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Jefferson Would be Pleased

The author of the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson, in a letter to his 15-year-old nephew, wrote, "Let your gun be the constant companion of your walks." Drafting the Virginia Constitution in 1776, Jefferson also wrote: "No free man shall ever be debarred the use of arms." Possession of firearms is one of the most fundamental traditions and rights of U. S. citizens. It is so closely interwoven with personal liberty under the Constitution that attempts to impose confiscatory regulatory measures on citizen gun ownership, if successful, could weaken the very fiber of U. S. representative government. In the futile campaign to curb crime by penalizing the law-abiding, the authors of oppressive gun controls have shown an unacceptable lack of contact with reality.

There are vast regions of the nation, from coast to coast, where people still depend on guns as a tool in business, as well as an instrument of sport. A survey of farmers from the Gulf Coast to the far Pacific Northwest and back to Michigan found that 93 per cent of agriculturists own guns—usually 1 to 4 rifles, shotguns and handguns apiece. The guns are used to protect property, eliminate predatory or dangerous invaders, such as coyotes and rattlesnakes, and insure personal safety in areas where the forces of law are spread thinly.

The recent action of the U. S. Senate in approving the easing of regulations concerning sales of rifle and shotgun ammunition indicates a return to common sense in the matter of gun controls. Thomas Jefferson would be pleased.

PTSA Should Continue

Last year many people worked very hard to establish a new organization planned to bring parents, teachers, and students together to try to iron out their differences and better the school. This organization was called Parent-Teacher-Student Association (PTSA).

We held three meetings last year and even though we were just starting, a lot was accomplished. We proved that such an organization would work, and work well.

But what happened? Here we are in the middle of the school year and not one PTSA meeting has been held or even planned. Whose fault is it we don't know, but it is the students' duty to speak up and see that we get those meetings to voice our opinions and share ideas.

This school year has its problems just like every year, so let's get out and get our PTSA meetings going. We need them now to try to prevent other problems from arising.

Editorial from HEHISCH.

The chief deduction most folks make from their income tax is that government costs too darned much.

Heart Condition Causes Death Of Lewis McDonald

Lewis Leo McDonald, 48, died Dec. 24 at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton. He was born in Hardman on July 17, 1921, the son of John J. and Sadie Rogers McDonald.

He was a lifetime resident of this area and was engaged in the logging industry following service in the Army air force during World War II where he saw extensive overseas duty. He had suffered a severe heart attack about a year ago and has been able to do only limited work since that time.

Mr. McDonald and Betty Cunningham were married on June 23, 1946 in Heppner. Besides his wife, one son, Sherrill, of Heppner and one daughter, Sandra Ordway and one grandson of Spray survive. Also surviving are one brother Hubert of Lewiston, and three sisters, Eva Robinson of Heppner, Hazel Saling of Echo and Ethel Bleakman of Hermiston, and several nieces and nephews.

Recitation of the rosary was Sunday at St. Patrick's Church in Heppner. Funeral mass was Monday, Dec. 29 at St. Patrick's with Father Raymond Beard officiating. Interment was at Heppner Masonic Cemetery with Sweeney Mortuary in care of arrangements.

Not too many things seem to bug County Judge Paul Jones. One thing, however, really gets under his hide. Traveling around the county on county roads the other day with him, he pointed out the fact that it is costing the county a lot of money to have directional signs stolen or ruined by shooting. It isn't only the money value, either. Strangers have one heck of a time finding their way about . . . gives the entire area a bad name.

Justice Court

Dec. 12 to Dec. 26

Kenneth Lindsay combination 5100 pound overload, truck and trailer, \$357. \$294. suspended, \$63 fine. Floyd Papineau, failure to display declared weight, \$15, suspended. Jose Soano, no protective head gear, \$10 fine, suspended. Veryl Ferguson, failure to drive on right, \$15, with \$15 suspended.

Dell Harris, overweight, \$15, \$7.00 suspended, \$8.00 fine. Ismael Neja, no operators license, \$5.00 fine, \$5.00 suspended. Lawrence Lindsay, expired vehicle license, \$5.00, \$5.00 suspended.

Growing out of a "keg" party, Larry Heath, Earl Struckmeier, Frank Lovgren and James Hams were charged with giving beer to minors. Larry Heath was fined \$50 with \$25 suspended. Earl Struckmeier fined \$25, James Hams, \$25. Frank Lovgren, \$50, suspended as he was leaving for the Navy.

Christmas At Frank Connors

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Connor, Jon, Maryetta and Carrie from Forest Grove were up for Christmas. Coming over from Pilot Rock were Mr. and Mrs. Skip Connor, Steve, Teresa, David and Debby. Mr. and Mrs. Carey Hastings were also dinner guests at the Connor home.

Rietmanns Climbing

Rietmanns at Ione were tied with last place in the Blue Mountain Bowling League eight weeks ago. Now they have climbed to second place with Crisp Logging in first place.

Mrs. Maxine Mahon and Mike of Elgin and Bobbie Mahon of Oregon State visited on Christmas day with Mrs. Mahon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam McDaniel at Hardman.

On Monday Mr. and Mrs. McDaniel, Clifford Howell of Wall Creek and Everett Howell of Spray visited at the Frank Howell home at Monument.

Who . . . ?



CAN YOU IDENTIFY the persons in this picture? The above photo was found in the wall of the present Heppner Junior High building. It is believed that this picture was taken in front of the old High School that stood on the hill in earlier years. If you have information as to who these individuals are, would you please contact the Gazette-Times office and let us know.

TO THE EDITOR . . .

Dear Charlie and Dorothy Heard,

As I enclose my check for another year's subscription to the once-a-week paper or letter from home, let me introduce myself to you good people.

I am a son of Andrew and Margaret Reaney, now deceased. They homesteaded on land two miles north and east of Lexington, My birth place. Ten years later they bought the old Clark place west of Lexington, where Clarks Canyon joins Willow Creek. By the way, this might be of interest to Sam McMillan in regards to his letter in the Gazette-Times about the first Thanksgiving in Morrow county.

We wish you and your staff a Merry, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,
Lawrence Reaney

Committee Studies District Attorneys

Rep. Irvin Mann has sent us a report of activities of Subcommittee No. 1, Legislative Fiscal Committee, dated Dec. 17.

Among these activities is a study on District Attorneys; it is labeled No. 3. District Attorneys;

To determine a method of providing a system of full-time district attorneys for the entire state, with the possibility of having a district attorney for each judicial district as a means of attaining this goal.

This particular assignment has received major attention by the subcommittee. The first two meetings indicated general agreement as to the need for upgrading and making more uniform criminal prosecution in the state, reducing the turnover in the office of district attorney by making it an attractive career opportunity, preparation of a salary schedule reflecting the work and responsibility of the office and the possibilities of district attorneys full-time for judicial districts.

After an agreement on goals and the need for improvement, the committee has had difficulty in agreeing on specifics. Our proposal is to draft some definite proposals and hold hearings on the same to develop public reaction. These hearings may include going to Eastern Oregon where the problems of proposed districting would involve the greatest adjustment.

CHUCK WAGON

HAPPY NEW YEAR

We here at this little newspaper would very much like to go around this fine county and shake everyone's hand. We would like to say thank you to everyone for their kindness in welcoming us and putting up with us in spite of our many shortcomings. We very much enjoy being here and wish everyone well and the very best of luck in 1970. God bless you one and all.

Rupert Kennedy, manager of the Port of Morrow, has an eye for antiques and good uses for them. For example, he bought the old Boardman railroad depot, has it on a nice site overlooking the big lake at Boardman. It is being remodeled for a nice, comfortable home. One corner has handsome leaded windows which the Kennedys had collected. We suspect this home, when completed, will be something like you see illustrated in Sunset and House Beautiful.

Nerve Gas Issue Discussed at Meeting

On Dec. 21, several concerned persons from Eastern Oregon communities met in Pendleton on the upcoming shipment of nerve gas from Okinawa to Umatilla Army Depot. From this meeting local committees were formed to raise the issue in their areas.

On Jan. 4, at 7:30, a meeting will be held in Ione at the Legion Hall, sponsored by some Morrow County citizens. The topic will be "An Open Discussion About Nerve Gas." An attempt is being made to find someone willing to represent the position of the Hermiston Coordinating Council.

All citizens of Morrow County are invited to attend and to participate in the discussion. Those interested in working with the committee may contact Maxine Rietmann, Janet Lindstrom, Suzanne Jepsen, or Rev. Mike Luedde.

Hate to have more than one apology an issue but here goes another one. Our apologies to Mrs. Hope Temple. Last week we said Vi Lanham was advisor for the National Honor Society. Isn't so, Mrs. Temple is!

Karla Weatherford Queen at Rainbow Dance

Karla Weatherford was crowned queen of the 1969 Winter formal sponsored by the Rainbow Girls by a vote of the Assembly. Sandy Matthews and Diane Mills were chosen as princesses. They received crown and tiaras from last years queen, Sue McElroy at the "Rockin Around the Christmas Tree" dance last Tuesday at the IOOF Hall. Prior to the announcement Sandy and Diane sang the theme song as a tribute to the winter formal queen and princesses. They were accompanied by Mary Kay Hughes.

The hall was decorated with green and silver crepe paper streamers, a Christmas tree and tinsel. Card tables were green with silver glitter and centered with silver candles in bottles. Chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Ed LaTrace and Mr. and Mrs. Simon Winters.

WHAT'S COOKIN'?

Sometimes molded salads lack crunchiness and crispness but this recipe from Faye Ferguson is both crunchy and crisp and delicious. I'm calling it Faye's Molded Salad. She says there are others in town with the same recipe. Anyway Faye's turned out extra good this Christmas time.

1 pkg. lime Jell-O dissolved in 2 scant cups of juice from the can of crushed pine apple and water.

Add 1 cup chopped marshmallows while mixture is hot. Cool and add: 1 cup chopped cabbage, 1 cup crushed pineapple, 1/2 cup chopped nuts, 1 cup Dream whip and 1 cup mayonnaise.

Faye served it in a ring mold.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Gentry of Weston visited Monday of last week here with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rood.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Rood and Diane had Christmas dinner with her mother, Helen Williamson at Hermiston. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rood and family of Hermiston were also there.

School Lunch Menus

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Monday, Jan. 5 — Tuna and noodles, peas, Jell-O salad, biscuits, gingerbread and apple-sauce, milk.

Tuesday, Jan. 6—Hot dogs, potato chips, pickles, pork and beans cole slaw, cookies, milk.

Wednesday, Jan. 7—Pizza buttered corn lettuce wedge, peach half, graham crackers, milk.

Thursday, Jan. 8 — Potatoes and gravy, spinach, celery sticks and cheese sticks, fruit cobbler, rolls, milk.

Friday, Jan. 9 — Potato soup, peanut butter sandwiches, vegetable salad, frosted cake, milk

DOT'S JOTS

A small world . . . little did we dream when we met Faye Ferguson and Virginia Meek on an Alaska tour a year ago last summer that we would ever be "neighbors". That isn't all, Faye wrote to her kids at Gold Beach, did they know the Beckers who are our Judy and men (husband and three sons)? Faye shared a darling letter from her granddaughter Stacey. She has Judy for her teacher!

Nonda's Wedding

The All Saints' Episcopal Church, scene of Nonda Clark's and Hal Sunday's wedding is beautiful with its mellowed woods. The sun produced brilliant colors as it streamed through the stained glass windows. No one could remember how it went but several decided it was a good luck omen for the bride that the sun shines on!

It seems shortly before they were to go in, the best man discovered the rings were still at the motel. That was a wild scramble. That or a good joke brought each one of the men in the wedding party into the sanctuary with big smiles.

The organist chose not the traditional recessional but a lilting melody filled with trumpet sounds. The Trumpet Tune and Air by Henry Purcell. A delightful tune.

It wasn't the traditional cans and old shoes that decorated "the get-away-car" but ropes of pastel flowers were used to drape the outside of the car. It seems at the moment Hal is without a car and this one was borrowed from his brother. It was brother who was ramrodding the decorations for the car and he was watching that no wax or shaving cream or cans got near!

Barton says they found all the flowers hanging on the gasoline pump at the ranch!

Lately Hal has been working for Shakeys Pizza Pralor and he was hitchhiking back and forth to work. A fellow picked him up who had an interest in a "top drawer" motel on the coast. When he found out Hal was getting married he invited them to be guests for free at the motel!

Nonda knew our niece, Carolyn Lake at Linfield last year. Carolyn was married in September and is now attending the University of Washington.

Best wishes to all the young married folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Vance and Robbie spent the Christmas vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Vance. They also visited other relatives in the area, and grandmothers, Mrs. Izora Stingle in Heppner and Mrs. Anna Boyer in Condon. Robbie is 10 months old, just about to walk, and really enjoyed his first Christmas, especially the bright ribbons and paper and the tree lights. Dale and his family live in Seattle and Dale works as an inspector for Boeing Aircraft in Everett where the 747s are produced.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

SCHOOL RESUMES JAN. 5

Holly Rebekah Lodge Pinochle Party, Jan. 3, Lodge Hall, 8:00 p.m. Fourth party of Series

"Food Facts & Fads" Home Extension lesson Evening unit, Neighborhood Center, Jan. 6 Rhea Creek unit, Jan. 7 Boardman unit, Jan. 8

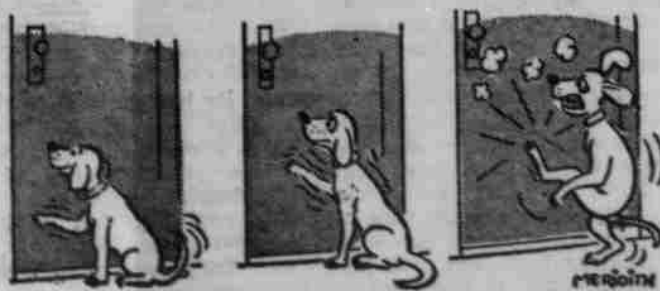
HEPPNER HIGH BASKETBALL Heppner High School Basketball, Jan. 3 Blue Mountain JVs at Blue Mountain

Golden Age Club Episcopal Parish Hall, Jan. 6

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL!

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