgan Co., Hillbilly Fair, Highway 5, 2:00PM (registration at 1:30), \$100 1st prize and trophy, 6 places. Geneva Huddleston 314-374-6964
 OCTOBER

October 11, St. James, Phelps Co., Old Iron Works Days, Meramac Spring Park, 6 mi. south of St. James on Hwy. 8, 2:30PM (register by 2:15; pre-registration suggested), \$575 in cash prizes, 5 places. Ford Hughes 314-265-7124
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