

Housing Picture Brighter In Klamath Area, But Big Strides Remain For Future

The housing shortage in Klamath Falls and suburbs is letting up a little due to not-inconsiderable new building, but there is still lack of almost a thousand dwelling units in comparison with what the city will need in the next four years.

Slayer On Stand Again

SEATTLE, Jan. 14 (AP)—Richard C. Britton, 29, who twice has been sentenced to hang for the shotgun slaying of a Seattle shoe store manager during a holdup two years ago, resumed the stand today as the state's key witness in the first-degree murder trial of Orbin Bassi Smith, now charged with the same killing.

From the witness stand yesterday, Britton placed the blame for the slaying on Smith, 29, of Longview, Tex.

He asserted the pair had planned the holdup and that he had an unloaded .32 caliber revolver in his pocket. Britton's sawed-off shotgun also was brought along.

"I told the clerk, 'this is a stick-up,'" he said. "I don't know what happened then. There was a shot, and I looked around. I don't know where Smith was."

Britton said he was not carrying the shotgun, but answered "I don't know" when asked on cross-examination who he thought had fired the shot.

During testimony, Britton said he had an agreement with Prosecutor Lloyd Shorett that if "I'd testify in this case and tell the truth, he'd recommend a commutation of my death sentence."

Plumbing Company Buys Building

TULELAKE, Jan. 14—Charles R. Foust, owner of the Foust Plumbing company, has purchased from the Klamath Basin Co-operative the frame building occupied by the post office prior to the move to the new building on Mode.

The building has been remodeled with plate glass front and room provided for expansion.

Mrs. Foust is assisting in the office.

merce, made that estimate in a letter to Folger Johnson, regional head of the federal housing administration in Portland. The letter urged more FHA construction here.

Stark estimated that in four years Klamath Falls and the immediate suburbs will have a population of 32,500, and will need 997 houses or apartments to take care of the additional growth.

In his estimates, Stark has omitted 387 units of government housing now in use here, because those units are supposed to be demolished within two years after the termination of the national emergency.

The "national emergency" period has been partially terminated by Washington, but not insofar as it relates to housing. There has been no indication that the federal housing units here will be done away with any time soon.

If private construction has not caught up with the demand by the time the government dwellings are to be dismantled, Stark believes that pressure can be brought to bear to keep them past the time limit.

Complicating the picture is the fact, Stark says, that over 500 houses which were being rented out have gone off the rental market by being sold during the time rent controls have been in effect here.

Although that assures housing for the purchasers, it cuts down the field of selection of persons who prefer to rent. New renters in this community are still hard pressed to get a roof over their heads.

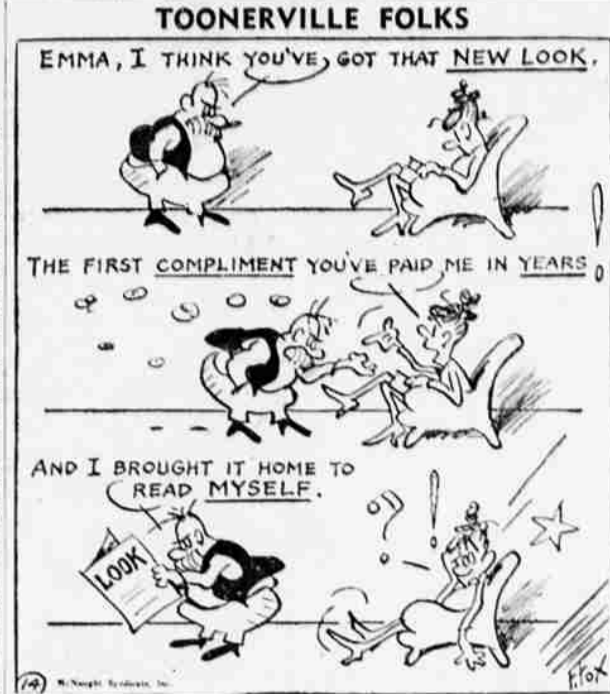
Search Continues For Paratrooper

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Jan. 14 (AP)—One of three paratroopers who made a moonlight leap to the aid of six B-29 crash survivors two days after Christmas still has not been found, Ladd field authorities said today. He is Lieut. Albert C. Kinney Jr., Hardwick, Vt., medical officer at Ladd field.

The frozen body of the second paratrooper, found Saturday, was identified yesterday as T-5 Leon J. Casey, whose sister, Ruby Blackwell, lives in Los Angeles. The body of Sgt. Santhell London, Kinta, Okla., was recovered 10 days ago.

A report at Nome, still unconfirmed, said the bodies of Lieuts. Vern H. Arnett, Santa Ana, Calif., and Frederick E. Sheetz, Keyser, W. Va., pilot and navigator of the stricken B-29, had been found nine miles from the crash scene.

Six members of the plane's crew were rescued.



Mary McComb Memorial Shelf Growing Bigger

A number of new books are ready for distribution from the Klamath county library as the Mary McComb Memorial shelf continues to grow. A total of 178 volumes, ranging from children's books, novels, history through various other types of literature, now appear on the shelf and others are on order.

- Grove, "Dictionary of Music and Musicians," 6 vol.
- Grushkin, "Painting in the U.S.A."
- Haas, "Art Metal Work and Jewelry."
- Haskin, "Wild Flowers of the Pacific Coast."
- Haydn, "A World of Great Stories."
- Hirok, "Impressario, a Memoir."
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- Loomis, "Fun With a Pencil."
- McBride, "Treasury of Antiques."
- McBride, "Tune in for Elizabeth."
- McKinn, "An Illustrated Manual of Pacific Coast Trees."
- McClintock, "The Story of New England."
- Mademoiselle, "The Mademoiselle Handbook."
- Masters, "Stampography."
- Means, "Great Day in the Morning."
- Parsons, "Listener's Room."
- Picken, "The Language of Fashion."
- Powers, "Poems of the Covered Wagons."
- Powers, "Party Table."
- Pyle, "How to Grow Roses."
- Rogers, "American Interior Design."
- Rogers, "5000 Years of Gems and Jewelry."
- Sampson, "The Concise Cambridge History of English Literature."
- Seymour, "The New Garden Encyclopedia."
- Shoemaker, "How You Can Find Happiness."
- Taves, "Successful Women and How They Attained."
- Wainson, "Forty Illustrators and How They Work."
- White, Camps and Cottages.
- Wood, "How to Draw Portraits."
- Wright, "Westminster Historical Atlas of the Bible."
- Yates, "Nearby."
- Yeager, "Gray Dawn, the Wolf Dog, Zim, Minerals, Their Identification, Uses, and How to Collect Them."

ELECTED

PORTLAND, Jan. 14 (AP)—The Press Club of Oregon reported today election of three new members to the board of directors. They are Tom Humphrey, Oregon Journal; Ron Moxness, Oregonian, and Jack Travis, Hood River Sun. The directors will name officers Monday.



SP Hauls Record Freight Into And Out Of Oregon

Southern Pacific hauled more carloads of freight into and out of Oregon in 1947 than in any other peacetime year and set this record in spite of an acute nationwide car shortage, A. T. Mercier, president of the railroad, reported today.

"This is a clear indication," Mr. Mercier said, "of Oregon's postwar growth. Like other western regions," he added, "the Northwest is making the most of its opportunities for new industrial development to match the west's long-established leadership in diversified agriculture."

"Since Oregon's forests are now the greatest in the nation, 260,386 cars of lumber and other products of forestry were loaded on Southern Pacific's lines in this state last year," the rail president said, "an increase of 94,969 cars or 57 per cent, over 1939. Excluding perishable shipments, 83 per cent of all Southern Pacific loadings in Oregon were made up of forest products. Oregon's outbound traffic is much greater than inbound, it was pointed out, so it was necessary to move 102,084 empty cars hundreds of miles for loading in this state in 1947."

With the passing of the seasonal shipping peak in the last quarter of 1947, western railroads have been able to meet practically all requests for cars," Mr. Mercier said, "but they could not possibly stretch the available supply to satisfy the unprecedented peacetime demand while all sections of the country were making simultaneous calls for transportation service."

"The railroads," he continued, "were denied all but a small fraction of the new cars they wanted and would have bought during the war. Postwar orders for new equipment have remained largely unfilled because of the shortage of construction materials. Facing this situation Southern Pacific and the other railroads have concentrated on giving shippers the best possible service through maximum use of cars. In doing so, our railroad has established an all-time high in its miles-per-day movement of freight cars, topping the national average of about 40 per cent. This speedier handling of shipments in 1947 had

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Fuel Oil Conservation Bulletin

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1. Keep temperature at 70° F. If you burn 2,000 gallons a year, you'll use nearly 300 additional gallons of fuel if the thermostat is set for 75° instead of 70°. The lower temperature is more healthful, too.
2. Maintain lower temperature at night. Fuel oil savings by lowering the thermostat 5° at night can run as high as 9 1/2% in a single season.
3. Insulation and weatherstripping will usually pay for themselves in a hurry. It costs money to heat all outdoors and you'll get no thanks for that.
4. Have your heating system cleaned and checked professionally every year. Just 1/16-inch of soot can run your fuel consumption up as much as 26%.
5. Pull down window shades at night. A well fitting shade keeps in far more heat than you'd expect.
6. Close off sleeping rooms from rest of house at night.
7. When fireplace is not in use, be sure the damper is tightly closed.
8. Be sure your fuel oil is top grade . . . and delivered clean.

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