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Calendar of Events

(Be sure to read the district news for the specific times, places and activities.)

Dec. 31 Memorial Hall, 6:30 Lakeview 1E

Jan. 1998

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21	Jam	Winston	10

February

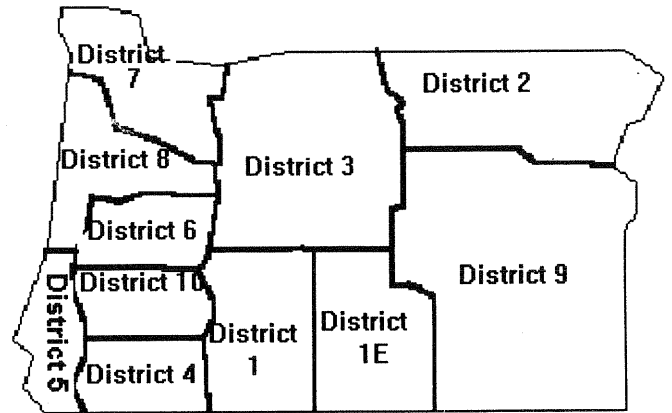
1	Jam Sr. Center	Burns	9
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April

5	Senior Center	Wilsonville	
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Roger's Rambles

Happy New Year! By the time you receive this Hoedowner, it will be 1998. We were incorporated in 1968 so this will mark 30 years of playing the best of old time fiddle music since our incorporation. Our fine association actually started before then so we can actually attach even a few more years to the 30. Isn't that great! Congratulations and thanks to all of you who were a part of keeping this wonderful organization alive and well. I am constantly reminded of the great leadership we have had over the years. As your president it sometimes becomes a hard act to follow.

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A Nonprofit Organization Article II: "Purpose - To perpetuate and promote Old-time fiddling and Old-time music. To encourage everyone, especially young people, to play the fiddle and appreciate Old-time Fiddling and Old-time Music. To Provide regular times and places to meet to play this kind of music."

The Hoedowne

District 1

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Co-Chair: **Virgil Schmo** (541) 884-4051
Sec/Treas: **Grace Stork** (541) 884-5313

Greetings and happy New Year from District 1. We hope all have had a Wonderful Holiday Season. With plenty to eat and Santa fulfilling your Christmas Wishes. Most of all tho, we thank the Lord Jesus for us all being here to enjoy our bountiful gifts.

Our Dec. Jam and Christmas dinner were very nice. Several visitors came to join us to play and listen. The Williams and James families from District 4 braved the snow and came, as well as several more locally. It was a joy to see the James girls playing. Do keep it up and all of you come back. The Rardens entertained us with some beautiful songs and Carrie's fiddle always gives the music that extra needed touch. We got to celebrate Bill Noble's 91st birthday when his sister Velma arrived with a beautiful big cake.

Happy January birthdays to Naomi Voss-3rd, Al Nelson-5th, Gary Rarden-6th, Thelma Nelson-13th, Jo Harris-19th, Carolyn Rarden-20th and Ray Green-27th. Our anniversary people for this month are Lewis & Grace Stork-15th.

Next nursing home dates are: Washburn Rehab Center in Klamath Falls - the 3rd Sunday from 2 - 3 P.M. Clairmont Nursing Home 5:45 P.M. and Clairmont Retirement Home at 7:00 p.m. (Both 4th Thursday evening - 1 hour each.)

Our next jam is January 11, 1998 at the Winema Hotel Apts. on Main St. in Klamath Falls. Everybody invited. Please bring finger foods.

Stay well and warm
Cherie Lane,
Reporter, Dist. 1

District 1E

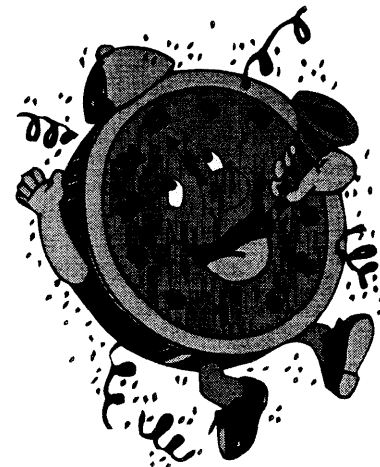
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On November 29 our jam was dedicated to the memory of Eric Leffingwell who passed away November 14 due to cancer. Eric was a true artist, who made many beautiful instruments with his own two hands. He was always willing to help his fiddler friends in anyway needed in regards to the fiddling activities. He will be greatly missed. Out of town guests sharing music with us that evening were Bob Hinch's of Prospect, Oregon. We've always enjoyed Bob's singing some of the old songs.

Tuesday, Dec. 2, a group consisting of Homer McLain, Clyde Lynch and Doc Walker played at the Lake District Nursing Facility in Lakeview. The fiddlers will be playing from now on every other Tuesday morning and every third Saturday morning.

Future jam dates are: Dec. 31 Memorial Hall, 6:30 potluck. January 3, Memorial Hall, 6:30 Potluck and January 17, Memorial Hall, 6:30 potluck.

Bye and God Bless
Mary Stone



District 3

Chairman: **Sally Jordan (541) 389-9746**
Co-Chair: **Don Hanna (541) 447-7449**
Sec/Treas: **Rudi Booher(541) 549-4305**

Happy New Year!!! Can you believe it we are already into the year 1998? Now how many of you have gone through the ritual of making New Years Resolutions? I decided not to do that anymore because usually something happens and you end up breaking that resolution. So I think the best way to handle it is to say... "I will do the best that I can, but no promises." This shows some initiative, yet no guarantees. New Year resolutions are a torture because if you break it then some feel bad and go through guilt. It just isn't worth it. That is why I stopped years ago. Because with each year is a new beginning and with each new beginning are sometimes obstacles or smooth sailing. Either way, live each day to its fullest.

Enjoy life, don't just sit there and worry, get up do something. Take a walk, bake cookies, and do aerobics whatever it takes to get the blood pumping again. So this year take the bull by the horns and live it up! And may all of you have a Healthy and Prosperous NEW YEAR.

We would like to welcome a new member to Dist 3. Doris Slover, she plays mandolin and does vocals. Welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

Our dinner was a success, lots of food and plenty of music.

Our next Jam will be Jan 11 at the Deschutes County Fair Grounds in the Howard Mayfield Bldg. from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm.

Birthdays: 6-Eugene Slay; 15-Shirley Sims; 16-Sally Jordan; 31-Hazel Flock -- May all our Birthday folks have a great day.

Well folks, as we wind down from Christmas and start on the New Year, remember to take care of yourself and each other. Winter is here, so please keep warm.

Signing off... Your Reporter...
Ernie Slay (541) 504-1065

District 4

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Sec/Treas: **Ethel Holstin (541) 479-1621**
Mmbrship: **Ruth Applegate (541) 582-8032**

Good bye '97! Hello '98!

Born of hard working emigrants and very very poor family; good friends, good food and happy music were cause for sharing and counting our blessings. I will never out grow that Christmas excitement! And now we have gone full circle and enjoy Christmas everyday! Thanks to our OOTF family, good friends, good food and happy music!

Happy New Year to all from District 4. May 1998 bring us inward peace and may heavy burdens be lifted from our shoulders. Just as you share your musical talents, share good cheer and smiles and be forgiving and patient.

Quite a turn out was at our Dec. Jam Christmas Dinner and Festival - music was enjoyed. "Snowbirds" and friends under the weather were missing.

Extra thanks to our talented kitchen crew for their special efforts, i.e., delicious turkey, decorations and treats. Lola, Gene, Mildred, Odetta, Beverly, Neva, Ethel, thanks again! To Mike and Linda James for doing K.P. duty! Thanks! To one and all helpers, I may miss your names but you are appreciated. Whether you are greeting or putting out chairs for our guests.

At Quines Acres, Larry and Dorothy Perry joined us at our meeting. Come again. And to young fiddlers, Jessica and Maggie Perry, we all enjoyed your Christmas carols!

Healing wishes for Tommy Grissom, Mona Givens, Merle and Paula Pasley, Letha Kopsas, Letha Fry, Dorene Winkleman. All have had more than their share of aches.

God sent, memories which allow us to recall cherished moments, the scent of pine boughs, candles, cookies baking, festive music & laughter -- Christmas ---

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The Hoedown

District 5

Chairman: **Elwood Serfass (541) 888-9472**
 Co:Chair: **Russ Hall (541) 271-3519**
 Sec/Treas: **Marianne Burns (541) 888-2655**

As we begin another year I want to wish everyone a very Happy and Blessed "1998."

My husband and I were in Eugene Dec. 1 with our oldest daughter, Ronda who was having surgery that day and we are very thankful her surgery was successful. While we were at Sacred heart Hospital, we visited with our chair- man, Elwood Serfass and his wife, Helen who were sitting at the bedside of their critically ill daughter. Our Sec./Treas., Marianne, who is Helen's sister was also there. We offered our support and our prayers and ask our members to please continue to pray for them. We, also, re-assured them that our group is continu- ing to play at the convalescent and retire- ment homes during their absence and Elwood asked us to thank the fiddlers very much and said they really appreciated all of you.

Our December Holiday Dinner and Jam was very nice. We had lots of good food, fellowship and fiddling!

The hall and tables were beauti- fully decorated with red garlands, bows, holly and even a small tree which sat on the piano. Florence Grove was chairman of the decorating and kitchen committee and she did a great job along with the ladies who so willingly offered their helping hands. You gals are wonderful!

We were pleased to have had as our guests, Helen and Wayne Tracy from District 6 and from District 10, Jean and Bob Han- son, Geneva and Gene Perry, Thelma and Dennis Allen, Velma Benefiel and Guy Kinman. "Ya'all come agin!"

We had approximately 78 people at our jam and a good time was had by all. Helen Tracy presented Edwina Lawson with 3 cassette tapes for wearing her name tag pin and holding the winning ticket. (Just a reminder folks, always wear your name tags because you never know when Helen will

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District 6

Chairman: **Joe Moyle (541) 343-5894**
 Co-Chair: **Betty Hawkins(541) 746-5579**
 Treas: **Ralph Hatleberg(541) 345-1421**
 Sec/Memb: **Ruth Kennedy(541) 746-9966**

With a new year upon us and all the holiday hustle and bustle behind us, let's look ahead to our best fiddlin' year ever! Lots of fun things coming up all over the state. Make your own district sparkle with excitement, and try to visit some of the others in the state. You won't be sorry. It's a lot of fun!

If you didn't get to our Christmas jam at the Moose Lodge in Lebanon, you sure missed a good time! We had a wonderful turkey dinner (yes, pies galore) and hours and hours of good music for listening and dancing. Even jolly old Santa Claus paid us a visit and handed out candy canes.

Throughout December, many members have been busy playing for the usual rest homes and retirement centers plus other worthy causes such as good-for-the-homeless drives, senior dinner at the Hilton and many other places.

It was great to welcome Ken White back to our jam, after his Nov. 20th surgery for three aortic aneurysms. We are saddened by the recent death of Bill Bostick, one of our longtime members. He was noted for his great "train whistle" effect

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Your Name
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These name tags are yellow with blue trim with the OOTFA emblem and district number. The name tags with pins are \$7.00 and those with a magnetic back are \$8.00 mailed. Please send a check to Helen Tracy, made out to her.

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District 7

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Co-Chair: **Helen Hakanson(503) 659-7250**
Sec/Treas: **Lila Bills (503) 253-8447**
Mship: **Jackie Germundson (503) 663-6851**

Our December 7th jam was indeed at the Gresham Senior Center. The holiday meal, blended with visiting, dancing, singing, playing and relaxing was right on schedule. We had a full house of musicians and listeners. The audience was at least as fine as the music... attentive, appreciative and involved! Members and guests from our district were in attendance along with friends from north of the state line and south of the district's border. There were tunes from 1850's -1940's; Christmas, Irish, country and originals. Such a lovely chance for folks to graciously play music together with people you may have never met, up to best friends and spouses.

The Holiday-get-together worked so well because everyone came prepared to do their share. Moving furniture, plus setting up and cleaning up the dinner. Oh, yes, happily toiling over well prepared, delicious food and playing great music made the day complete.

The next chance to do that productive work together again will be in January of 1998. Sounds like a long time, but its less than a month from now. It will be at the Senior Center in Gladstone.

Upcoming dates to put on your calendars now: Jan. 11 Senior Center Gladstone; Feb. 8 Senior Center Forest Grove * election of officers at this meeting; Mar. 15 Senior Center Lake Oswego; April 5 Senior Center Wilsonville

District 7 has new members to introduce. Rodger Jackson and Sierra Collom have joined our ranks. Gaylen & Jeanie Morris have transferred here from Springfield.

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District 8

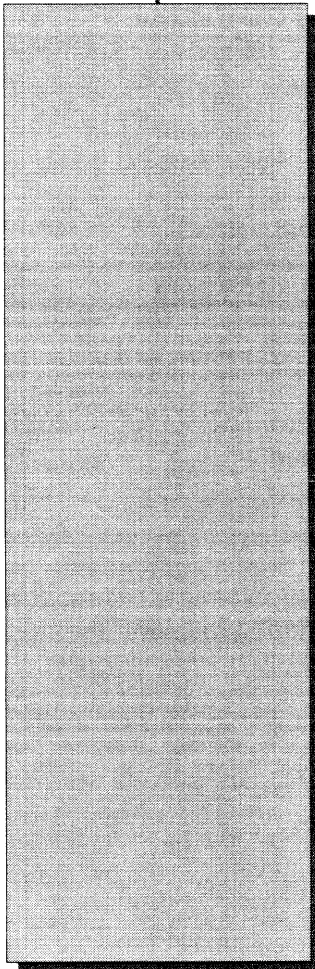
Chairman: **Elaine Kihlstadius (503) 831-0680**
Co-Chair: **Lew Holt (503) 391-5377**
Sec/Treas: **Donna Janszen (503) 585-3033**

Happy New Year friends near and far! Have you made some resolutions? Have you broken them yet?

Time to think about some of our special people. Donna Oldham spent a few days in the hospital. She's fine now. Donna says, "You can't keep a good woman down!." Don and Daisy Simons are recovering from their car accident. They want to thank everyone for all the calls, cards and concern. Daisy spent a few days in the Corvallis Hospital and came home with some stitches. Hope all the aches and pains are gone by now. We missed you at Woodburn.

Christmas dinner and jam at Woodburn. Wow, what a day! I always think each jam is the best one yet, but the jam at Woodburn really was special. All kinds of good Christmas food, then a great jam to follow. There were a great bunch of workers in the kitchen and Robert taking care of chairs and the PA system. We tried out a new PA system, too. Thanks to Ken Cartwright from Cartwright's Music for letting us try it. It worked very well. And a big thanks to all of our out of district friends for coming to share their music and friendship with us. We had 18 "out of district" musicians from all over, and 16 District

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The Hoedownee

District 9

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Sec/Treas: **George Sahlberg** (541) 573-6517

Happy New Year!

Hope all is well with everyone. District 9'ers have been playing up a storm in all the usual haunts. It was a pleasant surprise to have Carol and Hollis Real drop in for the December jam. I understand they slid halfway to Burns on icy roads and then were blessed with our first real snow of the year. The food was excellent as always. Thanks to Margaret Teague for cooking turkey etc. and to all the others who helped make the dinner a success.

While everyone was entertaining the locals, Janet Burgess headed over the hill to see a couple of concerts in Portland. What a treat to see Bus Boyk as a special guest at the Trail Band's Old-fashioned Christmas Concert.

The January schedule includes a Jam at the Senior Center on the 4th with potluck at 1 pm and music from 2-4, The Aspens on Friday the 9th at 7 pm and the Burns Group Home on Monday the 12th at 7 pm. Then February jumps right in with the Jam at the Senior Center on 1st.

Various folks have played special music this month at various functions. So many Oldtime Fiddlers have such a special gift. It is with great joy they share their talents.

Keep the music in your heart.

Janet Burgess,
Reporter

District 10

Chairman: **Bob Hanson** (541) 672-6929
Co-Chair: **Jo Barnes** (541) 459-4522
Sec/Treas: **Gynn Deaton** (541) 839-4501

Mark your calendars for Jan. 1998. On the 4th of January we will have a Jam and Dance from 1 to 4 at the Winston Community Building. On the 17th we will have a meeting at 11:00, potluck at noon, with a Jam and Dance from 1 to 4 - at the Winston Community Building. February 1st Jam and Dance from 1 to 4 at the Winston Community Building. February 21 meeting at 11:00, potluck at noon and Jam and Dance from 1 to 4 at the Winston Community Building.

Happy birthdays in January: Joyce Pickett, Lewis Roy, Martha Rogers, Merna Jones, Barbara Swartzendruber, Jerry Jackson and Teresa Plybon.

We had many guests that stopped in and shared our Thanksgiving dinner and their talent. Thanks to each of you visitors.

District 10 reporter
Jean Hanson
(541) 672-6927



District 7 cont.

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Business: (OLD Business, by the way!)

Still need that willing volunteer for the sound equipment!! "space for small, neat trailer, or space to store some equipment

between jams; punctual by nature; urge to help your fellow man. By now you'd have less than half a year to refine the skills it takes to do this most important job of keeping the organization running well for everyone's enjoyment.

Ernie Lovgren, and his charming wife Joyce, our very supportive volunteers and followers could use our good thoughts. Ernie

has been in and out of the hospital recently. Hope the new year greets you with better health and happiness due both of you. THE SAME WITH FOR ALL IN 1998!

The District 7 OOTF's \$15. 00s in dues should be sent to: Jackie Germundson 31808 S.E. Victory Road Troutdale, OR 97060-9411

M-U-S-I-C- for 1998 - oldtime, swing, songs of comfort, cheer & gratitude-they're all to hear, relish and share. May the music be with you.

The typographical error is a slippery thing and sly,
You can hunt till you are dizzy, but it some how will get by,
Till the forms are off the presses it is strange how still it keeps;
It shrinks down into a corner and it never stirs or peeps,
That typographical error, too small for human eyes,
Till the ink is on the paper, when it grows to mountain size.
The boss he stares with horror, then he grabs his hair and groans;
The copy reader drops his head upon his hand and moans --
The remainder of the issue may be clean as clean can be,
But that typographical error is the only thing you see.
Author unknown.



Been there, done that. Lew

Roger's Rambles cont.

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We have some great jams to look forward to this year. Excepting August, we have a state jam every month from March through September. Your enthusiasm, participation and support are really appreciated. They are what makes our association what it is today!

The State Quarterly meeting will be coming up Saturday, January 10, 1998. The business meeting will be held at 10:30 A. M. I want to give everyone a chance to come so I set the meeting at 10:30. We have routine business which we should be able to handle in an hour. Remember, we want to be short on business and long on playing that good music. Hope to see you all there.

May God bless you in the new year.

Roger

District 5 cont.

show up and you just may be the next winner.

I would like to thank Ruth Whaley for "e-mailing" my news reports to Lew for the past few months. I am very grateful to her.

We wish very HAPPY DAYS to Phil Fry-Jan. 5, Harold Householder-Jan. 7, Russ Hall-Jan. 12, and our chairman, Elwood Serfass-Jan. 28. We also congratulate Dorothy and Bill Tennant on their 52 anniversary - Jan. 14.

I'm sorry to have over looked Ray Daniels birthday on Dec. 15 but hope he had a nice one anyway. Please don't forget to sign my birthday and anniversary book as this is the only way I have of knowing your special day.

Our next meeting will be January 10 from 11 - 12 -- with a potluck and jam to follow. See you then.

District 5 "Your reporter,
Mary Lou Sayler"

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8 musicians. "They had us out numbered, gang." But we were through by 4:04. And there were 8 or 10 out of district people in the audience, too - thanks to all of you for coming - and thanks to all the district 8 people, too. We especially were pleased to see Barbara Bartholomew from Toledo. She had to drive over 100 miles across our district to get there.

I called up Winston Grant to see how he was doing after his surgery last fall. Winston is a fiddler and comes over to help us out when he can. It is "a long ways to Ed-dyville" so we don't see him too often. But I had to call some one else to find out that Winston and his wife were in Hawaii at their daughters, so things must be going pretty well.

Sunday, January 18th, we will potluck and jam at the Senior Center in McMinnville. Remember to turn south on to McDaniel Street in north McMinnville - at the intersection at McDonalds. Then just a couple of blocks to the Senior Center. The hall will be open at ten, potluck at 11:30 and a jam at 1:00.

Looking forward to February - we will have the our election of officers in February at our regular jam. Details in the next Hoedowner. That is also a hint to be thinking about who you want for your new officers.

Alice Holt
reporter, District 8



... And so it was with Dave Winkleman. Memories of his inimitable "plunkity plunk" on his banjo, undaunted by a missing finger or numbness in his hands. "Don't go home yet, Dave, we're up soon," I would plead. He would smile "OK." All heart, he gave me that special zip when I sang. Too soon, Dave did go "Home," but now any banjo sounds will bring Dave happily to mind. Dorene, our hearts go out to you.

Love, Mary Armstrong.
(And. folks, remember to send in your yearly dues soon or your name may not be in the new roster.)

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when we played Wabash Cannon Ball.

Don't forget our January 10th jam and state meeting at Willamalane Senior Center in Springfield. The state meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m., a potluck lunch at noon and jam all afternoon, Plan to be there.

Now all you district 6 members "hear this." Chairman Joe is calling a short district 6 meeting right after the state meeting on January 10th. We will have to hurry before the potluck - so "stick around." Thanks. Also, we'll be holding our election for 1998 officers at the Elks in Sweet Home next month so watch the Feb. 1 Hoedowner for the date and time.

Thelma Shephard,
Reporter

Thelma Sez: Progress isn't always for the best. For instance, smoke signals never woke an Indian at 3:00 a.m. to answer a wring number!

MY DAD'S FIDDLE

It rests now, gathering dust
Sleeping so it seems,
Living in life's yesterdays,
And singing in it's dreams.
It sang the songs of our life and land,
It knew them all so well,
It sang of snow on Texas plains,
And daisies from the dell.
It could sing the story of Number 9,
And poor old Hobo Bill,
It sang of prisoners and their dreams
And the Maple on the Hill.
Of Flamish O'Brian, Sweet Betsy from Pike,
And Frauliens across the sea,
Of Ragtime Annie, Miller's Cave
And the travels of Bobby McGee.
You could see the beach where Pearly Shells
Lay scattered by the oceans hand,
You could almost cry as waves broke o'ver
Love letters in the sand.
It sang Mountain Music
And down in the Sandy Land,
Of Cowboy Jack and Faded Love
And Ole Dan Tucker's frying pan.
Or spring time in the Rockies
And tumbleweeds blowing free,
Of the mocking bird and double eagle,
And sunny Tennessee.
Of a silver-haired Daddy and precious Mother
And a little ole rag doll,
Of crowdad time and Clementine
And a prisoner behind Grey walls.
The Carolina moon shone down in the valley
Where cold water ran deep and green,
Buffalo gals wore golden slippers
And Margie was the girl of my dreams.
Of a soldier's joy and yearning too
For the girl he left behind,
Of the Utah trail, the fireball mail,
and the trail of the lonesome pine.
It sang of bubbles forever blowing
And blue eyes crying in the rain,
Of roses blooming by the river
And the Land where we'll meet again.

Of silver threads among the gold,
A troublesome monkeys views,
A spinning wheel and the chicken reel
And Heaven in a pair of wooden shoes.

It sang of a cherry orchard
And forty years ago,
A train coach ahead, a last letter read,
And cowboy, Wrangler Joe.
Of sweethearts, wives and lovers,
Dear ones, loved most of all,
A church in the dale, Birmingham jail,
And when the work's all done this fall.

Of riding down the canyon,
And seeing Nellie home,
Of Redwing, the Indian maid,
And Kaw-Liga, all alone.
Of being drunk last night and looking for
The bully of the town,
The Catching Crick Special, the streets of Loreda,
And the newsboy, Jimmy Brown.

You rest hushed and quiet now,
Though my memory is filled with your song,
The hands that made your music ring
Have said good-by and are gone.

We never know just what we have
Until it's there no more,
Oh violin, do you play again
On some far distant shore?

I think the spirit that lived within
Your myrtle wood heart and catgut strings
Has joined on through heavens gate
And there your music rings.

I can see the angels tap their feet
And their faces crease with a grin,
As the bow is drawn for another song
From the Singing Violin.

The songs we loved are Heavens now,
Since you two walked in --
He whose heart was made of music,
And you, the Singing Violin.

Unknown

Notes from the editor:

Dorene Winkleman writes: Dear friends, Thank you all for the cards, phone calls, prayers and concern while Dave was ill and after. What would I do without friends? Thank you so much. Thank you to OOTF for the video Helen Tracy sent that Ace Wehus took at Lincoln City in 1996. I haven't had the courage to see it yet. Thank you again. It was Dave's wishes that I keep with the music. It will be difficult but I will be back soon. Love, Dorene

I received the following nice tribute to Dave Winkelman. Thanks. Dave Winkelman died Nov. 22 after a short stay in the Rogue Valley Medical Center. He had been fighting a bad heart and leukemia with 28 transfusions, all in 1997 but attended most of the jams. He played for several hours at the October jam. He played the plectrum banjo, fiddle, guitar and viola. His banjo style was his own. He joined the OOTF in 1972 and was Dist. 4 chairman for two terms - 1984 - 1987, participated in all the nursing homes, senior lunches and most other activities including the conventions, Lincoln City, and Thousand Trails. It will be a silent banjo.

I want to thank ROY LEWIS for his generous donation to the state fiddle contest. Not only does he build bird houses, build musician dolls, work at the convention, make large fiddle signs, dance with the girls, often acts as chairman (setting up many chairs), he is also a contributor to the contest. Thanks Roy.

OK, no rock throwing. But here goes. Rozanne Spann and others have an accordion club that meets the last Sunday of the month in Albany. She says that if you have an accordion, buttonbox, or concertina sitting around and would like to get it out or would like to get another one, you need to check us out. We sit in a circle and play tunes. There are no meetings, minutes, etc. It is a jam. For information give Rozanne a call at (541)926-8755.

El Nino will give us good weather on Jan. 10th so hope many of you will turn out for the state meeting. "How do I get there," you ask? An old Hoedowner says: Directions to Willamalane from the freeway are: (Coming from the south on I-5) Take the Glenwood exit (first one south of the Willamette River), go north across the overpass and down the hill to Franklin Blvd. Go east into Springfield, immediately after you cross the bridge, take a left turn on Mill St. To C Street and make a left - go into the parking lot.

Now, I'll see if I can get you there if you are coming down I-5 from the North. Take exit 194A - hwy 126 east/105 -- be sure to exit on the south side of the overpass (don't take the one on the north side - that takes you to Eugene) and exit to the right, circle around to go east towards Springfield. Take the "City Center exit". Go towards the city center to C Street, turn right and I bet you are there in just a couple of blocks.

The Wilsonville Arts & Culture Council is sponsoring the CANADIAN FIDDLERS GF (Great Fiddlers) Concert -- Friday, March 27, 1998 at 7 p.m. at the Al Khader Shriners Center 8651 SW Salish Lane, Wilsonville, OR. (This site is on the east side of I-5, near the N. Wilsonville/Stafford Exit) The pre-sold tickets are available and make wonderful gifts for friends, family and yourself. General Admission - \$7.50. Seniors and students under 16 \$5.00. By mail add 50 cents for postage/handling. Pre-sold tickets are available by sending a check or MO to WA&CC, 24242 SW Gage Rd, Wilsonville, OR 97070. For information contact Theonie at (503) 638-6933. Mark your calendars and please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.



I can't think of a better way to share the following letter with you - other than just in the way it was sent to me:

Dear Lew, Since I'll be an official "Old-Timer" (65) next month, and retired, I'm cleaning out some of my accumulation of musical equipment. Some neat, some new, some old, but all in good operable or playing condition. . . . as follows:) A 30-watt stereo amplifier with a four-output mike mixer attached, and 2 Sony speaker systems. Used for a small PA system - \$50. 2) A Radio Shack wireless microphone system complete, nearly new, used 3 times - \$50. 3) A Kentucky model KM180B mandolin, near mint condition, damaged but usable soft case - \$275. 4) A 1966 Martin D-35, Brazilian Rosewood, the one I've used for 30 years. Quite a few scratches and dings but no cracks. Easy action. HC. - \$2950. 5) An old Japanese-make electric guitar, 2 pickups, clubby neck, set up for stereo, a learner's instrument - \$50. 6) Various mandolin-banjos, name brands, all vintage instruments, the pick of the 25 years of collecting. All set up (no wall-hangers). From \$500. 7) A D-size blue ABS plastic case for a Martin perfect. \$50. See ya at the next jam - Thanx - Alan
(Alan Ede
1307 NW Buchanan
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MEMBERSHIP FOR 1998

Out there somewhere, there are some people who have not renewed. (Pain, pain) Some people choose not to. Some are going to send their money to their district membership chairman "tomorrow." Some think they have but really haven't. So what are you going to do about it? As per our Standing Rules -- all members who have not renewed, the February 1 Hoedowner will be the last one. Hopefully you will make a New Year's Resolution to get a check in the mail to the membership chairman of your district or give it to him or her at the next jam Hurry, hurry, gang. (Yeah, and thanks to all of you who have paid your dues early.)

The Hoedowner

To dream anything that you want to dream,
That is the beauty of the human mind.
To do anything that you want to do,
That is the strength of the human will.
To trust yourself to test your limits,
That is the courage to succeed.

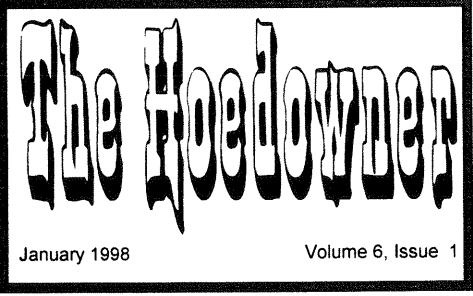
Bernard Edmonds

Choice, not chance, determines destiny.
Unknown



Please mark the following dates and places on your calendars:

- Jan. 10, 1998 State Quarterly Meeting in Springfield
- Mar. 19,20, & 21 State Convention in Roseburg
- April 24, 25, & 26 State Fiddle Festival in Newport
- May 15 and 16 State Fiddle Contest in Salem
- July 9,10,11,&12 State Summer Festival at Welches near Mt. Hood.
- Aug. 1 Fiddle Contest, Corvallis
- Aug. 29 Fiddle Contest Canyonville
- Sep. 17-19 LaPine Campout/quarterly meeting



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