

# Thieves loot Palmer cabin

The summer cabin of Ron Palmer was broken into sometime during the weekend and stripped of most of its furnishings.

The theft was discovered by Corky Bettine, an employee of the Palmers, at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday morning. After calling Palmer, Bettine then notified Sheriff John Mollahan of the theft.

Entry was made through a back window, which had been broken, and thieves opened the front door and escaped with the loot.

Items reported missing include an electric blanket, bedding, canned goods, radio, vacuum cleaner, cooking utensils and some liquor.

A freezer containing meat and other frozen food was also broken into. Some of the frozen meat was strewn about the outside of the cabin.

Not content with their loot, the thieves broke the lock on Palmer's tool shed and stole some of his tools.

A complete inventory of the items stolen has not as yet been taken, although the Palmer's estimate that between \$600-\$700 worth of goods have been stolen.

A \$200 reward has been posted by the Palmers for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the thieves.

# Jones won't resign as county judge

County Judge Paul Jones said yesterday that he has "no idea of resigning as Judge of Morrow County to accept the appointment to the Land Conservation and Development Commission."

Jones told the Gazette-Times that the attorney general had ruled that to hold the county judge position while serving on the LCDC would be "incompatible."

Jones, in a prepared statement to the news media, said: "I do not feel that I would be a qualified member of the LCDC until my appointment is confirmed by the Senate Committee. SB100 expressly makes the governor's appointments to the commission subject to confirmation by the Senate. The Senate Committee met on Dec. 1 and confirmed 5 of the 7 appointees. The decision whether to confirm my appointment was postponed, and I have not been advised when the Senate Committee will be considering it further."

"Until such time as I am qualified by the confirmation of the Senate Committee I do not intend to participate in LCDC matters, as that would not be appropriate."

"I am considering some related legal and practical problems. From the time that my appointment was first

announced by the Governor, there has been a constant furor. If it appears that this appointment is going to be deleterious to the fulfillment of my obligations to the

people of Morrow County, then I shall have to reconsider my willingness to accept it. At some point the controversy

which has been generated by my appointment must cease. This is necessary so that the LCDC may be organized and get on with its duties, and so that I can devote my full attention and energies to my own duties."

"Morrow County is growing and will continue to grow."

Jones told the Gazette-Times. "With proposed nuclear plants, advanced farming and industry; and after working at my present job as juvenile judge for the past three years, I feel that my time already spent would have been wasted if I resigned as county judge to become a member of LCDC."

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Hearings on the proposed change of ownership and the law connected with brand inspection of livestock will be held next month at the State Department of Agriculture building in Salem.

Morrow County livestock growers who would like to attend the hearings or who have opinions on the new proposal should contact Ed Brosnan, president of the Morrow County Livestock Growers; Mike Howell, Morrow County extension agent; or Gene Kunkle, state brand inspector in Salem.

C.J.D. Bauman, Heppner, has been flown from the Veteran's Hospital in Walla Walla, Wn., to the V.A. Hospital in Seattle, Wn. He has received a Pacemaker and is reported to be responding well to treatment. He is expected home shortly.

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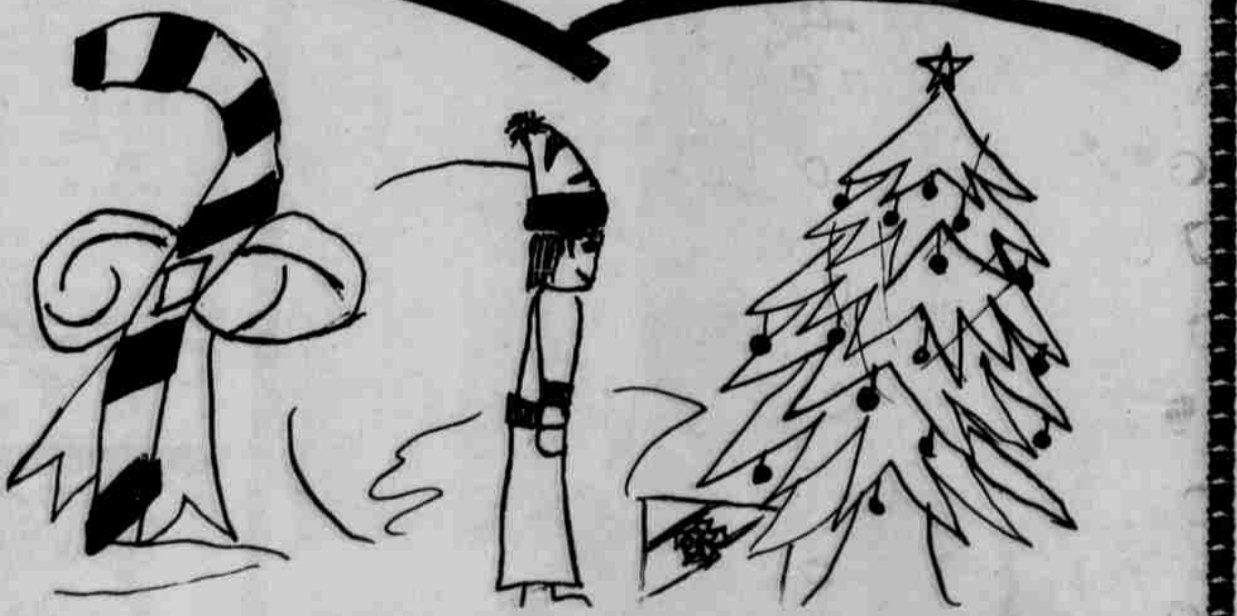


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