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Providing concerts for Hoodland

Musical promoters enjoying success

William Frank smiles now at the irony of his situation — but there is just a bit of glee mixed in with that grin.

Frank is one of the principle organizers of a year-old Hoodland group known as the Mountain Music Society.

The group was established, or more accurately, evolved, during the winter of 1979-80 to provide top quality musical events on the mountain — events that would spare Hoodland residents the long drive to Portland to hear good music performed live.

Now, 11 concerts later, some of the society's 80-odd members are Portland residents, who drive to Zigzag, Welches or Alder Creek to satisfy their taste for unique musical events.

Frank describes the group as "loosely knit." There is no chairman or steering committee. Four or five Hoodland residents each devote their time to organizing events, designing flyers and planning future concerts. The red tape is kept to a minimum.

The two most recent of the society-sponsored concerts were an evening of Celtic singing and traditional Irish dancing, held at the Hoodland Women's Club Building Dec. 13, and the group's first home concert, held at Eunice and Rollie Packer's residence in Zigzag Dec. 18.

The home concerts featured a quintet of madrigal singers from Portland and a string quartet, known as "Esprit de Quartet", which performed works by Beethoven and Haydn.

Frank said the evening was an experiment for the society, in that it is the first classical concert it has scheduled.

He said the community's response has been very positive, and he plans to schedule more classical music in the future, along with the traditional American and European music the group has featured primarily.

Earlier concerts included folksingers, a bluegrass group, a square dance and "a lot of Irish

music," Frank said. "We've got a lot of Irish freaks up the mountain."

Frank said one thing he emphasizes is to pay the musicians as generously as possible. "Most of the people we get don't fit into the traditional tavern gigs," he said, "and they don't have that many places where they can perform for money."

He said the society's first year taught him some difficult lessons. "If you have to rent a hall, you drop \$50 right there," he said. "And if you have only 30 people show up at three bucks a head, you've only cleared \$40 to pay the musicians."

"If it's a five-piece band and they have to split that \$40, they each get seven or eight bucks for playing their hearts out for three hours. That's pretty discouraging."

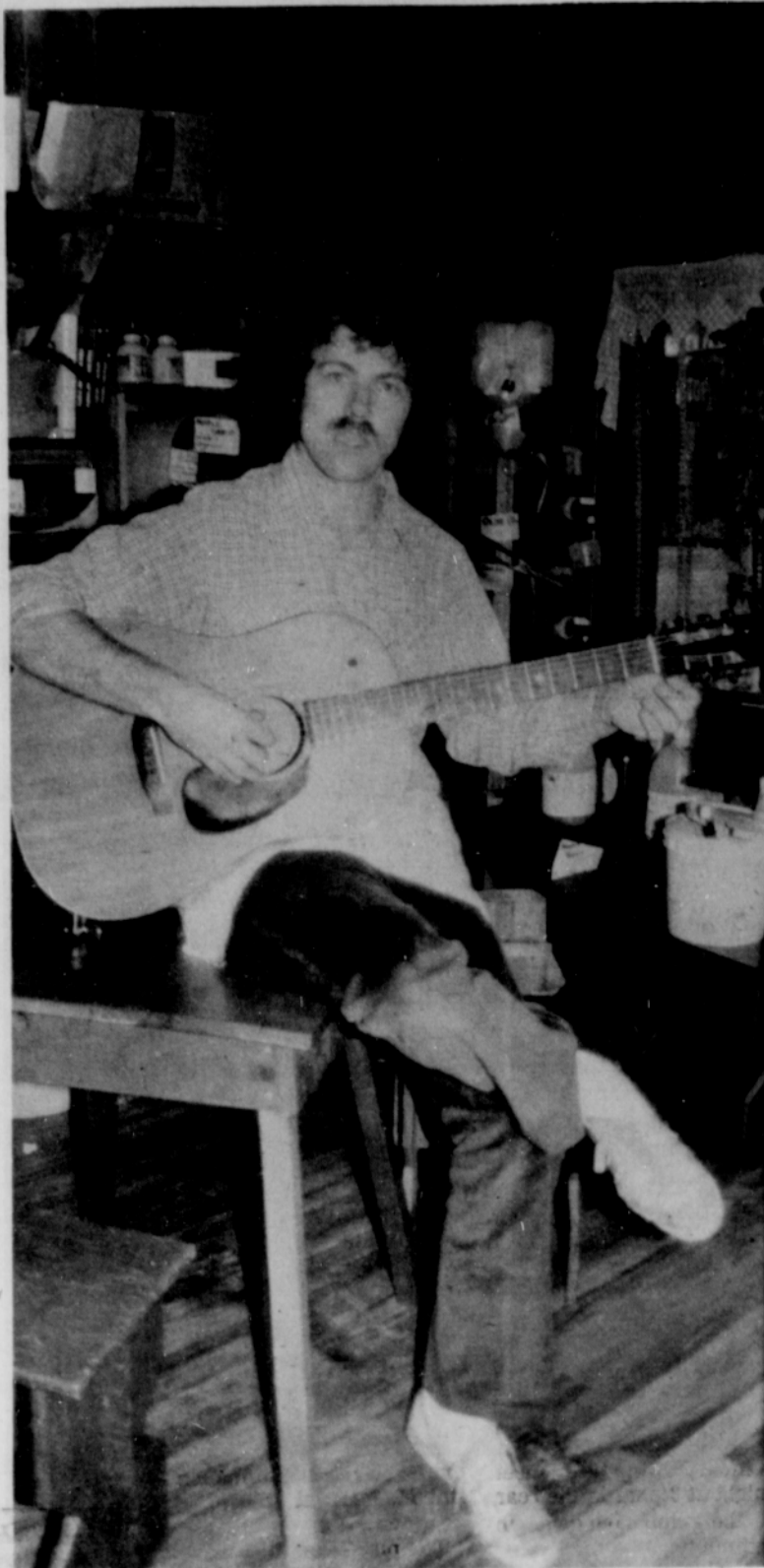
To prevent that from happening, the society is selling memberships which include a free concert and discounts on additional concerts. This provides a "kitty" which enables the group to pay musicians fairly regardless of the turnout at a specific concert.

Most of the organizers of the society are amateur musicians themselves. Eunice Packer plays the guitar, autoharp and recorder; Marilyn Leslie, another active participant, plays classical piano; a fourth organizer is Diane Hamann, a flutist.

Frank is a guitarist and vocalist who performs at Timberline Lodge Friday evenings. "I'm not a professional," he said. "Music is my hobby. But I think it's amazing that I can earn my house payment by doing something that I love so much."

Frank emphasized that the society is "not locked into one style of music." He said plans for the next year include everything from classical music to belly dancing. "We've been approached by a jazz group about performing on the mountain, he said.

"Although we are leaning toward traditional, classical and folk, we are open to it all," he said.



William Frank

Staff photo

OIT honors students

Three former Sandy High students were honored for academic achievement this fall at the Oregon Institute of Technology.

Bernard J. Grassl, an Auto-Diesel Technology major, made the President's List. Students must maintain a grade point average of at

least 3.70 of a possible 4.0, to make the list.

Robert G. Rathke, College Transfer, and John M. Stroup, Electronic Engineering Technology, were among students honored on the Dean's List. Inclusion on the list requires that a student have a grade point average of at least 3.33.

Engagement announced

A pair of former Sandy High students announced their engagement on Christmas Day.

Carol Hartung and Ronald Jensen, both of Boring, will be married in August of this year.

The bride-to-be is a 1977 graduate of Sandy High. She is the daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. David Hartung of Boring and is employed by C.I.T. Corporation in Portland.

The groom-to-be is also a 1977 SUHS graduate. A construction worker for KAR Construction, Jensen is the son of John Jensen of Portland and Mary Jensen of Sandy.

Airman ends training

Airman Robert M. Sutton of Sandy has completed his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. Sutton is the son of Mr. and

Mrs. Dale Sutton of Sandy. The Sandy airman will remain at Lackland for specialized training in the security police field.

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County princess to vie at pageant

Clackamas County Dairy Princess Jean Miken will compete as a finalist Jan. 18-19 in the 22nd annual Oregon Dairy Princess contest. The pageant will be held at the Thunderbird Motor Inn, in Portland.

The 20-year-old Miken has been a 4-H member for nine years. She has won many awards, including the Holstein-Friesian Award at the 1977 State Fair.

She traveled to the National 4-H Club Congress in 1978 and won many awards that same year including Reserved Grand Champion Holstein, Champion Senior Dairy Showman, and Grand Senior all-around Showman. The Mikens have lived on a dairy for eight years.

The winning state dairy princess will receive a \$695 fashion modeling course from the Gloria LaVonne Finishing Fashion Modeling School in Portland. She will also receive a \$500 continuing education scholarship from the First National Bank of Oregon and a complete wardrobe from the Oregon Dairy Products Commission.



Princess Jean Miken

Trojan input sought

Public comments on a revised Trojan Nuclear plant emergency response plan will be solicited by the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) at a hearing in Rainier Jan. 12. The hearing will be conducted at the Rainier School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Copies of the plan are available for public inspection at the offices of the Columbia County Clerk, county courthouse, St. Helens, and the City Recorder, city hall, Rainier.

The plan may also be inspected at ODOE offices, 102 Labor and Industries Building, in Salem.

Public comments may be offered in person or in writing at the meeting. Written comments will be received by ODOE through Jan. 16 and should be addressed to: Don Godard, Supervisor, Siting and Regulation, Oregon Department of Energy, 102 Labor and Industries Building, Salem, 97310.

Sandy man reassigned

Airman Gordon E. Weddle of Sandy has completed Air Force basic training and has been assigned to Keesler Air Force Base in Mississippi. Weddle is the son of Alan Weddle of Sandy and Helen Sullivan of Vancouver, Wash. During his basic training

at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas, Weddle studied Air Force mission, organization and customs, and received special training in human relations. He will now receive special instruction in the communications-electronics systems field.

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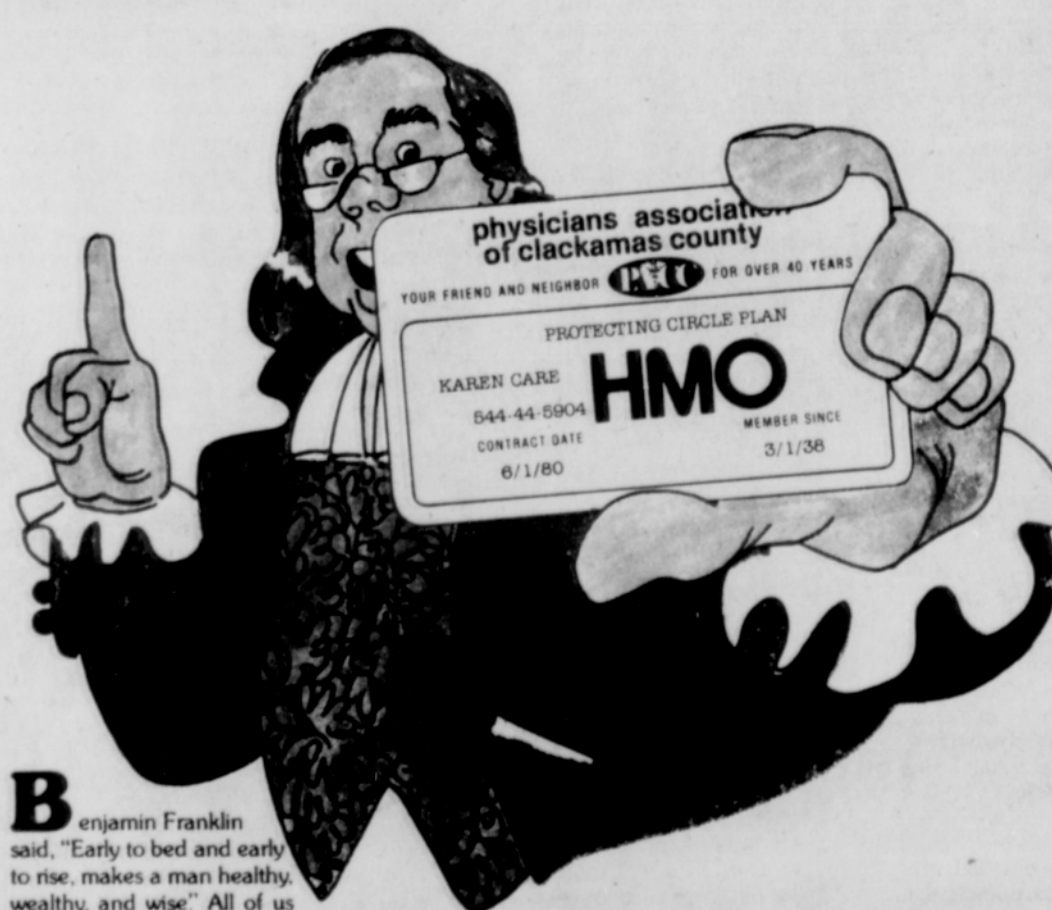
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