

BONDED DEBT LOWER, SAYS EX-TREASURER

George P. Taylor, retiring county treasurer, outlined progress that has been made in county finances in the last eight years in a talk given at the request of the Klamath realty board Monday.

Taylor said that on January 1, 1933, there were \$75,000 in protested warrants out, the road bond issue totaled \$1,500,000, the county was facing a \$20,000 default in road bond interest, and \$98,000 was in closed banks.

On January 1, 1941, Taylor said, there were \$12,000 in the current expense fund and an \$85,000 turnover was pending; bonded debt had been reduced in principal to \$468,000, and all money had been cleared from closed banks.

A feature of the realty board meeting was a presentation of a skit by high school students.

STAGGERED TERM NEW TO KLAMATH

When new city officials were sworn in Monday evening, the new four-year staggered term charter amendment began functioning for the first time.

Under this measure, Mayor Houston and City Treasurer Ruth Bathiany will serve four-year terms without the necessity of going to the people for a vote. So also will Councilman Walter Wiesendanger of the fourth ward and Councilman A. H. Bussman of the first ward.

Police Judge Leigh Ackerman, and Councilmen Harvey Martin, Rollin Cantrall and J. J. Keller will serve two-year terms. At the end of those terms, however, all city elective positions will go on a four-year basis.

Shorter terms for some of the officials were necessary in order to start the "stagger" system in operation.

The charter change was authorized by the voters at the November general election.

POLICE COP BREAKS UP SNOWBALL FIGHT

An old meanie city police officer broke up a happy snowball fight at Seventh street and Klamath avenue Saturday night, just as the city was being wrapped in a beautiful blanket of snow, the consistency of which was conducive to making perfectly wonderful snowballs.

As a result, Dean George, Della Jackson and Zetta Williams were charged with disorderly conduct and all fined \$15 each.

The officer didn't mind the three snowballing each other as much as they did the pelting which innocent passers-by received from the three who proved to be excellent marksmen.

MARY ALLEN DIES AT LOCAL HOSPITAL

Mary Dimple Allen, 28, 728 Owens street, employed on the WPA sewing project, died at Klamath Valley hospital early Monday morning following a brief illness.

The young woman is survived by two daughters, Alta and Lois, her mother, Mrs. Con Cremin of Altamont, and other relatives. The remains are at Ward's Klamath Funeral home with announcement of services to be given later.

There are a lot foreign slickers, European royalty, princes and potentates, and their idolators, who instead of being wine and dined in high places in Washington and urging us to go to war, ought to be home fighting the battles for liberty and Christianity they so glibly tell us about.—Senator Burton K. Wheeler.

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Richmond Hits 'Long-Haired' Reformers, Reviews Affairs Of City in Final Accounting

Following is the text of the final annual report of Clifton Richmond as mayor of Klamath Falls, read at Monday night's council meeting:

January 6, 1941
To the Honorable Common Council, City of Klamath Falls, Oregon
Gentlemen:

In accordance with charter requirements, I am submitting my annual report to your honorable body.

I wish first to report that our bonded indebtedness has been materially reduced, and at the beginning of the fiscal year, January 1, 1941, the city will have the best cash balance in its general fund than at any time during its history. All funds are on a cash basis, and at no time during the past four years has the budget been over-spent. All city equipment has been added to and is in first-class working condition. Generally speaking, it can be truthfully said that the city's finances and physical equipment are in excellent shape.

There have been several worthwhile improvements accomplished during the past year, mainly in the way of new cement sidewalks, considerable sewer work and several alleys improved by paving.

In connection with the city's finances, and until state legislation can be enacted to correct this condition, it has occurred to me that inasmuch as there is practically no tax turn-over from the first of the year to the about April 1 of each year, the city should arrange its budget so that it can go into the first of each year with a cash balance of at least \$30,000.00, which, together with the license collections and other miscellaneous income, would carry it through this period. Am mentioning this fact as it may be of interest to the new mayor and councilmen.

Cooperation Praised

I wish to express my gratitude and deep appreciation for the cooperation shown by all councilmen, the police judge and city treasurer in connection with the city's business. I believe it is apparent that all elective officials, namely, the councilmen, police judge and city treasurer, have shown a real interest in their respective jobs, with sincere thoughts of the city's welfare in mind at all times. I am sure they will join with me in extending our thanks to all of the citizens' committees which have generously given of their time and shown splendid cooperation on the financial and other problems which have confronted the administration. I also wish to thank the citizens of the city who have had the city's interest at heart, and have offered helpful suggestions from time to time. It is a further pleasure to commend all department heads and employees for the fine cooperative spirit they have shown through the writer's administration. It is my opinion, and I feel the council is in accord, that we have built up an excellent organization and that our police, fire, street and other departments are functioning one hundred per cent. If there were some means of making a comparison, I am sure they would rank second to none in the state.

Mere words at this time are inadequate; however, I again wish to say to these department heads and employees, and all citizens and committees, that all elective officials deeply appreciate the spirit they have shown. I do not say this as necessarily meaning their good will to the administration, but primarily meaning their loyalty to the city of Klamath Falls and the job they were working to do.

The city's property department, handled by the police judge and his assistants, is a very important branch of the

city's business, and is, in my opinion, in A-1 working order. In connection with this I might say the city of Klamath Falls now owns, or has in process of foreclosure, approximately 1700 lots, 1475 of which were foreclosed upon in the years 1938, 1939 and 1940, to cover over \$389,000.00 in delinquent assessments. The other 225 lots were foreclosed upon, or voluntarily decided to the city, prior to 1938. Of the above 1700 lots approximately 620 are saleable, that is to say, on which we are able to give a clear title, or accept an option subject to suit to quiet title. As of December 6, 1940, the city has sold 219 pieces of property, as follows: 32 lots sold for \$18,390.28; 99 contracts now active, \$65,943.53, making a total of \$84,334.81 worth of property sold. In addition to the above, 88 contracts, amounting to about \$50,000.00 have been paid in full. With the continuation of this good management, and with the sales of property holding up, this department, within the next three years and after the heavy tax payments which will be due and payable to the county in the interim have been paid, should begin to show substantial surpluses for transfer to the bond sinking retirement fund.

Long-Haired Reformers

Some harsh words have been said of Klamath Falls from a moral standpoint, accusations have been hurled that our good city has been run and even over-run, by racketeers and their ilk. Even "Boss" Pendergast, of far-away Kansas City, Missouri, has been mentioned as one of our "overlords of crime." Personally, I very much doubt if Mr. Pendergast knows there is a city by the name of Klamath Falls on the map, unless he has by chance heard of it through unfavorable publicity given this city by the ridiculous and silly accusations as above. I say ridiculous and silly for the reason that no proof has ever been offered that such conditions exist in our good and fair city, and investigations by competent investigators from Governor Martin's office during Mayor Mahoney's regime, and Governor Sprague's office during the writer's two terms of office resulted in giving the city and all officials connected with the city a clean bill of health. These long-haired, frock-coated, sombrero-attired and self-styled reformers should, in my opinion, take some time off from reforming, visit other cities in the state and the northwest, and if not unduly prejudiced, they will find that they are fortunate indeed to have the privilege of abiding in the city of Klamath Falls, Oregon, where the climate, the people and business are of the best. To make a long story short, this is my way of saying that Klamath Falls is a mighty fine place in which to live, and that's why I am living here.

All retiring officials join with me in wishing the incoming administration the best of success. We feel that we have used our best efforts and tried to leave the city in good financial and physical condition, and that, with the holding over of two councilmen, the city treasurer and police judge, and the election of a mayor and three councilmen with proven business experience, the affairs of the city will be in excellent hands and will be conducted for the best interests of the city of Klamath Falls. Personally, I feel that under the leadership of Mr. Houston, who is now our hon-

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orable mayor, and who has been a civic leader in this city for a number of years, we will not only have one of the best administrations the city has ever had, but that we will have the best administration providing we citizens give proper cooperation and understanding.

Very sincerely submitted,
CLIFTON RICHMOND,
Mayor.

STUDENTS TO TELL OF CIVIC AFFAIRS

Student representatives of the elementary and high schools of the city were interested spectators at the civic dinner Tuesday night at which city affairs were reviewed and previewed under the direction of the new mayor, John Houston.

The youngsters will report on the event to their respective schools. Those present were:

- Academy—Francis Ellen Krueger.
- Conger—Clarence Bussman.
- Fairview—David Henthorn.
- Fremont—Bill Wilson.
- Mills—Kelley Ferris, representing the school, and Herb Barker and Donald Eittrich, representing the junior American citizens sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution.
- Pelican—Alfdon Phelps.
- Riverside—June Bosworth.
- Roosevelt—Barbara King.
- Klamath Union high school—Janice Bubb.

WOMAN INJURED IN AUTO MISHAP

Mrs. Wayne Johnson of Wallace, Ida., was injured in an accident on highway No. 97 Sunday, according to a report filed here with the sheriff Monday.

Fred Dolfie, Spokane, Wash., filed the report, stating he stopped his car and that the other machine struck the rear.

Maynard Paup reported his car hit on No. 97, breaking the animal's leg.

John H. Bonham and Owen Mason reported a crash on highway No. 39.

IOOF INSTALLS BONANZA OFFICERS

The new officers for Bonanza lodge No. 143, IOOF, with Howard Bayne as noble grand; Dan Warner, vice grand; Lester Bayne, secretary; and E. V. Maxwell, treasurer, were installed by Special District Deputy Grand Master Herbert M. Munsell, assisted by Carl Sandell, deputy grand marshal; J. J. Lewis, deputy grand warden; A. L. Coan, deputy grand chaplain; S. R. Redkey, deputy grand treasurer; H. C. Smith, deputy grand herald and F. W. Soderman, deputy grand guardian.

The third degree was conferred on Pinkey Beasley, Walt Fotheringham, Eugene Ramsey of Merrill and Del Kruger and Henry Holzhauser of Bonanza by a team composed of members from Merrill, Bonanza and Klamath lodges.

What can I claim for a wife I'm getting a divorce from? — Letter to Washington draft board.

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KELLER VOTED COUNCIL HEAD FOR NEW TERM

Veteran John Keller was elected president of the city council at the first session of the new term Monday evening. Keller succeeds Charles W. Thomas, who did not seek reelection to the council last fall.

First elected in 1932, Keller has previously held the council president position. Principal function of the council president is to preside in the absence of the mayor.

Mayor-elect John Houston announced appointment of council committees for the new year. They follow:

- Finance—J. J. Keller, Harvey Martin, W. Wiesendanger.
- Fire—Rollin Cantrall, Wiesendanger, A. H. Bussman.
- Judiciary—Wiesendanger, Keller, Bussman.
- Health—Martin, Cantrall, Keller.
- Street—Bussman, Martin, Cantrall.
- Police—Keller, Wiesendanger, Martin.
- Cemetery—Cantrall, Keller, Bussman.
- Public Works—Bussman, Martin, Wiesendanger.
- Light and Water—Wiesendanger, Bussman, Cantrall.
- Public Utilities—Martin, Cantrall, Keller.

POLICE FACED WITH LONG LIST OF CRIME REPORTS

City police were faced with a list of crimes which have arrived with the new year, and Monday were working to untangle a great deal of evidence in numerous cases.

L. L. Larkey, 2964 South Sixth street, reported his second hand store had been burglarized Friday and one roll of 50 cent pieces amounting to \$20, one roll of nickels, and 75 pennies had been taken.

Manard E. Smith, 2864 Biscoe street, told city officers he left his billfold in his trousers near the front room stove Sunday night and Monday morning found his billfold containing \$40 in bills missing. His army registration papers and other cards were in the billfold as well. Entrance to the house was gained through an unlocked rear door.

LULL SETS IN AT JUSTICE COURT

Justice court activities Monday were surprisingly slow as compared to the usual post-weekend hum.

Jesse Malcolm Burcham entered the only plea when he answered not guilty to a charge of reckless driving. He was committed to the county jail in lieu of a \$100 cash or \$200 property bond.

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CAR, SNOWPLOW COLLIDE ON HIGHWAY 66

The weekend snowfall was blamed for an accident Sunday when the car of Earl S. Bringle, Keno, collided with a snowplow driven by William Hix, also of Keno, on Highway 66, 24 miles west of Klamath Falls. No one was injured in the accident.

Ike Moses of Modoc Point and Axel Hedlund of Klamath Falls both reported their cars collided on the Chiloquin-Williamson river road Saturday as Moses was about to make a right turn. Both cars were damaged in the mishap but neither Moses nor Hedlund was injured.

SKATING ICE BAD, BRIDGE'S WARNING

David Bridge, newly appointed city recreational officer, took over his new job in a snowstorm of duties. This can be taken literally in Bridge's opinion, as he was first concerned with finding a safe place for children of the city to coast.

Bridge warned all skaters to keep off the ice in Klamath's lakes and ponds, and especially on Upper Klamath lake where a great deal of the skating is done. The ice is "definitely no good," Bridge announced and asked the cooperation of parents in keeping their children from the sport. New danger signs were being installed in the skating area Monday.

MOTORIST JAILED IN LIEU OF FINE

Lyle W. Petty, 2029 Sargent street, was in the city jail late Monday in lieu of \$100 fine, following his arrest on a drunk driving charge.

City police arrested Petty as he attempted to drive his dump truck over the viaduct and on the wrong side of the street. Petty entered a plea of guilty to the charge.

Modesto Jimenez forfeited \$5 bail when he was arrested on a no operator's charge following a minor accident Saturday night. Four traffic tickets made up the balance of court report.

ODD FELLOWS WILL INSTALL OFFICERS

Arthur L. Sanders, district deputy grand master of Klamath lodge No. 137, will install the new officers for the coming term. Swan Erickson as noble grand will be the ruling head of the Odd Fellows for the next six months, with Rollin A. Cantrall, as vice grand, giving him his support and presiding whenever he is absent. S. R. Redkey, treasurer, and Herbert M. Munsell, secretary, will be installed for a term of one year. Carl Sandell, trustee, will be installed for a three year term.

All members of Klamath lodge are urged to be in attendance at this meeting, and give the new officers a good start on their term of office. Refreshments will be served at the close

of the evening's business. All visiting brothers are cordially invited.

POLICE OFFICES GET PHONE SYSTEM

There will be less shouting and errand running in the city hall this year with the installation Sunday of an inter-communication system which links together the office of the chief of police, desk sergeant, police judge and the Police Beneficiary association shooting range.

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