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COMING EVENTS

JANUARY 1983

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	9	Jam Session	Museum Club Room	Burns	1E
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First, a HAPPY NEW YEAR to all and BEST WISHES for the coming year from Mrs Yohey and I.

I am looking forward to the Convention March 18 - 19. Catering our banquet dinner will be Mr & Mrs Jim Deaton and staff. Full details of the convention show, dinner and dance will be in the February and March Hoedowner. Again it will be at the Douglas County Fairground in Roseburg, Oregon.

Don't forget the State Jam Session and Board of Directors meeting Jan 9th, also at the Fairground in Roseburg. If, for some reason, District Officers are unable to attend, please send a delegate.

A woman needs only two friends. One to talk to, and one to talk about.

DISTRICT 1

District One Fiddlers have been fiddling around in all kinds of places in different groups, but keep busy and happy. Our Christmas party was a success and everyone enjoyed the good food and fellowship. Lois Tucker and Irene Lewis did a wonderful job of putting it all together, and Lois EmCee'd a pantomime of "The night before Christmas" with Glenna and Ernie Furrey as Mom in her kerchief and Pa in his cap, and Irene's Grandchildren as the children all snug led all close

District 1 Cont'd

in their beds. We, as spectators, could see the visions of sugar plums dancing in their heads with the gleam in their eyes. Al Nelson was a good sport and played Santa Claus, jolly old St Nicholas with his little round tummy that shook when he laughed like a bowl full of yummy. His Jollyness topped it all off. Lois also gave a message to us all about Christmas being Christ's Birthday and the need to recognize and celebrate it as such. Very nicely done, Lois!

We express our condolences to Ed McGinnis in the loss of his dear wife, Molly.

The January Meeting will be at the Fairgrounds on Jan 19, 1983, at same time and a potluck as usual. The nominating committee will be appointed.

We are happy to welcome Grant and Doris Ellingson to our membership and are glad he plays the guitar

Thanks to everyone for the faithful service shown this past year, and my prayer is for faith, hope, love and forgiveness to be the ruling factors in all our lives.

I understand Rosalee McLain's mother had surgery, but was unable to get hold of anyone to find out about it. Anyway, we offer our prayers and thoughts for her and all the family.

Happy New Year and may it be a prosperous and peaceful one for all members and their families everywhere. God Bless you one and all.

ANNE JOHNSON - Reporter

DISTRICT 1E

This has been a busy month for us. We played at MURPHY'S twice this month. The crowds were large and everyone really enjoyed the fiddling. Those who played were, RUEL TEAGUE, SUSIE SMITH, TUREN DUNTEN, BRICK CALLOWAY, BEN SCOTT, HELEN SARGENT, PAT SCOTT and JOAN KNIGHT.

The Chamber of Commerce contacted us about having a fiddle contest in Burns. They would like to have good prize money and are going to talk to the other local clubs and the business people. If they can put something together, they would like to have it right after the Weiser contest. I'll let you know what happens. We could use the High School and there is plenty of parking for campers.

At our last jam we were happy to see LANCE BARKER who came from Seneca in spite of the bad road conditions. Our chairman RUSTY KNIGHT is in Oklahoma so co-chairman RUEL TEAGUE has taken over and is doing a good job.

The people who do a lot of "behind the scene" work are due thanks from all of us. I would like to thank MARGARET TEAGUE for all the things she does to help.

Our next jam will be January 9th at the Museum Club Room in Burns. The Chamber of Commerce has asked us to play at their banquet Jan 29th.

JOAN KNIGHT - Reporter

DISTRICT 3

District 3 met at the Bend Senior Center on Sunday, December 5th. As it was our Christmas party/pot luck, there was plenty of good grub. A decision was made to suction off the left-over food, and it was well met.

Our election of officers was held, and results are as follows: CHAIRMAN: Don Hanna, VICE-CHAIRMAN: George Terril, SECRETARY-TREASURER: Tom O'Neil.

A vote was taken and carried to change our monthly jams from the first Sunday of the month to the second Sunday of the month. The time will remain unchanged.

District 3 Cont'd

On December 9th, a few of our members went over to Redmond and played at the Golden Age Club and also the Redmond Heights Care Center. I understand that both audiences were very appreciative.

Our next jam will be January 9th at the Bend Senior Center at 1:00 PM.
Hope everyone has a very HAPPY NEW YEAR.

PEGGY HANSON, - Reporter

DISTRICT 4 Not received.

DISTRICT 5

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all of you Hoedowners from all of us here in District 5. We hope that Santa brought you a new song or two-- something to make 1983 more musical.

We were on the go in December with the fiddlers not getting much time to put their fiddles down. The 4th we were at Green Acres where we held a benefit dance for Carl and Minnie Dean. It was an all around pleasant evening and we wish the best for Carl and Minnie. Thanks to everyone who turned out.

The next afternoon we played at J.C. Penney's in Coos Bay. It was raining outside but was a pleasant afternoon inside for fiddling - with many a wave or smile from our friends who had come to shop and hear the fiddlers play.

Friday, the 10th, we went to Winchester Bay to play at the Grange. We won't be going back to Winchester Bay for a while, but we will let you know when we start back again. Our thanks go to Lee and Helen who have made us so welcome over the many months.

Christmas parties are always special. Our party this year in Bandon at the VFW Hall was all that a Christmas Party should be. (At least we were not flooded out as we were last year.) We had all the food we could eat, thanks to the ladies who worked so hard to prepare the ham, turkeys, pies and all of the rest of the good food. We were especially pleased that Santa found us and after our presents were opened we finished the evening with the sounds of fiddle music.

January 1983 is ahead of us and we want to invite all of you to join us. We are going to fudge a bit and go to Green Acres one day early. We will be there the 31st of December for our New Year's party. We want to invite all of you to join us at Ada Grange for a dance on Saturday, January 15, 1983. Ada is south of Florence. About 2½ miles south of Florence turn east on Canary Road. There are signs from both directions which say that Ada is 13 miles. Again - turn east across from Honeyman State Park onto Canary Road and follow the road with the fog line out to the Ada Grange. I am sure that Phyllis Garrett wouldn't mind if you gave her a call at 997 8471 if you want better directions. It is going to be a great evening, so we want to invite our friends from all over to attend.

LEW HOLT - Reporter

DISTRICT 6

We are unable to confirm our January District meeting, but will try to have the information and announce it at the State meeting at Roseburg.

December 12 was much better spent indoors than out, and District Six fiddlers were lucky to spend the day at the Moose Lodge in Lebanon among Christmas decorations and an appreciative audience, a good number of whom were wearing red for the holiday season. The official jam session ended with carol singing, and a few die-hards kept playing for awhile after that.

District 6 Cont'd

Wayne Holmes Mc'd for sixteen fiddlers: Paul Lakey, Wayne Holmes, Bud Milligan, Leroy Sims, Linda Danielson, Bill Compher, Thelma Berg, Judy Scher, Walt Westberry, Don Bowman, Bill Yohey, Everett Bennett, Carol Larson, Vilas Sansom, Willie Carter and Bob Jones. Special performers included singers, John and Jonna Clark, Marsha Ledbetter, Everett Bennett, Jack Walker and Ted Miller. Judy Scher and Bill Compher performed together on banjo and mandocello -- the overgrown version of a mandolin. And Jim Secor played an underfed harmonica, about an inch and a half in length. Others who accompanied included June Secor, Vivian Steele, Al Hawkins, Dick Ondrasek, Shirley Bailey, Don and Ruth Loring, Marjie Bush, Shirley Sims and Richard Edgar.

Later in the month, District Six fiddlers provided music for a Christmas celebration at Irving Grange, December 18, and on December 23, for Twilight Acres Rest Home and for Creswell Grange.

The District Six Everybody's Birthday Party will be held on February 20th at the Moose Lodge in Eugene. The organization will furnish the meat and a birthday cake for the celebration. On March 13th we get a chance to warm up for the State Convention: District Six will meet at the American Legion Hall in Lebanon. We'll look for you at the upcoming events!

LINDA DANIELSON - Reporter

DISTRICT 7

First Jam of 1983 - January 16 at Gresham Senior Citizens Center.

Now for our Christmas Party. It was a gala affair with over 200 people, 34 fiddlers and about 10 accompanists.

Our guests were our State President Bill Yohey and his wife Edna, June and Jim Secor, Mr and Mrs Stan Gonshorowski. It was very nice to have them with us. Also nice to have back with us were Marshal and Sara Jackson, John, Ilene, Katie, Tanya Melnichuck, Jim, Carole Ann, Tiffany and Grant Wheeler, and Stan and Gigi Gleason. The rest of the fiddlers were Joe Hann, Herman Classen, Ruth and Al Keen, Gladys and Jim Brasket, Helen Hakanson, Frank Williams, Penny Mead, Gary Evans, Bob Fast, Jake Sweet, Susie Hill, Dee Johnson, Ed Hjelseth, Bill and Dorothy Carause, Russ Phillips, Our State Champion Hollis Taylor, Del Anderson, Ron Windsor, Clara Knight, Barney Alexander, Billy Graham, Bill Wilson, Alex Steinmetz and Frank Bethia.

Butch Phillips did a fine job as Santa Claus - Thank you Butchy. Also Thanks to all of the ladies who helped me in the kitchen and a special thanks to Dulcie Fast and Mary Classen for baking the ham and turkey. It was a very nice dinner. Ed also ran a smooth show. All the fiddlers had their accompanists and it was well arranged. I was quite proud of the whole thing.

There will be an election of Officers at the Gresham Jam, so please come and vote. Officers elected will not take office until July.

Rob Hakanson, Annett and Jack Russell and Friend did a beautiful Country tune and some Christmas songs for their Special. Very nice.

I would also like to thank Frank Williams and Wife for always getting the P.A. system there and set up. A very hard job sometimes. Thank you

PENNY MEAD - Reporter

Added Note: Josephine Jacklin is missing a slotted silver spoon after the December Jam. If you accidentally got it with your things, please contact her 843 NE 78th Ave. Portland, Or 97213 phone 253 3833. Thank You.

Helen Hakanson.

DISTRICT 8

Our Christmas party was enjoyed by all. Thanks to everyone that helped make it so much relaxation and fun, especially the character who disguised himself as "Sven Svenson" and asked Santa for a new upper plate so he could eat his Christmas "toorrkey". I saw him after his disguise slipped but I won't tell you his name. His initials though are S L I M.

Our next jam session will be at the Salem Senior Citizen Center on January 16th. Doors open at 10 AM, show for the public starts at 1:00 PM. Potluck at noon for fiddlers and guests. No ovens except warming ovens. We had turkey left so we will make turkey sandwiches.

February 13th our Jam session will be at McMinnville Grange again. We will also have election of Officers at that time.

Fiddlers and musicians, keep up your good work at the nursing homes ect., as you make our shut-ins very happy. God Bless you all and a HAPPY HOLIDAY from Dave and Jeanette.

JEANETTE ROBINSON - Reporter

DISTRICT 4 Received by telephone

Our January meeting will be at the Roseburg Fairgrounds at the State Meeting.

Our annual Christmas party was lovely. At this time we would like to thank all the elves who helped Juanita Yancey organize and cook for the party. The fiddlers and musicians really do appreciate all of the behind the scenes labor that is given all year around to make our organization a success. A special thanks to Dusty Yancey for the PA system work. Also Sam Stelle for MC and of course Jiggs Rost for all his work as our Chairman.

A special guest of Hugh Samples was his newly wed son and daughter-in-law, Leonard and Pat Samples from Joseph, Oregon.

The holiday season has kept our fiddlers hopping - nursing homes, schools and Hillah Temple Shrine Club in Ashland to name a few.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL:

PATRICIA WHEELER - Reporter

SUFFERIN SI SAYS

Singing in the shower and putting Grecian Formula on your chest are two things that may provide some degree of self-satisfaction, but don't do much for anyone else.

NEWS ITEM

Received a note from Bill Johnson (the happy Guitar from Kelso) recently. The Lonview Washington Lions Club is sponsoring a 2nd annual Old Time Fiddle Contest and Music Show. There will be three divisions, Pee Wee, Junior, and Open. It will be held during the afternoon starting at 1:00 PM at the TRIANGLE SHOPPING CENTER and the evening show will be at the R A LONG HIGH SCHOOL on FEBRUARY 19, 1983. Judges are Bob Kruse, Rusty Modrell and Chuck Griffin.

NOTES FROM ALL OVER

There seems to be some amount of interest in a "talk-in channel" on CB radio for fiddlers converging on a jam or other point of interest. Not being interested in CB myself I personally have no suggestions. From what I understand, all you have to do is pick a channel and agree on it. Maybe the convention would be a good time. When you agree on it I will publish it.

The notice in last month's edition about the mix-up of fiddle bows at the District 8 jam accomplished half its purpose. Vi Jensen got her bow back, but the one she had did not belong to the person who returned hers. In other words, there must have been at least a three way mix-up, so two people still have the wrong bows.

Some of you are still using the wrong address for the reports to me. My address was wrong in the first edition listing my return address. The correct address is 930 West Main St, Sheridan. NOT 934. My postman seems to always looking for an excuse to growl at me. Maybe because my dog growls at him.

 * SILENT FIDDLES *
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 * WILMA (WILLIE) STRUTHERS, OREGON CITY, Wife of AL 11-26-82 *
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 * MOLLY MC GINNIS, KLAMATH FALLS, Wife of ED *
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The Fiddler's Story

From the interviews of the Oregon Oldtime Fiddling Project.

Jim Rose--d. 1976

A few months after Jim's death, Al Tester, also of Roseburg, was reminiscing about him:

"I met Jim Rose in 1969, I think, when I came away from Wyoming. And I'll never forget it, because it was out at the Roseburg Fairgrounds, the first fiddling show that I ever went to. I didn't even know who he was. He come walking down there and he put his hand on my shoulder and he asked me if I was a fiddler. And these were his very words. I said, 'No, I'm not.' And he said, 'What the hell's the matter with ya?'--just like that. That's the way he was. Then Don Gish--he'd just won the state contest the night before--he came and told Don Gish, 'What's the matter with this guy? He can't even play the fiddle.' He said I was going to have to learn how to play the fiddle. I could play a little bit, but if it hadn't been for guys like Jim, I don't think I wuld have tried it again."

--Linda Danielson--

BITS AND PIECES
By Lois Tucker

You can't measure a person's worth by the size of his heart.

Money still talks, but nowadays it takes a lot more to be heard.

FIDDLER OF THE MONTH

WAYNE HOLMES

Back in the early infancy of the 20th century, John Holmes and Dora May Irvin came to Oregon from Nebraska and South Dakota respectively. In the course of events they met, married, and produced five children, three boys and two girls. One of these boys was named Wayne, and therefore we come to our story - - -

Wayne Holmes was born August 18, 1919 in Eugene and has lived there ever since, except for a short while during World War II, and shortly there after, when he toured the world at Uncle Sam's request, and later attended the University of Chicago. While at the University, he met a lovely young lady, Maria Horkovich, and launched a successful campaign to change her name to Mary Holmes, on November 21 1945. For some reason, which Wayne did not explain they moved to New Orleans after marriage, but fortunately for us in the OOTFA, he soon brought his bride to Eugene where he settled down and raised a family of five daughters and two sons. They, in turn, have given him six grandchildren, of which they are justifiably proud. Believing in the adage "Variety is the spice of life.", Wayne worked at several jobs in his working lifetime, such as salesman, millworker, mill owner and lumber grader before finally becoming a postal clerk. He retired from the Post Office in 1979 after thirty years of service. He came out of retirement briefly to work as a bank messenger, but has now re retired.

When Wayne was about eight years old, his uncle Ike Holmes, taught him to play tunes such as "Great Big Taters in Sandy Land" and "Ricketts Hornpipe." He found he had a good ear and could play any tune after hearing it once or twice. After a couple of years a man named Michaels put him on a radio show called "AT YOUR COMMAND", as a regular. It was a request program where people called in for tunes to be played. If Wayne knew it he would play it and if not, Michaels played it. That was before tape and everything was live. A couple of years later, he learned to read music and from then on, played first violin in orchestras. He had no more contact with Oldtime Fiddling until 1968 when he went to a fiddling contest at Cottage Grove and was "hooked." The following year he went to the National Contest and has been very involved since. In 1971 he was elected president of the OOTFA and served two terms. Wayne is very popular as a backup fiddler for vocalists and specialists, since he can play anything anytime, and in recent years has been playing with a Gospel group which is a welcome addition to any entertainment program. Ending this with a quote Wayne says, "Over the years I have gotten acquainted with dozens of wonderful people in the Fiddlers Association. I am very grateful for having had the opportunity to get to know so many fine people. I feel privileged to belong to the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association.

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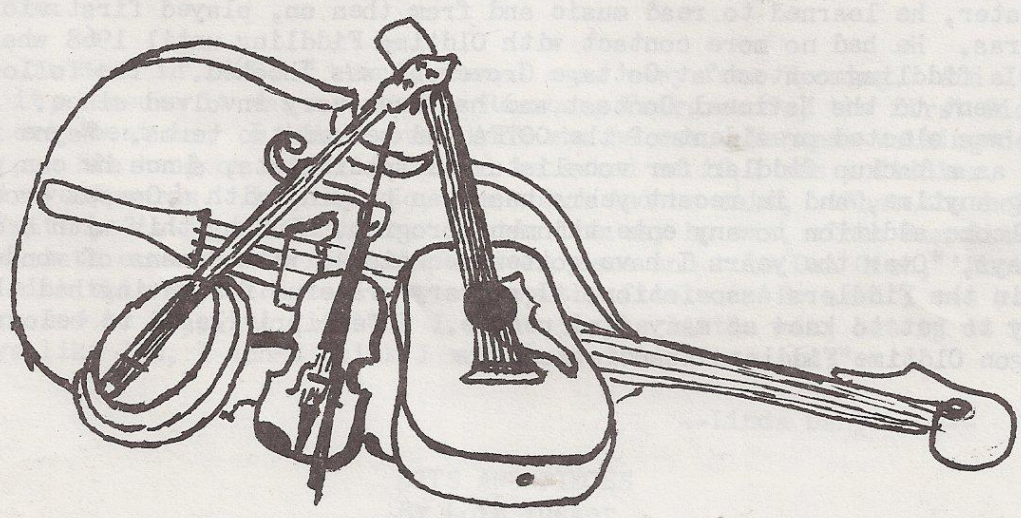
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