

THE HOEDOWNER

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

The last few week's have been busy ones. I have never gotten so many letters, or written so many before.

It wasn't many days after being elected President that I realized that both the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association and I needed the talents and experience of our past officers; so I created a Board of Directors, consisting of all the present and past officers of our organization. This Board met at the Gimm home in Sherwood on April 17, and discussed some goals for our Association and how we could best work toward achieving them.

We decided to contact Chambers of Commerce and Festival Committees in several cities about the possibility of having fiddle contests. Most of these would be those where there haven't been any oldtime fiddle contests. The concensus of the Board was that we should continue to promote and participate in fiddle shows also, because these too help to foster public interest in oldtime fiddling.

At this meeting the decision was made to get a special permit so that the Hoedowner could be mailed at a greatly reduced postage rate. The editor will give details about this.

The Jamboree in Roseburg was more than well received. It was more comparable to giving a thirsty man in the desert a cup of cool water. The folks there were really enthusiastic about oldtime fiddling. We signed up many new members that day too.

Our regular Jamborees will continue in the northern part of the state, but we will be having some more Jamborees in the southern part too. These probably won't be every month, but should be at least every two or three months. These sessions will be important to the people there to promote and sustain interest in oldtime fiddling. To those of us farther north we can consider these as bonus sessions which we can take in occassionally, just as those of you who have joined from the southern area will try to come to a jamboree in the northern section once in a while.

So as many as possible come to Grants Pass May 9th and to Eugene May 23.

WAYNE HOLMES

GRANTS PASS JAM SESSION AND POTLUCK MAY 9TH

Our president Wayne Holmes has made arrangements to have another jam session and potluck in the southern part of the state, this jamboree is in ADDITION to the one in Eugene. Here are the details on how to get there.

It will be at the Jerome Prairie Grange Approx. 5 miles S.W. of Grants Pass on the highway to Crescent City. Watch for a pickup truck with a sign on it to direct fiddlers to the grange.

EUGENE JAM SESSION AND POTLUCK MAY 23RD

Here is the scoop on our jam session in Eugene from our President Wayne Holmes. The May jamboree and potluck dinner will be in Eugene at the River Rd. Parks Building, or Emerald Park on 1400 Lake Drive. For any who haven;t been there before, turn west from Interstate 5 at Belt Line Rd. turn off, turn south on River Road, West on Maxwell to Lake Road. Go south on Lake to Emerald Park. We'll have the place open at 10 a.m. to get ready for dinner.

DON'T FORGET: BRING YOUR OWN TABLE SERVICE TO THE POTLUCK'S

SPECIAL MEETING

We will have a short special meeting at The Eugene jam session in May. The main reason for this meeting is to establish in the by-laws what factors determine residence of Oregon as far as the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers are concerned.

*****OREGON STATE FIDDLING CONTEST*****

The Oregon State Fiddling Contest will be held June 12th, 1971 in Gresham, at the Mt. Hood Community Collage. This will be a Weiser National Certified Contest, and will be held according to the National rules. There is enough parking room for five hundred cars at the College, so there should be no parking Problems.

There will be four divisions: LADIES, JUNIORS, SENIORS, AND OPEN.

Juniors must be under 18 years of age, and either male or female. Ladies must be 18 years or older. Seniors must be 70 years or older. Opens must be 18 years or older and may be either male or female.

Judges will be out of state persons, qualified to judge a Fiddling Contest. Contestants must be residents of Oregon.

There will be three cash awards and trophy's for the junior and ladies division. Four cash awards and trophy's for the senior division. And five cash awards and trophy's for the open division.

There will be more complete details in the next Hoedowner. These few items were put in this Hoedowner just to wet your appetite and so you can make plans to come to the STATE FIDDLING CONTEST OF OREGON.

ST. HELENS

A jam session of the Oregon Fiddlers Assoc. was held in the northern end of the state on April 4th at the Yankton Grange Hall in St. Helens. After an enjoyable social hour and potluck dinner, the fiddlers tuned up for the usual prelude of combined strings in some rollicking oldtime tunes. Newly-elected President Wayne Holmes acted as Master of Ceremonies and called on each of the following fiddlers to favor the audience with a couple of numbers of their choice.

Cliff Buker	George Jenkerson	Susan Walker	Bill Bell
Charlie Johnson	Frank Bolden	Fred Hildebrandt	Marshall Jackson
Walter Marvin	Kenny Brank	Bill Yohey	Elmo Hardebeck
Bill Wilson	Clarence Davies	Clarence Greenlund	Loretta Brank
George Ciehola	Mary Walker	Wes Brunson	Bill Weber
Joe Moreland	Valdemar Nelson	Melvin Yaden	

Accompanying musicians were: Piano Nell Turner, Bessie Buker, Gladys Darling, and Verneda Weber; Bass Fiddle Ed Gorham; Guitars Marshall Jackson, Ron Gimm, Frank Warner, Frank Bolden, Ed Morken, and Bill Bell.

Other talent providing entertainment in between the fiddling included; Cheryl, Connie, Annette and Ronda Gimm in a vocal number, and a ably-performed "Briget the Midget" pantomine, with Ron Gimm and Bill Yohey furnishing the back up music for their vocal selection. Mandolin selection by Marshall Jackson, Accompanied by Wes Brunson on the Guitar; Vocal numbers by Ron Gimm with background music played by Wayne Holmes and Ed Gorham; Electric guitar number by Alex Steinmetz. A group of request numbers were played by the fiddlers and accompanists at the end of the program.

VERNEDA WEBER

(Editor's Note) Thank you for a very fine report Verneda.

Here are a few more items that Mrs. Weber sent in; We are glad to see Eva Caldwell back in the musical circle of entertainers after being confined to her home with illness for about six weeks.

Valdemar Nelson is recovering from surgery and we hope it won't be long before he is back on the stage again with the fiddlers.

ROSEBURG

After a very enjoyable potluck dinner, 16 fiddlers entertained an enthusiastic crowd at the April 18 Jamboree in Roseburg. The entertainers are as follows: Fiddles Cliff Buker, Bill Yohey, Carl Van Hooser, Bob Hawes, Bill Warwick, Guy Spurlock, Bud Ryan, Edwin Skeie, Fred Virtue, James Rose, Willie Fish, Jim Morris, Hjalmer Edwards, O.L. St. Clair, Russ Hall, and Wayne Holmes. Accompanists: Guitar Don Loring, Ruth Loring, Jack Ivy, Clem Spurlock, Wilma Ryan, Steven Hall. Piano Bessie Buker, Jane Thompson, Mrs. Hjalmer Edwards. Banjo Bill Christian, Marion Enlow, Gut Bucket Beaver Warwick. Specialty number by Les Catchpole on the Harmonica accompanied by Clem and Guy Spurlock.

WAYNE HOLMES

OPPORTUNITY, WASHINGTON

The Northwest Fiddling Contest was held in Opportunity, Wash. just east of Spokane, on April 8,9,10. It was a wonderful contest and the sponsors, management, and workers who put the contest on should be given a hearty Thank you.

There were four divisions, Seniors, Ladies, Juniors, and open. The Seniors division winners were Alvin Sanderson of Seattle First, Cliff Buker of Waldport, second, Monte Stevens of Winchester Third, and Clarence Whiting of Lewiston fourth. The winners of the Ladies division were Vivian Skeens of Boise, First, Mary Sharpe of Green Acres, Second, and Mary Trotchie of Butte Montana, Third.

The winners of the Juniors were Aaron Lowe, First, Connie Bonar Second, Jim Ropp, Third, Sheila Wright, Fourth, and John Francis Fifth. The Open division winners were Don Gish, First, Bill Yohey, Second, Joe Pedariski, Third, Duane Stevens, Fourth, and Don Wilde, Fifth. Judges were C. Johnson, Manny Shaw, and Laurier Birginal.

MARSHALL JACKSON

HERMISTON,

Hermiston was the setting for a fine fiddle contest, in the community center on March 27th. An enthusiastic group of 19 fiddlers turned out for the "Jackpot Contest".

The winners were Don Gish First, Joe Pedariski Second, Ivan McDaniels, Third,

Doug Thomas, 7-year old fiddler, and his 14 year old sister Cynthia, both of Yakima, Wash. wowed the crowd with their fiddling and singing. The contest was a money raising event for the Blue Mountain Fiddlers Assoc. A large crowd turned out to see the show.

MARSHALL JACKSON

TILLAMOOK

Another fine contest took place in this warm friendly town on April 24. Larry Modrell was the M.C. and he asked me to be sure and thank everyone who helped and all the contestants who entered to make it such a successful contest.

THE WINNERS

Cliff Buker 1st; Charlie Johnson 2nd; Tony Descombez 3rd. Senior division.

Intermediate: Charlie Griffen 1st; Bud Ryan 2nd; Charlie Johnson 3rd.

Trick Fiddling: Charlie Griffen 1st; Kenny Brank 2nd; Mr. Gibson 3rd.

Open: Eddie Johnson 1st; Royce Stucky 2nd; Joe Pedariski 3rd; Neil Johnson 4th and Mr. Norberg 5th.

There was some fine fiddling done by two Jr. Fiddlers from Wash., they were Ronnie Walbaur and Lorretta Brank. There was also a pantomime performed by the Gimm Girls. Elmer Coffey Secretary of the Wash. Old Time Fiddlers also sang a couple of songs for the crowd. (Over 400 for the evening show). I also sang a few songs.

I think this was a fine contest and I hope Tillamook will continue to have them. By the way the judges were; Wayne Holmes, Eugene; Bill Yohey, McMinnville; and Jim Miller, Hillsboro. Thanks fellas. This being my first report on a contest I hope I mentioned everything and everyone.

RON GIMM

SANDY

Webster, Eva Caldwell and Marshall Jackson entertained the Senior Citizens at Sandy Oregon on March 25th. This was a new first for the Fiddlers in Sandy and judging by the handclapping and toe stomping the audience did, the Fiddlers will be more then welcome in Sandy in the future.

MARSHALL JACKSON

WALDPOR

The stormy month of March almost put a stop to our fiddling activities however on the way home from the convention we stopped off in Lincoln City and played with the Merry Makers at the North Lincoln Grange Hall at their mortgage burning celebration. Cliff also played at the Dunes with the Merry Makers at an A.A.R.P. banquet and dance early in March and for the Senior Citizens of Salem. On April 3 Cliff and Bessie played for a Rebekah Cancer Tea in Waldport.

THE BUKERS.

LOST AND FOUND DEPT.

FOUND: Brown ceramic lid, Large tablespoon, and Styrofoam container.

These items will be at the jam session and potluck in Eugene.

LOST: Fiddlers clipboard. Lost at the seinor Citizens Club in Gresham. It has the Assoc. name in green lable on the back. Someone had picked it up by mistake. Would you please return it to Earlene Gimm Sec. Tres. Thank you.

COMING EVENTS

May 9	-----Jam Session-----	Grants Pass
May 23	-----Jam Session-----	Eugene
June 5	-----Contest-----	Canyon City
June 12	-----OREGON STATE CONTEST-----	Gresham
June 13	-----Jam Session-----	Sherwood
June 21 thru 26	-----NATIONAL CONTEST-----	Weiser, Idaho
July 10	-----Contest-----	The Dalles
August 28	-----Contest-----	Canyonville

FROM THE EDITOR

As Wayne mentioned in the Presidents Message I am going to inform you of the Boards decision to try the bulk mailing system. There is a \$15.00 charge the first year, this is just paid once, then it is \$30.00 a year to keep the bulk rate. In other words it will cost us \$45.00 for the first year and \$30.00 a year afterwords. With this type of mailing it will only cost 1.6 cents per piece of mail instead of 6 cents. The postage rate will possibly go up in July and then the rate will be 1.8 cents per piece but the 1st class rate will go up to 8 cents per piece. We must also have a minimum of 200 like peices of mail per month. The board decided to try this for the rest of this year and if it doesn't work out, then we will discontinue it. As you can see this will amount to quite a savings in postage.

Due to the possibility of it taking longer for you to get your Newsletter, I must set a deadline of the 20th of the month for news to be in the Hoedowner.

Again I would like to thank all the people who sent in news. I would also like to thank my family again.

RON GIMM

TO THE HOEDOWNER:

A note from Mrs. Beedle, who has been chairman of the Hazel Dell Contest in Vancouver, wash., tells us that they have decided NOT to have a contest in Hazel Dell this year, but perhaps will in the future.

MARSHALL JACKSON

CANYONVILLE

There will be an Oldtime Fiddle contest in Canyonville, Oregon August 28. More information on this contest will be in future Hoedowners.

WAYNE HOLMES

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Those of you who are keeping there rosters up to date and corrected, here are some additions and corrections; Alex Stienmetz, street name is wrong, it should be Washburne St. Fred Hildebrandt, house number should be 6037

Additions:

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