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THE HOEDOWNER

March 11, 1967 this will be known as the Second issue of the HOEDOWNER, as it is made up of information of Officers received from the Fiddlers. When the news is all in it is put together by Cliff Buker and Mimeographed by one of our newest members, Pat Beardsley, a very kind lady.

The high light in fiddling since the last HOEDOWNER was printed, was the contest at Forest Grove. The contest was a great success and was well received by the audience, in fact so good, I understand they are already making plans for another one next year.

Harold Allen took 1st, Jimmie Miller 2nd, Rusty Modrell 3rd, Vivian Williams 4th, and Don Gish 5th. Vivian is from Seattle, I believe, and is the Ladies National Champion. Don is from Spokane. Some day they will have a Contest in Washington and maybe we can bring some of our money back to Oregon. Anyway we are glad to have them come and they are invited and Welcome to come back at any time.

After the Contest a few of us congregated at the Bill Yohey home in McMinnville, for a lunch and little Jam session and in the group were Con Gish, President of the Washington Fiddlers, and Dave Frisby President of the Idaho fiddlers, and of course myself. Wherever there is good food I will never be more than three doors away and we sure had plenty of food.

The Contest at Forest Grove was well attended by the fiddlers, Twenty two signed up, 17 from Oregon, and the Foreigners were Vivian Williams, Don Gish, and Kenneth Brank from Washington and Dave and Faye Frisbee from Idaho. Mrs. Dave Frisbee was also there.

I have received NO REPORTS of any activities from the Fiddlers and I would like to explain here and now that if you don't get busy and do a little Fiddling I will soon be way out ahead of you.

I have been about five times entertaining at Rest Homes also a few times to visit people who are ill through sickness or accident and who enjoy a little bad Fiddling, not to mention a few times I have been called to the School to explain to the little folks about sound and what makes noise and believe me, with my fiddle, I can make some of the weirdest noises ever heard by man or beast.

I have not heard from anyone but our Secretary, Bill Hohey, and Larry Modrell, since our last Meeting and if I am willing to print the HOEDOWNER for you, you should be anxious to write me some news to pass on to the rest of the Fiddlers.

I asked the Members that I appointed on committees to write to me and I guess none of them received their last HOWDOWNER so I will wait a short time longer before I complain to the Postal Authorities.

If any of you or your friends who are going to the coast either to warm up in the winter or cool off in the summer just remember to call in at Mo's restaurant on the water front in Newport, for coffee or a dinner and you will not be sorry. Mo is a friend of the fiddlers and her food is very good and plenty of it.

LETS MAKE THE HOEDOWNER A REAL NEWSY SHEET NEXT TIME SO WRITE ME YOUR NEWS RIGHT AWAY.

P.S. I just got a message from Bill Yohey and it seems that he and Harold Allen, also Rusty Modrell, had a Jam session over at Redmond quite recently. Maybe Now I will have a little competition after all.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

First there will be a Potluck Dinner at the V.F. W. Hall in Silverton on March 19th. The Hall will be open at 10:00 A.M. so come and have some fun with us. At this Meeting we will have the regular jam session and we want to try out a P. A. system and we also have some other business to talk over that I think is quite important. The Dinner and Meeting will be open to the Public, so bring your Friends.

Next is the fiddling show at the Moose Hall in Waldport on March 25th, 8:00 P.M.

The item I have on my list is the Celebration and fiddling contest at Paradise, California, the Celebration is from April 20th through April 23rd.

Paradise is just east of Chico and north of Sacramento and that is not too far from home, so all of us that can should turn to and help our neighbors to the south have a good successful Contest. I will be glad to furnish any of you with any information I can.

I printed the information I had on the National contest at Weiser and also the contest at Cottage Grove in the last HOEDOWNER and I have been unable to get any news about the State Contest or the Contest at Taft.

THOUGHTS FROM YOUR OFFICERS

We should have a Fiddlers Convention here in Oregon some time this coming Summer so think about it, also a date and place. We also should be incorporated. We need a P.A. system of our own, we also want the members that are able and willing to serve as Judges to write to us and let us know how you stand.

If your zip code does not appear on your address on your HOEDOWNER please send it to me right away so you will be sure to get the next issue. Also there seems to be a list of Members that are DELINQUENT in their dues. The Idaho Fiddlers pay \$2.00 a year dues and I believe Washington has something of that kind in mind and as BAD as we hate to think of it we may have to do the same if we don't all pay our DUES.

If any of you want a Jam session in your area just let us know and we will do all we can to help you, also we will come if it is at all possible. Lets come alive and have Jam sessions in the East, South, North, Central and Western sections of Oregon. It is hardly reasonable for your Officers to go to your area to arrange for a Potluck dinner and Jam session when you are already there and all you have to do is arrange for it and let us know and we will help in any way we can.

My apologies to Jim Keller of Centralia, Washington, he also was at the Forest Grove contest and is now a Member of our Association.

My famous last words are, lets be friendly to our Northern, Eastern, and Southern Friends and help each other to keep Oldtime Fiddling alive.

Cliff Buker, President

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