

# Victims of Plane Crash Will Be Buried At Forest Scene

**KIN AND FRIENDS  
DECIDE AGAINST  
REMOVING BODIES**

**Rev. Hansen Goes With Burial Party for Last Rites—Remains Badly Mangled.**

A party of relatives and friends of three Portland persons and a civilian pilot whose plane wrecked in Rogue River National Forest Saturday left Medford about noon today for the site of the wreck where remains of the victims will be buried. Striking with such impact that the motor of the plane was jammed back into the front compartment where all four were seated, the bodies were badly mangled and identification was made with some difficulty, according to forest service employees returning last night from the scene. Deterioration of the scattered bodies had begun in the three day interval.

Aboard the plane were Sylvan L. Gosliner, president of the Industrial Equipment company, Portland, his wife and her sister, Mrs. Alma Finley Pratt of Portland, and the pilot-owner, Robert L. Armstrong, of Lindsay, Calif.

**Lee Port Heads Party**

Included in the burial party are R. F. Hollister, Portland attorney and close friend of the Gosliners, Harold Ullies of San Francisco, brother-in-law of the two women, and Herbert E. Walters, San Francisco, William Heiber and Gayle Wigley of Portland, friends and business associates. Leading the group is Lee Port, ranger at the Star Ranger station in Applegate district, and other forest service employees accompanied them to dig graves.

The Rev. Harry W. Hansen, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, was secured to complete the group and administer funeral services at the forest graves. The three Portland people will be buried near the accident scene, and the pilot's body will either be buried there or returned to Medford for shipment to his home. Telephoned word from his wife this morning indicated that he should be buried here, but later messages from relatives may change that plan. The burial party will be in telephone contact with the local forest service headquarters at various points along the route.

Located about 40 miles from Medford, just south of the Oregon-California line in the timbered area near the head of Butte creek, the wreckage was standing on end when sighted from the air yesterday morning by Frank P. Fezler, pilot of the Siskiyou National Forest plane from Redwood Ranger station. It had not burned, and apparently the plane was set down about 100 yards from a butte, in a desperate attempt by the pilot to make an emergency landing. Forestry officials state that the plane was apparently traveling low in the canyon before the crash, but had hit no trees before nosing into the ground.

**Long Hike Required**

Rescue parties, including forest service employees and one group of 25 army men from the Medford air base, led by Capt. Stephen A. Starr, and who carried stretchers to the scene to return with any possible survivors, were forced to hike the last eight miles to the wreck over rough trail.

Army and forest service planes had been searching the area since Saturday when the plane was reported missing on a flight from Red Bluff, Calif., to Eugene. Ore. Reports received Monday from a forest ranger in the Yreka area guided the search. He saw a plane flying low, just before dusk Saturday, obviously having engine trouble and searching for a landing spot.

A coroner from Yreka, Calif., was expected to arrive in Medford this afternoon to complete affidavits of death for the four victims.

Hollister barely escaped death with the Gosliner party, as he had lunched with them in San Francisco last Wednesday and was invited to return north in the private plane they had chartered. Instead, he took a United Airlines reservation and on reaching Portland checked back and found his friends had been delayed by engine trouble. He notified authorities when they failed to arrive in the northern city Sunday, and the search was instigated.

**Gas Stoves Freed From Ration Lists**

Washington, Aug. 1—(U.P.)—Gas stoves were removed from the ration list today, but it still doesn't mean clear sailing for householders who use liquefied petroleum gases.

# MEDFORD TRIBUNE



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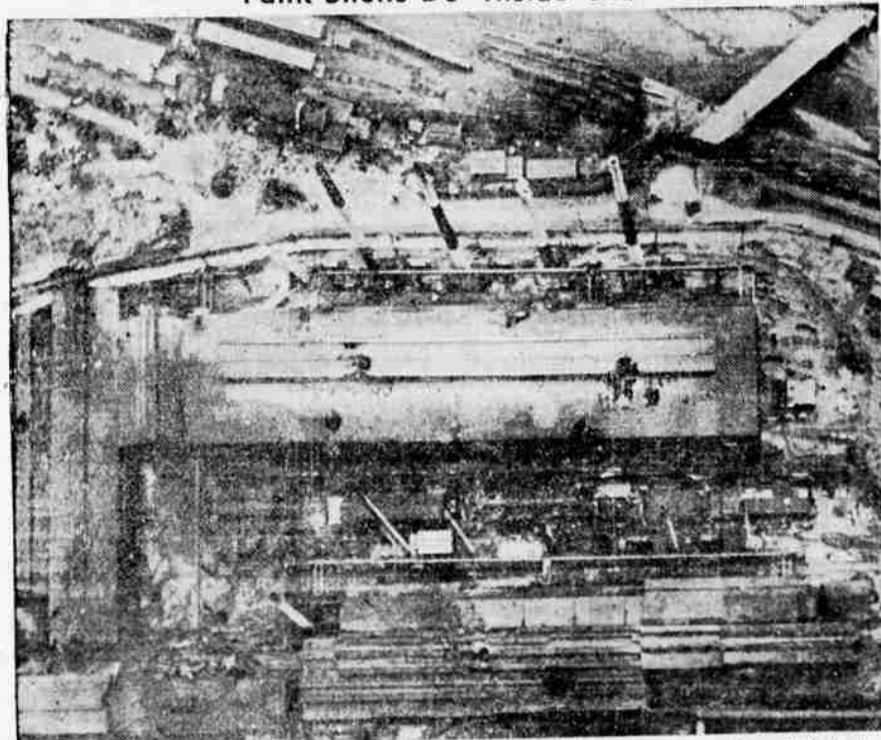
## Weather

FORECAST: Clear and continued warm tonight and Thursday.  
Highest Yesterday Temp. 72  
Lowest this Morning 54

Fortieth Year

MEDFORD, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 1945.

## Yank Shells Do 'Inside' Job



Heart of Jap iron works at Kamaishi destroyed by fused shells, designed to explode after penetrating structures, used by U. S. Third Fleet planes in bombardment of Jap home islands. Interior of open hearth building (center) and foundry shed (lower left) are exposed by huge holes torn in roof.

## Carriers and Battlewagons Steam Close To Give Tokyo and Kobe Areas Going Over

By Earnest Hoberrecht  
United Press Correspondent  
Aboard Adm. McCain's Flagship Off Japan, July 30—(Delayed)—U.P.—The mighty carriers and battleships of Task Force 38 maneuvered so close to Japan to launch their attacks on the Kobe and Tokyo areas today that screening destroyers were forced to maneuver around a small island just off the coast and pilots directly above the flagship were in sight of Mt. Fujiyama.

Today also saw our attack on the enemy naval base of Maizuru, on the other side of the Japanese coastline facing China. The strike on the Japan seaport,

ordered after planes already were en route to other targets over Tokyo, was dramatic proof that no harbor in Japan is safe from our super-accurate pilots.

**Good Results**

In the morning, carrier aircraft from Adm. William F. Halsey's task force entering its 21st day of assaults on the enemy homeland, pushed home attacks on airfields, aircraft factories and other important military installations. Despite weather conditions pilots said were a "big enemy" than the Japs' good results were obtained.

Ens. Joseph H. Scherting, St. Louis, said his group got two direct hits on an aircraft assembly plant at Fujisawa causing big explosions.

"On our way back we flew over destroyers which were well within sight of Japan," Scherting said. "We could still see Fujiyama when we were over the flagship."

Other fighters, bombers and torpedo planes made devastating sweeps over a wide area from west of Kobe to the far side of the Tokyo plains. Few Japanese planes took to the air, but many were spotted helpless on the ground and destroyed.

**Weather Diverts Planes**

The weather turned so bad over Tokyo in the afternoon that planes were diverted to other targets, including Maizuru, terminus of the empire's last open sea lane. The change of targets after planes were already airborne clearly demonstrates the flexibility of our forces.

Shipping on the Japan sea side of the home island is much greater and more important than the comparatively negligible amount on the Pacific side. The latest shipping attacked was heavily loaded with war materials for China. The record number of cargo vessels sunk by this force

in this operation obviously puts a kink into the already snarled Japanese transportation setup.

Vice Adm. John S. McCain's flagship steamed so close to the entrance of Tokyo bay that tide currents mingling with the Pacific swells rocked our ship.

Nobody knows why the Japs have refused even to try to take a crack at us. By this time all their radar and other locating devices must have located us at points closer to the sacred homeland than it has ever before been approached by a major hostile surface force.

## AUBURN WORKERS BREAKFASTLESS

Auburn, Cal., Aug. 1—(U.P.)—Fifteen restaurants, the only public eating places in this Sierra foothill community, closed today, and city officials wondered how they would feed an estimated seven to nine thousand hungry harvest pickers and other transients.

The restaurants closed officially at midnight despite last minute efforts of office of price administration officials to relieve a shortage of ration points. This, the restaurant operators say, forced them to shut down for 30 days.

The OPA offers were too little and too late," R. W. Edwards, spokesman for the restaurant men, said. "We're sticking to our guns."

Meanwhile, regular restaurant patrons went breakfastless, as city officials made emergency plans to feed up to 2,500 persons a day at a municipal soup kitchen. A fifty cent lunch was to be served today in the local war memorial building, grudgingly loaned to the city for a two-week period.

## LIFT PHOTO BAN TO AWAIT TRIAL

Paris, Aug. 1—(U.P.)—Pierre Laval arrived by plane at Le Bourget field tonight at 7:30 p. m. (1:30 p. m. EWT) from Strasbourg in the custody of French officials.

Waiting at the airport to arrest Laval was Commissioner Paul Leoni of the Surete Nationale who was assigned to take the Vichy collaborator to the Fresnes jail near Paris.

Laval will be held there with other Frenchmen charged with collaborating with the Germans.

Laval flew from Barcelona to Linz, Austria, yesterday where he surrendered to American authorities. They took him to Innsbruck where he was delivered to the French who took him to Strasbourg.

Laval, accompanied by his wife and a French army captain, arrived in an American Dakota transport.

## CONFERENCE END DUE TONIGHT IS POTSDAM VIEW

Potsdam, Aug. 1—(U.P.)—The Big Three met in plenary session today and it was believed the conference would end tonight after a final session to approve the official communique.

A U. S. army spokesman said flatly that the Big Three are meeting tonight for what was expected to be their last session. Shortly before this announcement it was understood that some reports were circulated that the conference was over.

Questioned regarding a report published in the United States that the conference had ended, the army spokesman said: "The conference has not ended."

The conference drew to a close with word that the United States has won a number of important concessions from Britain and Russia.

Officials tacitly agreed that the sessions would be over by tomorrow when President Truman is expected at Plymouth to meet briefly with King George VI.

## GRANTS PASS BOY HELD ON BURGLARY CHARGE

James Elver Longacre, 19, of Grants Pass, was in the county jail today following his arrest late Monday night by city police officers when caught in the act of burglarizing the Cullen Motor company at 123 South Riverside avenue, city police reported today.

Longacre was to appear in circuit court this afternoon.

## 55 MEXICAN CASUALTIES

Mexico City, Aug. 1—(U.P.)—The Mexican foreign ministry today said total Mexican war casualties in recent months were 55. These included nine dead, six wounded and five missing in Europe and 13 dead and 22 wounded in the Pacific.

# LOGGERS FLEE BEFORE BLAZE

## WIND WHIPS UP NEW MENACE IN JORDAN SECTION

Tools, Equipment Abandoned As Flames Roar Back Through Spot Fire Burn.

Portland, Ore., Aug. 1—(U.P.)—Loggers fled for their lives before flames of the Wilson river forest fire in western Oregon as wind whipped up new peril in the Jordan Creek section on the southwest edge of the 200,000-acre burn.

They were forced to abandon tools and valuable equipment as flames roared back through hills previously spotted by spot fires more than a week ago.

**Fire Lines Lost**

More fire line has been lost in western Washington county where flames ate into new growth timber, and another finger of the fire is pushing along mountains to the south between the Trask and Tualitan watersheds.

Thirty miles to the north, in Clatsop county south of Elsie, last week's outbreak has grown into a huge spot fire, but this has not joined the main burn.

Flames also are eating southward toward the town of Cochran, but the progress is slow.

**Trestle Burns**

The mysterious burning of the high trestle over Devil's Fork Canyon forced rerouting of fire fighters from the chief dispatching headquarters at Owl camp. The bridge had been guarded closely but embers in the timbers broke out suddenly.

The northwestern sector of the huge fire was scouted to determine the extent of spot fires. The terrain is so rugged that fire crews have been barely able to get to the fire fronts.

Bulldozers widened fire breaks on most of the other fronts.

Some crews were being released on Polk county fires, now under control.

The Forest Grove reservoir and watershed continued to be threatened, with flames barely a quarter of a mile away.

In western Washington, more than 100 fire fighters brought fires on nearly a square mile of logged-off land near Enumclaw under control early today.

## 43 DIVORCE ACTIONS STARTED DURING JULY

Forty-three divorce actions were filed with the county clerk's office in July, and 52 marriage licenses were issued during the same period, the records show.

It was the largest number of marriage licenses issued in several months and the divorces were nine more than in June. In both instances, civilians and soldiers were evenly divided.

## BASEBALL

American	National
Chicago 2 5 1	Pittsburgh 1 5 0
Cleveland 1 7 0	Chicago 0 4 0
Lopat and Tresh; Gromek and Hayes.	Butcher and Salkeld; Pausseau, Prime (9) and Gillespie, Williams (9).
New York 5 4 1	
Boston 7 12 1	
Bevens, Turner (7), Holcomb (8) and Robinson; Wilson, Johnson (4), and Holm, Garbark (6).	

## Free Trip Abroad For Servicemen Sen. Downey's Idea

Washington, Aug. 1—(U.P.)—Sen. Sheridan Downey, D., Calif., thinks American servicemen haven't seen enough of the world.

He introduced a bill today to give every veteran a free post-war trip abroad, with the government footing the bill.

Furthermore, if members of the veteran's family want to go along, Downey would have the government pay 50 per cent of their fares, as well.

Downey said his measure would repay veterans to some extent for their sacrifices, encourage understanding between peoples, and stimulate international trade.

## MCKENNA NAMED STATE TAX MAN

Salem, Ore., Aug. 1—(U.P.)—State Senator Coe A. McKenna, Portland real estate broker, late Tuesday was named state tax commissioner, the state board of control announced.

McKenna will succeed Earl B. Day, of Medford, commissioner for a number of years, who resigned to return to active management of his ranch in southern Oregon.

McKenna has been a state legislator since 1939, serving two terms in the senate. He is a graduate of Portland and Notre Dame universities. He is a past president of the Portland Realty board and past vice president of the National Association of Realty Boards, as well as having served for 13 years on the Portland planning board.

Other tax commissioners who will continue in office include Charles Galloway and Earl Fisher.

McKenna's term expires December 31, 1946.

## 3 GERMAN PW'S KILLED BY GUARD

Colorado Springs, Colo., Aug. 1—(U.P.)—Three German prisoners of war were shot and killed by an American guard today when the prisoners apparently threatened to rush him after refusing to work.

The shooting occurred in a field 14 miles from Ovid, Colo. The Guard, Pvt. Harold W. Garland, told Camp Carson Prisoner of War Camp officers that the prisoners had made threatening remarks before the shooting. He said that he fired his carbine at them when they appeared they were going to rush him.

## VJ-Day Means Problem In Settling Vast Accumulation War Contracts

Washington, Aug. 1—(U.P.)—If final victory over Japan is achieved within the next few months, the government will be confronted with the job of settling \$44,000,000,000 in cancelled war contracts, congress was informed today.

On the other hand, if VJ-day should not come for a year, according to Director of Contract Settlement Robert H. Hinckley, the contract terminations together with the backlog of unsettled contracts would total roughly only \$28,000,000,000.

Hinckley's fourth quarterly report to congress revealed that almost \$16,000,000,000 in cancelled commitments were settled in the year ended June 30. He emphasized the amount paid by the government under the settlement made up only a small fraction of the amounts of the contracts involved. For instance, he said, settlement of almost \$12,000,000,000 of fixed-price contracts required the payment of only \$560,000,000 or less than five per cent of the total value.

Hinckley said surveys indicate that "fair compensation" is being given war contractors under the settlement agreements.

The big task confronting government agencies is to expand the settlement rate,

## PLANES AND SUB BOMB AND SHELL JAP FACILITIES

Allied Submersible Boldly Attacks Town on Hokkaido; Fleet Continues Silence.

Pearl Harbor, Aug. 1—(U.P.)—American land-based planes and a submarine bombed and shelled Japan today, as the mighty Third Fleet went under a security blackout for the second straight day.

Radio Tokyo reported that 20 American P-51 Mustangs bombed rocketed, and machine gunned airbases and transportation facilities in the Osaka-Kobe area southwest of Tokyo for 50 minutes beginning at 9 a. m. (Japanese time).

**Sub Shells Town**

Another Japanese broadcast said an Allied submarine surfaced off the south coast of Hokkaido and boldly shelled Tomakomai for 30 minutes about 8 p. m. yesterday.

The broadcast said that damage was slight.

The Third Fleet has been silent since sending its destroyers into Suruga Bay to shell the city of Shimizu just after midnight Monday.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz in today's only communique announced that the Third Fleet's Carrier Flan had destroyed or damaged 89 more Jap planes and eight more ships in the second half of their attack on central Honshu Monday.

Swinging south after attacking the Tokyo area on Monday, American Carrier Flan sank two ships, damaged six, destroyed 56 planes on the ground and damaged 33 sweeping along a 90-mile stretch from Nagoya to the Masure Naval Base on the Sea of Japan.

Since July 10 the Third Fleet has destroyed or damaged 1,477 Japanese planes and 957 ships, including 109 warships.

Okinawa-based planes have added to the destruction. Army bomber and fighter-bombers on Monday sank six enemy ships and damaged 20 others—14 in Japan's home waters and in the Straits between Japan and Korea.

Chinese headquarters in Chungking announced that Chinese troops have captured the Pinglo road junction, 55 miles southeast of Kweilin.

**Shift to China**

Also from Chungking Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer's headquarters announced that the 10th U. S. Airforce is being shifted to China from the command of Lt. Gen. George E. Stratemeyer.

In eastern Borneo, Australian artillery continued softening up the road toward by knocking out several employed enemy positions.

## Chamber Directors To Discuss Housing

General business with emphasis upon army and navy housing and post war promotion will be discussed at the regular semi-monthly meeting of the Jackson County chamber of commerce board of directors Friday noon. The meeting will be held at the chamber's board rooms and all members are invited to attend. Reservations may be made by calling the chamber office, 2294.

The monthly news letter of the Jackson County chamber, outlining some of the highlights of the organization's July activities, is now in the mail to the membership.

## By The Side Of The Rogue

By Dale Vincent

While I sat on the stone wall, and looked out over Crater Lake, a little humming bird came and sat down beside me in a sociable manner. Evidently he mistook me for a rock, for when I moved, he almost dropped dead with fright, and left like a bullet.

Camping for the night in this secluded spot on the rim in a thick bunch of conifer trees, we saw a flock of about twenty Red Crossbills who paid the tops of our trees a visit. These are the only birds in America with their bills radically crossed—like a pretty girl's legs on the witness stand. They have been called one of nature's "blunders," but this is not true. By inserting these crossed mandibles between the layers of the seed covering of coniferous cones, and giving a powerful twist, the cover is opened and the nut easily extracted.

We spent an interesting half hour watching this operation at close range through binoculars, as the birds rustled their evening meal, and ours got cold.