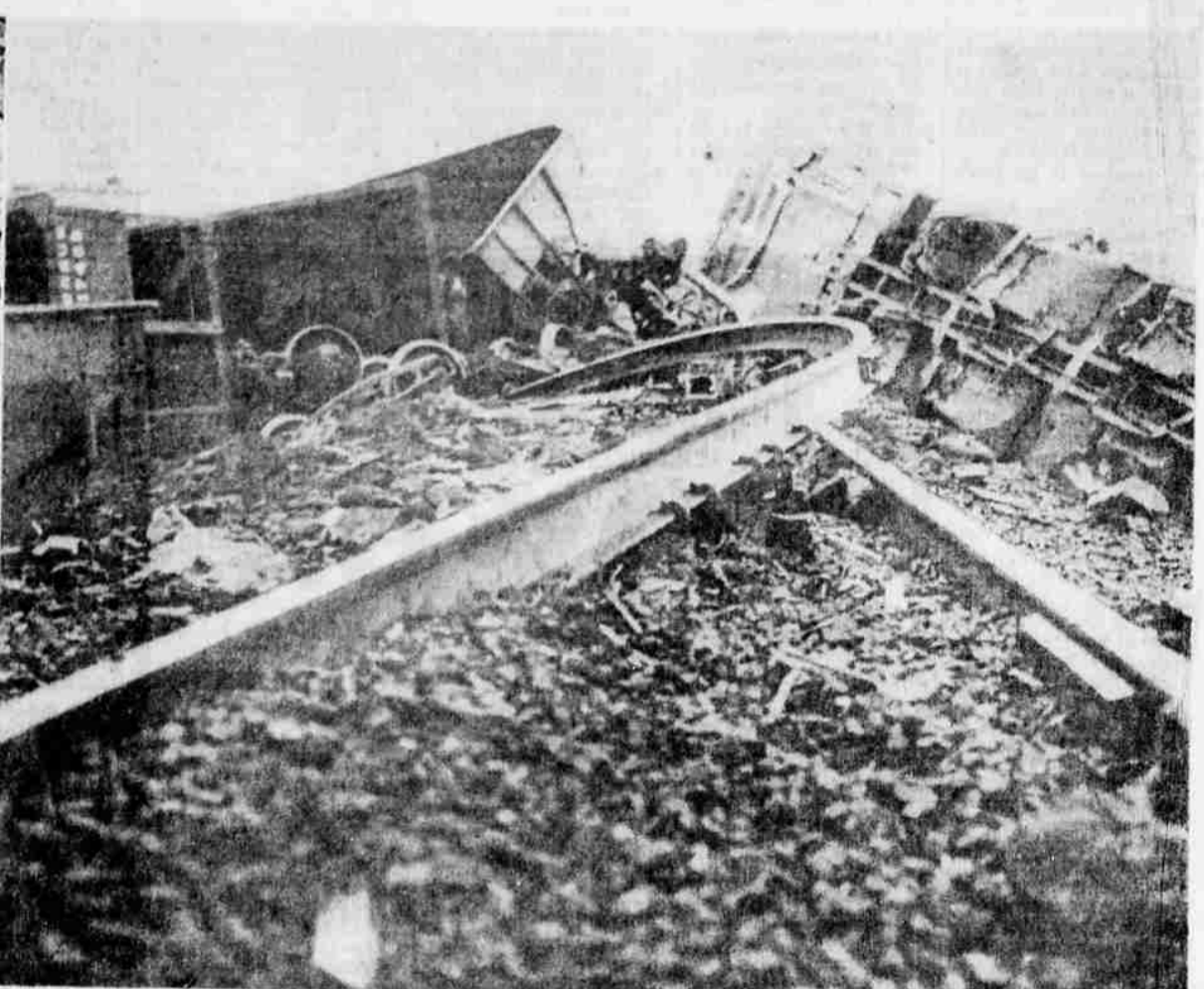
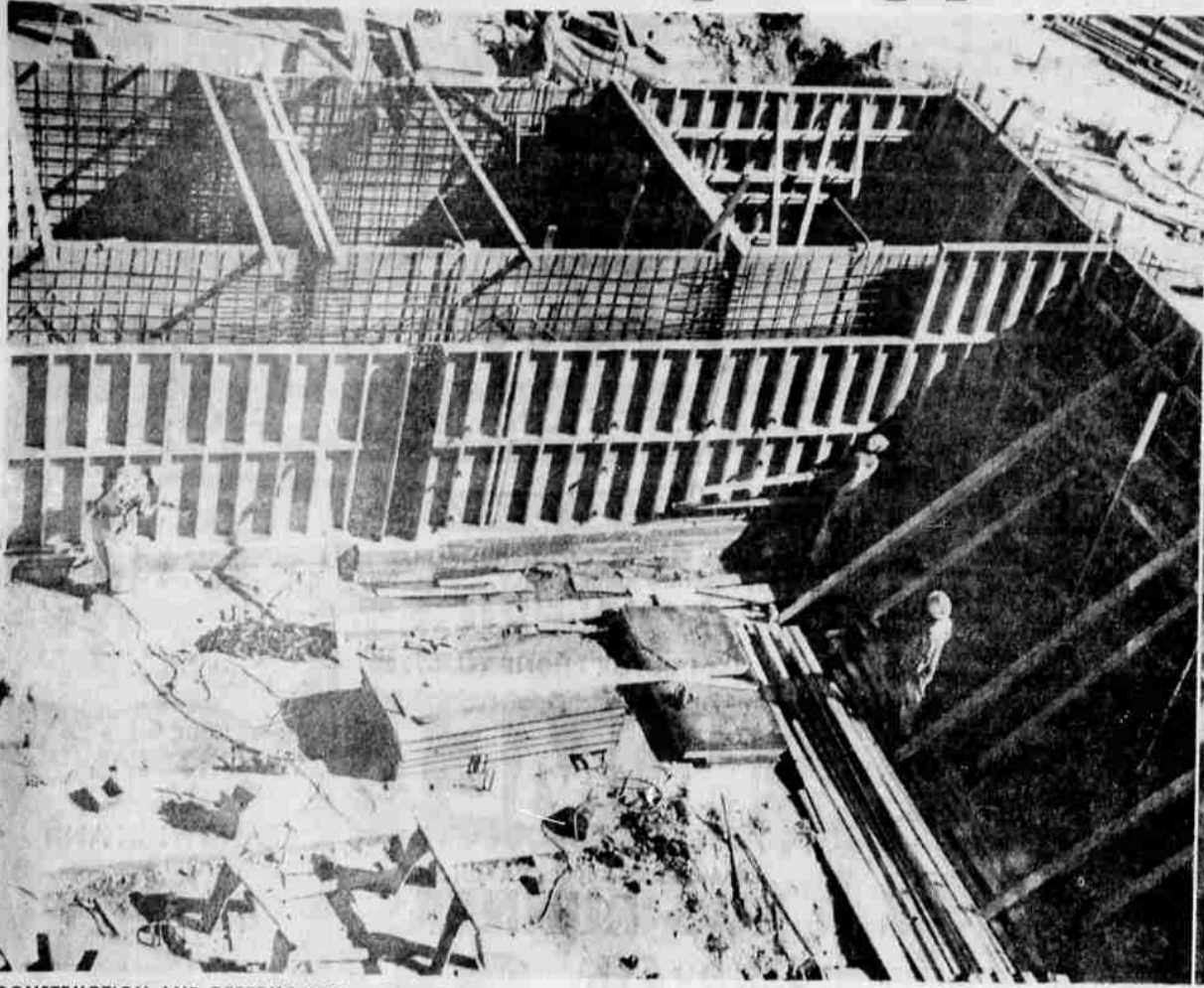


# Hospital Story Topped Local News Events In '63



**CONSTRUCTION AND DESTRUCTION** — Two of the biggest news stories in Klamath County during the year concerned both construction and destruction. On the "construction" side was the \$834,000 addition to the Klamath Falls Post Office. The sides of the buildings are being extended out and the interior of the building is being re-

modeled. The work began late in the summer and is expected to take a year. While the work is being done by the Work Save Body Company of Seattle, the post office is being housed in a Klamath Avenue garage. Photo at left was taken from the roof of the post office, showing wooden forms for concrete being built. At right is the

"destruction" of a train which occurred when a Northern Pacific freight derailed near Algoma Nov. 4. More than 25 cars of the train left the tracks and two cars were thrown into Upper Klamath Lake.

## School Problem Also Made News

By DAN WALTERS

The community bands together to build a hospital.

It splits over the best way of educating its children.

A new campus rises on a hillside.

And an old lumber mill burns in the cold night air.

These are the elements of news—the constant explosions of mind and matter as man seeks to live with man—and these are the elements of the news of Klamath in 1963.

It was like other years in the way that each man is like another. But it was different in the same way.

Life came to many—almost 1,000 babies born in Klamath Valley Hospital.

And death also came—to some peacefully, to others violently.

It is perhaps significant that the most outstanding news event of the year is also a banner of community pride.

A campaign to raise funds for construction of the 141-bed Presbyterian Intermunicipal Hospital in Klamath Falls opened in March.

Virtually every segment of the community got behind the campaign with time, effort and money. Weyerhaeuser Company and its employees donated more than 10 per cent of the goal.

Auctions, a Mardi Gras, a car wash and pennies from school children—money from all went into the pot.

April 24, it was announced that more than \$1 million in cash and pledges had been raised.

With that total assured, the hospital site was dedicated May 19, with Arizona's Sen. Barry Goldwater delivering an address.

Boyd Sanderson was named hospital administrator during the summer and federal funds to aid construction were pledged in August.

Todd Construction Company of Roseburg was awarded the \$2.09 million contract for construction and ground was broken Nov. 2. Work on the four-story building is now under way—the culmination of months of effort on behalf of the community—and indications are that the hospital will be operated on a debt-free basis.

Another news story that provided continuing interest throughout the year was that of school district reorganization.

It was a climactic year for school reorganization, which had been a topic of discussion for several years.

The first news story question came to the fore in June when the Oregon Game Commission and the Oregon Fish and Game Council hassled bitterly during 1963 over the status of the Oregon deer herd and the best methods for maintaining and improving the herd. Here, a group of interested citizens inspect some bitter brush, a prime deer food, during a "show me" tour of rangelands in the county in April conducted by the commission, which maintains that the deer herd is of adequate size. The commission maintains the herd is too small and has decreased due to policies of the commission.

But after this show of public opinion, school officials and interested citizens worked on a plan to divide the county into two districts—resulting in the county court's adoption of the so-called Ward Street Plan.

The plan, which was unveiled in its entirety Dec. 10, has yet to face the public in three hearings next month, and then at the polls.

Three of the persons who were mixed up in the school reorganization problem during the year were placed in that position in May with their election or reelection to local school boards.

Rollin Cantrill was reelected to the city elementary school board and Conrad Borsting was reelected to his seat on the Klamath Union High School board.

Lon Kellison was elected to a spot on the KU board for the first time.

That election, on May 7, also saw the approval by the voters of the largest budgets in history for both city school districts.

And in another big election, Klamath County citizens voted "no" 9-1 on the Legislature's \$50 million tax measure Oct. 15.

It was a banner year for construction, not only of the new hospital, but of a new campus for Oregon Technical Institute nearby, a new fire station at Mitchell Street and Shasta Way, an \$834,000 addition and remodeling to the Klamath Falls Post Office, a bridge over the Link River for Highway 97 at the end of Main Street, and an overpass on Washburn Way to carry traffic over railroad tracks.

The new campus for OTI is being built on a site north of Klamath Falls and is scheduled to be completed in time for occupancy in the fall of 1964. Two classroom buildings have been completed and an administration building, a library-canteen and a gymnasium are partially completed. Work started late in the year on a new dormitory.

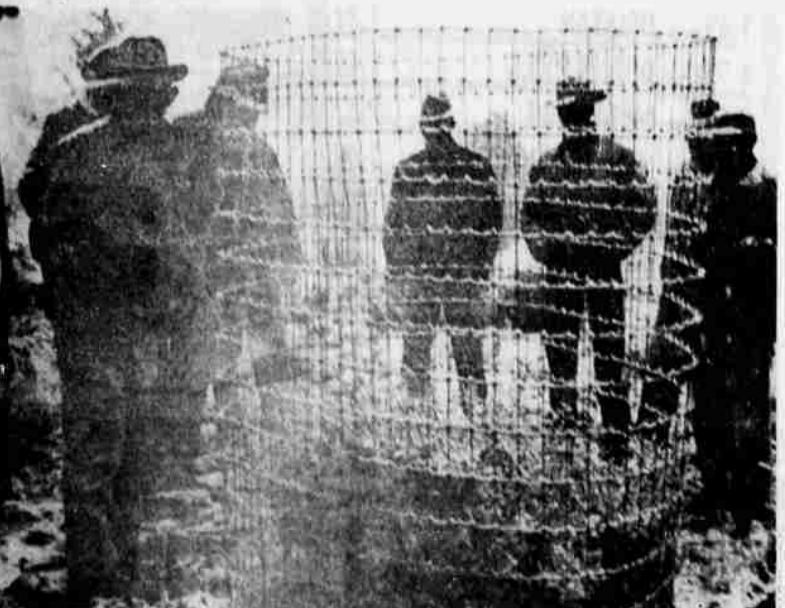
Also slated for construction near the OTI-hospital complex is a new fire station and a new Baptist church.

The year saw the completion of a new high school at Chiloquin, the enlargement of the high school at Gilchrist and the announcement of plans for construction of a new high school at Henley next year.

Construction was completed on the Klamath Extension Project, which brought thousands of additional acres under irrigation. The facilities were dedicated in



**HOSPITAL BORN** — A new hospital was born Nov. 2 when ground was broken on a hillside site for the \$3 million Presbyterian Intermunicipal Hospital. The ground-breaking was the culmination of months of work to raise funds for the hospital. The four-story structure is now rising, built by a Roseburg firm under a \$2.09 million contract. Shown here breaking ground are, left to right, Boyd Sanderson, hospital administrator; Congressman Al Ullman, and Jim Stilwell, head of the fund-raising campaign.



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**NEW GYMNASIUM** — The gymnasium of the Oregon Technical Institute campus is shown in this photo. Each of the four pillars in the building contains a staircase to the upstairs gymnasium. The gym and the rest of the new campus northeast of Klamath Falls is scheduled to be finished by next fall.



**FIRST COUNTY PARK** — Klamath County dedicated its first park in July—Hagelstein Park, 10 miles north of Klamath Falls on Highway 97, shown in this panoramic view. Boat launching facilities were added during the year to the park, slated to become the first in a series of parks administered by the county government. Land for the park was donated by William Hagelstein.