

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is a real honor to have been elected president of our fine group. Thanks for your confidence in me. I am going to work very hard to try to justify that confidence. With the help of all, I'm sure we can continue to move ahead toward our goal of promoting oldtime fiddling. A few words about our convention; It was top-notch in every respect. The facilities were good, the business meeting smooth, the banquet superb, the dance a lot of fun for both dancers and fiddlers; and the fiddle show Friday night was just about the best ever. Most of the credit for our fine convention is due to the work of Bill Yohey. Speaking for all our members, I thank you, Bill.

Here are some of the goals I want to try to achieve during my term of office; To get more fiddle contests going in our state; more fiddle shows also; to get more members, especially youngsters started, and to extend our membership geographically, so will have groups in the southern part of the state, and to the northwestern tip of the state too. I would like to see us expand our membership to the point where we'll need a northern and southern district to take care of our meetings adequately. I will be calling upon the skills and experience of all of our past officers, and in fact all of you who have special knowledge of all that is involved in putting on fiddle shows and contests.

One final thing, which I consider quite important, is this: Any one of you, anytime you have an idea or a suggestion which you think would make this a better organization, please write to me about it. Invest a stamp and a few minutes to write me, and I'll consider each letter seriously. Don't forget gripes too, I want to know them also. By participating in this way, you can help to make this a truly democratic organization.

I'll be looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible in St. Helens April 4th.

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RAMBLIN'S FROM RON (vice-president and editor)

First I would like to thank the Assoc. for the privilege to serve as an officer for another year. Thanks to those who voted for me and I hope I can satisfy the one's that did'nt with the job I hope to do.

I went shopping for a typewriter this month and I came across an electric office machine, a Royal, with the long carriage, which is ideal for typing stencils to print the Hoedowner. The cost of the machine is \$60.00. I've talked to several member's and they gave there approval, so I believe this is a good investment. While we are on the subject of the Hoedowner the address to send news to is: RONALD H. GIMM 150 N.W. 10th ST. SHERWOOD, OREGON 97140. I ask each of you to remember, without any news there can't be any newsletter so please, send in your news items. Thanks again.

RON GIMM

NEWS FROM THE EX-PRESIDENT

Our convention was a success and my thanks to a lot of people, especially Bill and Vernada Weber, Marshall and Sarah Jackson, Mr. Walker, Don and Ruth Loring, Bud and Wilma Ryan, Mr. & Mrs. Hildebrandt, Larry and Harriat Modrell Ron and Earlene Gimmmand many others who contributed their talents at the show and dance.

Edna and I thank the Assoc. for the nice gifts we recieved. Mine were returned and exchanged for the right size and brand,

BILL AND EDNA YOHEY

BEND

It sounds like Bob Hawes has been real busy this winter. Here is what he had to say in a letter he wrote to Bill and Edna Yohey.

Dear Edna and Bill,

We decided to call our three piece music makers, "The Gold Nuggets". At present we're playing Saturday nights at The Golden Age Club here in Bend and one Saturday night in the month at the Saddle Club in Redmond.

The Gold Nuggets were part of the half hour Golden Age club show appearing on the new Bend T.V. station Channel #10.

We received quite a few nice compliments about our Oregon Fiddlers vests after the T.V. show. So long for now.

BOB HAWES

FOREST GROVE

Floyd Parsons asked us to print this letter in the Hoedowner.

Dear friends and fiddlers:

Again this year I thank everyone concerned in making the Ballad-Town Fiddlers contest a success. Being a representative of Ballad-Town and also a representative of the Oregon Fiddlers Assoc., I assure you, that I try my best to keep everyone happy.

I am not infalable to mistakes, and any mistakes or errors in judging, score keeping, or the way the contest is run, is my responsibility and mine only, and any complaints, I wish would be forwarded to me and me only.

That is the only way I can rectify the mistakes for the coming years of Old Time Fiddling here at Forest Grove, and I hope there are many more. Again I thank you all.

Your freind,  
FLOYD PARSONS  
Balladtown, U.S.A.

JAM SESSION APRIL 4th YANKTON GRANGE HALL

ST. HELENS, ORE.

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.

JAM SESSION APRIL 18th AT DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS IN ROSEBURG

Our president Wayne Holmes wanted a second jam session and potluck this month in the southern part of the state, to give the members in that part of the state a chance to enjoy some fiddling and fellowship. He asked Fred and Geroldine Virtue to make arrangements for a hall. Wayne said he would be happy to attend and M.C. the program. Here are the directions on how to get there.

Take Interstate 5 to the Fairgrounds Umpqua Park Exit, then proceed through the gate and follow our posted signs to the "dorm" building. Doors open at 10:00 A.M.

Fred and Geroldine had themselves a good time too, while making arrangements for the hall in Roseburg. They visited Mr. & Mrs. Jim Rose and had a Jam session Jim played at the Senior Citizen Center Sat, night. The next day they attended a birthday party for Frank Kent and of course had more music.

TILLAMOOK Contest April 24

The contest will be at the Junior High School. 1:30 P.M. for the preliminaries. Trophies and cash for winners. Open division, senior division and Trick and Fancy Fiddling, with a \$5.00 entry fee in the open class, and \$2.50 for the seniors. Judges will be Bill Yohey, Rusty Modrell, and Jim Miller.

NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

I appreciate the vote of confidence received, upon my re-election as your secretary-treasurer. I'd like to thank everyone. Now that I have a year of experience, I feel this year will be better.

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Oregon Fiddlers Convention, as mentioned in previous articles, was both successful and profitable. As a result of the convention we now have gained thirty new members, which are listed later in this article.

HISTORIAN CHAIRMAN

Members approved and passed a motion, to have our new president appoint a Historian Chairman to head a committee to find events and facts of any kind, concerning Oregon Oldtime Fiddling. These items, along with news clippings, pictures, etc., will be put in a scrap book.

OUR HISTORIAN CHAIRMAN

Marshall Jackson; 1625 S.E. Lawrence, Gresham, 97030, and Bill Wilson 4835 N.E. 92nd Ave. Portland, 97220. Anyone wishing to be on this committee please contact Marshall. Anyone having news clippings, pictures, events, or facts, pertaining to Oregon fiddling history, past or present, please send them to either Marshall or Bill.

"DIRTY WORK"

Does anyone know the names of our clean up crew? They are Mr. & Mrs. Fred Virtue, Mr. & Mrs. Don Loring, and Mr. & Mrs. Bud Ryan. These lucky folks happened to have their campers on the Polk County fair grounds, and upon their awakening Sunday morning, after a long night on the town and convention, they were greeted by the janitor of the fair grounds with a friendly question; "Who's going to clean up the building from your Fiddlers convention?" Nothing had been said during the convention about cleaning up. So as good members should, they did the "Dirty Work". I'm sure our members will join with me in saying, "Thank you, folks."

\*\*\*AFTERTHOUGHT\*\*\*

Kum-m-m? Wonder if I can get them to clean house?

TREASURER'S NEWS

Our Association has acquired a ledger book for the Treasurer to enter all income and expenses for each of the twelve months during their time in office. Mr. Yohey, past president, purchased the club ledger in Feb. 1971. This book contains all income from dues, jam sessions, conventions, etc., and all expenses from the Hoedowner, pot lucks, telephone, etc. Upon my receiving of the ledger book I started my entries beginning with the March 21, 1970 convention back to the start of my first year as Sec. Tres., and each month thereafter right up through and including March 1971. Now that there is a ledger, the treasurer's job is 100% easier. The ledger will be kept up to date each month, and will be available for all members to see at all times. It will also be brought to the jam sessions.

1971 CONVENTION: List of Oregon New Members.

Chris and Hazel Halleman, Salem  
Bibi Hart, Dallas  
Margaret Koberstein, Gaston  
Melvin and Peggy Grant, Eddyville  
Mike & Carol Saslow, Philomath  
Gerald & Linda Lavy, Dallas  
Bruce Hazelbaker, Beaverton  
Raymond Johnson, Salem  
Jean Warner (Mrs. Frank), Portland

Ruth Redding, Salem  
Matt and Tina Welling, Mr. Angel  
C. William & Judy Burton, Brownsville  
Robert & Barbara Lamberson, Beaverton  
W.A. & Laura Johnson, Cornelius  
Bill & Eileen Gride, Sheridan  
Don Broom, Beaverton  
Mrs. Elmo Hardibeck, Gaston  
Evelyn Brunson (Mrs. Wesley) Milwaukie

OUT OF STATE NEW MEMBERS

Leslie and Faye Zilsdorf, Olympia, Wash.  
Berl Thomas, Yakima, Wash.

NEW MEMBERS BY MAIL

Sherman Wilson, North Bend, Ore.  
Mrs. Herman Kieper, Jefferson, Ore.  
Mr. M.D. Maulsby, Richland, Wash.

Welcome to the Association folks; As of March 25, 1971, membership totals 258. With that last bit of information, My report has come to an end for this month, See you in St. Helens.

EARLENE GIMM

EDITORS NOTE

I would like to thank the people who sent in news for this newsletter.  
I would also like to thank my wife and family for all their help.

RON