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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE  
 on the  
 STATE OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Oregon Association of Oldtime Fiddlers held their annual show and convention in Corvallis January 24 and 25th. The show, held Friday night, was called "The Parade of Champions" and included only contest winners who held or had held championships in the various categories.

The convention business meeting was held Saturday at 1:00. The following officers were elected: Charles Johnson, President; Bob Hawes, Vice-President; Ron Gimm, Secretary-Treasurer; after which a few resolutions were discussed and some passed. I will leave the details of these to the new secretary to fill in.

In spite of the fact that the weather was very uncooperative, attendance was very good. We had a number of out of state members including the Jim Thomases and Don Gishes from Yakima; the Phil Williams' and National Senior Champion Sanderson from Seattle; the Branks from Winlock, Washington; the Skies' from Crescent City, California; and our champion of champions, Loyd Wanzer from Caldwell, Idaho, to mention just a few.

The banquet was an outstanding success with talks from various members including Loyd Wanzer, mainly about the commercial possibilities for fiddlers in the field of making commercial phonograph records. He has sold over 20 thousand of his own records to date and still going strong. Bill Yohey and Harold Allen have each just recorded one and I must say that, if I am any judge at all, they should do equally well, because I have a copy of each and think they are as fine an example of old time fiddlin' as I have ever heard.

As I mentioned, the weather did not cooperate the least bit. It started snowing lightly Friday evening and really cut loose in earnest Saturday night. Sunday morning I dug around in the drifts until I located our car and we left Corvallis about noon for home. Once we got on the highway, though, there was no problem; and after a little ways, we took off our chains and made it home without further incident.

In spite of the bad weather, the spirit of the whole event was tops. Everyone seemed to be having fun and I hope we always keep up that kind of spirit among the Old Time Fiddlers. The real purpose of this whole movement is to have fun, so let's all whoop her up !!!

-- Your neophyte president,

Charles Johnson

REMARKS FROM RON

I attended the convention last month in Corvallis and had a very good time. Much to my surprise, the members of the association elected me your new Secretary-Treasurer for this year. I thank you all for the vote of confidence and I'll do the best job I can.

The new President of our association is Charlie Johnson, whom you all know. Besides being a good fiddler, I know he'll make a good president. The other officers are

Bob Hawes of Bend, who was re-elected Vice-President, and Shirley Allen, Editor of the Hoedowner.

Two people who were not thanked for their fine jobs are Leona Leith, who worked in the kitchen at the jam sessions, and Don Hawes, who helped clean up the halls after the sessions were over. To both of you, a big THANK YOU!

See you all in Lincoln City on Sunday, February 16th and in Forest Grove for the fiddler's contest on the 22nd.

My address is: 150 N. W. 10th Street  
Sherwood, Oregon 97140

-- Ron Gimm  
Secretary

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#### A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR

This issue of the newsletter is very late and doesn't give you much notice before the jam session on Sunday, but I'm hoping we can have a good crowd anyway. Harold and I left home early last Thursday morning and just got back tonight (Monday) about 6:00. It is now midnight and I am hoping our printer can get this out for us tomorrow so you can have a little time to get in tune for Sunday! We spent the weekend in Boise attending the Idaho Oldtime Fiddlers convention. Harold and Bill Yohey both appeared on the program Friday night.

Please send me your news items for our paper.

-- Shirley Allen

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#### COMING EVENTS

There will be a pot-luck dinner and jamboree at Lincoln City on Sunday, February 16th, in the Grange Hall, located on South Oar Street approximately four blocks from East Devil's Lake Road. The latter is reached from Highway 101 through the center of Lincoln City to the area previously known as DeLake. As well as bringing food, you had better bring your own table service, as we don't know what all is available there. Festivities start at 11:30 or 12:00 as usual and quit when you get tired. This jamboree will accompany the annual Lincoln Day celebration held in that area.

Then don't forget the annual contest in Forest Grove Saturday, February 22nd. Headquarters will be at Floyd's Music Center as usual. Contest starts at 1:30 p. m.

As far as I know, that does it for February 1969.

-- C. N. J.

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#### SPECIAL NOTICE

Check your membership card!! This will be your last newsletter unless your 1969 dues are paid. So please get your dues to our secretary as soon as possible. His address is entered in his notes earlier in this issue. Better yet, come to the jam session at Lincoln City Sunday and pay in person!!