

# 1942 Brings Death to Many Klamath Pioneer Residents

The names of many Klamath county pioneer men and women who took part in the progress and growth of the basin area were written in 1942 on the lengthening list of early settlers of the basin area who have passed from this life.

War took its heavy toll from this community although the names of men in service who have paid the supreme sacrifice are not given here inasmuch as their deaths occurred elsewhere.

Following are the names of the men and women, dates of death and years of residence in the county:

**January**  
Elmer L. Wood, 54, January 4, 18 years.  
J. E. Bodge, 70, January 5, 26 years.

Edward Johnson, 48, January 6, life.  
Bertha L. Ezell, 59, January 6, 32 years.  
Vean McElrath, 74, January 10, 13 years.  
Gus Stedry, 63, January 12, 26 years.

William S. Ketsdever, 84, January 21, 40 years.  
Dorothy H. Robin, 23, January 29, life.

**February**  
Alice Hill, 76, February 6, life.

Julia E. Smith, 48, February 8, 17 years.

Effie B. Johnson, 51, February 9, 15 years.  
Millard Lang, 43, February 10, life.

Christina Bagby, 67, February 12, 36 years.

C. B. Browne, 57, February 13, 29 years.

Ed Harwood, 78, February 15, 35 years.

Charlotte Clanton, 84, February 15, 50 years.

Ire Fenlon, 76, February 16, 30 years.

Clarence Williams, 25, February 18, 18 years.

Sam Breuner, 47, February 19, 15 years.

J. T. Horn, 80, February 19, 80 years.

Cora Lynch, 70, February 20, life.

**March**  
Jean Harrington, 19, March 1, life.

Margaret Arant, 41, March 2, 18 years.

Stella Winegar, 48, March 3, 14 years.

F. R. Olds, 59, March 5, 35 years.

Daniel O'Sullivan, 56, March 5, 20 years.

Pearl Brown, 58, March 6, 17 years.

Bessie Smoot, 38, March 8, 15 years.

Burton Gifford, 68, March 9, 15 years.

Jerry Johns, 48, March 13, 22 years.

R. S. Sparks, 91, March 14, 49 years.

Joseph Stenphuber, 73, March 15, 35 years.

Linsy Sisemore, 72, March 20, 42 years.

Ray Ferguson, 38, March 22, 20 years.

Mazie Dennis, 44, March 23, 18 years.

William Griffith, 82, March 28, 49 years.

W. C. Van Emon, 55, March 28, 25 years.

Charles McElrath, 57, March 31, 17 years.

**April**  
V. A. Rajnus, 67, April 2, 26 years.

Genie Johnson, 62, April 7, 18 years.

Joseph McGrath, 49, April 9, 17 years.

S. E. Martin, 67, April 11, 57 years.

Samuel H. King, 85, April 14, 50 years.

John Hamilton, 69, April 16, 38 years.

Richard Melhase, 81, April 16, 53 years.

David Hamilton, 57, April 22, 15 years.

## Passes in 1942



—Kennell-Ellis.  
Francis R. Olds, state game commissioner and for 35 years a prominent resident of Klamath Falls, died suddenly at his home on Riverside the night of March 5.

## Death Takes Linsy C. Sisemore



—Kennell-Ellis.  
Linsy C. Sisemore, pioneer cattle rancher of the basin area and one of Fort Klamath's and Klamath Falls' best known citizens, joined the ranks of pioneers who died during 1942. Mr. Sisemore passed March 20 in Portland.

**D. C. Lodge, April 23, 17 years.**

**Joe Taylor, 72, April 23, 63 years.**

**James Noel, 78, April 27, 30 years.**

**Ellen M. Howard, 87, April 28, 23 years.**

**James Jackson, 90, April 28, life.**

**Ida May Thompson, 76, April 29, 56 years.**

**Lillian Storer, 62, April 29, 13 years.**

**May**  
William A. Turner, 83, May 5, 37 years.

**Ezelda Kirk, 18, May 7, life.**

**John E. Cox, 58, May 20, 41 years.**

**Sarah Kane, 89, May 24, life.**

**June**  
Allen Brown, 16, June 6, life.

**Andrew Hemrich, 45, June 8, 16 years.**

**Charlie Marsrow, 62, June 13, 41 years.**

**Ulysses G. McElrath, 77, June 15, 13 years.**

**Robert Hardberger, 78, June 16, 20 years.**

**Fred Hood, 43, June 20, life.**

**Napoleon Mingo, 73, June 20, 18 years.**

**Axel Johnson, 64, June 21, 15 years.**

**Florence A. Stukel, 64, June 25, 54 years.**

**Grace Chidester, 68, June 26, 25 years.**

**Eliza Wilson, 90, June 28, life.**

**Lela Schoenborn, 32, June 28, life.**

**Arthur Olson, 78, June 29, 20 years.**

**July**  
Jason Howard, 87, July 2, life.

**Louise W. Patty, 54, July 13, 13 years.**

**Melissa Hammel, 57, July 14, 23 years.**

**Mary Moreno, 78, July 14, life.**

**Berdena Dent, 65, July 15, 15 years.**

**Wanda V. Shaw, 43, July 20, 20 years.**

**Armeda Sawyer, 67, July 21, 18 years.**

**David Kenyon, 65, July 22, 38 years.**

**Bertha Bell, 55, July 24, 52 years.**

**James Johnston, 41, July 25, 28 years.**

**Solomon King, 48, July 27, 15 years.**

**August**  
William M. Thomason, 73, August 1, 50 years.

**Rachael Ball, 20, August 4, life.**

**John Vaughn, 74, August 11, 20 years.**

**Lucy A. Telford, 83, August 14, 38 years.**

**Edward Byers, 78, August 18, 36 years.**

**Myra Stewart Smith, 53, August 21, 22 years.**

**Nellie Riley, 59, August 19, 30 years.**

**Sarah "Addie" Walker, 84, August 25, 63 years.**

**Alvia Blatter, 31, August 22, 31 years.**

**Asenath Delzell, 84, August 27, 16 years.**

**Ernest Kroesing, 82, August 24, 22 years.**

**Emory M. Hughes, 72, August 29, 19 years.**

**September**  
Sallie Hooper, 70, September 6, 37 years.

**Rocco Manera, 41, September 7, 17 years.**

**Katie Burgoyne, 50, September 11, 21 years.**

**G. Logan Black, 67, September 22, 15 years.**

**James Keyes, 52, September 22, 14 years.**

**Hazel Beddows, 47, September 27, 14 years.**

# KLAMATH TAKES IT ON CHIN IN 1942 BUILDING

Klamath took it on the chin as far as building goes and year-end figures showed a 76 per cent decrease as compared to 1942, according to Harold Franey, city building inspector, who seemed far from happy when he outlined the construction picture.

After years of intensive building, a program which was spectacular in more ways than one, Klamath Falls' 1942 figures rolled into a bitter pill for those in the building trades to swallow. But it was the war, and when federal order L41, limiting construction, went into effect building greased the skids and slid for home. Hasn't budged since.

## Four New Houses

Here's the bad news. In 1942, 233 permits totaling \$152,900, were issued as compared to 1941's 489 permits which reached a total of \$636,269. In 1940, just two years ago, the 599 issued permits reached \$933,727.

Only four new houses were under construction during the entire year of 1942, these few just slipping in ahead of now familiar Order L41. Compare this with 127 new homes in 1940, and 76 in 1941. Even last year the building inspector thought he had a miserable record to report, but he now looks back on those halcyon days of '41 when builders first were complaining of poor equipment, lack of help, and the high cost of materials.

## Figures Given

Remodeling was practically the only item that showed to advantage in this year's building picture. One hundred and thirteen home owners remodeled for the duration and they spent \$26,165, while 52 business houses repaired properties at a cost of \$29,090. One new industrial building was put up at a cost of \$1700, and that was really something.

## Here are Franey's figures:

| Permits            | 1942   | 1941   |
|--------------------|--------|--------|
| Residences, new    | 4      | 19,650 |
| Remodel, 113       | 26,165 | 36,000 |
| Business, new      | 2      | 29,090 |
| Remodel, 52        | 29,090 | 7,855  |
| Garages, private   | 29     | 825    |
| Remodel, 10        | 825    | 600    |
| Church, remodel    | 2      | 1,700  |
| Industrial, new    | 1      | 4,275  |
| Remodel, 3         | 2,585  | 21,000 |
| School, remodel    | 6      | 150    |
| Lodges, remodel    | 2      | 50     |
| Gas tanks          | 3      | 2,555  |
| Awnings            | 1      | 100    |
| Apartment, remodel | 3      | 100    |
| Hospital, remodel  | 1      | 100    |
| Demolish           | 1      | 100    |

Totals, permits 233..... \$152,900  
1941 totals 489..... \$636,269

## Tulelake Classes To Resume Monday; Teachers Return

TULELAKE—Classes in the high school and the elementary school will be resumed Monday morning, January 4, following the Christmas vacation. Teachers who spent the holidays at their homes will arrive this weekend.

LaVern Hemstreet visited relatives in Vernal, Utah; Marie Chiarucci and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schilling were in McCloud; Vera Clark went to her home in Merced, and Marie Bertelotti went to San Jose.

William Quinn will return from Mt. Shasta. Principal and Mrs. George Reiben spent the vacation period here.

It was just like a movie scene except there was not as much confusion. —Capt. Fred Smith, survivor of troopship President Coolidge, sunk by mine.

## Dies in East



—Kennell-Ellis.  
R. Paul Roberts, Klamath Falls insurance man, died at the age of 34 years at his former home in Des Moines, Ia., friends here learned March 11, 1942. Mr. Roberts, at the time of his death, was president of the Klamath County Health association.

## Beloved Pioneer



—Kennell-Ellis.  
Sarah Adeline "Addie" Walker, 84, died August 25 at her home in Klamath Falls following more than 63 years' residence in this county. Mrs. Walker lived in the Bly area as a young woman and many interesting stories were told by her of early day history.

# FEWER PARCELS MAILED HERE DURING YEAR

The public bought a lot more stamps and bonds and sent them through the mail than they did last year and as a result postal receipts were not as high as could have been expected, according to Postmaster Burt E. Hawkins.

December, 1942, was a few dollars over December of last year, mostly because the "mail early" order was heeded for the first time in history and then, on the other hand, hundreds of service men from Klamath county had packages sent to them during the month of November.

The December quarter, up to December 29, totaled \$47,064.71, with an estimated total expected to reach \$47,664.71 on New Year's day. Total receipts for the same quarter last year were \$47,608.83, Hawkins reported.

There was a gain of \$2721.30 over last year with 1942 figures of \$158,837.08, compared to \$156,115.78.

# This Was One Year When You Had to Wait a Day To Talk About Weather

This was one year when you could talk about the weather, but you had to hold your fire for a period of 24 hours. For the first time in the history of wind, rain and sun in the Klamath basin, war time measures clamped down on publication of weather reports.

While total precipitation for the year was slightly above normal, the period from June 1, to October 31, was drier during the 46 years recorded at Klamath Falls. At least we can tell that much and it won't provide information for the enemy, or will it?

From June through October only .41 of an inch of rain was recorded, .29 of which fell in October. The normal precipitation for this period is 2.86 inches. In general, temperatures were slightly below normal during the first six months

## Asylum Death Probe Winds Up Jan. 12

SALEM, Dec. 31 (AP)—The Marion county grand jury's investigation of the roach powder poisonings that killed 47 state hospital inmates will be completed about January 12, District Attorney Miller B. Hayden said today.

The jury recessed today until next Wednesday.

## FAMILY AFFAIR

NEW YORK (AP)—Persons in an army recruiting and induction center were startled when a captain, having sworn in a pretty WAAC recruit, planted a big kiss on her face.

The officer was Captain Joseph J. LaManna, the recruit Mrs. Edward Dissell, 24, dancer and swimmer who was under study to Eleanor Holm at the World's fair aquadecade.

Ot, yes—the new WAAC is Captain LaManna's daughter, Eleanor.

The closer we come to victory and the visualization of the kind of peace we all hope for, the more essential it is to have a united country.—Senator Alben Barkley of Kentucky.

# KLAMATH TURNS IN TOP RECORD IN BOND SALES

The sale of three million dollars in defense bonds in 1942 adds another feather to the cap of civilian defense achievements for the year.

With the state as a whole striving to meet the 100 million mark before the dawn of 1943, Klamath county's sales amount to approximately three per cent of the entire state, according to Andrew Collier, county war savings chairman.

"People responded wonderfully to the idea of a bond as the best Christmas gift," he said, "for in checking over holiday sales we found over \$25,000 in bonds had been purchased in the county for gifts."

## Reward Planned

A most creditable record was turned in by local school children, too. Evidently the hoarding of pennies, nickles and dimes is no longer for candy and chewing gum, since the youngsters sold over \$45,000 in stamps and bonds. Not even the smallest schools in the county went under the \$1000 mark.

As a reward for further efforts, each school child who buys a \$25 bond between December 18 and January 31 will be presented with a wooden memento taken from the battleship Oregon, which is to be scrapped for defense purposes.

## Bond Bonuses

Biggest drive of the year has been that of putting business houses and industrial institutions on the payroll allotment plan, whereby each individual buys 10 per cent of his salary in war bonds. Employers and employees alike have been extremely cooperative in this endeavor, with over 90 firms already signed. According to Collier it is hoped that this figure will be topped by January 1.

Many business firms also aided sales by giving bonds instead of customary year-end bonuses, also.

In addition to the recorded figures there are probably \$100,000 in series F and G bonds which have been sold and which do not count on the quota.

According to a new treasury ruling, during the coming year a man and wife may hold \$10,000 in series E bonds, that is, \$5000 each or jointly.

# Sudden Death Toll In County Drops to 44 for Entire Year



—Kennell-Ellis.  
This community was saddened by the sudden passing of Frank Hamm, former chief of police, and United States marshal at the time of his death in Portland on November 19. Final rites were held here.

# MARRIAGE LICENSE BUSINESS BOOMS

Perhaps it was war weddings or maybe unusual marital bliss, or was it the shortage of gas and tires which kept marriage-bound folks from going to Reno.

At any rate, for the first time in two years local marriage licenses outpointed divorces by quite a margin.

According to statistics from the county clerk's office there were 217 marriages in 1942, and 187 divorces. The only months in which separations outdied Dan Cupid were January, March, April and September. June, the traditional month of weddings shows a tie, with 20 each. July and October led for marriages with 28 and 25 respectively.

## Marriage and Divorce Statistics—1942

|           | Marriages | Divorces |
|-----------|-----------|----------|
| January   | 14        | 17       |
| February  | 15        | 9        |
| March     | 12        | 13       |
| April     | 15        | 16       |
| May       | 20        | 18       |
| June      | 20        | 20       |
| July      | 28        | 19       |
| August    | 27        | 12       |
| September | 16        | 21       |
| October   | 25        | 18       |
| November  | 13        | 11       |
| December  | 12        | 13       |
|           | 217       | 187      |

## Special Forest Protection Course To Be Conducted

SEATTLE, Dec. 31 (AP)—The war department civilian protection school will conduct a special forest protection course at the University of Washington, January 10-16, for foresters, fire fighters, loggers, lumbermen and members of the armed forces.

W. A. Groce, civilian protection director of the Washington state defense council, Seattle, or T. S. Goodyear, state forester, Olympia, will receive applications up to January 5. Enrollment is limited to 50 persons.

## CRUSADERS

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. (AP)—Then there's the NSDUNSPH.

Glenn E. Smith is national president of this fee-less new organization—The National Society to Discourage the Use of Hypothetical Illustration.

The slogan, addressed mostly to public speakers and authors: "When you think of Smith, say John Doe." The members are all named Smith.

Just so you can keep up on what's going on—winter officially began on December 22.

All forms of accidental deaths took a decided drop during 1942 to contribute a total of 44, approximately one-third lower than the 1941 figure of 64 deaths, according to a year-end report issued from the county coroner's office. Greatest slump was shown in the auto and auto-train classification, which fell to 57 per cent of the 1941 total with only 12 traffic victims reported.

Less driving by war-and-tire-conscious motorists is held greatly responsible for the slump in traffic fatalities. Another decrease which might be laid at the door of the war effort is that shown in the number of suicides and homicides during 1942, as compared with 1941. In the past year, only four persons chose death by the self-inflicted method, as compared with nine the previous year. The homicide total was held to two victims, though 1941 had four.

Even deaths due to natural causes investigated by the coroner's office took a decided slump. The year's report shows 29 natural deaths compared to 37 in 1941.

Smallest slump was noticed in the wholly accidental deaths, which fell only two under last year's total with 26 reported by the coroner's office. Fire accounted for the greatest percentage of these with seven laid at its door, while the railroad industry and drowning accounted for five accidental fatalities each. The logging industry, long regarded as a dangerous occupation