

## THE HOEDOWNDER

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McMINNVILLE, OREGON – QUIPS FROM THE SECRETARY – Good news for our members this month concerning the fiddler's Convention. We have secured the American Legion Hall in Corvallis for January 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. The Legion Auxiliary will cater the banquet Saturday night. On Friday night the 19<sup>th</sup>, the Association will present a fiddling show featuring our own members and out-of-state guests. We are negotiating for Loyd Wanzer, national Champion, Vivian Williams, National Ladies' Champion, and Cliff Buker, National Senior Champion to appear on the program. A form will be printed in next month's Hoedowner to be filled out and returned to the Secretary concerning your intentions of appearing on the program. We want our first convention to be a success and his calls for a lot of work from all our members. Therefore, we are asking for volunteers for the following duties: registration, ticket-takers, table decorations, ushers, mailing and typing. Also, we would like a publicity chairman for the convention. This is a very important assignment.

I would like to thank all our friends in the Association who went cards and letters at the time of my mother's death. Edna and I appreciate your thoughtfulness and kindness.

Bill Yohey

BAKER, OREGON – Another successful fiddlin' contest sponsored by the Historical Society was held at Baker on August 25-26 with the following results: Juniors 1 Faye Frisbee, 2 Doug Jenkins, 3 Ricky Youngblood, Ladies 1 Edna Jenkins, 2 Lennie Baum, 3 Faye Frisbee, Seniors 1 Rod Davis, 2 Gladys Frazier, 3 Susie Ashby, 9<sup>th</sup> County 1 J. C. Gentile, 2 Jim Baker, 3 Susie Ashby, 4 Walt Langlitz, 5 Jess Alderman, Intermediate 1 Don Haynes, 2 Dallas Goff, 3 Walt Langlitz, Regional 2<sup>nd</sup> Division 1 Jim Baker, 2 Doug Jenkins, 3 Don Hayes, Regional 1 Gill Yohey, 2 Loyd Wanzer, 3 Harold Allen, 4 Chuck Skoro, 5 Edna Jenkins, 6 Clarence Kemble, 7 Lennie Baum, and 8 Ray Sherwood. Judges were Dave Frisbee, Rusty Modrell, and Dwayne Younblood.

Pete Hayes

REDMOND, OREGON – On September 9<sup>th</sup>, the Rusty Modrell's and the Bill Jenkins' trailed to Spray, Oregon, where rusty played for a dance. It was a benefit for the Mike Medlock family who lost their home in a fire. Mike is a member of the Old Time Fiddler's Association and plays in many of the contests. Also playing for the dance was Bob Story, Jack Taylor and Joe Tomilson, all of Prineville. Joining the party for the evening were Marion and June McSmith of Bend.

On September 16<sup>th</sup>, the annual Central Oregon Potato Festival and fiddlin' Show drew a crowd of over 500 to see and hear the fiddlers and was termed by many as the "best show ever". Bill Brummett of Weiser, Idaho acted as M.C. for the show, which was well accepted by the

audience; and plans are already underway for next year's show, termed a must by the Redmond Chamber of commerce. After the show, a surprise 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary party for Bill and Edna Yohey was enjoyed by a large number of friends in the basement part room of Bill and Dess Jenkins. Dorothy Powell of Mt. Home, Idaho, brought a beautifully decorated cake and a gift was presented to the Yoheys. The Jenkins' and Modrell's hosted an outdoor breakfast for the group on Sunday morning before the fiddlers and accompanists wended their various ways home. Sourdough biscuits prepared by LaVeita Welch were the highlight of the breakfast. We surely do thank all of those fine people who helped make our show a success. On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, Rusty and the group from Prineville played for a Farm Bureau dance at Mitchell. A large crowd enjoyed the music, dancing, and a midnight supper.

Vi Modrell

BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA – The national fiddler's Convention held in conjunction with the Kern county Fair at Bakersfield on September 22-23 produced the following results: Winning first place and receiving a nice trophy and check for \$1,000 was Harold Allen, Dorena, Oregon. Other finalists were: 2<sup>nd</sup> Jay Belt of Calif, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ronald Hughey of Calif, 4<sup>th</sup> Dwayne Youngblood of Idaho, 5<sup>th</sup> C.G. "Sleepy" Johnson of Texas, 6<sup>th</sup> Bill Yohey of Oregon, 7<sup>th</sup> Earl Jennings of Calif, and 8<sup>th</sup> Earl Collins of California.

WOODBURN, OREGON – Members of the Oregon State fiddler's Association held a Jamboree at the Woodburn Grange Hall on Sunday October 1, following a pot luck dinner which was enjoyed by a large crowd. Among those present were: Bill Yohey, Fred Hilderbrand, Mervin Dickerson, Mrs. Agnes James, who also accompanied the fiddlers on the piano, and was one of the first ladies to play in the fiddlers State Contest, Cliff Buker, accompanied by Mrs. Buker on the piano, Jim Miller, also a guitarist, Ray Mack, Bill Wilson, Don Haynes, also a banjo player, "Shorty" Allen, Mrs. James, Guy Keyler, and Harvey Shubel are also members of this group. After the jamboree, chairs were pushed back against the wall and an old time dance was enjoyed by those present.

Mrs. Dow Hawes

BEND, OREGON – On October 5<sup>th</sup> Rusty Modrell, Leon Crouch, and Cal Snyder played for the Golden Age Club. The club was celebrating its 9<sup>th</sup> birthday.

YAKIMA, WASHINGTON – Wall to wall sleeping bags decorated the living room floor of the Don Gish residence October 7<sup>th</sup> as the fiddlers gathered to help Don Present a program of old time music. Those attending from the Oregon Fiddler's Association were Larry and Harriet Modrell of Garibaldi, Rusty and Vi Modrell of Redmond, Bill and Edna Yohey of McMinnville, Harold and Shirley Allen of Dorena, and Zelma Durham of Eugene. Many thanks to Don and Nellie for their warm hospitality.

CORVALLIS, OREGON – Mr. and Mrs. Dave Quinlan played Saturday night, October 14<sup>th</sup>, as they do many Saturday nights, for the members of the citizens club in Corvallis.

WALDPORT, OREGON- I have not had time in the month of September to help entertain at the rest homes, but will do better from now on. In any case, I have taken part in the entertainment of some ill and disabled people and played once at the Episcopal Church Social in Waldport. The North Lincoln Grange has won the First Place for Achievement in the State of Oregon and they are in the top ten in the nation. The Merry-Makers of Lincoln City are a part of this achievement, and I have been asked to play with them on October 12<sup>th</sup> when they have the final judging for their standing in the nation. I am now working on some fiddling shows that are coming up sometime this winter, and I guess that will be about all for now.

Cliff Buker

We would like to give a special nod of recognition to our loyal members the Skie's of Crescent City, California, who drove all the way to Woodburn to attend our jam session there. We're beginning to suspect they like fiddle music!

Here's hoping for a speedy recovery for Grace Jenkerson of Portland.

ATTENTION: Our next jam session will be held in the 4-H building at the Yamhill county Fairgrounds in McMinnville On October 29<sup>th</sup>. Pot-luck dinner will be served at noon and PLEASE bring your own table service. Come and play a tune, dance a dance, visit with your friends. And enjoy a day of good old fiddle music. See you all there!

This issue of the Hoedowner has been co-edited by Bill Yohey and Shirley Allen. We would like more biographies of the fiddlers and fiddlin' news from all our members. Please mail to Bill Yohey, 934 N. Davis, McMinnville, Oregon. Our thanks to those who contributed the news items for this issue.