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McMINNVILLE: Quips from the Secretary: A Happy New Year to the best people on earth-- our members! For Edna and I it has been a happy fiddlin' year; and what could start the coming year nicer than the convention January 19-20 in Corvallis? The election of new officers will be Sat. Jan. 20 by ballot and counted at this business meeting. Please come and participate in the meeting as there are several matters we must vote upon. Again, we must have the banquet reservations sent in soon. The paid-up membership card is your admittance to the fiddlin' show Friday night and to the dance Sat. night. This includes your wife. Members can bring anyone they wish to the show and dance, but there will be a charge of \$1.00. Also, guests may come with you to the banquet but don't forget to send in their \$2 and make their reservation.

Our National Champion, Loyd Wanzer, will appear at the convention. Loyd won his first fiddle contest, the Tri-State, covering Arkansas, Kansas, and Oklahoma in Enid, Oklahoma, when he was fourteen years old. This Oklahoma-born south-paw fiddler copies no other fiddler, but has a self-made style, playing an oldtime waltz or a hornpipe equally well. He has had several years radio and television experience, appearing on the Lawrence Welk show and also on To Tell The Truth. He was instrumental in organizing the first oldtime fiddlers' organization, The Idaho State Association. Since this was formed in 1963, there have been seventeen other states organized.

A special thanks to Marshall Jackson, Bert Chamberlain and all the other Portland area fiddlers for making their Gresham jam session such a success.

- Bill Yohey -

HEPPNER: Our first attempt at a fiddlin' contest was a huge success and we hope to make it an annual event. The winners and the various categories were: Intermediate Contest: 1st, Barney Swan; 2nd, Ivan McDaniels; 3rd, Doug Jenkins; 4th, Bob Stevens; 5th, Mike Medlock. Seven County Contest: 1st, Pete Haynes; 2nd, Jim Baker; 3rd, Ivan McDaniels. Senior Contest: 1st, Gladys Frazier; 2nd, Cliff Buker; 3rd, Charles Willis. Open Contest: 1st, Bill Yohey; 2nd, Rusty Modrell; 3rd, Pete Haynes; 4th, Jimmy Miller; 5th Edna Jenkins.

PORTLAND: On November 26, Fred Hildebrandt, Dorothy Cain, Frank Warner, Bill Van Hagen, Bill Wilson, and Katy Warner entertained and played requests at the Multnomah Co. Manor.

GRESHAM: The monthly oldtime Fiddler's Jamboree was held in the Gresham Armory December 3rd. There was a pot-luck dinner, followed by entertainment by the fiddlers and then dancing. Cliff Buker gave a short talk on the Oregon State Oldtime Fiddler's Association. Larry Modrell acted as Master of Ceremonies and introduced the following fiddlers: Charles Johnson, Ray Abbey, George Jenkerson, Kenneth Brank, Gil Moon, Bill Weber, John Bruhl, Rusty Knight, Jim Miller, Bill Wilson, Fred Hildebrandt, Merv Dickerson, Agnes James, Melvin Yadon, Clarence Greenlund, Stan Edwards, Cliff Buker, Bill Yohey, Eva Caldwell, and Frank Brooks. Accompanying the fiddlers were: Marshall Jackson, Frank Warner, Jim Garland, Jimmy Miller, Luther Kirkham, Lou Wagner, Leonard Fulwider, and Ed Gorham.

The Anniversary Waltz was played for Mr. and Mrs. Lee Reynolds in honor of their 47th wedding anniversary.

CORVALLIS: Rusty Modrell and orchestra will be playing for the oldtime dance following the banquet-Sat. Jan.-20th at the American Legion Hall. Admission is \$1.00 for non-members.

(Editor's note) We want to thank Mrs. Don Hawes of Albany who has been our most faithful reporter for the Hoedowner, writing up every Jam Session for us. This month Marshall Jackson also sent in notes on the Gresham Jamboree, so we tried to combine the two. Thanks to you both for sending us the write-ups!

