

Tragedy Marks Headlines As Klamath Region Passes Through Big News Year

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The Evans apartment house at 10th and Main burned on the morning of February 16, taking lives of five persons—Mrs. William Lorenzen, Sydney Evans, Mrs. Golda Harney, and Mr. and Mrs. George Peaster. From the standpoint of human toll, it was the worst local fire since the Houston opera house blaze of September 1, 1920, when 14 persons lost their lives.

Just a week after the Evans apartment fire, news of another tragedy broke on the community. In a take-off from the local airport, an amphibious plane piloted by Tex Rankin, one of the nation's best-known stunt pilots, lost power and after striking a power line toppled into a suburban garden. Rankin, Cy Wallan and Jack Elle, the latter local automobile dealer, were killed instantly. But Thompson, fourth member of the party, escaped with injuries.

High prices made big news throughout the year, here as everywhere in the U. S. The inflationary spiral not only boomed the cost of living and wage levels, but it also sent prices on two major local commodities—lumber and grain—into the stratosphere. The barley sale this fall held local attention as prices climbed to a peak of \$5.12 1/2, and the total value of the crop was estimated at \$12,500,000.

A shrinking regional log supply combined with the general economic situation saw stumpage prices go beyond anything ever dreamed of before. The record was set in October when Klamath Lumber and Box company bid \$27.76 per thousand on a block of reservation timber. The timber situation was further featured by the aggressive activities of the Klamath Lake Moulding company, which acquired the old Big Lakes plant and expanded logging activities for local manufacturing into the Diamond lake region of the Umpqua National forest.

A major story that held sustained interest through the summer months was the controversy over liquidation of the Indian reservation, which brought a panel of United States senators here for a hearing. After sessions in Klamath Falls and at the agency the committee adjourned to ponder its findings, with new legislation on the issue yet to be devised. The issue has split the membership of the tribe, and both sides will be represented in Washington at the coming session of congress.

A story that was regionally sensational was that of Little Miss X—Mary Jane Medlin—a tiny girl who was found, brutally beaten, behind a dance hall at Weed. Subsequently the girl's mother and her common-law husband were punished for mistreating and abandoning the little girl.

Escaped Shot Ranking as story No. 7 of the year was the shooting of an escaping prisoner by Deputy Sheriff Marion J. Barnes in front of the courthouse February 3. The prisoner, Donald Gordon Roberts, was dropped dead with a single shot. A coroner's jury and the grand jury later absolved Barnes of any wrong-doing in the case.

Klamath made a successful fight in 1947 to save the Marine Barracks plant for constructive peacetime use. The battle went to the legislature, where, after a series of ups and downs, the appropriation went through to finance the Oregon Vocational school at the Barracks. The school, directed by Winston Purvine, is now going strong.

Ninth story in public interest was the gun battle which local officers waged with a couple of San Quentin escapees in the cul-de-sac at the end of Jefferson street adjoining the canal, the night of March 31. One convict was captured and the other escaped to stage a series of car thefts before being taken in Arkansas.

Sports news breaks into the "big ten" this time, by virtue of the unusual circumstances that eliminated two Klamath teams from the state championship football series. Both Klamath Falls and Henley teams got into the late series in the A and B competition, respectively. But Klamath Falls lost out in the quarter-finals after tying

The Dalles 12-13, tying the first downs 8-8, but falling behind in yardage. Henley went to the B league finals, tying the score 12-12 with Amity, but losing on first downs, 14 to 9. Klamath Falls basketball team went into the state final game at Eugene last winter, and the Chiloquin team, losing its B championship game, got into its first tournament game.

That's the first ten as the staff of The Herald and News has picked them. It was probably the biggest all-around news year in the history of the present management of The Herald and News, if not for all time. A number of other stories made a bid for a place on the list, including the Tulelake homesteaders making good and the new homestead opening, the police brutality trial in circuit court, the successful Community Chest drive, and fatal automobile accidents which went to 17 for the year.

Following is a news review of the year, with outstanding stories calendared and the "big ten" flagged with appropriate numbers:

- January**
 - 3—Donald F. Yancey gets life imprisonment for murder of County Librarian Mary McComb.
 - 6—Carpenters and painters strike.
 - 8—Craft unionists return to work with pay raise.
 - 9—Figures show Klamath Falls, Klamath county and high school district out of debt, other public corporations approaching debt-free status.
 - 10—Barbara Evangelina Strickland, 15, killed on side road near Midland to become first 1947 traffic fatality victim in county.
 - 14—Seventeen families snowed in at Crater lake.
 - 15—Klamath Lake Moulding company bought 50,000,000 feet Umpqua forest timber.
 - 20—Judge Katherine Hill, 11 months, killed by accidental shotgun blast at Wocus.
 - 21—Tommy Spencer, 2 1/2, dies in Tulelake cabin fire.
 - 23—George Wallace White, 25, truck driver, killed in Sun mountain crash.
 - 25—Parking meter operation starts.
 - 27—Armed bandits stick up Oregon Food store.
 - 28—Laverne Hunt, 26, killed in Willamette pass highway smashup.
 - 30—Jack Kyle Perry held for attacking girl near Dorris. (later got life imprisonment.)

- February**
 - 3—Deputy Sheriff M. J. Barnes shoots Donald Gordon Roberts in attempted break for freedom at courthouse. (Barnes later cleared by coroner's and grand juries.)
 - 8—Joseph Johnson, 26, killed by auto near Beatty.
 - 11—Potato growers ask new potato grade to help market crop.
 - 15—Chiloquin Panthers win county basketball league title.
 - 16—Evans apartment fire kills 5.
 - 21—Local laundries struck by AFL unionists.
 - 21—Klamath woman learns tan coat, given for Europe needy, was sold to Tennessee woman by New York mail order house.
 - 23—Tex Rankin, famed aviator; Jack Elle and Cy Wallan, local automobile dealers, killed in plane crash up in Klamath Falls suburbs.
 - 25—Final announcement of 86 Tulelake homestead winners made.

- March**
 - 1—United States sues for veterans hospital site back of Hot Springs.
 - 2—Smith Cox, accident injury victim, injured second time when ambulance turns over. (He died March 6.)
 - 4—Pelicans win district basketball championship.
 - 5—Robert Walker, Merrill, famed outstanding young man in civic work in 1946.
 - 11—Sam Smith named recreation head here.
 - 11—Shuck Brothers warehouse at Merrill has \$200,000 fire.
 - 13—Leland Cheyne refuses Tulelake homestead.
 - 13—Four residents of Lakeview drown in Goose lake.
 - 14—Skakyou freeholders sign proposed charter, which was later defeated.
 - 15—Pelicans defeated by Marshfield, 51-49 to lose state hoop title at Eugene.
 - 18—American Box company at Chiloquin closes down.
 - 23—Harry Wright and Harold Wright, Klamath Indians, die in Modoc Point fire.
 - 27—Policeman Vern Wagner found guilty of assault with dangerous weapon. (He later was paroled.)
 - 28—Part of Evans building ruins falls in high wind.
 - 31—Legislative committee approves budget for Marine Barracks vocational school, and legislature later approved this recommendation.
 - 31—Two San Quentin escapees shoot it out with police on Jefferson street dead-end; one taken, other escapes to be captured May 5 in Arkansas.

- April**
 - 7—Telephone strikers start picketing here.
 - 9—\$5000 total purse announced for July 4 Rodeo.
 - 11—1946 agricultural income announced at record high of \$29,129,000.
 - 15—Teacher pay increased.
 - 19—Pumice mining rush on at Chemult.
 - 25—Mrs. Harlan Bosworth named woman of year here.
 - 30—Newt Nelson resigns as assessor.

- May**
 - 2—City Policeman Paul Robertson has battle with bandit on Midland road.
 - 11—Three convicts escape Goose lake prison camp.
 - 11—William Henry Nagel, Portland preacher, arrested in indecent exposure case; later convicted and sentenced to two years; case now on appeal.
 - 13—School budgets pass by wide margins.
 - 16—Telephone strike ends.
 - 21—\$150,000 fire razes Alturas apartment and tavern.
 - 22—County holds budget within 6 per cent limitation.
 - 24—Klamath Indians stage petition battle; one group demands removal of Supt. B. G. Courtwright.
 - 24—Leonard Callier and Harold Hadley lost on Odell lake.
 - 26—George Evans killed in collision south of Tulelake.
 - 29—Winston Purvine named head of Oregon Vocational school, about to open.
 - 29—City shows 46 per cent tax cut.

- June**
 - 3—Potato shipments for year to date hit 11,703 carloads.
 - 6—Roland Hicks nabbed while leaving Chiloquin hide-out and held in shooting of Eveland Chiloquin. He was later cleared.
 - 12—Vandalism cause destruction in Linkville cemetery.

- July**
 - 1—Half-year economic outlook for 1947 described as very good.
 - 2—Mrs. Enos Herkaban killed on logging road near Chiloquin bridge.
 - 3—Lack of funds brings virtual halt to basin land-water survey.
 - 4—Rodeo and parade.
 - 6—Mrs. Maxine Elliott Alexander killed in Fort Klamath auto accident.
 - 7—Archibald McDermaid drowned at Lake of the Woods.
 - 14—Police school opens at OVS.
 - 16—James Francis Morton, 2, drowns in irrigation ditch on Shasta way.
 - 19—Francis Lambert of Portland named chief white tail of Order of Antelope.
 - 21—Six-hour railroad strike.
 - 23—Highway commission funds north entrance bids too high.
 - 24—Two killed in Susanville hotel fire.
 - 25—Harry Jerry Ambers auto crash victim on Algoma hill and William P. Parr killed on highway No. 97 south.
 - 29—Joe L. Alvarado, 27, victim of Merrill auto accident.
 - 31—Big Lakes Box company plant sold to Klamath Lake Moulding Co.

- August**
 - 2—Ralph Newman drowns in Thompson's reservoir.
 - 3—Premont sawmill at Lakeview burns.
 - 7—Coppock Bay homestead opening announced.
 - 9—Pat Hogue fatally injured in fall from chair.
 - 12—Generally reduced tax millage rates announced by assessor.
 - 18-22—Senate subcommittee conducts hearing on Indian reservation liquidation issue.
 - 19—Little Yamsay Timber sold to Ewauna Box for \$20.51, a record to that date for reservation stumpage prices.
 - 30—Plumbers declare strike intention.

- September**
 - 2—Labor Day festivities at Tulelake and Lakeview.

- October**
 - 1—Police Judge Harold Franey resigns.
 - 7—Sales tax banged down in election.
 - 9—Mrs. Christine Huxford killed on Sun mountain in auto crash.
 - 13—First train carrying bodies of veterans from overseas goes through here.
 - 14—Post office department declares Reno air route unnecessary.
 - 17—Medford football game, scoreless tie.
 - 21—Duck season opens for first half of split season.
 - 22—Plumber strike ends.
 - 25—Two Susanville youths killed in highway crash, Westwood highway.
 - 27—Record bid of \$27.76 bid on Klamath Agency timber.
 - 28—Airplane crash at Dog lake kills Snell, Cornett, Farrell, Hogue.
 - 30—Wreckage of plane reached by search party.

- November**
 - 1—Ralph L. Smith Lumber company buys Deschutes Lumber Co.
 - 7—Man jailed for locking child in car in sub-freezing weather.
 - 11—Armistice Day.
 - 12—Allen Bernard Arden killed in S. 6th street auto accident.
 - 13—Earl Edward Cutler dies following auto accident.
 - 15—CAB holds hearing on Snell plane crash.
 - 16—Negro jailed for knifeing.
 - 21—Pelicans lose to The Dalles on yardage in quarter-final state title grid game.
 - 26—Lula Mae Easley, missing Stockton waitress, tracked to Klamath Falls. Later found murdered. Her companion here, Kenneth Allen Miller, sought for killing.
 - 29—Harry Bolvin of Klamath Falls named to state liquor board.

- December**
 - 3—Shade Auburn Nelson jailed for maltreatment of dog, gets jail sentence and fine.
 - 6—Amity wins from Henley in state B league grid finals on first downs.
 - 7—Dynamite cap blast destroys building at Klamath Concrete Pipe company plant.
 - 12—Community Chest campaign rolls over \$66,000 goal.
 - 12—County asks more money from Indians for education.
 - 13—W. E. Lamm estate probated, showing total \$1,662,000—biggest in probate history here.
 - 13—Triplets, two girls and boy, born here.
 - 16—Federal aid sought for approach roads to Lava Beds.
 - 16—Greyhound permitted to buy Klamath-Reno stage line.
 - 16—Howard Strode sworn in as police judge.
 - 17—Armed man captured downtown by city officer. Larry Sherman says he intended to hold up clothing store.
 - 17—County-wide economic survey plan gains favor.
 - 18—Enterprise tracts sold by Charles Wood Eberlein to local group.
 - 19—Northwest Chemurgy Co-op, operator of Hatfield starch plant, in receivership.
 - 20—Tulelake grain growers invade Wood River valley with big land purchases.
 - 21—Stinson plane, four aboard, lost on Ellensburg-Klamath flight. Still missing.
 - 24—Christmas eve sees final rush of great buying season.
 - 28—Ralph J. Long Jr. dies after struggle in upper lake ice after retrieving shot bird.
 - 29—Brilliant meteor flash starts big area.
 - 31—Virgil Winger, a potato sorter, killed instantly in highway wreck near Merrill.

26—State education boards accept Marine Barracks for school.

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Motorists Put \$50,707 In Meters

Motorists have slipped \$50,707 in pennies and nickels into the city's parking meters in less than a year. Of the total figure, the city coffers have felt the clink of about \$27,400, with the balance, in the neighborhood of \$23,307, going to the company as payment for the meters.

At that rate, it should take about another year for the clikers to be paid off. Purchase price was \$42,035.50.

So far, the meters have paid off as far as the city is concerned. From the meter fund, the police department has added one traffic car and a motorcycle to its equipment. Three traffic policemen, a collector-maintenance man and an office clerk are paid from the meter money. In addition, work pertaining to traffic is financed through the money.

Collection equipment, paint for cross-walks and street signs have been purchased through that source.

The meter ordinance provides for use of meter money to finance any project of equipment directly concerned with traffic control.

Highest monthly tally was for December when the Christmas shopping rush poured money into the

Month	Amount
January	\$ 321
February	3663
March	4618
April	4646.00
May	4017.50
June	4734.50
July	4600
August	4893
September	4342.50
October	5002
November	4218.50
December	5584.50
Total	\$50,707.00

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The planet Mars has two small moons, each only a few miles in diameter. The gravitational pull on these small bodies is so slight that a baseball player, living there, could throw a baseball around the entire globe and catch it as it returned.

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