

# Henderson States 1945 Season One Of Rapid Changes In Agriculture

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The season of 1945 has been a season of contrasts, or frequent and rapid changes—at least as far as agriculture is concerned. The early spring was dry and fairly mild resulting in completion of much early spring work and early plantings. This dry condition was followed by early heavy rains in May, breaking all previous precipitation marks for that month. This interrupted planting, particularly of potatoes, and caused many crop complications during the season. A large part of the potato crop was planted extremely late and that which was planted before the rains was severely retarded by the heavy moisture. A survey of the condition of the potato crop made by the Klamath Potato Growers' Association in early August indicated a decrease of 20% in yield from the previous year. This estimate of decreased production was just about borne out by yields at harvest time.

Cold, wet weather was followed by consistently hot weather until late in September, a condition favorable for insect development. Growing conditions in the fall were excellent, with the first killing frost not occurring until killing frost not occurring until a major portion of the needed farm labor in addition to that available on farms. By November first nearly all of the potato and onion crop were under cover without serious loss due to weather conditions.

The rainy May weather was of great importance to the livestock industry, as ranges were particularly dry and it was like an acute summer feed shortage. The heavy May rains provided excellent pasture on all spring, summer, and fall ranges. Throughout the district, as a result, livestock did particularly well.

Increased insect troubles developed in certain areas, requiring considerable cooperative poisoning by the landowners, county, state, and federal governments. A thorough poison job was not possible, and as a result a heavy grasshopper infestation in certain areas can be expected in 1946.

**Turkeys Excellent**  
The season seemed particularly favorable for turkeys, and while the number and it was smaller than a year ago, the quality was excellent. Incomplete estimates indicate a turkey crop of approximately 30,000 marketable birds. Some increase in poultry production was also experienced. Food and labor costs were particularly high, thereby reducing profits.

The dairy industry showed a little tendency to recover and make up for the losses of 1944, but due to price regulations during the war period. Throughout the war dairymen found it difficult to compete with other types of farming in the face of low price ceilings and high costs of feed, labor, and equipment. An encouraging item, however, was that many dairymen were saving heifers so that they could again get back into dairy production when economic conditions should warrant it.

**All-Time High**  
The potato acreage reached an all-time high, estimated at 27,500 acres in the district. However, decreased yields would indicate that shipments would hardly reach those of 1944, when the acreage was slightly under 26,000 acres.

A bumper crop of alfalfa seed was harvested and sold at ceiling prices throughout the season. The Klamath district now produces in the neighborhood of 10% of the nation's alfalfa crop, and the seed produced here commands the highest price in the nation.

Heavy seedings of this crop were made in late summer and early fall. The alfalfa crop is greater acreage for the year in 1946. Other small seeds, such as blue grass, bent grass, red clover, alfalfa, and other miscellaneous small seeds added to the seed crop income.

Grain acreage was large and yields generally were good. Much of the barley was of brewing quality, insuring premium prices.

The hay crop was of good quality but the total was slightly less than normal, due to expansion of other crops.

**Major Problems**  
Major problems met by farm operators during the year were labor, marketing, and equipment. Marketing presented many difficulties resulting from sales being based on ceilings and the ceilings being removed. Many contracts were canceled, creating much uncertainty. Price supports proved of considerable help in stabilizing the potato market, loans being made for this purpose in late crop areas.

It is doubtful whether the total sales value of all agricultural products will equal that of the banner year of 1944. It is generally estimated that the 1945 season will fall short two or three million dollars. The all-time high reached in 1944 was nearly 25 million dollars.

Chinchilla breeding in the United States began in 1923.

# City Briefs

**Visiting**—Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Wilhelm and children are in Klamath Falls visiting with acquaintances. They will be at the Willard hotel and at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bruce, 1985 Manzanita, during their stay here. Wilhelm, formerly assistant store manager for Montgomery Ward here, is now Pacific coast merchandise manager of sporting goods and camera supplies.

**To Tacoma**—Margaret Watts, local USO staff assistant, left this morning for Tacoma, Wash., where she will spend the next two weeks assisting the Salvation Army USO there. The sudden rush of newly-returned veterans in Tacoma has necessitated a demand for more help at that city's USO.

**To Meet Wednesday**—The Townsend auxiliary will meet January 2 at the home of Mrs. Mary Marie, 2200 W. Main, for a potluck luncheon and election of officers at 1 p. m. All members are asked to be present.

**Club Meeting**—Townsend club will meet this Tuesday at 8 p. m., 500 N. 9th, for its regular business session and card party. Refreshments will be served.

**Visiting In Chico**—Mrs. Harold T. Franey, 720 Mt. Whitney, is visiting her mother in Chico, Calif., for a few days.

**Home From ETO**—Capt. George M. Epperson, recently returning from Europe on the Queen Mary, is in town now with his wife from Los Angeles. The captain's father, Arthur B. Epperson, met them in Sacramento. They will visit for two weeks before going on to Corvallis. Capt. Epperson is now in the officers reserve and will attend Oregon State college to study for his degree.

**Friendly Circle**—The Friendly Circle will meet Wednesday at the home of Mrs. H. S. Stone of 2204 Darrow, and Fannie Goddard and Kathryn Billings will be the hostesses. Luncheon will be served at 12:30 p. m.

**Return Home**—Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Peterson, returned to their home in Prineville Saturday after spending Christmas with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lane Warren.

**VFW Auxiliary**—There will be a regular meeting of the auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Thursday at 8 p. m., in the library clubroom.

**Rebekah Lodge**—Prosperity Rebekah lodge will install officers at the meeting Thursday evening in the IOOF hall.

**No Meeting**—Bogue Dale, president of the Klamath Falls Realtors announced there will be no meeting this Wednesday, January 2.

**2 Cars Damaged In Collision**  
Two cars were extensively damaged this morning in a collision at the dangerous Eberlein-Division intersection but no one was injured, police reported.

Lloyd S. Stitt, 42, Southern Pacific district agent residing at 509 Eldorado, was driving west on Eberlein when his automobile collided with a machine driven by Gilbert Bruce, 45, of route 3, coming south on Division.

Stitt reported that he was going about 20 miles an hour and that the other machine was going about 35. Both cars had to be hauled in by a wrecker.

**Lecture Slated At Fremont Auditorium**  
John S. Sammons, C. S. of Chicago, will lecture tonight at 8 o'clock at the Fremont school auditorium on "Christian Science; a Religion of Works." The lecture will be delivered under the sponsorship of the First Church of Christ Scientist of Klamath Falls, and admission will be free. The public is invited to attend.

Mr. Sammons is a member of the board of lecturership of the Mother Church, the First Church of Christ Scientist, of Boston.

**AUSSIES CELEBRATE SYDNEY, Australia, Dec. 31**  
—(AP)—More than 150,000 sun loving Australians today celebrated the last day of 1945 by basking in the 60-degree weather on the Sydney beaches.

**47 Violent Deaths Listed In Klamath County In '45**  
Violent deaths in Klamath county took another surge upward in 1945, according to the annual report of Coroner George H. Adler, with 47 such deaths reported for the year, against 40 for last year and only 29 in 1943.

There were three homicides and seven suicides in the county during 1945, compared to two killings and eight suicides last year.

Accidental deaths totaled 37, including 11 by drowning and three resulting from auto-train wrecks. Those three were killed in the Hager crossing smashup early in November. Among the drownings were two marines who sailed off into Crescent lake and were never located, a sailor drowned in Geary canal and another in the canal here in town.

Ten persons in the county died as a result of automobile accidents and one naval aviator died in a plane crash.

Here is the complete report:  
Natural causes ..... 36  
Suicides ..... 7  
Shooting ..... 4  
Poison ..... 1  
Cutting ..... 1  
Strangulation ..... 1  
Homicides ..... 3  
Drowning ..... 11  
Shooting ..... 1  
Slugging ..... 1  
Accidental ..... 37  
Lumbering ..... 3  
Farming ..... 1  
Auto-Train ..... 3  
Train ..... 1  
Conflagration ..... 2  
Plane crash ..... 1  
Suffocation ..... 1  
Strangulation ..... 1  
Drowning ..... 11  
Poison ..... 1  
Shock ..... 1  
Auto accidents ..... 10

In the deaths listed as from natural causes the great majority were attributable to heart ailments, one to cancer, one to chronic alcoholism and one to acute alcoholism.

# Arriving In United States

By Associated Press  
Robert S. Mundlin, Sgt., Boardman avenue, Klamath Falls, arriving on Wharton due in San Francisco December 31.  
Jay W. North, S/Sgt., Klamath Falls, arriving on Thomas Page due in New York January 1.

# Railroad Operations Resumed

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was weakened first by high water and again by the debris carried on the crest of the flood waters. Traffic was first moved over the Springfield span at 3 a. m. Monday, S. P. officials here said.

**Answers Call**  
The Herald and News and the state highway department answered numerous calls today as stranded holiday visitors checked on road conditions. No travel to valley points north was possible out of Klamath Falls except by way of Portland. The south Santiam was closed by slides and several secondary highways were closed.

Flood waters were receding throughout the state today and the Pacific highway east was opened at Harrisburg and Jefferson but one-way traffic was ordered for trucks. The Pacific highway west was open but the Albany-Corvallis road was closed by high water as were the Corvallis east side and Wilsonville ferry roads. The Coos Bay-Roseburg highway was opened two-way traffic this weekend and the Umpqua stretch was open to one-way traffic at Paradise creek.

Travel throughout the state, with the exception of slide areas, was expected to be normal by New Year's Day, the commission reported.

Although higher temperatures were reported throughout this section of the state, no new snow fell in mountain areas, roads leading out of Klamath Falls were said to be in icy condition and caution was urged. Freezing temperatures on Sun Mountain resulted in a coat of ice over the stretch and this same condition was reported over Quartz mountain to Lakeview and the Greensprings highway to Ashland. Crews were sanding as quickly as possible.

Klamath folks got their Sunday papers from the north in a round-about way yesterday. The papers were shipped by rail to Mt. Shasta and were then picked up by a truck and dispatched by the Southern Pacific here. Tickets were being sold at the SP depot on the regular schedule, the agent reported, and no slides hampered anticipated normal movement along the line.

**By The Associated Press**  
Flood crest of the swollen Willamette river near Portland and the lower valley today (Monday) as waters receded from upper valley towns and farmlands inundated the past four days.

More than 1000 families were preparing to return to homes in the 75 mile long area between Eugene and Salem where water levels surged as much as eight and ten feet above flood stage and over thousands of acres of the valley's rich farmlands.

Albany and Corvallis were on limited electric power today after lines toppled into the swirling Willamette. Cottage Grove and Springfield were without power for power lines and other industries. Power companies estimated it would be a week before service would be restored to normal in the flood-soaked valley.

**100 Housed**  
More than 100 persons were housed at the Corvallis USO center and the Federated church Saturday and Sunday and workers estimated at least 200 other families at that vicinity had doubled up with friends.

Toll of dead and missing rose to seven today with recovery of the body of Raymond H. Hill, 26, Drayton, of Yakima, from his car in flooded Elk creek. The search started when tracks leading off the highway were seen. Fate of four members of the John A. Mitchell family, Portland, was still unknown. Their empty car was found 19 miles south of Eugene where Salt creek flooded the highway. The Rev. Neil J. Barnes, former Coos Bay minister, and Harold B. Lyons failed to reappear when their boat overturned Saturday in the Coos river.

**Skiing Party Held At Sun Mountain**  
Sun Mountain was the scene of the second USO skiing party held December 30. Approximately 60 junior hostesses and marines and their wives were taken there in buses furnished by the Marine Barracks.

Steaks and coffee were cooked over an open grill in the afternoon. All skiing equipment was furnished by the Marine Barracks.

The USO staff hopes to make the skiing trips a weekly affair during the remainder of the winter.

**OBITUARIES**  
CHARLES FRANKLIN GLENN  
Charles Franklin Glenn, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Glenn of this city, passed away Sunday, December 30, 1945, at 12:15 a. m. Besides his parents, little Charles is survived by a brother, Jimmy Allen Glenn, Klamath Falls, his grandparents, Mrs. Jessie Star of the lake, Calif., and C. F. Stringer of Coquille, Calif. The remains rest at Ward's Klamath Falls home, 625 High. Funeral announcement will be made later.

JOHN ALEXANDER RICE  
John Alexander Rice, a native of Park, Colo., passed away in Klamath Falls Sunday, December 30, at the age of 70 years 2 months and 20 days following an extended illness. He had been a resident of Klamath Falls, Oregon, for 25 years. The remains are at the Earl Whitlock funeral home.

# Klamath's Big Local News Stories For 1945 Reflect Shift From War To Peace

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not yet concluded, as all charges have not yet been cleared. A story that accented the economic future of the Klamath area was the fight that Klamath and other nearby communities staged when it was learned the army engineers were considering a plan to divert Klamath basin water to the Central Valley project of California. At this writing, it appears Klamath and its associates have at least temporarily won this battle. It did much to awaken interest in Klamath's future as an agricultural area.

Another local development that won national if not international attention was the announcement that the Klamath Marine Barracks, set up as a tropical disease installation for the marine corps, had been so successful it had disposed of filariasis as a major medical problem in the marine corps. For this outstanding achievement, Capt. Lowell T. Coggeshall, the navy medical chief at the barracks, was awarded the Gorgas medal for exceptional medical service to the armed forces.

Klamath had a housing shortage all year. It was bad in the early part of the year because of the presence of military people and construction workers. End of the war did not alleviate the shortage, because servicing men began coming home and there continued an excess of demand over supply of quarters. Government housing projects here provided a part of this story, as did OPA rent control.

A major civic achievement of the year was an announcement that Klamath had won a veterans' hospital to be constructed early in the postwar period. This was a job done largely by the chamber of commerce, which also has been fighting to get through airline service for this city, the latter project in cooperation with the city airport commission.

The war period was comparatively free of fatal accidents, but once peace came, serious traffic mishaps again plunged into headlines. Three persons were killed in a train-car crash at Hager—one of the worst local accidents in history—and the incident brought about state action to give added protection at that dangerous crossing through signal installations.

Those first nine stories illustrate human struggles, triumphs and problems. The tenth gives some hint of how puny man finds himself in comparison with the forces of nature. It is based on reports that strange disturbances have occurred in Crater lake, Klamath county's scenic wonder. Several witnesses saw clouds of steam over the lake and other phenomena that indicated the possibility of a resumption of volcanic action there. Whether any such thing has happened is not yet known, and scientific investigations have been launched. But the very suspicion of volcanic activity in the lake has given this incident a place in our big local stories of 1945.

There were many other interesting events of the year. Here with is presented a somewhat briefer than usual monthly resume, prepared with the assistance of Lois Stewart and Paul Haines of The Herald and News editorial staff.

**January**  
3—OPA charges eight Klamath Falls restaurants, one meat wholesaler, and one meat retailer with selling and obtaining rationed meats without red permits.  
4—Prize hearing begins in Heuvel case.  
4—E. E. Hambrick named recreation head.  
8—John Sandmeyer named outstanding young man of year at \$100,000 damages awarded Dale Davis in \$50,000 auto accident damage suit against M. P. Lavenik.  
13—Ewing death surrounded by mystery. Man found with bullet wounds in head and body beside Weed highway.  
18—50-unit housing project for Klamath Falls approved by FHA.  
24—"March of Dimes" basketball game slated between Marines and Shannon's.  
26—Engineers release preliminary details of Klamath water diversion study.  
27—Search launched for Earl Heuvel, Chief flees from arresting officers.

**February**  
1—Capt. Denton J. Rees rescued from prison camp at Luzon in daring raid.  
5—Heuvel fails to appear in court.  
8—Tule lake land scheduled for postwar availability.  
9—Potato shipments break all records.  
12—USO grants approval for remodeling arcade center.  
12—850 Japanese aliens removed from Tulelake WRA center bound for internment camp.  
15—Lt. Col. Verne Austin, commanding officer at Camp Tulelake, leaves for new command in Arizona.  
12—Early morning fire burns El Padre to ground.  
13—Pro Japan societies at Tulelake segregation center raided by internal security police.  
15—Six Klamath Falls cafes penalized with suspension orders.  
20—Grand jury report asks drug clamp. Davig cleared of Ewing death.  
25—Basin spokesmen vigorously oppose water diversion at

# March

10—Marines' New Zealand brides arrive in Klamath Falls.  
12—Mitchell Paige weds navy nurse. Winner of Congressional Medal of Honor married at Reno.  
12—Cpl. T. C. Clipperton, USMC killed in wreck.  
13—Coach Marble Cook resigns position.  
14—\$1500 proposed for Teen-Age club.  
14—"Ma" Sunday visits Klamath.  
17—Herald Manning, trapper, missing four days.  
17—Wind lashes area, power disrupted.  
22—High timber production to be maintained.  
26—Oscar Campbell dies from burns.  
28—Federal court to convene here.

**April**  
6—City-county jail commission named.  
6—Cut on Modoc forest land to exceed 50 million feet.  
10—French to head KUHS basketball.  
12—Roosevelt dies. FDR passes at Warm Springs, Ga.  
17—Schaupp proposes Klamath route for interregional road—shorter, cheaper.  
19—Five injured in car crash; angler drowns.  
20—Another navy installation ordered for Klamath Falls. Matter before house appropriations committee.  
25—Sismore named to head C. C. C.  
27—Elimination of Sun Mountain grade planned for postwar.  
27—Detective magazines blamed for delinquency by student stick-up girl.  
30—Snell views military installations.  
30—Veteran killed in car, train crash. 29-year-old sailor killed when car hits GN train.

**May**  
1—A. L. Marshall, prominent Olney farmer, passes.  
2—U. S. solicitor advises rejecting claim of local property holders for flood damage in south suburbs.  
7—Klamath quietly greets news of enemy's surrender in Europe.  
9—Cmdr. Phil Haynes succeeds Cmdr. R. R. Darron as air station chief.  
12—Controversy develops over naming of interregional highway, as between Pacific highway south of Eugene to Weed, and Klamath route. State highway commission votes for Pacific route.  
19—Survivors of Carrier Franklin disaster arrive at KNAS.  
20—Two marines drown in Crescent lake.  
24—Some 3400 acres of Tule lake farm land yielded to water because of wet spring.  
29—Herald and News reveals that filariasis is written off as marine medical problem as result of Marine Barracks program. Censorship lifts, and it is announced that a Jap balloon bomb caused the death of six persons near Bly on May 5.

**June**  
8—Earl Heuvel reported held in Arkansas jail.  
13—C. S. Robertson, First Federal president, dies.  
15—Three incendiary fires reported on Klamath Indian reservation.  
21—Reclamation service announces investigation of possibility of increasing size of Lost river diversion channel.  
22—County-city jail measure approved in special election.  
25—Blanche Schonchin named queen of rodeo.

**July**  
2—Lt. Leonard Swenson, USNR, killed in naval air station plane crash.  
3—Fire destroys part of Bratton Packing plant.  
3-4—Buckaroo Days celebration.  
6—Weyerhaeuser announces it is taking down its burner.  
7—Seventh War Loan over top.  
9—Three drown at nearby lakes.  
18—CAB examiner recommends against Klamath main air line; local fight to get line anyhow gets underway.  
23—Col. George Van Orden leaves Marine Barracks commanding officer post.

**August**  
2—Attempt to quash Heuvel indictments quashed in court.  
3—Col. Charles Brooks becomes barracks commanding officer.  
7—CIO strike starts in Klamath lumbering operations.  
15—Paul Angstead named KUHS football coach.  
14—Klamath celebrates as Japs quit the war in the Pacific.  
13—Ralph Tice, Klamath Indian, shoots and kills Eugene Mecum at Chiloquin.  
17—Lifting of censorship revealed Jap balloon sighting here in January gave U. S. its first complete story of wafted weapon.  
20—Marine Barracks named separation center for northwest marines.  
23—War department announced Sgt. William Dierker, Tulelake, was killed on the day of the Doolittle raid—April 18, 1942.  
31—Ration books show county's population to be 44,001.  
31—Shaw Lumber company sells Modoc holdings to Finney Logging company.

**September**  
1—Weyerhaeuser AFL machinists declare they will go back to work despite CIO picket line.

# Warm Weather Recorded In Basin In '45

The year 1945 was the warmest in Klamath basin since 1941, according to records of the U. S. bureau of reclamation, with a mean temperature of 48.9 degrees. The yearly mean in 1941 was 49.4 degrees. Mean for all years recorded was 47.8 degrees.

July was the hottest month with a maximum temperature of 95 degrees occurring on the 8th, 9th, 27th and 28th. There were 20 days during the year when the mercury rose to 90 or above. On December 19 the mercury sank to 6 degrees, the minimum for the year, and there were 146 days when it was 32 degrees or less. The year was divided into 124 clear days, 108 partly cloudy days and 133 cloudy.

**Wettest Month**  
May was the wettest month when 4.75 inches was recorded, making the total precipitation for the calendar year 10.52 or 3.47 inches above normal. Mean precipitation for 15 years recorded was 13.05. August was the only month in 1945 with no precipitation.

There has been 7.27 inches of precipitation recorded during the first three months of the 1945-1946 stream year which is from October 1, 1945 to September 30, 1946. This is the wettest record for the period since 1937, when 6.19 inches were recorded.

Comparison of available storage in USBR reservoirs of January 1, 1944 with December 27, 1945 is: Upper Klamath lake, 103,300 acre feet, 207,420 acre feet; Clear lake, 223,040, 232,330; Gerber, 29,680, 42,830. Total storage, 194,440, 350,020; 1945, 482,580 acre feet.

**Stockman Hits Airport Delay**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (AP)—Long delay before Klamath Falls in getting better to use the new airport there as a civilian flying field was scored by Rep. Lowell Stockman (R-Ore.) in a letter to Secretary Forrestal of the navy.

The city started last October 1 to get navy permission. After six weeks and no action, city officials appealed to Stockman. He went through the usual channels and was told the permit would be signed last week. When it was not signed by the designated day, Stockman appealed to Forrestal, reviewing the weeks of delay.

"It surely must be possible for the navy department to have a permit of this nature issued without such undue delay," Stockman wrote. "It occurs to me that such unnecessary inaction in a small matter like the issuing of one permit, about which there is no question, is the very kind of thing that might explain our disaster at Pearl Harbor."

The day Forrestal received the letter, Stockman was notified the permit would be issued before nightfall, and it was.

**Mail Service Resumed Here**  
The tail-end of incoming holiday mail was taken care of today through the Klamath Falls post office. Mail trains from both north and south were delayed yesterday because of slides on the tracks, but service was resumed Monday and everything was handled satisfactorily. Bur E. Hawkins, postmaster, said: "Holiday mail, usually a huge headache, was managed splendidly this year due to the cooperation of the public and the extra help hired for the rush. Most of the holiday help has been released today."

The 1945 volume of holiday mail came close to that of 1944, although the population of the area was greatly reduced with the closing of military installations here.

Very few complaints have been received for missing packages and damaged mail this season, which is unusual due to the large volume handled. This probably the result, Hawkins said, of persons heeding the mailing instructions published in time to be of use.

The Christmas or Santa Claus special which ran between San Francisco and Portland during the holiday rush was discontinued today, winding up the mailing program for December in the year.

**Hixon Enters Innocent Plea**  
Lee Arlet Hixon, 23, entered a plea of innocence to charges of receiving and concealing stolen property in circuit court this morning and March 28 was set as the date of his trial.

Hixon is under indictment in connection with the theft of a saddle and other riding equipment from the W. Eberharts ranch.

Pedro Palato, young Mexican indicted for statutory rape, was also scheduled to appear in court this morning to make a plea but neither he, his attorney Fred O. Small, or the interpreter he has retained, were present.

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