

Klamath Bank Clearings Go Up 41 Per Cent

SHARP RISE INDICATIVE OF BUSINESS

Bank clearings for 1935 hit an uphill trail that landed them at a point 41.5 per cent over the 1934 total.

That was the encouraging report from Klamath banks at the close of business December 31.

Total of clearings for the year was \$16,409,171.21, as against \$11,593,172.13 last year. The 1935 total was \$5,816,000.08.

Bank clearings are generally accepted as a good indication of the volume of business done in a community. Klamath's clearings, because there are only two banks here and many checks are not therefore cleared, are not a true reflection when compared with other cities, where there are more banks, but they do indicate a correct comparison between different years in this community.

The following table shows the clearings, month by month, for the past two years:

1935	1934
January—\$ 845,695.32	\$ 726,187.20
February—\$ 833,304.50	\$ 629,615.26
March—\$ 1,275,324.72	\$ 1,101,511.49
April—\$ 1,390,709.97	\$ 899,754.45
May—\$ 1,197,382.36	\$ 929,426.60
June—\$ 1,310,252.13	\$ 987,061.15
July—\$ 1,455,853.50	\$ 919,408.15
August—\$ 1,529,292.91	\$ 1,047,977.03
September—\$ 1,663,706.23	\$ 1,142,240.87
October—\$ 1,820,244.98	\$ 1,201,860.71
November—\$ 1,447,801.13	\$ 1,058,223.05
December—\$ 1,606,493.46	\$ 948,951.14
Total—\$16,409,171.21	\$11,593,172.13

KARPIS ELUDES KANSAS POLICE

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 1. (UP)—Evidence gathered by police Tuesday night indicated that Alvin Karpis, the nation's most hunted outlaw, had popped through their hands in a running gun fight today.

For hour on hour, relays of detectives and police officials questioned Homer (Slim) Fanning in an effort to break down his story that he and Karpis had been traveling together for the past four months.

Instead, they found new scraps of evidence to support Fanning's tale. Fanning was captured this morning after police forced his companion to skip a fleeing automobile into a school ground.

Crosses to Other Highway
Fanning fled afoot. The companion drove Police Chief Chester Decker and Leonard Johnson back with machine gun fire and then drove his new sedan across the rough grounds to another highway.

Information from Iowa authorities that Fanning once was found mentally illing led Chief of Detectives Thomas J. Higgins to doubt the Karpis story. Later, however, his detectives brought in much new evidence in corroboration of the tale.

Attendant Supports Story
Ollie Smith, an attendant at a tourist camp where Fanning and his companion stopped last night was asked for a description of the companion, but was not informed of Fanning's statement.

Smith gave detectives a description which tallied perfectly with Karpis. When told that he had described the notorious desperado, he refused to talk further. Detectives showed him pictures of Karpis, but Smith stubbornly refused to comment. "No comment!" No comment!

BEER STOLEN

A sneak thief who stole a case of beer from a Lost River delivery truck about 8:35 o'clock on Tuesday evening, was forced to abandon it under the Epland railroad crossing when the driver gave chase. The police prowl car was called, but officers were unable to locate the man.

Obituary

LORETTA JEANETTE ROUSMAN

Loretta Jeanette Rousman, a resident of this city for the last three years, passed away at the home of her parents Tuesday, December 31, 1935, at 1:15 p. m., following a brief illness. She was a native of Grants Pass, Ore., and at the time of her death was aged 4 years 10 months and 5 days. Surviving are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Bouman, two sisters, Ione and Mable Clyde, also one brother, Allen Bouman, all of Klamath Falls. The grandparents also survive. The remains of Loretta rest in the pink basement room at the Earl Whitlock Funeral Home, Pine street at Sixth, where friends may call. Notice of funeral to be announced later.

CIVIC PRIDE



MANY MAJOR EVENTS OCCUR IN OLD YEAR

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ed heatedly and in the end the near-record vote went against the mayor.

Murder trials have been prominent here nearly every year. 1935's contribution was the acquittal of Marion Meyerle for the admitted shooting of Lawrence Lister, operator of a Klamath Falls meat market. Miss Meyerle, declaring Lister her lover, was released on a self-defense plea.

Boiling around the differences between Circuit Judge Ashurst and Prosecutor Hardin C. Blackmer, the grand jury investigation into gambling and alleged graft was a high point in the news. To such a height did the feeling arise, Governor Martin sent his own observer and as a result told Klamath county to take care of its own troubles. Judge Grizzle and ex-Commissioner Williams were both indicted on graft charges, but inflammatory statements made to the jury by Judge Ashurst resulted in the removal of all accusations. For all the "smoke" there was but little fire. The dead seriousness of the courthouse people really got a little out of hand and nearly became ridiculous.

Recovery Goes Ahead
Standing off by itself was the happy improvement of business, agriculture and industry. Klamath potatoes last spring brought record prices in California and farmers in the fall received top bids from buyers. The pine lumber industry cut more timber than ever before. The forest harvest had the highest value since 1931. Retail trade was brisker throughout the year.

Judge Ashurst, almost constantly in the news, made the headlines when he cited James H. Driscoll, Klamath insurance man, for contempt in connection with a pending lumber case. Driscoll spent one night basking in the county jail. His sentences of 60 days in jail and a fine of \$100 were reversed by the supreme court.

Big Story Breaks Here
One of the biggest stories of the west broke from Klamath Falls when the slaying of Chief J. R. Daw at Dunsmuir went out over the Associated Press wires from the Herald office. Daw's slaying resulted in the lynching of C. L. Johnson, 24, at Yreka. The second bandit accused in the killing of the chief has never been apprehended.

Tragedy last Fourth of July saddened Klamath county. Chester Kerslake, prominent Legionaire and manager of the liquor store, was killed when he fell from a moving car at the time of a legion celebration at Malin. The New Deal certainly wasn't dead here. The alphabetical bureau of the Roosevelt administration functioned at top speed. The F.W.A., the W.P.A., the A.A.A. and countless others brought work, relief and money into this section just as in every state in the country.

Lots of Weather
We wrote a lot about the weather, and the weather was something to write about. Last winter heavy snows blocked main highways and forced schools to shut down. The summer was exceptionally wet and all-time July moisture records were broken. A heavy cloudburst on Mt. Shasta washed out the Southern Pacific railroad tracks and the Klamath-Weed highway. It was days before normal communication was restored. The

fall was a cold one. Frost nipped the potato crop, damaging about 30 per cent of the output. The farmers who had their digging completed were fortunate. The rest were simply out of luck.

Highway Work Goes On
The Weed-Klamath highway, the county's most important link between California and the north, got underway. All the grading has been completed and the next step will be the surfacing. Contracts were let on the overhead crossing and the bridge over the Klamath river. Construction on these projects is well on the way toward completion. The route will be the fastest between Portland and California points, and it undoubtedly will mean a vast increase in tourist travel to this section.

Here is a brief synopsis of 1935 news breaks:

January 1—Bank of Bonanza announces voluntary liquidation with all depositors receiving 100 per cent on dollar.

Jan. 4—S. E. Dorey, 71, victim of automobile accident at Rabbit Plains.

January 8—Case against George Wolfe, accused of robbing the Bank of Bonanza, dismissed.

January 11—Klamath potato growers vote to raise funds for advertising and to fight increase in freight rates.

January 14—The four children of Mrs. June Gardner, Indian, die in fire near Chiloquin.

January 16—Keith Ambrose selected as Klamath fire chief.

January 17—Heavy snow blocks highways and forces many schools to close.

January 20—C. E. Riley appointed member of game commission by Governor Martin.

February 1—Lawrence Lister, 42, meat market operator, shot to death. Marion Meyerle arrested.

February 20—Marion Meyerle indicted for first degree murder.

February 23—Paul Fagnard, 21, trapper, drowned when ice collapses on Crystal Creek.

February 28—Frank Le Roy Thompson, 13, accidentally shoots and kills Walter Radi, 32.

March 3—Pete Hedberg wins annual ski race at Fort Klamath snow meet.

March 9—Paul T. Jackson indicates intention of not returning for following year as principal of Klamath Union high school.

March 9—Klamath high school wins district basketball title from Bend.

March 11—Botulism blamed for deaths of two.

March 18—Paul T. Jackson given year's contract as high school principal.

March 18—Adeline Yarbrough, 33, killed by Roy Biehn, 36, who then committed suicide.

March 9—James H. Driscoll cited for contempt of court by Judge Ashurst.

in connection with management of Crater Lake park.

May 2—Burt Hawkins nominated for postmaster.

May 7—Voters defeat water bonds.

May 7—Henry Semon loses legislative post through acceptance of agricultural board appointment.

May 7—Marion Meyerle goes on trial for murder.

May 11—Klamath wins Southern Oregon-Northern California track meet.

May 13—Marion Meyerle acquitted.

May 15—County court restores Semon to legislature.

June 30—Fire destroys Schuss Groceries.

July 1—J. W. Worrell named to succeed J. B. Coan as pastor of First Methodist church.

July 4—Chet Kerslake, prominent Legionnaire, killed in accident at Malin. Charles Mack, county assessor, seriously hurt in south-end mishap.

July 10—Summer frost reduces crop yields.

July 15—Paul T. Jackson named Oregon director of national youth administration.

July 21—Electrical storm sets series of forest fires in Klamath country.

July 25—July rain records smashed.

July 28—Two bandits slay Chief of Police J. R. Daw at Dunsmuir.

July 29—F. E. Fry, 26, of Klamath Falls, burned to death in truck accident at Arbuckle, Cal.

August 3—C. L. Johnson lynched at Yreka in connection with slaying of Chief Daw.

August 7—Fire destroys Shaw-Bertram mill at Tionesta.

August 11—Lawrence Aubrey, 12, drowned in canal.

August 11—William Mattson, 48, killed when struck by auto at Bly.

August 13—James Head, 75, succumbs to injuries received in auto accident.

August 16—Les Finley named vice commander of American Legion at The Dalles convention. Klamath drum corps takes second place.

August 24—Raymond Buland, 44, crushed to death by tractor at Tullake.

August 24—Finley Wilson, Indian, killed on railroad tracks near Chiloquin.

Shasta washes out railroad track and road.

August 31—Art Silva, 25, convention visitor from Hayward, Cal., drowned in Crater lake.

September 6—Rec. R. L. Bald of St. Paul's Episcopal church, resigns to go to Globe, Ariz.

September 21—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Duke charged with arson.

September 22—Shirley Oliver, 5, victim of auto accident.

September 23—Klamath Falls Brick and Tile company burned.

September 24—Governor Martin announces receiving of letters asking probe of gambling here.

September 25—District Attorney Blackmer reveals intention of submitting gambling conditions to grand jury.

September 27—County court approves licensing of skill games.

September 28—Clark refuses to issue licenses. District Attorney Blackmer and George Kincaid of KPJI split over gambling issue.

September 30—County court refuses to change position of skill game licenses.

October 3—Judge Ashurst denounces public officials as jury meets to probe gambling.

October 2—Mysterious shots fired at home of W. C. Van Emon, Klamath attorney.

October 3—Ashurst dismisses Blackmer from gambling probe.

October 5—Police Superintendent Charles Pray sent from Salem to observe Klamath conditions.

October 8—Mayor Mahoney orders city "closed." Ashurst charges public graft. Radio station's wires from courtroom cut.

October 9—Barney Sinclair, missing hunter, found safe.

October 10—Governor Martin hears Pray's report and tells Klamath to "wash its own dirty linen."

October 11—County court orders skill games stopped.

October 15—Severe weather damages spuds.

October 16—Judge Grizzle and ex-Commissioner Williams indicted in connection with investigation.

October 19—Clashes between Blackmer and Ashurst continue.

October 22—Supreme court reverses Ashurst in Driscoll contempt case.

October 28—Three killed in week-end accidents—Beulah Phillips, 18; Clarence Rewey, 23; Martin Luckner.

October 29—Heavy frosts bring further potato damage.

November 1—Spud prices go up.

November 2—Machine gunners rob El Nido roadhouse.

November 5—Josephine Irwin names Judge Ashurst, KPJI, George Kincaid and Dave Vandenberg defendants in \$75,000 suit growing out of statements made at Meyerle murder trial.

November 5—Cold spell is broken.

November 6—Dispute comes to head over Medford's questionable 19 to 14 football victory over Klamath. No action taken.

November 12—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Duke acquitted on arson charges.

November 14—Indictment against Judge Grizzle killed.

November 15—Indictment against Charles Williams killed.

November 21—State opinion backs Blackmer in fee collection incident.

December 7—Judge William Duncan found dead of heart attack.

December 23—Elmer Rock, 62, killed in auto mishap near Tullake.

December 27—Mayor Mahoney vetoes telephone company franchise.

December 31—Paul T. Jackson, Klamath high principal, named head of Chemawa Indian school near Salem.

Operetta Writer Dies in Jersey

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Jan. 1. (AP)—Harry H. Smith, 75, author of musical comedy and operetta texts in association with Reginald de Koven, Victor Herbert and others, died of a heart attack today at the Marlborough-Blenheim hotel.

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