

Klamath Falls Exclusive With Automatic Traffic Signals Operating Here

By PAUL HAINES
Klamath Falls is the only city in Oregon to use the type of automatic traffic signals now in operation, according to E. A. Thomas, city engineer.

The present system was put into operation December 1, 1941. The state highway commission installed the system at the city's expense, which the city assumed half the cost. The other half was paid by the state highway commission as some of the funds are on state highways.

Other Systems
All other traffic systems in operation are controlled by a single traffic fixture at the center of the intersection of the two streets or by standpipes placed at each of the four corners, Thomas said.

The system in Klamath Falls is a semi-automatic system in which the traffic signals at the intersection, together with walk signals placed at the corners of the intersection, are controlled. This system gives a signal for movement of pedestrians and a separate signal for movement of traffic.

The more antiquated systems allow vehicles and pedestrians to move simultaneously, as both are controlled by one signal.

Automatic Control
The traffic lights are controlled by a master automatic control in the city hall, Thomas stated. The police department is in charge of actual operation of the system and the city engineer's staff maintains efficient performance.

The present set-up is installed at seven main intersections in the business district of Klamath Falls and the total cost of the original installation was \$15,000, said Thomas. The cost of operation is approximately \$80 a month.

Traffic Controls
The traffic signal at S. 6th and E. Main is a semi-automatic actuated signal system and was put in at the same time the present plan was inaugurated, Thomas stated. The traffic on E. Main crossing a bar installed in the street, operates the signal and when there is no traffic on this street the light remains green for vehicles passing on S. 6th.

The system causes little trouble, Thomas said, and the operation has been satisfactory with very little maintenance needed outside of a few minor repairs.

MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

BENNETT RETURNS
Paul D. Bennett, aviation radioman, USN, 4641, has returned to Klamath Falls from a tour of duty in the Pacific, where he was attached to the navy's 44, based on one of the navy's fast aircraft carriers.

Bennett was one of the maintenance men who kept the group's fighter planes armed and conditioned for combat, during the success of our carrier strikes against such targets as Nansel Shoto, Formosa, the Philippines, French Indo-China, shipping in the China sea, carrier's aircraft also participated in the second battle of the Philippine sea.

Bennett's mother, Mrs. Pearl Hillster, and his four-year-old daughter, Betty Louise, live at the Klamath Falls address.

DIVISION AWARDED
WITH THE DIXIE DIVISION MOROTAI—For outstanding devotion to duty in operating supply dumps under conditions, the 31st infantry division QM unit, in which PFC F. Edwards of Klamath Falls is a driver, has been awarded the meritorious service unit plaque. Edwards has been overseas more than a year and has participated in the Sarmi and Morotai campaigns.

The War At a Glance

By The Associated Press
The Western front: U. S. first army machinegun fire cut into Ruhr superhighway east of the Rhine. Third army crossed Moselle after eliminating German pockets north of the stream; seventh army opened new attack on Saarland.

The Russian front: Moscow silent on front before Berlin, where nazis reported Russian attack on Oder in force; new attack on Slovakia gained; heavy assault opened on East Prussian coastal corridor; siege rings tightened on Danzig, Gdynia.

The Italian front: Patrol operations continued in fifth army sector southwest of Bologna.

The Pacific front: Americans on Mindanao advanced five miles east of captured Zamboanga; Romblon and Simara, small Philippine islands, invaded; enemy garrisons wiped out; Americans on Luzon drove east, repulsed counterattacks. Two marines hunting down last enemy defenders.

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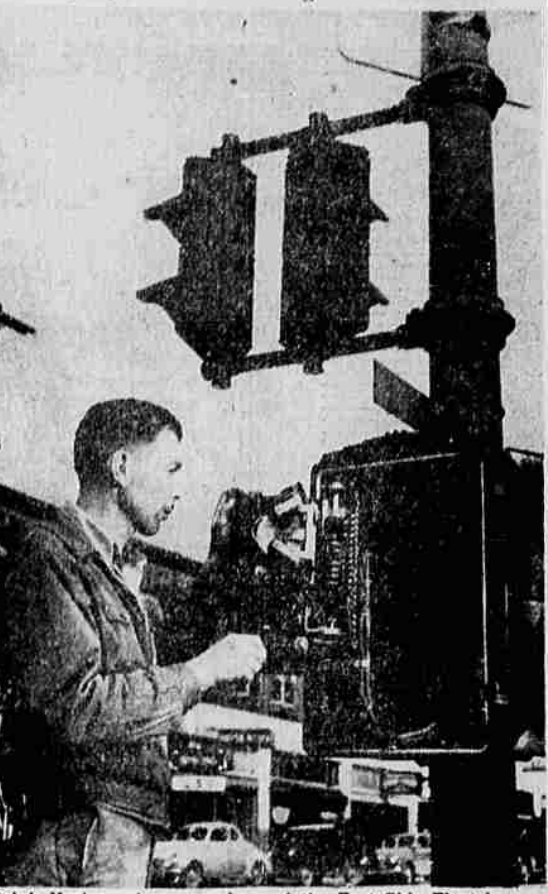
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Keeping the Traffic Lights In Order



Ralph Yockey, above, employe of the East Side Electric company, works on a control box for the traffic system at Klamath and 6th. Klamath Falls is the only city in Oregon to use the type of automatic traffic signals now in operation here, according to E. A. Thomas, city engineer.

YOUNGS SELL TRANSFER TO E. F. ANDERSEN

After 19 years in the transfer business in Klamath Falls, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Young disclosed today that they have sold the Klamath Falls Transfer and Storage business to E. F. Andersen of E. F. Andersen Motor Freight.

Andersen is taking over the local business and will operate it in connection with his freight line, with John Janssen as manager here. The company will do S. P. pickup work along with hauling household goods to any point in Oregon, Washington and California, and hauling any commodity to any Oregon point.

The Youngs are retaining ownership of the building which they constructed at 101 Klamath avenue, and will rent it to Andersen.

Their transfer headquarters when they went into the transfer business two decades ago, was the Evans house at 4th and Main. Mr. and Mrs. Young plan to take a trip north in May and are not certain of their future plans.

New Superintendent Named In Vancouver

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 15 (AP)—A. D. Whitenack, Wapato school superintendent, has been appointed assistant superintendent of Vancouver schools. He will assume his duties in April, replacing Dr. Zeno B. Katterle, who becomes assistant superintendent of the Portland system.

Lobby Chairs Filled At U. S. Tax Office

PORTLAND, March 15 (AP)—Lobby chairs—which replaced lines this year at the federal income tax office—were filled early this morning as taxpayers hastened to comply with filing deadlines.

Tax reports were figured for 1560 persons yesterday—the largest single day total. Fifty-four clerks predicted even more customers today.

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Nazi Sabotage Ring Smashed Before 1943 Big 3 Meeting

LONDON, March 15 (AP)—Smashing of a bold Nazi sabotage ring in Tehran a short time before the Big Three meeting there late in 1943 was disclosed yesterday with the lifting of censorship on the arrest of 170 suspected Iranian collaborators.

In a delayed dispatch from Tehran, Associated Press Correspondent Charles Gramlich said Nazi spies and saboteurs—flown and parachuted from Berlin—fostered intrigue that endangered Prime Minister Churchill on a visit there in 1942 and later might have harmed Churchill, President Roosevelt and Premier Marshal Stalin.

The dispatch, dated Feb. 10 but received here only yesterday, said the plotters had the assistance of the Japanese legation in Iran and capitalized on a tribal revolt incited by gun-running agents. The plans also were to depose the shah and split Iran into two puppet states, Gramlich said.

British counter-espionage tracked down the plotters before they could execute any violence against the allied statesmen.

Magdeburg, capital of the province of Saxony, which was nearly leveled by allied aerial bombs, was almost wiped off the map more than three centuries ago during the Thirty Years war.

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Lt. Allen Gocio
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LT. ALLEN GOCIO AWARDED MEDALS

Lt. (jg) Allen Gocio, USNR, was awarded the Air Medal and the Gold Star, in lieu of a second Air Medal, in a ceremony at the Klamath naval air station. The presentation was made by Commander R. R. Darron, USN.

The citation, which accompanied the medal, was from Vice Admiral Mark A. Mitcher, USN, in the name of the president of the United States, and cited Lt. Gocio for action in the vicinity of Formosa on October 12, 1944, when he shot down and destroyed an enemy fighter airplane.

The Gold Star was awarded for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight as pilot of a carrier based fighter airplane assigned to a combat air patrol on October 14, 1944.

"Gocio personally shot down and destroyed one enemy bomber airplane which was attempting to attack the task group," the citation read.

Lt. Gocio, fighter pilot, was a

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student at the University of Southern California when he enlisted in the navy in the spring of 1942. He received his primary flight training at Long Beach, Calif., later transferring to the naval air station at Corpus Christi, Tex. In June, 1943, he was assigned to a fighting task force in the South Pacific. The young fighter pilot also participated in the battles for the Gilberts, Marshalls and Palau and in raids on the Philippines, as well as the actions off Formosa. Lt. Gocio lives at the bachelor officers quarters at the station. His home town is Dentonville, Ark.

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