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NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT: We had our smallest attendance at our last jam session of any one this year, just 62 registered members and visitors. But we did have a good dinner and a good time. And just a few cents over making expenses. So, we are hoping for a much larger turnout at our next session in Portland. Ed Gorham has made arrangements for the Grange Hall at 174th S. E. Foster Rd. on Sept. 15th.

The results of the State Fair Fiddling Contest are as follows: Senior Division: 1st-Cliff Buker, 2nd-Archie Bovee, 3rd-Tony Descombez, 4th-Charlie Wimer. Open Division: 1st-Rusty Modrell, 2nd-Earl Willis, 3rd-Merv Dickerson, 4th-Kenneth Brank. The accompanists were our faithful Marshall Jackson, Ed Gorham on the bass, and a Mr. Biddle, vacationing in Oregon from California, who offered to accompany the fiddlers on his guitar. The judges were Ray Mack, Pop Powers, and Bob Hawes. The weather was cold and very wet.

I would like to extend a cordial welcome to two recently new members, both good fiddlers, Mrs. Emma Ullery of Salem and Archie Bovee of Silverton. See you all at our next jam session.
Don Leith

QUIPS FROM THE SECRETARY: The officers of the Association will be meeting soon to discuss our coming convention this fall or winter. Again we'll have an election of officers, a banquet, and a dance.

Loyd Wanzer, 1208 Everett, Caldwell, Idaho has two new albums. One is an all-waltz album entitled Waltz Wonderland. The other is Plain and Fancy Fiddlin'. Each album sells for \$4 and is available by sending directly to Loyd's address.

A recording session date has been chosen for my first album at Boise, Idaho around Dec. 7. This is a new venture by the American Heritage Music Corporation. The president is Loyd Wanzer, vice-president is Bill Yohey. Other stockholders from Oregon are Rusty Modrell and Harold Allen.

We will be glad to print any "for sale" or "wanted" item you have in the Hoedowner. Just mail to Shirley Allen, 730 Kings Road, Corvallis, or to me at 934 N. Davis, McMinnville.
Bill Yohey

JAM SESSION: August 11, at the Willamette Valley Grange Hall south of Corvallis, was the date for the monthly jamboree of the Oregon State Oldtime Fiddlers. Eleven fiddlers were present.

After a plentiful dinner the following entertained the audience with a general jam session by all the fiddlers and accompanists, then each individual played selections as a solo: Charlie Johnson, senior champion, Shorty Allen, Mervin Dickerson, Walt Whitsun, Bill Weber, Ray Mack, who as his third number gave a few stunts on his fiddle, Carl Van Hoosier, Dave Hite, Ludwig Gimm, Marshall Jackson, and the sole lady fiddler, Agnes James.

The following acted as accompanists: Marshall Jackson, guitar, Ed Gorham, bass, Dave Hite, banjo, and Agnes James, Piano.

A special number by Denny Wiley on his accordion and Shorty Allen on the piano was given during intermission.

Nell Turner played the piano for the dancing which was held following the jamboree.

Mrs. Don Hawes

On August 3rd, Jimmy Miller and two sons, Jim Jr. and Tom, along with Charlie Johnson, Marshall Jackson, and Ed Gorham, played an Old Time Fiddlers Concert at Tigard Plaza for Town and Country Days.

It has been arranged for a small group to play at the Veterans Hospital on September 23rd.

Arrangements have been completed for the next pot-luck and jam session to be held at the Grange Hall on S. E. Foster Road at 174th on Sept. 15th.

Ed Gorham

Music by Willis's Westerners highlighted the Nebraska State Picnic at Riverside Park, Grants Pass, on August 4th. Besides Fiddlin' Earl the group included his wife, Elsie Willis, a brother, Decie Willis, and Alvin and Owen Cary (father and son). Another oldtime fiddler, Joe Lind, 82, played "Red Wing" by special request.

Willis's Westerners also provided the entertainment for a church picnic held at the same place the previous evening, August 3rd.

In spite of the inclement weather, the Pioneer's Day Contest at Canyonville was held on schedule, August 24th. Trophies were awarded as follows: First place-Jerry White of Eugene, 2nd-Guy Spurlock of Camas Valley, and 3rd-Earl Willis of Grants Pass.

Elsie Willis

Results of the fiddlin' contest held at Rickreall in conjunction with the Polk County Fair are as follows: 1st-Harold Allen, 2nd-Bill Yohey, 3rd-Jim Miller. Fourth and fifth places went to Charlie Johnson and Ray Mack, but I'm very sorry, fellows, I didn't get who was fourth and who was fifth. Anyway, that was the Top Five.

Results of the fiddlin' contest held at Baker on August 24th are as follows: 1st-Dwayne Youngblood, 2nd-Loyd Wanzer, 3rd-Bill Yohey, 4th-Pete Haynes, 5th-Harold Allen, 6th-Jim Miller, 7th-Don Gish, and 8th-Chuck Skoro. Senior Division: 1st-Gladys Frazier, 2nd-Rod Davis, and 3rd-Mr. Reed.

Perhaps some of you fiddlin' fans who were at the contests at Molalla, Cottage Grove, and Rickreall noticed that Harold Allen has a new accompanist. She is Ruth Loring of Albany. Ruth is a sister of Lyle Powell of Mt. Home, Idaho, who accompanies so many of the Idaho fiddlers. Anyway, the following conversation was overheard at one of the contests, and this reporter thought it was so funny it should be passed on to the rest of you Hoedowner readers.

"Say, who is that woman with the guitar following Harold Allen?"

"Why, that is his new accompanist!"

"Well, I'll say this, she sure looks prettier on the stage with Harold than Bill Durham!"

Don Gish, our friend from Washington, sends us information of a big contest to be held Sept. 26th-27th-28th at the Yakima Fairgrounds. Thursday the 26th is the Senior Contest (65 years and over), deadline for entry fee is 1:00 p.m. Entry fee is \$2. Contest starts at 2:00 p.m. Prizes are \$50-\$25-\$10 plus trophies. Friday the 27th is the Junior Contest (18 and under). Deadline for entry fee is 7:00 p.m. Entry fee is \$2. Contest starts at 8:00 p.m. Prizes same as seniors. The regular Open Contest is the 28th. Deadline for entry fee is 12 noon. Entry fee is \$5. Contest starts at 1:00 p.m. Prizes are \$75-\$50-\$25 plus trophies with trophies also awarded to 4th and 5th place. The finals (top ten) will be held at 7:00 p.m.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS.

September 15 - Pot luck and Jam Session at the Grange Hall on S. E. Foster Road at 174th. Let's have a big crowd!

September 21 - Fiddlin' Show held in conjunction with the annual Potato Festival at Redmond. This show is organized each year by Rusty Modrell. Let's all go and give our fiddlers a big hand.

September 26, 27, 28 - Big Open Contest at Yakima, Washington.
Senior, Junior, and Regular Contests.
Let's have all fiddlers who can possibly make it, go and enter and help make this contest a success!

October 19 - Fiddle Contest - Grants Pass, Oregon
Open and Senior. Please contact Earl Willis, 540 N. W. Manzanita, Grants Pass before October 1.