

North End Backs Nuclear Sites



VALERIE BOYER
Valedictorian



BRUCE MARQUARDT
Salutatorian

Top Honors to Valerie and Bruce

Heppner's top students, Valerie Boyer and Bruce Marquardt were named as valedictorian and salutatorian last week by Principal Jim Bier.

They have several things in common besides their high scholastic standings. These young people are impressive in their determination to stay as they are, determined to do "their thing" without influence of others. They appear eager and willing to accept the responsibilities of society as it is and to put forth great effort for improvement.

Valerie Boyer and Bruce Marquardt both came to Heppner to school in the fifth grade. Valerie from Mosier where she was born and Bruce from Lexington.

Valerie said she felt it was advantageous to have gone to school for so many years in the same school but was glad to have made the one change because "it will help me with the change I'll have when I go to college this fall." She plans to go to the University of Oregon and will take General Studies for two years but her interest is in the Humanities with emphasis on Literature. While she isn't interested in salary alone she says "money is great" and she expects to be paid her worth when she graduates.

Valerie isn't an loner but is highly individualistic.

She has a closeness with her family and feels that her values are pretty well set. She doesn't have to "keep up with the crowd" to gratify her own satisfactions. She makes up her own mind.

Bolivia Project

She wasn't fully convinced on the Bolivia project of last year but she helped with the project and now she is glad she did because she feels that education is a great thing and to help bring it to someone else brings a sense of satisfaction.

She added that she thought it would be a good idea if the students took on a project for their own school such as a universal gym, enlarge the track field, buy books, all of which would be used by boys and girls alike.

When asked if she thought there was an over-emphasis on athletics in the high school, she said "there is an over-emphasis to an extent but it's good for both boys and girls. Everybody needs to excel in something. Playing on a team is a universal effort, it unites the school."

18 Year Old Vote

Will the 18 year olds vote? Only 61% of the high school student body voted in the recent student body elections.

"They may not come up with a reasonable conclusion but I think they will try. The majority will assume their responsibilities to their community and government. We'll always have a 'loud-mouthed' minority. I don't want them to change my way of life. I don't mind if they question my way of life if I get a chance to question back."

School Curriculum

"I think Heppner High School has a very original curriculum. We have a new curriculum in English and Social Science. My Senior year has been a special year. It has been a great year in Journalism. We've experimented and we're pleased with the results."

The summer for this poised and courteous senior will be spent at home. She says she will have a summer of painting . . . the house, the hangar, tanks and trucks and working on small aircraft. Valerie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mel Boyer. She has a younger brother, John.

Bruce Marquardt

In talking to Bruce Marquardt, you feel his inner drive to excel. Bruce was born in Korea and brought to the United States when he was 6 years old by the Bill Collier Agency. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Marquardt. You wonder if he excels because he is Korean or in spite of it. He says he has never felt any more prejudice because of his nationality than

some of the students may feel because they are "fat" or "short".

He, too, is headed for college, Oregon State to take electrical engineering. Working as a draftsman part time at Columbia Basin has been an influencing factor.

Koreans as a race love the physical activity of sports. Bruce has lettered in every varsity sport: track, football, baseball, basketball, golf. He went to the State tournament in golf last year, the first time Heppner has ever sent anyone.

He hopes to make it to state in the broad jump by taking first or second or jumping 20 feet at the District Tournament. He jumped over 20 feet at the Carnival of Speed at Mac Hi early in the season.

He feels that sports help his study habits. The drive to completion, the determination, the self control overlap into school work.

He doesn't feel that he'll have time to go out for college football but expects to take up a self defense type of activity, mainly for conditioning. It may be boxing, wrestling, karate, judo.

His is a Christian home and he expects to follow these teachings. He hopes to get into church youth activities and attend church regularly.

Protests

What about campus protests? "I feel there are ways of protesting for a certain point of view and if I feel the cause is good enough I could go with the protestors, but not because I feel that way and not because it's being done." Bruce, too, likes to do things on his own.

He feels that specialization is progress that one man can only learn so much. There's so much to learn in any one field, no matter what it is.

He feels that Congress should put strict limits on pollution in land and water and air and on auto manufacturers for exhaust from cars.

If his number comes up in the draft he expects to go Air Force and finish college after his discharge.

Masonic Sr. Boys Banquet Tonight

The annual senior-boys scholarship banquet sponsored by the Heppner Masonic Lodge will be an event starting at 6 p.m. this evening.

Speaker featured at this dinner will be Wallace McRae, president of Blue Mountain College. A scholarship is awarded annually at this banquet to a graduating senior boy.



PLAY BALL Mayor Bill Collins starts the 1971 Little League baseball season Saturday afternoon.

There were 250 graduates this year, Pacific's largest graduating class. Miss Sowell was one of only five graduating with honors.

The last of a series of three nuclear plant siting hearings was held Friday evening in the handsome auditorium of Riverside High School. This was sponsored by the Morrow County Nuclear Siting Committee. The other two hearings had been held at Heppner High and Lone High. At Riverside, moderator and student chairman for the event was Jon Starke.

Testifying on behalf of siting nuclear plants in North Morrow County was Mark McDowell, manager of the Boardman

branch of the Inland Empire Bank.

He said he believed building the power plants and the accompanying irrigation would come from private enterprise. He stated it would mean great prosperity from irrigated crops and agriculture-related industries. In addition, he said, it would cure our power shortage in the Northwest.

Mrs. Dewey West of the Boardman Tillamook Club said her group favors the construction of the power plants because it

would mean employment, especially of young people who now must leave the area to find work.

Wayne Hodson felt that the nuclear power plants would be greatly beneficial to the entire area.

Bob Sicard, a Boardman dairyman, said he was opposed to the nuclear power plants. He feels the pollution from the pulp plant at Wallula appears fantastic. He said politicians claim there is no danger from fallout or other safety factors. But,

he added, he wondered if the effect of the minute bits of radiation was cumulative?

He wondered if there would be mutations in our great grandchildren?

He wondered if politicians weren't jumping to fast conclusions because the election year is almost here.

He asked "Can there be fallout on his grass that his cows eat?" He explained that he runs a dairy about a mile from a possible nuclear plant site. He would like considerably more

facts, he said, before he could approve the siting in this area.

Henry Gantenbein, owner of a Boardman dairy for twenty years says he favors a utility locating a nuclear power plant in the area for agricultural development. He said he felt there could be great production of food and fiber from irrigating with Columbia River water used for coolant in the plants. It would fill the need for more power; it would be more practical to use the Columbia River water here than send it to California.

Perry Pummel supported the siting of nuclear power plants in this area because of the agricultural development and added employment. He said he believed the safety factors are guaranteed.

Don Kenney, a director of the Umatilla Electric Co-op told of the possible shortage of power in the Northwest and the lack of dam sites.

Kenneth Smouse, chairman of the Columbia Basin Electric Co-op, said he was testifying as a farmer and only for himself.

He said the very favorable irrigation factors are evident in this nuclear siting plan. He feels the plants are superior in cleanliness over fossil fuel power plants. The load growth of Morrow County and the Northwest demands the new plants.

He told of the big investments in irrigation wells and the great need for more irrigation water in the future requiring much electricity.

Mary Lee Marlow, representing the Boardman Garden Club, said all the members of her club were in favor of the nuclear power plants.

Joe Tatone, testifying for Boardman mayor, Dewey West, Jr., stated that this is the opportunity to use the Columbia River. He stated that it is feasible without question. The warm water provided by the coolant water from the plant would allow earlier crop maturity and provide great job opportunities.

Don Adams, former mayor of Irrigon, said we badly need more jobs. A great future faces us in farming, in industry and in recreation.

Max Hellberg said pollution in many cases has caused dairies to move their operations. Nuclear power plants, he explained, are clean and will bring stability to the area. It is time to provide employment.

Ernest Jorgensen, Justice of the Peace, Irrigon, said he fully favors construction of the nuclear power plants in this area.

Carl Wicklander, store owner of Boardman, said that his father told him in 1919 that "some day this will be the place."

Mr. Wicklander said he had moved away and then had moved back to Boardman. He said "we have everything except the power and irrigation that are needed."

He feels that the opposition to nuclear power plant siting should prove their stand.

Vernon Stewart, a councilman from Irrigon, believes nuclear power plants will bring many new jobs.

Mayor Chester Wilson of Irrigon said he fully endorses the plan for new power plants. He feels it is the only answer for more power for the Pacific Northwest.

Howard Martin, rancher, said he feels not enough facts have been presented. Recharging wells can't be done, he said, as pure water must be used. He feels the politicians will have all the money spent before any of it gets back to us.

Paul Hovinghoff said he favored the nuclear power siting here for more jobs.

Mr. Kennedy Speaks
Rupert Kennedy, coordinator of the Port of Morrow, commended the young people of Morrow County for conducting the three public hearings. He entered in the hearing a summary of events telling of the historical background of the unique irrigation feature of the nuclear power plant siting proposals.

He explained the prime objectives, told of mailing out much publicity material in explanation of the siting proposals in Morrow County. He told of appearance of the staff of the Port of Morrow at hearings in Portland and Salem, and told of legislation now in progress for the siting of power plants in Oregon. He told of an engineering award won by Oregon State University engineers who used the Sand Hollow storage site for a study.

Robert Bell, Richland, an engineer with Douglas-United, told of the many benefits to be derived from nuclear power plants in the area. He said pollution and radioactivity would be far less than people have been led to believe.

88th Year

Price 10 Cents

GRAIN PRICES

(F.O.B. Lexington, does not include warehouse chgs.)
(Courtesy of Morrow County Grain Growers)

White wheat	1.75 1/2
Hard Red Winter Wheat (Ordinary)	1.64 1/2
Barley	54.00

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POPPY GIRL Sheridan Sweek presents the first poppy to Veteran Earl Gilliam who came down from his roof to make his donation. Sheridan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Sweek.

Poppy Day Is May 20-21

Poppy Day will be May 20 and 21 as the Heppner and Lone American Legion Auxiliaries distribute poppies on highways and by-ways of South Morrow County.

The poppy as the memorial flower for American war dead is a tradition which began in the years following the first World War.

Manufacturing poppies aids the veteran both financially and psychologically. They receive 1c for each poppy made. The Auxiliary furnishes the materials. The proceeds are used locally for Child Welfare.

Traditionally, there has never been any price fixed on the poppy. Donations of any amount are acceptable. The basic purpose of Poppy Day is to offer the American public an opportunity to honor the war dead and assist the living. Mrs. C. J. D. Bauman is Poppy Chairman for Heppner and Mrs. Eldon Tucker for Lone.

Hospital Needs Told at Chamber

Program at Chamber of Commerce Monday, May 17 will be "The Financial Needs of Pioneer Memorial Hospital."

Ilene Wyman, hospital administrator, arranged the program pertaining to the three year serial levy to be voted on May 25.

B.A. and Honors To Marsha Ann Sowell

Marsha Ann Sowell received her Bachelor of Arts degree with honors at commencement ceremonies Sunday at Pacific University.

There were 250 graduates this year, Pacific's largest graduating class. Miss Sowell was one of only five graduating with honors.

Another Animal Shot on Bennett Ranch

Police reported Friday that the body of another beef animal had been found shot on the Don Bennett's ranch. This one could have been shot from the road and probably by a .22 Hornet. It apparently had been shot two or three days before it was discovered.

This was the third animal to be shot on the Bennett ranch this last year. During hunting season they lost two animals. One of these was a Black Angus bull valued at \$700. Total value of the three animals is \$1100.

The Bennetts feel that maybe the animal was killed accidentally by squirrel hunters. If so, they urge the squirrel hunters to exercise more caution while hunting near cattle areas.

A steer and several sheep have been shot recently on other county ranches.

Spring Musical At Lone Tuesday

Darrell James, director of Lone's Spring Musical said this week the theme for this year's presentation is "Music: The Universal Language". The audience will go around the world with folk songs and dances. Mike Warren is narrator. America is the last stop with folk songs, war songs and sea chanteys.

The grand finale with the high school band and chorus and Junior High Chorus and all the grades will be "This Land Is Your Land."

WEATHER

Wednesday	58	37	—
Thursday	69	38	—
Friday	73	42	—
Saturday	73	50	.01
Sunday	71	43	—
Monday	75	38	—
Tuesday	85	45	—

Lone Man Is Top Dad

Henry E. Peterson, of Lone, was named Father of the Year in a recent contest held by the Morrow County CowBelles.

Mr. Peterson, 76, is a retired farmer living in the Gooseberry area out of Lone. He and his first wife Adina had three sons and one daughter. All are married and are respected citizens in their communities. They are Ted and wife Rosemary, living in Portland where he is employed at the Jantzen Co. They have 4 children; Marge Skuzeski and husband John, also of Portland and employed with the Jantzen Co. They have 2 children; Robert and wife, Donna, ranchers in Lone and parents of 3 children; Herb and wife, Barbara, also ranchers in Lone who have 3 youngsters. Henry has a total of 11 grandchildren.

Mr. Peterson and his wife Adina had been married 35 years until her death in 1955. He later married Hilda Justus of Heppner in 1960.

Mr. Peterson has been very active in civic, church and grange activities. He served in World War I from 1917 thru 1920, all overseas duty. He is a member of Royal Arch Masons, Heppner Elks — 52 years, wheat league—lifetime member, Rhea Creek Grange — Master 2 years, Heppner American Legion—Post Commander 2 years. He served 20 years on the school board for District No. 29 and was supervisor of the Soil Conservation District 7 years. As a member of Valby Lutheran Church, he was Church Secretary 25 years, and taught Sunday School for 10 years. He served as State Representative in the Oregon Legislature for 5 sessions.

Henry has always been a sportsman at heart and has shared this recreation with his family. He and Hilda have recently returned from a trip in the Blue Mountains, where he was pursuing one of his favorite hobbies—fishing.

The Morrow County Jaycee Wives sponsored Mr. Peterson. Their application will now go to the State contest for a chance to win at that level.

Mr. Peterson and his wife Hilda will be guests of the CowBelles at the Annual Beef



HENRY E. PETERSON still works out at ranching. This time in June, 1969, he feeds his young colt, "Monkey".

Barbecue to be held on June 19. At that time, Morrow County's Top Father will receive top honors.

Postage Rates to Increase May 16

Effective May 16, all letters deposited in the post office must bear postage at the rate of 8 cents per ounce or fraction thereof if intended for surface transportation. The airmail rate goes to 11 cents per ounce or fraction thereof.

First class mail over 12 ounces and airmail over 8 ounces are subject to a special "priority rate" determined by weight and distance.

There are also increases in the charges for newspapers, books, magazines, third class bulk mail, and the fees for special delivery, registered mail, and certain other special services.

Post cards will increase to 6 cents.

Ullman Co-Sponsors Bill To Exempt Farm Drivers

Representative Al Ullman co-sponsored legislation that would exempt farm vehicle drivers from operating restrictions proposed by the Department of Transportation.

The proposed federal restrictions, set to go into effect July 1, would require most drivers of vehicles on farms be 21 years or older, and be made subject to the same federal safety regulations as drivers of large commercial trucks on the highways.

The new regulations apply to all drivers of trucks that transport products which eventually move in interstate commerce.

Eastern Oregon wheat growers claim this legislation would seriously hurt them. They say that youngsters under 21 have been used for years to transport wheat from the combine to the county elevators, many times all on private roads.

The ranchers say there aren't enough 21-year-olds available for the jobs and this would prevent the ranchers from using their own children who traditionally help in the harvest once they reach 14 or 15.

Ullman said, "My bill would remove the threat of proposed

legislation that is both onerous and unworkable. The new federal regulation would be impossible to administer, because it is frequently impossible to determine which truckload of wheat, for instance, will stay within the state and which load will move across state lines."

Lone High Elects 1971-1972 Officers

Rick Barnett was elected president of the Lone High School student body for the 1971-72 year. Other officers elected were Ann McElligott, vice president; Julie Zinter, secretary-treasurer and D-Ann Barnett, assistant secretary-treasurer.

Ann McElligott will also serve as editor of the school paper. Jackie Howton will edit the year book.

Varsity cheerleaders are Cindy Barnett, Cheri Carlson, Cindy Ekstrom and Mary McElligott.