

The February 1970 Hoedowner

From the Pres:

Well, here is is ground hog day so I am going to stay in the basement all day so I won't see my shadow.

There is quite a bit going on this month and here it is;

First the pot-luck and jamboree will be held Feb. 15th in the Grange hall, that is about 8 miles south of Corvallis on old highway 99 west. Mrs. Guy Kyler made all the arrangements and said that she would be there early and have the coffee made. Most of us will try to get there about 12.

Next; On sat. the 21st will be the big contest at Ilwaco high school, Ilwaco, Washington (cross the river north of Astoria. It is near Log Beach).

Contest starts at 2:00 P.M. Finals at 7:30 P.M.

Entry fees are; For the open: \$10.00. Juniors (18 & under) & Seniors (64 or older) \$5:00.

Prizes; Open First \$100.00 2nd, \$75.00 3rd, \$50.00 4th, \$25.00

Juniors & Seniors; First, \$50.00 2nd, \$25.00 3rd, \$25.00

For further information, write to W.R. Putnam, Rt. 1, Box 148, Long Beach Wash. 98631.

Then the next Sat. Feb. 28th, will be the contest at Forest Grove.

Prizes there; Open, \$100.00, \$75.00, \$50.00, \$25.00 and \$15.00 & trophies.

Seniors; (70 yrs. or older) \$50.00, \$25.00 & \$15.00

Entry fees; \$5.00 for Open. \$2.00 for Seniors.

Contest starts at 1:30 P.M. in the Grove Theater, Forest Grove.

The Convention will be held in Monmouth, Ore. Sat. March 21st in the Blue Garden. The doors will be open from 9:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. for registering and tickets to the dinner. You must get your tickets then, as the management must know how many plates to set.

The meeting will start at 1:00 P.M. and we hope to get thru in time for the dinner at 6:00 P.M.

The show will start at 8:00 P.M. and Larry Modrell will be in charge of all entertainment for the show.

Tickets for the dinner will be \$2.50 per person and \$1.00 or your paid up membership card for the show.

There will be more details about the Convention in the next Hoedowner.

The regular Pot-luck and Jamboree was held in Taft, Ore. Jan. 18th. in honor of Cliff & Bessie Buker's 55th wedding anniversary.

A short business meeting was held to discuss when and where to hold the annual convention. Larry Modrell, Don Lieth and Ed Gorham were appointed as a committee of three to make plans.

As a warm up for the fiddlers, all those present appeared on the stage and played a medley of tunes before making their personal appearance.

The following fiddlers played their favorite tunes; Bill Wilson, Carl Van Hooser, Walt Whitson, Gordon Putnam, Pop Powers, Wayne Holmes, Bill Weber, Katy Warner, Dave Hite, Lei Delaney, R.C. Dean, Jim Ramsey, Cliff Buker, Marshal Jackson, Fred Hildebrandt, Dave Murry, Larry Modrell, Don Haynes & Jim Rose. Charley Johnson and Guy Kyler played on a special "Horned Fiddle."

Accompanists were; Don Hayes, Ed Gorham, Frank Warner, Neil Turner, Charley Johnson, Ron Gimm, Mrs. Bill Weber, Mrs. Dean, Marshal Jackson and Mrs. Berlie Cole.

Special numbers were given by Ron Gimm, Vocal & Guitar, Wallace Weaver, Harmonica, and Dave Hite on Banjo. Also, a fiddle duet by Kay Warner & Fred Hildebrandt.

Larry Modrell acted as master of ceremonies and announced that Mrs. Cole and Mr. Delaney were members of the Merry-Makers, musical group of the Taft-Newport Area.

By Mrs. Don Hawes.

We want to thank the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association and the members for a wonderful day at our meeting and Jam Session at Lincoln City on January 18th. We have both agreed that was one of the best days of our lives.

Everybody at the meeting seemed to be congratulating my wife and telling me what a wonderful wife I had to stay with me for so many years and I started feeling pretty low, but finally, late in the day, a kind lady came to me and said "you must be a good man to stay with a woman for so many years." and from then on I enjoyed the day very much. I was sure I had one friend in the group.

We also want to thank the association and members for the cake, cards and presents that we received.

By Bessie and Cliff Buker.