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The monthly jam session and pot luck dinner was held at the Willamette Grange Community Hall, just south of Corvallis, Feb. 15th, '70, and the following fiddlers showed off their talents: Clarence Greenland, Robert Hawes, Tony Descombez, Walt Larsen, Ray Mack, Shorty Allen, Wes Brunson, Dave Murry, Carl Van Hoosier, Pop Powers, Charley Johnson, Bill Yohey, Fred Hildebrand, Jim Brevik, Everett Tipsward, Guy Kyler, Walt Whitson and Cliff Buker.

The following acted as accompanists: Nell Turner, Mrs. Buker, Mrs. Brevik, Ed Gorham, Don and Ruth Loring, Alice Margulis and Bernie Harlan.

Also, as a special number, Alice Margulis played on the guitar and sang a few numbers, accompanied by Bernie Harlan on the piano. Later, Alice took her turn at the piano and Bernie sang a number.

Pop Powers and Inez Lemke were honored for having Birthdays in February. Also, Mr. Powers mentioned that Don Hawes was a man who was always on hand to pour coffee for everyone and thought it was a fine thing. This brought a good round of applause.

Later, a special number was given by Ray Mack, violin, Bernie and Alice on their guitars, with Alice singing a couple of songs.

(signed) Mrs. Don Hawes.

The contest in Ilwaco, Washington was as interesting and hard fought a one as you have ever seen. Especially the open. The scores were all close, but finally it came out as Wanzer, Atwell, Yohey and Gish, in that order. In the Seniors it was Hawes, Crawford and Young. In the Juniors it was Katy Warner, Aaron Lowe and Larry Lowe. Ilwaco and Long Beach and that whole community is a fine place to go. We were certainly treated royally in every way and hope to go back there pretty soon. Their crowd was good and I think that it will probably be an annual event from now on.

Also the contest in Forest Grove, Feb., 28th, was a dandy. The open turned out Atwell, Modrell, Yohey, Gish and Johnston, respectively. The crowd was also good and Forest Grove is also a good place to go. A great many watched the parade held in honor of Ballard Town Days, at noon.

The convention will be held in the Blue Garden ball room in Monmouth, Oregon, March 21, 1970. There are a number of motels in Monmouth and more in Independence, which is only about 3 miles distance. I think we were quoted a price of about \$6.50 for two people and they told us that that was about the average price in that area. Quite a few of us were going to go down there Friday night and I suppose there will be some jamming going on around there some place if they can find a place where they can stand the racket. Anyway, registration will be from 9:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. Sat. It is very necessary that you register especially for the banquet, as the management must know how many to set up for. The convention itself will open at 1:00 P.M., and continue until everybody gives up or gets hungry, as we are having the banquet at 6:00 P.M., and I don't think any fiddler would miss that. Banquet, \$2.50 each.

The show will start at 8:00 P.M. and Larry Modrell has been appointed as the entertainment committee. I don't know just what he has for us, but I trust Larry's judgement that it will be something worthwhile.

There are a number of important things to come up for this convention and I hope that everyone who possibly can will be there to help us decide on them.

There will be a contest in Opportunity, Washington (suburb of Spokane, about 5 miles East on Sprague Ave.) April 9, 10, and 11, called "Pacific Northwest Regional Certified Contest." This is a very good show. I know; I attended it last year.

C.J.N.

To the Oregon Old Time Fiddler's Association:

I would personally like to express my sincere thanks to all the fiddlers, their wives and accompanists who participated in the Gay 90's 4th annual fiddler's contest in Forest Grove Feb. 28, 1970.

I hope that a good time was had by all and if there is anything I can add or do to better the contest, feel free to let me know.

As far as we of Forest Grove are concerned, it was a huge success, and again I thank you .

Sincerely,

(signed) Floyd Parsons.

P,S.;

The senior winners at Fprest Grove were:

Weber and Cliff Buker.

Chas, Johnson, Bill

In the juniors : Doug and Cinthy Thomas and Loretta Brank wer all declared winners and given blue ribbons.