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## NEW FIREARMS LAW CREATES CONFUSION FOR LOCAL DEALERS

The new federal law providing partial controls on the sale of firearms and ammunition became effective Monday, December 16, and it has left nothing but confusion in the minds of dealers who have been in the business for years.

It isn't that they must conduct their business "blindly"—the government has supplied them with an 8" x 11" booklet with 143 pages of federal, state, city laws together with blank forms to be filled out covering their purchases and sales.

All regulations are in fine print and as simple as most government forms! An average attorney could interpret them with sufficient time and study. But that may not be true for all agents of Internal Revenue Service, whose duty it is to enforce the regulations, along with their more important work. In fact, when a Nyssa dealer called the agency for an interpretation he was informed that he had more information than they did.

Many small dealers have gone out of the business, others are in the process of trying to dispose of their stocks to larger dealers, while others just have not made a decision. Facing a possible fine of \$5,000 or five years in prison, or both can be rather repelling to a small dealer—not to mention all the extra bookkeeping and records required by the government.

length, automatic rifles and shotguns and a number of destructive and explosive devices must be registered; dealers must not sell firearms to fugitives from justice, felons, narcotic addicts, unlawful users of marijuana or any stimulant or depressive or any adjudged mental incompetent.

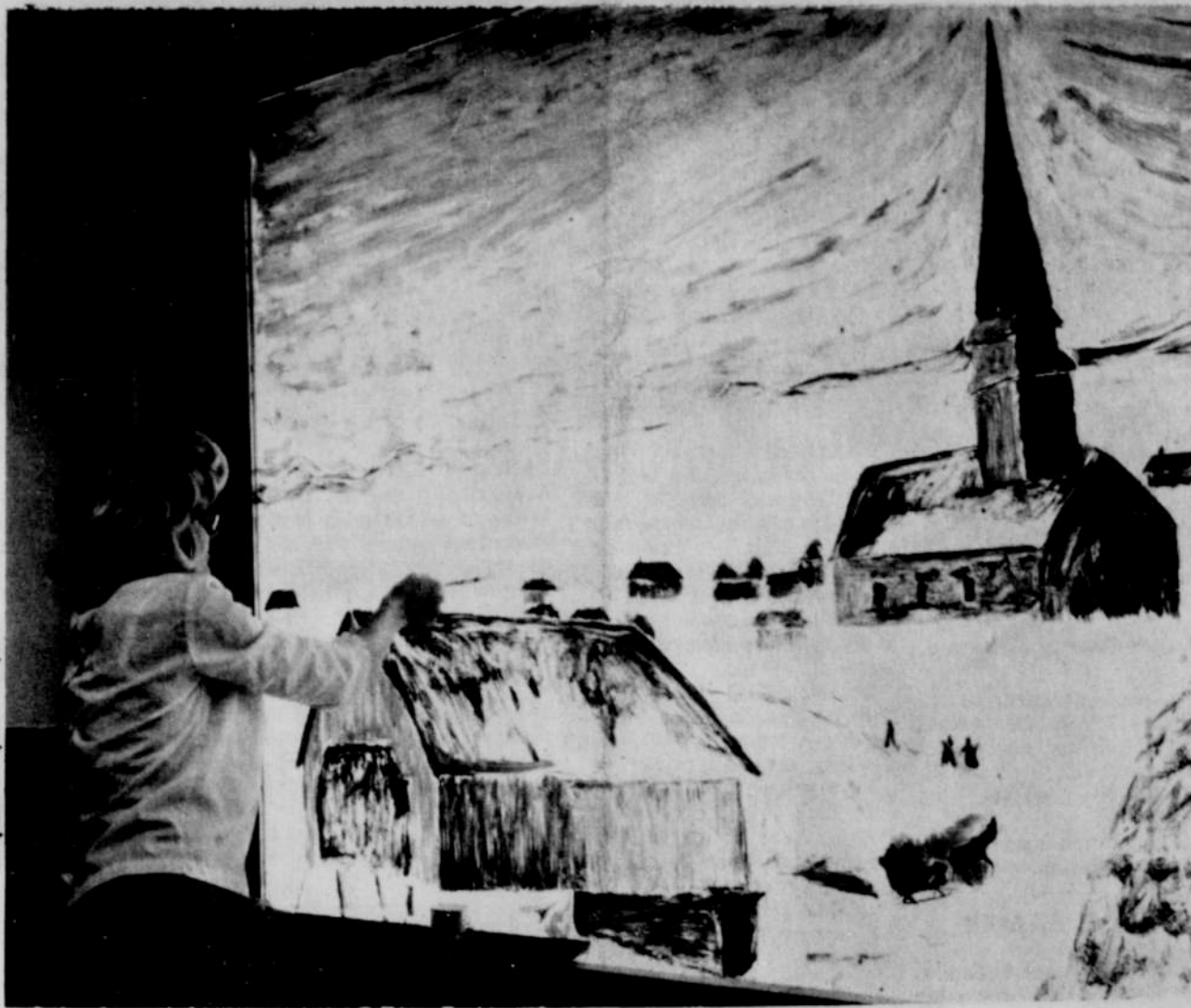
Registration of all firearms is sought by many lawmakers in Washington, and is due to come up in the next congress. The present regulations are the first step and could easily accomplish the same thing through computers telling who bought certain sizes of ammunition. Records would have to be kept for some period but let no one tell you the government or anyone else having access to the records for long could not determine to the same degree of accuracy as polltakers in a national election!

This may be sufficient to wake up the 40 million gun owners in the U. S. for a concerted fight. Anyway, "Don't send a Boy to do a Man's work", and it is man's work to buy ammunition now.

### SOME VIOLATIONS NOTED

Since December 16 it is unlawful for anyone except licensed dealers to ship any firearm in interstate commerce; to receive a firearm shipped from another state; to sell or trade a firearm to a person who resides in another state; it will be unlawful for anyone to sell or deliver a firearm or ammunition to a person less than 18 years of age (even a box of .22 shells); it will be unlawful to sell any short-barreled rifle or shotgun except under strict regulations and under registration procedures; shotguns having barrels less than 18 inches in length, rifles having barrels less than 16 inches in

## ARTIST AT WORK



THE JOURNAL'S OWN MARIE EILERS PAINTS A WINTER Wonderland Yuletide scene on the large front window of the publication's office. Marie joined the Journal staff in early October this year. She is the former Marie Borge, was graduated from Adrian high school and studied for one

year each at Eastern Oregon college in La Grande and Treasure Valley Community college. She is presently taking a correspondence course through the Art Instructors' School at Minneapolis, Minn. - Journal Photo.

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES OF LOCAL CHURCHES OFFER WIDE VARIETY

Churches of the Nyssa - Adrian area again this year are stressing the true meaning of Christmas with special services and programs featuring the youth of the churches.

These programs and services are listed below in alphabetical order.

### ASSEMBLY OF GOD

A program of special music and recitations by the Sunday school classes, is being planned for Dec. 20 by the Assembly of God church. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Orchard, the evangelists will be in charge of the program.

### CHRISTIAN

Dec. 22 is the date set for the 7 p.m. program at the Christian church. The young people of the church will perform with skits and music.

### BIBLE MISSIONARY

The Bible Missionary church in Nyssa is planning a Dec. 22, 11 a.m. service and program. It will feature the Sunday school classes of the church.

### COMMUNITY

The Christmas program will be presented at the Owyhee Community church on Dec. 22 at 8 p.m.

### EPISCOPAL

St. Paul's Episcopal church will present a Dec. 22 Christmas program at 5:30 in the church. There will also be a Dec. 24 communion service at 11 p.m. under direction of the Rev. Louis Perkins, a guest pastor.

### LDS

The LDS 1st Ward is planning a Dec. 19 Christmas party with Santa Claus at the stake house.

Dec. 21 will be the date for the Christmas party for the members of the 2nd Ward. It will begin at 7 p.m. and Santa will make an appearance for the children. The Sunday school program will be held Dec. 22 at 11 a.m.

A Dec. 23, 7:30 p.m. Christmas party will be held at the Owyhee Ward with a program by the Primary children.

The annual Gold and Green ball will be held Dec. 25 at the Nyssa stake house.

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### CATHOLIC

St. Bridget's Catholic church will hold Midnight mass services on Christmas eve, followed by masses at 8 and 11 Christmas morning. There also



SANTA RETURNS

Santa will make his third and final 1968 appearance on Saturday, Dec. 21 in Nyssa. He will again be at the Nyssa public library at 2 p.m. with treats for the kiddies, and listen to their Christmas wishes.

The Jolly Old Gentleman will make brief appearances in Main street stores following interviews with his followers at the library.

## Bulldogs Second Victory Topples Panthers 52-42

The Nyssa Bulldogs, rolling in their second straight win over the Parma Panthers, raised their basketball record to 2-1. The Bulldogs clawed their way past the Parma quintet for a 52-42 win in their cross-conference contest, Dec. 13 at Parma.

Scraping with a slow scoring group of Panthers, the NHS lads bounced to a 17-7 lead. At the end of the first quarter, Nyssa exploded with a minute and a half left to tally 10 points.

In the second quarter the juniors went in to relieve the seniors, and when the buzzer sounded for the halftime, the score was 34-26.

As halftime entertainment, the Parma drill team performed for the spectators.

The Parma Panthers continued to close the gap, leaving the Bulldogs with a small 6-point lead.

The Bulldogs then went in a stall for half of the fourth period. Gaining 11 points in the final quarter, Nyssa tipped the Panthers for a 52-42 victory.

Dave Manley, a 5' 11" sophomore, led the scoring with 12 points and senior Larry Wilson contributed 11 counters to lead the Bulldogs to their triumph over Parma. Scorers for Nyssa were L. Wilson, 11; J. Beck, 6; E. Jeffers, 3; A. Sutschkow, 2; R. Wilson, 2; D. Manley, 12; J. Elguezabal, 8 and C. Lewis, 8. - NHS Bulldog.

## New Vet Funds Now Available

The Department of Veterans' Affairs says it will start accepting farm and home loan applications immediately from the new class of veterans qualified for loans as the result of passage of Measure 1 in the recent general election.

H. C. Saalfeld, veterans' affairs director, said cold war and Vietnam veterans' applications received now will be processed through commitment, and held for final closing after the December 6 effective date of Measure 1.

Newly eligible for loans are those persons who entered service from Oregon and served for 210 days, any part after January 31, 1955. They have 20 years following discharge to apply. The 210-day requirement is waived for those who were discharged earlier for service-connected disability.

About 60,000 Oregon veterans are estimated to have qualified under the measure, and another 9,000 every year coming out of service will be entitled.

The measure also extended the World War II ending service date from December 31, 1946 to July 25, 1947, and it provided that any one day of the World War II and Korean veterans' required 90 days of service may have been within the respective wartime periods.

There was no change in the loan application deadline for veterans of World War II, which is January 31, 1980, nor for the Korean veterans' deadline of January 31, 1988.

Measure 1 says the post-Korean veteran to qualify must have been an Oregon resident at the time he entered service. World War II veterans may qualify if they came to Oregon before the end of 1948, and Korean veterans if they came here before the end of 1958.

From Vale, T. V. Skinner; Mrs. Ruth Skinner. From Boise Mrs. Linda Cunningham.

George W. Griffin, Max Long, John Stam of route 2 Parma; Alvin Morrison, Parma.

## Early Journal Next Week

The Journal will be printed and mailed on Monday next week so that area patrons will have the Holiday edition before Christmas.

All ads must be in by Saturday morning and news no later than Monday morning to make this edition. Late news will be published the following week.

## TEENS TO CAROL

High school youth of the Nyssa churches are invited to a Christmas caroling party at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23.

They are asked to assemble at the United Methodist church for rides to the various areas. After the singing, they will gather at the Methodist church for cookies and hot chocolate.

Each student is asked to take 25 cents for expenses. Nyssa residents are urged to stop their busy holiday preparations to listen to the melodic voices of the young people.

## Traffic Deaths Down From '67

There were 57 traffic fatalities in Oregon during November, three fewer deaths than reported in that month last year. The Department of Motor Vehicles said the November toll brought the year's fatality count to 581. At the same time last year, 596 traffic deaths had been reported in Oregon.

There were seven multiple death accidents during November, each killing two people. Twenty-three of the 57 deaths occurred during weekends or the Thanksgiving Day weekend. Thirty-three percent of the victims were under 25 years old, the Department noted.

## WEATHER

DATE	MAX.	MIN.
Dec. 11	44	39
Dec. 12	44	31
Dec. 13	42	21
Dec. 14	47	29
Dec. 15	53	33
Dec. 16	45	33
Dec. 17	40	24
Dec. 18	--	26

.01 precipitation was recorded on Dec. 14; with .03 recorded on Dec. 16.

RESERVOIR STORAGE  
12/6/68 162,040 Acre Feet  
12/16/67 239,040 Acre Feet

## FIRE CALLS!

The Adrian volunteer firemen have answered two recent alarms. On Dec. 10 they were summoned to the Bud King ranch near the State Line store to control a fire in a stack of chopped hay and on Dec. 16 they controlled a grass fire on a vacant lot in Adrian.

At a Dec. 16 meeting of the firemen, it was decided to hold "Ladies Night" on Friday Dec. 20, when the volunteers and their wives will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the fire hall for a social hour and then meet for an 8 o'clock dinner at the Golden Slipper in Vale.

A recent training session for Adrian, Nyssa and Vale firemen was held under direction of State Fire Marshal, Stan Phillips.

The Nyssa Volunteer firemen answered a call Dec. 11 to Gem Avenue at 4:45 p.m. It was a pickup fire and was reported that motor and front tire damage were quite extensive.

On Dec. 13 the firemen answered another fire. This time they were summoned to the Amalgamated Sugar Co., where a blaze had started in the pulp shed. There was no apparent damage, reported fireman Kasman.



ERNE METCALF, MANAGER OF THE NYSSA CO-OP Supply, was among the more than 800 Co-op managers and buyers from ten states who attended 'Showcase '69' - second annual Farmers' Union Central Exchange Merchandise Exposition held Dec. 11-12, 1968 in the Minneapolis Auditorium Convention Center. Pictured with Metcalf is Barbara Scholz, Miss Central Exchange and official Showcase '69 hostess. She demonstrates one of the latest Central Exchange products displayed at the exposition.

## Local Youths Down Pirates On Idaho Mats

Payette won the 98-pound bout but the Nyssa Bulldogs picked up wins in the next eight matches to score a 46-11 mat win on the evening of Dec. 17 on the Payette floor.

The win leaves Nyssa with a 3-0-1 record, while the Pirates are 0-5 for the season.

### RESULTS

- 98 - Rainwater (P) dec. Hartley 8-0.
- 106 - Hiatt (N) pin Ransom first.
- 115 - Bernal (N) dec. Fries, 12-0.
- 123 - Bale (NC) dec. Muir, 10-7.
- 130 - Kane (N) pin B. Rainwater, first.
- 136 - Cleaver (N) pin Tony Klein, first.
- 141 - Bob Church (N) pin Tom Klein, second.
- 148 - Wright (N) pin Magnuson, first.
- 157 - Reece (N) won forfeit.
- 168 - Goff (P) dec. K. Church, 7-0.
- 178 - Blazor (P) pin Hadley, third.
- 191 - Cooper (N) pin Rich, third.
- Hvy - Robbins (N) won forfeit.