

THE HOEDOWNER

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Comments from your President:

Some of the fiddler's and member's have been very busy lately. Fred Hildebrand got a bunch together and played two occasion's out at Edgefield Home and Ed Gorham and his gang are playing various Senior Citizens homes and I went with him one night to Damasch Hospital. The old timer's and others really appreciate old time fiddling and are not slow letting us know. Next Friday Ed Gorham, Eva Caldwell and I are going to play at the Masonic and Eastern Star home at Forest Grove.

The contest at Tillamook was a dandy. I don't have the names of all the fiddler's but here are the winner's:

In the open Div. Doug Atwell 1st, Rusty Modrell 2nd, Bill Yohey 3rd, Jim Miller 4th, and Gordon Newfeld 5th.

In the Senior Div. Cliff Buker 1st, Charlie Johnson 2nd, and Tony Descombaz 3rd.

The contest was held in the new Elk's Auditorium which is a very nice place and we were certainly treated well with good old Tillamook Hospitality.

The contest in Spokane was also very good with a couple of Oregon Fiddler's coming in the first five. The winner's were: Bill Yohey 1st, Don Gish 2nd, Rusty Modrell 3rd, Don Wiles 4th, and Boyce Stucky 5th. The judge's were: Lloyd Wanzer of Cladwell, Idaho, Laurier Birginal of Omaha, Nebraska, and Monti Stephens of Winchester, Idaho.

The next potluck and jam session will be at Bethel Grange near Amity, on May 11. To get there go south from Amity 4 or 5 miles to the McCoy Junction, then turn east on that road till you come to it. Bethel Grange is not shown on the road map. Nell Turner says there is plenty of parking space and she will be there to have the place ready. Same rules as the others, better bring your own table ware and the usual potluck set up. See you there.

Charlie

Pleasant Valley Grange
April 20, 1969

This was the day for the monthly potluck jam session of the Oregon State Old Time Fiddlers Association. It was the first day of fishing, but some of our regulars preferred to spend the day indoors entertaining us poor old souls who can't sing or play a note.

After the dinner, all who were on the program drew numbers. Cliff Buker was sure he was going to draw No. 1. Said he always did, but he was not number one. No one was. Cliff was number 24.

"Pop" Powers, having drawn No. 2, was the first man on the fiddle. Carl Van Hooser, Tony Descombez, Mel Yaden, Ray Abbey, Rusty Knight, Charley Johnson, John Bruhel, Bill Weber, Marshall Jackson, Nell Turner, George Cieloah, Katy Warner, George Jenkerson, Pete Hayes, Frank Paddock. Fred Hilderbrand and Katy Warner, played a duet. Other special numbers were: Lorraine Pratt, accordion solo, also singing with her own accompanying on the accordion. Ken Blackburn, accordion and singing. Also played the accordion with one hand and the harmonica with the other. Ron Gimm accompanied his two daughters on his guitar as they sang a special number he remembered singing as a boy. Ron also accompanied himself on the guitar as he sang a number alone. Mrs. Don Loring and Marshall Jackson on the guitar and madolin, respectively also gave a special number.

Mrs. Bill Weber accompanied her husband on the accordian. Other accompanists were: Mrs. Buker, piano; Wes Brunson, Marshall Jackson, Mrs. Loring, and Allan Landers, guitar. Mrs. Alberta Powell accompanied Mel Yaden on the piano. Ed Warner, bass fiddle and Dave Warner guitar. Another special number was given by Cliff Buker on his fiddle while Tony Descombez, with his hand made puppets, portrayed the puppet dance.

As a final special number, Cliff Buker and Charley Johnson accompanied by Mrs. Buker at the piano and Marshall Jackson on the guitar, played some favorite numbers. Mrs. Loring and Marshall also accompanied Cliff for the puppet dance.

Cliff Buker also acted as Master of Ceremonies. Cliff also asked me to extend apologies to anyone who did not get on the program. All one has to do is ask.

Following the program, all who wished to, danced until the "volunteer orchestra" quit.

Mrs. Don Hawes

REMARKS FROM RON: and Temporary Editor (I hope)

Just a few words to close the first newsletter my wife and I have ever put out. First I would like to say "THANK YOU" to Shirley Allen for the fine job she has done putting out the "HOEDOWNER" and we want to wish her and Harold all the luck in the world in there new home in Atlanta. We'll miss you both.

Don't forget the next jam session at Bethel Grange near Amity, and "HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY" to all the Mom's of the Association.

Ron