

News Highlights for Year 1942 Listed Chronologically

War Has Major Role in Local News Parade

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as a symbol of the affection held for Klamath men who give their lives in their country's service.

The No. 2 story of the year could hardly have occurred in peace time. It was the violent rioting that broke out on Klamath streets on September 20, at the climax of a convention held here by members of the Jehovah's Witness sect. The dramatic demonstration of human emotion which occurred at that time was unquestionably a product of war times.

The riot climaxed several days of growing tensions here, during which the numerous Witnesses staged a terrific pamphleteering campaign on the streets and front porches of the city. Witnesses were widely denounced throughout the city as unpatriotic and detrimental to the war effort. The feeling against them finally flamed into violence on Sunday afternoon, when the delegates were gathered in a hall at Ninth street and Klamath avenue.

The cutting of a telephone wire into the place set off the incident. Heads were broken in a back alley fight, windows were smashed and literature burned. A great crowd swarmed about the place, while Witnesses cars throughout the business district were tipped on their sides.

Police reserves were called out. A loud speaker was used to appeal to the crowd to disperse, and order was finally restored as the Witnesses adjourned their meeting here. Fortunately, no one was seriously hurt, and the flame of violence quickly died. The story, of course, made nationwide headlines, and it appeared as a "top head" front page story in at least one London newspaper, along with similar incidents in widespread parts of the country the same day.

Another event that profoundly stirred the community, with more sustained interest and with widespread economic effects, was the construction of the Japanese relocation center at Tulelake. Here was built, with miraculous speed, a huge settlement into which some 15,000 evacuated people of Japanese descent were moved from coast points.

The construction itself was a big story, involving the spending of millions of dollars and providing employment for hundreds in a manner that created a serious manpower problem on farms and in factories of the Klamath country.

Once the camp was occupied, a new phase of the story developed. The alleged effect of the presence of the large number of Japanese upon the supply of necessities and luxuries here became a matter of widespread discussion, and there were repeated expressions of widespread community resentment. The policies of the center management, and the manners and activities of the evacuees, aroused feeling in the surrounding Caucasian population.

To a considerable extent this situation has now quieted down, and community interest has turned elsewhere.

Harvest of the Klamath basin's first war-time potato crop, and the subsequent marketing developments, produced a story marked by drama one would hardly expect from anything connected with the lowly potato.

In September, when the people of the basin became definitely in the ground that might be lost because of a lack of harvest labor, there was a great movement of townspeople to the fields. Old people, women, youngsters, joined the parade, gathering in the early morning at the courthouse to be taken to the country. Many people unaccustomed to hard labor, and others who had never before picked potatoes, had sore muscles for weeks afterwards, but the harvest was completed 10 days ahead of schedule.

Farmers offered the highest agricultural wages in local history, and possibly the highest in the country at the time, to attract workers to their fields.

For a time, potato prices justified these magnificent costs. But when only a small part of the crop was harvested, the OPA clamped a ceiling on potato prices of \$2.05 for December, which cut the price substantially. There followed a determined effort to get the ceiling raised in view of the quality, production costs, etc.,

and finally an added 10 cents brought a small measure of relief.

Meanwhile, Klamath's big lumber industry was hammering away at a huge production program, with nearly everything coming out of the mills and the box factories going into the war effort. Production equaled or bettered the banner year of 1941, despite a harassing manpower problem that nearly drove the industrialists frantic. Government construction and shipyards took men constantly from the mills and woods, along with the call to the armed services.

The huge Weyerhaeuser Timber company plant here went 20 per cent over its previous year's production and shipped the unbelievable total of 250,000,000 feet of lumber. Other operations kept pace. Unquestionably, the lumber industry's big year is one of the outstanding stories of 1942.

Another feature event of the year was the unprecedented success of the Pelican football team, which went through a long campaign against opponents in three states and claimed the state championship.

The team went undefeated in its regular schedule and lost only to Vancouver in an extra game. It soundly walloped Klamath's old foe, Medford.

It was a great season for an outstanding group of football players and their coach, Frank Ramsey, who achieved remarkable success in his first year here.

The year was marked by several bad fires. In town, the biggest one destroyed the planer of the Pelican Bay Lumber company at a loss of \$100,000. The Peterson-Johnson mill on the Lakeview highway burned, at a cost of \$70,000. Fire destroyed the plant of the Klamath Packing company here, and damaged the Malin cheese factory.

One of the worst fire tragedies in history here occurred at Bonanza, where the four children of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hunt were burned to death in a farmhouse blaze.

Rationing plagued Klamathites throughout the year and formed the source of many news stories. There were sugar sign-ups and gas sign-ups, and the war's effort on food supplies became increasingly apparent as the year advanced. There was a gas rationing scare in the fore part of the year, and gas rationing became a reality at the finish.

As the year ends, local people are scratching their heads over the forthcoming point rationing. Business and industry was badgered through the year by a multitude of rulings and regulations. Construction nearly stopped because of government decrees, and there were widespread effects of wartime shortages.

1942 was an election year, and it saw a strong gain by the republicans, both locally and nationally.

This county was in the republican column on all major contests. Charles H. Mack's close bid for Congressman Walter Pierce's job in the primary, and Lowell Stockman's success in ousting the veteran democrat, highlighted the political year.

There was little evidence of interest in politics, and the turnout of voters in both elections was comparatively light. Crime, which has furnished many a major story in past years here, was well down the line in 1942. The one crime story that makes the "Big Ten" was spectacularly concerned with juveniles.

Two boys, 12 and 14 years of age, staged this crime wave that left eight damaged local houses in its wake. The youngsters literally wrecked one or two houses, entering while the residents were away. They left their mark in large scrawls on the walls, "The Nails."

These mysterious depredations caused a sensation, especially among housewives. Where the Nails would strike next became a serious question.

But police caught up with the boys on the second day, they were chased over the hills east of town, taken into juvenile court, and sent to the state training school.

Another sensational crime story was the kidnapping of R. B. Boyd, local man, by Daniel Redmond, who forced Boyd to drive him on the highway south to a point near Weed. Redmond

received a federal sentence of 13 years.

Early in the year, George Parks was convicted in the Buffalo lunch murder case and sent to prison. In December, a second degree murder charge was preferred against Kenneth Wallan in the death of James Bowman, and this case still pends.

The year saw the completion of the Tule lake sump project pumping plant, and its operation, was a constructive event of the year. In its first year, the project paid dividends of \$500,000 worth of crops.

Klamath has long been noted for courthouse sensations, and it produced one this year when County Clerk Mae K. Short was indicted on a charge of receiving unauthorized payments of \$95. Mrs. Short is fighting the charge on the grounds that the payments were legal, and the case pends. In an affidavit filed in court, Mrs. Short charged Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg assaulted her in her office and told her he would have her indicted. Judge Vandenberg replied he did not strike or swear at Mrs. Short, and that is where it stands.

Here is a day-by-day account of local news events of the year:

January

1—Airbase committee still hopes for army establishment here.
2—Coldest night since 1937. Survey made of new cars in stock.
3—County buys \$50,000 bond.
4—Klamath bond sales over million dollar mark.
5—South Sixth widening postponed during war.
6—Local tire board depletes hoarding.
7—USRS farmers gross \$8,000,000 in biggest year, says reclamation bureau.
12—Bond sale campaign to use polls for "bond pledge day."
13—Gust Erickson first traffic fatality of 1942. Vice lid closes on Klamath county.
14—Thomas Abbot, Nelson Reed commissioned officers for Klamath state guard unit.
15—Sack shortage hits potato farmers here.
16—Klamath drivers buy federal tax stamps.
17—Tire recappers operate "gold rush" business here.
18—Retail Trade bureau asks parking meters trial.
20—City purchases \$67,000 defense bond. Bond pledge day opens.

21—Don Drury named outstanding young man by Junior chamber. 7000 bond pledge cards filed.
22—Local transportation offices report 25 per cent increase in freight.
24—Klamath Production Credit association holds annual meeting; report sound financial condition. "Sugar run" hits local stores.

26—Grand jury gets Parks' case. AFL lumberworkers form local master negotiating committee.
27—Parking meter proposal dropped by city council. Reclamation bureau warns of probable short year in farming, due to sump tunnel delays.
28—R. B. Boyd allegedly kidnapped by Daniel Redmond; Boyd says he was forced to drive south in own car. Chamber of commerce seeks to speed sump work.

29—Sump work difficulties relieved. Redmond in Yreka jail in lieu of \$10,000 bail on kidnapping charge.
30—Local industrialists discuss defense work pool.
31—Klamath holds president's birthday ball. Redmond formally charged in Red Bull, Calif., with kidnapping R. B. Boyd.

February

2—John C. Suttle jailed on double hold-up charge after swimming icy river to avoid capture. Local airport outside restricted flying zone, says army.
3—Army orders out professional prostitutes here, according to Police Chief Frank Hamm.
5—Daniel Redmond pleads guilty to kidnapping R. B. Boyd.
6—Charles Mack announces he won't run for reelection as assessor. Redmond gets 13 year sentence.
10—Vivian Cave held on shooting charge as husband lies in hospital with gunshot wound in abdomen.
11—Alien camp located at Tulelake eyed by chamber of commerce.
12—Tulelake chamber of commerce records in favor of alien camp there. City schools cancel spring recess.
13—Local political pot simmers. Lowell Stockman arrives.

14—Lowell Stockman files for republican congressional nomination. Pacific Terrace bus trial hinges on token sale.
16—Notice received that Charles E. (Tommy) Pritchard was killed in action.
17—DAR convention opens. 3061 register in third selective registration.
18—Clarence Williams, SP yardman, killed in rail accident. City council clears way for air training center here. DAR convention nominates officers, discusses war.
19—Navy announces four Klamath men prisoners of war. Ernest Larson, Wesley Carter, Lloyd Pepple and Allen Anvik.
20—Clare Leonard killed in auto wreck near Modoc point.
23—Klamath liquor stores report \$500,000 volume in 1941.
24—Parks murder trial opens; veniremen selected.

25—First evidence presented in trial of George Parks for murder of Dr. Salem David at Buffalo Lunch.
26—Jury inspects Buffalo Lunch in Parks trial. Krause named commander of citizen defense corps.
27—Parks denies charges in murder trial.
28—Buffalo Lunch murder trial jury deadlocks; Parks faces retrial. Maurice Zuckerman, Klamath potato farmer, found guilty in Stockton court of shooting Otto Dander.

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2—Large group of local draftees called.
3—Jack, James, Carl and Marion Yates, children of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hunt, perish in midnight fire near Bonanza.
4—Klamath on edge of military area No. 1, according to army announcement.
5—George Barrett dies in cab in blaze on Owens street. Unions aid rush on sump job by disregarding 40-hour week. City wins second place in traffic safety contest.
6—Union must maintain overtime pay clause for sump job, says carpenters' union. Francis Olds, state game commissioner, dies of heart attack.
9—Reclamation bureau opens 2000 acres on lower lake for grazing.
10—Theodore Conn named to state game commission filling Olds' vacancy. Rollo F. Gould appointed KUHS principal.
11—R. Paul Roberts, insurance man, prominent in civic affairs, dies in Des Moines, Ia., hospital.
12—Lawrence Dale Jackson, Klamath Indian, acquitted in Portland of murder of Merlen Choctoot. Andrew J. Loney named head of new music department for city schools.
13—Forrest C. Losee appointed to succeed Gerald (Spec) Murray as county juvenile officer. Local sportsmen accept forest ban in resolution passed today.
14—Charles Stanfield to continue as high school music supervisor, he announced today after discussion with school authorities.

17—Local drivers face uncertain gas supply. City council sets vote on fire department levy for May primary.
18—Jerrold Owens, Oregon defense co-ordinator, favors simple defenses in meeting of Klamath county defense heads.
19—Vegetable dehydrating eyed as new agricultural industry for county, according to county agent's office.
20—Linsy Sisemore, prominent pioneer and father of District Attorney Orth Sisemore, dies in Portland. On local political front, Arthur Geary ponders U. S. senate race.

21—City council proposes band, fire ordinances for primary ballot.
23—FBI rounds up aliens at Weed, Calif. City tries out new siren.
24—Pumping starts through tunnel from flooded lease lands. Local school enrollment decreases. Henry Semon announces candidacy for legislature.
26—Old Reames house razed. Wilbur Yeoman, unionist, enters legislative race against Henry Semon.
27—Ex-Circuit Court Judge Edward B. Ashurst announces his candidacy for supreme court justice in Oregon.
28—Local political pot simmers as last day for public office filings nears.
30—Lee Jacobs files for democratic nomination to legislature. Retail trade bureau eyes college football games here as result of war restrictions.

31—Eugene Love, KUHS football star, chosen valedictorian; Louise Howie, Gordon Ledingham tie as salutatorians. Charles Mack in race for congress against Walter Pierce in last minute filing.

April

1—Klamath Falls has acquired land needed for airport expansion at a cost of less than \$50,000. Dr. Denny Rees reported in Bataan hospital.
2—Milk producers seek lift in price here.
3—Sheriff keeps six Japanese in "protective custody."
4—William Harrison, Klamath man, dies in car accident near Savage Rapids. Spud shipments pass 7000 mark.
7—Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bellant reported prisoners of Japs.
8—Sump pumps to start operating in time to make possible sump farming this year.
9—Army reported considering location Japanese evacuation center at Tulelake.
10—Engineers study Japanese center sites.
11—Chamber of commerce protests Jap camp location but promises cooperation if center comes. Tom Orr tells Klamathis club timber here will last 17 years.

13—Tulelake chamber opposes evacuation center location here.
16—John Herbert Hamilton, 69, resident for 38 years, dies.
17—Actual work starts on Tule lake evacuation center. Richard Melhase, resident since 1889, passes.
18—Figures show Klamath voter registration for primary down.
19—Men, materials spread over huge Japanese center site.
20—Japanese center shifted to new location across Alturas road.
23—Dean Cecil Lodge, 48, dies after auto accident on Alturas highway.
24—Lack of news makes news on primary political front.
27—Older men signed up for the draft here today.
28—The county grand jury today finding city jail in deplorable condition. Run occurs on sugar.
29—Six Japanese, held here for most of the month, are moved at last to Puyallup, Wash.
30—Twelve-hour day ordered on Japanese center job. Shevlin moves from Deschutes to Klamath.

May

1—Pumping starts at Tule lake tunnel.
2—13 dogs jailed as ban on canines running at large becomes effective.
3—Huge contractors' camp in operation at Tulelake relocation center site.
4—Sugar sign-up starts.
5—Ella May Smith, 14, rescues baby brother from Williamson river.
6—Mitchell Tillotson elected president of Klamath county chamber of commerce.
7—Parade starts Forest Fires week; Governor Sprague speaks at banquet. Charlie Ace Grubbe, 35, electrocuted while trimming trees in Mt. Laki district.
8—Billy Gray, 8, drowns in canal near tennis court.
9—Lloyd Crumppacker reported missing in action.
10—Buck Hammer decides to leave KUHS coaching job; takes Longview post.

13—Sam Ritchey named local transportation chairman by Mayor Houston.
14—Flames wreck house of Sid Herbert. Quiet primary political campaign comes to close.
15—Pierce edges Charley Mack, Stockman beats Klemme, Earl Snell defeats Charles Sprague; Pope, Benner, Semon, Bolvin, Sloan, Nelson, nominated in primary election.
16—Russian dandelions planted in rubber experiment here. Horses appear on local beer truck.
17—Two prisoners die in jail fire at Tulelake.
18—William Deter of Tulelake revealed as one of the American Tokyo bombers. Another Oregon boy, Jacob DeShazer, also on flight.
19—John Elmer Cox, 38, well known farmer, passes.
21—Millionth money order issued here.
23—Local mounted reserve post official warnings to aliens on highways here.
25—Hundreds visit Tulelake center prior to occupation by evacuees.
26—Frank Ramsey named Klamath football coach. Private William V. Bedford reported missing in action. Re-trial of George Parks on murder charge started.
27—George Parks convicted of second degree murder in Buffalo lunch case.
28—Ralph A. Lloyd missing after Corridor fall.
30—Impressive Memorial day services held; Klamath makes war bond quota for May.

1—It is reported the Japanese center at Tulelake will have 15,000 instead of 11,000 evacuees. Listed as missing in action are Field Music Sergeant Paul E. Davies, Klamath Falls; Platoon Sergeant Ernest C. McVittie, Klamath Falls; Private Lloyd E. Crumppacker, Klamath Falls; Fireman Lonnie H. Satterfield, Bonanza; Chief Yeoman Thomas D. Beers, Lakeview; Private Albert J. Dains, Lakeview.
2—First Sergeant Joseph Ford Lawson reported missing on Corridor. Spectacular fire hits O'Neil city.
3—Klamath USO drive passes \$1000 mark.
4—Sgt. Clifford E. Clegg of army and Wallace Barton, of navy, reported missing.
5—Some 1500 CIO lumber workers get pay boost. Tank parade boosts bond sales.
6—Mayor Houston announced Victory celebration, July 4-5. Fourteen-year-old girl discovered as shoplifter here.
7—Forty-eight young men take oath as Pearl Harbor "avengers."
8—Train-truck smash kills Andrew Hemrich, 48.
9—Webb Kenneth sells clothing store to Richard Hibbs.
10—Kenneth G. Tompkins, 35, Grants Pass, killed in auto crash near Beatty.
11—Two juvenile "Nails" bandits ransack, wreck eight houses here.
13—Local people warned to lay in fuel supply again next winter.
14—Nails bandits sent to state school by Judge Vandenberg. Movement to Tulelake Japanese center begins.
15—Mrs. George H. Rogers named to city school board and Arthur Blockinger, to county school board. Big rubber collection underway in county.
16—Army asks lease of Klamath airport.
17—Scrap rubber pile hits 30 tons.
18—E. M. Chilcote named to state real estate advisory board.
20—Fred Ryan Hood, Indian, dies at Fort Klamath in car crash.
22—J. H. Carnahan proposed for city attorney, succeeding D. E. Van Vactor, who has joined the army. City council hits at taxicab cottaging.
23—Robert Lundgren killed when car hits pole on Summers lane.
24—State VFW opens encampment here.
26—VFW advocates universal draft. Effie Garcelon named executive of rationing board.
27—VFW hits cottaging of "conshies." Klamath Falls gets \$1,000,000 "war baby" in big grain bin construction program.
28—County agent warns of impending farm labor shortage.
29—County court will be asked to form fire zone in suburbs.

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1—First baby of Japanese descent born at Newell.
2—220 sign up for Herald and News 4-H Victory Garden contest.
3—Klamath set for victory celebration.
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8—Tent caterpillars invade Sand creek area.
9—Overhead plane drops weight near Ben Arndt in suburban garden.
10—Survey shows war industry machines being constructed here.
11—Junior high school proposed for local schools, with all eighth graders meeting at Fremont.
15—\$100,000 fire sweeps Pelican Lumber company planing mill.
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22—Director Elmer Shirrel says Tulelake Japanese are generally loyal to United States.
23—Klamath lumber production shown topping 800 million feet this year.
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25—U. S. Senator Holman visits. Dogs pray on sheep and wildlife in Greensprings country.
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1—Klamath war savings zoom over \$307,500 July quota during Victory House sale. Klamath Falls, Chiloquin tax rates up.
3—Deaths of Alleen Pearson and William ("Buffalo Bill") Thomason recall murder case of 14 years ago.
4—Offices move to Legion building. Council takes over control of band finances.
5—Hoover passes through Klamath Falls.
6—Millard C. Holbrook, real estate board prexy, sees post-war boom for northwest in talk to eighth annual Association of Real Estate Boards convention in session in Klamath Falls.
7—H. J. Hendrickson named

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8—Lucky bond buyers ride peeps in "army show day." Realtors elect Claude G. Stolla president at convention wind-up.
10—"Army show day" bond sales top \$6000. County school personnel shortage poses system with activity curtailment.
11—Nine aliens arrested, contraband seized here. Joe Peak named physical ed supervisor for local schools.
12—Eleven aliens held in county jail for action.
13—Ten aliens taken north for hearings. Lumber industry faces drastic labor shortage. Moose delegates arrive for annual convention.
14—Byron Diskin injured in plane collision at municipal field. Draft, USES officials declare lumber workers essential to war effort. Construction of food dehydrating plant approved by federal officials. Mayor John Houston addresses Moose. Fuel dealers declare waste materials being used to meet fuel supply problem.
15—Ample farm labor predicted for Klamath basin. Fire causes \$3800 damage at Newell store. AFL-PIRC dispute certified to War Labor board. A. A. Raney elected president of Oregon State Moose association.
18—Work, fight or go to jail, Police Chief Earl Heuvel tells transients. Fire crew battles Poe Valley brush fire.
19—Peterson-Johnson mill burns.
20—Peterson-Johnson fire loss estimated at \$70,000.
21—Klamath county court obtains 1 million feet of lumber for county bridge, other uses.
22—Logging mishap near Lake of the Woods takes life of Alvin C. Llotter.
24—Lightning-set fires controlled near Snake Butte. Limited edition Klamath Junior Livestock show underway.
25—Rolling auto kills sailor, Charles McKinney, near Klamath Agency. City council adopts licensing of itinerant vendors. Every animal sold at livestock show. Paul Angstead named new junior high school principal.
26—Board 1 men listed to leave for induction on September 2.
27—Dehydration plant set to open by October 1, says R. S. McCrea, general manager of the American Food Products corporation. Robert Sikka crushed under log load near Whiskey creek camp. Plane brings Billy Abbey to hospital from Chemult crash.
28—Public health authorities start Algonia flood probe. PIRC-CIO parley here ends in "no settlement" wage issue to go before WLB. Fred Langell named county assessor as Charles H. Mack resigns to go into war industry work.
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