

SEN. JOHNSON DIES AT NAVAL HOSPITAL

(Continued From Page One) and namesake left San Francisco last night. Senator McKellar (D-Tenn.), president of the senate, today will appoint a committee to attend the funeral of the silver-haired veteran.

Work Resumed On Soil Erosion Plans

ROSEBURG, Aug. 6 (AP)—Work has again started on six Douglas county soil erosion pro-

jects halted by the war, the army engineers reported today. Congress has approved a \$176,000 appropriation for projects at Winston, Melrose, Reedsport, Gardiner, Loon lake and Smith river.

WEATHER

Place	Max.	Min.	Trace
Eugene	80	59	Trace
Klamath Falls	83	63	Trace
Sacramento	91	54	.00
North Bend	53	32	.00
Portland	100	87	.00
Beno	53	44	.00
San Francisco	59	50	.00
Seattle	53	39	.00
Medford	100	84	.00
Red Bluff	102	88	.00

Northern California—Scattered clouds today, tonight and Tuesday with fog on coast and thunderstorms in high mountains. Slightly cooler in central portion. Gentle to moderate westerly winds off coast.
Washington and Oregon—Scattered cloudiness today, tonight and Tuesday, with a few light showers over the Cascades.

B-29S MAKE 4 JAP CITIES MASS OF FLAMES

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Japan—forwarded that the big bombers were coming on a mission of death—was unable to offer effective resistance while the industrial areas of Nishinomiya, Imabari, Maebashi and Saga and Ube Coal Liquefaction company burned and fell apart from 3850 tons of incendiary and explosive bombs dropped by a fleet of 580 Superforts.

Yesterdays air raid sirens screamed throughout Tokyo in a warning that 100 P-51 Mustangs had returned to strike terror with rockets and machineguns against anything they could find in the Tokyo area.

Radio Tokyo said 150 Mustangs carried the assault into the daylight today with an attack on the Tokyo area. A single Japanese fighter watched them come yesterday and then fled from the skies.

10,500 Tons Dropped
The B-29s in two raids August 2 and today have sown 10,500 tons of dreaded fire and demolition bombs on Japanese cities in warnings to the people of Japan to surrender unconditionally.

They have burned out approximately 160 square miles of war producing cities since the first fire raid on Tokyo March 3.

Warnings Given
While the newest series of incendiary raids has always been preceded by warnings to civilians to flee to safety, their effectiveness was told bluntly in a single sentence in General Spaatz' communique which, reporting on the record raid August 2, said: "First photographs available on results of the B-29 strike in the early hours August 2 show that the industrial area of Toyama was totally destroyed."

Toyama, with a population of 127,000, was the third largest city on Honshu fronting the Japan sea, and had the empire's largest aluminum plant.

MOVE FURNISHINGS
NEW PINE CREEK—Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Gooch and family of Lakeview started moving their household furnishings last Wednesday down into the Frank Ross property, where they will make their home until they are able to build. Gooch has purchased the late L. C. Vinyard blacksmith shop and garage and plans to open for business just as soon as he gets located. He has also purchased the vacant lot just east of Mrs. Hazel Vinyard's residence where he plans to build a new home.

Corvallis Educator Dies At Portland

CORVALLIS, Aug. 6 (AP)—Last rites were planned today for J. F. Schenk, 45, for seven years superintendent of the Corvallis public schools, who died at the Veterans hospital in Portland yesterday.

Schenk, past president of the Oregon Superintendents' association, has long been active in the American Legion.

His widow, the former Illione Underwood Meyers of Grants Pass, a son, John, a daughter Illione, and a stepson Lawrence Underwood, survive.

COAST FIRE BLAZES INTO NEW STRENGTH

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moor burn is not known. The perimeter surrounds possibly 240,000 acres. The interior is dotted by large and small spot fires as well as moor blazes. Possibly more than 160,000 acres have been blackened.

GRANTS PASS, Aug. 6 (AP)—Electrical storms of Sunday afternoon and early this morning started 17 small fires in the Siskiyou national forest, H. C. Obye, supervisor, said today.

Fire fighting crews are working on all the blazes and by noon today at least two of the fires had been extinguished, Obye said.

14 Fires
Fourteen fires were burning in the Page creek district in the general vicinity of the Oregon Caves and Grayback, one in the Gasquet district and two in the Galice district. Eight of the fires were started by the storm about 3 o'clock Sunday morning and six apparently by the 4:30 a. m. storm today.

Four of the Siskiyou fires were reached by smoke jumpers from the Redwood ranger station, Obye said. The men were also sent to jump to one of the blazes in the Roxue River forest. Eight smoke jumpers were used on the fires.

None of the fires had made any serious run by noon today, Obye said, adding that he is confident the crews can stop them before much damage is done.

CLOSELY KEPT PASCO SECRET BARED AT LAST

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made safely. Plants were designed so that all the complicated operations were performed by remote control behind heavy concrete walls.

So complete were the safety precautions, officials added, that they protected workers "against even the fear of danger."

The project is located in central Washington state, between the Cascade mountains and the Columbia river, in a particularly isolated area of gray-green sagebrush and dry water courses.

The plant was constructed by the E. I. DuPont Denemours company, which also has the contract for operating them. The Hanford Engineering works, a DuPont division, has direct charge.

Although residents of this little sagebrush-surrounded hamlet knew the secret project was something highly important, they were as much surprised as the rest of the world when President Truman announced they had been producing atomic bomb materials.

For two years, the government has been recruiting workers all over the nation for the Hanford project, of which Richland became the residential center; Pasco the official headquarters, and several smaller cities the mystery-shrouded nerve centers in the vast secret.

Secrecy Pledge
The army employed public relations officers to tour newspaper offices reiterating pledges of secrecy. Mysterious directives issued from censorship authorities simultaneously with page advertisements all over the country calling for unskilled workers, electricians, millwrights and specialists by the hundreds and the thousands for the Hanford project.

Just how the mystery-shrouded project would aid the war effort provided a major guessing contest throughout the Pacific northwest. It was known the Duponts had something to do with it. It was known that armed guards turned visitors back on highways and side roads miles and miles from the center of the exclusion area.

It was rumored that whatever was brewing in the Scabrock country heretofore was so hush-hush that workers knew only their own small part of the process and had no idea what the finished product could be.

'Hornet' Limp Home After Strike By June Typhoon

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Newport News, Va., August 30, 1943, and after the shortest shakedown cruise in carrier history was in action against the Japanese exactly seven months later.

Under Rear Admiral (then captain) William D. Sample, Pensacola, Fla., the Hornet went into the Marianas, from Guam to the Bonin and Volcano islands, through the battle of the Philippine sea, to Pagan and the Bonins again, to Eniwetok and back to the Bonins. She was in the Guam invasion, then hit Yap, Ulithi and the Bonins again.

As part of task force 58 and flagship of Rear Admiral J. J. (Jocko) Clark, she was into the Bonins so often the men formed a "Jocko Jima development corporation" for the purpose of "developing and selling shares in real estate within 500 miles of downtown Tokyo."

After the successful Marianas operation, Captain Sample was made a real admiral and succeeded as the Hornet's skipper by Capt. Austin K. Doyle, Pensacola, Fla., who took her through subsequent campaigns in the Philippines and Okinawa, support of landings in the Philip-

FAMOUS 1ST HOLDS REUNION TUESDAY

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all are men who made the initial landing on Guadalcanal.

Nine marines won the coveted Congressional Medal of Honor for heroic deeds on Guadalcanal, two of the men having been stationed at the local Marine Barracks at some time during the past year. The two were Major Joe Foss and Captain Mitchell Paige.

Other Medals of Honor were awarded to Sgt. John Baslione, the first enlisted man to win the Congressional Medal in this war, Lt. Col. Harold W. Bauer, Major Kenneth Dillon Bailey, Lt. Col. John Lucien Smith, Lt. Col. Robert E. Galer, Brig. Gen. Merritt Edson and Gen. A. A. Vandergrift.

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CRASH FATAL

NEWBERG, Aug. 6 (AP)—Injuries received in an auto-motorcycle collision were fatal yesterday to Winfred Mace, 20, who had been riding on a cycle driven by 19-year-old Attilio Dare. Dare was only slightly injured. A widow and three children survive Mace.

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Atomic Bomb Test Held In Desert

LOS ALAMOS, N. M., Aug. 6 (AP)—The atomic bomb, dropped on Japan for the first time today, was previewed by scientists and military authorities in the New Mexico desert July 16 when a test sent a ball of fire, many times brighter than the mid-day sun, billowing skyward and set off a blast which rattled windows more than 150 miles away.

The steel tower from which the test was detonated was vaporized. A huge sloping crater was left where the tower stood. Men outside the control center more than five miles away were knocked down by a heavy pressure wave.

Witnesses said a huge multi-colored cloud was sent 40,000 feet into the stratosphere in five minutes.

Hess Named For U. S. Attorney
PORTLAND, Aug. 6 (AP)—Henry L. Hess, La Grande, has been recommended as Oregon's U. S. attorney by democratic national committeeman Lew Wallace. Wallace wired the recommendation to Richard R. Nancy, national committee vice chairman, after Elton Watkins announced Saturday he had withdrawn as a candidate.

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