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President's Letter

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF YOU. Here we are starting, not only a new year, but a whole new decade and let's hope that it will be just that for all of us and our friends.

There is not so very much going on amongst the fiddlers at this time of year but I have a few interesting items which I will pass along. One is, of course, the pot luck & Jamboree, which will be on Jan. 18th at the Masonic Hall in Taft, Oregon. If you are going south into Taft, it will be on your left side of the highway just as you enter Taft. Now, it so happens, that this is also Bessie & Cliff Buker's 55th anniversary so let's really turn out and make it a real nice party for them. Without the Bukers, I doubt that there would be an Oregon old time fiddlers association in existence today. They have certainly been amongst our most faithful members so let's really give them a resounding send off.

Dues paying time again. \$2.00 for members of \$3.00 for man and wife. Please send your dues to Ron Gimm, 150 N.W. 10th, Sherwood, Oregon. When you send it to me I have to forward it on to Ron anyway, so let him take care of it, please.

We had better have a short meeting just before we start fiddlin at Taft to decide when and where we are going to have our convention. I am in favor of having it quite a little later in the year so as to avoid some of our winter weather, but I don't want to be the one to decide anything as important as that. I think the whole membership should decide this sort of thing.

I received the following letter from W.R. Gordan Putnam, Rt. 1, Box 148, Long Beach, Wash. 98631. Let's all get into this event and see if we can't make it an annual event. We need more things going on at this time of year.

Chas. N. Johnson, President.

"Peninsula Inc. is sponsoring a fiddling contest to be held at the Ilwaco High School, which is 2 miles from Long Beach, Feb. 21st. 1970. Program to start at 2 PM and finals at 7:30 PM. Prizes are as follows: Regulars 1st-\$100; 2nd - \$75; 3rd - \$50; 4th - \$25; Seniors: 1st-\$50; 2nd-\$25; 3rd-\$10. Juniors: Same as Seniors.

Peninsula will try to give each fiddler, that enters, free lodging and yours truly has four double and one single beds and if you don't mind, we have two sleeping bags with air mattresses.

As you know we do not ever have any contest or excuse for folks to come here at Long Beach and we do have a lovely beach and you can at low tide drive on it for 28 miles. We also will have fishin at that time and maybe clam digging. Let's make this a big one so we can have more of them.

Signed, Your fiddling friend. Gordon Putnam"

Then here is Mrs. Don Hawes write up of the Jamboree at Woodburn and a letter from Marshal Jackson:

"Woodburn Grange - Woodburn, Oregon

December 14 was the monthly jam session-pot luck meeting of the Association of Old Time Fiddlers at Woodburn. To warm up all the fiddlers and their accompanists appeared in a group and played a medley of tunes before playing as individuals. The following fiddlers appeared:

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| Fred Hilderbrandt | Bill Weber | Bill Wilson | Katy Warner & Fred |
| R.C. (Dick) Dean | Wayne Holmes | "Shorty" Allen | Hilderbrandt (duet) |
| Bill Flint | Guy Kyler | Harold Shively | Charley Johnson |
| Tony Descombez | "Pop" Powers | Ray Mack | Don Haynes |
| Dave Murray | George Ciloah | Walt Larsen | Marshall Jackson |
| Elmo Hardebeck | Walt Whitsun | Ed Grogan | Katy Warner |
| George Jenkerson | | | |

Special numbers were given by the Gimm sisters accompanied by their father, on the accordian, as they sang Christmas songs, with the youngest, Rhonda, singing a solo; Marshall Jackson, solo on mandolin; Don Haynes acting as his own accompanist as he rendered a vocal on the guitar; and a duet by Don Toombs and Ed Turner on banjo and accordian, respectively.

Accompanists were: Ed Gorham, bass viol., Marshall Jackson, mandolin, Frank Warner, guitar, Don Haynes, guitar and banjo; Mrs. Weber, accordian, and Pat Grogan, guitar.

Signed: Mrs. Don Hawes"

"To the Hoedowner - Dec. 10, 1969. What about Alvin Sanderson, the National Senior Champ? He is still the great Fiddler he was at the Weiser Contest last June.

Bill Flint, of Maple Valley, SE of Seattle, took Marshall Jackson and Guy Sharpe to Kirkland, Washington to visit Alvin at his barber shop on Wed. Dec. 3. Alvin has a few fiddles in his shop, but he plays only one at a time now. His brother, Guy Sanderson, plays piano while Alvin fiddles. During the four hours, the group played in the barber shop, only a brief time out was taken while Alvin treated the gang to a lunch. Alvin is getting wound up for the first contest that comes along.

Marshall was a guest at Bill's home during the week of Dec. 1 to 7th. During that time, while not eating, we were playing Fiddle. Also, we went to Roy Caudill's home at 15552, 14th Ave. NE in Seattle, where Roy operates a music store in his home. Paul Wiley, of Vivian Willams' Tall Timber Boys, dropped in, as did Ralph Gillenwater and Guy Sharpe for several hours of music. Roy's very lovely wife prepared a big supper for us, and Marshall stayed over night at the Caudill home.

On Tuesday, Bill and Marshall visited at Guy Sharpe's home, north of Bothell. Guy's sister prepared a very nice dinner, including fresh apple pie. A couple hours of fiddling followed. Thank you, Bill, for your good hospitality. I'll come back again if you promise to keep the coyotes off my back. Fiddlin' is fun! That is why I say: 'Everybody should Fiddle a liddle.'

Signed: Marshall Jackson"
