

THE HOEDOWNER

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FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

While Bill and Edna Yohey are down in Mexico, the land of tortillas, tarantulas, and tequila, the printing and publishing of this month's Hoedowner is in the good hands of Verneda Weber. We are glad the Yohey's can basque in the hot sun down South, while we poor webfoot fiddlers up here must swim and swash through mud and slush. Si, Senor?

May the New Year we are just entering into bring all of our fiddlers and families a brighter and better year than ever before. At the beginning of this new year, we can all forget our little troubles of the past and go ahead with a new spirit of good will and comradeship toward our fellow man. With renewed enthusiasm, we can push ahead and really bring old-time fiddling to its deserved position in the day and age when people are looking for something different and better. I, for one, am glad for the good that all of you people have done this past year. I know we have all gotten a little tiny bit better on the fiddle, brought its meaning to many shut-ins and senior citizens, and made some advance in the promotion of our great American heritage, Old-time fiddling. HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU.

And, on the subject of FELLOWSHIP - - - Several of our members have not been attending our monthly jam sessions. We do hope you can make a special effort to be present at our meetings during the coming year. We always miss anyone who does not show up for the meetings. Our membership is growing and more people are attending than ever before. The number of fiddlers coming to these sessions is increasing, and we are happy about that. But even if you don't fiddle, come and enjoy the day with us.

- MARSHALL JACKSON -

JAM SESSION

The December jam session was held at the American Legion Hall in Sherwood on December 13. The usual potluck and social hour was held at 12 noon, after which the fiddlers started tuning up for an almost three-hour show of talent.

The program was started off with some lively music on the harmonica played by Wally Weaver and accompanied by Nell Turner on the piano. Other variety numbers included vocal selections by Ron Gimm, and Christmas songs by Annette Gimm. Charley Johnson strayed from the old-time fiddle tunes by favoring the listeners with some good lively Christmas "mood music," and Cliff Buker dedicated his often-rendered "After the Ball" to our good members Mr. and Mrs. Lee Reynolds from Corvallis, Oregon, who were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Larry Modrell acted as Master of Ceremonies.

Other fiddlers participating in the program were:

Wayne Murray
Melvin Yaden
Cliff Buker
Fred Hilcebrandt
Elmo Hardebeck
Walter Martin
Shorty Wymer
Bill Weber
Guy Syron

Shorty Allen
George Cieloha
Wayne Holmes
Wes Brunson
Ray Abbey
Sally White & daughter
Walt Larson
Joe Moreland
Don Haynes

Guy Kyler
Valdemar Nelson
Mary & Susan Walker
Bill Yohey
Charlie Johnson
Fred Virtue
Marshall Jackson
Clarence Greenland
Bill Anderson

Jam Session - continued

Accompanyists were:

Piano	- Nell Turner, Gladys Darling & Minnie Bennett
Guitars	- Bob Virtue, Bill Yohey, Ron Gimm, Frank Warner, Marshall Jackson, Don Haynes & John White
Bass Fiddle	- Ed Gorham
Banjo	- Don Toomb
Accordion	- Ed Turner

At the conclusion of the program Gladys Darling and her orchestra played for the dancing.

- VERNEDA WEBER -

AMERICAN HERITAGE FIDDLERS SHOW - YAKIMA, WN.

Five top fiddlers from the northwest participated in the Northwest Hoedown Fiddlers Show at Yakima, Wn. December 5th sponsored by the American Heritage Music Corporation of Boise, Idaho and put together by Washington State Champ Don Gish. Bill Yohey was the featured artist on the program, joined by Rusty Modrell, Harold Allen, Lloyd Wanzer, and Don Gish, with a number of other specialties rounding out a 2½ hour show. Don and Nellis Gish hosted the entertainers and we are told a lot of good food was enjoyed and the jam sessions took up a major portion of the sleeping hours.

Others from our Oregon association who attended were Edna Yohey, Vi Modrell, Des Jankins, and Don and Ruth Loring.

The entertainers were treated to a fine Mexican dinner at the Jim Thomas home on Sunday, December 6, honoring Bill Yohey and Shirley Thomas on their birthday anniversaries.

- VERNEDA WEBER -

HOSPITAL ITEMS

Our good fiddler, Cliff Buker, was scheduled to enter the Corvallis Hospital on December 21st for surgery. We are sorry we have no report on Cliff's progress but do hope that he is home by now and feeling in top shape.

News items from the Idaho Fiddler and the Washington Fiddler's newsletter tell us about the mishap that the Beryl Thomases of Yakima suffered. After the fiddling show in Yakima on December 5th, the Thomases were driving to their home in Yakima when their car was hit broadside by another car. The Thomas car was demolished, little six-year old Doug came out uninjured, Cynthia was hurt, and her fiddle was broken in many pieces. Beryl seemed to escape serious injury, but Luella and Cynthia are still using crutches. We are glad that nothing more serious happened to this fine family and that Cynthia is now playing the fiddle again.

- MARSHALL JACKSON -

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PORTLAND FIDDLERS ENTERTAIN

From news items turned in, the Portland fiddlers have been kept busy during the past month, and I know there are many of you fiddlers, both in Portland and other vicinities who have not turned in your fiddlin' activities to the editor. Please make it a habit to do so, and to turn in any other news of interest for the Hoedowner.

Freddie Hildebrandt took a group to Edgefield Manor at Troutdale recently to entertain shut-ins. The following musicians put on a good show for the elderly listeners: George Jenkerson, Bill Wilson, Millie and Harold Shively, George Cieloha, Ed Gorham, Frank Warner, Valdemar Nelson, Charlie Johnson and Freddie Hildebrandt. The Alpha Mu chapter of Delta Chi Sigma sorority served cookies and punch after the program to the Edgefield Manor guests and the entertainers.

George Jenkerson and Marshall Jackson played for a Western Riding Club at the Yankton Grange Hall west of St. Helens on December 19th. A fine potluck dinner, complete with Christmas tree and gifts for all, was enjoyed. About 75 people applauded the fiddling which lasted for nearly two hours.

Eva Caldwell, Marshall Jackson, and Bill Weber furnished the fiddling music to entertain the World War I Veterans at the Winona Grange Hall in Tualatin December 30. A great potluck was enjoyed by about 75 War I Vets and wives, and the fiddlers.

Eva, Marshall and Bill have also entertained the past month at the Westmoreland Manor and the Mt. Scott Golden Years Club.

I happen to know that Charlie Johnson and Eva Caldwell have been doing a lot of shows lately for various clubs and shuts-ins, but Charlie's notes are conspicuous by their absence. How about getting the pen going, Charlie?

Also by way of the grapevine, Wes Brunson and his group has entertained at Mt. Scott Golden Age Club.

- VERNEDA WEBER -

HEPPNER, OREGON CONTEST

The fine contest held at Heppner on November 28th was well attended. The contest included only one category and top fiddlers were Fred Hildebrandt, 1st; Don Haynes, 2nd; and Dallas Goff, 3rd.

JANUARY JAM SESSION AND POTLUCK

January 10th

Thanks to Wayne Holmes, the next jam session has been set up to be held at Eugene at the same place it was held once before - - The River Road Park and Recreation Hall, 1400 Lake Drive. To get there coming from the north on freeway, turn west on Belt Line a few miles north of Eugene to Santa Clara; turn left on River Road to Howard Avenue, then right on Howard to Lake Drive. Turn south on Lake Drive to the hall.

A Reminder: Dues for 1971 are due January 1st. You may pay at next jam session or mail to our secretary, Mrs. Ronald H. Gimm, 150 N. W. 10th Street, Sherwood, Oregon.

Let's all attend the Jam Session and start 1971 out in great style!

1971 CONVENTION

Officers of the Oregon association met at the Bill Yohey home after the last jam session to discuss and formulate their best ideas for the convention to be held the third weekend in March, which is fast approaching.

As yet no hall has been selected and we must have one adequate for the business meeting, banquet, dancing floor and program. Be on the lookout for such a place and notify our president if you know of any such.

The following was tentatively agreed upon by the officers and is subject to your approval, ideas, or recommendations. Please contact Bill Yohey, as the officers want to make this convention the best ever so that every member will enjoy it; so your ideas other than the below listed will be welcome:

- (1) Convention to be a 2-day affair with registration and jamming to commence on Friday morning at 10 a.m. and continuing through the day.
- (2) Program to begin at 7 p.m. Friday evening, to be made up of old-time fiddlers and accompaniment from our own association membership. All members wishing to participate to sign up in advance.
- (3) Saturday, 10 a.m. - Registrations and jamming
- (4) " 1 p.m. - Annual business meeting and election of officers
- (5) " 6:p.m. - Banquet (Catering preferred)
- (6) " Evening - Dancing to old-time orchestra - hired outside of our membership.

COMING EVENTS

January 10 - Jam Session and Potluck at Eugene, Oregon

January 30 - Western Show, Fairview Grange Hall, Tillamook, Oregon, sponsored by Larry Modrell - invited performers to play for this show. The hall is just east of Tillamook on 3rd Street for those wishing to attend.

February 14 - Jam Session and potluck at Gresham, Oregon

March 6 - Contest - Forest Grove, Oregon. Preliminaries at 1:30 p.m.

And, we have reason to believe there may be another fiddle contest at Long Beach, Wn. sometime in February, since Marshall Jackson received the following from Mrs. Max Wilson:

"We had a lot of music, we had a lot of fun.
We hope to see you all ere February's done."

Note: Edna reports that several kitchen utensils or dishes have been left after the jam sessions. If any of you ladies are missing any items, please contact Edna or Earlene to see if they are among the found items.