

July 1970

Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers

The President's MessageHighlights of the National Contest in Weiser, Idaho:

First, I'd like to thank everyone who went to the contest in Weiser this year. As host fiddlers, we opened all of the evening shows with a jam session, played at the hospitality house, at the fiddler's breakfasts Friday and Saturday morning, and numerous other events. I feel quite fortunate in making the top eight finalists. 68 fiddlers from 16 states were entered in the open contest. We started playing Wednesday morning and finished Saturday evening. They called all 8 finalists on stage and I was awarded 8th place. Arkansas, Vermont, Indiana, Illinois, Idaho, and California all were represented by their state champions. Loyd Wanzer, DeWayne Youngblood, and I were the only Northwest men in the finals. The others were from the Southern states and California. One of the most competitive events was the ladies contest with 12 entered from 5 states. Congratulations to Charlie Johnson for winning third place in the Senior Contest. Cliff Buker and Bill Weber were others among the finalists. Rusty Ledrell, Terrebonne, Ore. was one of the five very fine judges this year. Many of us had the honor of meeting and hearing a 92 year old fiddler, A.E. Crump of Aberdeen Miss. Mr. Crump lost one leg as a youth but gets around on crutches very well. Don Lowe of Spokane, Washington, was elected President of the National Fiddler's Association and Joyce Bonar, Veradale, Washington, was chosen Sec.-Treas. and Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Kirksey Santa Rosa, California will continue as editors of the National newsletter. Our own Marshall Jackson was voted best liked accompanist. He and Lyle Powell of Mt. Home Idaho did a fine job of playing with me throughout the contest. Thank you,
Marshall and Lyle
Bill Yohoy

From the Secretary

The June potluck and jamsession was held at the Riverside Community Hall in Albany and we had about 45 people attending. My husband, Ron, was M.C. for a program as follows: Fiddlers were Fred Virtue, Shorty Allen, Ray Abbey, Tony Descombaz, Cliff Buker, Guy Kyles, and Ray Mack. Accompanists were Don and Ruth Loring, Ron Gimm, Alice Margaris, and Bernice Harlen. Other entertainment was vocals by Alice Margaris, Ron Gimm, Pat Grogan, and Bernice Harlen. Ron and Carlene did a song together; also Lorraine and Marvin Chase with Lorraine playing her accordion. The Gimm girls sang two numbers and Kelly Weaver played his harmonica.

Our next jamsession and potluck will be held at the Sherwood Legion Hall on July 12. Turn off 99W at Six Corners and follow the signs to Sherwood. You will be on Sherwood Blvd. just keep going into town, the hall is on the left, there is a Richfield Station on one side and Garrigus Lumber Yard on the other. The Hall will be open at 10:30 A.M. Don't forget to bring your table service and potluck dish. Marjorie Hawes usually writes up our reports but was unable to attend last month. I'm sure you all join me in wishing her a speedy recovery.
Carlene Gimm

What's Now?

Nell Turner played for the Townsend Club Dance in Albany, May 30th. She and Clarence Greenlund entertain regularly at the rest homes in the area. This is one of the nicest things we can do for the shut-ins. Our deepest sympathy to Nell on the recent loss of her brother.

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Canyon City, Oregon

Oregon State Contest

A good turn out of fiddlers played for a large crowd, June 6th at Canyon City's "62" days celebration. Results in the Senior division were: Bill Weber 1st, Charlie Johnson 2nd, Earl Potts 3rd. Winners in the Open were Bill Yohey 1st, Rusty Modrell 2nd, Pete Haynes 3rd, Edna Grice 4th and Wayne Holmes 5th. There was also a contest for Eastern Oregon Fiddlers that day. It was won by Pete Haynes, Edna Grice 2nd, Ivan McDaniels 3rd, Clay Claughton 4th and Barney Swan 5th. On Friday, Clay Claughton won the Intermediate division, Fred Hil-dobrandt 2nd, Dallas Goff 3rd, and Emil Domas 4th. Gary Claughton beat out his Dad for 1st in Grant County's contest. Clay 2nd, Emil Domas 3rd, and Gifford McIntosh 4th. The Eastern Oregon Fiddlers send thanks to announcer Tom Buckle and judges Earl Moore, Boise Idaho, Dallas Goff, Fayette, Idaho, and Don Gish, Yakima, Wash. We would like to thank the Eastern Oregon people for a good contest and a nice time.

Weiser, Idaho

National Contests

Senior Contest: Alvin Sanderson 1st, Van Cunningham 2nd, Charlie Johnson 3rd. Junior Contest: John Francis 1st, Aaron Lowe 2nd, and Shelia Wright 3rd. Ladies Contest: Vivian Steans 1st, Jana Grief 2nd, and Vivian Williams 3rd. Open Contest: Byron Berlino, Kansas, 1st, Dick Barrett, Texas, 2nd, Loyd Wanzer, Idaho, 3rd, J.C. Broughton, Oklahoma, 4th, DeWayne Youngblood, Idaho, 5th, Virg Evans, Calif. 6th, J.R. Daugherty, New Mexico, 7th and Bill Yohey, Oregon, 8th.

Coming Events

- July 11..... The Dalles, Ore.Open and Sen. Contests
- July 12..... Sherwood, Ore.....Potluck and Jam
- July 18..... Cottage Grove, Ore.....Open, Sen. and Junior
- July 25-26..... Tenino, Wash.....Wash. State Contest
- Aug. 13-15..... Modesto, Calif.....Open Contest \$500-1st
- Aug. 22..... Canyonville, Ore.....Open Contest
- Aug. 22..... Baker, Oregon.....Open Contest
- Aug. 29..... Indiannapolis, Ind.....Open Contest \$500-1st

The Dalles, Ore.

July 11th

Fort Dalles Days Contest

The Dalles will have a senior contest this year as well as an open division. Seniors will vie for \$30, \$20, and \$10 plus trophies and open will have \$80, \$60, \$40, and \$20 plus trophies. The contest will be at The Dalles Armory starting at 5:30 P.M. Entries should be in by 4:00.

Cottage Grove, Oregon

July 18th

Far West Fiddlers Contest

Open and Junior preliminaries at 2:30. Senior and open finals at 7:30. At Cottage Grove District High School, 1000 Taylor St. Entry fees, open \$5, Sr. \$3 and Jr. \$2. Save 50% sending entry to Charlie Stovall, 111 Madison Cottage Grove before the 18th.

Biography

Ruth Loring

I was born, Ruth Powell, on a farm near Cambridge, Neb. and lived there until about 18 when we moved to Meridian, Ida. My father who was a well known oldtime fiddler wanted me to play the fiddle. I learned a few tunes and won a few amateur contests when I was 8 or 9, but I still wanted to play the guitar! My sister and brothers also played and we played for barn and house dances. I met my husband, Don, at Meridian and we were married in 1939. Moved to Albany in 1941 and have been here ever since. We have 3 girls and 1 boy with 9 grand-children. I enjoy music very much.

Ruth Loring

I goofed, in Ron Ginn's biography we gave 1964 as the year of his marriage. Should be 1954. Sorry,

Edna Yohey