

Three Members of Mack Family Receive Degrees

By MRS. CLYDE KELL
Gold Hill—Looking toward the future with determination to develop an aptitude for debate and parliamentary law, and to further his interest in law as a profession and become an effective member of society is the goal set by David Mack, 18, who has received several scholarships, including one to Harvard.

The winner of many speech contests, he ranked first scholastically in his class of 119 students, who graduated from Crater High school June 5th.

He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert A. Mack, route 2, box 489, Gold Hill. Both his parents are teachers, and they too, will graduate this summer.

Completes Third Year

Mack is completing his third year as principal of the Hanby and Patrick elementary schools in Gold Hill. Previous to that he was principal and seventh and eighth grade teacher in the Sams Valley school. He will complete his work for the degree of master's in education at Southern Oregon college in Ashland this summer.

Mrs. Mack has taught her bachelor's in elementary education this June at Southern Oregon college.

Early in the fall of 1957, David decided that he was going to win a college scholarship. He wrote to some 40 colleges for information, and from these he selected four and applied for admittance and scholarship. They were Harvard of Massachusetts, Oberlin of Ohio, Carlton of Minnesota, and Reed college in Portland. Each of the colleges offered him a scholarship renewable for four years, and in the case of the Harvard scholarship, which was accepted, it can be carried into graduate school.

National Scholarship

Besides being admitted to Harvard college, Cambridge, Mass., he won a Harvard national scholarship, one of only about 50 given throughout the nation. He plans to enter Harvard college this fall, where he will major in political science and study economics. He hopes to do graduate work in law. He has wanted to be a lawyer since he was a small child, his father said.

He has also been named winner of a \$500 college scholarship awarded by the Oregon State Labor Council for a paper written on labor relations. Presentation will be made at the council's annual convention which will be held in Roseburg in August. He was one of six students receiving the highest scores in examinations submitted by more than 300 senior students in high schools throughout the state for this honor. The annual scholarship program was pioneered by Oregon labor.

National Honor Society
David, a member of the school chapter of the National Honor Society, has won other academic honors this year including a \$500 scholarship from the National Association of Secondary School Principals, Washington, D.C.

This scholarship was won in competition of 54,865 selected high-ranking students, all senior members of the National Honor Society, in more than 6,800 schools throughout the nation. Dave credits his principal, Arthur Strauss, for valuable information concerning application for scholarships.

Other current achievements include speech awards won in district, regional, and state Future Farmers of America contests. He won first place in the state public speaking contest at the state Future Farmers of America convention in Bend.

His speech, "The Curse of Bigness," listed the values to the nation and its people as brought about by the family

farm unit in contrast to the negative offerings of corporate farming. In the Northwest regional intra-state contest held in Helena, Mont., in April, using the same talk, he placed second in competition with 10 other state winners.

Accompanied on Trip

He was accompanied on the Montana trip by George Gilman, secretary of the Crater chapter and the two advisors, Ed Griggs and Bill MacFarlane. Dave credits much of his FFA success to the advice and help given him by the two advisors.

At the Bend convention, he was awarded both a rotating and permanent plaque as well as a \$100 cash award. The State Grange made the awards.

Mack was chairman of the Crater FFA parliamentary team, which won second place at the state FFA contest in Bend. There were 82 chapters entered in the contest. The Crater chapter as a whole were given the master chapter award. This signifies outstanding achievement in the FFA. Others on the parliamentary team, besides David were George Gilman, Allen Barnes, Bob Lichti, John Caster, and Donald Denning.

Early Education

David's early education began with four months of kindergarten in Pueblo, Colo. He started first grade and went through the fifth grade in Rye, a small mountain community in Colorado.

Then the Macks moved to southern Oregon, where he entered the sixth grade at the Sams Valley school and went through the eighth. While in grade school, he participated in the three major sports on the first team. He also served as student body president and editor for the school paper. His first big debate was with Susan Day on the Hells Canyon controversy, while in the eighth grade at Sams Valley. Susan was his debate partner in the 1957-58 debate activities.

Dave's farming activities started in 4-H when he was in the seventh grade. After entering high school at Crater, while in his freshman year, he was selected master of the Sams Valley Juvenile Grange and served as vice president of the 4-H club.

Early Morning Chores
He enjoys the early morning chores on his father's farm in the Sams Valley area, because those hours, he said have been for him a time to think, and a time for him to find out what he really wanted out of life. During the summer months he has worked in nearby orchards.

Although David is interested in competitive sports, in high school he has limited his athletic activities to track. He won his letter at Crater in his sophomore year by winning second in the league meet.

Interest Began
His interest in reading began as soon as he learned to read in a little country school house back in Colorado. It was during his sophomore year in high school, that he won first place in the district competition for being public speaker for the Crater Chapter of Future Farmers of America. This really sparked his interest in speech work. His interest for dramatics as one of his major extracurricular activities also became a part of his high school since that year when he landed the lead part in a school play.

He played the part of Clude the caretaker in a three-act comedy last fall, "Finders Creepers." He also had a roll in the one act play "Submerged" presented recently.

At Crater High school, he was the Future Farmers of America State champion public speaker, a co-valedictorian of his class, won second place in the high hurdles in the

league meet, was state and district champion extempore speaker and came in third place in the Voice of Democracy contest.

Time Limited
David said with his participation in so many activities his time during the last year has been strictly limited for leisure hours. He also was vice president of the Dramatics club, reporter and president of the Future Farmers of America and president of the Boys Pep club.

At the time of David's birth, June 10, 1940, in Portland, his parents had left the teaching profession so that Mack could accept an administrative position with the J. J. Newberry company. Because of the nature of his work, the Mack family traveled quite a bit to different cities in the western states, during David's early years.

His father was store manager for the company in Ft. Collins and Pueblo, Colo. Previous to joining Newberry's in 1937, Mack attended Oregon State college and the Oregon College of Education and was principal of a school in Alpine, Ore., for two years. Before their marriage, Mrs. Mack taught the fourth grade for one year at Camus Valley, Ore.

David has always been interested in current events, government, world affairs and politics. He is the only Democrat, although he calls himself a liberal independent now) in a Republican family. He says he feels his interest to world affairs is largely due to the encouragement given by his paternal grandfather, Chester G. Mack, of Oregon City, who is one of Oregon's

pioneer teachers and school principals.

Offers Suggestions
David offers these suggestions to freshmen: 1. Get your work finished on time, preferably a bit ahead of deadlines. 2. Remember you are working for yourself so always put forth some additional effort. 3. Do not hide your talents, develop them. 4. Engage in all the extra curricula activities you can without neglecting your studies.

4. Get along with your teachers. They are always ready to help you. 5. If anyone is foolish enough to ask you to speak on any subject, be foolish enough to do so. 6. Develop an interest in words and their meaning. Spend some money for a good dictionary, then use it! 7. Read widely on state, national and

world affairs—take an interest in what our world is doing. 8. Take all the speech courses you can. Speech teaches you to organize your thoughts and ideas. 9. Take an interest and an active part in school government and politics. 10. Be as friendly and helpful to everyone as you can. 11. Try to do things you are afraid are too hard for you. 12. Start preparing for college the first day of high school.

Washington—(UPI)—The Senate probably will pass a \$3,713,000,000 foreign aid authorization bill today before recessing for the week end.

Pendleton—(UPI)—Wallace McCrae, chairman of the Pendleton school board, has called for repeal of the Oregon rural school board law.



GILBERT MACK FAMILY—Members of the Gilbert Mack family, Sams Valley, are putting finishing touches on work for the school year. David Mack, second from left, standing, received honors at graduation at Crater High school, Central Point, Thurs-

day. Mack, second from right, will receive a master's degree from Southern Oregon college this year, and Mrs. Mack will receive her bachelor's degree. Herschel Mack, at left, is a junior at Crater High school.

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