



\$200,000 Fire—Smoke and fire is shown billowing from the Kramer Carlton & Printing company and the Green hotel at the height of a blaze which destroyed the structures at 421 J street, Sacramento, Calif. At least eight persons, including five firemen, were injured. (AP Wirephoto)

### Tide of Toys Tot to Tot

Capitol Post No. 9 joins 17,332 other posts of the American Legion in the nation-wide Tot-to-Tot overseas Tide of Toys Christmas collection campaign.

Already many toys have been assembled in the American Legion club for these kiddies and it is requested that every child that contributes a toy should accompany it with a letter of greeting.

This will create many friendships between American children and the children overseas, which, it is hoped, will build up a better understanding between the peoples.

Overseas distribution of these toys will be made by CARE which is already officially organized in most European countries. No doubt, there are many toys received by children in this community which they would gladly give to those children in other countries who are not as fortunate as children here.

When the toys are assembled at the American Legion club they will be carefully packed and shipped to Philadelphia, where they will be allotted to the different countries and also shipped thereto.

Capitol Post No. 9 will appreciate any cooperation given the project.

### 1949 Important Year for Progress in Oregon Forestry

The year 1949 marked a new epoch in the history of forestry in Oregon.

A milestone was the signing of the bond authorization that launched Oregon into the biggest artificial reforestation project in the country, not excepting the federal government. Date was July 18 and the place Owl Camp in the Tillamook Burn with those signing Gov. Douglas McKay and the board of forestry.

The ten and a half million dollar bond issue covering the costs of the gigantic forest restoration job will be expended over a 15-year period.

General provisions of the reforestation act are: Issuance of bonds not to exceed three-fourths of one per cent of the assessed valuation of the taxable real property in Oregon, with \$750,000 the maximum amount of bonds that may be issued in one year; and funds to be used for reforestation, rehabilitation, protection and acquisition of state forest lands.

Commenting on the forestry department's program State Forester George Spaur emphasized that the change-over to modern forest practices was not made overnight, noting that it required continued efforts of citizens, timberland owners, lumber industry and associated groups and legislators from 1911 when the first board of forestry was established. Spaur also drew attention to the fact that Oregon has always been a "trailbreaker" in adopting modern forestry legislation.

The Oregon state board of forestry now owns approximately 655,000 acres of forest land with about one-third of that in need of immediate rehabilitation. Some burned-over areas are restocking through natural means, but fire corridors must be constructed and protection facilities expanded to insure the future of the young forest crop.

"Know-how" for the forest rehabilitation program is forest research made possible by the state forest research and experimental tax act of 1947, calling for a five cent per thousand board foot severance tax on all timber harvested.

Sixty per cent of the funds have been distributed to the Oregon forest products laboratory at Corvallis for research in the utilization of waste resulting from logging and wood manufacture. The remaining 40 per cent was used by the board of forestry for practical research in developing reforestation techniques in the field.

Practical aspects of rehabilitating a denuded forest area were worked out in 1947 and 1948 and site of most of the research was the Tillamook Burn, graveyard of fire-blackened snags and stumps stretching over endless miles with only a few green trees remaining.

Here, too, the first steps in the reforestation program were started to get it back into production for the late State Forester Nels Rogers estimated an annual loss of \$1,800,000 until the Burn was back in production.

The three-pronged attack on the burn includes:

- 1. Reforestation, aerial seeding whenever possible and seedlings planted by hand on more difficult terrain.
- 2. Snag-free fire corridors—since it is financially impossible to fall all snags in the burn, corridors along vantage locations, such as summits, ridges, etc., are being cleared and cross-corridors eliminated of all snags.
- 3. Increased fire protection facilities including additional lookouts, mobile equipment and emergency crews.

First aerial seeding in the Tillamook Burn was last fall when 9,401 acres were seeded at a cost of \$4.16 per acre or a

### Post Office Take \$805,234

The Salem post office hasn't reached the million dollar a year bracket, but the time may not be far distant when receipts for a single year will reach that mark.

At the close of business December 31, 1949, receipts for the 12 months period were \$805,234.56, according to Postmaster Albert C. Gragg. The figure has been climbing steadily upward, having increased more than \$300,000 since the present postmaster took over the head position in 1944 when they were \$487,824.07.

Receipts for 1948 were \$732,897.84, which means this year's figure was \$72,336.84 higher. In 1945 the receipts were \$528,664.26; in 1946, \$573,888.64, and in 1947, \$635,183.88.

For December of this year the receipts were \$116,738.12 as compared with \$103,039.75 for the same month a year ago or a 13.29 per cent gain.

Part of the increase is due to increased rates in a number of items and part is credited to the greater population which the post office serves.

Employees of the office total 175 with a monthly payroll in excess of \$40,000.

### Canyon Development Brings Prosperity to Stayton Area

Stayton, Jan. 2.—Forerunner of things to come has been the activity during the year on Highway 222 through Stayton en route to the site of the Detroit dam. Passenger cars, and trucks loaded with materials and equipment have greatly increased the flow of traffic. The Hamman Stage lines have added additional bus run to carry workers to the dam.

The year has brought continued activity in building with several large projects finished or begun during the past twelve months.

The new Star theatre was completed and opened for business the evening of April 5. Estimated cost of the building, fully equipped was given as \$72,000. Owners are Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Spraker and Mr. and Mrs. M. Van Driesche.

A building of which Stayton may be justly proud is the new civic building on First street near the Salem ditch. The large auditorium was built mostly by donated labor and was completed in record time to be used by the annual Santiam Bean festival for dances.

The new high school plant for Union high school District 4J was begun early in September and is scheduled to be completed by March 26, 1950. Earl Hall of Lebanon was successful bidder on his \$230,450 bid. The building program is coming along well within the schedule.

Another new building is that of the state highway maintenance crew on First street near the cut. Built of masonry, it is 28 by 92 feet and will be used as headquarters for the department.

Stayton Mutual Switchboard association has added additional space to the front of its building on First street to house the new \$12,000 switchboard which is on order and due to arrive soon for installation. Cost of the addition was \$1500.

L. A. Smith built a new lumber yard, known as the Stayton Building Materials. It is located near the east city limits on Highway 222. Mrs. V. A. Goode opened her new floral shop on east Jefferson street, and Mrs. Alma Shelton and Miss Birdean Yeoman opened the Honey-B Drive-in on First street and Locust, in November. Mrs. Mary Kintz opened the new Falls cafe and tavern at Sublimity in the new building recently constructed of Tuff stone, taken from the hillside near Sublimity.

New homes have been built during the year and property sales have been made throughout the year. New businesses include a shoe store, men's furnishings store, shoe repair and jewelry store.

Dr. Theodore Stueckart has built a new office building and moved his family to a remodeled house at Third street and Santiam, while awaiting completion of their new home on Elwood street in the same block.

Vapor lights have been installed on Stayton's main street and unsightly poles on the east side of the street have been removed. Biggest news story of the year, one which gained national proportions was that of the "Beans to Boston" feature of the Santiam Bean Festival when Denny Frank was chosen "Jack of the Beanstalk" and flew to Boston with a case of Santiam beans for Mayor Curley. Stayton as a snap bean growing center was heralded by the Association Press, radio and news-reel.

The high school gymnasium was destroyed by fire November 2 with the loss estimated at \$10,000. It too, had been a community project, with many grown-ups who remembered with pride their part as youngsters raising funds for the building. Another large fire of the year was that of the Assembly of God church when a spectacular fire damaged it to the extent of \$2500 Friday, January 14. There were 171 births, 53 weddings and 101 deaths recorded in Stayton as compared with 203 births, 67 weddings and 107 deaths in 1948.

### Chennault Sues China Airlines

Hong Kong, Jan. 2 (AP)—Retired U. S. Gen. Claire L. Chennault, heading a new American corporation, will try through a suit tomorrow to prove ownership of China's two largest airlines impounded here by the British.

His American attorney, Richard Hepper, said action would be brought in a Hong Kong court. The two lines, China National Aviation Corp. (CNAC) and Central Air Transport Corp. (CATC), are claimed by Chennault and pro-communist employees of the lines.

Hepper said CNAC and CATC have been registered with the American Civil Aeronautical Administration.

A spokesman said Chennault's newly formed Civilian Transport, Inc., a Delaware corporation, acquired the Chinese Nationalist government's interest in both lines and Pan American Airways' 20 per cent interest in CNAC.

William (Wild Bill) Donovan, New York lawyer and former head of the U. S. wartime office of strategic services, is due here tomorrow to head Chennault's legal battery.

Properties of both airlines have been valued at between \$20,000,000 and \$25,000,000.

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### Railroad Situation Pictured By President Mercier of SP

While industrial development and population growth continued at a rapid pace in 1949 in the territory served by Southern Pacific, the railroad encountered various offsetting conditions.

There was a national leveling off of railroad revenue from the postwar high of 1948, in line with the decline in general business, but traffic remained far above the pre-war level. At the same time, the rising cost of providing rail service, partly met by increases authorized in freight rates, reached a new peak.

These observations highlight a year-end review of Southern Pacific activities, released today by President A. T. Mercier of the railroad. He pointed out that the population gain since 1940 in the eight western and southwestern states served by Southern Pacific is 34 per cent, compared with only nine and one-half per cent in the other 40 states.

But against this gain in the population density and traffic potential of its territory, Southern Pacific experienced costly developments in addition to the nationwide drop-off in business, Mr. Mercier said. These included tie-ups of connecting lines during the unusually severe weather early this year, a short supply of freight cars in recent months as westbound loadings from eastern industrial centers took a sharp drop, and the increasing competition of highway carriers.

Rate increases granted this year were less than sufficient to balance the increase in labor costs, he continued. The 40-hour week for non-operating employees, which became effective September 1, alone added nearly \$4,600,000 in four months to the company's 1949 wage bill, and on an annual basis will cost nearly \$14,000,000.

Efficiency Increased  
"In the face of high costs, Southern Pacific has continued aggressively its program to cut expenses by increasing its efficiency through greater mechanization," Mr. Mercier said. "At the same time we are continuing to invest large sums in service improvements."  
"In 1949 we have received or ordered 195 additional Diesel locomotives at a cost of \$65,500,000. During the past year we have received 6,123 new freight cars and have under delivery or authorized for purchase 4,209 more, at a total cost of \$54,500,000."

**Cogswells Entertain With Holiday Dinner**  
Liberty, Jan. 2 — Mrs. James Cogswell and Jean entertained holiday guests at a dinner at their home on Jones road. The afternoon was spent informally and colored pictures were shown of the family in Minnesota. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bosell, David and Shirley, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pettit, Mr. and Mrs. James Oliver, Ralph and Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Bosell and Janet, Mr. and Mrs. George Cogswell and Bonnie Jean of Seattle, Wash. and Betty Cogswell.

### Troops Move for Arctic Maneuvers

Colorado Springs, Colo., Jan. 2 (AP)—What officers described as the longest motorized troop movement in American military history is under way with forces leaving here for Arctic maneuvers.

U.S. ski troops and other winter specialists will join units of the Canadian army and U.S. and Canadian air forces at Whitehorse in the Yukon territory, more than 2000 air miles north of here.

The combined task force will operate against a "common aggressor" in the frozen Arctic wasteland. The exercises are designed to test men, clothing, equipment and tactics under Arctic conditions.

Japan has 8,000,000 radio receiving sets.

### Store Bought By Wiscarsons

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Wiscarson, who purchased a partnership interest in the Will Music store in August of 1948, have taken over the entire establishment from Mr. and Mrs. Saul S. Janz, effective the first of this year.

Prior to entering business, Wiscarson was director of instrumental music for the Salem public schools. He is a graduate of the University of Oregon with degrees in music and business administration. Later he took post graduate work at the Eastern School of Music and from Washington State college.

The Will Music store, located at 432 State street, was established by the late George C. Will in 1879. The store was operated on Commercial street by Mr. and Mrs. Will for many years. Mrs. Will, who survives her husband, lives on North Winter street.

### Dancer Dies

Pasadena, Calif., Jan. 2 (AP)—Tom Patricola, 59-year-old vaudeville dance headliner, is dead after a week's illness following brain surgery. Patricola worked the old Keith-Orpheum circuit for 15 years and appeared in the George White "Scandals" for six years. Until his retirement a year ago, he danced and acted in the movies.

### Another Putnam Statue to Be Exhibited at Willamette

"Small Combat" a statue cast in bronze, by Arthur Putnam, of the dramatic fight between two tigers, will be placed on display at Willamette in January, university officials announced today. Loaned by Miss Marilyn Walkey of Santa Monica, Calif., granddaughter of the sculpturer, lamette, it is similar to the one by the same artist, now on exhibition on a specially built table in the east end of the university library. This work is entitled "Combat"—a fight between tigers, a python for a deer.

Putnam suffered a brain tumor in 1914 which caused him to discontinue his work. At this time he was known as one of the outstanding animal sculptors of our time. He was a brother of George Putnam of Salem.

A resident of California, Putnam received his education in bronze casting in Rome in 1905. A gold medal was presented him in 1915 at the Pan-American Pacific International Exposition held in San Francisco. In 1909 he built his own foundry for bronze casting.

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