



**NEW TRAINING CENTER** — Work has started on the new firemen's training center at a site near the Southern Pacific tracks and just south of the South Sixth Street overpass. The work is being done by Brosterhaus Construction Company. At top, Fire Chief Geno Gheller (right) and fireman Bill Campbell stand on the rim of the concrete water pumping pit. At bottom, the training tower rises. The tower will be used to train firemen in ladder techniques. In the bottom of the tower will be located a smoke room and a classroom.

# Local Residents Express Shock, Disbelief And Sorrow

Shock. Disbelief. Surprise. Sorrow. These are some of the reactions of persons in Klamath Falls to the death of President Kennedy at the hands of an assassin Friday.

"It leaves you with nothing to think about. It's as if everything ended right there."

That was the reaction of a Malin farmer, Ed Cacka.

Klamath Falls Mayor Robert Veatch summed up his reaction to the assassination in one word:

"Incomprehensible."

Klamath County Commissioners Ken Allison and Frank Gannon issued the following statement:

"Our feeling is that our nation has suffered a great loss in the death of our President, John F. Kennedy, and our hearts go out and suffer along with Mrs. Kennedy and her family. Our desire would be that the people in Klamath County and the nation would rally behind our new President, Lyndon B. Johnson, and that

we would support him in any way we could be of service and with our prayers."

The third member of the commission, Judge Bob Walker, was in Portland over the week-

end and not available for comment.

A woman who just Friday moved to Klamath Falls from Eu-Gallie, Fla., said:

"I'm shocked about it, just like everyone is."

Another visitor to Klamath Falls, Wanda Daly of Bend, said:

"It's a terrible thing. It's hard to believe."

Klamath Union High School students were told of the shooting and subsequent death of the President over the school public address system.

Said one student, 16-year-old Caesar Yoro, 139 Cerillings, of his reaction upon hearing the news:

"I was kind of shocked. I thought someone was starting a rumor."

His companion, 15-year-old Sam McKeen Jr., 5870 Winter, said:

"I thought he was wounded at first, I didn't think he was going to die."

A Bly rancher, Floyd Martin,

was surprised it happened at this time. He said:

"I think it's awful, myself. I just couldn't hardly believe it could be true. Once before I was afraid it might happen."

Klamath Falls pharmacist Will Wood said of the assassination:

"I think it was a maniac."

And state highway equipment operator, Francis Adair, 3114 Crosby, said:

"It certainly was a shock, and then it wasn't either. He should have gotten much more support than he did."

A truck driver, Don Hughes, 2205 Ward Street, commented:

"I'm sorry to see it happen. You can't hardly believe it's true."

Mrs. Sandra Burk, a Klamath Falls housewife, said:

"A shock to the whole world. He was a good president. It was a shock to go that way. Such a violent death."

Marshall McClay, 5966 Delaware, a night watchman, was asleep when the news broke. He said:

"I was in bed and my wife woke me up. I didn't think with the popularity he had anybody would be after his life. It's a tragic thing."

Another man, Janitor H. C. Lentz, 813 Walnut, was getting a hair cut when "one of the haircutters told me and I didn't know whether I wanted a haircut anymore. It's awful."

## Flags Should Be Flown Half Mast For 30 Days

Organizations and individuals desiring to display American flags at half mast in memory of the late President John F. Kennedy should do so for a period of 30 days.

In March, 1954, Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, then president of the United States, designated by proclamation that the flag should remain at half mast for

that period when noting the passing of a former or present U.S. President.

Flags are flown from sunup to sundown, except in stormy weather; however, a reliable source at Kingsley Field said that in observance of the death of a President the flag should be displayed at half mast even in inclement weather.

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that appeared to cover an injured hand.

For several days, his condition held out some hope of recovery, but a week later he became suddenly worse and died.

There comes now the assassination of President Kennedy.

A suspect has been arrested. He is Lee H. Oswald. He is a former Marine—with a dishonorable discharge. He is a pro-Castro Marxist. He once sought citizenship in communist Russia.

He follows the historic pattern of American assassins.

Without exception, they have been crackpots.

That suggests a thought for those of us who have not agreed politically with some of our Presidents. Perhaps we have been TOO PARTISAN. Perhaps our partisanship has been unintentionally carried TOO FAR.

We can make the necessary rationalizations. We can make cracks about the man in the White House without meaning anything disrespectful to the President of the United States. Perhaps the crackpots CAN'T.

At least, it's worth some serious thinking on our part.

### ASKS FOR BAN

LONDON (UPI) — A lady member of Parliament asked for assurances Thursday that a movie based on the life of call girl Christine Keeler would be banned in Britain.

"That depends on whether it is obscene," Christopher Woodhouse, joint parliamentary undersecretary, told Conservative M.P. Dame Irene Ward.

## McKinley Service Recalled

Mrs. W. A. Bishop, 429 North Ninth, who was a little girl of 9 at the time, told the Herald and News Saturday that she could "vividly recall" the memorial services that followed the death of President McKinley in 1901.

McKinley, the last President to be assassinated until the death of President Kennedy Friday, was shot Sept. 6, 1901, but did not die until a week later.

Mrs. Bishop said she was living in Menominee, Mich., at the time and could remember services being held on the courthouse lawn.

"I remember sitting on the steps of the bandstand and listening to them play 'Nearer My God To Thee,'" she said.

## Death Claims Elderly Man

An elderly Klamath Falls man, Charles Arthur Spore, 85, was found dead in the bathtub of his home at 2919 Summers Lane Saturday afternoon.

He was found by his son, Johnny Spore, 2915 Summers Lane, who summoned the Peace Ambulance. The elder Spore was pronounced dead when the ambulance arrived.

No details on the cause of death were available Saturday evening the Oregon State Police said.

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**FLOWER FAIR**

## 20 Colorful Floats Ready For KF Christmas Parade

By JUNE A. JOHNSON

With assistance from the weatherman, the Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 4, should provide a perfect opening of the holiday season for Klamath Basin residents.

Twenty colorful floats, each designed to point up the religious significance of Christmas, will follow a route down Main Street to Modoc Field where they will be judged for cash awards and trophies.

This year's parade, with the theme "Christmas For Everyone, Everywhere," will be the third such event sponsored by the Herald and News and staged by local churches.

More than half of the churches entering floats in the religious inspired panorama have already selected individual themes. Thus far the ideas range from traditional and modern interpretations of the Biblical Nativity to Yuletide customs of various churches.

The parade entries include the Klamath Falls Assembly of God; Bonanza Community Church; Bible Baptist Church; First Ward, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; Third Ward, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; Faith Tabernacle; First Baptist Church; First Christian Church; First Methodist Church; and Hope Lutheran Church.

Others participating are the Kingsley Field Chapel; Klamath Falls Gospel Mission; Mt. Laki Community Presbyterian Church; Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church; Sacred Heart Catholic Church; St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Langell Valley; St. Paul's Episcopal Church; St. Pius X Catholic Church; Suburban Heights Baptist Church; and Zion Lutheran Church.

### PLANE PASSES TEST

FT. BENNING, Ga. (UPI) — A new airplane designed to take off straight up passed its test flight "beautifully" at this infantry center Wednesday.

Called the Hummingbird, the twin-jet, fixed-wing craft left the ground vertically, hovered for a moment and then zoomed forward in normal flight.

## Pair Hurt In Accident

Two staff sergeants from Kingsley Air Force Base received face lacerations early Saturday morning when the car in which they were riding struck a Southern Pacific freight train at a crossing on the Joe Wright Road during a heavy snowstorm.

Oregon State Police identified the men as the driver, Angle Cardona, 28, and Joseph Fowler, 26. The mishap occurred about 1 a.m.

The two men were taken to the Kingsley Field hospital. State police said the train did not stop as the crew was unaware of the accident. The 1959 car was heavily damaged.

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