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PERTINENT POINTS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Here's the news as I see it from this side of the old pasture. The jamboree at Lincoln City was a great success in about every way. The fiddlers had fun and the local people were so pleased that they want to have a contest there as soon as possible. I left all arrangements for this with Cliff Buker, since he lives handy there and knows most of the people in the area. Forest Grove was also a dandy. The theatre was just comfortably filled and the fiddlers were all on their toes "doin' their durndest." In fact, competition was so keen that we had to play off two ties and almost a third, because only one point separated Wanzer and Allen from 2nd and 3rd place. I am writing up a calendar of coming events to be printed at the close of the newsletter. See you all in Independence.

--Charlie Johnson

REMARKS FROM RON

My wife and I were able to attend the fiddlin' contest in Forest Grove on Feb. 22 and we enjoyed ourselves very much. This was the first contest we've been to and we intend to see more of them. The contest started about 1:45 p.m. and was started with all the music makers playing a couple of tunes. There was prize money and trophies for the regular division and prize money only for the seniors.

The state contest will be in Molalla again this year on May 3rd. For more information contact: Jake Haynes, P.O. Box 1287, Molalla, Oregon. Don't foreget our next jam session and pot luck in Independence on the 23rd of March. See you there. Again, my address: 150 N.W. 10th Street, Sherwood, Oregon 97140.

--Ron Gimm

LINCOLN CITY

Don Hawes called me Feb. 14th, and asked if I would pinch-hit for Marjorie in reporting the pot luck dinner and jam session at Lincoln City as they had made other plans for the 16th before they received the Hoedowner. So here goes for a try at it.

We had a beautiful day for it and approximately 124 members and visitors present. The following fiddlers put on a very good show. The first two numbers the whole group played together and was well received by the crowd. Cliff Buker acted as M.C. as Charlie Johnson, our new president, wasn't feeling well. Cliff and Bessie played next, followed by Stan Edwards and Nell Turner. Next Fred Hildebrand, Bill Yohey on the mandolin, Don Hayes, Charlie Johnson, Carl Van Hooser, Ludwig Gimm, Harold Allen, George Cieloha, Clarence Greenlund, Bill Yohey, Gordon Neufeld, Leanna and Harm Baker of the Rhythm-aires. Those acting as accompanists were: Ed Gorham, Bill Yohey, Nell Turner, Bessie Buker, Dave Hite, Don Haynes, George Cieloha, Harold Allen, Ruth Loring, and Ron Gimm. Mr. Olson took pictures for the Lincoln City newspaper called the Newsguard. After the program was over there was an hour of dancing.

--Donald Leith

FOREST GROVE

The annual contest was held February 22 in conjunction with the Ballad Town Days celebration. Larry Modrell was M. C. for the show and there were 18 contestants. Winners in the senior division were: 1st, Ed Grogan of Salem, Oregon; 2nd, Ray Abbey of Camas, Washington; 3rd, Tony Descombez of Hillsboro, Oregon. Winners in the regular division were: 1st, Doug Atwell of Lyle, Washington; 2nd Loyd Wanzer of Caldwell, Idaho; 3rd, Harold Allen of Corvallis, Oregon; 4th, Jimmy Miller of Hillsboro, Oregon; 5th, Boyce Stuckey of Bremerton, Washington.

Doug Atwell is the Washington State Champion. Judges for the contest were: Charlie Johnson, Kenneth Brank, and Cliff Buker.

Mr. Parsons reported to me that they had 480 paid admissions to the contest that afternoon, so I guess that proves people in that area enjoy fiddle music!

--Shirley Allen

...A note from Ed Gorham confirming the date and place of the next jam session to be March 23rd in the City Hall at Independence. Roy Olson, 40 Fourth Street, Independence is making arrangements. BRING YOUR OWN TABLE SERVICE, PLEASE!! The hall is located at 2nd and Monmouth and there is lots of parking space.

...A note from Leonard Rees, Secretary-Treasurer of the Washington fiddlers, tells us of a contest to be held in Spokane on April 10, 11, 12. This is a Northwest District Contest sanctioned by the board at Weiser, which means that the winner will have his entry fee paid at the National Contest in Weiser in June. The prizes are as follows:

1st - \$150	1st - \$50	1st - \$50	1st - \$50
2nd - \$125	2nd - \$30	2nd - \$30	2nd - \$30
3rd - \$100	3rd - \$20	3rd - \$20	3rd - \$20
4th - \$ 75			
5th - \$ 50	... Plus trophies for all places above.		

Entry Fees: Regular \$10, Seniors \$2.50, Juniors \$2.50, Ladies \$2.50. The contest will be held at the Trent Grade School on Pines Road, one block north of Trent. The order of contest will be sent to you later.

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We, of Ballad Town, U.S.A., wish to extend our sincere thanks to all who participated in the excellent Fiddling Contest held at Forest Grove, Oregon, February 22nd. It was a big success as far as we are concerned and we hope the fiddlers feel the same way. I can assure you of larger cash prizes for next year's contest.

Again, we thank you,

Floyd Parsons, Director
Forest Grove Gay 90's Festival, Inc.

... A note from Larry Modrell tells us that Tillamook will again be host for the Pacific Northwest Oldtime Fiddlers Contest on April 26th. There will be preliminaries in the afternoon and finals at night, both shows to be held at the Elks there in Tillamook.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

My contribution to the Hoedowner this month is my biography. I was born at Mount Clair, Nebraska, December 6, 1919, to George and Lilly Yohey, a fiddling bricklayer and one of the better piano players of that day. If I become something in the musical world, I'll owe this to my talented mother's teachings.

My first paying job was in Casper, Wyoming, playing banjo at the Country Club Golf Course. Square dancing was again becoming popular and my job was accompanying a local fiddler and his wife on piano. This job lasted longer than expected and the following week found employment in a restaurant and lounge singing and playing rhythm guitar with a western group. After observing the patrons quickly eat and finish their cocktails, the management asked me to refrain from singing and just play the guitar.

About this time war clouds were gathering in the far east and the government asked me to join other friends of mine who were leaving with the Wyoming National Guard. We arrived in Fort Lewis, Washington on February 14, 1941. December 8, 1942 found my regiment, the 115 Mech. Cavalry, at Corvallis, Oregon. 'Twas there I met my first wife while she was attending Oregon State College. She followed me to several outposts throughout the northwest, and I finally consented to marry this lady September 18, 1942, at the chapel in Fort Lewis, Washington. Louisiana, California, Oregon, Washington, Maryland, and Kentucky saw our 1938 Chev coupe with the essentials of a traveling soldier and a pretty wife. I was sent overseas in July 1945 to Tacloban, Leyte, and later to Fusan and Seoul, Korea. Greeting me on my return 6 months later was Edna and first-born... a son, Patrick, now 23 years old. Later came a daughter, Jeannie, who just turned 21.

Discharged in 1946, I returned to McMinnville, Oregon, and went to work at the only trade I know... bricklaying.

Of course, my hobby is music. I've strived to learn something of the business and to become a better musician every day. Many facets of entertainment have entered in the main stream of my playing career. On stage I've followed several dog acts, junior baton twirlers, rock and roll bands, wrestling and dancing bears, pantomime acts, choirs and champion banjo and fiddle players. I've played my instruments at super market openings, fairs, rodeos, banquets, funerals, weddings, various clubs and cocktail lounges, open air dance halls, Granges, barn dances, Volunteer Fire Departments, and others I'd like to forget! My favorite instruments are tenor guitar, banjo, mandolin, and fiddle. I have made the stereo album called "Twenty Country Strings," produced by American Heritage Music Co.

of Boise, Idaho. You can purchase this album at your favorite record shop and at 934 N. Davis for an autographed copy for \$3.95 plus 20¢ postage. You'll enjoy this production when you hear four different stringed instruments played separately by one musician.

I asked Edna how one ends a biography and she says just quit ... so I will. See you at the next jam session and show,

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--Bill Yohey

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- March 23 Pot-luck dinner and jam session.
City Hall, Independence, Oregon.
- April 10-11-12 Northwest District Contests.
Spokane, Washington.
- April 26 Pacific Northwest Contest.
Elks Lodge, Tillamook, Oregon.
Preliminaries start at 1:30 p.m. - Finals at 8:00 p.m.
- May 3 Oregon State Contest.
Molalla, Oregon.
Preliminaries will start at 1:00 p.m. Three categories:
Junior, Senior and Regular Open. Cash, plaques, and
merchandise prizes. Judges will be: Kenneth Brank and
Don Gish of Washington, and Loyd Wanzer of Idaho.