

Youth Views DEMOCRACY

I SPEAK FOR DEMOCRACY
By Pat Carroll

I speak for Democracy because it is "of the people, by the people, and for the people." This quotation came from one of our most famous presidents, Abraham Lincoln.

Now I want you to pause and think. Do you really comprehend the true meaning of the word "Democracy?" or perhaps you aren't cognizant of how the word originated. I know that most young adults and other people, too, haven't bothered to learn its definition. No! Don't dash for the dictionary. I'll endeavor to bring its meaning to you in an original thesis that should satisfy both of us.

To begin, I believe that we should probe into the history of our great Democracy. Citizens that were famous, such as Washington, Hamilton and John Adams, each had a different concept of the word democracy. As time progressed, a democratic spirit asserted itself more and more. The supporters for President Jefferson stated that he contributed a great victory for American Democracy.

Under Jefferson the territories of the United States were extended far beyond the Mississippi River thus opening an inviting field of adventure for the daring spirits of our new nation.

As time passed our young democracy grew. State constitutions became more democratic, giving more men the right to vote. Consequently, the government became democratic together with the methods of electing a president. Under Andrew Jackson, who served as president from 1829 to 1837, America's infant republic was well launched on the rising tide of democracy.

Andrew Jackson seemed more democratic in some respects than Jefferson. Between 1801 and 1829, two important transitions occurred in the United States, and these changes were beneficial to democracy. First, the towns in the East were developing into large industrial cities, and the working men were demanding the right to vote. Secondly, the regions of the West were to become new states, and the men of these states were demanding a large share of the government.

Thirty years ago, women were not privileged to vote, but today every person 21 years of age has the right to vote for his or her choice. Don't you think this is better than years ago when only the Caucasian race were permitted to vote? The inclusion of Negroes to the ballot box was a huge step in increasing Democracy.

Democracy is a word often used and misunderstood. It is derived from the Greek word "demos" meaning the people, and "kratos" meaning rule. Incorporated, the two mean the rule of the people. From this background you can understand just what democracy should mean to each and every one of us. To me it seems such a wonderful feeling just to have Freedom and Democracy surrounding me. Lincoln was correct when he elicited his quotation, "of the people, by the people, and for the people."

It does not seem necessary, to me, that Democracy should have a definition. After our forefather's long, toiling years to gain it, you should be able to feel its presence. Without Democracy our country would be lost. We could not remain united together. Slowly our rights would be taken from us. To me "Democracy" is what our nation is firmly founded on today, because it is truly of the people, by the people, and for the people.

In conclusion I speak for Democracy. Now, a personal question to you. Do you speak for Democracy?



PAT CARROLL, sophomore at Klamath Union High, is another of the students who recently participated in the "Voice of Democracy" contest. Pat, however, was ill during the final week of competition, and missed the eliminations. She has already voiced her intentions for competing next year.



KLAMATH UNION HIGH'S El Rodeo staff are shown here completing the largest circulation drive in the history of the widely-read yearbook. This year's El Rodeo, according to editor Bev Overen, will be the largest and best ever produced. Pictured above tabulating final receipts of the drive are (left to right) Marlene Stiles, John Riskus, Adviser Mr. Robert Bue-low, and Janet O'Kelly. The 1955-56 annuals are due to arrive the latter part of May.

—Photo by Dwayne Prather

STUDENT BODY

The students of Klamath Union High are known as the Student Body, governed with a constitution, and a Student Congress. The Congress is composed of student body officers and home room representatives.

HONOR SOCIETY

This international organization of which Klamath Union High is a member is composed of juniors and seniors who are in the top ten per cent of their class scholastically, and who have been active in school affairs.

PE Instructor Devises Tests

By YVONNE WILSON
Beginning Journalist

Miss Ella Redkey, girls physical education instructor has her own unique method of giving PE tests.

According to the Basin's popular swimming instructor, two chairs, placed about two feet apart on the mats with a broom handle across them, make one of the best chinning bars for girls that she has discovered.

Ten Klamath Union High girls who performed the feat came from the first period freshmen and sophomore classes.

Here's another Redkey gymnastic: Try holding your left foot, and jumping through it. Only two KUHS girls who attempted this trick were successful.

Physical education classes in which Miss Redkey applies her own ingenious tests are volleyball, basketball, tumbling and swimming.

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REPORT CARD TIME



Geiss Verse Wins

By BARBARA EDWARDS
Reporter

Word was received last week that JoAnn Geiss, 15-year-old Klamath Union High sophomore, had submitted a winning poem to the National High School Poetry Association. JoAnn's poem, "Improbable Possibility," will appear in that organization's NATIONAL ANTHOLOGY OF HIGH SCHOOL POETRY.

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By JOANN GEISS
Poetry Editor

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'News Beat'

By LINDA GREGORY
News Editor

BASKETBALL IS EVERYWHERE! Boys who have registered for Victory League basketball are Clarence Adams, Paul Adams, Bill Badorek, Larry Bean, John Bence, Bill Beland, Rensid Bennett, Bruce Brown, Jerry Burke, Don Clauch, Larry Comer, Larry Doughty, Mark Fair, Jimmy Floyd, Julio Gonzalez, Bob Harrah-barger, Cary Havard, Larry Heat-on, Gerald Hodges, Tom Horn, Don Royal, Frank Husted, Bruce Kleim-mer, Ben Kirkland, Kenny Kuhl-man, Gary Latimore, Art Lapley, John Lilly, David Leeling, Dennis Long, David Majors, John McCol-gin, Joe Meador, David Michels, Larry Moe nch, Mike Murphy, James Norland, Tim O'Hara, Orin Ormsbee, Kenneth Ostrom, Gary Phair, Ruben Peterson, Larry Phair, Jerry Premo, John Prentice, Walter and William Pry-or, David Riley, Ron Robbins, Cecil Rummelhart, Bud Sander, James Swanson, Larry Shoop, Byron Smith, Jerry Stewart, Paul Stippich, Milton Stone, Dick Sum-ner, Joe Tawney, Jim Thompson, Jimmy Trivitt, James Tucker, Ramon Unive, Bill Warren and Richard Welchel.

Clubs holding meetings during the week of January 3 through January 6 were Pep Peppers, Spanish Club, Math Club, Delta Chi, Ski Club, Future Homemakers of America, Senior Tri-Hi-Y, W-latched Tri-Hi-Y, and G.A.A.

SOS candy salesmen for the week of January 3 through Jan-uary 6 were Geraldine Forrester, Rosemary Harvey, Mary Ellen Horne, Lora Leonard, Mary Valdez and Marlys Albert.

According to Music Director An-drew J. Loney Jr., Klamath Union High boasts ten divisions of instru-mental ensembles. Members of the brass sextet are Doug Thompson, Greg Trippitt, Bill Steiner, Rich-ard Seideman, Paul Munson, Larry Bean and Bruce Arnold.

Clarinet quartet members are Kenny, Jensen, Larry Phair, Ro-berta Pruitt and Mike Starr. Stu-dents participating in the violin quartet are Betty Bousquet, Dean Halbert, Russell Leavitt and Ken-ny Ostrom. Brass quintet members are Bruce Arnold, Gene Baxter, Nancy Curtis, Wesley Norlund and Peggy Seideman. Comprising the woodwind quintet are Brian Ar-nold, Bonnell Crawford, Kenny Jensen, Jerry Minchinton and Ro-berta Pruitt. The sixth ensemble, composed of Judy Brauner, Pat Isensee, Nick Lamproulos and Rosemary Spets, is the string quartet.

Members of the horn quartet are Brian Arnold, Ray Behnke, Rich-ard Seideman and Norma Young. Clarinet quartet members are Gary Brennehan, Tom McClarey, Ronnie Owens and Russell Schuh. Students comprising the trumpet quartet are Larry Bean, Ralph McKune, Larry Moench and Bill Steiner. KUHS' mixed clarinet quartet members are Larry Phair, Virginia Borden, Myrna Heaton and Robert Swansen.

Klamath Union High's Library recently received 113 new volumes, according to Librarian Roy Tid-well.

SOMETHING NEW! Mrs. Emily Bellm was recently employed as secretary to the principal at Klamath Union High School, replacing Miss Bee Casam. Mrs. Bellm was previously doing part-time work at Weyerhaeuser Timber Company. Before that she worked for three years at the Klamath Health De-partment. "A pretty swell bunch of kids," was Mrs. Bellm's com-ment on the KUHS student body.

Girls' League Club members of which all KU girls are members, enjoyed a Christmas program re-cently in Pelican Court. Students who participated in this program were: Margie Anderson, Jimmie Arnold, Sonya Baxter, Julia Ann Brittain, Peggy Brown, Ann Cald-er, Nancy Clark, Bonnie Crawford, Dorothea Geary, Beverly Goehring, Marilyn Hersey, Nola Higdon, Bon-nie Kernes, Janie Larkin, Donna-lea Mahan, Gloria Mahan, Bunny Jo Maki, Shirley Moore, Carolyn Nancarrow, Ronnie Olson, Beverly Overen, Naomi Parker, Royann Plass, Judy Piner, and Pat Smith.

Girls' League Officers are: Bev-erly Overen, president, Sue Derby, vice president, Marilyn Hersey, secretary-treasurer, and the ad-viser is Mrs. Loretta Druecker.

'Senior Spotlight'



ANOTHER OF B. B. BLOM-QUIST'S shining thespians is Vernagene Henzel, who is scheduled to graduate from KUHS's ivy towers next June.

—Photo by Guderian



LETHA FOGLE, senior at Klamath Union High, is scheduled to receive a diploma next June.



LIGHT BROWN HAIR and blue eyes, five feet, eight inches tall, and 122 pounds in weight, best describes Nancy Cody, who will bid farewell to KUHS this June.

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ONE OF THE many "unsung heroes" at Klamath Union High is George Goehring, a member of Mr. Charles Woodhouse's radio and television classes. During the sixth period each day, George places announcements for the following day in the frame case located directly above Dean of Girls Marie Johnson's office.

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