

Two Mysteries Top News Here for '41

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closed the case, it didn't answer all questions in the public mind, and the county grand jury combed the case vainly for new evidence.

George Parks is charged with being one of two men who robbed the Buffalo Lunch on South Sixth street and killed Dr. Salem A. David when he sought to prevent the escape of one of them. Parks was arrested in Great Falls, Mont., months after he was indicted on the evidence of an auto license application and a description obtained from a previous criminal record. He will be tried on a murder charge early in 1942.

Another tale of misfortune, but not of violence, also loomed large in the year 1941, and that was the flash flood in August. Although costly in dollars and cents, the spectacle of Main street running full of muddy water from door to door was enjoyed by the citizenry who created a surpassing traffic jam in their efforts to see it all. Sensational, too, was the trapping of two cars in the big underpass.

What? No Weather News? The flood topped a weather year that was the wettest in 45 years records have been kept here and ended with weather news being suppressed entirely under war censorship.

Municipal progress and a hint of greater things to come was contained in the story of Klamath Falls' airport development. The whole story appeared by degrees over several months as the national defense program gathered momentum, but the cumulative effect of the \$600,000 project and the magnificence of the nearly-finished job made it probably the most important (not sensational) story of the year, judging from the heavy majority of voters that approved a tax levy for the purchase of airport land.

Not only the airport itself but the connected themes of air travel and defense focused attention on the project. The city and United Airlines waged a valiant fight, but in vain, to get airline service for Klamath Falls; then followed an "under-cover" drive to get Klamath Falls in line for an air base.

The war department asked that the matter be given no public notice, so the scope of the effort was never revealed, but a city air base committee conducted extensive surveys, compiled sheaves of data, assisted various official investigators and kept the wires hot in communication with officials in Washington. As the year ended, the question still remained open, but declared war with Japan added greatly to the potentialities in this situation.

The Ewauna Box company lumberyard fire, the only fire of any magnitude in Klamath Falls during the year, was a highlight in a year that saw few fires in the forests of the Klamath region. A brush fire starting in the Lava Beds monument swept over 60,000 acres in northern California and threatened much valuable timber but it also had the effect of reinforcing plans for fire control in the area in the future. Over four million feet of lumber burned in the Ewauna fire and the flames licked dangerously close to parts of the plant itself.

Troop Movements The echoes of Pearl Harbor made news in Klamath Falls, too. The sudden descent of war regulations seemed totally unrelated to the earlier effects of the defense program but the whole story included everything from the wave of troop movements during the summer to the strenuous Red Cross war relief campaign and the defense savings drive still continuing.

Thoughts of war and its necessary hardships were pushed far back while Klamath Falls entertained the thousands of visiting soldiers with street dances, organized for civilian defense and gave up its old aluminum to the defense production speed-up.

Then came Pearl Harbor and three blackouts in quick succession. The first was a farce, the second was better as a wave of blue cellophane buying reached its peak, and the third was declared satisfactory. Developing alongside the blackout was a system of air raid precautions, aircraft observation, state guard and various disaster and emergency organizations. Meanwhile, numerous of Klamath's sons marched off to war or the defense program.

Labor activities took a surge that made news in 1941, a year that saw the drive to organize the lumber industry in the basin carried forward to unprecedented heights. Several minor strikes ranging up to the distant but extensive walkout at the Weed plant of the Long Bell Lumber company, marched be-

side numerous NLRB bargaining elections and two important wage increases in the lumber industry.

Unification of local school administration, which had long been anticipated, was realized in 1941 when the resignation of Principal Lloyd B. Emery opened the way for the appointment of Arnold Gralapp as principal of Klamath Union high school and ultimately as superintendent of the whole Klamath Falls school system. He will take the latter post in 1942.

Stop and Go Another long-discussed change was made when traffic signals were installed on Klamath Falls streets in time for the Christmas shopping rush that swelled to new peaks. No poll of public opinion had produced any definite opinion on the effectiveness of the new lights but traffic was moving along smoothly in most cases as the year waned.

The last of the "Big Ten" stories might be labeled as the year's No. 1 false alarm. When Maurice "Blacky" Cannalanga, the "mystery witness" in the Bridges deportation hearing at San Francisco, met his death in an automobile accident at Barclay Springs, the metropolitan press pricked up its ears and considerable interest was thus induced here. Outside of the fact that three persons died as a result of the crash, the arrival of Harry Lundeborg, head of the sailors union, to investigate the Cannalanga car kept the matter in the news for several days.

Indians Killed The Cannalanga wreck and the death of five Indians when their car plunged into the main canal beside the Main street bridge led a list of automobile accidents that claimed 20 lives in the county during the year, nine less than in 1940 when an all-time record was set.

In addition to the ten big stories, a number of important trends and situations are visible when 1941 is viewed in retrospect.

Politically nothing of note occurred here but there was a threat of change in the bill to make Klamath county a separate Oregon senatorial district. This move ran afoul of adverse politics in the state senate, a fate that likewise befell the somewhat humorous "49th state" movement which faintly touched Klamath county and then was abandoned when war came.

The South Sixth street traffic relief project was another project that failed to come off in 1941, but it is still on the calendar for 1942. Road projects that did finally come through in 1941 were the Sprague River-Chiloquin road and the Canby-Hatfield link in the highway to Reno, both of which were granted federal aid after long battles.

Klamath's other new road, the Willamette highway, continued to prove its worth as travel figures at the Dorris entry to California continued to lead all other coastwise routes.

Economically the war and the defense program were given most of the credit for extensive activity in lumber and potatoes. Potato shipments hit an all time high in April as the last of the 1940 crop moved out, and prices were on the upgrade as the year ended. A forestry official's prediction that Klamath's timber would be exhausted in 10 years was the only blue note in the lumber and box trade, except for minor dislocations due to priority restrictions on building, which were felt much more heavily elsewhere.

The undoubted economic effect of the drain of Klamath manpower to military and defense areas had not been noted in the local news columns as the year ended. The railroads announced big increases in shipping here.

The Tulelake sump-tunnel project, authorized last year and

one of 1940's "big ten" stories, moved ahead through 1941, with the 6600-foot tunnel completed through the ridge between Tule and Lower Klamath lakes. This project will probably go into operation in 1942.

Following is the chronological report of outstanding local news for 1941:

January

1—Body of Gus Bers, logger, found in Lake Ewauna.
2—Bankers predict favorable business year here.
3—1940 tax collections total 104 per cent of current levy.
4—NLRB calls Tionesta election.

Boyd Jackson and Levi Walker named Washington delegates of Klamath Indians.
6—John Houston assumes office as Klamath Falls mayor.

David R. Vandenberg becomes circuit judge, declares for "friendly feeling" in court.
7—Tim Brown's will broken by state supreme court. Estate of Klamath Indian taken from J. C. O'Neill and Frank Schmitz and given to Emily Weeks.
8—President Roosevelt proposed \$200,000 more for Tulelake development.

9—Final 1940 census announced. Klamath Falls, 16,497; Klamath county, 40,497.
10—Francis Olds selected as Klamath's candidate for state game commission.

13—Klamath rejects "pork barrel" plans for getting military highway work.
18—Tulelake celebrates completion of new water system.

19—Tommy Edmundson, 8, found dead from exposure in Weyerhaeuser mill yard.
20—Tribute paid Lydia Fricke Howard on 20th anniversary of entering public health work here.
22—Martin Swanson named outstanding young man in civic work in 1940.

Cecil L. Rutledge dies from burns suffered in house fire.
23—Klamath chamber opposes inclusion of this county in congressional district with valley counties.

24—Bullet-pierced body found on highway near Olene, identified as Jerry Zulkoski, Beatty ranch hand.
25—James Anderson, half-breed of Beatty, accused in murder of Jerry Zulkoski.
27—Council takes preliminary steps for airport land acquisition.

29—Grand jury scores "cash box" financing of suburban road work.
30—Matson steamship line buys 4300 crates of Klamath spuds.

31—Mercury climbs to 50. James Q. Anderson indicted on second degree murder charge.

February

1—Mystery signs warn motorists off Sprague River road.
2—O. T. (Buck) Anderson and Rex Gaunt indicted for alleged assault on aged Indian.

4—City council orders election March 5 on 1.8 mills four-year levy for airport.
Earl Heuvel named assistant police chief.
6—Klamath lumbermen fined in U. S. anti-trust case, making no plea to charges.

7—Diversion of potatoes for feed approved by government.
10—Three Klamath Falls skiers rescued from Castle canyon area in Crater lake park.
Salvation Army buys building at Fourth and Klamath.

11—City council approves location of swimming pool near Modoc field.
12—600 army engineers bivouac here.

14—Bar association says no law books missing from circuit judge E. B. Ashurst of suspicion.
15—Parking meter-parking lot plan suggested by planning commission.

March

1—California storms affect local transportation. Mrs. Milan Holland, 23, killed under car on South Sixth street. Coroner calls her death a suicide.

3—Adolph Olson, Portland, killed in auto-truck crash on Willamette highway.
4—CIO plywood workers strike at Kalpine.

5—Airport levy passes, \$55 to 232. Joe Kirk convicted of second degree murder in death of Leonard John. Mayor Houston orders dice games stopped.
8—Robert Wilcox Rhodes convicted of auto accident manslaughter.

9—Ben F. Mitchell, prominent Klamath Indian, injured in fall at Lost River dam.
10—Ben Mitchell dies. Joe Kirk gets life sentence for murder. Robert Rhodes gets two years for manslaughter.

13—Langell Valley soil conservation district favored in poll.
14—Klamath loses to Salem in state basketball tourney, drops from title race.
16—Two masked bandits enter Buffalo lunch, take \$75, kill Dr. Salem A. David in making escape.

17—Mrs. Billie Smith burned when oven explodes at Altamont school.
19—\$100 reward offered in Buffalo killings.
20—Ex-Judge Ashurst located in Medford, returning from Arizona. Lawrence Slater named exalted ruler of Klamath lodge of Elks.

21—W. G. Lane, Silver Lake stockman, dies at Bend.
22—Quentin A. Bailey acquitted of auto accident manslaughter charges.
26—Clarence A. Humble named deputy district attorney.
27—AFL claims majority at strike-bound Kalpine plant. Abner McNair, 60, killed by ex-stepson, Wilbur Hixson, in shooting near Bly.

April

1—Betty Patzke of Bly named Klamath theme girl for Wonder-land affair.
2—Kalpine employees pass pickets, re-open plant. Warrants out for George Parks and John Doe as alleged killers in Buffalo lunch case.

3—Lloyd B. Emery announces intent to relinquish KUHS principalship, return to teaching.
4—Wind blows freighter into canyon near Weed.
5—State highway board announces improvement of old Midland road.

7—Parking meter plan dropped by council.
8—Plenty of water forecast for summer.
City gets warning on condition of jail.

11—Guy Schonchin arrested in Chiloquin shooting of Melvin Barkley.
12—Dr. Paul Raver predicts general power sell-out by private companies in northwest.
14—Trial of James Q. Anderson in Zulkoski case opens.
16—Local electricians strike

for higher wages.
17—Lester Cronk, 5, rescued from canal by Vernon Keasler.
18—Plans announced for aircraft metal school here.
James Q. Anderson convicted of manslaughter.
19—Buck Hammer named KUHS football coach, succeeding Snowy Gustafson, called to army.

Clyde Williams, 7, pulled from canal by Wayne Shafter and Leylan Wood, deaf mutes.
21—James Anderson gets 10 year term.
22—Pickets disappear from Kalpine mill.

23—City starts purchase of \$50,000 worth of added airport property.
24—General lowering of freight rates for Klamath area announced.
Electricians go back to work with small pay boost.

25—1100 register at state Christian Endeavor convention.
Moose buy Hirvi building on Pine street for lodge home.
27—Henry Milot, 27, killed in gun accident.
28—Money bag containing \$728 stolen from South Sixth street market.

30—Potato shipments reach 9250 carloads, record for all-time.
7—Five Indians die in canal plunge. Increasing traffic toll to seven for year.

May

1—Defense bond sale here opens with Andrew Collier as county chairman.
2—CIO wins Chiloquin Lumber company poll.
3—State junior chamber convenes here.

4—B. W. Lee of Klamath killed in auto accident at Pollock, Calif.
6—Lumber firms boost pay 5 cents an hour.
7—AFL strike at Kalpine fades in 14 hours as AFL gets bargaining designation.

8—Bid accepted on street signal system here.
12—Eight carloads of Klamath spuds go to soldiers.
13—G. C. Blohm and Howard Barnhise file for school posts.
Byron Kennerly, Klamath "eagle," visits.

Klamath commercial airline application turned down by examiners for CAA.
14—Medford and Eugene reported as possible cantonment sites.
Klamath barbers boost haircut to 85 cents.

15—State road board proposes three lanes for South Sixth street.
Frank Ganong elected KUHS student head.
16—Alameda, Calif., plane forced down at Beaver marsh, goes safely on to The Dalles.
18—Tulelake tunnel opened through mountain.
21—First serial of huge army convoy arrives.

Local groups ask four lanes for South Sixth street.
22—4000 army men here.
23—J. J. Parker, veteran express agent, dies.
24—Local storm causes first forest fires.

Regional Forester Lyle Watts says 10 of Klamath's biggest mills will be out of operation in 10 years.
25—Highway board promises South Sixth street contract in fall.
26—Judge Vandenberg discharges grand jury, warns Foreman I. A. Baker against contempt.

27—Dick Maguire in school race.
Leander Riddle, 12, killed in Beatty shotgun mishap.
29—Arnold Gralapp named high school principal, superintendent of all schools in 1942.
31—Memorial day.

June

1—Milk prices upped.
2—Dispute develops over pay for culinary workers.
6—Culinary alliance votes to strike.
Marilee Givan of Bonanza wins Elks oratorical contest.
7—USO campaign starts here.
Culinary alliance strikes at only one restaurant, others sign for higher wages.
8—Joe Bertrande, 50, drowned at Gilchrist. Arthur Morgan drowned in Link river.
11—Circuit Judge Hay of

July

1—Boyd Jackson taken to Medford to face murder charge for killing his brother, Nathaniel.
Angus Newton reelected American Legion commander.
3—First of series of army convoys arrives.
4—Buckaroo Days opens.
County announces plan for Legion hall remodeling to provide office space.

5—Mrs. Maude Eaton, 37, dies of injuries on South Umpqua road, Douglas county.
6—Jerry Ambler wins bucking finals at rodeo.
7—Indian Officer Thurmon Wilson critically wounded at Beatty by Floyd Fisher.
8—Fred A. Janssen, 70, dies of auto accident injuries.

10—Floyd Wilson arraigned for assault on Officer Wilson.
12—Klamath pleads for commercial airline in CAA brief.
13—Lighting sets 10,000 acre fire in Lava Beds.
Upper Klamath lake regatta.
14—Albert P. Haggitt, 6, found by searchers at Algoma after six hours.

15—Chiloquin Lumber company mill closed by CIO strike 600 acres.
19—Jack Wissenbach of Algoma wins soap box derby here.
21—USO drive here goes over top.
22—Floyd Fisher gets 20 years for shooting Officer Wilson.
23—Fire burns over part of Stukel mountain and Poe valley. Klamath growers report wool price good, clip half sold.
28—Beneficial water use hearing held here.
Lavern Frank Giles drowns in Rogue river.
30—Strike stops airport work.
E. F. Dreger, 69, Montague, killed in auto crash near Merrill.
31—Airport strike ends. Klamath airport gets another \$278,000 for third runway.

August

2—Silk stocking rush underway here.
5—Rail tonnage here reported up 50 per cent for first half of 1941.
7—Census shows 25,068 in Klamath "metropolitan area."
8—Fire does \$150,000 damage to Ewauna Box company lumber.
11—Ben Ferguson, Klamath Falls, killed in Lake county auto accident.

Strike ends at Chiloquin plant.
12—Alternate roads planned to make way for airport expansion.
14—Experiments in Tulelake district show success in growing cabbage, rutabaga, garlic, onions, carrots and turnips.
15—Carl E. Hodges, 64, dies when fire sweeps rear of Hensdricks drug store.
18—1.02 inches of rain falls in 45 minutes, flooding underpass, streets, etc.

19—Last army serial moves north.
22—Zenus Murphy catches 12-pound, 10-ounce trout in Willamson river.
23—James Q. Anderson captured after break at penitentiary.
24—Robert Thompson named head of Oregon State Elks association.
27—Hundreds sign up here for civil reserves.
Klamath Indians re-elect Boyd Jackson and Levi Walker as delegates.

Shirley Ruth Clark killed in Macdoel auto accident.
30—Army convoys here again.

September

13—Henry Jasper Gordon, 72, killed in train-car crash at Chiloquin.
8—Schools open, with the elementary system showing the first enrollment increase in years.
9—County schools report increase.
10—Potato labor supply for this fall believed adequate.
13—County assessed value set at \$22,648,775 exclusive of utilities, a gain.
16—Junior livestock auction brings \$10,128 in total sales.
18—State assessors meet here. Dorris quarantine station reports traffic breaking all records for north California entrance.
19—Dr. Sam Watab, 106, an Indian, dies.
Klamath defeats Grant at football, 7 to 6.

14—Mrs. Betty E. Beaman killed in auto crash at Sand Creek.
Deer season opens; Ashland hunter dies of heart attack in Lake county.
23—County court promises assistance on airport program.
Bob McCain, 14, accused of killing his father at Alturas.
24—Southern Pacific announces \$175,000 expansion here.
25—Mrs. Margaret Ambrose, wife of Fire Chief Keith Ambrose, passes away.
26—County budget finished. It is \$19,000 under the total permitted by law.
28—Inglewood, Calif., plane, piloted by Sidney Means, crashed in an attempt to take off from the highway near Merrill.
29—Safety week opens.
Harry C. Baker killed in auto accident near Tulelake.

October

1—Fred Hagelein, county school board member, dies.
2—Klamath guardsmen home for visit.
C. J. Clause, prominent Lakeview business man, killed in car-truck crash.
3—A. C. Abbott, 74, Olympia, killed on The Dalles-California highway 68 miles north of Klamath Falls.
Louis Johnson, state police sergeant, moved to Pendleton, and Earl Tichenor takes sergeant post here.
4—Vesta Lee Green, 26, Hollywood, killed in crash near Sand Creek.
Herald and News have open house.
Georgia Liskey named queen of Merrill potato festival.
6—Five hurt in multi-car crash on Weed highway five miles south.
Temperature drops to 26.
7—City officials given salary boost for 1942.
8—Eighteen draftees leave on train.
9—Ground broken for new bus depot, Ninth street and Klamath avenue.
10—Howard Ellis Haviland, 23, Portland, killed in Dorris crash.
17—Dorothy Jean Anderson, 17, dies from injuries in accident near Merrill.
13—Dorris gateway again leads California north entrances in travel.
14—Klamath Indians celebrate 77th anniversary of treaty.
15—City makes last payment on Sixth street viaduct.
George Hagelein named to county school board.
16—Duck season opens.
Ben Hinton, Montague, drowns in Sheepley lake.
17—Merrill potato show opens.
Medford defeats Klamath Falls in football, 32-21.
18—Crowd of 8000 at Merrill festival.
20—1200 go on strike at Weed. County budget upped \$2000 for 1942 defense costs.
21—Boyd Jackson gets 25 years in U. S. prison for killing his brother June 30.
22—Roland Hicks gets five years for Chiloquin assault.
23—Mechanical potato pickers disclosed in harvest survey.
24—Junior chamber suggests redwood swimming pool.
25—KUHS Krater wins third in Oregon contest.
Survey shows material here for 100 houses.
Marie Russell, 17, found critically injured beside highway near Wocus.
27—Mary Reames Martin found dead at home here.
City council works with Bonneville power committee for hydroelectric study here.
Russell mystery baffles officers.
Harry Prather, Main druggist, dies.

29—Marie Russell dies without regaining consciousness.
31—Snow closes north entrance Crater lake park.
Halloween pranks more mild than usual.

November

1—Rain spatters Klamath.
2—Eugene Smith, 20, arrested at Medford in Russell case.
4—Prowlers get \$500 from Lost River dairy safe.
7—Sympathy strike threatened in Weed labor dispute.
8—Eugene Smith bound off for failure to stop at scene of accident in Russell case.
9—Elmer V. Sanders killed dragging on Lower lake.
11—Huge crowd goes to Be to see Klamath win, 19 to 7, football.
12—Eugene Smith pleads guilty, gets five years.
13—Clarence L. Smith drowns in accident near Merrill south of California line.
15—New Moose hall dedicated.
16—Robert Thorn, 19, killed in auto-bike crash on Esplanade street.
17—Klamath tax rates for 1942 higher, announcement reveals.
Mercury slides to 22 degree.
18—Maurice Zuckerman, 1, tator grower of Klamath and Los Angeles, accused of murder after Stockton shooting.
19—Airbase committee starts migratory bird-aviation problem working out.
20—Thanksgiving day.
Forty-ninth state movement develops in southwestern Oregon—northern California.
21—New "state" named Jefferson.
Mercury hits 18, a new low.
22—Milk price boost announced for December 1.
23—George Parks, Buffalo lunch murder suspect, taken to Great Falls, Mont.
24—A. G. Gaskin killed in industrial accident at Gilchrist.
25—City officials meet here to ask for state gas tax money.
27—Twelfth day of freezing weather in basin.
28—Paul Robeson concert at Pelican theatre.
Clifford Seivts gets three years in Dorris bank embezzlement case.
29—70 parcels of Tulelake land leased for \$57,352.26.

December

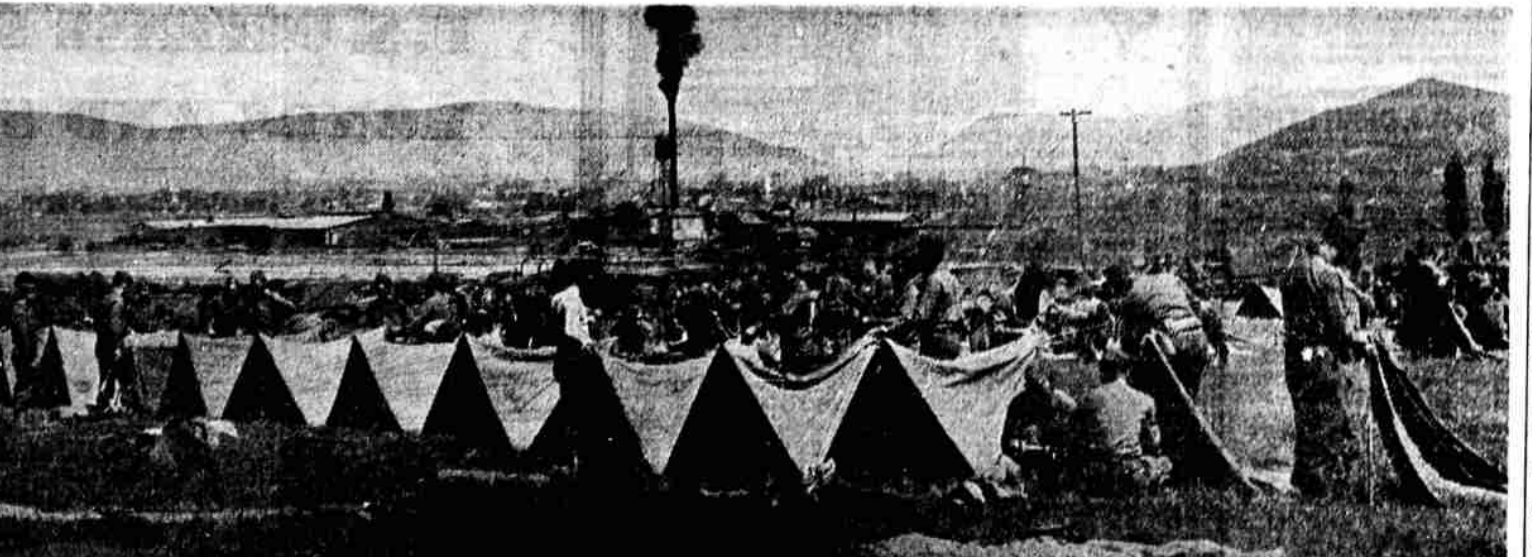
1—Circuit judge Vandenberg tells grand jury to review Smith Russell case.
2—Klamath Indians buy 2200 500 in defense bonds.
Gilbert Gable, "Jefferson" leader, dies.
4—Snow falls over wide area.
5—Eddie Coitte, 19, killed in Lakeview stabbing. Clifford Johnson held.
6—Merlin Chocktoot, 2, killed in Beatty brawl; Lawrence Dale Jackson held.
7—Japanese attack Pearl Harbor, electrifying Klamath and all U. S. "Extra" cries heard on street.
State bowling tournament ends here.
20—Leona Burdette, 2, killed in auto accident near Merrill. Alex McDonald, driver of car, charged with negligent homicide.
Deputy Sheriff Dale Mattson hurt while on defense patrol duty.
8—Jefferson state movement lost in war effort.
9—Southern Pacific gives Klamath surprise blackout sign at 2:02 a. m.
State guard ordered for the city.
10—Civilian defense program swings into action.
11—Air raid warnings named.
12—Southern Pacific signal blackout again. City darkened 33 minutes.
13—Christmas business boom despite war.
Weed strike ends.
14—Trial blackout held success here.
15—Indians vote to spend another \$150,000 on defense bonds.
16—Chief Petty Officer Paxton Turner of Battleship Arizona revealed as Klamath's first war death.
18—D. E. Van Vactor named state guard captain.
Spud prices jump on crop reports.
19—General 25-cents an hour boost announced for lumber workers.
20—Weather bureau announced for Klamath.
22—U. S. census of manufactures shows Klamath top industrial area in Oregon outside of Portland.
Gift mailing sets all-time record here.
23—Senator McNary presses Klamath airbase proposal in Washington.
24—Christmas eve.
Clarence Campbell fatally burned in Poe valley bunkhouse fire.
26—Mercury drops to 15, season low to date.
27—Della Marple, 26, killed in Weed road crash.
28—Hans A. Swanson, logger, kills self after gun attack on estranged wife.
29—Two German airmen turn in radio, camera equipment here.

PRESIDENT VINTAGE

LONDON, Dec. 31 (AP)—An envelope contributed by King George VI to a stamp sale for charity brought \$630 Tuesday. It was of 1889 vintage and was addressed:

"His Majesty, King George VI
"Care President Franklin D. Roosevelt,
"Hyde Park, N. Y."

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TROOPS INVADE KLAMATH IN 1941—One of the highlights of the summer of 1941 was the visit of thousands of army men here during movements to war games on the coast. Dances and vaudeville entertained the men on their overnight stops here. Above is the line of pup tents pitched along the Klamath river by the first southbound convoy early in the year.

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