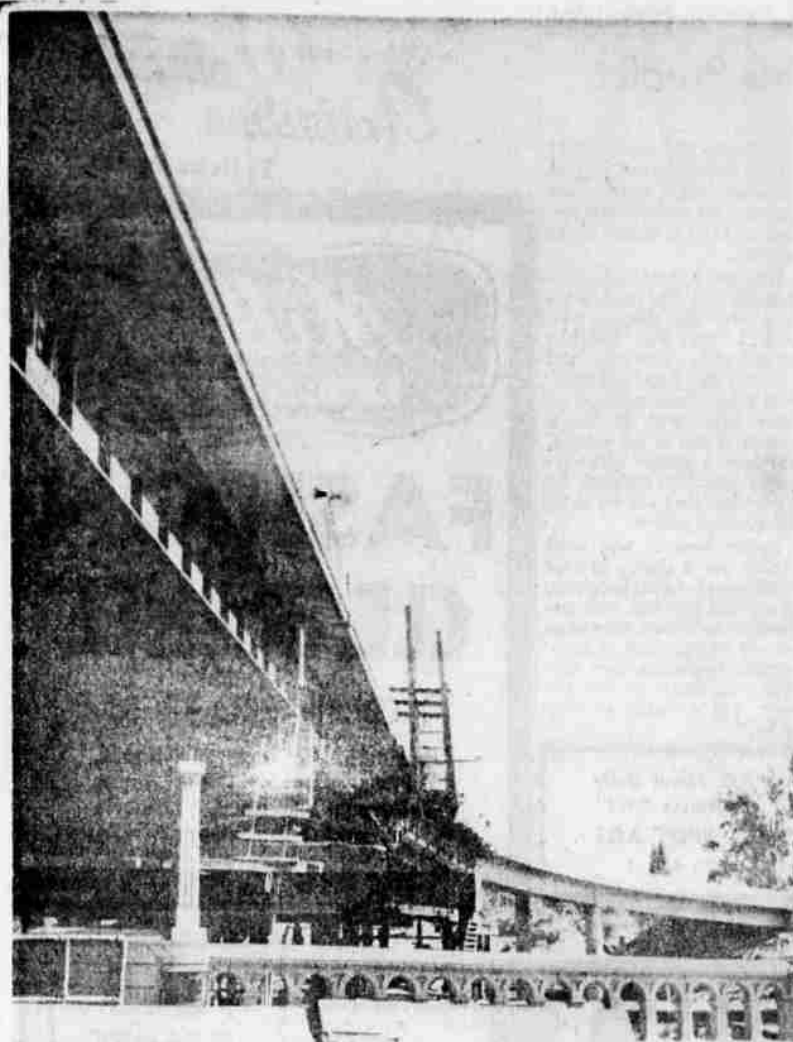
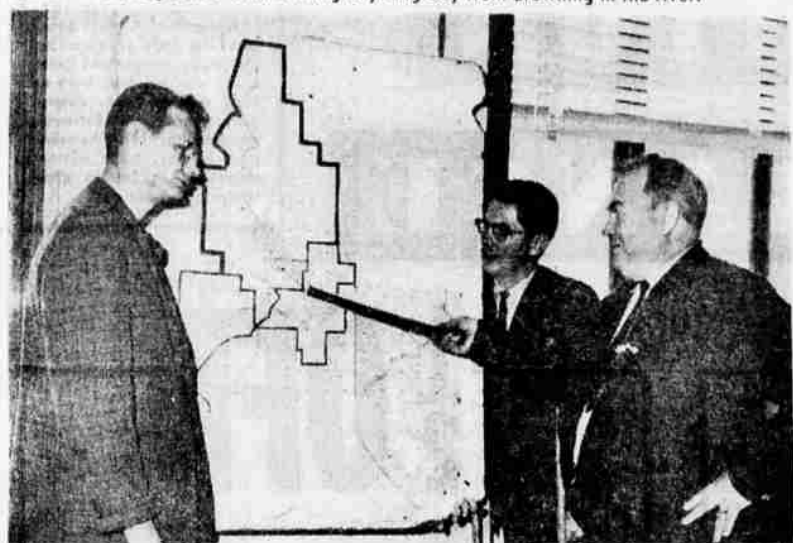


Names, Too, Made News In County In '63

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BRIDGE COMPLETED — One of the largest construction projects completed during the year in Klamath County was this bridge over the Link River designed to let through Highway 97 traffic bypass the city. The bridge was built at the end of Main Street on an \$861,000 contract and was opened to traffic late in the year. One workman on the bridge died while saving a young boy from drowning in the river.



SCHOOL PLAN SET — Years of work by school officials and interested citizens bore fruit Dec. 10 when the County Court announced its plan for reorganization of the county schools into two districts. Public Hearings on the plan will be held in January, and it will probably come to a vote in the spring. Members of the court are shown here with a map of the school districts. They are, left to right, Commissioner Frank Ganong, Commissioner Ken Allison and Judge Robert Walker.



PP&L DIRECTORS MEET — Directors from all sections of the Pacific Power and Light system met in Klamath Falls in September to meet local employees and businessmen and to study the area's industrial capacity. The directors toured local facilities and discussed plans at the Winema Hotel. Shown here, left to right, are Don McClung, president of PP&L; Si Cramer, ex-mayor of Dorris, and Glenn Jackson, vice president of the firm.



FIRE, STRIKES AND SUIT — Three more major news events of 1963 concerned a fire, strikes and a lawsuit. At left is an aerial photo taken at the height of the Hamaker Mountain forest fire 15 miles southwest of Klamath Falls in August. The fire ravaged more than 500 acres of timberland before being subdued. It was the biggest local



HERO DIES — William Lown, 41, drowned in the Link River Aug. 18 while rescuing a young boy. Lown, an employee of the firm working on the Link River bridge, dove into the river to save 11-year-old Steven Michels. He managed to keep Steven afloat until other men could take the boy, but was unable to stay afloat himself. Lown's body was recovered by skin divers, shown here working in the river.

Year Marred By Tragedy And Death

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August by Floyd Dominy, U.S. commissioner of reclamation. The project involved construction of several new pumping plants, and the enlargement of existing plants and canals.

But as new buildings arose, old ones came down — sometimes amid bitterness.

The city continued its policy of condemning and destroying structures it considered to be unsafe and by mid-1963 had condemned about 100 buildings.

But when the city tried to condemn four old houses on Portland Street near Highway 97, the owner, Frank Weaver, fought back bitterly. He protested the condemnation proceedings in a public hearing, then filed a lawsuit challenging the action in court. The suit has yet to be settled, but the city's condemnation campaign has been halted until it is settled.

As usual, names made news. Some names in the local news in 1963:

—Sheriff Murray "Red" Britton, indicted by the grand jury for allowing a prisoner to go loose illegally, and acquitted of the charge, also charged with contempt of court.

—Sen Barry Goldwater, who spoke twice in Klamath Falls in May, once at Kingsley Field and once at the dedication of the new hospital site.

—Herbert Floyd Mitchell, the first man to be sentenced to death from Klamath County in 30 years and the second in history, whose appeal is still pending with the State Supreme Court.

—Merchant Frank Bogatay, shot in the shoulder and hand by a woman who thought he was responsible for Daylight Savings Time.

Weyerhaeuser Company's Klamath operations were plagued by labor difficulties during the year—as was the rest of the Northwest lumber industry.

The plant at Klamath Falls was closed for exactly two months—June 7 - Aug. 7—with the rest of the industry during the Northwest dispute between big lumber companies and two unions. The dispute affected about 100 men locally.

Weyerhaeuser was hit by an-

other one-day walkout in November as roving pickets from the Cob's Bay Weyerhaeuser plant demonstrated here in support of their dispute.

Klamath's pride rode high in July and August as the local all-star Babe Ruth League baseball team won the Oregon state championship, then the Northwest regional championship and traveled to Farmington, N.M., for the Babe Ruth World Series. There, the team started out well with a victory, but lost two consecutive games to be eliminated from the tournament.

IN MEMORIAM

Twenty-five persons who lost their lives in Klamath County highways in 1963, including three persons who died Sept. 13 in a two-car collision on rain-slick Highway 97 north of Klamath Falls, and State Rep. William O. Kelsay of Roseburg, who died in a collision on the same stretch of highway Oct. 4.

Six persons who drowned in lakes and rivers in the county.

At least six persons who died by fire or by accidental shooting.

Six more who died violently by the hands of others.

Capt. Harold Smith, who died when his parachute failed to open as he ejected from a jet fighter-interceptor over Klamath.

One woman who froze to death.

There were no deaths, but tens of thousands of dollars in damage in a big train wreck 10 miles north of Klamath Falls Nov. 4. More than 25 cars of a 96-car Great Northern Railway freight derailed and two cars were hurtled into Upper Klamath Lake. The line was tied up for more than 12 hours.

There was another, smaller derailment Aug. 16, 24 miles south of Klamath Falls. Ten cars from two Southern Pacific freights were derailed between Dorris and Macdoel. Damage was not extensive.

Several landmarks fell to flames in the year—

Ellingson Lumber Company mills in Klamath Falls and Pelican City, burned to the ground within 17 days of one another in December.

Lakeshore Drive home of Dr. and Mrs. R. Wayne Espersen,

destroyed May 4 by fire.

Simplot-DeVoe Lumber Company sawmill in Chiloquin, gutted by flames in August.

The largest forest fire in the county during the year was in August on Hamaker Mountain about 15 miles southwest of Klamath Falls. Flames destroyed more than 500 acres of white fir.

At the same time, flames raced over 400 acres of grass in the Loma Linda area, narrowly missing several homes. And in July, 300 more acres of grass land were razed by flames near Merrill.

Through the hot summer months, firemen from all departments were kept busy with the usual rash of grass and brush fires.

As hot as a forest fire was the battle between the Oregon Game Commission and the Oregon Fish and Game Council during the year over the size and future of the Oregon deer herd.

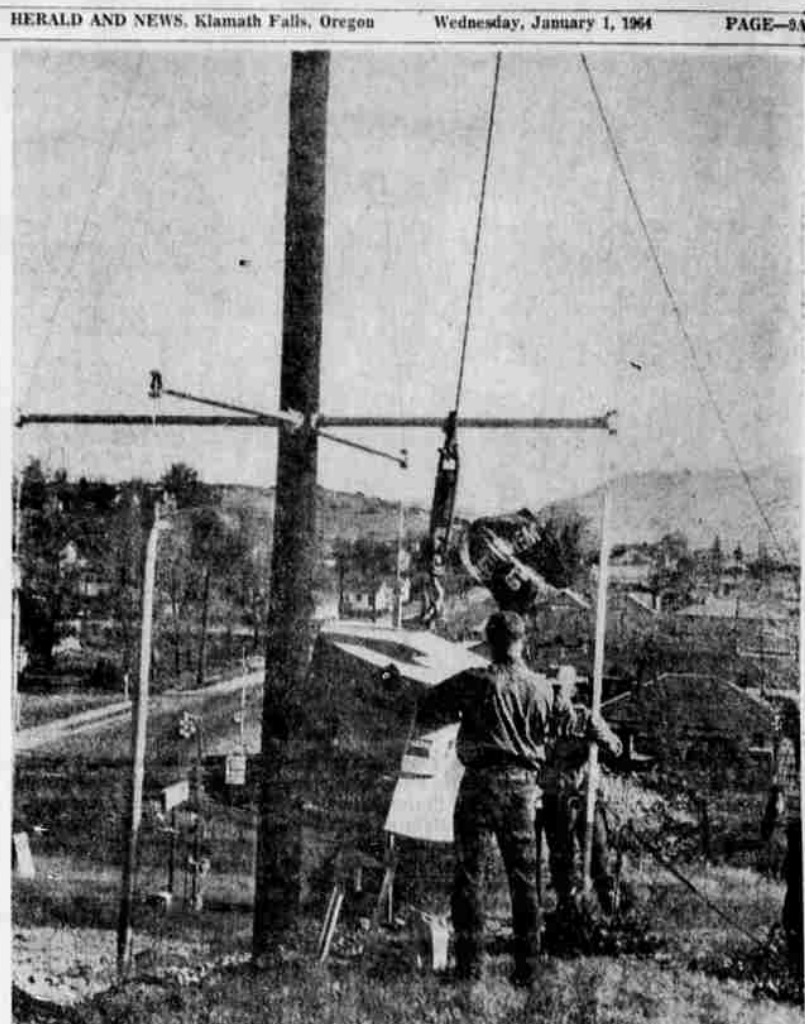
The commission, which sets game management policies in the state, maintained that the herd was large enough and would remain adequate.

But the council, representing a group of sportsmen, said those policies were diminishing the herd and called for buck-only hunting and a shorter season. The council also called for the commission's resignation. The fight has yet to be resolved.

Another bitter fight was waged in the early part of the year over the proposed zoning of the area outside Klamath Falls, affecting mainly the South Suburban area. The city-county planning department submitted the zoning plan and in a series of hearings, it was bitterly opposed by several groups, notably the Klamath County Taxpayers League. Disposition of the plan is still pending.

Planning of another sort was the main topic in September as the directors and officers of Pacific Power and Light held their quarterly meeting in Klamath Falls. The directors toured the area's industrial works and pledged their support of any plan to promote industrial and agricultural expansion in the

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AIR RAID SIRENS — Air raid sirens were installed in Klamath Falls in May. Seven sirens were installed by the county civil defense office. Here, employees of the Roseburg firm which supplied the sirens are shown raising one of the sirens to the top of a pole at Biehn Street and Oregon Avenue. The seven sirens were purchased for \$6,485.75, with half of the cost borne by the U.S. government.



CAMPUS RISES — The new campus for Oregon Technical Institute rose through the year on a hillside northeast of the city and is expected to be finished in time for occupancy next fall. Two classroom buildings have been completed, and work is under way on an administration building, a library-cafeteria and a gymnasium. Work started late in the year on a dormitory. Here, workmen are shown on the framework of the library-cafeteria.



four houses on Portland Street which the City Council ordered condemned as being substandard. The owner, Frank Weaver, strongly protested the action and filed suit challenging the city's condemnation plan. The suit is still pending.



fire of the year. In center photo are shown pickets at the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company plant here, hit several times during the year by labor disputes. The plant was closed down for more than two months during the summer by the Northwest lumber strike and was hit by a one-day walkout in November. At right are shown