

THE GAZETTE-TIMES
HEPPNER, OREGON

Marcia Rands Takes Top Honors In IOOF Speakoff

Marcia Rands, Heppner High school junior, was judged first place winner Sunday over six other contestants entered in the annual United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth speech contest in Pendleton. Second place honors went to Doris Dillow, of Umatilla High school and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Dillow, Hermiston. Marcia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Groves, Heppner.

In winning the top award, Marcia will be the recipient of a month-long, expense-paid, educational trip east to visit the United Nations in Washington, D. C., taking in other historical places of interest on the tour in Canada, eastern and southern United States. The pilgrimage is sponsored each year by the Odd Fellows and Rebekah lodge organizations.

Oregon youth will meet in Portland July 3 when students, chaperones and parents will get acquainted, then leave the following morning by bus for Spokane where they will pick up Washington delegates, continuing north to add delegates of British Columbia. The trip will include parts of Canada, the Great Lakes, one week in New York City, Washington D. C., then returning through the southern states.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete McMurry were among those attending the speak-off, and have served on the committee in charge of its arrangements since 1952. This is the fourth year that Heppner has had a first place winner. Jack Sumner won the trip in 1952; Mrs. Sally (Palmer) Green, and Mrs. Joan (Brosnan) Richardson in later years.

A good crowd attended the contest, held in the IOOF hall in Pendleton. Contestants were entered from Umatilla, Riverside, Pendleton, Umatilla, Helix, Milton-Freewater and Heppner.

Fair Board Eyes Flooring Job

Morrow county's fair board is considering installation of wood flooring over the concrete in the county fair pavilion, Orville Cutsforth of the board told the Chamber of Commerce at the Monday meeting.

Plywood would be laid over 4x4's on the concrete, and the flooring would be placed on the plywood. This would make it possible to use the building for roller skating when the structure was not in use for other purposes. It would also broaden the versatility of the building so that it could be used for other activities with more comfort and convenience.

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Justice Court News

March 12—Jessie Miles Johnson, 31, failure to stop for school bus, \$30 bail and \$15 suspended.

March 11—Ronnie Leonnig, 20, no vehicle license, \$5 bail forfeited.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner Set Sunday

All members of a family may enjoy a fine roast beef dinner for only \$6 at the St. Patrick's dinner Sunday at the Catholic parish hall. Those who do not have a large family may buy individual tickets at \$1.75 each and 75c for children under 12. A large crowd is expected for the dinner.

School Budget Shows Increase

(Continued from page 1) school superintendent's salary is the same as last year at \$11,000, but administrators will receive an additional \$7200, divided among them largely in accordance with their increments on the salary schedule. Instructional services for 1963-64 total \$603,452, by far the largest part of the budget.

Division for operation of plant is up about \$9,000, due to additional custodial staff needed, supplies, heat and utilities. Fixed charges climb because of additional insurance for the buildings, additional Social Security and State Industrial Accident fund. Some of the climb in Social Security is due to the higher rate set by the Federal government and some is attributed to added staff. In all, fixed charges are up from \$45,500 to \$52,000.

The budget includes expenditure of some \$60,000 that the board authorized from surplus to complete the Heppner-Lexington high school building, including the multipurpose room, the band room, equipment for the gymnasium and equipping the remainder of the building.

Although this shows in the total expenditures, the cost is not included in the amount to be raised by taxes because it comes from cash carryover that was budgeted last year. Included in the carryover were unexpended items, the unexpended emergency fund and collection of delinquent taxes in excess of that budgeted.

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Illness Takes Fred Pettyjohn

Final rites for Fred Pettyjohn, 75, of Ione, were held Monday, March 11, at 2 p.m. at First Christian church in Heppner. The Rev. William Alsop officiated, with interment following in Heppner Masonic cemetery.

In ill health for several years, Mr. Pettyjohn died at his ranch home on Rhea Creek Friday, March 8.

He was born February 2, 1888 in Ava, Mo., the son of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Pettyjohn. He was married to Laura Edna Jackson on November 2, 1907, in Missouri. They have lived on their ranch home on Rhea Creek for the past 16 years, originally coming to Morrow county about 48 years ago.

Surviving him are two daughters, Gertrude Graves, Pilot Rock; and Hazel Hynd, Cecil; five sons, Earl G. and James C. of Ione, Ellis L. and Clyde F. of Heppner and Claude J. with the Navy in Guam. Also two sisters, Minta Webb, Walla Walla, Wn., and Mira Medlock, Ava, Mo.; three brothers, A.chie in Illinois, Raymond, Heppner, and Noah, Springfield, Mo., also 17 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

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Oliver A. Devin Dies March 8; Services Tuesday

Oliver Austin Devin, 81, resident of this area since 1884, died at his home in Heppner Friday. Funeral services were Tuesday at the Heppner Christian church with Rev. Charles Knox officiating. Interment was in the Masonic cemetery, Heppner.

Born November 12, 1881, near Boliver in Polk County, Missouri, he was the first child and only son of M. J. and Sarah Devin.

In the spring of 1884, when Austin, as he was known, was a small lad, the family moved west. At that time the closest railroad at that time was Umatilla. The Devin family settled in the Blackhorse vicinity. At that time, the area there was all waving bunchgrass and had no fences. Morrow county was yet to be designated as a county.

The young man attended high school in Heppner after having gone to grade school in country school houses. He worked hard on the ranch that he and his father acquired in the Sandhollow district, engaging in sheep and cattle raising and later wheat farming.

In September, 1935, he married Estella McRoberts and they made their home in Heppner. He was employed at the sawmill and also did farm work. He later worked on his timberland near Parker's Mill.

Several years ago he suffered a series of strokes which paralyzed his right arm and later his speech was affected. This caused confinement and eventually resulted in his death.

Devin was truly a pioneer in the settling of the Heppner area, and he had a full share in early-day history. In the flood of 1903 he barely escaped but remained in town, working shoulder to shoulder with those helping to relieve the havoc.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Estella Devin, who cared for him throughout his illness; a son, Oliver; a grandson; a granddaughter; several stepsons and step daughters; and six sisters. Mrs. J. E. (Vella) Walton of Yakima, Wn., Mrs. Letha Archer and Mrs. Ora Wyland of Heppner, Mrs. O. M. (Tena) Scott and Mrs. M. N. (Altha) Kirk of Hermiston; and Mrs. W. H. (Dessa) Hofstetter of Monmouth; to gether with many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

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