

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Johnson, Chester Leland Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Wapello County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 23 June 1887 West Grove, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

None

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business \_\_\_\_\_

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Elks; Eagles, Knights of Pythias

C. Profession Milwaukee Railroad employee for 32 years

4. Church membership \_\_\_\_\_

5. Sessions served 47<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1937

6. Public Offices

A. Local \_\_\_\_\_

B. State \_\_\_\_\_

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 10 May 1945 Ottumwa, Iowa; buried FINDAGRAVE, COM  
Memorial Lawn Cemetery,  
Ottumwa, Wapello County, IOWA

8. Children Helena (Mrs. Schrainsky); Charlot (Mrs. Pendergraft);  
Loris (Mrs. Halliwell); Pat; Byron

9. Names of parents Adam and Ida Jane Johns

Johns, Chester Leland

10. Education \_\_\_\_\_

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11. Degrees \_\_\_\_\_

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12. Other applicable information Democrat

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# Death Comes To Chester L. Johns



Chester Leland Johns, 57, above, veteran Ottumwa railroad man, community worker and former state legislator, died at 6:50 a. m. today at his home, 307 North Clay street.

Mr. Johns had been in ill health since August of 1944. He had been a resident of the city for 32 years, working for the Milwaukee railroad that length of time. He served five years in train service and 27 years in the yard service as a switchman and yard conductor. He was born in West Grove June 23, 1887, the son of Adam and Ida Jane Johns.

He served in the state house of representatives for the 1936-38 term, was a former member of manpower committee, the city park board and the Wapello county ration board. He was legislative representative for the B. of R. T. local 737 and secretary for 12 years of the state legislative board of the B. of R. T. He served as chairman of the Milwaukee Service club in 1944, and

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# War Fades Out As Mos- cow Echoes To A Final Victory Salute.

LONDON. (AP) — The European war—most devastating in all history—bowed out last night to the deafening roar of 30 volleys from 1,000 Moscow guns, and all that was left of it today was a series of sporadic outbursts of fighting and the monotonous processing of endless streams of German prisoners.

Nazi humiliation was complete. Fuhrer Adolf Hitler, who bullied Europe into the scourging conflict, still was missing — perhaps dead. The No. 2 Nazi, Reichsmarshal Herman Goering, was an American captive. The supreme German commander in the west, Field Marshal Albert Kesselring, was in American hands. The Luxembourg radio said Dunkerque, last Nazi pocket in France, had surrendered. Streams of dejected German soldiers trudged docilely from by-passed pockets in the Reich.

## "Won't Destroy Germany."

In a blunt, six-minute victory broadcast from his study in the Kremlin, Marshal Stalin said the Soviet Union would not "destroy Germany or its people."

As a million happy Russians jammed the area around the Kremlin in a noisy holiday mood, their leader asserted:

"Hitler declared three years ago, 'We shall destroy Russia.' But Hitler's insane ideas were not destined to come true. . . . The Soviet Union is rejoicing in victories, although it does not intend to destroy Germany."

Earlier, the Soviet premier issued his 368th—and probably his last—order of the day on the European war. It announced the liberation of Prague, occupied by the Nazis since March 21, 1939. Liberation came four hours after the deadline for cessation of hostilities. Of the groups of Germans still resisting in Czechoslovakia, Stalin said the Red Army would "succeed in bringing it to its senses."

## Rounding Up Remnants

Stalin said the Prague Nazis had retreated west and

ures of at least 36 states  
 at time, many house mem-  
 et, treaties growing out  
 war may have been dis-  
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 r blicans acknowledged  
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 unge because their party,  
 rily in both houses, still  
 ong enough in the senate  
 t a powerful influence in  
 tional affairs under the  
 two-thirds vote rule.

## Isolated ies in Europe

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 00 and 300 operational sub-  
 when they surrendered.  
 best available estimates.  
 ay be used against Japan.  
 dn't Delay V-E News.  
 declaring that the final  
 capitulation was signed in  
 after a "preliminary act"  
 is, France, where the west-  
 and a soviet representa-  
 epted surrender, made no  
 e to Japan in his speech.  
 he headquarters it was  
 r ally had sought un-  
 fully to delay the victory  
 ment of Tuesday. Allied  
 rters treated the Berlin  
 as a ratification, but ap-  
 Moscow regarded the Ber-  
 as the actual surrender.  
 ded for soviet Russia three  
 nd 10½ months of unpre-  
 d struggle and climaxed a  
 r march from Stalingrad  
 lin—1,360 miles of fight-  
 he wake of war were  
 s; homeless—possibly 10-  
 uprooted civilians, includ-  
 fugees and German slave  
 s. Returning them to their  
 may take three months.

**MISSOURI WEATHER.**  
 cloudy and cool tonight; light  
 ly in extreme north. Friday in-  
 cloudiness, rain likely west por-  
 somewhat warmer Friday.

vice calls "will contin-  
 ge."  
 gave no figures but said  
 nents for men under 30 will  
 e to be relatively few and  
 come fewer as more veter-  
 turn to industry and the

night in which he said Germany  
 had been beaten by the soviet  
 armies and the allied command.  
 Red Star, the army newspaper,  
 published without comment a pic-  
 ture of President Roosevelt,  
 Churchill and Stalin at Teheran.  
 The newspapers carried the  
 Tuesday addresses of President  
 Truman and Prime Minister  
 Churchill for the first time.  
 Americans and Britons in Moscow  
 had some anxiety yesterday until  
 the time Stalin spoke lest the  
 people of Russia get the impres-  
 sion that the soviets did not place  
 at Reims. These individuals said  
 their anxiety had been dispelled  
 by today's treatment of the vic-  
 tory.

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 held memberships in the Masonic,  
 Elks, Eagles, K. of P. and B. or  
 R. T. lodges.  
 Mr. Johns also was active in  
 democratic party circles, serving  
 as precinct committeeman.  
 Surviving are his wife, Franc;  
 his mother, Mrs. Ida J. Redmon  
 of Milwaukee; three daughters,  
 Mrs. Helen Schinsky of Milwau-  
 kee, and Mrs. Charlotte Pender-  
 graft and Mrs. Doris Williams of  
 Ottumwa; two sons, Pat Johns  
 and Byrne Johns of Ottumwa;  
 one sister, Mrs. Robert Morris of  
 Milwaukee; one brother, Lester L.  
 Johns of Fordland, Mo., and five  
 grandchildren.  
 Funeral services are planned for  
 Saturday afternoon but details  
 have not been completed. The body  
 will remain at the Traul funeral  
 chapel.

## U. S. Casualty Total Nears Million

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The fight-  
 ing in Germany during April cost  
 American ground forces 34,598  
 casualties, Secretary of War Stim-  
 son reported today.  
 This figure includes 5,224 kill-  
 ed, 25,407 wounded and 3,867 miss-

that Powell, who had been held  
 in the Marion county jail since the  
 shooting, had said he shot the men  
 in self-defense following a drink-  
 ing party and quarrel. Both were  
 shot in the stomach.

## Japan Hit By Record B-29 Fleet

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 final and decisive battle wherein  
 is staked the destiny of Japan,"  
 the Osaka newspaper Mainichi  
 said in an appeal to the govern-  
 ment to turn Nippon into one big  
 war camp with the entire popu-  
 lation "an armed force."  
 So far 36,535 of the estimated  
 60,000 Nipponese soldiers on Old-  
 nawa have been killed. This com-  
 pares with 2,684 American sol-  
 diers and marines killed; 18,202  
 wounded and 539 missing.  
 Chinese reported counting more  
 than 2,600 Japanese dead in an  
 area 55 miles east of Chihkian  
 and finding dozens of places where  
 the beaten enemy had cremated  
 untold numbers of their plain com-  
 rades. Another invader force 70  
 miles from Chihkian was surround-  
 ed and annihilated. Chungking  
 said other broken Japanese columns  
 fled, with the Chinese in pursuit.

## AP Apologizes For 'Jumping Gun'

PHILADELPHIA, (AP)—Robert  
 McLean, president of the Associat-  
 ed Press, issued the following  
 statement today:  
 "The Associated Press pro-  
 foundly regrets the distribution on  
 Monday of the report of the total  
 surrender in Europe which invest-  
 igation now clearly discloses was  
 distributed in advance of authori-  
 zation by supreme allied head-  
 quarters.  
 "The whole, long, honorable  
 record of the Associated Press is  
 based on its high sense of respon-  
 sibility as to the integrity and au-  
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 servation of obligations volun-  
 tarily assumed, as appropriately  
 reaffirmed by Executive Director  
 Cooper in his statement of yes-  
 terday."