

THE HOEDOWNER

OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLERS

MARCH 1971

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My year as president will be completed with our convention on March 12th and 13th. It has been a busy and rewarding year for me, and for you, I hope. There is news about the convention later in this newsletter, but as a reminder.....Your 1971 Fiddler's card will admit you to the convention and give you a vote in the election. Dues are \$2.00 for one and \$3.00 for a couple. They may be mailed to our secretary Earlene Gimm, 150 N.W. 10th St. Sherwood, Oregon, or they may be paid at the convention.

BILL YOHEY

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

A very personal thanks to all who attended the Jam Session in Gresham Feb. 14th. The splendid sportsmanship and cooperation among the fiddlers make a successful meeting and is very gratifying to those making the arrangements for our meetings. My apologies, too, for the unusual and annoying sounds that occurred overhead while we were fiddling. Those roller skates were doing their thing. We have been told that the skating in the building will soon be terminated, so the next time we meet in this hall, it will be without noise.

MARSHALL JACKSON

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

POLK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS RICKREALL, ORE. MARCH 12 and 13th
The building will be open for us about 10AM Friday for the earlybirds. Registration all day Friday, and all members please register. Wayne Holmes and Larry Hodrell will put the program together which will be Friday evening. Please contact Larry or Wayne if you want to appear on the show.

Saturday morning will be more registration and jamming and visiting. The business meeting will be at 1:00 PM with election of officers. The banquet will be starting about 6:30 followed by the dance. Mrs. Johnnie Cox will be catering the banquet. She is from Amity Oregon. It will feature fried chicken, ham, two vegetables, potatoes, salad, homemade bread and rolls, and dessert. Cost is \$2.25 per plate. Please let us know if you plan to attend. You will be served at the tables.

A piano player, guitarist, and drummer have been hired and fiddlers who wish to will play for the dance.

There is space for trailers and campers to stay on the grounds on a first come basis. Rickreall has one motel and Monmouth and Dallas have several, about five miles away. There will be a charge to the show and dance for your guests, but they are very welcome to attend. Let's all plan to attend and bring a friend.

COMING EVENTS

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| March 6th | Contest | Forest Grove, Oregon |
| March 6th | Convention-Wash.State | Yakima, Wash. |
| March 12 and 13 | Convention-Oregon | Rickreall, Ore. |
| March 27th | JackPot Contest | Hermiston, Oregon
(contact Ivan McDaniels,
Adams, Oregon) |
| April 4th | Jam Session | St. Helens, Ore |
| April 8,9,10 | Regional Contests | Spokane, Wash. |
| April 24th | Contest | Tillamook, Oregon |
| June 22 thru 26 | National Contests | Weiser, Idaho |

JAM SESSION APRIL 4th YANKTON GRANGE HALL ST. HELENS, OREGON

Our regular potluck dinner and jam session. The hall is about 4 miles south of hiway 30 on Yankton Road. If you come from Portland, turn left at the only stop light in St. Helens and follow Yankton Road about 4 miles to the grange hall.

CONTEST APRIL 24 TILLAMOOK, OREGON

Junior High School. 1:30 Preliminaries. Trophies and cash for winners. Open division, senior division, and Trick and Fancy Fiddling, with a five dollar entry fee, in the open class and \$2.50 for the seniors. Judges will be Bill Yohey, Rusty Modrell and Jim Miller.

WEISER, IDAHO NATIONAL CONTESTS

Judges engaged are Roland West, Vermont Pete McMahon, Missouri
J.C. Broughton, Oklahoma Allan McDonald, Idaho and Ray Krogstad
of California.

GRESHAM JAM SESSION

The Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers met at the Gresham Senior Citizens Hall on Feb. 7th for their monthly potluck and jam session. The potluck was well attended and food was abundant after which the following fiddlers and their accompanists entertained an appreciative crowd of over 300 people: Ray Abbey, Del Anderson, Bill Bell, Loretta Brank, Kenny Brank, Phil Brumbach, Cliff Buker, George Cieloha, Clarence Davis, Chet DeHaven, Tony Pascombaz, Clarence Greenland, Bob Hayes, Fred Hildebrandt, Wayne Holmes, George Jenkerson, Charlie Johnson, Neil Johnston, Walter Martin, Rusty Modrell, Earl Moore, Valdemar Nelson, Harold Shiveley, Ed Steinmetz, Fred Virtue, Cindy Walker, Mary Walker, Bill Weber, Bill Wilson, Cindy Wilson. Accompanying the various fiddlers were: Piano, Bessie Buker, Gladys Darling, Millie Shiveley, Nell Turner, and Verneda Weber. Guitars, Vernon Bell, Frank Bolden, Chuck Krugal, Mike Krugal, Ron Gimm, Bess Godney, Don Loring, Ruth Loring, Eva Stewart, Frank Warner. Harmonica, Rian Bell, Banjo, John Borg, Bass Fiddle, Ed Gorham, Ron Stewart. Between fiddling, special numbers by Ron Gimm with Wayne Holmes and Ed Gorham assisting with the background music and accordion numbers by Frank Bolden, Ed Morken, and Carlton Smith. Banjo selections by Frank Bolden accompanied on the guitar by Bill Bell. Fiddle duet by Bill Yohey and Rusty Modrell. A fiddling trio composed of George Jenkerson, Fred Hildebrandt, and Charlie Johnson, assisted by Nell Turner, Ed Gorham and Frank Warner.

Frank Warner conveyed best wishes from his daughter, Fiddling Kati Warner which he had recieved in a recent letter from her. Stationed with the WAVES at San Diego, Kati is making good use of her enlistment by studying to be a dental technician. Friends will be happy to know that after her basic training is finished in March, she will be stationed at Oakland, California.

At the close of eth jam session, the fiddlers gathered on the stage to play a few request numbers from the audience, after which the chairs were pushed back for dancing.

Six new members were signed up at the jam session, and we are happy to welcome them to our organization. They are Cindy Wilson, Eugene; Dwight Fuskey, Mosier; Carlton and Bertha Smith, Sheridan; and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Christofferson, Longview, Washington. It is encouraging to see young Oregon people taking an interest in oldtime fiddling. We refer to Cindy (age 10) and Dwayne (age 17) in the above list of new members; also to the Walker kids and Loretta Brank. Keep up the good fiddling, kids---you'll never regret it!

VERNEDA WEBER

AMITY

Clarence Greenlund, Charles Wymer, Minnie Bennett and Nell Turner have been busy playing for the Senior Citizens and at the LOOF lodge. Jan. 30 Nell played for the Theta Rho District Convention. Friday nights Clarence plays at Michael's Rest Home in McMinnville and Saturday nights Clarence, Nell or Grace Townly, Al Williams and Leonard Maas play at Oakwood Glen Rest Home. Nell plays for church on Sunday at Bethel and for drill team practice at Buell Sunday afternoons. She also plays for lodge meetings in Amity, Dayton, and Monmouth.

NELL TURNER

COQUILLE, OREGON

Robert Virtue left in January for Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. He sends greetings to all his friends. Before he left, Robert and Fred Virtue along with Wilma Ryan played at the local rest home where music was really enjoyed. We also had a nice jam session at my brother's Richard Happes, in Winston with Marion Enlow.

GERALDINE VIRTUE

MCMINNVILLE, OREGON

We had the pleasure of attending the Idaho convention at Lewiston Idaho Feb. 5 and 6. Bill was one of the few out of state members to appear on their show. We very much enjoyed the hospitality of the Idaho fiddlers.

February 19th we met Lloyd Wanzor in Portland and drove to Winlock, Washington. A pleasant evening, music naturally, was spent with the Kenneth Branks. Saturday we went on to Tenino, Washington where Bill and Loyd joined a number of other musicians and took part in the Oldtime Music Festival. Neil Johnston was in charge and had a very successful show. We also enjoyed a fine dinner at their home. My thanks to everyone who sent in news.

EDNA YOHEY