

Klamath Tax Collections Top \$2,000,000 In 1941

MONEY ROLLS IN, SETTING RECORD HERE

It was a good year for the tax collector—or a busy year, at any rate.

For tax collections in Klamath county in 1941 totaled \$2,045,115.25, which is just about 116 per cent of the total of the current roll for the year.

Furthermore, it was the first time in history tax collections in the county have aggregated more than \$2,000,000.

The figures are from County Treasurer Chet Langslet, who explained that collection of delinquent taxes, along with current taxes, made it possible to report total collections well in excess of the amount of the 1941 roll.

As the year came to an end, current roll collections reached \$1,443,684.82, which is about 82 per cent of the total on this year's roll—\$1,759,594.32.

Delinquent tax collections were heavy in the past year. Treasurer Langslet said they reached a figure representing 33 per cent of the current roll.

This table from Langslet's office shows the actual collections made in the year, and it is itemized to show the age of the delinquent taxes collected:

Year	Amount
1925	25.35
1926	222.33
1927	1,441.50
1928	2,243.56
1929	4,772.74
1930	13,370.24
1931	13,934.60
1932	54,851.31
1933	45,509.93
1934	45,885.06
1935	39,690.85
1936	50,415.92
1937	44,025.28
1938-39	70,248.50
1939-40	197,545.40
1940-41	1,443,684.82
*1941-32	17,187.66
Total	\$2,045,115.25

* Personal property collections.

'41 Big Year For Dr. Stork In Klamath

As this year of 1941 rolls to a finish, little change has come about in the birth-death rates. Last year, 1940, after 360 days of new happenings, a total of 923 births added to the "something new" column. As for the old man with the sickle, 358 deaths were accounted for.

Now at the beginning of this new 1942, looking back on the year just finished, and the statistics totaled up, very little difference can be seen. As for the births, the stork only transported 913 bundles, just 10 less than in '40. Deaths decreased to 343, just 13 less than last year.

These figures include all the county except Malin and Chiloquin which have yet to receive lists for the month of December.

Statistically speaking the birth rate margin was about 3 to 1.

Traffic Lights Outstanding 1941 Event for City Police

Stop and go traffic signals, balls, fines and forfeitures, cooperation of police with the national defense set up before and after this country's declaration of war, checking on traffic violators, peeping toms and "B and E's," made up the checker-board report which is the year-end statement of the Klamath Falls city police department.

Frank Hamm, chief of police, considered the installation of the city's traffic signal system the outstanding event of the year as far as the city and his department is concerned. The lights went into effect in December after many months of planning on the part of city and state officials.

Balls, fines and forfeitures for the year 1941, totaled \$13,899.35, (net), as compared to \$15,178.39 for 1940. A total of 1229 reports were filed and attended to, compared with 1187 reports for the year 1940.

There were no cases of murder or non-negligent manslaughter, no cases of manslaughter by negligence, and not one case of rape during the past year, Chief Hamm stated. There were 12 cases of robbery and hold-up, three of aggravated assault, 58 cases of burglary which is "B and E" in the vernacular of the police department, and 50 cases of larceny over the \$50 mark.

Death Comes in 1941 to Many of Klamath's Prominent Residents

Scores of well known Klamath residents, men and women who had made their homes in this section of southern Oregon for many years, some of them for their entire life time, passed away during 1941.

The names of those who contributed much to history of this county are given below, including the date of their death and the number of years they lived in the Klamath area.

January

- Roy Ephram Woolever, January 2, 15 years.
- Rosa Barnett Thomas, January 2, 30 years.
- Charles Allen Rightmiller, January 2, 13 years.
- David E. Hilton, January 3, 14 years.
- Anna Scott Webster, January 6, 21 years.
- Edward Frisbie Goddard, January 6, 12 years.
- Lena Kirk Duvall, January 11, 51 years, life.
- Joseph Godowa Sr., January 12, 75 years, life.
- Clara Edith Ream, January 13, 23 years.
- Clarence Vincent Shultz, January 21, 21 years.
- Charles Victor Nelson, January 17, 42 years.
- Fred Milton Young, January 17, 45 years.
- Robert Jewell Eaton, January 17, 30 years.
- James Samuel Bailey, January 21, 21 years.
- Clyde Bradley, January 21, 52 years.
- Sergeant K. Brown, January 28, 65 years, life.
- William Crawford, January 28, 79 years, life.
- Christopher Columbus Hayes, January 29, 35 years.

February

- Merrill M. Sellers, February 1, 17 years.
- Hazel Emiline Grider, February 6, 16 years.
- Jeanette Stafford, February 9, 10 years.
- Jerome George Newman, February 9, 16 years.
- Columbus Bowman, February 11, 31 years.
- William Henry Hadley, February 22, 35 years.
- Jefferson D. Riddle, February 24, 74 years, life.

March

- Charles Milton Adams, March 1, 34 years.
- Margaret Belle Evans, March 2, 13 years.
- James Bone, March 3, 18 years.
- Use George, March 8, 73 years, life.
- Ira Mathew Coleman, died at Fort Stevens, Wash.
- Fay Ben Mitchell, March 10, 45 years, life.
- John Beal, March 11, 18 years.
- Minnie Elizabeth Fickus, March 14, 54 years.
- Cyrus Burton Brown, March 15, 36 years.
- Christina Hallett, March 19, 11 years.
- Alexander Semple Hotkin, March 19, 31 years.
- Philip Erickson, March 22, 16 years.
- Alice Leona Spink, March 23, 38 years.
- Cornelius K. Webber, March 26, 33 years.
- Abner McNair, March 26, 16 years.
- Marjorie Helen Sisemore, March 29, 11 years.

Service



Service to the community and to his friends was written of George James Walton, for 30 years a resident of this city, who died suddenly on June 17. Mr. Walton spent the greater part of his life in northern California and southern Oregon and many mourned his passing.

April

- Lewis Nathaniel Haines, April 1, 33 years.
- Winnie Lynn Hector, April 3, 31 years.
- William LeRoy Welch, April 3, 56 years.
- Lee Snipes, April 7, 87 years, life.
- Franklin D. Miles, April 13, 32 years.
- Beaie Ellen Seaver, April 15, 21 years.
- Mary Josephine Delaney, April 19, 15 years.
- Edward Bisbee, April 19, 15 years.
- Bertha Atkins, April 27, 16 years.
- Mattie Alice Wiley, April 27, 11 years.
- Edna Duffy George, April 30, 36 years, life.
- Theodore McKinley Walker, April 30, 40 years, life.
- Thomas G. Smith, April 30, 49 years, life.
- Gertrude Barkley Duffy, April 30, 30 years, life.

May

- James Alva King, May 1, 23 years.
- Anna Green, May 3, 35 years.
- Robert Wren Hamblet, May 4, 21 years.
- Lawrence Bruce Simpson, May 6, 18 years.
- Benjamin Franklin Schmeck, May 7, 16 years.
- Emma Jackson Hoehs, May 7, 85 years, life.
- Archie Langlois, May 15, 10 years.
- John Jehu Parker, May 23, 33 years.
- Nannie May Cantrall, May 27, 42 years.
- Lloyd Malcolm Cox, May 28, 20 years.
- Edward Bagby, May 31, 35 years.
- Catherine Davis, May 31, 20 years.

June

- Mamie B. Crume, June 2, 17 years.
- William Anderson, June 3, 22 years.
- Bartholomew Dunlea, June 7, 25 years.
- Arthur Murry Morgan, June 8, 11 years.
- Isabelle H. Clark, June 15, 17 years.
- George James Walton, June 17, 30 years.
- Nettie M. Adams, June 18, 30 years.
- Carrie Louisa Tipton, June 23, 18 years.
- Patrick George Ryan, June 24, 24 years.
- Arthur G. Young, June 26, 14 years.
- Andrew W. Yandon, June 30, 12 years.

July

- Emeline McGee, July 1, 11 years.
- Lenora Kimmel, July 1, 30 years.
- Bertrum William Gooch, July 2, 15 years.
- Maude E. Eaton, July 5, 35 years.
- Charles Francis McGillivray, July 8, 12 years.
- Fred August Janssen, July 8, 51 years.
- William Daniel Talbot, July 8, 26 years.
- Dora Jane Keller, July 10, 13 years.
- Henry Porter King, July 10, 20 years.
- Joseph Tazak, July 11, 88 years.
- Antonitta Rosetta Galsarnau, July 12, 66 years.
- John Michaelson, July 14, 23 years.
- William Edward Patterson, July 21, 40 years.
- Glenn Walter Blickenstaff, July 23, 10 years.

Margaret Jane Abel, July 26, 10 years.

Andrew J. Jones, July 26, 34 years.

August

- Carl August Johanson, August 3, 18 years.
- Frank Ankeny, August 6, 40 years.
- Frank Robert Matt, August 8, 53 years.
- Frank Charlie Klazbuba, August 8, 32 years.
- Anna Bell Moore, August 12, 23 years.
- Erich Arthur Jergens, August 13, 15 years.
- Atta G. DeLap, August 15, 52 years.
- Ernest Werdermann, August 17, 31 years.
- Johanna Mary McKay, August 23, 22 years.
- George Thomas Ingram, August 25, 13 years.
- Floyd Archie Wilson, August 27, 38 years, life.

September

- Henry J. Gordon, September 1, 41 years.
- James Alexander Thompson, September 2, 35 years.
- William John Breithaupt, September 3, 11 years.
- Blanche Petrasek, September 5, 30 years.
- Rose Allison Payne, September 7, 30 years.
- Charles Frei, September 9, 12 years.
- Pearl McLendon, September 11, 20 years.
- William George Wilson, September 15, 56 years.
- Adolph Werdermann, September 16, 18 years.
- Fred Daniel Bryant, September 16, 18 years.
- Samuel Harvey Keller, September 17, 14 years.
- Dr. Sam Watah, September 18, 106 years, life.
- Sam Fleener, September 22, 70 years.
- Isabelle Wilson Anderson, September 22, 17 years.
- Margaret Julia Ambrose, September 25, 32 years.
- Emma Leona Gordon, September 28, 43 years.
- Frederick Godfried Hagestein, September 30, 44 years.

October

- John E. Janssen, October 3, 53 years.
- Marie Zaragoza Rodriguez, October 10, 16 years.
- Dorothy Jean Anderson, October 10, 12 years.
- Edwin Vincent Anderson, October 11, 19 years.
- Lewis William McGahey, October 13, 11 years.
- Patrick Mailey, October 14, 15 years.
- Edgar Lewis Furber, October 15, 31 years.
- Lillie Ann Myers, October 16, 34 years.
- Minerva Ellen Pruner, October 19, 12 years.
- Albert Roy Springer, October 19, 25 years.
- Frank C. Cress, October 19, 18 years.
- Charlotte Elizabeth Puterbaugh, October 25, 11 years.
- Mary Arletia Martin, October 25, 13 years.
- Otto Buseas, October 25, 30 years.
- Marian May Holliday, October 26, 29 years.
- Frederick Clayton Donovan, October 27, 11 years.
- Harry Albert Prather, October 28, 11 years.
- Leon Henry Crapo Jr., October 28, 14 years.
- Marie Etta Russell, October 29, 11 years.

November

- Wilhelmina Hester Allen, November 2, 22 years.
- Ivan Covington, November 3, 15 years.
- Arthur James Goodrich, November 5, 15 years.
- Adeline Henry, November 5, 87 years, life.
- Laura Ada Walker, November 9, 23 years.
- George Otto, November 11, 40 years.
- William Jennings Bryan Dawson, November 21, 20 years.
- Frederick Edward Page, November 22, 25 years.
- William Thomas Garrett, November 23, 40 years.
- Albert Lewis Durant, November 25, 21 years.
- John Henry Willhoft, November 25, 27 years.
- Edie Sabre Cessell, November 29, 12 years.

December

- James Bronson, December 3, 13 years.
- Rosetta Bowman, December 7, 31 years.
- George Washington Maxwell, December 11, 48 years.
- Frances Minerva Vaughn, December 11, 17 years.
- Joseph Lindsey Fotheringham, December 13, 30 years.
- Peter Einar Fryxell, December 16, 15 years.
- Dominico Della Costa, December 16, 17 years.
- Inez Althea Robertson, December 19, 35 years.
- William Turner Jackson, December 19, 89 years, life.
- Laura Goudie Bunnell, December 23, 39 years.
- Arthur Roy Thrash, December 25, 11 years.
- Grace Sampey, December 26, 12 years.

KE BUILDING HAS SETBACK IN OLD YEAR

Building in Klamath Falls suffered a severe setback after years of intense activity in this field, and at the end of 1941 the 12 months' period was shy \$297,458 of 1940's total, according to Harold Franey, city building inspector.

Lack of materials, lack of skilled workmen who have entered defense industries, increase in costs of both material and labor, and the turn from commercial and residential peacetime construction to the channels of national defense, are given as a few of the reasons for the very definite building slump.

Building permits totaled 489 in 1941, and 599 in 1940, or a loss of 110 permits, Franey stated.

Biggest decrease was in the construction of business buildings. Total for the year 1941, was added up to \$82,265, as compared to last year's figure of \$312,415. This was a loss of \$230,150. Likewise new residence construction fell with a loud thud. In 1941 there were 76 homes underway at a cost of \$267,650, as compared with 1940's figures of 127 permits totaling \$438,153, or a minus of \$170,503.

Remodeling in the residential field held up fairly well with a total for the past year of \$70,405, as compared to the 1940 figure of \$77,346. In the business book, remodeling figures this year were more than last, Franey stated, as \$99,687 was spent in 1940 putting new faces on old buildings, and in 1940 owners spent \$79,337.

Following is the building report in table form as submitted by Franey as he totaled his 1941 books:

Category	Permits	Value
Residence, new	76	\$267,650.00
Residence, remodel	127	70,405.00
Business, new	14	82,265.00
Business, remodel	48	99,687.00
Garages, private	48	9,240.00
Churches	1	11,000.00
Churches, remodel	1	2,000.00
Industrial, remodel	1	4,500.00
Boothhouses, remodel	1	25,500.00
Awnings	7	77.00
Lodges, Temples, Schools	8	8,000.00
Boothhouses	8	8,000.00
Shed	1	125.00
Porter Pails	21	1,725.00
Residence, new	2	2,000.00
Gas Tanks	2	2,000.00
Platform Scales	1	300.00
Boothhouses, remodel	1	4,100.00
Buildings Demolished	1	50.00
Roof Structures	1	800.00
Rescue Mission, Sal. Army	1	7,000.00
TOTALS	489	\$526,590.00

Biggest permit of the year went to Fred Helbronner and E. S. Robinson, for the construction of the \$18,000 Wadhams company warehouse at Elm and Market streets.

Second largest went to J. A. Whitaker for the construction of a grocery and apartment, \$16,000, at Twelfth street and Klamath avenue.

Other permits which rated high for the year included the Greyhound bus depot at Klamath and Eleventh, \$15,000; Donahold Sloan, two duplex buildings on California avenue, \$11,000; Lucas Furniture company remodeling job, \$10,000; Rescue mission on Owens street, \$5000; Ballcan theatre remodeling job, \$10,000; Lombard Motors garage addition, South Sixth, \$6000; Porter-Coller building on Main between Tenth and Eleventh streets, \$8000; Black and White service station remodeling job, \$8000; Klamath Medical Clinic addition, 7000; J. L. Hicks' residence, Pacific Terrace, \$8000; Moose lodge remodeling job on Pine between Tenth and Eleventh streets, \$5000; Rickys Jewelry company remodeling job, Main at Seventh streets, \$6000.

Cupid Slipped As Divorces Top Marriages

Dan Cupid slipped with every step he took into Klamath county in 1941, with two more divorces than there were marriages recorded.

Marriages for the year totaled 213 and divorces 215. The spirit of good will prevailed in December, however, with 17 marriages over 16 divorces.

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Mixed English

A dialect English consisting of Cockney, African and Oxford is heard more in Colon, Panama, than is Spanish. This English is spoken by Negroes brought from the West Indies originally to help build the canal.

It is possible to manufacture sheets of copper 1/20,000 of an inch thick.

Called



Nannie May Cantrall, beloved matron and mother of a large family, was among the pioneer residents of Klamath county called during the past year. Mrs. Cantrall died at her home May 27, following a residence of more than 42 years.

WELFARE CASE LOAD REDUCED BUT COSTS UP

Better employment conditions and speeding up of social security programs in 1941 contributed to a sharp decline in the number of cases receiving general assistance from the county public welfare commission. The average cost of maintaining the program rose, however, due to the increased amount paid out for medical care.

The increase in medical expenses was attributed to the larger number of persons applying for "medical only" care, and not to any rise in medical costs, according to Mrs. Karl Urquhart, welfare head. Some cases of unusually long hospitalizations, and the increasing number of people being referred to the commission for medical aid were contributing factors, she said.

"Also," Mrs. Urquhart said, "in 1940 we had a staff physician, which enabled a more adequate control of medical costs than can be obtained under the fee schedule used in 1941."

Living Costs Up

Average expenses for maintaining the social security program remained about static, a comparison of figures reveals. These programs represent persons who are not employable, and better employment conditions are not reflected in this group. Actually, Mrs. Urquhart said, expenses may increase during 1942, due to the rising cost of living.

A comparison of 1940-41 figures follows: general assistance in 1940: average cases per month, 162; average amount paid per month, \$403.07; average case cost per month, \$24.96; average amount paid for medical care per month, \$727.28 (18 per cent of total amount).

General assistance in 1941: average cases per month, 146; average amount paid per month, \$377.83; average case cost per month, \$25.85; average amount paid for medical care per month, \$1054.30 (28 per cent of total).

Old age assistance in 1940: average cases per month, 241; average amount paid per month, \$536.33; average case cost per month, \$22.27.

Old age assistance in 1941: average cases per month, 244; average amount paid per month, \$539.82; average case cost per month, \$22.09.

Aid to dependent children in 1940: average cases per month, 33 families and 85 children; average amount paid per month, \$1339.83; average case cost per month, \$40.58.

Aid to dependent children in 1941: average cases per month, 26 families and 72 children; average amount paid per month, \$1223.18; average case cost per month, \$47.05.

Aid to the blind in 1940: average cases per month, 4; average amount paid per month, \$113.00; average case cost per month, \$28.25.

Aid to the blind in 1941: average cases per month, 2; average amount paid per month, \$44.73; average case cost per month, \$22.37.

Claim Gains

Officials of the Klamath District council of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers union (AFL) at year's end said their 1941 record of organizing an asserted 5000 men was the best ever attained by any council in the lumber industry. The union claimed victory in 19 National Labor Relations board elections in the council's jurisdictional area, which extends to Weed in California and into the Rogue River valley west of here. The loss of four polls was admitted. Of the 19 victories, 14 were won in the immediate Klamath area. Five more lay either in the valley or in Lake county. Fourteen collective bargaining agreements have been signed out

Organizing Drive By Labor Develops Much News in 1941

By BOB LEONARD

Labor's organizational drive in the Klamath basin, No. 7 in the "Big Ten" news developments of 1941, provided the year's press columns with six strikes, a continuous flow of National Labor Relations board hearings, elections, and certifications, and a running account of unionism's most successful 12 months in the history of the region.

Nearly 6000 Klamath area workers joined the ranks of organized labor in 1941. They came in groups of from 35 to 1200, making little news and big news as they marched. They came peaceably and in strife.

Their strife made sensational news. Their gradual strides made "inside" news until viewed as a whole when the impact came in summation.

First big labor news broke on March 4 when 75 employees of the Kalpine Plywood company struck in a CIO layoff which was to ultimately end in an AFL victory, meantime halting production for 29 days and holding up a number of defense orders.

Counter Charges

Counter charges by CIO and company spokesmen occupied galleys of press space through all of March. On March 27, the AFL claimed a majority at Kalpine. On March 28, the Klamath County chamber of commerce petitioned the NLRB for an election to settle the dispute.

On April 2, the plant was reopened as a number of employees passed CIO picket lines. Then, on April 22, CIO pickets disappeared from the mill. A 14-hour AFL strike on May 7 resulted in the AFL recognized by Kalpine as the collective bargaining agent for all employees.

Meantime, on April 16, union electricians struck for higher wages. Eight days later they returned to work under a compromise agreement.

On May 14, a threatened barber strike was averted when master barbers agreed to boost haircut prices from 50 to 65 cents.

A dispute developed on June 2 over a demand for pay increases for culinary workers. Four days later the AFL culinary alliance voted strike action. On Saturday, June 7, all but one outstanding contract was signed and a strike was called at the J. J. Newberry lunch counter which was to continue most of the summer. The strike was eventually concluded with Newberry acceptance of the alliance scale.

Chiloquin Strike

The second lumber strike of 1941 started July 15 when over 200 mill and woods workers of the Chiloquin Lumber company failed to go to work upon a breakdown in negotiations between the International Woodworkers of America (CIO). On August 11, the shutdown ended with a compromise agreement.

A one-day strike by members of the Allied Heavy Construction craft over contractual difficulties on municipal airport construction work was patched up on August 31.

The last and largest labor shutdown of 1941 began at Weed, Calif., on October 20 as 1200 employees of the Long-Bell Lumber company struck for higher wages, a vacation with pay, and union shop. As the stoppage extended through November and into December, the situation in Weed grew tense. A department of labor arbitration board failed to arrive at a settlement.

Then on Dec. 15, eight weeks after it began, the strike ended upon the war request of Ernest P. Marsh, federal labor conciliator. Final agreement on back-to-work terms will be one of the first labor stories of 1942.

As the march of labor coursed its steady way through 1941, Klamath basin woodworkers' wages were twice boosted. On May 6, a general 5-cent per hour increase was announced by Klamath sawmills, bringing the minimum pay to 70 cents per hour. On December 19, a general 21-cent boost was announced to take effect January 1. The second announcement carried with it a week's vacation with pay in 1942.

The paid vacation answered a year-long union clamor.

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ADD FISH STORIES

SAN PEDRO, Calif. (AP) — Alert coast artillerymen at Fort MacArthur saw two strange objects resembling enemy submarines off shore and notified the officer in charge.

"Immediately the big guns were trained," reported the fort's publication, "ready to blow the subs to Davy Jones' locker."

But the big guns didn't speak. Closer observation disclosed the subs to be whales.

Replacements count for approximately two-thirds of the automobile tires sold in this country.

SUBSTANTIAL GAIN IN SCHOOLS SHOWN

The year 1941 showed an increase of 535 children of school age in Klamath county, according to county census figures released through the Klamath school district office. In the city of Klamath Falls, there was an increase of 37 shown.

County census figure for 1940 was 7370; for 1941, 7914. City figure for 1940 was 4185; for 1941, 4222. These figures include children from 4 to 19 years of age.