

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.

WAYNE HOLMES  
1539 VILLARD ST.  
EUGENE, OREGON 97403  
343-6785

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

