

# 1942 Sees GOP's Sweep to Power In Klamath Area

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The year 1942 saw a resurgence of republicans into political power in Klamath county, in keeping with a trend over the state and the nation.

The republican rally came without much fanfare, for it was one of the quietest election years in history. When the votes were counted, the republicans were in. That was all there was to it.

This county, which has a past majority of democrats, now has a full republican county court, by virtue of the election of Fred L. Pope over the democratic nominee, Jack Benner.

This county went strongly for Earl Snell, the republican governorship nominee, over the democrat, Lew Wallace.

This county gave a smashing majority for Lowell Stockman, the republican, over the veteran democrat, Walter M. Pierce, for congress—possibly the most significant of all the republican victories here.

Senator Charles L. McNary, the republican, easily swept Klamath county as did Bob Farrell, republican candidate for secretary of state.

### Legislative Situation

The lone democratic victory of local consequence in the county was that of Newton Nelson over Allen Sloan for county assessor, and that was by a narrow margin.

It is true that two democrats were elected to the legislature, but they also went into the general election with the republican nominations. No republican came forth in the spring primaries for the legislature—but if it had been known then what the fall trend was going to be, no doubt there would have been aspirants.

What was in the wind became apparent when the votes were counted in the primary. Despite the supposed Klamath democratic majority, more republicans than democrats voted in the May election.

Either a lot of the democrats whose names are on the registration books at the courthouse were dead, not here any more, or not interested, at the time of the primary. And a good many registered democrats evidently voted for republican candidates in the autumn general election.

This was a part of a national groundswell that almost cost democrats control of congress, elected many republican governors and other office holders, and gave the republicans renewed power in legislatures and courthouses in many parts of the land.

### How GOP Recouped

Klamath county, after years of republicanism, went overboard on the democratic side in 1932, right along with the rest of the country. Voters dumped two republicans out of the county court that year—in fact, Sheriff Lloyd Low was just about the only republican to withstand the landslide. And Klamathites voted then for Walter M. Pierce for congress.

By 1934, the county court was all democratic.

Then, in 1938, U. E. Reeder, republican, was named county judge. In 1940, John Reber, republican, was elected commissioner. Pope's victory this year made the court unanimous republican, just 10 years after the democratic landslide.

The courthouse, however, is not out of balance so far as the political parties are concerned. Democrats hold the offices of district attorney, clerk, treasurer, assessor. Republicans sit in the offices of sheriff, two county commissioners, county judge, and county surveyor.

The circuit judgeship is non-partisan, but the man named to the office in 1940 is a registered republican for the first time in many years.

Only two of the offices, now held by democrats, came up in this year's election. Whether republicans will make further gains remains to be seen two years hence.

On National Issues As has been said, the greater significance of the republican resurgence here was in the county's contribution to the elec-

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and machine shops as well as some cabinet shops have been turning out war orders in a very creditable way.

We continue, however, to be a community feeling less of the distortions caused by war activities than many similar localities.

### Bonds Purchased

The industrial and agriculture and livestock leadership remains in strong hands and will



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As in the past our natural resources, with wise stewardship, assure a confident future for the Klamath basin.



OUR MEN IN SERVICE

### GRADUATES — Aviation Cadet Robert Edward Veatch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Veatch of 1958 Earle St., has graduated from the Coleman Flying School, Ltd., Coleman, Tex., according to a word received here from the school. Cadet Veatch, on his way toward getting the wings of the army air corps, now goes to a basic flying school for training in handling more powerful ships. Last step in his training as a fighting air man will be the move to an advanced flying school.

IN NORTH AFRICA—Staff Sgt. Ladd D. Hoyt is somewhere in Africa with the United States army, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Hoyt, 2965 B. B. Street. Hoyt has been in the armed forces since Nov. 4, 1941, and serves as a clerk in the division. He reports the weather "like an Indian summer." He was graduated from Klamath Union high school in 1936, and last March was married in Jackson, Miss., to Evelyn Campbell of this city.

ONCE AGAIN, OLD MAN STORK WINS

Once again old man Stork outdid the grim reaper in Klamath county, bringing 957 new babies during the year, while the death list is 315.

Statistics compiled by the public health department show that he has won consistently during the past six years, setting an all time high in 1941 with 1041 births, 334 deaths.

Births-Deaths-1936-1941		
Births	Deaths	
1942-957	315	
1941-1041	334	
1940-941	342	
1939-815	339	
1938-777	293	
1937-789	365	
1936-684	340	

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### VITAL STATISTICS

BARNUM—Born at Klamath Valley hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., December 30, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Barnum, Chiloquin, Ore., a girl. Weight: 7 pounds 12 ounces.

## Klamath Men Give Lives In Service of America, Build Story of Bravery

Throughout the pages of The Herald and News, since the outbreak of war on December 8, and including the fateful day at Pearl Harbor on December 7, have appeared stories which told in graphic description the activities of some 3000 service men now in the armed forces from Klamath county. Included in these stories were those reports of men who paid the supreme sacrifice since America went to war. Following are the names and the approximate dates concerning these members of the United States army, navy and marine corps who have been listed as killed in action or missing:

Paxton Turner Carter, missing, December 7, Pearl Harbor.

Warren Clayton Gillette, killed, December 7, Pearl Harbor.

Charles E. "Tommy" Pritchard, killed in action, February 17, South Pacific.

Ernest Theodore Larson, U. S. marine corps, field musician, missing, thought to be prisoner, February 20, U. S. marine corps stationed in China.

J. P. Sevelk, wife, Esther, and son, Allan, reported missing April 7, fall of the Philippines. Thought prisoners.

Lloyd Crumpacker, missing at Corregidor, May 11.

William V. Bedford, missing at Corregidor, May 26.

Joseph Lawson, missing at Corregidor, June 2.

Sgt. Clifford Clegg, missing in the Philippines, June 4.

Wallace Barton, missing with submarine tender, Pigeon, with the fall of the Philippines, June 4.

Wesley Carter, missing or prisoner, civilian worker at Wake Island, shortly before August 4.

Walter W. Wilkins Jr., para-trooper, killed, September 8.

Lt. Gordon Benson, missing in the Philippine campaign, U. S. air force, September 12.

Robert Cameron, radio opera-

tor and gunner, U. S. air corps, killed, September 19.

Joseph F. Sexton, second class seaman, reported missing on the Jarvis, September 23.

Charles Ole Findholt, second

(Editor's note: The following names of men missing since December 7, 1942, are compiled from the year's files of The Herald and News. If, in this list, a name is omitted it is because there is no official compilation of missing men and anyone having knowledge of additional names, kindly advise the editor for inclusion in later lists to be published.)

class seaman, reported missing on the Jarvis, September 24.

Lloyd Pepple, Bonanza, prisoner.

Hugh B. Campbell Jr., aviation cadet, killed October 5.

Tech. Sgt. Erwin Wissenback, U. S. air corps, missing in bomber raid over France, October 13.

Norman Kenneth Rustt, navy bombardier, killed November 18 in South Pacific.

Sgt. James N. Jones, missing, November 24.

Staff Sgt. Walter Edward Salsbery Jr., killed in air crash, December 12.

Tech. Sgt. Richard Muskopf, reported missing with bomber, December 12.

Staff Sgt. Darwin Wissenback, U. S. air corps, missing in bomber raid over France, December 24.

Second Lieut. Thomas A. Johnston, reported missing on bomber, December 30.

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