



I love this photo of the Lawton Stewart Band performing for the fruit pickers in Modesto, CA in 1948. Today Modesto is known for air quality worse than Los Angeles, the highest rate of car theft per capita in the nation, and being listed dead last among best US cities to live in. But back in 1948, at least, Modesto had good music to enjoy. The fiddler at left and the seated guitarist are the McCann brothers from Oklahoma. They were very successful Western Swing musicians.

Another fun fiddle circle tonight! It was great to have 11 new people in the room! Welcome!

Cain's Ballroom hosts the 104th Bob Wills Birthday Celebration on March 7. There will be lots of great Western Swing fiddling by The Texas Playboys, The Round Up Boys, and Oklahoma Stomp. The Round Up Boys is led by **Bob Fjeldsted**, a fiddle circle member and president of our northeast chapter of the Oklahoma Fiddlers. Oklahoma Stomp is a band of mostly teenage boys modeled after the Texas Playboys.

Want private fiddle lessons? Ask **Jake Duncan**. He is not only one of the teenagers leading our fiddle circle, but also one of the top contest fiddlers of his age in Oklahoma. Jake can be reached at 298-2599.

Starting in two weeks, **Glenn Jones** is going to give free lessons in sight reading. They will take place in our room at Edison beginning one hour before fiddle circle. Let

Glenn know that you are interested by sending him an e-mail at glenjonz@cox.net.

Six-year-old **Regina Scott** auditioned for and was accepted as a performer at Tulsa's Spotlight Theatre. She will be in the show's variety portion, known as the Olio. Naturally, she will be fiddling. Other fiddle circle members who perform at the spotlight include the Pendleton Family Fiddlers and **Dana Maher's** flute/harp duo, Anam Cronan.

Speaking of which – wasn't Anam Cronan's performance at the Tulsa Historical Society a great one? They packed the house. Many fiddle circle members came to watch.

Emma Jane and Marina Pendleton will be acting (not playing music) in the children's play Tom Sawyer for the next two weekends at the Spotlight Theatre. Call 587-5030 for tickets.