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THE HOEDOWNER

OREGON OLDTIME FIDDLERS

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Because of our trip to Idaho we missed the last jam session at Independence. While there we had a nice visit with Harold Allen, who is employed in the Boise area. Don Gish was also there and we helped him set up a fiddling show to be held in Yakima, Wash. December 5th. This show, sponsored by The American Heritage Music Co., will feature several who have recorded for them plus friends. Appearing besides Don and myself will be Loyd Zanzer, Harold Allen, Bill Long, Rusty Modrell, Dave Frisbee, Allen Rice and the Lonar Family from Spokane, Wash.

See you at the jam session at Lincoln City.

Bill Yohey

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Not much news around here these days. What's new your way?

Here are a few musical instruments for sale.

1-- Vitturia Accordion, 120 bass. \$50.00

1-- German made 3/4 size bass Fiddle. \$75.00

3-- Fiddles, 1 Uke, and 1-20 Watt Amplifier. Make offer.

Call Alyce Bruhl, Rt. 1, Box 370, Estacada, Ore. Phone no. 630-3370.

Hope everyone had a Happy Halloween.

MARSHALL JACKSON
INDEPENDENCE, ORE.

JAM SESSION

October 11

The October jam session was held at Independence, Oregon. A good crowd of listeners was in attendance in addition to the 25 fiddlers who showed up to furnish the entertainment. As usual, the pot luck table was loaded with favorite foods brought by the ladies, and the noon dinner and social hour was enjoyed by all.

Larry Modrell acted as Master of Ceremonies for the program which followed. Larry introduced the association Vice President, Marshall Jackson, who announced the recent death of one of the member fiddlers, John Bruhl, of Boring, Oregon. Mr. Bruhl had been bedfast for several months.

Opening numbers and requests were played by the combined group, after which the following fiddlers were introduced individually, each favoring with a couple of numbers: Wayne Holmes, Don Haynes, Shorty Allen, Walt Larsen, Bill Weber, Walt Whitson, Marshall Jackson, Guy Kyler, Bob Hawes, Archie Lovee, Andy Nielton, Gordon Gilbert, Pop Powers, Mary Walker, Carl Van Hooser, Ray Mack, Tony Descombaz, Fred Virtue, Charlie Johnson, Fred Hildebrandt, Charles Wymer, Eva Caldwell, Bill Wilson, Clarence Greenland and Cliff Duker.

Accompanying the fiddlers were the following: guitars, Bernie Harlen, Alice Margaris, and Marshall Jackson; banjos, Don Haynes and Don Toomb; piano, Eva Caldwell, Bernie Harlen and Shorty Allen; and bass fiddle, Ed Corham.

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Special numbers included a vocal solo by Alice Margaris who played her own accompaniment on the guitar, assisted by Bernie Harlen on the Piano; vocal solo by Don Haynes with Marshall Jackson and Ed Gorham providing the background music; a fiddle trio composed of Larry Modrell, Wayne Holmes, and Cliff Buker, also accompanied by Marshall Jackson and Ed Gorham; fiddle duet by Eva Caldwell and Fred Hildebrandt. A junior fiddler, new to the organization, Miss Mary Walker of Eugene (age 13) was introduced by Wayne Holmes. Wayne and Marshall accompanied Mary, who drew a big hand of applause from the listeners.

After the program was over, the chairs were pushed back for a period of dancing.

Verneda Weber

COMING EVENTS

JAM SESSION NOV: 15 NORTH LINCOLN GRANGE, LINCOLN CITY, ORE.

Our jam session this month will be at Delake or more properly Lincoln City. Turn East at the Mobile Station in Delake. We were at this Grange Hall about a year ago. Bring your fiddles, food and friends and lets have a good time.

CONTEST NOV. 28, 7 P.M. HEPPNER, ORE.

A Jack Pot Fiddling Contest, sponsored by the Blue Mt. and Eastern Ore. Old Time Fiddlers Associations. For more information write Ivan McDaniel, Rt. 1, Box 31, Adams, Ore.

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS
WALDPORI, ORE.

Cliff Buker has been busy this last month or so having made several appearances with the Lincoln City Merrymakers. The first part of Oct. saw him in Spokane at their Festival parade and Fiddle show. Cliff played in the show and also rode on the float that won 1st place in the parade. After he returned from Spokane he appeared in Newport where he entertained the Rebekah Lodge.

Bessie Buker

EUGENE, ORE.

Pop Powers, Jake McCullough and Wayne Holmes played a program of oldtime tunes for the folks at the Green Valley Nursing Home in Eugene, Oct. 14th. Everyone there liked our playing and told us to be sure to come back. One of our members, Blue Moss's Mother is a resident of the Green Valley Nursing Home.

Wayne Holmes

MINNIVILLE, ORE.

Bell Turner, All Williams, Clarence Greenlund, Grace Townley and Leonard Ross appear nearly every weekend at Oakwood Glen and Michaels Rest Homes in Minnerville and also in Newberg.

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PORTLAND, ORE.

The GREAT WESTERN FIDDLE CONTEST was held in Gresham, Oregon on September 25th, and although not previously advertised, it was attended by fiddlers from all over the world: Valdemar Nelson from Sweden; Marshall Jackson, North Dakota; Bill Weber, Wisconsin; and three local-born boys, George Cieloha, Bill Wilson, and Fred Hildebrandt. Frank Warner furnished the accompanying music for the contestants. Judges had been engaged from Vienna and Norway, however due to the hijacking of their plane, did not arrive and Carry Ceis and Verneda Weber were appointed as alternates.

When the score cards were in, it was found that each contestant had received a score of 70 points with the exception of Bill Wilson, who through an apparent typographical error had received 70½ points. No trophies or cash awards were given since it appeared the typewritten score cards had been previously "rigged". Although demands were made upon Master of Ceremonies Marshall Jackson by Bill Wilson and also by the judges for their fees, all disagreement were soon forgotten and the contestants and their wives extended birthday wishes to the guest of honor, Bill Weber, on his 77th birthday, the occasion being a surprise party in his honor given by Sarah and Marshall Jackson. During the evening when fiddles were laid down, Valdemar Nelson entertained on his accordion with some good old Scandinavian numbers. A nice luncheon, as well as two lovely birthday cakes, was served. Incidentally, Bill is now packed and awaiting the next fiddle contest, having received a pair of golf socks with holes neatly patched.

Verneda Weber

Last month we asked for suggestions for our convention but to date we at least haven't received any. This is YOUR association and all the help we can get is much appreciated. Also please send me your news.

Thanks

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