



**Santa's Busy Helpers**—One of the nightly work crews of the Salem Exchange club is shown here as they work feverishly to meet the Christmas deadline for rebuilding and repainting toys for children of needy families of the Salem area. The annual program of the service club is to collect discarded playthings and ready them for distribution. The toys are given out through the Salvation Army. Pictured at work at the Siewert warehouse, Santa's Salem subsidiary, are: (from left) Johnny Lewis, Willamette basketball coach, Otto J. Wilson, in charge of the Wednesday night crew, Howard Loop, Oscar Specht and Dan Wiles.

**Life in Red China Includes Gasoline at \$3 Per Gallon**

Waco, Tex. (AP)—Gasoline is selling for \$3 a gallon in American dollars, about five times its former price, in Tsingtao, China, under the communist regime.

Mrs. Darylne Sears, a Baylor university student, says her husband, who is in missionary work in the Chinese city, writes her that taxes on the Sears' home at the mission likewise have advanced from \$50 to \$500 annually, U. S. currency value.

Mrs. Sears and her husband, the Rev. S. B. Sears, were Southern Baptist missionaries to northern China when the communists took over.

They were warned repeatedly by the American consul of the approach of the Red forces and finally upon insistence of the consul, Mrs. Sears returned to America last Jan. 10. The pastor chose to remain at the mission base at Tsingtao.

Both the Sears call St. Joseph, Mo., their home.

While waiting to be reunited with her husband, Mrs. Sears enrolled at Baylor university to complete her college work. The

**Chinese Policy Under Attack**

Washington, Dec. 8 (AP)—Senator Vandenberg (R., Mich.) is being urged by some republicans to clear the way for GOP attacks on the administration's attitude toward China, Spain and possibly Israel.

Recuperating in Michigan from a major operation, Vandenberg has informed friends here he plans to return to Washington for the opening of the new session of congress Jan. 3.

Most of his party colleagues want the Michigan senator to clarify early in the session the republican course on the bipartisan foreign policy.

Some of those interested say frankly they hope that while Vandenberg will call for continued republican cooperation with the democrats on major foreign issues, he will point out as he has in the past that the GOP has not been consulted in advance except on decisions in a narrow field.

Senator Brewster of Maine, chairman of the GOP senatorial campaign committee, is said to believe the republicans can make issues in the 1950 campaign of the administration's handling of the China, Spain and possibly the Israel problem with its continuing turmoil and dissension.

**Chinese Situation Described By Dr. Chang in Talk Here**

Should the United States string along with the tottering National government in China or should recognition be given to the communists who have gained control of virtually all of eastern China?

Answers to those questions must be made within the near future, said Dr. H. H. Chang, Chinese diplomat, guest speaker for Wednesday night's session of the Salem Knife and Fork club at the Marion.

Speaking with a Harvard accent, an institution from which he holds a doctorate, Dr. Chang declined to make any recommendations as to which course this country should take. He charged the Nationalist government with being "inept, incompetent, corrupt and unable to do anything for the people of China. It is a pitiable situation," he added.

Dr. Chang said that it is "neither practical nor feasible" for this country to have no relations with China. He intimated that it might be wise to give partial recognition at least to the communists since it would permit this country to be on the ground when and if developments arose.

The situation as it exists today in China stems from the failure of the Nationalists to take a firm stand after the defeat of Japan, said Dr. Chang. He stated that the resolution was not a military one and the triumph of the communists was credited to the government's failure to give economic or political relief.

Dr. Chang declared the Nationalist government was shot full of nepotism with a small group at the top officials feathering their nests to the tune of some two billion dollars which has been moved out of the country.

"I would want the state department to be patient, study the situation carefully and play the game intelligently," said Chang in closing. He insisted that "all is not lost" and all sorts of possibilities remain.

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**To Exchange Exhibits In Air Service Case**

In connection with the hearing to be held in Washington, D. C., February 16 on the question of continuance or temporary discontinuance of United Air Lines service in Salem, the exhibits in the case will be offered several weeks in advance.

Hal Sweeney, Salem representative of United, was informed Wednesday by W. R. Thigpen of Seattle, public relations representative, that the first exchange of exhibits will be January 16, and the rebuttal exchange January 30.

The hearing date set by the civil aeronautics board for February 16 is three days later than previously announced.

It was also said that Bend and Redmond have been put into the case as well as Salem and Bellingham.

**Zero Weather In Central Area**

(By the Associated Press)

The coldest weather of the fall season hit the north central part of the country today. The mercury dropped to a low of 16 below zero during the morning hours at Minot, S. D.

The cold Canadian air spread southward into Oklahoma and North Texas. Temperatures fell below zero over most of North Dakota and Minnesota, eastern South Dakota, northwestern Wisconsin, eastern South Dakota, northwestern Iowa, and northwestern Wisconsin. Not much relief from the cold was expected until Friday.

The northeastern section of the country had some chilly weather, but no sub-zero marks were reported. Snow flurries fell in northern New England

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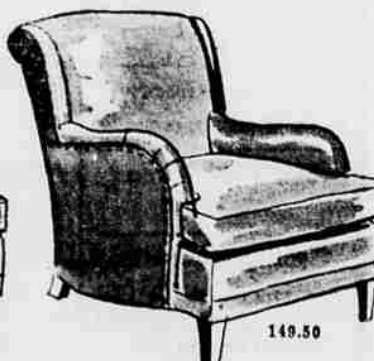
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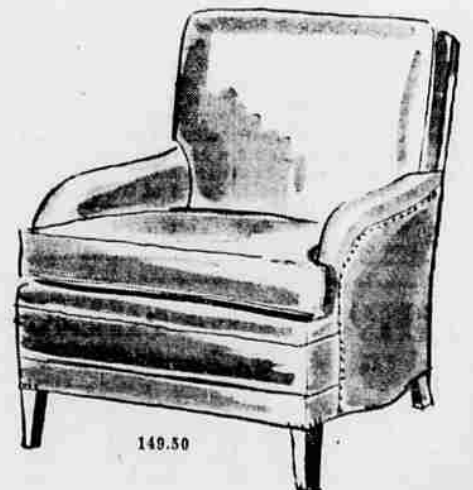
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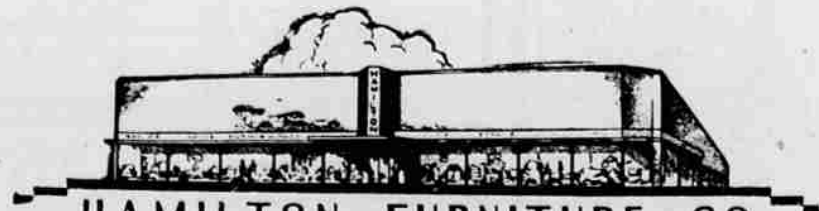
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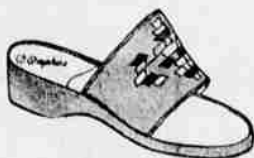
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