

Letter from Sportsmen's Assoc.

Dear Bishop Ault:

The Mount Joy Sportsmen's Association at the regular monthly meeting took issue to your letter of June 30, 1976, to the Federated Sportsmen of Lancaster County.

We support legislation to place severe mandatory penalties on those who misuse firearms. We oppose legislation to disarm those who use firearms lawfully.

In regards to the constitutional right to bear arms, the second amendment states "The Right of the People to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." The National Guard did not exist when the Bill of Rights was written. The latest

Supreme Court ruling in 1939 ruled that the militia shall be defined as all males physically capable of acting in concert for the common defence. Congress defined militia as all males from age 18 to 45.

Also under the Federal Gun Control Act of 1968 all persons under twenty-one or adjudged mentally incompetent, habitual drunkards, illegal users of drugs, dishonorably discharged from the Armed Forces, or having criminal records are prohibited from ever possessing a hand gun. **If this law is enforced, do we need more?**

Over one billion rounds of hand gun ammunition are used each year for lawful sporting purposes.

Any organization which is tax exempt is prohibited

by the Internal Revenue code from engaging in political activity. Therefore, the church's participation in the National Coalition to Ban Hand Guns is in violation of this code. If the church continues in this activity, we will have no alternative but to file a complaint with the Internal Revenue Service.

The Mount Joy Sportsmen Association is made up of 1,000 members and many of these members are dedicated United Methodist Church members who are definitely opposed to the church's stand on Gun Control.

Sincerely yours
MOUNT JOY
SPORTSMEN'S
ASSOCIATION
Alvin H. Koser
Acting Secretary

Local reverends join President, Queen at cathedral dedication

by Barbara Banks

The Rev. Canon and Mrs. Donald M. Whitesel, along with Dr. and Mrs. Thomas W. O'Conner (members of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Mount Joy) worshipped at a service in the Washinton National Cathedral, which was also attended by Queen Elizabeth, Prince Phillip, and President and Mrs. Gerald Ford.

The service was the dedication of the nave of the cathedral. A concert was given prior to the service by the U.S. Marine Band, the University of Maryland Chorus, the Cathedral Choir, New York City.

The sermon was preached by Rev. Sayre, dean of the Cathedral.

Canon and Mrs. Whitesel had seats in the front row. They were able to participate fully in the entire service.

Dr. and Mrs. O'Conner were seated immediately behind the diplomatic corps. It was through Dr. O'Conner, who is Secretary of St. Luke's, that the tickets were obtained.

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