

"THE HOEDOWNER"

Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers

June 1970

President's Message

As a point of interest, we list the champion and runner-up fiddlers of our neighbor states: California- Virg Evans and Jay Belt, Idaho- Loyd Vanzer and Dave Frisbee, Montana- Bernie Rasmussen and Jim Widner, Washington- Doug Atwell and Don Gish.

My thanks to Pat Grogan for straightening out the scoring at the Hazel Dell contest. Ed Johnson was the rightful winner. A check for \$25 has been mailed and the trophies will be changed at the state contest June 5th and 6th in Canyon City.

BILL YOHEY

From the Vice President

Those two "international fiddlers", Bill Flint and Marshall Jackson took in the fiddlers contest at Naney, British Columbia on May 9th. It was the first time an Oregonian had entered in that contest. It was a great contest with 24 fiddlers registered and a capacity crowd filled the Royal Legion Hall. Those Canadian Fiddlers are a great group and know how to entertain "foreigners." After the contest, an all night party was held at the Gordon Cratty home. Then, Les and Lena Rattray served breakfast at their home.

Of interest to the fiddlers is the system used in Canada. The time that is often wasted between numbers is eliminated by the MC announcing the contestant's name, number of appearance, and the three tunes to be played. Then the fiddler plays without interruption, one tune after the other. The waltz is first, the hoedown second and then the third which is a jig.

The Canadian Fiddlers gave us a royal welcome and a hearty thanks for coming. It was our pleasure and we do hope they will come to our contests, too.

MARSHALL JACKSON

Jim Session

The monthly jam session and pot luck dinner was held at Emerald Park in Eugene on May 17th. Eighteen fiddlers plus accompanists and special numbers were in attendance. Wayne Holmes acted as MC and introduced the following fiddlers: Don Haynes, Bob Lawes, Pop Powers, Walt Whitsun, "Shorty" Allen, Cliff Buker, Carl VanMooser, Bud Ryan, Guy Kaylor, Lyle Pritchard, Jerry White, Fred Virtue, Clarence Greenlund, Wayne Holmes, Fred Hildebrandt, Katie Warner, Mary DeShane, and Bill Yohey. Mrs. DeShane was from Veneta and a newcomer to us. Special numbers were given by The McKenzie River Boys, Ron Gimm and Bill Yohey. Accompanists were Mrs. Ryan, Mrs. Buker, Frank Warner, Mrs. Don Loring, Jake McCullough, Ron Gimm, Wayne Holmes, "Shorty" Allen and Don Haynes. Wayne played his fiddle and Ron gave us two vocal selections.

The Lawes found a white sweater (looks like a young girl's). Anyone missing this may contact us at the next jam session which will be: June 14th at the Riverside Community Hall. Take the freeway to the Lebanon-Corvallis Exit, go west or toward Corvallis 6 miles. Watch for Riverside Drive Sign. Turn right and go 3.3 miles and you are there..... Hall opens at 10:30 A.M.

MRS. DON LAWES

Oroville, California

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Buker, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson, and Mr. and Mrs. Pop Power, drove to Oroville where the men judged

the California State Contest. The weather was beautiful and we were cordially received. The three judges put on several fiddle numbers to show the folks they knew their fiddling. Virg Evans won, followed by Jay Belt. There was also a Senior, Junior, and Ladies and Trick Division. We also enjoyed some amusing skits.
POP POWERS

Hazel Dell, Washington

Winners in OPEN - Ed Johnson 1st, Bill Yohey 2nd, Boyce Stuckey 3rd, Mary Trotchie 4th. SENIORS - Cliff Buker 1st, Ray Abbey 2nd, John Young 3rd. JUNIORS - Katie Warner 1st, Loretta Brank 2nd.

Weston, Oregon

The Pioneer Days Contest held May 30th winners were: INTERMEDIATE - Fred Hildebrandt, Don Haynes, and Ivan McDaniels. SENIORS Wally Ralston, Fred Hildebrandt, and Earl Potts. OPEN - Bill Yohey Pete Haynes, Ivan McDaniels, Fred Hildebrandt, and Don Haynes.

Weiser, Idaho

As host state, Oregon Fiddlers are in charge of a pre-program jam session every night, an entry in the parade, and the Hospitality Center. When you get to Weiser, check in with Rusty Modrell or Bill Yohey. Our vests are done and Earlene Gimm has been busy getting them delivered.

Calendar of Coming Events

Oregon State Contests.....	Canyon City, Ore.....	June 5th, 6th
Jam Session-Potluck.....	Albany, Ore.....	June 14th
National Contests.....	Weiser, Idaho.....	June 17-20
Fort Dalles Contest.....	The Dalles, Ore....	July 11
Echonia Days Contest.....	Cottage Grove, Ore....	July 18
Washington State Contest.....	Tenino, Wash.....	July 25

Biography RON GIMM

Ron was born Dec. 22, 1934 in Chicago Ill. to the Ludwig Gimms. While a small boy, his father started teaching him violin, but he didn't stick with it. He started his singing in grade school and is still at it. At the age of 13 they moved to Sherwood where he graduated from high school, then on to Covena, California where he served his apprenticeship as a tool and die maker. On Oct. 1st 1964, Ronn and Earlene were married and they now have four daughters, Cheryl, Constance, Annette and Rhonda. Then at the age of 25, he started taking guitar lessons and eventually formed a combo called The Mountaineers. A member of the Sherwood Jaycoos, Ron has served them in every office. He was our capable Sec-Treas last year.

From the Editor

We are enclosing a poem written by one of our members, Mrs. Bill Weber, that we enjoyed and thought everyone else would, too. Thanks to Verneda for having the copies made for us. The Oregon Fiddlers now have a mimeograph machine that I use for these newsletters. It is available for any member's use. Isn't anyone doing anything else but going to contests? We seem to be short of news this month, so please let me know what you are doing and where you are entertaining. If anyone has an article for trade or sale, please send information to the editor and we'll run it in our next issue.

EDNA YOHEY

A closing note....

Bill Yohey and Harold Allen(former Corvallis fiddler) will compete in the Indiana State Fair Contest Aug. 29 and 30, for a top prize of \$500 in the open contest.