

Nearly Five Million Spent On Building In 1940

THEATRES TOP LOCAL PERMIT LIST FOR YEAR

Construction Nears High Total of 1930; New Homes Swell Roll

By LOIS STEWART

Close to five million dollars have gone into the pockets of the men who deal in any way, shape, or form, with the building business in the city of Klamath Falls, within a period extending from 1930 to 1940, inclusive, according to a check made with Building Inspector Harold Francy as he closed his books for the year.

The actual figure was \$4,968,057.

Top year in the 11-year period, was 1930 when 536 permits totaling \$1,206,027, were issued. Second place went to the year 1940, when 599 permits, totaling \$933,727, were given to builders of business buildings, homes, and those who sought to do remodeling jobs.

Following is the record as issued by Francy:

Year	Permits	Amount
1930	536	\$1,206,027.00
1931	413	447,944.00
1932	206	139,400.00
1933	307	104,238.00
1934	252	193,376.00
1935	218	104,658.00
1936	261	200,927.00
1937	312	609,590.00
1938	286	443,185.00
1939	318	584,985.00
1940	599	933,727.00

Total 3708 \$4,968,057.00

Fattest permit of the past year went for the Esquire theatre building, totaling \$96,135. One permit was for the actual building itself, \$74,135; subcontract permit for \$22,000.

New residences constructed within the city limits, 127 in all, total \$438,153, while Mr. and Mrs. Home Owner spent \$77,346 in putting new faces on their houses as the remodeling figure continued to rise.

There were 26 new office and business buildings constructed in the city at a cost of \$312,415, and remodeling jobs done in the business district totaled \$79,337.

The new and remodeled residence table is as follows:

Month	New	Remodeled
January	\$24,650	\$1,425
February	47,800	2,790
March	37,983	9,505
April	44,570	5,432
May	22,400	7,152
June	41,900	6,934
July	23,950	3,713
August	44,600	14,905
September	44,000	8,055
October	55,000	5,775
November	28,000	4,660
December	23,300	7,000

Total \$438,153 \$77,346

A similar table for new business and remodeling jobs is issued by Francy:

Month	New	Remodeled
January	\$0	\$23,300
February	16,000	5,535
March	25,000	4,303
April	31,800	6,768
May	84,135	3,815
June	2,000	4,429
July	39,000	5,406
August	4,350	1,100
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April and August were top months in the building permit calendar, with 77 permits issued in each of the two months. The 1940 figures were given:

Month	Permits	Total
January	31	\$49,825
February	34	73,375
March	50	78,539
April	77	82,653
May	54	118,342
June	55	55,003
July	36	87,337
August	77	70,852
September	60	72,405
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A month-by-month check with the big black book in which Inspector Francy records all permits issued, shows the following big jobs authorized:

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Consolidated Freight company.

April—\$17,800 remodeling job for J. C. Penney company.

May—\$74,135 original permit for Esquire theatre.

June—\$7000 duplex for S. F. Scott.

July—\$25,000 Fluhrer's Bakery building, and \$14,000 permit to Men's Hand Laundry.

August—Many small permits on "general jobs," and \$12,000 K. A. Moore residence.

September—\$8000 residence for Fred Hoagland.

October—\$9000 residence for Don Drury.

November—\$27.00 permit to Dr. Paul W. Sharp for business building, and \$22,000 subcontract jobs for Esquire theatre.

December—\$26,000 Beck's Bakery building.

The past year compares favorably with the three preceding years when building conditions were considered "good" by those in the game. In 1937, 312 permits totaled \$609,590; 1938, 286 permits, \$443,185; 1939, 318 permits, totaling \$584,985, as compared to the 1940 total of 599 permits totaling \$933,727.727.

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POSTOFFICE REPORTS GAIN IN RECEIPTS

A gratifying increase in postal receipts for the year 1940, as compared to 1939, was reported by Postmaster Burt E. Hawkins in an unofficial year-end check with Klamath Falls' activities.

In dollars and cents, the increase for the year over that of the preceding 12 months was an estimated \$11,994.96, with 1939 figures given as \$132,230.96, as compared to \$144,225.92, unofficial figure for 1940.

The increase for the December quarter over that period in 1939, was \$2,875, or seven per cent, and for five heavy days in December, in which holiday mailing (figure) there was an increase of \$603.63.

Heaviest mailing days on record in the history of the local postoffice was the report for December 17 to 21, inclusive, when \$7,831.31 changed hands from customer to clerk.

For the month of December alone, from the first to the 29th, \$18,530.48 was received, as compared to \$17,609.80, in 1939, or an increase of \$920.68.

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Accidents Snuff Out 53 Lives In Klamath In 1940

Accidents took a heavy and apparently a record toll of life in 1940 in Klamath county, according to the annual report of coroner's cases compiled by Dr. George H. Adler, county coroner, on Tuesday.

Fifty-three deaths, an increase of 36 per cent over 1939, were attributed by Dr. Adler to accidental causes. The 1939 total was 39.

Automobile fatalities again led the list of accidental tragedies, with an all-time record of 28. Twelve deaths were due to drowning. Logging and mill accidents claimed 5. The report in detail:

Category	Deaths
Automobiles, 28	
Crushing, 1	
Ruptured liver and spleen, 1	
Trauma by crushing, 10	
Fractured spine, 1	
Fractured cervical vertebrae, 1	
Skull fracture, 7	
Laceration of inferior innominate vein, 1	
Bronchial pneumonia (chest injuries), 1	
Brain concussions, 1	
Drowning, 12	
Farming, 1	
Shock and brain concussion, 1	
Logging and mill, 5	
Brain concussion, 1	
Trauma by crushing, 4	
Train, 3	
Cerebral hemorrhage, 1	
Trauma by crushing, 2	
Drowning, 12	
Trauma by firearms, 2	
Conflagration, 1	
Suffocation, 1	
SUICIDE (9)	
Shooting, 7	
Hanging, 2	
HOMICIDE (4)	
Gunshot wounds, 3	
Stabbing, 1	
NATURAL (31)	
Cardiac vascular renal disease, 1	
Acute upper respiratory infection, 2	
Acute alcoholism, 1	
Bilateral lobar pneumonia, 1	
Cerebral hemorrhage, 1	
Gangrene of lung, 1	
Epidemic meningitis, 1	
Acute enterocolitis, 2	
Coronary artery disease, 2	
Chronic myocarditis, 1	
Peritonitis, 1	
Senility, 1	

Many Well Known Citizens of Basin Area Passed On in 1940

Nineteen forty witnessed the passing of many persons prominent in fraternal, civic and social activities in Klamath county and the Klamath basin. The ranks of older pioneers have been so thinned in recent years that the 1940 list contains fewer names than the similar lists that have been published at previous year-ends.

The following list was compiled with the generous assistance of Ward's Klamath Funeral home and the Earl Whitlock Funeral home. In each instance information is given in this order: date of death, name, number of years in district.

January

3—Elizabeth Bliss, 73, Dairy 32 years.

11—Jeremiah O'Connor, Spring Lake, Klamath county 20 years.

11—Rose Viola Carter, Klamath county 32 years.

14—Ned Seonchin, 77, native of Tulelake, county 25 years.

14—Peter Paul Vogel, Klamath 34 years.

17—Carl H. Mason, accountant, Klamath county 10 years.

18—Gerald Colvin, 17 years Klamath county.

February

11—Quinton Herbert Johnson, county 20 years.

11—Flora V. Reginato, Al-goma 18 years.

12—John Sanders Dimmitt, 73, county 23 years.

13—Casey L. Anderson, Merrill 10 years.

16—William Rittman, Klamath 10 years.

18—Joseph Rogers, Klamath 11 years.

19—Elisha George Flynn, 69, Bly 45 years.

20—Charles Reeves, Klamath 11 years.

21—Freeland H. Staley, 41, county 20 years.

21—Emma Cookman, 97, Indian, life in county.

22—Erik Johnson, Klamath 15 years.

22—Mary E. Wyman, Klamath 12 years.

23—Frederick C. Becholt, 79, Bonanza 53 years.

26—Sarah Gertrude Connors, 66, county 22 years.

March

4—Nettie Ann Miller, 49, county 43 years.

5—John H. Manns, 16 years in county.

4—David Alexander Mosby, 63, county 23 years.

10—Donald Joyce Chilcote, 17, life in county.

14—Orvel A. Hilliard, 63, in Klamath Falls 54 years.

17—Porter Summers, 70, Indian, life in county.

18—Ellen Hobbs, 10 years in county.

23—Robert Browning Hough, county 14 years.

27—Lillian R. Williams, 13 years in county.

30—Albert Stephen Bennett, 67, county 38 years.

April

2—Albert E. Johnson, Klamath 18 years.

3—Timothy John Evans, 57, county 15 years.

7—Burr Westbrook, 74, Merrill 20 years.

7—Louis E. Paddock, 78, Merrill 15 years.

12—Finley Wilson Sr., 71, Indian, life in county.

13—Faye Ellen Moore, county 16 years.

14—William J. Steinmetz, 69, county 32 years.

20—Ellen M. Derdan, 75, county 40 years.

20—Ethel Gray, 41, county 16 years.

May

1—York W. Stalford, 63, Klamath 11 years.

3—Hester Nevada Magee, 56, county 16 years.

6—Herbert Charles McCum-bur, 79, county 52 years.

7—Francis G. Williams, 76, Olene 28 years.

8—Erasmus Andrew Brewer, 84, county 30 years.

8—Elda Utra Chocktoot, 43, Indian, life in county.

11—Hannah Rebekah Waters, 70, county 14 years.

12—Albert Herman Johns, 67, county 30 years.

12—Sarah Elizabeth Elgin, 88, 31 years at Dorris.

14—Stella Evaline Lucas, 65, county 20 years.

June

6—Fred Morris Davis, county 24 years.

6—Anne B. Harrison, Klamath 20 years.

10—Vaclav J. Spolek, 67, Malin 30 years.

12—Claude F. Leonard, Klamath 10 years.

16—Joseph Mitchell Pyles, 76, county 15 years.

20—Charles B. Shuck, 61, Merrill 42 years