

## GOP National Committee to Review Errors

By D. Harold Oliver

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24—(AP)—Republicans took their first step today toward finding out why their party has been defeated five times in a row for the presidency—and how to win the next time.

Chairman Hugh D. Scott, jr., called the GOP national committee to meet in Omaha, Neb., Jan. 26-27. He said he will ask the committee to act on a proposal to call a party policy conference during 1949.

And, as if to warn in advance those who have been demanding that he resign so the party can get away to a fresh start, Scott called attention that he had been unanimously elected chairman as recently as last June.

Scott, a Philadelphia member of the house, was picked for the committee post by Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York at the conclusion of the Philadelphia convention that nominated Dewey for the presidency.

**Asked Scott to Resign**  
Only yesterday, Senator Cooper (R-Ky), who was defeated for reelection, called on Scott to resign. He said he had nothing against Scott personally, but feels the party ought to "make afresh, clean start" under new leadership.

Another move to place new faces

in high party councils will come next week when senate insurgent republicans meet with a view to forming a slate to oppose what they term the senate's "old guard" leadership.

A member of the dissatisfied group told a reporter he believes the self-styled liberals will try to name a candidate for GOP floor leader, a post that has been filled by Senator Wherry of Nebraska since Senator White of Maine retired because of ill health.

**Vote of No-Confidence**  
As for the national committee, there exists no way to depose a chairman except by indirect action—a vote of no-confidence. Scott has served notice he will not resign and will demand a vote of confidence if the question of his resignation comes up at the Omaha meeting.

He also is ready to demand, if the need arises, that other members of the committee ask for a vote of confidence from their state organizations. To bolster his position he has the argument that not one committeeman sought a change in campaign methods when asked for suggestions before the election. He also comes from a state which gave Dewey his largest plurality in the nation.

In calling the national committee to meet in Omaha, Scott pointed up the party's effort to regain ground lost in the midwest during the November elections.

Headquarters of the committee will be in the Fontenelle hotel in Omaha.

Old Icelandic, spoken in Iceland and Greenland, is closely akin to Norwegian.

## Elks Provide Santa for 950 Salem Children



The Salem Elks' club carried on an extensive Christmas-season program. General chairman of the Christmas charity activities was Joe Krauger. District chairmen were active in many communities. The group included (left to right) Clyde Cutsforth, Gervais; D. P. MacCarthy, Independence; Krauger; Grant Murphy, Stayton; Lloyd Thomas, Salem; John Gilmer, Salem; William Kloft, Mt. Angel; Adolph Heater, Sublimity; Sam Kamp, Brooks; E. E. Ball, Turner. All have served 10 years or more. Other chairmen not in the photo included B. N. Speer, Aumsville; A. J. Cleveland, Dallas; Richard Saucier, Mill City; Lee Haskins, Silverton; E. J. Allen, Woodburn, and Walter Gerth, West Salem. Top photo shows the Elk's Santa watching one of the more than 950 children as she receives a beautiful doll and a bag of candy and fruit. (Statesman photos.)

## China to Sink Night Traffic on Yangtze River

By Harold K. Mills

NANKING, Dec. 24—(AP)—Fearing a communist crossing, the Chinese navy announced today it would sink any vessel operating at night on the Yangtze river, last important barrier north of this glum capital.

Snow, rain and fog reinforced the continuing lull on the battlefields stretching more than 100 miles north and northwest of Nanking.

Pengpu, former anchor of the Hwai river line 108 miles northwest of Nanking, remained in government hands, but lay idle under 18 inches of snow.

Communists have edged past it to within 50 miles of Nanking, but they, too, were inactive today.

**In Critical Plight**  
Farther northwest, near Suchow, Gen. Tu Li-Ming's communist-trapped army groups were in a critical plight. The defense ministry was maintaining radio contact, but it appeared that Tu and his force of less than 100,000 men would have no choice but surrender soon.

The thousands of well-fed government troops penned in Peiping, Tientsin and a few other northern cities continued to sit inside their siege lines. Active participation in the civil war has ended for them.

In fact, all of China north of the Yangtze can be written off by the government as in the Big for the communists, who have only to clean out those isolated government positions.

**Kalgan Eliminated**  
One such Kalgan, has been newly eliminated, the communist radio reported. It gave no details except to say that the city 100 miles northwest of Peiping fell Thursday night and all resistance ended Friday afternoon.

There was no confirmation, but there was no reason for doubting that the long-cut-off city had fallen.

Recurrent reports in Peiping said that the communist siege forces in the north were moving men south to attack the Yangtze and thus were not prepared to assault Peiping and Tientsin.

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## Woman Shot In Auto Court

GRANTS PASS, Dec. 24—(AP)—Mrs. Juanita Coyle, 28, was shot to death in an auto court bedroom yesterday in what witnesses said was an accident.

Cleo James Sims, 35, and Margaret May Baumgartner, 29, were held in jail as material witnesses.

State Police Sgt. C. R. Borgman said Sims told him he saw Mrs. Coyle holding his rifle, pointed toward her, and that when he tried to wrest it from her, it discharged.

Borgman quoted Sims as saying that he and Mrs. Coyle had been living at the auto court for the past month, but that she was going to leave. He said she had gone into the bedroom to pack her things, and he opened the door to see her with the gun.

## Seven Cases Continued in Circuit Court

Seven men appeared on various charges before Marion County Circuit Judge George Duncan Friday morning and were continued for plea or sentencing until next week.

James Little, jr., 40, of 1120 Chemawa rd., charged with four counts of obtaining money by false pretenses, pleaded guilty to one of the charges and pleaded innocent to the other three.

All four indictments against Little are similar. They charge him with illegally collecting a total of over \$2,000 from four local establishments to whom he allegedly delivered dairy products. Little's case was continued for parole board investigation.

Also continued to December 31

for entry of plea were Nick Yaschuk, Broadacres, charged with assault with a dangerous weapon by stabbing Elmer E. Wolfe last August; Harold Joseph Johns, Salem route 3, charged with rape, and William Harvey Haskins, Salem route 4, charged with larceny of lumber.

Slated to appear December 27 for sentencing were Ralph O'Neil Young, charged with passing a bad \$225 check at a local automobile company earlier this month and Robert Norman Fargue, Salem route 5, charged with receiving and possessing stolen property consisting of riding equipment. Both men pleaded guilty.

LaVerne Buren, Salem, pleaded guilty to a charge of non-support. He was continued to December 31 for further investigation of the complaint on order of Judge Duncan.

## Births

ENSOR—To Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ensor, 1650 C st., a son, Friday, December 24 at Salem Memorial hospital.

STRATTON—To Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stratton, 720 N. Commercial st., a daughter, Friday, Decem-

ber 24 at Salem General hospital.

SCHMIDT—To Mr. and Mrs. William Schmidt, Mehama, a daughter, Thursday, December 23 at Salem General hospital.

BAKER—To Mr. and Mrs. Murray Baker, 1585 Norway st., a daughter, Thursday, December 23 at Salem General hospital.

**ISRAEL WINS RECOGNITION**  
OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 24—(AP)—Canada today gave provisional recognition to Israel and its provisional government in a Christmas eve message to Moshe Shertok, foreign secretary of the new Jewish state in the Holy Land.

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