

# Year Climaxed By \$12,000,000 Navy Spending In Basin

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for military personnel is underway. Along with the housing shortage went sky-rocketing rents, followed by an abortive effort to control them locally and finally the establishment here of OPA rent control.

Then, as winter came on, a wood fuel shortage developed, and some 2500 cords of wood are being shipped in here from elsewhere at a government subsidy for freight and handling) of \$12,000. All of this made the No. 2 story of the year.

Klamath plunged wholeheartedly into the job of being home town for military installations, and its military hospitality program made news throughout the year. The Klamath Commandant, who already had brought fame to the community through their wounded service men's project, conducted the service center in the town, while the hospitality program in general was headed by a committee with Clarence Humble as chairman. The Commandant proposed a \$50,000 service center building, but the project was dropped for want of support. At mid-year, the Commandant disbanded, and the USO was invited here. USO has conducted a successful center in the town, while plans have been developed rather slowly for a big center in the Arcade garage building.

Meanwhile, the hospitality program on a person-to-person basis and through individual effort has been carried on with outstanding success. Reciprocating, the service men from both posts and from Camp Tulelake have aided in community efforts, with the marines contributing especially to war bond campaigns among the civilians here and elsewhere over Oregon.

Colonel George Van Orden, commanding officer of the Marine Barracks, and Commander R. R. Darron, of the air station, have taken constructive interest in community affairs, as did their predecessors. Similar interest is shown by Lt. Col. Vern Austin, the commanding officer at Tulelake.

Various law enforcement problems made news through the year. The increase of population brought gains in crime, juvenile delinquency was given a lot of attention, military police and shore patrol entered the law enforcement picture, and, at year's end, a sensational police story broke when Police Chief Earl Heuvel was accused of contributing to the delinquency of a minor girl. He denied the accusation, and the case ends as this is written, as does the Karl Bold death case, one of the outstanding law enforcement news items of the year.

Klamath farmers again planted an unprecedented acreage this year, and they brought forth an unprecedented crop in volume. Through hook and crook, they struggled through the harvest labor problem. Then began one of the most amazing chapters in local agricultural history—the speedy shipment of potatoes to market. It was not uncommon for 100 carloads to leave the basin in a single day. At this writing, season shipments stand near the total of 8000 carloads—normal by a good year's crop—and there are possibly 4000 more to go.

Important agricultural news of the year included the development of agricultural experimentation under state college direction here, and authorization of the Lower Klamath drainage channel, completing the "water circle" of the reclamation project.

## Nazi Captured Wearing American Uniform



This German soldier was captured in Belgium wearing complete U. S. Army uniform with exception of German blouse he wore under an American raincoat. Alert Yank infantryman, who spotted the blouse kept him under close guard until he can be taken away for questioning. Nazis are making wide use of U. S. weapons and uniforms to infiltrate American lines, spread confusion and seize vital command posts. Signal Corps radio-telephoto.

Col. B. Dubel arrives to take c.o. post at Marine Barracks. . . . Mystery fire threatens Merrill school. . . . Candidates for primary nominations announce. . . . Charles Stark of Nampa, Idaho, named chamber of commerce secretary. . . . Willis Mahoney, former Klamath mayor, files for U. S. senate nomination.

**APRIL**  
Red Cross drive goes way over the hump. . . . OPA checks gasoline used by Klamath high school students. . . . John W. Bricker visits Klamath on coast tour. . . . First marines arrive at Barracks. . . . Commander R. R. Darron named new air station skipper. . . . Plan for new memorial park cemetery put on May ballot.

**MAY**  
Kiwanis puts over fifth war loan drive. . . . Business and Professional Women hold state convention here. . . . Stop Forest Fires campaign. . . . War prisoner camp set up at Tulelake. . . . Bly Ivory Pine dry kiln burns. . . . \$2,000,000 additional construction okayed for Klamath naval air station and its Lakeview auxiliary. . . . Flood from main reclamation canal covers large suburban area. . . . Primary election draws light vote, indicates possibility of new faces in local official family. . . . Lakeview aviation facility commissioned. . . . "Super-coyotes" reported at large in nearby California areas. . . . Army sentry kills evacuee at Tulelake. . . . Klamath millmen vote to work despite "vacations" called elsewhere. . . . Memorial Day honors men lost in war.

**JUNE**  
Frank Ramsey of KUHS staff goes to marines. . . . Yawkey forest area near Fort Klamath named for Jack Kimball, late timberman. . . . D-Day electricity Klamath Falls. . . . County buys Lightfoot hospital for health center. . . . Kiwanis club leads successful fifth war loan drive. . . . Thousands see Marine Barracks at open house. . . . WPA approves Lower Klamath drainage project. . . . City and high school money reserves voted. . . . Malin shows plans for fine new park and recreation area. . . . PUC goes into fuel problems of Klamath Heating company at hearing. . . . Klamath buying income shows biggest in U. S. . . . Forest fire season opens with KPFA radio network added to protective facilities.

**JULY**  
Seven thousand Marine Barracks on war bond tour. . . . Huge crowds attend Fourth of July celebrations. . . . Yuzo Hitomi, alien Japanese, stabbed to death at WRA camp. . . . Peitz building sold to Portlanders. . . . Tulelake sentry cleared of manslaughter in death of segregate. . . . Klamath tops Kiwanis-led 5th war loan quota. . . . Two hundred millworkers stage short strike at Kesterson. . . . Violent electrical storm sweeps basin. . . . Jap cops resign at WRA. . . . Forest fires hit Mount Dome area, Madoc Point. . . . Fourteen go on hunger strike in WRA stockade area. . . . Bonneville survey shows need for manufacturing development to maintain population here. . . . 21 injured as Greyhound bus turns over in Klamath Falls.

**AUGUST**  
Dead man's curve on road to Barracks eliminated. . . . Tax boost announced in city, county. . . . Ruth Bathiany announces that she will not run again for city treasurer. . . . Two pilots from air station killed in midair crack-up. . . . Houston refuses to run for mayor. . . . Jenn Bolin wins Miss Klamath contest, Pat Brown chosen as alternate. . . . Lamm lumber mill to close October 1. . . . Six-year-old Charles

**SEPTEMBER**  
Three thousand dollars stolen from Pastime pool hall at Crescent Lake. . . . Schools open, note startling increase in enrollment. . . . Blaze on Hogback mountain breaks out of control. . . . Com-mandos decide to disband. . . . Council okes penny arcades for Main street. . . . USO invited to Klamath. . . . Imogene Fisher convicted of slaying Watkin Davis. . . . Dewey makes short stop in Klamath Falls. . . . Blanas garage leased for USO building. . . . Junior livestock show shatters records. . . . OPA controls rents in area. . . . William McPherran killed in auto accident. . . . Council reverses stand on Main street arcades. . . . Nicholas Demetrakas killed in Crescent car accident. . . . Marine Barracks formally commissioned.

**OCTOBER**  
Refrigerator car freeze hits spud growers. . . . Medford man killed, woman from Jefferson injured in hunting accidents on second day of season. . . . Louie Polin ends career in Klamath by selling store. . . . Lt. Col. B. Dubel assigned to overseas service, Col. George Van Orden takes over. . . . Ostendorf elected Klamath's mayor. . . . DeLap wins county clerk post, he develops between Matt Finnigan and Angus Newton for council post, Marshall Cornett, Rose Poole, Henry Semon elected to legislature, other officials elected. . . . Marines hold celebration on anniversary of corps. . . . Marine Barracks expansion slated. . . . Sixth war loan opens.

**NOVEMBER**  
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## FUEL TO GO ON RATIONING LIST IN CITY

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come first under the priority program. Next in line will be those with less than one-fourth of a year's supply.

**Fill Out Form**  
To get fuel, the prospective purchaser must go to his fuel dealer, and fill out a form which shows the amount of wood or coal on hand.

Fuel dealers said their businesses will be closed, so far as receiving orders, until the rationing becomes effective Tuesday morning, so that henceforth the priority system will be in effect. To those eligible for fuel under the priorities, deliveries will be made in the order of orders received.

The Klamath fuel situation was thoroughly discussed at a meeting of the fuel and housing committee of the chamber of commerce Friday. The committee authorized preparation of pertinent information on the problem, which will be published in Tuesday's paper, along with a full report of the meeting.

## EDITORIALS ON NEWS

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type of B-29 raids is made a daily routine.

That might be. We've learned a lot about air war—including its limitations as well as its advantages. Our present impression is that the airplane is ANOTHER WEAPON rather than a new kind of war that replaces all other kinds.

AS an interesting sidelight, Jap Premier Koiso orders better treatment of Koreans and Formosans as a WAR NECESSITY. Cruelty and force apparently aren't getting as much help out of them as had been hoped, so better treatment is to be tried.

AS the monsoon rains end, the tempo of the war in Burma is rising. We and the British and the Chinese are pushing down into Burma from the north, and are reported today to be within 95 miles of Mandalay.

**KING GEORGE** of Greece, after a long talk with Churchill (in which they probably got down to cases), appoints a REGENT (Archbishop Damaskinos). The announced purpose of a regency is to maintain law and order until the Greek people can set up some sort of new government by vote.

**DON'T** be too hard on the British in this Greek business. In what they are doing, they evidently have the backing (or at least the consent) of our government and Russia.

On the basis of what we have been told, which is VERY little, the time-tried but far from peace-producing system of spheres of influence and balances of power that has been current in Europe for centuries is to be relied upon to handle the situation after this war.

In the absence of any statement from our government as to what our policy is to be, we can only judge from events that we are going along with Britain and Russia in this program.

## Floating Night Clubs Planned For South Pacific Fighters

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 30 (Canadian Press)—Two floating night clubs for entertaining troops in the South Pacific are to be built from a pair of 8000-ton Blue Funnel line passenger liners, which were converted to minelayers at the start of the war, it was learned here last night.

The ships now are at nearby Esquimalt, B. C. No instructions have yet been received from the British admiralty which has ordered the work, as to where the reconversion job will be done.

## NAZI SALIENT NARROWS DOWN IN BELGIUM

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north and Bastogne in the south." The deepest German plunges westward—reaching within three miles of the Meuse—had been rolled back 12 miles, and doughboys had fought into the outskirts of Rochefort.

The corridor to Bastogne had again been widened and strengthened, with armored elements pouring in from the south. The Germans up to Friday had been held without gains for almost four full days.

## OPA Rejects Spud Ceiling Boost

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (AP)—OPA has rejected a petition of potato growers for a price increase.

The adjustment sought was a boost, from 60 cents a hundred pounds to \$1, in the charge permitted for seasonal storage and handling. These allowances are added to ceiling prices.

OPA turned down the request on the ground that such an increase at grower levels would have hiked retail prices three-quarters of a cent to 1 cent a pound.

## Churchill Hopes For '45 Victory

LONDON, Dec. 30 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill expressed the cautious hope today that Germany will be finally beaten in 1945.

In a New Year's message to members of the Primrose League, a conservative group of which he is grand master, he observed that the allies were bringing up to a year "that should enter us in history as the year of our victory in Europe."

## U. S. Protests Nazi Killings

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (AP)—The German government is going to be held responsible for the wanton killing of disarmed American captives.

"The strongest possible protest," is on the way through Swiss authorities, the state department announced last night, "with regard to the killing by German forces of all but 15 of a group of about 130 American soldiers and officers who had been taken prisoners by German tank corps and stripped of their equipment."

## Old-Age Grants To Hit New Record

PORTLAND, Dec. 30 (AP)—The Oregon public welfare commission will pay out an all-time high of \$693,373 for old-age assistance grants in January.

The high will be reached despite the fact that there are 2067 less cases than in February, 1942, when a peak of 20,020 cases was reached.

Administrator Lo Howard said increased living costs have boosted the average individual payment from \$22.42 in February, 1942, to \$34.64.

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## A Spiritual Kingdom

Many have been disappointed in Christ's kingdom. Even Jesus' disciples were expecting their Master to establish a kingdom that would put down all the other kingdoms of the earth. When Jesus told them that His kingdom was not of this world and that "if my kingdom were of this world then would my servants fight; but it is not from hence" they were greatly offended.

Many today are expecting what Jesus has never promised—a literal reign of Christ here on the earth for a thousand years.

When Christ comes the second time He is coming to receive His own. Both good and evil will be resurrected from the grave and will be judged. "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven, with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we that are alive, that are left, shall together with them be caught up in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord." (I Thess. 4:16, 17). Paul here says we shall be caught up to meet Him in the air. This seems to indicate that Christ will not set foot upon this earth at His second coming, and certainly it does not teach that Christ will reign here on the literal throne of David for a thousand years.

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