

THE HOEDOWNER

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SALEM: Notes from our President: Many thanks to all the fiddlers and accompanists for the good turnout and good show put on at Rickreall November 10th. It was the largest attendance we have had at one of our jam sessions. Some 250 signed the guest book. This goes to show what we can accomplish by all working together as a team to make our Fiddlers Association bigger and better in the future. So I am asking all our members to help with a membership drive from now until convention time. I'm sure you members have friends that would enjoy our jam sessions and would be glad to join our association, if we take the time to explain to them the benefits of receiving our monthly newsletter, The Hoedowner. Also let me urge all you members who haven't renewed your dues for the coming year to do so as soon as possible, as your 1969 card will be your free admittance to our fiddling show on Friday night at our convention January 24th and 25th. Mail either to Bill Yohey at 934 N. Davis, McMinnville 97128 or to me at 4285 Batting St. N. E., Salem, 97303.

Thanks to Peggy Stratton, our next jam session will be at the grange hall at Dorena, 4 miles east of Cottage Grove, on December 15th. Hope to see you all there. And here's wishing you all a Happy Holiday Season.

Donald Leith

McMINNVILLE: Quips from our Secretary: I've just received the good news from the American Legion Auxiliary that again they will cater the banquet on Saturday night, January 25th, at the American Legion Hall at 7th and Jackson in Corvallis. Following the banquet, dancing will start around 8 o'clock. This year the music will be furnished by the fiddlers and their friends who wish to help play that night.

The "parade of champions" will prevail at the show on Friday night starting at 8 o'clock. Several out-of-state fiddlers and entertainers will be in Corvallis for the convention. Your paid-up membership card is your admittance to the show and dance. The banquet dinner will be \$2.25. More details on the convention in next month's Hoedowner.

Our newsletter this month is going out to all our former members. We are hoping they will join us again in our fiddlin' program for the coming year.

Bill Yohey

RICHREALL: The regular monthly meeting of the Old Time Fiddlers Assn. of Oregon met at the Polk County Fairgrounds at Rickreall, Oregon, for a pot-luck dinner and jamboree.

Preceding and after the dinner many of the fiddlers held a "warm up" practice with Mrs. Nell Turner and Mrs. Bernie Harlan accompanying the participants on the piano, as well as the guitarists doing their share.

A newcomer, Jack Hunter and his Old Timers from Camas, Washington, appeared for the first time and were given a hearty welcome.

Another special number was given by Mrs. Bernie Harlan of Salem, who accompanied herself on the guitar as she sang several numbers during the intermission period.

The following fiddlers entertained the audience with two numbers of their choice: Ray Mack, Fred Hildebrand, Archie Bovee, "Shorty" Allen, Charley Johnson, Ludwig Gimm, Miss Katy Warner, Carl Van Hooser, Bill Rounsaville, who was accompanied by his wife at the piano; John Bruhl, Walter Larson, Mrs. Agnes James, George Cieloha, George Berge, Clarence Greenlund, Stan Edwards; Kenneth Brank of Winlock, Washington, Al Williams, Walt Whitsun, Bill Yohey, who played one number on his fiddle and one on the mandolin, Harold Allen, also accompanied Mr. Yohey on the mandolin as well as performing on the fiddle during his appearance, Jim Brevik, accompanied by his wife on the piano, Gordon Neufeld, and M. L. Dickerson. Another special number was given by Katy Warner and Fred Hildebrand in the form of a duet.

Other accompanists were: Ed Gorham, bass viol; Frank Warner, Ron Gimm, Jack McCullough, Mrs. Don Loring, Fred Hildebrand and George Cieloha, guitars. Piano accompanists were: Mrs. Bernie Harlan, Mrs. Agnes James, and Shorty Allen.

Following the program many of the participants, fiddlers, piano players, and guitarists entertained the former audience while a period of dancing was enjoyed. Frank Watner, Jack McCullough, and Ron Gimm rendered a few selections during this period.

NOTE: Frequently, there are new guitarists playing for the jam sessions, and if their names are not announced they may not get into this newsletter. If all participants would kindly give their names to Mr. Leith, the president, I shall be able to get the names from him and send them in with my news item. Thanks for your cooperation.

Mrs. Don Hawes

Sadness entered the homes of two of our members this month. We offer our condolences to Evelyn Moss on the loss of her father; and to Walt Larson on the death of his brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Modrell have sold their place at Terrebonne and will soon move in to their "brand-spanking new" mobile home. They will have the same mailing address, though, and we will still have Rusty with us in our Fiddlers Association. We wish them happiness in their new home.

We received a card from "Pop" and Irene Powers who were vacationing in sunny California and were on their way to Clifton, Texas. They reported "doing some fiddle playing". No one is surprised at that!!

And speaking of the sunny south, Cliff and Bessie Buker have been living it up in Phoenix. (Wondered why we hadn't heard of any fiddlin' going on over on the coast!) But Clude reported at Rickreall that Mom would be home in time to cook the Thanksgiving turkey!!

Jimmy Miller, with his sons Tom and Jim, Harold Allen, Bill Yohey, and Theresa Perrin put on a show at Carlton for the Volunteer Fireman Benefit on November 23rd. Larry Modrell acted as M.C.

On December 5th, Bill Yohey and Harold Allen will drive to Boise, Idaho, for a recording session. They hope to have their albums available for sale by convention time. Harold's album will include some of his favorite fiddle tunes, both waltzes and hoedowns. Bill will demonstrate his musical versatility on his album by playing tunes on the fiddle, mandolin, guitar, and banjo. Both albums will be productions of the newly-formed American Heritage Music Corporation.

On November 29th and 30th, the Morrow County Jaycees sponsored a fiddlin' contest. The results of the contest are:

1st - Rusty Modrell, Terrebonne, Ore.

2nd - Pete Haynes, Baker, Ore.

3rd - Bill Yohey, McMinnville, Ore.

4th - Don Gish, Yakima, Wash.

5th - Lennie Baum, Pocatella, Idaho

Other members placing were Charlie Johnson & Bill Weber of Portland winning 2nd and 3rd in the Senior contest.

Pete Haynes winning the 7 county contest.

Ivan McDaniels, Longcreek winner of the intermediate contest.

That's our news for this month. We want each member to be a reporter for our newsletter. Let us know of any fiddlin' activity in your area. Let's all try to make it to the jam session in Cottage Grove on December 15th. That would be a good time to pay up your dues! Remember that your paid-up membership card is your free ticket to the Friday night fiddlin' show at the convention. Dues are only \$2.00 a year, or \$3.00 per couple.