

# THE HOEDOWNER

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## COMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 1982

DISTRICT

Dec	4	Benefit Jam	Green Acres Grange	Coos Bay	5
	5	Xmas Party	Clackamas Comm College	Oregon City	7
	5	Xmas Party	Senior Citizen Center	Bend	3
	12	Xmas Party	Central Point Grange	Central Pt	4
	12	Xmas Party	Moose Lodge	Lebanon	6
	12	Xmas Party	McMinnville Grange	McMinnville	8
	18	Xmas Party	IWA Hall	??	1
	18	Xmas Party	VEW Hall	Bandon	5
	19	Jam Session	Museum Club Room	Burns	1E
Jan	9	State Jam & Mtg	Fairgrounds	Roseburg	4
	16	Jam Session	Senior Citizen Center	Gresham	7
	16	Jam Session	Senior Citizen Center	Salem	8

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WE WISH A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR AND GOOD HEALTH TO ALL IN THE COMING YEAR.

## DISTRICT 1

Our Jam Session was held at the Fairgrounds this month and there was a good turnout of listeners. We planned our Christmas Party, which will be held at the I.W.A. Hall on Dec. 18th. We will start eating at 6:30. A gift exchange will be held with the gifts not to exceed \$3.00 in cost. Mark gifts for men or women, please. Irene Lewis is head of the decorating committee.

Fiddlers have been playing at the Jefferson Mall and Sambo's, Holiday Bowl, Shry's Cafe at Midland, Oregon and at one nursing Home and the Retirement Home. Thanks to all for their faithfulness. We certainly do commend Bob Coleman for going to the Stepping Stones and playing his guitar for the people there while they sang. That is a very rewarding service, I think.

We miss those we haven't seen for a while, such as Ray and Cherry Lane, and we are happy to be getting together again after summer vacations.

It's really nice to see some young people taking part in the music sessions. There are quite a number of young people playing the violin in school, so we have a broad field to work in to promote Old Time Fiddling.

Happy Thanksgiving to all Fiddlers and their families everywhere, and may we all take time to be thankful for our bountiful blessings and many friends we have made within the fiddlers group. God bless everyone. Lets all remember the Scripture verse in II Corinthians, 1:4, "We can comfort those in trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God," and take time to lift a brother's spirits when necessary.

Remember! 1983 dues are due and payable now and the cost is \$12.00 per family.

ANNE JOHNSON \* Reporter

### DISTRICT 1E

We had our first Jam at the Museum Club Room on November 21st. It is a nice room. In spite of the bad weather, we had a smaller, but very enthusiastic crowd. The music was good and we really enjoyed it.

Some of our group played for the Harney County Farm Association Banquet. Those playing were Ruel Teague, Dennis Sedan, Brick Calloway, Rusty Knight, Ben Scott, Pat Scott and yours truly.

Susie Smith came in 6th in the Novice Division at the Redding Contest. Keep on winning, Susie.

Our next jam will be December 19th at the Museum Club Room in Burns.

JOAN KNIGHT - Reporter

### DISTRICT 3

District 3 met at the Bend Senior Center on Sunday, November 7th. There was a pretty good turnout with nine fiddlers playing to a good sized audience. We had some welcome visitors, Mr and Mrs Foote from Fort Rock and Olive Deaver with her daughter and grand daughter, from North Dakota.

PLEASE NOTE: Sunday, December 5th will be our Christmas party and pot luck dinner. We start at 12:00 noon. Bring your own table service. The District will provide a turkey. There will also be a gift exchange. Men bring a man's gift, ladies bring a lady's gift. There is a \$3.00 maximum for the gifts. Participation in exchanging gifts is not mandatory. We will also be electing new officers at this time, so start thinking about who you might like to nominate.

Anyone who has not paid their dues, please get in touch with Alice. They need to be in by the end of December.

Hope to see all of you next month.

PEGGY HANSON - Reporter

### DISTRICT 4

Sunday, Dec 12, Christmas Party, Central Point Grange, CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC. Open to Fiddlers or dates. NO GIFT EXCHANGE. Our club will provide the meat, dressing, white potatoes and gravy. MEMBERS WILL POTLUCK THE TRIMMINGS. Remember to bring your own table service. Hall will be open at 10:00 AM.

Wedding Congratulations to Cecil Lacy and Juanita Baer. They tied the knot on Oct 20th. They are busy consolidating houses. They say they will move the piano in, no matter what! Address 2312 Tulane Ave., Central Point.

Mrs Jack McCasland "Clemmie" was in the hospital this month. Glad to hear she is much better.

The Nov 14th Jam Session in Gold Hill was a huge success! 15 fiddlers, 3 mandolins and 6 specials. Lots of people to dance! We welcomed Kathy and Joe Ross, new members and new to Medford from District 7 in Portland. Kathy is a teacher and Joe works for Bureau of Land Management. Kathy plays fiddle and Joe plays guitar, bass and mandolin. Visitors included Jim and June Secor from Salem and Dorothy Cory from Crescent City.

It was voted at our Nov 14th meeting to have finger foods rather than pot-lucks at the Jam Sessions during the summer months and during hunting season.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL----

PATRICIA WHEELER - Reporter

## DISTRICT 5

The coast has been ringing with fiddle music all month. It all started on the 6th when we played on stage in Coquille at the Vietnam Veterans Day festivities. We packed up from there and headed out to the grange at Green Acres for a potluck and fiddling. It was one of those perfect evenings of music and dancing. We were especially pleased to see Carl and Minnie Dean there and well enough to dance.

The next week end was a busy one. We went to Winchester Bay on Friday evening for a potluck and dancing and the next night we headed down the coast to the Sixes Grange for a free meal and an enthusiastic group of dancers. At least on Nov 13th this year, we didn't get blown away like we did last year.

The 20th a group of us from all directions found the North Fork Grange near Florence for a District 5 jam. We never know what to expect - whether people will turn out on a rainy night, but they turned out that night. The Grange hall was small, but there were well over 100 people who came to hear the fiddlers. After we played our three tunes, the chairs were pushed back and dancing began. I can't imagine there being a better host and crowd as there was that night.

Al Lively, our District 5 Chairman, introduced the back up: Betty McKee, Carlton Smith, Dan Pullis, Bob McKee, Betty Lively, Ella Savery, Murrell Walton, Roy Zeigler, Don Loring, Ruth Loring, and Al himself.

The Fiddlers introduced were: Jim Morris, Les McCloud, Claude Strader, Alice Holt, Buck Milligan, Thelma Berg, Walter Beers, Lew Holt, and Bill Welch. Fiddlers and accompanists came from all over. We thank you.

In December, we have been invited to Green Acres on the 4th for a benefit for Carl and Minnie. Come and join us for this important evening. We want to show the Deans that we care. Sunday, the 5th, we will play in the afternoon at J.C. Penneys in Coos Bay. On the 9th we will be back up to Winchester Bay. Mark your calendar for the 18th and join us for our Christmas party at the VFW in Bandon. Since the 1st Saturday in January comes on New Years Day, the Green Acres Grange invited us to come the night before - on the 31st. Sounds like a good idea.

LEW HOLT - Reporter.

## DISTRICT 6

Hugh Hiatt of Dexter, died Friday, November 5th. Graveside services were held Nov 8. Our sympathies to Marion and the rest of the family. Hugh will be missed at the fiddler's gatherings.

District Six Fiddlers will meet Dec. 12 at the Moose Lodge in Lebanon, with doors open at 11 A.M. Lunch served to musicians and spouses at noon and the program will begin at 1:00 P.M. The lodge is on Main Street, on the right-hand side coming from the freeway, about three miles south of the main part of town.

Local fiddlers put in a busy weekend: Nov 13 we played at a benefit for the Friends of Lane County Extension, in the Springfield shopping mall, then Sunday we met at the Springfield Moose Lodge, playing for a small crowd of dancers who finally let us quit after about twenty minutes of "just one more tune."

Fiddlers included Bud Milligan, Wayne Holmes, Stan Gonshorowski, Linda Danielson, Bob Jones, LeRoy Sims, Charley Sanford, Hugh Doolittle, Everett Bennett, Carol Larson, Vilas Sansom, Paul Lakey, and Thelma Berg. For specials, Linda and Bob twin-fiddled a tune, Lud Schoenfelder played the harmonica, John Clark sang, and included duets with his mother, Thelma Berg and with daughter, Joanna -- age maybe seven-- LeRoy and Shirley Sims, Everett Bennett and Jack Walker sang, and at the last minute Marcia Ledbetter walked in, borrowed a guitar, and closed the show. Other accompanists for the day included Dick Ondracek, Hank Napier, Jerry and Vera Kinnaman and Larry Larson.

Watch for details in the January Hoedowner: District Six is planning a birthday party in February. Everybody will have one sometime during the year. Then we'll be past the holiday season and into the middle of winter, so what

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better time for the district to buy a ham, bake a birthday cake, and celebrate those birthdays together??

Those of you in Districts Seven and Eight, Lebanon's not that far away-- we hope to see you Dec 12th.

LINDA DANIELSON - Reporter

Following information called in by Thelma Berg:

District 6 Old Time Fiddlers will be playing for Irving Grange for their Christmas program at 7:30 PM on Dec 18th. Would like some help. Also on Dec 23rd at Twilight Acres Rest Home on Hwy 58 at Pleasant Hill for their Christmas program. Need help there too.

## DISTRICT 7

These things sure seem to roll around fast. Here it is time for my report again.

Our Jam, Nov 14 at Milwaukie Center was excellent. We had 20 Fiddlers and a lot of those fiddlers were also accompanists. The ones that were not fiddlers were Frank Warner, Jim Braskett and Al Keen. Our thanks to all Accompanists. Our Fiddlers were Joe Hamm, George King, Clarence Davis, Ruth Keen, Mirv Collins, Helen Hakenson, Penny Mead, Frank Williams, Herman Classen, Jack Sweet, Wes Brunsen, Greg Baker, Bob Fast, Charley Johnson, Ed H Jelseph, Bill Herd, Yvonne Uptmor, Jack Smith, Jack & Annette, Gladys Braskett, Walt Hardy, Frank C Bethea, Russ Phillips, and Esther Snyder.

We had 3 specials. First was Ben Benson, Guitar player and singer from my small Country Western Group. He did a fine job. Also a new member, Walter Nash, sang a couple of good old songs and then Russ Phillips did us the honor of singing for us, and then Bill Herd played banjo and sang an old song, Blue Ridge Mountain Home. All this was MC'd by Chairman Ed Mead. It was a real entertaining program which held the audience until the end.

We signed up two new members and took in a lot of 1983 dues. Our next jam is our Christmas jam at Clackamas Community College on December 5th. Ladies may bring your fancy desserts etc., and District 7 will furnish turkey and ham. There will be NO gift exchange, but will have Santa Claus and candy.

Our first jam of 1983 will be Jan 16th at Gresham Senior Citizen Center. Potluck as usual and doors open at least by 10:30.

Until Dec 5th this is your reporter signing off.

PENNY MEAD - Reporter

## DISTRICT 8

We had a nice crowd at our Woodburn Jam Session. Everyone seemed to enjoy it, and thanks to everyone for making our Thanksgiving Ham Dinner a success.

Our next Fiddlers Jam Session will be at McMinnville Grange Hall on Dec. 12th which will be our Christmas Party and dinner. District 8 will furnish the turkey, dressing, gravy and mashed potatoes, also ~~some~~ ham. The rest is potluck salads, vegetables, desserts etc., all the goodies for a Holiday Dinner. We will eat at 12 noon. Show for the public at one o'clock. Bring your own table service. Doors open at 10 o'clock. There will also be an exchange of gifts, men bring a man's gift, and ladies bring a lady's gift. \$3.00 limit on gifts. If you have

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children, you bring them a gift. Participation in gift exchange is not mandatory.

Our January jam session will be Jan 16th at Salem Senior Center .

ATTENTION FIDDLERS

All Fiddlers, please check your fiddle bows to be sure you have the right one. Vi Jensen has a bow that does not belong to her and her best bow is missing. If you have the wrong bow by mistake, please contact Dave Robinson, Chairman of District 8, or Vi Jensen to return it. We know this is a mistake that can easily happen when people lay their instruments and bows on tables etc., If anyone finds Vi's bow, please return it, no questions asked.

JEANETTE ROBINSON - Reporter

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\* SILENT FIDDLES \*

\* HUGH S. HIATT, Fiddler, Life Member, Dexter, Oregon. Husband of Marion \*

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@ WEDDING BELLS @  
@ CECIL LACY & JUANITA BAER, Oct 20TH 1982 CENTRAL POINT, OREGON @  
@ ERNIE HALE & ROSE KROETSCH, JULY 1982, SAUDIA ARABIA @  
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SUFFERIN SI SEZ

My wife sure is being good to me lately. Whenever I use my favorite "lame back" excuse she gives me large doses of EXTRA STRENGTH TYLENOL.

BITS AND PIECES  
By Lois Tucker

It is in HUMAN nature to think wisely and to act in an absurd fashion.  
ANATOLE FRANCE.

EDITOR'S NOTE

The President asked me to remind District Officials to check the By-Laws concerning Life membership. The applicant must have been a member for at least two years and be an active participant in the organization. There have been some misunderstandings and hard feelings when people have applied for life membership without having been a member before.

I also wish to extend Best Wishes for the Holidays to Everyone and especially my deepest thanks to the reporters who have helped me do this job this year. I also want to tell people how much I appreciate the good words I have received from everyone, even from Alaska and Arizona concerning the paper. This certainly is NOT a "THANKLESS" job. God Bless you all.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

LEE JONES - Ed

## WINNERS OF REDDING CALIFORNIA FAR WEST CONTEST

### Pee Wee Division

1. Megan Lynch
2. Lebra Kirk
3. Becky Thomsen

### Junior Junior Div.

1. Linette Lane
2. Chandley Ruwe
3. TIFFANY WHEELER

### Junior Division

1. Sherry Hill
2. HEATHER BENNETT
3. Randy Pollard

### Seniors

1. Vic Halvorson
2. RAY KROGSTAD
3. Lyman Rogers

### Novice Division

1. Cathy Axel
2. Bob Helm
3. Fred Stepp

### Open Old Time Div.

1. Harry Johnson
2. Paul Shelasky
3. BILLY WARWICK

### Open Progressive Div.

1. John Francis
2. Loretta Brank
3. Brenda Wallace

### Flatpick Junior

1. Shelley Zelazny
2. Morgan Viggars
3. Mark Brown

### Flatpick Open

1. Paul Shelasky
2. BILL YOHEY
3. Ron Johnson

### Twin Fiddle

1. Loretta Brank and  
Randy Sloan

### Accompanist

1. Lee Burchette
2. Vern Baughman
3. JOEY MCKENZIE

### Youngest Competitor

Darren Reitan 5

### Oldest Competitor

Chuck Beall 80

The family of Hugh S. Hiatt would like to thank the fiddlers and their families for the thoughtfulness at the loss of our husband and father. Bless!!

MARION HIATT AND FAMILY.

Rose Kroetsch of Redmond Or who played at the Jam Sessions at Bend, Oregon, married Ernie Hale in July and is now living in Saudi Arabia. Ernie is with the Corps of Engineers there and Rose is busy practicing her fiddle and mandolin, and having a ball while there.

Dolores Kroetsch (her mom)

### THE FIDDLER'S STORY

From the interviews of the Oregon Oldtime Fiddling Project

Estille Bingham

Estille, a native Kentuckian, now from Riddle, Oregon, recalls a story that went with one of his father's old tunes:

"I learnt one I never have heard played, nowhere only amongst a few old fiddlers there-- was called 'Callahan.' My dad played it and there's a story goes with it. They had this man Callahan up to be hung, and he had his casket made and brought there to the scaffold where they was aimin' to hang him, and they asked him if he wanted any request, any last request-- he was a fiddler, so he said he'd like to play one more tune. So they give him his fiddle and he set on the end of his casket and played that tune. And he said, 'If they's anybody can play that tune any better'n I can, I'll give 'em my fiddle.' The story goes that nobody tried, and he busted his fiddle over the end of his casket."

-- Linda Danielson --