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VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN NAMED BY IONE HIGH FACULTY



JEAN MARTIN



KENNETH SMOUSE

By EVELYN JEPSEN

After careful scrutiny and investigation, the administration of Ione High School has come out with two of the top students in grade point averages for the honor of valedictorian of the 1961 graduating class — Miss Jean Marie Martin.

Miss Martin, 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick T. Martin. Her grade point average is 3.51.

All through high school Jean has been a hard-working girl, not only in her studies but in extra-curricular activities. She has been active in Girls' League, chorus, band, pep band, paper staff, dance band, volleyball, pep club, and student council. Last year, Jean was selected as one of the delegates to Girls' State. This school year, Jean serves as editor of "The Cardinal," school paper, and director of the pep band. She also attended the press conference last October and the Governor's Conference on Youth in November.

In community affairs, Jean has been very active. She is on her tenth year in 4-H, where she has won many awards in baking and sewing. Last year, she made a beautiful formal as her 4-H sewing project and it won championship awards. She has attended 4-H summer school and served as a counselor at the 4-H summer camp. Miss Martin was in the "Sew It With Wool Contest" taking honors at the district finals and going on to state.

Jean is a member of the Ione Community Church. She sings in the choir and in the past years she has taken an active part in the Pilgrim Fellowship Youth Group.

Jean's plans for the future are to attend Oregon State College at Corvallis next fall and take up teaching as her career.

Close behind Miss Martin is 18-year-old Kenneth Lynn Smouse with a grade point average of 3.31. Kenneth is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smouse.

Kenneth's interests stem toward science and in the past years this has proven true when he formed a rocket club and set off his own rockets! Also in science, he exhibited a linear accelerator (atom smasher) at the state science show, in 1959. In this past year he attended J.E.S.S.I. at Corvallis.

Kenneth, like Miss Martin, is a member of 4-H, this being his tenth year. He has attended 4-H summer school for four years and for two years he served as camp counselor at the 4-H summer camp. He is also a junior leader.

In 1960 he was a delegate to the 4-H club council at Salem, "Know Your Government."

Among the numerous awards in 4-H that Kenneth has received are: champion sheep and livestock showman, top livestock judge, county recognitions and awards in electricity, meat animal, swine, special award for achievement and the Danforth recognition of leadership. He has had the top records for the past three years. Also in the past years, Kenneth has exhibited livestock at the fair, most of them either being champion or reserve champion. His livestock projects include sheep, swine and beef.

In school affairs, Kenneth is participating in basketball and paper work. He served as presi-

dent of his class during his sophomore year and on the student council in his freshman and sophomore years.

Kenneth also plans to attend Oregon State College where he will major in science.

The Easter Cantata practice will be held tonight at 8:15 at the high school.

Big Cat Shot In Tree

An 84-inch cougar was treed and killed on Big Wall creek about 35 miles southwest of Heppner recently. Jeff Walker and Vern Evans reported that they trailed the big cat about nine miles from 7 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Walker had spotted tracks of the animal last fall while felling timber in the area and the two men went out to see if they could get it. They found tracks in the snow crossing the highway and turned the dogs loose to trail the cat. After being treed it was shot by Walker but bit and crippled one of the dogs when it fell to the ground.

The cat weighed 146 pounds and measured 84 inches long. It was thin or would have surpassed in weight the 74-inch cougar Walker shot in February, 1958. That one weighed out at 165 pounds.

The men are having a rug made of the skin.

Cubs Receive Awards At Blue and Gold Banquet Friday

The annual Blue and Gold Cub Scout banquet was held Friday evening at the fair building in Heppner and marked the 51st year of scouting in the United States.

Approximately 200 Cubs and parents attended and watched 37 boys receive various awards.

The event started with a pot luck supper at 6:30 and proceeded on to the awards and finally the showing of two short movies.

Cubmaster Gene Hall introduced the guest speaker, Rev. Walter Smith, pastor of the Lexington Christian church, who has had many years of scout work. In speaking, he encouraged the boys to "set a goal and follow a straight line toward reaching that goal." At the conclusion of his talk the Cubs were called to the stage by dens and presented their badges by Rev. Smith.

Those receiving Wolf badges after completing one year of cubbing were Gary Munkers, Jimmy Healy, Eddy Sherman, Bobby Peck, Gary Adams, Billy Wolff, Phillip Ayers, Kevin Dick, Robert Abrams, Kelly Green, LaVerne Van Marter, Matt Murray, and Tommy Cleveland.

The Bear badge was earned by these second-year members: Lee Payne, Larry Pettyjohn, Terry Peck, Billy Baker, Mark Labhart, Steve Munkers, Chuck Huggert, Larry Bellenbrock; and receiving the Lion badge, for three years of achievement were David Hall, Chris Labhart, Tim Loyd, Steve Pettyjohn, Randy Stillman, John Van Winkle, Ricky Gimbel, Kit Anderson, Bobby Dobbs, Billy Stockard, Mike Smith, Frank Unrein, Larry Richmond, Frank

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Peck Shows Ski-ing Films At C. C. Meeting

Baldy Butte Winter Sports Club organization and activities were reviewed for Heppner-Morrow County Chamber members at their Monday meeting by Kenneth Peck, club president.

Organized less than two years ago, the club now has a membership of 20 families. A ski run was bulldozed by Heppner Pine Mill workers on land donated for club use by Orville Cutsforth near Cutsforth Park and club members spent many long hours during spring and summer months clearing the slope of rocks and wood. A warming hut, with a circular fireplace in the center, was built by members out of heavy logs at the base of the run.

Work this year has included enlarging and deepening the pond for ice skating. Kinzua Corporation equipment and men extended the size of the pond so it is now "big enough to hold an ice hockey tournament," Peck said.

With all facilities ready to go the only thing missing this year was weather cold enough to provide snow and ice for the winter fun. To meet the possibility of this "banana belt" weather occurring again members of the club have voted to contact the Forest Service to see if a slope at a higher level can be obtained for an additional ski run. Skiing is a healthful family sport and the possibilities of developing a course within 30 miles of Heppner which could be used many months of the year are very good, Peck said.

He demonstrated the proper equipment for skiing and told the safety factors involved. Skiing as a family sport is now second only to boating in the United States, he said.

Movies were shown of Sports Club members using the 400-foot tow lift and skiing, but they were taken last year when ample snow covered the slope. Members of the chamber saw themselves in action when he switched to pictures of the chamber trip to Black Mountain to observe logging operations two years ago.

During the business session of the chamber went on record favoring House Bill 1600 and 1601 to expedite the state's acquisition of the Boardman Bombing Range and opposing House Bill 1391 which would outlaw the use of Ester 2, 4-D for farm crop spraying.

February Snow Depth Report On Arbuckle

Snow was measured on Arbuckle mountain at the end of February by Ralph Richards, conservationist, and the depth was found to be 24 inches. Water content of 6 inches was only two tenths of an inch above the all-time low, density at 25.2 inches was at the lowest on record.

Under the snow a wet, saturated condition exists in the ground, Richards said. The high measurement of snow in this area is usually in February or March so chance of more snow remains.

Actual figures were: depth, 24 inches, eight year average 29.50 inches, high was in 1956 with 51.2 inches and low in 1957 with 11.6 inches. Last year at this time it was 34 inches.

Water content, low in 1957 with 5.8 inches, high in 1956 with 15.2 inches, average is 9.27. Last year was 8.6.

HAS EYE SURGERY

Mike Whitesmith, manager of J. C. Penney Co., is recuperating at home following eye surgery at Good Samaritan hospital in Portland February 23.

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PTA MEETING

Heppner PTA will meet at 8 p.m. next Wednesday night at the school gymnasium. College scholarships will be explained by a speaker from one of the state colleges.



MARLENE FETSCH, 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fetsch, Lexington, was named the first princess of the 1961 Morrow County Fair & Rodeo. She is the choice of the Lexington Grange.

Conservation Reserve Requires Weed Control

Control of noxious weeds is an important provision in every conservation reserve contract, according to Paul W. Jones, chairman of the county agricultural stabilization and conservation committee. When farmers signed the contracts, they agreed to control any noxious weeds on cropland designated as reserve acreage.

Since land included in the Conservation Reserve program is out of production and is not cultivated annually, farmers need to give special attention to weed control on that land.

Weeds classified as noxious in Morrow county include: morning glory, white top, knapweed, Canada thistle, quack grass, and Johnson grass.

Approved methods of control of noxious weeds on reserve land include clipping and chemical control.

Mr. Jones reminds farmers that the noxious weed control requirement of conservation reserve contracts should be included in their planning for the 1961 crop season.

BOEING START IN '61 Boeing Airplane Company may begin construction at the Boardman site "before the end of this year," Sam Mallicoet, director of the State Department of Planning and Development told members of the legislature yesterday.

Holy Name Society To Sponsor Scouts

The Holy Name Society of St. Patrick's Catholic church has taken over sponsorship of the Boy Scout program in Heppner. The committee will be composed of Earl Ayres, Wilbur Warden and Russell O'Donnell.

The Scout program will remain unchanged, with Avery Taylor as scoutmaster for the troop.

Elks To Host Student Party

The annual Elks party for students of Heppner High School will be held Friday evening at 8 p.m. at the Elks Temple.

Dance music will be furnished by the high school dance band. Games have been arranged and the Soroptimist Club of Heppner will have charge of food for the party. All high school students of the area are invited.

Lenten Activities At Episcopal Church

Inquirer's classes started at All Saints' Episcopal church Tuesday night.

The first meeting was in the church but succeeding meetings for the next 16 weeks will be held in private homes. Next Tuesday's meditations are being held at the church at 7:30 p. m. during Lent. Maundy Thursday, March 30, two Eucharist services will be held at 10 a. m. and at 8 p. m. A special Good Friday service is also planned.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hartman were in Portland on business the later part of the week.

State Dignitaries Attend I.O.O.F. District Convention

Many dignitaries of the I.O.O.F. lodge were in attendance at the district convention held here Saturday, according to district president Randal Peterson. It was the 48th annual Umatilla-Morrow County Odd Fellows District convention with 11 lodges in the two counties included in the group.

George Hollett, Portland, chairman of the Eye Bank, was the main speaker and outlined the fight to restore sight being carried on by Odd Fellows through the Odd Fellows World Eye Bank and Visual Research Foundation. In order to carry on research in this subject each Odd Fellow is urged to contribute \$1.00 to the Foundation, which will then become self-supporting on a revolving basis, he said. The simplicity of making one's eyes available after death for use for those who are blind was outlined by Hollett.

Al Troedson, Heppner, was honored as the oldest member, having been a member of the Odd Fellows for 63 years.

The 1962 convention will be held at Milton-Freewater and officers for that convention were elected and installed. They are: president, Merrill Blades, Milton-Freewater; vice president Al Leonard, Hermiston; secretary, H. L. Warner, Milton-Freewater; and treasurer, Andrew Zessin, Milton-Freewater.

The third degree was put on by the Milton-Freewater Lodge and Draping charter by the Pendleton lodge No. 32.

Among dignitaries attending were five officers of the Grand Lodge of Oregon: Grand master, Stanley Oldham, Lake Grove; Grand Herald, LaVerne Norton, Woodburn; Grand Marshall, Ralph Paul, Reedsport; Grand Secretary, Earl Shank, Portland; Grand Warden, Walt Murphy, Reedsport. Also present were district deputy Grand Patriarch Ralph Peuschel, Pendleton; Grand Junior Warden of Grand Encampment, Les Drake, Forest Grove; past Grand Masters Roy Tierney, Pendleton; Art Holmes, Pendleton and Vernon Hahn, Banks; past Grand Patriarch John Van Doren, Forest Grove; District deputies John Wightman, Heppner; Oris Padberg, Lexington, W. B. Smith, Hermiston, and Marvin Richards, Milton-Freewater.

Members of Sans Souci Rebekah lodge served the evening banquet. Appearing on the program to provide entertainment were Fern Albert, Elaine Laird, Sandra Eubanks, Tassie Morrison and Mary Jo Morrison. Tom Glass was master of ceremonies.

Many Awards Given At FFA Banquet

A crowd of approximately 150 persons saw Future Farmers of America of the Heppner Chapter receive many awards at the annual banquet February 22 at the Catholic parish hall.

Jerry Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Anderson, won the outstanding award of the evening when he was named Star Chapter Farmer. Jerry is a senior at Heppner High and during his four years in FFA has built up an excellent Hereford herd from one cow. He has also taken part in judging and parliamentary contests.

The Morrow County Livestock Growers plaque which is annually presented to the boy with the most projects in all livestock was presented to William Bill. Pins for outstanding production in livestock, also sponsored by the Growers, went to Jerry Anderson, for beef production; Nat Webb for sheep production, and William Hill for swine production.

Bill Monagle received the plaque donated by Rhea Creek Grange.

Outstanding achievement awards, donated by the Bank of Eastern Oregon to the top 15 percent, went to Jerry Anderson, Nat Webb, William Hill, Bill Monagle and Don Hughes.

Outstanding scholarship award, donated by chapter adviser Lew Robbins and Mrs. Robbins, was presented Bill Monagle.

The Tri-County Equipment Co. award to the outstanding freshman boy went to Kenneth Wright. Chapter Farmer degree pins

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Retirement Plan Explained To OEA

The legislature has been liberalizing and improving on the law as it pertains to public employees' retirement system since 1945. Michael Mattich, Portland, told the Morrow County chapter of OEA Monday night.

The objective of the state of Oregon retirement fund is to provide one-half of a worker's salary after 30 years of service.

Although the program is not voluntary and the worker is forced to join after a six months probationary period, the maximum contribution from the worker is required to meet this goal. Those employees of the state electing to contribute only the minimum wage deduction each pay day will not receive one-half salary at retirement, the speaker said.

Mattich is employed at the retirement system office in Portland and outlined for the teachers those elective parts of the state retirement system which would bring them the most benefits. The 6:30 dinner was held in the Catholic parish hall.

Tables at the dinner meeting were beautifully decorated in a spring motif by Inez Meador and Mrs. Kenneth Peck and pupils of Mrs. Meador's sixth grade room. The Heppner P.T.A. cooked the dinner, seventh grade home economics girls served the food and eighth grade girls the drink.

Ronald Black, president of the county organization, presided at the meeting. Members of the school board and their wives were guests of the teachers. Entertainment was provided by musical numbers by Fern Albert and Elaine Laird, accompanied by Miss Joyce Messler.

At a business meeting before the dinner Violet Lanham and Inez Irwin were elected to represent the county OEA at the Department of Classroom Teachers annual northwest convention in Tacoma, March 2, 3 and 4.

The group also went on record as opposing House bill 216 which would restrict the use of school buses to transporting students to and from classes.



IONE CARDINAL BASKETEERS, 1960-61—back row, Bruce Higby, manager, Tom Martin, Ron Crabtree, Ralph Martin, Ed Marick, John Swanson, Francis Rea; second row, Roland Ekstrom, Jerry Davidson, Jack Crum, Kenneth Nelson, Jim Martin, Bill Akers.

were given Bill Struthers, Bob Hager, Merlin Hughes, Harold Gray, Jim Cason, Joel Yackley, Gary Van Blokland, and Dan Brown.

FFA Foundation awards were distributed as follows: farm mechanics and crop farming, William Hill; farm electrification, Nat Webb; Star Greenhand, John Cleveland; public speaking, Bill Monagle.

All awards were presented by Chapter adviser Lew Robbins.

Others taking part in the evening activities were: invocation by the Rev. Raymond Beard; Jerry Anderson was master of ceremonies, Billy Struthers gave the welcome address. The national convention in Kansas City was reported on by Jerry Anderson and Don Hughes, who attended it last summer.

Officers of the chapter gave the Honorary Degree to two newly chosen honorary members—Dick Wilkinson, and George Rugg in absentia.

Vocal numbers were presented by Fern Albert and Elaine Laird; Pam Cochell; and a girl's trio of Pam Cochell, Ginny Lou Turner and Virginia Moore. All were accompanied by Miss Joyce Messler.

Merlin Hughes, giving the report on the year's chapter activities, said that this year's membership in FFA at Heppner High school hit an all-time high of 36 boys. The financial report for last year, when 26 boys were enrolled, showed a total investment of \$13,322.81 with a labor income of \$1,453.42; making a total net receipts for the chapter of \$14,776.23.

Besides parents, the boys had as their guests members of the Morrow County School District board and their wives; Mr. and Mrs. Kimble Tellefson, Hermiston, and Hermiston FFA chapter president Clayton Zimmerman; Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Black, Boardman and chapter president Jim Miller; former presidents of the Heppner chapter, Tom Curran, Ron Curran, Ned Clark and Al Osmin and past State Farmer Bob Stephens. Ned Clark and Ron Curran are also past State Farmers.

A film depicting the four Star Farmers of the nation for 1960 was shown.

The dinner was prepared and served by the Heppner chapter of Future Homemakers of America.

Heppner High Students Attend Press Conference

Ten Heppner High School students attended the 14th annual Pacific Slope Press Conference on the University of Washington campus February 24 and 25.

Barbara Siewert, co-editor of the Hechisch was a student chairman for one of the classes held Saturday afternoon in the closing sessions. Neal Penland, co-editor of the paper, was a member of a panel discussion group that dealt with the problems of a mimeographed newspaper.

Attending the conference were Doris Morris, Nancy Moyer, Barbara Siewert, Beverly Davidson, Cheryl Crist, Sandra Harshman, Lydia Van Houte, Neal Penland, Don Hughes, and Bob Irby.

The delegates attended many of the classes to find out if they could find any new ways to improve the school paper and give suggestions to other schools. The students met many new friends and received many new exchange papers.

QUEEN SELECTED

The Rodeo Association selected Joan Moe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Moe, as Queen of the 1961 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo at their meeting Tuesday night.

Hospital Auxiliary will meet Monday, March 6, at 2 p.m., at the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Friday	55	43	—
Saturday	63	31	.05
Sunday	45	28	.03
Monday	48	33	.05
Tuesday	52	29	—
Wednesday	52	45	—
Thursday	50	29	.13
Maximum temperature, 63.			
Minimum, 29.			
Rainfall for the week is .26 of an inch. Total for the year is 3.46 inches.			