

THE HOEDOWNER

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McMINNVILLE: First, I hope all members enjoyed a happy Thanksgiving! Second, let's talk convention. The success of this event is in the hands of every member of the association and depends on the enthusiasm you show. We hope Old Man Winter will be good to us on January 19-20, enabling all to travel to Corvallis in plenty of time.

Remember now, the fiddling' show is on Friday night, Jan. 19. Registration, business meeting, election of new officers, etc. on Saturday followed by the banquet and old time dance that evening. The American Legion Auxiliary, who will cater the banquet, must know by the first of the year how many of us plan to attend, so return your registration form as quickly as possible. The banquet is \$2 each. This includes the old time dance following. We hope to have enough in the treasury next year to enable the Association to pay all expenses for the convention. Let us set a goal and each member sign up a friend in our Fiddler's Association before the first of the year!

Shall we show Marshall Jackson and other Portland area fiddlers our appreciation for the work they're doing on this month's jam session by doing to Gresham December 3rd?

Bill Yohey

The regular monthly jamboree was held at the 4-H building at the McMinnville fairgrounds beginning with a pot-luck dinner, followed by the fiddlers entertaining the crowd with musical numbers, after which chairs were pushed back and those present enjoyed a period of dancing. Those present who were introduced by Cliff Buker, and gave their musical numbers were: "Shorty" Allen, Bill Wilson, Jim Rose, Kenneth Brank, Guy Keyler, Fred Hildebrand, Walter Larsen, Bill Weber, "Pop" Powers, Don Haynes, who also was one of the accompanists on his banjo, Jimmy Miller, Ray Abbey, Walt Whitsun, Cliff Buker, Bill Yohey, who also accompanied one number on his mandolin, Dave Murray, Stanley Edwards, Clarence Greenlund, and Agnes James, who also acted as an accompanist on the piano. Other accompanists were: Marshall Jackson, Frank Warner, Ed Gorman, and Tom Foote, who also gave a special number. Mrs. Nell Turner gave a piano solo. Plans are in the making for the next monthly jamboree and the convention plans to be held at Corvallis are also off to a good start.

Mrs. Don Hawes

DORENA, OREGON: Who has more fun than fiddlers?? On October 20th, Dave and Norma Frisbee drove all the way from Emmett, Idaho, to be sitting in Harold Allen's living room playing a fiddle tune when Harold drove home from work that evening. Bill and Edna Yohey came from McMinnville that same evening and it took all week-end for us to help Harold celebrate his 29th Birthday!

EUGENE, OREGON: Sig Blexrude entertained the Golden Age club members in Eugene on November 4th. Our State Champion, Jerry White, with his wife, DeAnn, played for the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast recently.

WALDPOR, OREGON: It has been very quiet here lately, although I did play with the merry-makers for the Veterans of WW1 on Nov. 4th and for the Nazariners at their annual Turkey dinner in Newport Nov. 8th. Then we had a long rest until Nov. 10th, when I helped play for the Yaquina Head Grange Dance at Agate Beach. On Nov. 11th my wife and I helped entertain the Seal Rock Community club. (Editor's note.. This is quiet??) I have lived with my wife 53 years and I am getting forgetful! I didn't mention the Golden Wedding my wife and I played for at the Yachats Grande on October 31st. It was the Golden Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gault of Yachats.

Cliff Buker

COTTAGE GROVE, OREGON: Plans are already underway for a bigger and better contest in Cottage Grove again next summer. The date is July 19th and we will have more information about this next month.

Fiddlers throughout the northwest were saddened to hear of the death on October 13th of John Thomas of Toppenish, Washington.

Our associate members from Idaho, Clarence and Bertha Kemble, were bruised and badly shaken-up in a car accident recently. They are now on the mend, but the poor car required major surgery!

Sunday, November 12th, wedding bells rang in Albany for Betty Webber and Clyde Buker. Music was provided by some fiddler from Waldport who claims to be related somehow to the bridegroom.

Ray Mack is up from his sickbed and playing again regularly at his dances in Albany and Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. "Pop" Powers of Eugene marked their golden wedding date in Norwalk, Calif. At a family potluck supper held at the VFW Hall. The Powers' and two of their children and their families drove to Norwalk for the celebration. Congratulations!

Look at your membership card! Is it up to date? Your paid-up dues assure delivery of your HOEDOWNER Newsletter.

ATTENTION: The next jam session will be in Gresham, Oregon, at the Armory at 500 N.E. Division Street on December 3rd. The usual pot-luck dinner will be held at noon. PLEASE

bring enough for your family and at least one more! It is embarrassing to run out of food. Let's all come out for this jam session and bring a friend along.

BIOGRAPHY: Willis (Shorty) Allen was born at Bandon, June 4, 1910, into a musical family. When he was 3 months old they moved to the Monmouth area where he has lived for 57 years. He helped his father farm, worked in the timber and sawmill, and for the past 19 years has worked for the Southern Pacific Railroad. When he was 3 or 4 years old, and his father would play the fiddle, Shorty would get 2 sticks and pretend he was playing, too. His father saw that he was interested in music, so he let him use his fiddle. He soon began to play tunes by ear, then his father got him a piano and taught him to chord and play in the area. When he was married, he decided he wanted to play the accordion, so he sent for one and played it for dance. We still plays it for dances. Now he is playing with Ray Mack and His Pioneers. He also plays the piano and fiddle if he is needed on them.

Editor's note: We want to thank Mrs. Allen for sending us this little biography and say that his is a fine idea and we hope some more wives will follow suit. So, Mrs. Fiddler, if your husband won't take the time to sit down and write us a little of his personal history, will you please take pen and paper and send us a few details about that man of yours? The women can probably do a better job, anyhow!

Please complete the blank below and return as soon as possible to the Secretary Bill Yohey, 934 North Davis, McMinnville, Oregon.

This is your newsletter, so please send us your new items, and let us know who is fiddlin' where around the state. See you all in Gresham December 3rd!!

Oregon Oldtime Fiddler's Convention

Corvallis, Oregon – January 19th-20th

I Plan to take part in the Friday Night Fiddlin' Show _____

I would like to play _____

Enclosed is the \$2 each registration and banquet fee for

Myself _____ Wife _____ Other family members _____ (how many)