

THE HOEDOWNER,

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This will be known as the first volume of the HOEDOWNER, Published by the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association and arranged by the Officers of the Association.

Since our last get-together last September things have been quite slack in the fiddling business although we had a wonderful time at the Dorena Grange hall on January 22nd. I think that was about the best Party we have ever had. Our Potluck dinner was great and our many Friends that joined us a lunch was a great pickup for the Fiddlers and when we started the Show and saw the crowd of spectators that came out to enjoy the day with us we really felt glad to be entertainers even if we did have to play an old fiddle. We want to say thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hite, and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hoyer. The Allens, Hites, and Hoyers all live in the Cottage Grove area. We also want to thank Peggy Stratton and all of the Girls who helped in the kitchen or Program, and all of the people who came out to make the day so complete.

I had a letter from our secretary, Bill Yohey, a short time ago and he had just returned from Lewiston, Idaho where he and Rusty Modrell had attended the Idaho Fiddlers Meeting. Bill reports they had a wonderful time and may go back again sometime, he also reports that he signed up seven new Members in the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association and this includes all of the Officers of the Idaho Fiddlers Association so I guess I will have to join the Idaho Fiddlers to get even.

Some time ago I asked the Fiddlers to write me about their Fiddling activities so I could include it in the HOEDOWNER and so far the only response has been from Bill Yohey and Charley Johnson of Portland and I want to say that Charley has been a busy boy. He is connected with several different groups of Musicians and plays all types of music, in Theaters, Rest homes, and some Dances.

I have been busy part of the time lately. My wife and I have played a few Dances at Silverton and we also have entertained the old people at the rest homes for some time in the past. I have been for some time connected with a group called the Merrymakers, they are at Lincoln City and every second Sunday of the month they go around and entertain at the Rest homes in North Lincoln County and I try to go as often as I can. There is something about playing at a Rest home that is different from playing almost anywhere else. First, you know, they are mostly people who are confined to the place for the rest of their lives and don't have much pleasure and nothing to look forward to, and then when you get ready to leave and they tell how much they enjoyed your music, I often wonder if they are the only ones that enjoyed it or if you didn't enjoy it a little bit too.

I am going to name a group of members who I want to head a Committee in your area and get all the help you can and get together now and then for a little Jam session, then write to me about the activities in your area.

The men I have chosen are Jim Allen, Pete Haines, Rusty Modrell, Harold Allen, Dave Hite, George Jenkerson, Bill Yohey, Jimmie Miller and Larry Modrell.

I want you each to write to me to be sure you understand what this is all about and if you want a list of the Members in your area just write to me and I will send it to you.

Cliff Buker

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

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First there will be a Potluck Dinner at the V.F.W. Hall in Silverton on March 19th. The Hall will be open at 10:00 A.M. so come and have some fun with us. At this Meeting we will have the regular Jam session and we want to try out a P.A. system and we also have some other business to talk over that I think is quite important. The Dinner and Meeting will be open to the Public, so bring your Friends.

Next is the Fiddling show at the Moose Hall in Waldport on March 25th, 8:00P.M.

The next item I have on my list is the Celebration and Fiddlers Contest at Paradise, California, the Celebration is from April 20th through April 23rd.

Paradise is just east of Chico and north of Sacramento and that is not too far from home, so all of us that can should turn to and help our neighbors to the south have a good successful Contest. I will be glad to furnish any of you with information I can.

I printed the information I had on the National Contest at Weiser and also the Contest at Cottage Grove in the last HOEDOWNER and I have been unable to get any news about the State contest or the Contest at Taft.

THOUGHTS FROM YOUR OFFICERS

We should have a Fiddlers convention here in Oregon some time this coming summer so think about it, also a date and place. We also should be incorporated. We need a P.A. system of our own, we also want the members that are able and willing to serve as Judges to write to us and let us know how you stand.

If your zip code does not appear on your address on your HOEDOWNER please send it to me right away so you will be sure to get the next issue. Also there seems to be a list of Members that are DELINQUENT in their dues. The Idaho Fiddlers pay \$2.00 a year dues and I

believe Washington has something of that kind in mind and as BAD as we hate to think of it we may have to do the same if we don't all pay our DUES.

If any of you want a Jam session in your area just let us know and we will do all we can to help you. Also we will come if it is at all possible. Lets come alive and have Jam sessions in the East, South, North, Central and Western section of Oregon. It is hardly reasonable for your Officers to go to your area to arrange for a Potluck dinner and Jam session when you are already there and all you have to do is arrange for it and let us know and we will help in any way we can.

My apologies to Jim Keller of Centralia, Washington, he also was at the Forest Grove contest and is now a Member of our Association. My famous last words are, lets be Friendly to our Northern, Easter, and Southern Friends and help each other to keep Oldtime Fiddling alive.

Cliff Buker, President

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