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Salem: Notes from our President: We had 137 members and visitors at our jam session at Sweet Home, October 13th. Everyone seemed to enjoy the day and we took in six new members. We are glad to welcome them into our Association. Also the two new ones we took in at the fiddling contest at Grants Pass. Earl Willis will send a report on the contest down there.

Our next jam session will be at the Polk County Fair Grounds at Rickreall on November 17th. I hope to have a good turnout there. Your officers have begun to lay the plans for our second annual convention. Hope to have some news in that regard for you at Rickreall the 17th, so please make every effort to be there.

Don Leith

McMinnville: Quips from our Secretary: Following the jam session in Sweet Home the officers of the Association held a meeting concerning the coming convention. Again the two day fiddle festival will be at the American Legion Hall in Corvallis, Oregon, January 24th and 25th. A somewhat different program this year, featuring several out of state fiddlers and entertainers. Details of the banquet and dance are to follow later in a news release. As I am employed out of state, I want to relinquish my position as Secretary. We urge all our membership to attend the convention and help elect new officers. I will continue to help on the newsletter, if requested.

Bill Yohey

Sweet Home: The monthly meeting-jam session which opened with a pot luck dinner, was enjoyed by members of the Old Time Fiddlers Association and their friends. The following fiddlers entertained the side-liners with favorite as well as memorable selections: "Pop" Powers, Charley Johnson, Mervin Dickerson, Bill Yohey, who deserted his fiddle for a mandolin; "Shorty" Allen, Ray Mack, Walt Whitsun, Miss Katy Warner and Fred Hildebrand, a duet; Jim Brevik, a new member; Fred Simons, Guy Kyler, Archie Bovee, who rendered his selections on a 100 year old fiddle, Agnes James, Cliff Buker, Dallas Hilton, Gilbert Rutledge, Bob Hawes, Bill Yohey, again leaving his fiddle and turning to the banjo; and Jimmy Miller.

Accompanists were: Dave Warner, banjo, Ed Gorham, bass viol, Jimmy Miller, guitar, Agnes James, piano, Shorty Allen, piano, Mrs. Brevik, piano, Bessie Buker, piano. Another newcomer in the accompanist field was Jake McCullough, guitar.

Specialty numbers were given by: Mrs. Ruth Loring, guitar; accompanied by Jimmy Miller, violin; Bill Yohey, banjo, and Jimmy Miller laid aside the violin and picked up the guitar and the trio rendered another number. Ray Mack, by way of entertainment, played his violin and an instrument called the "grasshopper" simultaneously.

Mr. Cliff Buker and Mr. Don Leith acted as masters of ceremonies. After the entertainment chairs were pushed back and those who had been the audience began to have their fun as they participated in the dancing. A good time was held by all and everyone is already looking forward to next month's jam session.

Among those playing for the dancing were: Nell Turner, violin; Bea Burroughs, piano, Mrs. Beverly Priest, guitar. Mrs. Priest and Dave Warner also sang a few numbers during the dancing; and Ed Gorham continued his accompanying on the bass viol.

Mrs. Don Hawes

Grants Pass: On behalf of the Grants Pass Shopping Center Merchants Ass. we wish to extend thanks to all those who participated in the Fiddlers Contest October 19th. A special thank you to our president, Don Leith, for all of his help. A vote of thanks also goes to Marshall Jackson, Gresham, Oregon; Clem Sprulock, Camas Valley, Oregon; and Decie Willis, Grants Pass, Oregon, who acted as seconds.

The Jam Session, held at the V.F.W. Hall in Grants Pass after the contest was quite well attended and enjoyed by all. Contest winners were as follows:

- Open Division: 1st - Earl Willis, Grants Pass, Oregon
2nd - Charlie Johnson, Portland, Oregon
3rd - Cliff Harris, Grants Pass, Oregon
4th - Alvin Wade, Dillard, Oregon
- Senior Division: 1st - Earl Willis, Grants Pass, Oregon
2nd - Charlie Johnson, Portland, Oregon
3rd - Guy Spurlock, Camas Valley, Oregon
4th - Olaf Lee, Oroville, California

Earl Willis

The Yoheys and the Allens were dinner guests at the Loring home in Albany on October 26th. The birthdays of Don Loring, Ruth Loring, and Harold Allen were the cause of the celebration, and the evening was spent making music (naturally!).

The Morrow County Jaycees are sponsoring a big fiddlin' contest at Heppner, Oregon, on November 29 and 30 at the Heppner Junior High Gymnasium. Starting at 7:00 Friday evening will be the Intermediate Contest, followed by the Seven County Contest (Wheeler, Morrow, Grant, Baker, Union, Malheur, and Umatilla counties). Saturday at 2:00 p.m. will be the Regional Preliminaries. Saturday at 7:00 p.m. will be the Regional Finals and the Senior Contest. The age for the senior contest is 65 years and over. There will be no entry fee for the senior contest. All other contests will have entry fees as follows: Intermediate - \$3 Seven County - \$3 Regional Open - \$5. Prizes in the contests will be as follows: Intermediate Contest - 1st place - \$25 and trophy; 2nd - \$15 and trophy; 3rd - \$10 and trophy; 4th and 5th places - placques. Seven County Contest prizes are the same as for the Intermediate Contest. Regional Open Contest Prizes: 1st - \$75 and trophy; 2nd - \$50 and trophy; 3rd - \$25 and trophy; 4th - \$15 and trophy; 5th - \$10 and trophy. Senior Contest: 1st - \$15 and trophy; 2nd - \$10 and trophy; 3rd - \$5 and trophy. For more information contact Al Osmin, Rt. 1, Heppner, Ore.

That is the news for this month. What has happened to all our correspondents? We know you haven't quit fiddlin', so let's hear about it! Hope to see everyone in Rickreall on November 17th.