



**FAMILY HONORED** — Nobuo Fujita, 51-year-old former Japanese pilot, proudly stands with his wife, Akayo, and son after the family was honored during the Azalea Festival opening ceremonies at Brookings. The son, Yasuyoshi, trains his movie camera on Queen Elaine Nonemaker. (UPI)

### Japanese War Pilot To Present Heirloom To Brookings People

Brookings, Ore. — (UPI) — Nobuo Fujita brought out the prize Samurai sword he wore on a bombing mission over this region in World War II to give it today to this community as a peace-time gift.

Fujita is the only known Japanese pilot to bomb this nation during the war. Now, in a goodwill gesture, he, his wife and son are guests of this community for a week highlighted by the Brookings Azalea Festival last week end.

Fujita will present the sword to Brookings at a special banquet in his honor tonight. Traditionally, the heirloom, which he describes as "about 600 or 700 years old... and one of my most treasured possessions," would go to his son.

Fujita wore the sword when he flew a submarine-based plane and dropped fire bombs into forests near here in 1942. The bombs did little damage. The Fujitas attended a round of events during the festival, including a parade, a barbecue, flower show, luncheon and dinners. They were warmly greeted everywhere they went.

### Three Pass Exam as Securities Salesmen

Three local men have passed the National Association of Securities Dealers examination preliminary to being licensed as securities salesmen.

They are Neil M. Arant, 1316 Fortune dr.; Walter J. Jacobson, 1325 Fortune dr., and Ray E. Stewart Jr., 1817 Siskiyou blvd., all of Medford.

Arant has been associated with the life insurance field in Klamath Falls, Grants Pass, Pendleton and Medford. Jacobson recently left the employment of Tidewater Associated Oil company after 25 years of service in order to avoid transfer to a new location. At the time of termination of employment he was area manager for the southern Oregon area.

Stewart is presently the officer in charge of Army Reserve activities in this area and will retire from the Army later this summer after 21 years of Army service.

The three will be employed by Managed Equities, Inc. at the local office, 711 East Main st., Medford, under the supervision of Richard J. House, branch office manager.

### Purple Heart Order Conducts Meeting

The Rogue Valley chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, which has been reorganized in recent weeks, held its first meeting Saturday at the Veterans Administration domiciliary, White City.

Both national and department officers attended the meeting. They included Lester J. Hawkins, national senior vice commander; Mrs. Hawkins, similar officer in the auxiliary; and Ray Dorris, department adjutant, all of Portland.

The chapter covers southern Oregon and northern California. Any inquiries on the organization may be made to Harry E. Barron, Box 715, White City. Regular meeting dates and place will be announced later.

The Military Order of the Purple Heart is the oldest military order in existence. It was organized by Gen. George Washington on Aug. 7, 1782. Wives, daughters (16 and over), widows, sisters and mothers are all eligible for the ladies' auxiliary, provided the veteran was killed in action.

Minimum recorded rainfall in the U.S. is in Death Valley, Calif., which has 1.73 inches a year. Once during a period of 401 days in the area there was no rain at all.

### Only One S.O.B.

## Cornerstone for Congressional Building Brings Complications

By DICK WEST  
Washington — (UPI) — The cornerstone has been laid for a \$100 million congressional office building being erected on Capitol Hill.



West  
Benchley. Benchley once wrote that when people go to know him well they called him "Sweet Old Bob" — and sometimes just the initials.

So it is with the congressional office buildings. People who know them well have learned to recognize them by their initials.

There are approximately 20 members of the House and Senate who might be called "Sweet Old Bob." But as the congressional telephone directory figures things, Capitol Hill has only one S. O. B.

That designation goes to the Senate Office Building, which stands next to the New Senate Office Building, which is listed in the directory as N.S.O.B. Until recently, S.O.B. and

N.S.O.B. had their counterparts on the house of the Capitol in H.O.B. and N.H.O.B. Then the nomenclature began to get complicated.

Work was started on the building which was dedicated Thursday, posing the problem of what it should be called.

Some began to refer to it as T.H.O.B. (third House Office Building). Others called it N.N.H.O.B. (new new House Office Building). I personally favored S.A.H.O.B. (still another House Office Building).

Capitol architect J. George Stewart finally settled the matter temporarily by designating it as A.H.O.B. (additional House Office Building).

After the death of Speaker Sam Rayburn, sentiment developed for naming A. H. O. B. in his honor. This prompted suggestions that H. O. B. and N. H. O. B. also be named for former speakers.

Some proposed that H. O. B. be changed to M. H. O. B. in honor of Frederick Muhlenberg, the first speaker. Others thought that N.H.O.B. should be called P. H. O. B. in honor of James K. Polk.

Ultimately, however, the House voted to name H. O. B., N. H. O. B. and A. H. O. B.

for the three men who were speakers when work was started on the buildings.

Besides Rayburn (A. H. O. B.), they were Joseph G. Cannon (H. O. B.) and Nicholas Longworth (N. H. O. B.).

So now we have R. H. O. B., C. H. O. B. and N. H. O. B., which is going to take a lot of getting used to.

It seems to me the easiest thing to do would be to drop the "H" and simply call them "Cob," "Lob" and "Rob."

### Police Duel Across Canal in Berlin

Berlin — (UPI) — Western and Communist police fought a gun duel across a border canal within sight of afternoon strollers Sunday after the Reds shot down a fleeing refugee.

None of the policemen was hurt in the exchange of 60 shots, but East German officials reported the refugee died of his wounds in a hospital. The gun battle was the second within a week between police of West and East Berlin, and followed by a day an attempt to blow up parts of the Communist-built wall.

### Administrator Named for New Hawthorne Center

Millard Hoffman has been named administrator of the new 100-bed Hawthorne Convalescent and Rehabilitation center, 625 Stevens ave., according to the Western Convalescent foundation.

Prior to his appointment, he was superintendent of the Jackson County Farm home for nearly five years. He has spent seven years in various capacities in hospitals outside of Oregon and is licensed as an administrator by the State Board of Health.

The Foundation also announced that Mrs. Vera B. Larsen, RN, a former member of the Rogue Valley hospital nursing staff, will be director of nursing service. Her background includes three years in a similar position with a convalescent facility at Everett, Wash. Assisting her with orientation and

training of other nursing personnel is Mrs. Clara C. Hopwood, RN, formerly with Sacred Heart hospital and a veteran of several years experience in rehabilitation work.

The convalescent hospital, which will admit its first patients June 11, is expected to employ more than 30 persons and have an annual payroll of nearly \$200,000.

Washington — (UPI) — The United States set off the 14th nuclear explosion in its Pacific atmospheric series Sunday. The medium yield device, dropped from an airplane, was detonated near Christmas Island.

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