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THE HOEDOWNER

McMINNVILLE: Quips from the Secretary: A Happy New Year to the best people on earth-- our members! For Edna and I it has been a happy fiddlin' year; and what could start the coming year nicer than the convention January 19-20 in Corvallis? The election of new officers will be Sat. Jan. 20 by ballot and counted at this business meeting. Please come and participate in the meeting as there are several matters we must vote upon. Again, we must have the banquet reservations sent in soon. The paid-up membership card is your admittance to the fiddlin' show Friday night and to the dance Sat. night. This includes your wife. Members can bring anyone they wish to the show and dance, but there will be a charge of \$1.00. Also, guests may come with you to the banquet but don't forget to send in their \$2 and make their reservation.

Our National Champion, Loyd Wanzer, will appear at the convention. Loyd won his first fiddle contest, the Tri-State, covering Arkansas, Kansas, and Oklahoma in Enid, Oklahoma, when he was fourteen years old. This Oklahoma-born south-paw fiddler copies no other fiddler, but has a self-made style, playing an oldtime waltz or a hornpipe equally well. He has had several years radio and television experience, appearing on the Lawrence Welk show and also on To Tell The Truth. He was instrumental in organizing the first oldtime fiddlers' organization, The Idaho State Association. Since this was formed in 1963, there have been seventeen other states organized.

A special thanks to Marshall Jackson, Bert Chamberlain and all the other Portland area fiddlers for making their Gresham jam session such a success.

- Bill Yohey -

HEPPNER: Our first attempt at a fiddlin' contest was a huge success and we hope to make it an annual event. The winners and the various categories were: Intermediate Contest - 1st, Barney Swan; 2nd, Ivan McDaniels; 3rd, Doug Jenkins; 4th, Bob Stevens; 5th, Mike Medlock. Seven County Contest: 1st, Pete Haynes; 2nd, Jim Baker; 3rd, Ivan McDaniels. Senior Contest: 1st, Gladys Frazier; 2nd, Cliff Buker; 3rd, Charles Willis. Open Contest: 1st, Bill Yohey; 2nd, Rusty Modrell; 3rd, Pete Haynes; 4th, Jimmy Miller; 5th Edna Jenkins.

PORTLAND: On November 26, Fred Hildebrandt, Dorothy Cain, Frank Warner, Bill Van Hagen, Bill Wilson, and Katy Warner entertained and played requests at the Multnomah Co. Marior.

GRESHAM: The monthly oldtime Fiddler's Jamboree was held in the Gresham Armory December 3rd. There was a pot-luck dinner, followed by entertainment by the fiddlers and then dancing. Cliff Buker gave a short talk on the Oregon State Oldtime Fiddler's Association. Larry Modrell acted as Master of Ceremonies and introduced the following fiddlers: Charles Johnson, Ray Abbey, George Jenkerson, Kenneth Brank, Gil Moon, Bill Weber, John Bruhl, Rusty Knight, Jim Miller, Bill Wilson, Fred Hildebrandt, Merv Dickerson, Agnes James, Melvin Yadon, Clarence Greenlund, Stan Edwards, Cliff Buker, Bill Yohey, Eva Caldwell, and Frank Brooks. Accompanying the fiddlers were: Marshall Jackson, Frank Warner, Jim Garland, Jimmy Miller, Luther Kirkham, Lou Wagner, Leonard Fulwider, and Ed Gorham.

The Anniversary Waltz was played for Mr. and Mrs. Lee Reynolds in honor of their 47th wedding anniversary.

CORVALLIS: Rusty Modrell and orchestra will be playing for the oldtime dance following the banquet Sat. Jan. 20th at the American Legion Hall. Admission is \$1.00 for non-members.

(Editor's note) We want to thank Mrs. Don Hawes of Albany who has been our most faithful reporter for the Hoedowner, writing up every Jam Session for us. This month Marshall Jackson also sent in notes on the Gresham Jamboree, so we tried to combine the two. Thanks to you both for sending us the write-ups!

FOREST GROVE: There will be another fiddling contest in Forest Grove this year during the Ballad Town Days celebration. Contest will be held February 24th at the movie house starting around 12:30 p.m. Trailers will be provided for tuning-up and full use of Floyd's Music Center for practice and plenty of coffee!! Prizes are as follows: 1st-\$75 and trophy, 2nd-\$50 and trophy, 3rd-\$25 and trophy, 4th-\$15, 5th-\$10. In the senior contest: 1st-\$50, 2nd-\$25, 3rd-\$10. Entry fee is \$5 in open contest and \$2 for seniors. Accompanists and wives will be given complimentary tickets. I hope everyone will show up for this year's contest. Come early and join me in a cup of coffee at the music store.
- Floyd Parsons -

MOLALLA: Plans are already underway for the annual Molalla Buckeroo and once again we are going to have the Oldtime Fiddler's contest. The date for the contest is tentatively set for Sat. July 6, 1968. Keep watching the Hoedowner for more information as to prizes, etc.
- Jake Haynes -

BEND: Rusty Modrell, Bill Yohey, Leon Crouch, and Vic Brown (all Association Members) played for a dance for the Bend Eagles Lodge on December 2.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY: Don Haynes- born James D. Haynes Nov. 18, 1915 near Laurel, Oregon. Son of Tom and Etta Haynes. Grandad and Grandma Haynes came to Oregon in the early 1850's by wagon train. They were married in McMinnville, Oregon. She was the daughter of Martin Shuck. They settled in the Buck Heaven district on the Washington-Yamhill Co. line north of Newberg. The final papers on their land claim were signed in 1863.

Tom Haynes was a banjo and fiddle player, so it seems that some of the old tunes were part of the memories of home. I played banjo and guitar until 4 years ago when I put them down for the fiddle. Now, I can't play them OR the fiddle!!

Life started for me in the sawmill and woods, back in the horse-logging days. As this occupation too closely resembled work, I endeavored to learn the electrical trade, which I've followed since.

As most of you know, I'm a brother to Pete Haynes, who is chairman of the Baker contest and to Jake Haynes of the Molalla contest. Having done nothing of distinction myself, I'm sure you'll forgive the mention of the ones in the family who have. In 1939 I bought a log cabin and shortly after, married my wife, Thelma who makes a very good cup of coffee and has an Irish temper that really is a thing of beauty! Sometimes she doesn't speak to me for days below a shout. Fortunately, we have a large house so we get along. At present we live at 2126 17th Ave., Forest Grove, Oregon.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND IN YOUR BANQUET RESERVATIONS BEFORE JANUARY 10th. THE CATERERS MUST KNOW BY THEN HOW MANY TO EXPECT. SEND IN YOUR RESERVATIONS AT \$2 EACH, TO OUR SECRETARY MR. YOHEY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Due to the holiday season there will be no jam session and pot luck until February. That's all for this month and we'll see everyone in Corvallis!

-Co-editors- Shirley Allen and
Bill Yohey

Oregon Oldtime Fiddler's Convention
Corvallis, Oregon - January 19th and 20th

I plan to take part in the Friday Night Fiddlin' Show

I would like to play

Enclosed is the \$2 each registration and banquet fee for:

Myself _____ Wife _____ Other family members _____ (how many)