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Gun Control Act Arouses Protests

Sales of guns and ammunition will be controlled under a new Federal gun law which takes effect December 16.

Although A. G. Erickson, district director of Internal Revenue for Oregon, said that the law should not place any unreasonable restrictions on the purchase or ownership of ordinary guns used for hunting, target shooting or other lawful purposes, many protests have been heard throughout Morrow county, particularly from dealers.

Judge Paul Jones said that dealers had protested to him so much that he is appealing to Congressman Al Ullman, and Tuesday received a telegram in reply, which said that Ullman is "deeply disturbed" with the provisions of the new law. He said that he has prepared legislation to submit to Congress to repeal the act.

In the telegram he said that he is offering his service and the service of his office to help any dealer who may need assistance in determining provisions of the act or evaluating it. Judge Jones said that one dealer told him he planned to stop all gun and ammunition sales until the matter is clarified.

Erickson, in a news release from his Portland office, said the Internal Revenue Service is preparing material to help gun dealers, gun buyers and collectors comply with the new Gun Control Act of 1968 which was enacted by Congress in October.

Persons under 21 will be prohibited from purchasing pistols, revolvers, and ammunition for such weapons, and persons under 18 will not be permitted to purchase any firearms or ammunition.

Sales will generally not be permitted to out-of-state residents, Erickson said, although a person from an adjoining state can buy a rifle or shotgun by complying with certain provisions of the new act.

Post Office Adds Hours of Service

Post office at Heppner will expand hours of window service on the next two Saturdays, December 14 and 21, according to James H. Driscoll, postmaster.

Windows will be open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Mail will be distributed to boxes in the post office on the next two Sundays, December 15 and 22.

There will be no extension of window service in the evenings, Monday through Thursday, and the regular 5 p.m. closing will be observed.

Rate on Christmas cards is six cents per ounce if sealed, or six cents for two ounces if not sealed. If messages are written on the cards in addition to the printed portion, the card is subject to the rate of six cents per ounce, sealed or not.

Some Stores Open Friday Evening

Most Heppner stores will be open until 9 p.m. on the next two Friday nights and on Monday, December 23, to accommodate Christmas shoppers, Mrs. LeRoy Gardner, chairman of the merchants committee, states.

Stores announcing that they will be open this Friday night are Murrays Rexall Drug, Lott's Electric, Case Furniture Co., Gardner's Men's Wear, Gonty's, Van's Creative Crafts, Elma's Apparel, and Penney's.

FFA Christmas Tree Sale in Progress

Annual Christmas tree sale, sponsored by the Heppner chapter, FFA, is now in progress, the chapter announces.

The trees are located on the Inland Chemical lot, next to Heppner TV, Inc., at the corner of Main and Center streets. They are priced as marked, and the purchasers are to leave their remittances in the container provided.

Picking service is also available. Those interested may call the high school (676-9138), telephone 676-5869 evenings, or contact any FFA member.



STRONG WINDS whipped through the Heppner area Tuesday, reminiscent of the Willamette Valley's Columbus Day storm of a few years ago. One gust caught the metal awning at the Gazette-Times office and ripped it loose, threatening—but failing—to smash a big plate glass window in the process. Foreman Arnold Raymond helped secure the awning to keep it from causing more damage. (G-T Photo).

Week Posts Snow, Rain, Wind, Sleet

There was something for everyone's tastes in the week's weather, starting with three inches of snow and ending with a windstorm Tuesday and sleet in the evening.

The wind collapsed the large metal awning at The Gazette-Times office and rampaged through the area, but no other local damage was reported. Heppner's Christmas decorations seemed to stand up against the gusts, but the storm was reported to have toppled the community Christmas tree at Burns.

Don Gilliam, weather observer, has no wind gauge and there was no way of measuring the intensity of the gusts.

Last Wednesday brought three inches of snow and it was soggy wet, adding .84 inch of moisture. Thursday brought .09 inch of rain, and the temperature fell to 26 degrees in the early hours of Saturday.

Sleet came Tuesday night to round out the gamut of the week's weather.

Weather	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	51	32	.84*
Thursday	40	27	.09
Friday	39	27	—
Saturday	32	26	—
Sunday	48	30	—
Monday	57	35	—
Tuesday	61	38	—

(*three inches snow)



PETERSON BROS. (Bob left and Herb right) were named as Oregon Conservation Men of the Year at the Oregon Wheat League meeting in Portland Tuesday night at the annual banquet of the organization. The Petersons are Morrow County Conservation Men for 1968. (G-T Photo).

Peterson Bros. Awarded State Conservation Title

Peterson Bros. — Herb and Bob — of Lone were announced as Oregon's Conservation Men of the Year at the annual banquet of the Oregon Wheat League convention in Portland Tuesday night.

The two, who have 5400 acres in cropland and 2000 acres in rangeland on their ranch operation southwest of Lone, were chosen Morrow county Conservation Men of the Year in April. Part of their operation is on the Holmes Gabbert ranch.

This is the second consecutive year that the state winners have come from Morrow county. Louis

Carlson, 1967 county winner, was named State Conservation Man at the Wheat League convention a year ago. He was chairman of the selection committee this year.

Harlan McCain, Jr., manager of Morrow County Grain Growers, Inc., was toastmaster at the Tuesday evening banquet at which the state cake baking winner was also announced.

Morrow county was host county for the convention this year, and Bob Rietmann, president of the Morrow county Wheat Growers Association, was host president.

As winners of the conservation title this year, the Petersons will host the State Conservation Tour in 1969, as the Carlsons did earlier this year.

District Awarded Plaque for Report

An engraved plaque has been received by the Heppner Soil and Water Conservation District for having the best annual report of conservation districts in the State of Oregon, Ralph Richards, work unit conservationist, said.

The announcement was made at the annual convention of conservation districts in November, but the plaque was just received last week. In winning the award, the Heppner district topped the 39 districts in the state and was commended for the excellence of the contents of the report and for its presentation.

Engraving on the nice plaque reads, "1967 Annual Report, Heppner Soil and Water Conservation District, Presented by OACD and First National Bank of Oregon, November 14, 1967."

The report was printed early this year by The Gazette-Times. The Heppner district was probably the first to use the newspaper method of presenting the report, doing so in order that it not only reaches its membership but informs the general public as to the work being done.

Ray French is chairman of the supervisors of the local district.

Kids Draw Pictures For Greeting Issue

Heppner school pupils again this year, through the cooperation of their art teacher, Miss Terry Lincicum, have drawn pictures appropriate to the Christmas season for use in holiday greeting messages in the Gazette-Times.

As has been the plan for the past two years, the pictures will be offered to local businesses to sponsor. The greeting issue of the paper is scheduled to be published on Tuesday, December 24, coming out two days earlier than usual.

Firms interested in sponsoring a student's greeting are invited to come to the Gazette-Times office to make a selection. Those who do not find this convenient will be contacted.

Proposal Asks Base Of \$6,400

Proposal that the salary schedule of teachers in the Morrow county district be increased from a beginning base of \$6000 per year to \$6400 per year was made by the teachers' consultation sub-committee at a meeting with the district board Monday night in the Lexington district office.

The same proposal asked that the yearly increment be increased from 4% to 5%.

Two other proposals were as follows:

That the district participate in the teachers' medical and hospitalization insurance program.

That the administrators' index be applied on the full 11 months salary instead of the present nine and one-fourth months' salary.

The board asked questions to clarify the proposals and a second meeting was scheduled for January 2, 1969, to hold additional discussions.

Base salary for a teacher with a bachelor degree and no experience was increased to \$6000 a year ago from the previous base of \$5800.

Water Problems Meeting Slated

Chris Wheeler, an Oregon state engineer, will be a principal consultant at an important meeting sponsored by the Heppner Soil and Water Conservation District on Wednesday, December 18, at 7:30 p.m., at the Lexington Grange hall.

Farmers who are concerned about underground water or considering drilling an irrigation well, or would like answers to such problems as to amount of protection by state water right laws, or whether existing domestic or irrigation wells are in jeopardy, will want to hear Wheeler on these important issues.

A U. S. Geological Survey representative will also be present to discuss underground water zones, their quantity, limitations and location in the county.

Christmas Light Entries Needed

Residents are reminded that a total of \$120 in prizes is offered this year in the annual Heppner Christmas lighting and decoration contest. Two divisions are provided, one for outdoor home lighting and decorations and the other for indoor and window decorations which are visible from the street.

Prizes are offered in each category as follows: First, \$30; second, \$20; and third, \$10, according to Mrs. Avon Melby, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Christmas decoration contest committee.

Of the prize money, \$60 is given by an anonymous donor, \$30 by the Chamber and \$30 by Columbia Basin Electric.

Those wishing to enter may sign up by coming in to the Gazette-Times office or by calling (676-9228). Deadline to enter is Saturday, December 21, and judging by an impartial committee will be Sunday, December 22.

Greg Davidson Color TV Winner

Greg Davidson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Davidson of Lexington, was winner of the portable color television set offered Saturday in a drawing by Heppner merchants as climax of Christmas Opening.

Greg is a seventh grade student at Heppner High school, and his smile was broad as the picture tube when his name was drawn. His first act after winning the set was to come to the Gazette-Times to insert a card of thanks to the merchants.

His name was drawn by Mike Smith from a big hopper full of slips collected in the previous 10 days while shoppers registered at local stores. Jerry Adamson of the merchants committee presided at the drawing, which was attended by about 300 persons on a very chilly day.

Greg's name was the first drawn, so it wasn't necessary for the crowd to wait long to see a winner chosen.

Santa Claus is expected to pay another visit Saturday afternoon and will circulate among the stores, greeting the children where he finds them.



Sheila Luciani Chosen Fair and Rodeo Queen

Miss Sheila Luciani, tall and stately daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Luciani of the Pine City community, was chosen queen of the 1968 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo court by the rodeo board at its meeting last week. Sheila represented the Lexington Grange as its princess on the 1968 Rodeo Court of Queen Berniece Matthews of Lone.

The new queen was notified of her selection while busy with campus activities at Oregon State University, where she is enrolled as a freshman. She was graduated from Heppner High school last spring and had attended the Heppner schools since the 5th grade. She plans to specialize in the field of guidance and counseling while attending OSU, and is currently a pledge of the Sigma Kappa sorority. In high school she was an honor student, active in student affairs, and at graduation was recipient of the Kinzua scholarship.

Miss Luciani is a regal 5 ft. 9 in. brunette, radiates a friendly and congenial personality, and is an excellent rider. She will again ride her favorite quarter horse, "Honey", for her appearances next summer.

Besides her parents, her family includes her older sister, Mrs. Doug (Karla) Anderson of Beaverton, who was a rodeo princess in the 1965 court; a younger sister, Patty, freshman at Heppner High school; a younger brother, John Henry, a 6th grade student in Heppner Elementary school, and a grandmother, Mrs. John Luciani, of Echo.

During the coming weeks four princesses will be chosen for the court of Queen Sheila from the communities of Boardman, Lone, Heppner and Lena.

Lone Youth Club To Open Saturday

Lone's new youth club, "The Spot," will open Saturday, December 14, at 7:30 p.m., as a community project sponsored by the Lone Parent-Teacher association. The first evening will be spent in dancing, and refreshments will be served.

Young people of the seventh grade through high school and unmarried youths up to and including age 20 of the lone, Lexington and Heppner areas are invited to join the club. Membership dues are \$2 per year, and cards may be purchased at the door or from Barbara Boyce prior to opening.

A committee of the PTA was appointed about two years ago to locate a suitable building, and each class in school elected two representatives to meet with the committee. These representatives elected officers from their group.

The former Hicks Market building was chosen for the center. The young people went to work, having car washes and food sales to raise the money needed to fix up the building. They painted the inside of the building and have been finding furniture wherever they could. The American Legion donated a shuffleboard, and a ping pong table was supplied.

Others who may have tables, chairs or lamps to donate for the project are invited to call Bob Ball or Keith Nelson, and their items will be picked up. Parents and community are proud of the accomplishments of the young people and are encouraging and supporting them in every way possible.

Little Ones Invited To Talk with Santa

"Hello, Santa, my name is Johnny. Will you please bring me a new... for Christmas?" This could be one of the telephone conversations to Santa on Tuesday evening, December 17, when the Jaycees again sponsor the "Call Santa" project.

Children may dial anytime between the hours of 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. to talk things over with Santa and let him know what they really want for Christmas. The number to dial is 676-9163.



HAPPY WINNER of a color portable TV set at a downtown drawing Saturday was Greg Davidson of Lexington, son of Bob Davidson. Greg stands at the right of the TV set here, while Jerry Adamson of the merchants committee is at left and Mike Smith, who drew the winning slip, is at right. (G-T Photo).