

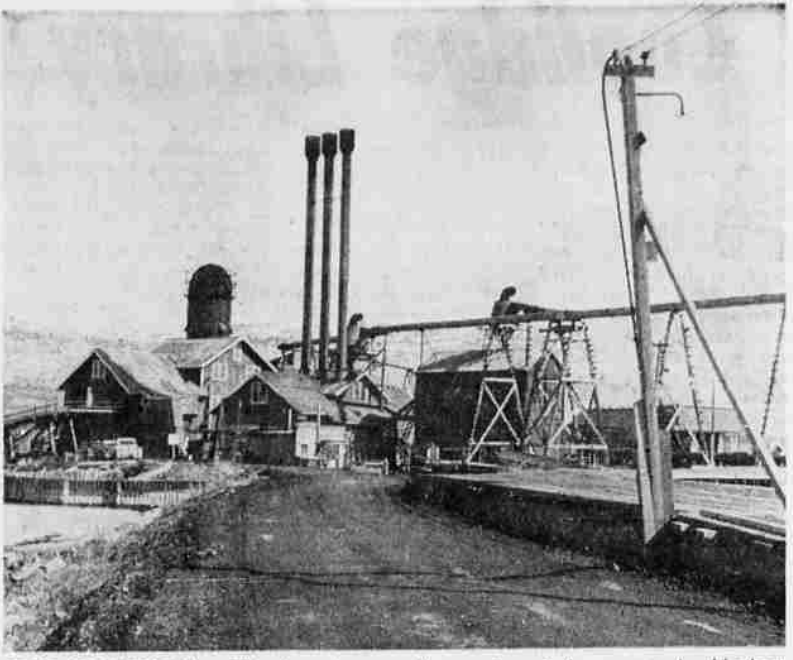


READY FOR THE MILL — This view was taken of the logpond at the new plant operation of Klamath Lumber and Box Company. The sales volume of the operation doubled during 1962 in the switch from the old to the new plant site.

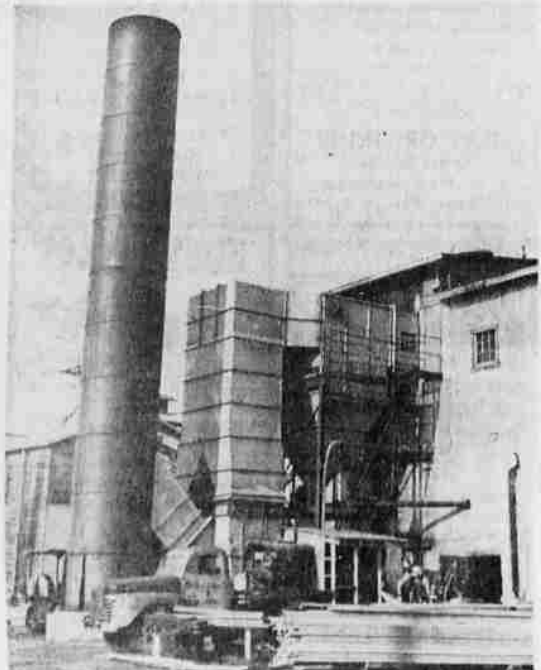
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OLD PLANT — This is one view of the old Klamath Lumber and Box plant in Shippington Addition which went under the auctioneer's hammer in March of 1962.



SOLD AT AUCTION — This view shows another portion of the company's old plant at Shippington Addition which was auctioned off to bidders. Some of the buildings dated back to 1903.



NEW PLANT OPERATING — The former Kesterson's Mill was purchased for Klamath Lumber and Box Company operation in late 1961 and went into full production during 1962. This view shows one of the buildings at the new plant site where employment increased about 50 per cent and payroll jumped about \$1 million during 1962.

Klamath Lumber Firm Changes Plant Sites

For Klamath Lumber and Box Company, 1962 was a year of the complete switch.

The lumber firm did better than construct new buildings, it moved to a completely new location and auctioned off its old plant.

In March of 1962, the buildings of the Klamath Lumber and Box Company, some of which went back to as early as 1903, went on the block and were sold to the highest bidders.

Buyers came from a six-state area to bid for the facilities which were set up in 825 separate articles.

In addition, the 100-acre site on Upper Klamath Lake was also sold.

In the old location, the company employed from 120 to 150 employees, but this has been increased by 20 to 75 employees with the shift to the new location which was formerly the Kesterson Mill operation.

The new plant site was purchased in 1961 from the Great Northern Railroad and the Glacier Park Company, co-owners of the property. The purchase was effected by the DiGiorgio Fruit Company, parent firm of Klamath Lumber and Box.

The 100-acre site formerly occupied by the plant on the lake was purchased by Pacific Power and Light Company for \$37,500 and offered for sale to the city of Klamath Falls.

Meantime, 1962 was a big year of building at the new operation of this company. The payroll was increased more than \$1 million, and the company spent in excess of \$250,000 modernizing portions of their newly acquired plant.

Money was spent remodeling the dry kiln box factory, a new repair operation in the sawmill and a boiler system. They also added a new office structure.

They contemplate the expenditure of another \$250,000 during 1963 for additional modernization.

Also, during 1962, the company instituted a company paid life insurance benefit program.

Present sales have about doubled from the volume handled at the old site. The firm ships lumber throughout the country, and its box material goes to DiGiorgio Fruit plants in California for use in that state.

Timber purchases amounted to about 25 million feet of timber which had been blown down in the Columbus Day storm, in addition they also made other purchases in the Winema and Modoc Forest areas as well as private stock and timber from Bureau of Land Management lands.

It was a year of progress on a big scale for Klamath Lumber and Box Company.

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Coolidge Library Survey Would Call For Considerable Changes

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12,000 well selected juvenile titles. This should be supplemented by bookmobile stops and other extension services in areas of clearly defined need. The services for children should all be planned and directed by a fully qualified professional librarian, assigned full time to children's work.

Existing branches in the southern part of the county should be continued as long as they definitely fill neighborhood needs, as shown by community interest and as tested by actual use.

High School And College Students—The efficient pooling of the best materials in both reference collections and a consolidation of the best books in both adult book collections would be a great convenience to high school and college students. A unified collection would be easier to use; it would enrich the library's resources and increase its utility.

Young people more than 15 years old often have access to their own or family automobiles, which makes it much easier for them to come into a centralized service than it is for others younger than that age. Conversely, they are in much less need of extension services than are the younger people. They also profit more from having direct access to major library resources.

To provide the best library service to this active age group, logic and common sense would suggest a unified service.

In conclusion, if a unified service were established with a central service in Klamath Falls, there would be 42,000 people of all ages served in the immediate area. These would all be within range of its resources. Included would be 8,700 children

(ages 5 through 14) and 6,000 young people (ages 15-24). Both groups could be more effectively served by one efficiently managed service.

Children's Program—The standards for children's work visualize a full program of professionally directed activities for every system, including school visits, story hours, film programs and a summer reading club. This could be instituted most effectively if the city and county libraries were consolidated so that all of the children's work could be placed in one adequate room under the supervision of a well-qualified librarian, supplemented by other help as required.

Other Libraries—Today more and more libraries are combining in the interest of greater efficiency and better service. This is the main theme of a major, statewide campaign going on this year in California, as well as some areas in Oregon.

Recommendation—The Klamath Falls City Library and the Klamath County Library should unite under one management and that a single, centralized main library be operated in Klamath Falls adequate to serve the southern county, supplemented by extension services.

The central building should provide enough well-organized space on the ground floor to handle a stock of 50,000 well selected adult circulating books, a reference collection of at least 3,000 currently useful volumes (staffed by a professionally trained librarian), and 12,000 juvenile books in an appropriately furnished children's room under professional supervision (total juvenile stock of at least 17,000 volumes).

These basic collections should be supplemented by an Oregon collection, documents, music, pictures, etc., in addition to a full range of modern services, such as films, film strips and 1,600 phonograph records. The goal should be to double the use of the library without doubling its costs.

Library Buildings—The county and city libraries should be incorporated in the building now occupied by the county library. The main floor of the building should be enlarged to accommodate the large number of books to be transferred from the city library. In addition, the Red Cross Office and the museum should be relocated to permit use of this space by the combined library.

Suggested Building Changes—Minor alterations are suggested for the county library building if the merger takes place, and includes the removal of the glass partition enclosing the librarian's office, closing the existing entrance to what is now the museum and opening a new one. Under this plan all the space on the main floor and basement would be used for the combined library, including the present county museum and Red Cross quarters. In addition to the children's books, the library would have a capacity for 46,000 adult circulating books and shelving for 6,000 volumes for various secondary collections and 3,200 reference books.

Proposed Layout—After the alterations in the building are completed the library office would move to the room now occupied by the Red Cross, and the children's library would be located in the quarters currently used by the museum.

Method Of Combining—Several legal methods of combining are possible, but the one that is the simplest and perhaps the best

would be for the city to combine with the county. To do this the city library would legally disestablish itself. Simultaneously (at the same meeting) the new unified library of Klamath Falls could be established under the auspices of the county. At the same time it would be desirable for the board of the newly created unified library to establish a vacant position for the head of the new unified library, and formally establish requirements for the position, salary, and method of recruiting.

Under Oregon law, "Any public library established under ORS 257.400 to 257.600 shall not be abolished or discontinued nor support withdrawn therefrom except by a vote at two consecutive annual meetings or two meetings held at intervals of at least 12 months of the body which established the library." This means that a full year must elapse before the action becomes final.

The Library Board should request the city council to disestablish the city library and to transfer its staff, assets and liabilities to Klamath County so that a unified library could be formed.

Twelve months after the first action by the city council expressing its intent to disestablish the city library and transfer its assets and staff to the county, it should act again and reaffirm its position. At this time the new arrangement, as stated in the agreement, would go into effect.

Existing Staffs—The city library has an excellent staff of seven people (five full-time) with a full time equivalent of 5 1/2. It has a budget of approximately \$30,047 and a stock of about 28,000 books. The records show an annual circulation of approximately 100,000. With the staff and book stock available this is a creditable performance and reflects sound policies on the part of the board and conscientious workmanship by the staff.

The county library has a staff of 11.25 (full time equivalent) at the central library, including 10 full time jobs. The library is a headquarters for extension services reaching to all parts of Klamath County and has been involved in providing direct service to schools, in addition to offering services to the people of Klamath Falls and the outlying area.

It has a budget of \$99,530.48 (1960-61). It is notable that in the whole organization there is no fully trained librarian and that the head of it does not meet the state library's recommended standards, or the American Library Association standards.

The county librarian has been successful in promoting library support and promoting community interest in the smaller outlying communities.

The staff needs to be strengthened by securing a fully trained professional to head it and by adding or developing at least three other professionals who are fully qualified according to A.L.A. standards.

Combined Staffs—As now organized, if the staffs were merged there would be 15 full time positions plus part time with a full time equivalent of 17. In discussing the idea of a merger it would

be important to arrange that all of the dedication, experience and knowledge in the city library be carried over into the new organization and that individual salaries be advanced to the higher county level.

Staff New Library—The proposed staff for the merged city-county library would include one each, librarian, cataloguer, reference librarian, children's librarian, four experienced clerks, four other clerks, and 12 other positions, not including part-timers. Such a staff using a modern, labor-saving circulation system (any transaction card system) would handle a main library circulation of more than 225,000 per year, not including the extension system.

Financing—It is recommended that the entire budget of the combined library be raised in the same manner as the present county library budget. In this way a uniform countywide service extending to all parts of the county is paid for by a uniform, countywide tax.

The city of Klamath Falls pays this tax now and so would pay its share in that way. When all participate in the costs on an equitable basis the load for library support is not a burden on anyone. The advantages are many and all benefit from them. By combining and sharing, everyone gets a better value for that part of his tax dollar.

School Services—The Klamath County Library has been maintaining an active direct service

to 27 schools which report an annual circulation of more than 191,000. The county librarian has estimated that a full time equivalent of at least five persons have been employed at this work and that the cost of the service amounts to more than \$30,000 per year. The annual compensation from the schools has been \$13,000.

It is recommended that the superintendent of schools take over the school library service and run it within his department, thereby freeing the library to perform its main tasks. Three years should be allowed for the transfer. The superintendent should determine the schedule of which schools will drop out of the county's service and be picked up by his own, taking out approximately one-third of the schools each year. Existing book stocks should be turned over to the schools at a nominal figure.

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