

The monthly meeting of the Oregon Old Time Fiddler's Association met at Fernwood Grange at Newberg, Oregon, Sunday, September 4, 1969, for a pot luck dinner and jam session.

Cliff Buker, acting as master of ceremonies, introduced the following fiddlers, with a few kind words as a personal touch:

Clarence Greenland, Tony Descombez, Bill Wilson, Frank Paddock, Carl Van Hooser, Charles Johnson, Bob Hawes, Archie Bovee, Albert Hadler, Marshal Jackson, Bill Yohey, Al Williams, Don Hayes, and Cliff Buker.

Mrs. Nell Turner accompanied the majority of the fiddlers on the piano and Mrs. Buker accompanied her husband. Guitar accompaniists were: Marshal Jackson, Al Williams, Don Hayes, Ron Gimm, Wes Brunson, with Ed Gorham on the bass viol.

Two special numbers were given as part of the entertainment, with Ron Gimm accompanying his four daughters on the guitar as they vocalized "Running Bear," and Lorraine Pratt, acting as her own accompaniist, on the accordian as she and Marvin Case sang a duet.

After the entertainment, the floor was cleared and those who cared to enjoyed a period of dancing to the accompaniment of the fiddlers and Nell Turner at the piano with George Schlegel on the electric guitar.

The annual potato festival barbecue and fiddlers show was held in Redmond, September 20th. It was a real dandy. Lots of fiddlers were there and I will say that it was one of the most hospitable places that I have ever been.

Friday night, the fiddlers were all invited to Bill Jenkins basement for a real jamboree with all kinds of refreshments including the liquid kind. Saturday, we played in a short parade and very short stage show outdoors, then to a wonderful dinner of barbecued beef with all the trimins including, of course, a big baked potato with lots of butter. The night show was real good and played to a capacity house in the school auditorium. Then Sunday morning, Bill Jenkins and his Mrs. served all the fiddlers and their families a breakfast of hamburger patties, hashed brown spuds, eggs, and piping hot biscuits and coffee.

There may be other hobbies that beat fiddlin, but I don't know what they are.

The Yakima fair was held September 25, 26, and 27th. Our national champion, Alvin Sanderson, ran away with first in the senior division followed by Monte Stevens and Frank Howe. Young Johnny Francis of Spokane took the junior division. In the open it was Doug. Atwell, Johnny Francis, Rusty Modrell, Don Gish, and Dwane Stevens. This young fellow from Spokane, or really Opportunity, will bear watching. He seems to be another Doug Atwell. Here again we must say that Yakima is another hospitable center. We wish to especially thank the Beryl Thomases and Don Gishes for the wonderful things that they did for us over there.

COMING EVENTS

The pot luck dinner and jamborree will be held October 12, Sunday, at the Aloha Grange Hall in Aloha, Oregon, one block north of the one and only traffic light in Aloha. Tony Descombez made arrangements and says that it is a very nice place --- so let's all go and have fun!

I know of no other events coming for October and will let you know about next month in the November Hoedowner.

Since moving to Charleston we have met several musicians. Some of them have expressed a desire to join the fiddlers association. They said they would wait until the first of the year, since that time is not far off. We had a nice music session with them last Saturday night.

We were honored with a visit from Cliff and Bessie Buker on September 19th and they had lunch with us. Of course, the conversation was centered on fiddling and we enjoyed their visit very much. Any of you who happen to be down this way can always find us so don't forget to drop in.

Yesterday we received the sad news that one of our members, Bob Brumsbaugh, of North Bend, is in the McAuley Hospital in Coos Bay, so we stopped in to see him. As you, no doubt, know Bob is a fiddler, and he also plays the guitar and repairs musical instruments. Cards or letters from any of the members to cheer him up would be greatly appreciated.

Earl and Elsie Willis.

Most of our contests, shows, etc. are held in the summer time so we are now approaching the dull season. I would like to suggest that we all make an effort to do as much playing at different homes and hospitals for the old people and any other charitable institutions that would enjoy having us and most of them sure would. It sure helps to keep a person in good shape and after all most any of us could find ourselves on the receiving end of something like that and we too would appreciate it.

This is about all the news that I can think of right now, so I will sign off till next month.

Your Pres. C.N. (not L.B.) Johnson