

Changes in Employment Picture Here Evident in Review Of Opportunities For Work in Basin Throughout 1945

By JOY BIGGS
 Drastic changes in the employment picture over a period of 12 months was evident in a review of work opportunities in the Klamath basin as 1945 drew to a close.
 On January 1 of this year, jobs went begging. Today there are unemployed due to persons released from war industries and the influx of returning veterans.
 This past year saw every person who so desired in a job. Some who didn't want to work were also on the employed list. Claims for unemployment compensation were almost nil in the early months of 1945.
 Railroads seemed to have the greatest difficulty in obtaining help, due mainly to lower rate of wages in vogue, the department of labor bulletin stated.
 The office was extra busy at intervals with Mexican railroad laborers coming in to renew contracts, at first every six months and then every three months.
Housing Problem
 Housing was an employment problem, too. Many workers who came and found jobs in the vicinity could find no place to live and left for places where the housing shortage was not so acute.
 Frequent changes in employment bureau personnel retarded work in the various departments. Many servicemen's wives left at a moment's notice when their husbands were transferred.
 By mid-summer there were still plenty of jobs but the situation had evened itself out somewhat, with a number of particularized jobs unfilled but nearly everyone employed.
 In August the men started coming home from overseas. In that month 34 registered for employment, 58 in September and the load increased in October with 208 registering. Les Finley, veterans' employment agent added an assistant to his department, the busiest in the bureau.
 A large number of the veterans were placed in industry through a specialized aptitude system developed with the cooperation of employers.
Found Own Jobs
 Numerous other veterans did not register but found their own jobs or returned to those they had prior to military service. Veterans were given preference in every possible instance and this policy is still in effect. By the end of November there were only 183 positions unfilled and although there were still men unemployed these were not fitted for the jobs open.
"Freezing" workers on jobs thwarted, workers were permitted to make changes at will with no release necessary from employers and there was a considerable turnover in employment for several weeks after restrictions were lifted.
 The CIO strikes in lumber industries threw a lot of workers out of employment in October and when these were settled AFL strikes occurred and unemployment increased as war industries closed down. Box factories started replacing women workers with returned veterans, many women quit their jobs when their husbands came home and the employment situation see-sawed up and down.
Spud Harvest
 The potato harvest took care of a good number of lumber and released war workers, but the dehydration plant, which in previous years employed around 200 workers, did not resume operation in 1945 due to cessation of government contracts. This had a definite effect on the local labor market.
 Postwar construction plans were in evidence but regular winter shut-downs in lumber industries occurred with bad weather. Construction fell off for lack of materials and supplies.
 The compensation department of the bureau became one of the busiest with sometimes five clerks helping the regular unemployment compensation agent in late November and December.
 With the employment situation in an unsettled state at the end of the year, Jack Almetzer, manager of the USSS, advises people to stay on their jobs and continue with the work they know and where they have housing facilities.

Phone Calls Make Life Miserable

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 29 (P)—Ralph Fisher, haggard from interrupted sleep, was trying today to find out who is making his life miserable by fake telephone calls.
 Both police and firemen rushed to the house the other night. Ambulances have shrieked up "at all hours," Fisher complained, and deliveries of hay, grain, feed and flowers have been ordered.
 A \$50 reward for arrest of the prankster has been offered by a low car service which was summoned three times in one night.

Churches Well Attended Here During 1945

Five Klamath churches announced during the past several months that they would either build new edifices or would expand the churches now occupied. It was a year well attended by local churchgoers, Klamath ministers reported, as they reviewed the past 12 months which saw the cessation of hostilities overseas and brought to all the need of the churches in such times.
 Five churches plan construction involving thousands of dollars which will be spent within the next couple of years. One edifice is under construction now, to be finished in 1946.
 The Latter Day Saints church being erected at Home and Martin streets will be finished some time during the coming year, depending on materials and labor, at a cost of \$110,000. Members are now meeting in the city library club rooms.
 A new church building, to cost \$100,000, is being planned by the First Presbyterians who now hold services in the old red brick church at the corner of 6th and Pine. A campaign to raise funds for construction is well underway with nearly half the fund already obtained by subscription. Construction will not commence until the full amount has been subscribed, the Rev. David F. Barnett Jr., pastor of the church, stated.
Remodeled
 St. Paul's Episcopal church, 8th and Jefferson, is to be remodeled at a cost of \$12,000 soon after the first of the year to enlarge the parish room, class rooms, improve kitchen facilities and change the entrance. The Rev. Frederick C. Wissenbach is pastor.
 The Rev. Cecil C. Brown, pastor of the First Baptist church, announces that a church architect will arrive from the east some time in January to go over plans for the new building contemplated at a cost of between \$75,000 and \$80,000. Five lots have been purchased by the church on Esplanade for the building. Construction will probably be started during 1947, the pastor stated. The present church is located at 8th and Washington.

Extra Police Patrols Set

PORTLAND, Dec. 29 (P)—In an effort to check a crime wave here, police will start questioning persons roaming downtown streets after midnight, Chief Harry Niles said today.
 Extra squads will patrol city streets nightly, he reported, until assaults and robberies decrease.
 Meanwhile, the shore patrol said sailors would be checked as they left ships to make sure they were not carrying illegal weapons. Several guns were stolen from the USS Paul G. Baker, the executive officer reported. Police complained sailors on leave had caused several disturbances such as smashed parking meters and shooting frays.

City Building Permits Gain

Building permits issued by the city in 1945 to December 28 total more than eight times the amount of last year's permits. The building grants this year represent \$819,375, against 1944's total of \$87,305.
 The marked increase in building, remodeling and enlarging is accredited to the end of the war and the fact that the restrictions on building materials have been lifted to a great extent.
 Many business firms, whose products were not being manufactured in large quantities during the war, are preparing for their postwar trade. Larger and more modern buildings account for the large scale projects undertaken in late 1945. This is evident in the number of permits which total 457 this year, as compared to 253 in 1944.

Veteran Newsman Taken By Death

SEATTLE, Dec. 29 (P)—E. J. Dalby, widely-known waterfront reporter and for more than two decades marine editor of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, died yesterday in Virginia Mason hospital here.
 Dalby, who had retired a few years ago, was a member of a pioneer Washington family.
 Since his retirement he had lived at the family residence near Union, on Hood canal. He is survived by his widow, three sons and a daughter.

Youngster Suffers Severe Burns

MERRILL—Larry, 21-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jones, suffered second and third degree burns on his chest, abdomen and arms when he pulled a kettle of boiling spaghetti from a stove Thursday evening.
 The child slipped from a table where he had climbed while his mother prepared the evening meal. He is being treated by Dr. F. E. Trotman. Larry is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Jones and Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Woodley of Merrill.

Marriages, Divorces Hit New High Here During '45

Both marriages and divorces in Klamath county reached a new high during 1945, a survey of the year's domestic records at the courthouse reveal. Both figures were up about a third over last year's totals.
 This year 502 marriage licenses were issued, compared to 379 for 1944. Of the 502, civilian couples got 190, mines took 189, sailors 94, soldiers 24, flyers 10 and five went to coast guardsmen.
 Complicating things, there were several instances of a license being issued a marine and a Wave, a sailor and a Wave, a soldier and a Wave, and a woman marine and various other service combinations.
 Possibly because of the decreased glamour of a uniform and probably because the naval air station began moving out, the number of service marriages as compared to civilian alliances began to slump soon after V-J Day, and in the past two months the great majority of permits were issued to civilian couples, many of them sporting discharge emblems.
 And there were instances of the groom-to-be killing two birds with one trip to the courthouse—having his discharge papers recorded and obtaining a marriage license.
 In the 452 divorce suits filed, cruel and inhuman treatment, the catch-all under Oregon law, was charged in 377 cases. Desertion was listed as the cause in 48, the fact that the husband had been convicted of a felony in three and adultery in a single case.
 Twenty-three suits for annulment went into the records. Reasons given included prior marriage still in effect, one of the parties under age when married, divorce not final and fraud in the marriage contract.
 Of the 345 decrees granted, the wives took 235 and husbands were awarded 110. The remainder of the complaints filed have either been withdrawn or are still hanging fire. Decrees granted last year totaled 279.

8 Miners Safe; 2 Others Dead

By KYLE VANCE
PINEVILLE, Ky., Dec. 29 (P)—Eight miners, rescued from the wreckage of an explosion-shattered coal tunnel near here, were safe in a Pineville hospital today and two others were dead, as rescue workers pressed their search for the remaining 21 men.
 All but one of the eight, removed from the tunnel last night, were reported responding satisfactorily to medical treatment. The eighth, identified as Tom McQueen of Pineville, was reported in a serious condition. All were injured in the blast Wednesday.
 Rescue crews found the severely burned body of an unidentified miner today, near the spot where they expected to locate the remaining miners. The first casualty was identified last night as Albert Bennett, 64, also of Pineville, who was found alive but died before he could be brought out of the tunnel of the Kentucky Straight Creek Coal Company Mine Number One.
 Fire—the 24th blaze since the original explosion Wednesday morning—broke out again this morning in the main tunnel, delaying efforts to reach the men still unaccounted for in the mine.
 Rescue bosses ordered all their crews to draw back to the exit side of the new fire, lest they be trapped. The work of fire fighting then was started all over again.
 Among those rescued last night was a miner identified as Bud Towns, 52, of Pineville, who survived the Kettle Island explosion in another mine near here in 1929. Sixteen men died in that explosion.

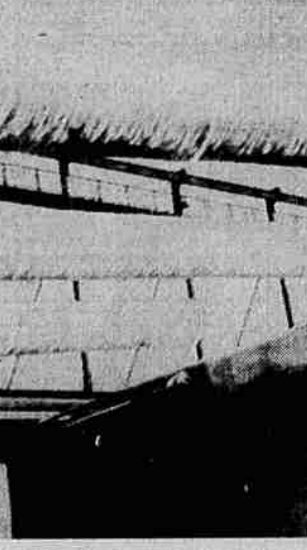
Flood Hampers Hunt For Body

ALBANY, Ore., Dec. 29 (P)—Mary's river has flooded its banks, making it unlikely that the body of Ernest Bowman, 45, Kelso logger, can soon be recovered, Sheriff Mike Southard said today.
 The river was dragged below Philomath for two days without luck. District Attorney Harlow L. Weirick said that unless the body is found, burglary charges will be pressed against S. C. McClain, 67, Portland; Jack Mann, 27, Corvallis, and Roy Moore.
 Southard said McClain admitted Bowman was "taken for a ride" and shot as a car driven by Mann entered Benton county. The three men were arrested in Portland in connection with three Brownsville robberies.
 An empty wallet engraved "Ernest A. Bowman" was turned in to police by a pedestrian who found it on an east side Portland street.

Gibbs Will Attend Capital Ceremony

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Gibbs will leave next month for Washington, D. C., Gibbs having been selected as one of the representatives from the state of Oregon to attend a ceremony in honor of selective service personnel.
 Names of Oregon representatives were selected by lot, and Gibbs received a telegram call from state headquarters that his name was the first drawn in the state.

Ice Shrouds Atlantic Troopship



Evidence of the icy north Atlantic gales that buffeted the USS Washington bringing 1570 troops home from England, is seen here as ice is chopped from forward guns by Gunners Mate 3/c Jack Snyder, Everett, Wash., as ship arrives at pier at New York City. (NEA telephoto).

Marines Cross Country in Cab



Five weary marines, tired from four and one-half days' drive from Los Angeles pause for a rest in Pittsburgh, Pa., on their way cross country in a taxicab to their homes on the east coast. They are, left to right: Sgt. Melvin Upton, Niagara Falls, N. Y.; T/Sgt. R. M. Shepard, North Woodstock, N. H.; PFC Ralph Manichino, the Bronx, N. Y.; T/Sgt. Joe Ward, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Cab Driver Harry E. Orisohn, Sgt. Gordon W. Edwards, Long Island, N. Y. (AP wirephoto).

15-Cent Increase in Wages Agreed At Session Here

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 The recommended settlement of the negotiators.
 Gilchrist Lumber company, another large Klamath county operation with an AFL contract, is not affiliated with the
MEETINGS SET
 Big Lakes Box company AFL unionists were called today to attend a meeting at the Labor Temple at 11:30 a. m. Sunday to consider the recommended wage settlement. If the settlement is ratified, it is the managers' intention to start the planing mill and box factory on January 2, and the sawmill on January 3.
 Dorris local will meet at the Dorris city hall Monday at 1 p. m. to consider the settlement.

Police Quell Knife Fight

PORTSMOUTH, Eng., Dec. 29 (P)—A strong detachment of harbor police broke up a knife fight between white and Chinese members of the crew of the 7240-ton American ship Anna Dickinson last night.
 An SOS from the vessel to British naval authorities brought harbor police swarming over the side on rope ladders under threatening knives and axes brandished by white and Chinese seamen engaged in a riot.
 The ship, registered under the U. S. war shipping administration, had anchored in the channel between the Isle of Wight and the English mainland after taking a heavy battering by gales and rough seas.
 Police said several arrests were made and the incident was reported to U. S. naval authorities.

No More Women Cabbies Welcomed

PORTLAND, Dec. 29 (P)—No more women cabbies here, welcomed during the war—will be hired from now on, union officials said today.
 One cab company spokesman declared the women "did a swell job." "They almost never have an accident," he said. "The worst that ever happens is a dented fender."
 Feminine taxi drivers here have dropped from 72 to 16—at their own request, the companies reported.

Hitler Marriage Contract Seized

NUERNBERG, Germany, Dec. 29 (P)—U. S. third army headquarters announced today the seizure of the original marriage contract between Hitler and Eva Braun.
 The marriage contract and a political and private testimony of Hitler were reported seized coincidentally with the arrest by British counter intelligence agents of Friedrich Wilhelm Paustlin, adjutant to the missing Martin Bormann, at Villhogen.

Nixon Charges U. S. Pampering Nazi Tycoons

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 formation which provides a basis for substantive charges against these officials or any of them, such charges will be presented promptly to the war crimes authority or to the counter-intelligence department, according to the nature of the accusation."

Delegation Instructed By Council

KLAMATH AGENCY, Dec. 29—The Klamath Indian general council met on December 27, at Klamath Agency, specifically for the purpose of giving instructions to the tribal delegation which is to go to Washington. The delegation is composed of Boyd J. Jackson, who has been a delegate for over 10 years, and Wade Crawford who acted as a delegate some years ago.
 The general council directed, among other things, pressing for the passage by congress of the so-called Klamath welfare bill, S-794, which includes provision for the payment of \$1000 apiece for the Indians; pressing the Klamath conservation fish and wildlife bills H-2297 and S-854; the Klamath Indian livestock bill, S-793; the immediate introduction of the proposed Klamath liquor bill; cooperation with the federal government in its policy to streamline the Indian service towards more efficiency and reduction in operating costs; and the pressing for the reopening of the Agency hospital now closed due to lack of personnel, including a physician.
 The delegation was elected on November 1, 1945, and it is expected that it will be authorized by the interior department to proceed to Chicago and Washington, D. C., some time after congress reconvenes in January next.
 A bill known as "Senate 1313," which concerns the immediate winding up of the Klamath reservation and the distribution of property failed of passage at the Klamath tribal business committee on December 14, 1945, due to the need of a second to the motion that S-1313 also be pressed by the delegation also caused its failure to be approved by the general council on December 27.

Boy Hurt When Bike Hits Train

Larry Poole, 8-year-old son of C. B. Poole, Walton drive, suffered severe head injuries at 1:45 today when his bicycle crashed into a moving logging freight at the Homedale crossing.
 The child was rushed to Klamath Valley hospital by the merchants police ambulance and was in the emergency room for treatment at 2:15 p. m. State police investigated. Officers said the train was moving east when the boy ran his bicycle into one of the middle freight cars. He was thrown from his machine but fortunately free from the train.
 He said the northwestern council of the union is now in session at Spokane, and disliked the agreement made here.

Woman Enters Innocent Plea

Nettie Belle Lusk, indicted for contributing to the delinquency of her 14-year-old daughter, entered a plea of innocence this morning in circuit court and March 19 was set as the date of her trial.
 Her indictment was based on the same chain of circumstances which caused the indictment of Albert M. Waldo for statutory rape. Waldo received a 20-year prison sentence as a probation violator this week.
 Johnson, charged with forging a \$37.80 check, was taken in on indictment and given four years probation in court yesterday.

Commission Begins Trip To Japan

The 10-nation Far Eastern commission members prepare to board a plane in Washington for San Francisco, first leg on journey to Japan to give advice to the administration there. From bottom to top at left: Lt. Gen. Chu Shih-ming, China; Monsieur Francis Lacoste, France; R. R. Sakena, India; C. A. Berendsen, New Zealand; Sir George Sansom, Great Britain; from bottom to top, right: Nelson T. Johnson, secretary general, U. S. (light coat); Maj. J. Plimsole, Australia; Col. L. M. Cosgrove, Canada; Dr. de Kat Angello, Netherlands; and Maj. Gen. Frank R. McCoy, chairman, USA. (AP wirephoto).



Vet Dies After Love Shooting

NEW YORK, Dec. 29 (P)—Capt. Eugene Dale, 27-year-old survivor of the Bataan death march, died today as a result of bullet wounds in the head, chest and abdomen received in a melee over the love of an attractive model.
 Another war veteran, Capt. Archie B. Miller, 25, who served in the European theater and who is the estranged husband of the model, has been held without bail on a charge of felonious assault as a result of the shooting early yesterday.
 Assistant District Attorney Edward Murphy termed the shooting "one of the usual triangle affairs." The model, Mrs. Fay Hancock Miller, told police she fell in love with Dale and planned a divorce while her husband was overseas.

Christmas Lights Cause No Fires Here

Firemen reported today that Klamath folks, thus far in the holiday season, had not suffered from fire which could be attributed to Christmas tree lights or decorations.
 At 1:31 a. m. Saturday the truck was called to a cabin at the rear of the Nite Hawk cafe on S. 6th. An overturned stove caused little damage.
 Two calls were received Friday, one at 7:21 a. m. when a fuse box on a pole at the rear of Fluhrer's Bakery on Pine street destroyed the box, and at 10:59 a. m. a motor was destroyed by fire in the basement of Balsiger Motor company.

Man Reports Auto Stolen in Klamath

James A. Blue, 337 Commercial, reported to police today that his black 1937 Ford sedan was stolen from in front of his residence late last night.
 The state police have also been notified to be on the lookout for this automobile. Blue told police that he had left the keys in the car.
 Six drunks and one person charged with being drunk and disorderly appeared in police court this morning, and five drunks bailed out. Four cabbie licenses were issued for 1946 and five parking tickets were paid.

Relatives Of Malin Mayor Reported Safe

MALIN—Mayor and Mrs. A. Kalina have received word of the safety of relatives in Czechoslovakia from whom they have not heard since 1939.
 Kalina cabled his native country a few weeks ago seeking information, and the answering letter told of the safety of brothers of both Mr. and Mrs. Kalina as well as other of their relatives.
 All six were in a concentration camp in Germany during the war.