

KF Population Figures Hold Steady For Year

The State Board of Census has estimated that there was no substantial change in the population of Klamath Falls during the 12 months between July 1, 1962, and July 1, 1963.

The board estimated Klamath Falls' population as of July 1 of this year at 16,905—the exact population of the city a year before.

City Manager Robert Kyle said the state board takes into account such factors as build-

ing permits and gas and water meters in making its estimates. Klamath Falls was the only city in the top 25 listed by the state board to exhibit no change. Klamath Falls stands seventh in the state in population, behind Portland, Eugene, Salem, Medford, Corvallis and Springfield.

Kyle said the census does not include suburban areas and noted that if the South Suburban area was counted, Klamath Falls might move as high as fourth in the state.

The board's estimates are used for such purposes as tax rebates.

Following is a list of the top 25 cities, showing the 1963 estimated populations first and then the comparable 1962 figures.

1. Portland 377,191—379,906.
2. Eugene 58,138—55,413.
3. Salem 50,739—50,829.
4. Medford 26,526—25,919.
5. Corvallis 26,449—25,631.
6. Springfield 21,736—20,717.
7. Klamath Falls 16,905—16,905.
8. Albany 14,378—13,483.
9. Pendleton 14,233—14,537.
10. Milwaukie 13,202—12,447.
11. Roseburg 12,777—12,516.
12. Bend 12,265—12,138.
13. Grants Pass 11,242—10,533.
14. Lake Oswego 11,201—10,152.
15. The Dalles 10,394—10,676.
16. Astoria 9,966—9,885.
17. Ashland 9,949—9,477.
18. Hillsboro 9,740—9,378.
19. La Grande 9,557—9,441.
20. Beaverton 9,421—8,621.
21. Baker 9,194—9,528.
22. McMinnville 8,319—8,151.
23. Oregon City 8,242—8,208.
24. North Bend 7,733—7,312.
25. Coos Bay 7,709—7,684.

U.S. Names New Latin Policy Chief

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Johnson Saturday selected Thomas Mann, U.S. ambassador to Mexico and a fellow Texan, to be the overall boss of his Latin American policies and assigned him unprecedented authority.

Johnson announced that Mann, 51, would be nominated as assistant secretary of state for inter-American affairs, succeeding Edwin M. Martin. The latter, the White House said, would be given a major ambassadorial post in Latin America "as previously planned."

Press Secretary Pierre Salinger made it plain that Mann would be given an extraordinarily free hand to shake up Latin American operations.



Returns Home

Mrs. A. L. Rainwater, 5005 South Sixth Street, has returned home from St. Vincent's Hospital, Portland, where she submitted to major surgery some time ago.

Her convalescence will be slow due to the seriousness of her condition.



THIS WINDOW WON — Peterson sixth graders who planned this window for the window decoration contest, sponsored by Town and Country Shopping Center merchants, won third place in the grades four through six division. Artists were Jeannine Francisco, Cathy Studenbaker, and Cindy Hooper. Mrs. Ruth Graham is the teacher.



FAIRHAVEN SCHOOL — Ricky Bray and Jimmy Hoppe painted this scene of Joseph and the Christ Child on a window of a business firm at Town and Country. They are eighth graders at Fairhaven School. Fairhaven and other schools competed for \$100 in cash prizes given during the annual Christmas opening and lighting of the Christmas tree.

Base Plans Bond Flag Ceremonies

The "Minuteman Flag," awarded to Kingsley Field by the U.S. Treasury Department, will be presented at ceremonies in front of base headquarters, Tuesday, Dec. 17, at 1 p.m.

The flag, which will be presented by Thomas S. Prideox, chairman of the Oregon Savings Bond Committee, has been awarded to Kingsley Field for its outstanding performance in the U. S. Savings Bond program. Kingsley Field was the first base in the entire U.S. Air Force to attain 90 per cent participation in the 1963 Savings Bond Drive.

A luncheon at the officers' club at 12 noon will precede the presentation which will be attended by state officials of the Treasury Department, local dignitaries, and military leaders.

George W. Minnaugh, state director of the Treasury Department, will accompany Prideox from Portland. From Klamath Falls, Mayor Robert Veatch, Andy Collier, Vern Owens, Russ Tisdale, Myron Shannon, Les Offield, Jack Walton, Jack Holt, and Gene Favell, county chairman for bond sales, will be present.

The 724th Air Force Band from McChord Air Force Base, Wash., will furnish music for the ceremony. The public is invited to attend. Present from higher headquarters will be Maj. Gen. H. R. Spicer, commander of the 25th Air Division, and Brig. Gen. Carroll W. McCulpin, Portland Air Defense Sector commander.

Fire Report

Friday 7:32 p.m., 1762 Main, grease fire on kitchen range. Slight smoke damage.



DANCER AND PRANCER—Seventh grade students, Linda Ann Gourley and Linda Kay Hescock of the Peterson School seventh grade painted this window at Town & Country for the window contest in which several schools competed. Town and Country merchants gave \$100 in prizes to the winning schools.



SEVEN HELPED — Boys and girls of the Altamont Elementary School sixth grade helped paint this attractive window at Town and Country Shopping Center. A happy angel on a drifting cloud is singing Christmas carols. The young artists of John Heilbronner's class were Steven Senecol, Crissy Ernst, Val Carlson, Pam Jones, Tony Nevills and Cindy Stevens.

Time Short For Letters

The time for boys and girls to write their letters to Santa by way of the Santa mail box at Town and Country Shopping Center, is getting short. Letters should be mailed in the Santa mail box on the parking lot—so hurry.

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FBI Nabs Fugitive From KF

The Federal Bureau of Investigation Friday announced the arrest of a 29-year-old man wanted since June 1962 for raping a 19-year-old girl who police say nearly died.

Otis Eugene Harp was arrested Thursday night in Boulder City, Nev., where he had been working as a construction laborer under the assumed name of "Ray Johnson." State Police officers in Klamath Falls had given the FBI the tip that led to Harp's arrest.

He was being held in jail in Las Vegas pending extradition to Klamath Falls to face the charge. Harp was arrested on a federal fugitive warrant issued shortly after the incident more than a year and a half ago. His bail was set at \$7,500.

State Police said Harp at the time of the incident lived at 4141 Douglas Street in Klamath Falls and worked in a lumber mill.

Officers said the rape occurred June 24, 1962, at the Douglas Street house. The incident became known later that day when the girl told her mother and she contacted a neighbor. The girl was taken to a hospital and police said the resulting hemorrhaging was a nearly fatal.

Police said Harp fled the scene on foot and was the object of a wide-search locally.

When that search failed, the federal warrant was obtained.

Firm Wins Road Job

The award of contract for construction of 7.5 miles of road on the Winema National Forest was announced by Alex Smith, forest supervisor, Fitzgerald Logging Company of Roseburg was successful bidder for construction of the Fuego Five Road at a total cost of \$45,487.30.

The Fuego Five Road will provide access to national forest lands in the area north of the Sprague River valley. It leaves the county road at Lone Pine and extends in a northeasterly direction. When complete the road will be an important timber haul route, and will also provide improved travel to the vicinity of Fuego Mountain and the Sycan River for general public travel.

Funerals

BURNESS — Funeral services for William Arnold Burness will take place from the Chapel of Wards Klamath Funeral Home Monday, Dec. 16, at 10:30 a.m. Concluding services Linkville Cemetery.

TAYLOR — Funeral services for Linda Taylor, 30, died here Dec. 11, 1962. Survived by two brothers, William and Linton Cunningham of Klamath Falls; one sister, Ada Arant, Albany. Graveyard services will be held Monday, Dec. 16, at 2 p.m. in Linkville Cemetery. Officiating Memorial Chapel in charge.

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11 Children Among 14 Hurt In Two Weekend Accidents

Fourteen persons, 11 of them youngsters, were injured in two separate weekend accidents in this area the Oregon State Police reported.

Most seriously injured was Doratheia Laahs, 34, Chemult, driver of a 1963 auto which plowed into the rear of a semi-truck Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at the top of the Spring Creek Hill on Highway 97.

Mrs. Laahs, her three children and four other youngsters in her car all were taken to Klamath Valley Hospital by the Chiloquin ambulance and private vehicles.

The injured children are Nicky Laahs, 14, Pamela Laahs, 11, and Ricky Laahs, (no age given), Robert Galbreath, 16, and James Galbreath 13, both of Chemult, and Kathleen Farris, 14, and Jim Farris, 9, also of Chemult.

The Klamath Valley Hospital said Saturday night it had no condition report on any of the victims. Earlier the Oregon State Police said Mrs. Laahs appeared to be seriously injured.

Police said a White Freightliner truck, operated by Bernard Coleman, 36, Portland, was heading south on U.S. 97 on a wet, slick pavement. Coleman spotted a car in the ditch and slowed his vehicle with the intention of giving aid.

Police said Mrs. Laahs, approaching from the rear

reportedly at a high rate of speed, was unable to stop and hit the back end of the truck. The car was extensively damaged and there was some damage to the truck trailer. Coleman was not injured.

Another mother and her four youngsters were injured Friday about 5 p.m. when the pickup in which they were riding was struck in the rear at the corner of South Sixth and Hilyard.

Hurt were Audree Scoggins, 28, Klamath Falls, and her four children, Pamela, 9, Richard, 7, Michele, 5, Yvonne, 2. The Oregon State Police said all five were taken to Klamath Valley Hospital by Peace Ambulance, treated and later released.

The driver of the second car, Richard Steyskal, 23, Merrill, received rib injuries, but his four passengers all escaped injury with the exception of one cut chin.

State police said Mrs. Scoggins, driving a 1948 pickup, had

stopped on South Sixth waiting for traffic to pass so she could make a left turn onto Hilyard. Steyskal, operating a 1953 auto, approaching from the rear did not realize the pickup had stopped in time, officers said.

Police said he applied his brakes just seconds before his car crashed into the rear of the Scoggins' vehicle lurching ahead for over 50 feet.

Steyskal's car was demolished and the pickup was damaged extensively, police said. No citations were issued.

Passengers with Steyskal included Harland Lovenson, 20, Dennis Kalina, 21, and Arnold Cacka, 20, all of Malin, and Gene Steyskal, 22, Tulelake.

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