

The President's Message

I am disappointed when I tell the members I didn't go to the contest in Indianapolis. Edna and I are planning a trip to my brother's in Mexico around Christmas and I felt I should work while the sun shines.

Harold Allen, formerly of Corvallis, has transferred to a job at Lowman, Idaho. Harold moved to Kansas, but has been working in Cartersville, Georgia. We hope that while he is in the northwest he will get over to Oregon.

We had a wonderful time at the Baker contest. As usual, Pete Haynes did a good job handling the details of a well-run contest. Sunday the Haynes' were hosts of a fine dinner which was much appreciated.

Don Gish, Yakima, Washington, and I flew to Modesto for their big contest August 14 and 15. We were the only northwest contestants entered. Pop Powers of Eugene was one of the judges.

The Potato Festival fiddle and talent show will be the evening of Sept. 19th in Redmond, Ore. This year, Rusty Rodrell has a program lined up featuring some of his musician friends from Washington, Idaho and Oregon. When the show is over, I'll be helping Rusty play for a big country dance at the Eagle's Hall in Bend. If you're in that area don't miss the Potato Festival with it's Barbecue and Fiddle Show. That's Redmond, Oregon -- Sept. 19

See you at the Jam Session in Scio Sept. 13th.....

BILL YOHEY

From the Vice President

A big "Thanks" to all of the Fiddlers, their families and friends, who came to the Gresham Jam Session and helped make it a fine success. Everyone enjoyed themselves that day, and you fiddlers who did not get to it really missed a good time. I know that the Senior Citizens of Gresham enjoyed our music and will be calling us back again. Perhaps others of you know of a Senior Citizen club in your locality which would like to sponsor a Jam Session for us. This note was recieved from the Senior Citizens Club: "Dear Ir. Jackson, To you---and the many people involved in bringing a day of music and good fellowship to the Center--- We than" you! It was a day the seniors will long remember...with happiness. signed, B. Hills"

MARSHALL JACKSON

Gresham, Oregon

August 9th

Jam Session

The monthly Jam Session was held at Gresham on Sunday August 9th, upon invitation of the Gresham Senior Citizens.

A sizeable crowd of fiddlers and their wives assembled at noon for the usual potluck dinner, followed by the program which was attended by the Senior Citizens.

Group playing started the program off, which included

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several requests made by the guests, after which the following fiddlers entertained individually with their own special numbers: Bill Weber, Eva Caldwell, Fred Hildebrandt, D.D. Day, Bill Wilson, Harold Shiveley, Alfred Yeadon, Wes Brunson, Alfred Hadley, Tony Descombaz, George Jenkerson, Charlie Johnson, George Cieloha, Marshall Jackson, Bob Hawes, Allen Landers, Bob Booth, Valdemar Nelson, Clarence Greenland, and Chet Haven.

Accompanying the various fiddlers were bass fiddle, Ed Gorham; piano, Eva Caldwell and Millie Shiveley; accordion, Verneda Weber; banjo, Marshall Jackson; and guitars, Don Loring, Ruth Loring, Marshall Jackson Wes Brunson, and Frank Bolden. Special numbers were provided by Frank Bolden on the banjo, Bill Yohey with both mandolin and banjo selections, and Ed Lorton on the accordion.

President Bill Yohey acted as Master of Ceremonies to a very appreciative audience of elder citizens and from all appearances the fiddlers enjoyed it as much, or more, than the listeners.

VERNEDA WEBER

Modesto, California August 14 and 15 Contest

The results of the contest at Modesto are Jay Belt, Fresno, 1st, Bill Yohey, 2nd, Roy Hatcher, Los Angeles, 3rd, Ronald Huey, Bakersfield, 4th, and Don Gish, Yakima, 5th. We are proud of the showing made by our Northwesterners.

Canyonville, Oregon August 22 Contest

Results are: 1st, Doyle Young, 2nd, Bud Ryan, 3rd, Wayne Holmes, 4th, Guy Spurlock. The judges were Stan Whitney, Nora Fuller, and Ira Poole. We played on a covered outdoor stage. The audience was not so lucky as they had to sit out in the sun and it was between 90 and 100 degrees. Despite the fact that Canyonville is rather small, they put on a very good show with something going on all the time. Besides the fiddle contest, there were costume contests and beard contests, and a lot more booths and concessions than you would expect.

WAYNE HOLMES

Baker, Oregon August 22 Contest

Baker held a senior contest, as well as two divisions in the open contest. Seniors: Otis Howard 1st, John Murray 2nd, Charlie Johnson 3rd. Open Contest 2nd Division in this order: Chuck Skoro, Rick Youngblood, Jim Baker, Ivan McDaniels and Fred Hildebrandt. 1st Division had Bill Yohey in 1st, followed by Rusty Lodrell, DeWayne Youngblood, Pete Haynes and Rue Frisbee.

Coming Events

Jam Session Sept. 13th Scio, Oregon 11 AM
Our next jam session and potluck will be at the I.O.O.F. Hall on the main street of Scio. We met at this hall before. Let's have a good turn out and bring your friends.

News from our Members

Friday evening, July 31, Marshall Jackson and his wife were surprised when Bill and Verneda Weber and Rusty and Vi Modrell stopped in for a visit. Rusty had left his fiddle at home so we dug one up for him and put him to work. He seems

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to do his usual fine fiddling no matter whose fiddle he is using and of course with a fiddler like Bill around, there is never a dull moment. After the jam session at Gresham, the Webers, the Lorings, the Yoheys, and the Zilsdorfs stopped in at the Jacksons for a visit and more music. We were happy to have these folks at our house and say, "Stop again!"

MARSHALL AND SARAH JACKSON

Recently, Charlie Johnson and Marshall Jackson accompanied by their wives, journeyed to Hood River where they entertained the Hood River Fair Board. They hope to have a contest again next year at Hood River. Later in the month, these two joined Cliff Baker at Fogarty Park near Depee Bay where they played for a convention of county agents from all over the U.S.

CHARLIE JOHNSON

Fred and Ellen Hildebrandt opened their home Saturday evening, August 29th, to a small group of fiddlers and their wives in a farewell get-together and a jam session for Kati Warner who recently enlisted in the Waves. Kati will leave Sept. 4th for ten weeks training at Bainbridge, Maryland. A delightful evening of music, as well as a delicious luncheon, was enjoyed by Mrs. Soderman, Millie and Harold Shiveley, Sarah and Marshall Jackson, Bill and Verneda Weber, Bill Wilson, George Cieloha, Kati's parents, Frank and Jean Warner and the guest of honor. We all wish Kati the best of luck in her new venture and hope the Navy will allow her time to keep up her fiddle practice. Wes Brunson, Eva Caldwell, Marshall Jackson, and Bill Weber were among recent entertainers at the Ft. Scott Golden Years Club. Marshall and Bill also entertained at the Eagle Fern Park for the St. Johns Golden Age Club.

VERNEDA WEBER

A note from Ray Abbey tells us he recently underwent surgery. He is home now, but his doctor won't let him play his fiddle for a couple of weeks. We hope by the time he gets this letter, he is much improved. His address is 317 N.W. 16th Ave. in Camas, Washington.

Editor's note

You will notice your newsletter is in an envelope this month. It seems the Post Office doesn't treat mail as first class when it is sent unsealed. Last month, we mailed them on the first and some didn't get them until the 22nd. I'm sorry about the delay and hope to avoid it again. If your name or address is incorrect, please let me know. Also, don't forget to send in your news. Thanks.....

EDNA YOHEY