

## THE HOEDOWNER

OREGON STATE CONVENTION

April, 1970

The convention was held at the Blue Gardens at Monmouth on March 21. A pleasant day of jam sessions, business, food and a show was enjoyed by those attending. Among things covered during the business meeting were vests. Oregon is the host state at the National Contest at Weiser this year and it was felt we should have something to identify us. There was also some discussion of the contest rules. Oregon Fiddlers are going on record as suggesting the present rules be kept and enforced more, especially the rule on playing time. Oregon is lucky to have two members on the National Rules Committee, so if anyone has other ideas, let either Bill Yohey or Rusty Modrell know. Rusty's address is Box 263, Terrebonne, Oregon; Bill's is 934 N. Davis, McMinnville, Oregon. New officers for next year are President - Bill Yohey, Vice-President - Marshall Jackson, 1625 S. E. Lawrence, Gresham, Oregon, Secretary-Treasurer - Earlene Gimm, 150 N. W. 10th, Sherwood, Oregon, and your editor will be Edna Yohey. The State Contest was turned over to Eastern Oregon Fiddlers' Association this year. More information later.... Next year's convention will be held the third week-end in March. Wayne Holmes of Eugene agreed to be on a committee to start planning for it. Other members will be named later. After an excellent dinner, the show was held. Larry Modrell was M.C. and the following fiddlers took part: Ken and Loretta Brank, Rusty Modrell, Wayne Holmes, Cliff Buker, Bob Hawes, Bill Weber, Bob Booth and Larry Modrell. Accompanists were Don and Ruth Loring, Marshall Jackson, Ron Jordan, Ed Gorham, Bessie Buker, Joe Cogar, Shorty Allen and Ron Gimm, who also sang several songs. (Sorry if I missed anyone). We were also entertained by a group from Portland, known as Dr. Corn's Blue Grass Remedy. The committee in charge was made up by Larry Modrell, Don Leith and Ed Gorham. Thanks fellows.

### A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW PRESIDENT

A fiddler's welcome to all the old and new members of the association! This newsletter is being sent to several who have dropped out, hoping they will rejoin us for a lot of festivities in the coming year. Recent guests of the Yohey family were the Kenneth Branks from Winlock, Washington and the Skeis from Crescent City, California. Come back again, won't you? This year, we'll plan on a two day convention in March 1971. Also, a membership drive is underway. Won't you sign up a friend this month? See you in Bellview April 19.

Bill Yohey

### NOTES FROM EARLENE

First of all, I would like to thank each and everyone of you for your vote. I'll try to do my very best. Like everyone I've talked to says, "We kept it in the family, anyhow!" My mother came up here to visit us from Loomis, California and our convention was the week-end following her arrival, so naturally, she came with us. I would like to express my thanks and hers for the wonderful time we had. By the way, she is one of the new members. Now for some news about our fiddler's vests. I have checked into them a little more thoroughly, and the information I have is as follows: Mr. Bob Theda of Pennant Fashions has assured me that he will have a vest completed for all of you to see at the jam session in April. Also, if we can guarantee him at least 50 vests, we can buy them for one or two dollars less. As of the convention, the price stood at \$7.00 or \$8.00. I found Mr. Theda to be a very fair and understanding man and he will try to keep the cost at a minimum. We can also get them in women's sizes. Nearly everyone I have talked to feels that each of our members should have one, especially if they attend most contests. These vests would help promote our organization, and if you are interested, just contact me and I'll be glad to take your order.

Earlene Gimm

Welcome to these new members: Rex Adams - Portland, Bernard Anderson-Monmouth, Bob Baker - Monmouth, B. L. Cogar - Mill City, C. W. Nelson - Dallas, Percy Dezetell - Salem, Ron and Marilyn Jordan - Bend, Jim Millward - Salem and Louise Hamdan-Loomis, California.

### PORTLAND

March 8th the following fiddlers entertained at the Edgefield Manor: Fred Hilderbrandt, Marshall Jackson, Ed Gorham, Kati and Frank Warner, Bill and Verneda Weber, George Jenkerson, Ron Gimm and three daughters, Eve Caldwell, Bill Wilson, Harold and Millie Shively and Charlie Johnson. Fred's daughter, Noreen Uglesich and others from the Alpha Mu chapter of Delta Chi Sigma furnished refreshments. These people really appreciate this entertainment and a thank you letter was received and read at Monmouth. On March 11th this same group entertained at the Veteran's Hospital. March 13th, Charlie Johnson and Eve Caldwell played for the Golden Age Club in St. Johns and on the 18th they were joined by Andy Murry and Art Sartwell to play for some old timers at the Drop-In Center on N. Lombard. March 19th the same bunch played for an open meeting of Midway Lodge #188 A.F. & A.M. at noon and enjoyed a big ham dinner. Saturday the 28th, Ed Gorham and Charlie Johnson joined a group of doctors near Beaverton for an evening of real long haired music; Bach, Vivaldi, etc. Thanks Charlie and Fred for this news. Sounds like you are keeping in practice.

### ESTACADA

John Bruhl wishes to thank everyone who signed the get-well card at Taft. It was a lift to him to read the names of those he knows, and it was great medicine. He is slowly recovering and is doing some fiddling, even though sitting on the edge of the bed. Anyone wishing to drop him a line may do so by writing to John and Alyce Bruhl, Rt 1, Box 370, Estacada.

### JAM SESSION APRIL 19th

Our next jam session and potluck dinner will be at the Bellview Community Hall. This hall is about ten miles southwest of McMinnville on Hiway 18 toward the coast. Don't forget your fiddles, food and dishes.

### TENINO, WASHINGTON

Bill Yohey joined Don Gish and a group of musicians from Washington for a music festival and show on March 21. He reported an excellent turn-out and they hope to make this an annual affair. This show was managed by Neil Johnston and sponsored by the Lion's Club.

### TILLAMOOK APRIL 25th

Western Old Time Fiddling Contest at the Junior High School, 3906 Alder Lane. Entry fee - Seniors \$5.00 and Open \$10.00. Also a trick and fancy fiddling contest. Contact Larry Modrell, Box 386 Garibaldi, Oregon.

### COMING EVENTS

April 9th through 11th.....Jun., Sen., Ladies and Open.....Spokane, Wash.  
April 11th.....Washington State Convention.....Spokane, Wash.  
April 19th.....Jam Session.....Bellview, Ore.  
April 25th.....Sen., Open and Trick.....Tillamook, Ore.  
May ? .....Contest.....Hazeldell, Wash.  
June 16th thru 20th.....National Contests.....Weiser, Idaho

Much thanks to those who sent in news for this issue of the Hoedowner. Please keep it up! Also, check to see if your dues are paid for 1970 if you want to continue to receive the Hoedowner.

Edna Yohey