

Soroptimist Club completes 4-month fund-raiser



Soroptimist President Mary Goheen (R) presents check to E.V. Blevins.

Soroptimist International of Heppner has recently completed a four-month project in which the club raised \$763 for E.V. Blevins of Ukiah. Mrs. Blevins, a diabetic, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gonty of Heppner.

The Soroptimists established a fund at Western Federal Savings and Loan Assoc. in Heppner with \$270 from an unexpended service activities

fund. A total of \$55 in donations from private citizens were made, another \$263 was raised from afghan ticket sales, and \$172.97 was earned during a popcorn ball and caramel apple sale during the Moonlight Sale in October. Harriet Evans of Heppner was the winner of the afghan.

Club President Mary Goheen presented Mrs. Blevins with a check last Friday.

First Christian plans special presentation

Mr. and Mrs. Tio Kelley from the Christian Children's Ranch in Eagle, Idaho will be making a presentation on November 13th at the First Christian Church in Heppner, announced the Rev. Don Shelton, pastor.

The Children's Ranch is part of the Boise Christian Homes, Inc. which has been ministering to the needs of children since 1946. At present there are three ranch families

with a part-time social worker on staff serving 26 children.

"Many of our children come from backgrounds in which there was much confusion and inadequate nurturing and discipline. With a stable environment, Christian training and love, and for some, therapeutic intervention, we find that our children can usually stabilize their lives, work through their earlier problems and go on to set and work for realistic life goals," the Kelleys said.

The operation and program of the ranch will be presented using color slides and there will be an opportunity for questions and discussion after the presentation, Shelton said.



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Child safety system law becomes effective Jan. 1

As many as 200,000 young Oregonians under the age of five will need to be secured in a child safety system or safety belt when riding in most motor vehicles when a new law takes effect January 1, 1984, announced the Motor Vehicles Division in Salem.

But many parents are not waiting for the law to buy the devices, the division reports.

The Automobile Club of Oregon says it has been selling units like hot-cakes for the last year, and business has picked up in recent weeks. Telephone inquiries also are up.

Several child restraint loan programs operated by county

health departments also report increased calls about loaner devices.

The Motor Vehicles Division began in mid-October a program to acquaint drivers and vehicle owners with the new law. It is sending pamphlets explaining the law to people renewing car or driver licenses. D.M.V. also adopted federal child restraint standards.

Among other things, the pamphlets remind would-be buyers that a child restraint system must meet federal motor vehicle safety standards and that any device manufactured since January, 1981, will have a tag stating that it meets the standard.

The pamphlet also points out that the law covers people other than parents. Children under five must be in safety belts or child restraints when riding in most passenger vehicles. Safety officials say children over five and, for that matter, all adults also should ride with safety belts fastened to reduce possible serious injury.

There are some exceptions in the law, such as for commercial vehicles, vehicles manufactured before 1966 and which are not equipped with belts, and vehicles in which all

seating positions are occupied by other people leaving no way to install a child restraint device. Residents from other states which do not have similar laws also are exempted.

The law also provides for a medical exemption which may be granted by the division only if a doctor signs a statement that the child cannot use a restraining device.

Fines for violating the law cannot be imposed during the first six months the law is in effect. After that, however, citations may be issued for "endangering a child passenger" with a fine up to \$20. First offenders, however, will not be fined if they prove to the court that they have subsequently obtained an approved child restraint, the division said.

Poster contest winners awarded



Heppner Merchants' Committee President Charles Hutchinson presented Halloween Poster Contest winners Shannon McLaughlin, Brian Kallman, Laurel Webber-Gray, Nina Tucker, Aleida Goodyear and Wayne Martin with gift certificates last Friday.

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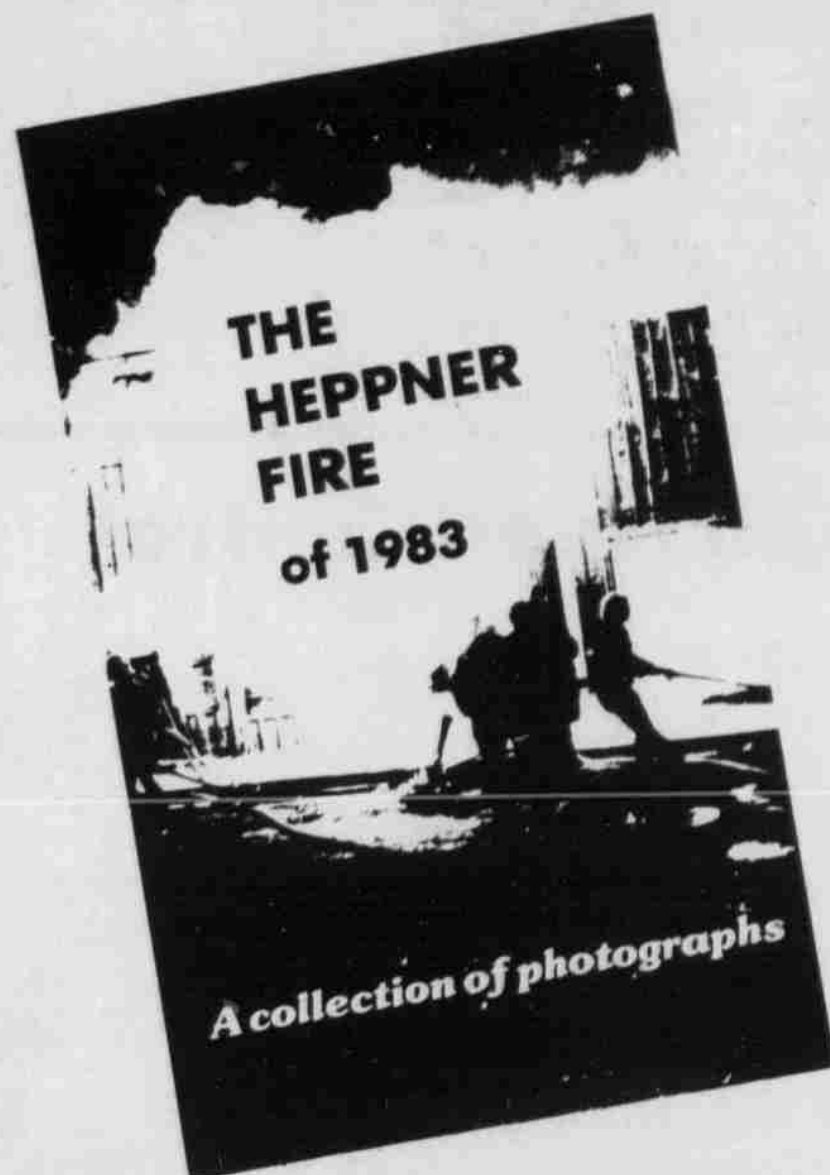
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