

THE HOEDOWNER
OREGON OLDTIME FIDDLERS

AUGUST 1970

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The Washington State contest was held July 25th. I was one of the Judges along with Monte Stephens, Idaho, and Les Rattray from British Columbia. We all agreed that Don Gish was the champion, Doug Atwell took second place and Vivian Williams was third. Loretta Brank, one of our Junior members, who lives at inlock Wash., won 1st in the 12 and under category. Montana also held their State Contest that weekend and Jim Widner was chosen winner. Let's have a good turn out for the Jam session in Gresham so we can really entertain those Senior Citizens.

LILL YOHEY

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Our next Jam Session and Pot luck will be held in Gresham on Aug. 9th at the Senior Citizen's Hall. It is located at 50 N.E. Elliot St. and Lowell Blvd. Come into Gresham and get on East Powell Blvd. Go east of the main part of town six or seven blocks. The building, a large one, is located on the north side of Powell. Entrance for Fiddlers is on the west side, about midway the length of the building. A small marquee that says I.O.O.F. HALL is over the door. Stay on the lower floor.

I recently visited Leonard Fulwider at the Rest Harbor Rest Home. For years he played guitar with John Bruhl, but is no longer able to. While there I renewed acquaintance with George Washington, whom I first met seven years ago when we were both patients at The University Hospital. George, in his mid-thirtys, lost both his sight and his legs in a blasting accident seven years ago. About a year ago he started playing the fiddle and is doing real well at it.

Marshall Jackson

SECRETARY'S NOTES

TREASURER'S REPORT		JULY 1970
Starting balance (March).....		\$293.33
Income (Dues, Hat pass, Nat'l. news)		202.38
	Total	\$495.71
Expenses, March to July		
Hall Rental		\$58.50
Hoedowner expenses		90.25
Editor's pay		36.00
Linograph Machine (used)		65.00
Phone calls, Flowers, etc.		31.76
Potluck expense		30.13
Vest Expense		31.00
	Total	\$342.64

Cash on hand \$153.07

Balance starting after Convention expenses were paid. March Hoedowner expenses included in that column.--The loss on vests was due to non-payment of two, also the packaging, postage, gas, (used for pickup and delivery) plus phone calls.

The Association is losing money on each Jam session, simply because we're not taking in enough in the collection to cover our monthly expenses. These expenses are-- The Hoedowner, Hall rent, Editors pay, phone calls, coffee supplies and stamps. These expenses average \$56.00 per month. So in order to meet them, we will either have to raise our dues, or give a little more when the hat comes around. Or we can keep going the way we are and our treasury will keep getting smaller, and there wouldn't be enough left to have a convention next year. If anyone has any ideas on how to make money or suggestions concerning this matter, please contact me; Earlene Gimm, 150 N.E. 10th St. Sherwood, Ore. or contact Bill Yohey, 934 E. Davis St. McKinville, Ore. Or Marshall Jackson, 1625 S.E. Lawrence Gresham, Ore.

EARLENE GIMM

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JAM-SESSION

SHERWOOD, ORE.

About 85 fiddle enthusiasts attended the potluck dinner and jam-session at Sherwood, July 12th. As usual, the women outdid themselves in preparing an assortment of delectable foods which filled the long buffet table. Following the dinner, Ron Gimm acted as Master of Ceremonies for the jam session and the program got off to a rollicking start with the combined strings of 22 fiddlers in several hoedown numbers followed by a banjo selection played by Bill Yohey, accompanied by Marshall Jackson on guitar and Ed Gorham on the bull fiddle.

Fiddlers participating in the program individually were: Loretta Brank, Elmo Hardebeck, Harold Shively, George Jenkerson, Fred Hilderbrandt, Ray Abbey, Charlie Johnson, Valdemar Nelson, Cliff Buker, Tony Descombaz, Benny Brank, Wayne Holmes, Don Haynes, Bill Weber, Warren Gray, Walter Marvin, Kati Warner, Marshall Jackson, Pop Powers, Clarence Greenlund, and Jim Ramsey. Accompanists were Esther Morgan, Marshall Jackson and Frank Warner guitars; Don Haynes, banjo; and Ed Gorham, bass fiddle. Several vocal numbers were provided by Annette and Rhonda Gimm, Accompanied by their father on the guitar; and by Ron Gimm himself, with Wayne Holmes, Don Haynes, and Ed Gorham furnishing the background music.

At the conclusion of the program the tables were shoved aside for the guests to enjoy dancing to the toe-tapping tunes of a great bunch of musicians. If you weren't there, you missed a truly wonderful social afternoon. Don't take my word for it--come next time and join in the fun.

VERENDA WEBER

A SIDE NOTE

Seems our group now includes a "Flower Child." One of our fiddlers left his hat in the ladies room at Sherwood. When he got it back it was nicely decorated with paper flowers.

Marshall Jackson, Fred Hilderbrandt and Bill Weber entertained recently at the Gresham Elks Lodge. Bill, his wife Veroda, and Marshall also played on the Mt. Scott Golden Age Club program this month.

Thank You's have been received from Neil Rogerson, The Dalles and Charles Stovall, Cottage Grove, to everyone who helped make their contests big successes.

A SAD NOTE

We recently lost one of our long time members. Dave Hite, Cottage Grove, passed away July 14th. His wife, Agnes, ask us to thank all of their "fiddlin' friends" for all of the kind thoughts and beautiful cards and flowers.

CONTESTS

THE DALLES OREGON

Results of the contest were; Open division: Doug Atwell, 1st, Don Gish, 2nd, Bill Yohey, 3rd, and Rusty Modrell 4th. Seniors were: Cottage Grove: Seniors Cliff Buker, 1st, Bill Weber 2nd, and Charlie Johnson 3rd. Open: Bill Yohey 1st, Don Gish 2nd, Rusty Modrell 3rd, Jerry White 4th and Wayne Holmes 5th. Juniors: Loretta Brank, Billy Warwick and Danny Warwick in that order.

SEASIDE, OREGON

Charlie Johnson and Marshall Jackson motored to Joseph for the contest there on the 25th. Charlie didn't fiddle, he was a judge along with Clay Claughton and Duane Boyer. Saturday morning they played for the Masonic Lodge's outdoor breakfast to benefit crippled children. Several thousand people were there. Walter Brennen (T.V.'s Granpa McCoy) who has a ranch in the area was present and celebrating his 76th birthday. Charlie and Marshall both had him autograph their fiddlers cards. A group of fiddlers got on a float for the parade. The float was an oldtime double box grain wagon, pulled by six huge dappled grey horses. They were owned and driven by Bob Green of LaGrande. It was a rough ride for a bunch of shook up fiddlers. An overflow crowd heard the contests with these results----

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SENIORS: Clarence Wittinger, Idaho, 1st, Earl Potts, 2nd, Spencer Bacon 3rd. OPEN 1st Pete Haynes, 2nd Carolyn Linsey, 3rd Les Kiesecker, 4th J.C. Gentle and 5th, Marshall Jackson. INTERMEDIATES in this order, Ivan McDaniels, Les Kiesecker, Marshall Jackson, Wallace Ralston and Gary Claughton.

COMING EVENTS

AUGUST 9thJam session and Potluck dinner ..Gresham, Oregon
AUGUST 13th, 14th, 15th. Contests Modesto, Calif.
AUGUST 22nd Contest Baker, Oregon
AUGUST 22nd Contest Canyonville, Oregon
AUGUST 29th Contest Indianapolis, Ind.

Baker, Ore. There will be both Senior and Open contests, starting at 1:30 in the afternoon and finishing at an evening show. Entry fees are \$2.50 for the Seniors and \$5.00 in the Open division. Eastern Oregon rules will be followed. \$75.00 top in open. \$25.00 top in Senior.

Canyonville, Ore. Aug. 22nd, Canyonville is paying winners this year as well as trophies. Top in the Open contest is \$75.00 with 4 places. Contest starts at 3:00 p.m. Entry fees \$10.00. Be there by 2:00 pm.

BIOGRAPHY

FIDDLER BILL WEBER

Born in Vernon County, Wisconsin in 1893, Bill Weber grew up in a Norwegian fiddling community. Fiddles always intrigued him and at the age of 12, he was determined to someday be a fiddler. Ma Weber had high hopes, tho, and demanded he learn to play the organ. This was a hopeless endeavor, so his dad finally offered him an acre of virgin land to clear, plant, and earn money for a violin. The work was not easy but the rewards were great. He had enough money from the sale of the potatoes he planted to buy his fiddle, which he still owns. He learned to play by listening to his grandfather and the Norwegian neighbors. Bill played for dances, entered, and won, a few contests at the corn husking bees. His son Wayne, now deceased, played guitar and daughter Doris, still entertains on piano and accordion, so music was the family fun.

Bill came to Oregon in 1942, leaving the old violin behind, and went to work at the Union Stockyards.--The fiddle was later brought to Oregon but arthritis had left his hands too stiff to finger the strings and it was not until 1967 when he attended a contest at Cottage Grove that he determined to play again. With lots of practice he is doing very well.

HOME NOTES

No word has been received from the State Fair so we suggest you watch the newspapers to see if they plan a contest this year.

Eud Adams sent a nice letter thanking all who helped at the big show at Weiser this past June. Will have the letter at Gresham for anyone to read. They have plans to improve the air conditioning before next years show.

Thats about it for now, please keep sending your news. We can't have a newsletter without news.

EDNA YOHEY