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## 30,000 In 1938

Visualize Klamath Falls as the hub of a railroad wheel whose six spokes project north, east, west and south; think of this city as the logical commercial distributing center between Sacramento and Eugene; realize that Weyerhaeuser development and other lumber expansion will probably make this the greatest pine manufacturing city in the world; and understand that the Modoc Northern bisecting, as it will, the heart of the farm section, will bring Klamath to the forefront of northwest agricultural industry.

With this picture in your mind's eye what do you see ten years hence?

If your look into the future corresponds to ours, you will see a thriving industrial and agricultural center of 30,000 in the year 1938.

Five years ago, there were two spokes to the railroad wheel—the stub end of the Southern Pacific Kirk-Weed line and the bumpy line of the O. C. and E. railroad projecting 40 miles east to Sprague. Five years ago the population, at the longest stretch of the imagination was, 7,000.

Today the railroad wheel has six spokes, either completed or under construction—the Klamath Falls-Eugene main line, the Great Northern Bend-Klamath extension; the Modoc Northern railroad; the Weyerhaeuser line projecting 20 miles west into the heart of western Klamath timber and the two mentioned in the preceding paragraph. Today Klamath Falls' population stands somewhere between 13,000 and 14,000, an one hundred per cent increase in five years.

Thus, if the city gained approximately 100 per cent in the past five years while these various projects were under construction, it is certainly reasonable to suppose it will gain another 100 per cent during the ensuing ten years when full benefit from the completed projects will be reaped.

Oregon has reached the point where it needs another big city. It is in the cards that Klamath Falls is to be that city and it behooves the thinking people of this city to lay the foundations today for the growth to come.

## Klamath Needs Championship

Klamath's inning in the southern Oregon high school football conference is long overdue. Although a larger city than either Ashland or Medford, Klamath Falls is usually easy prey for high school teams of the two Rogue River valley cities.

This year, we hope, the tables will be turned. Once in every four years, at least, the Klamath Union high is entitled to a championship of southern Oregon.

There is no lack of spirit among the student body. Win or lose, the Klamath school always troops home with the "rooting" victory.

Such spirit can not exist indefinitely unless occasionally nourished by victory.

One championship, and Klamath Falls will become as enthusiastic a football city as Medford or Ashland.

We trust this is Klamath's year.

## YOUTH SCOFFS AT ACCUSATION

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Thus Northcott explained to the Sun reporter the reason for his flight. He bitterly denied being guilty of the Riverside, Calif., "murder farm" charges and declared he will fight extradition.

"There have been a lot of stories circulated about me," he said. "They are all untrue. What awful things to say about a man. Some people have been suffering from too much imagination, and a lot of people will be sorry when this case is cleared up."

He was asked to explain why he had disappeared.

"Poor Little Mother" "I had to protect poor little mother from this," he said. "I simply could not tell poor little mother of this. I simply could not tell poor little mother of what they were accusing me of."

"If poor little mother had

known of those charges it would have killed her.

"So I kept it all from her, newspapers and everything. I was forced to hide them. I wanted to get her away to a safe place, then I intended to come back alone and fight this thing."

He talked more about the charges, suggesting they had been "trumped up."

Commenting on the disappearance of Mrs. Winifred Clark, his sister, he offered a contemptuous smile.

"I suppose they will say I killed her, too," he said, glancing at a newspaper headline which stated that Mrs. Clark was suspected of having met with foul play.

"Well, take a good look at the

horrible criminal. Does he look as terrible as he is painted?" he said.

Northcott is a good looking youth and has a disarming manner. His fair hair sweeps back in an easy wave from the parting on the left, and there is a ready smile on the lips beneath his well modeled nose. His eyes are deep blue, but possess a fixed, starting quality, as if their owner was in a thrall.

### Smartly Dressed

On the train he wore a smartly cut brown tweed suit with a dark brown stripe. His tie was brown with cream colored spots and there was a thin brown stripe in his shirt.

"Well I suppose you are surprised not to find me armed to the teeth as they said about poor

little mother," he remarked with a trace of bitterness. "Reading all these stories about myself has certainly given me a lot of amusement."

Then he continued with his denial of the charges and the reason for his flight.

Northcott discoursed on a variety of subjects. He had decided views on newspapers.

### Scorns Newspapers

"The newspapers, especially those in the south," he said, "convict a man before he comes to trial. I do not think there should be so much publicity about crimes before the man charged with them comes to court. I don't blame the newspapers so much. They are in a competitive business, but I do blame the administration that permits the practice." The Hick-

man case was cited to him as an example of his contention.

"Oh, that was different," he said. "Hickman deserved all he got."


### Mrs. Hutchason Here

Mrs. J. F. Hutchason of Stockton, California, is the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Whitman at their attractive home in Hot Springs. Mrs. Hutchason is a cousin of Mrs. Whitman.

### Returning Saturday


O. H. Dean, R. Henderson of Portland, H. W. Poole and W. R. Waggoner are expected home tomorrow from a ten days hunting and fishing trip spent on the Rogue River. From Klamath Falls they motored to Grants Pass where they went down the Rogue River to the sea.

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