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**Galts, Father And
Daughter, Are Back
In Harness in China**

Rev. Elmer W. Galt, veteran missionary to China, who lived in Grinnell for some months after coming to this country on a pre-retirement furlough in 1951, and his daughter Edith, a graduate of Grinnell college, are returning to the Far East. The unusual appointments, involving two generations, have just been announced by Church World Service.

Rev. Mr. Galt has received an appointment as director of the New Church World Service program to aid Chinese refugees in Hongkong and Edith has been added to the staff of a missionary maternity hospital in Pusan, Korea. The two workers will be supported in these projects by the Congregational Christian Service committee.

Rev. Mr. Galt is leaving San Francisco by plane June 13 and will direct the program designed to aid many of the 1,500,000 Chinese taking refuge in Hongkong. His address will be Y.M.C.A., Salisbury Road, Kowloon, Hongkong.

Rev. Mr. Galt had a long and honorable career as a missionary in China under the Congregational Christian church. Born in Fremont county, he was educated in Tabor college and the Chicago Theological seminary.

From 1910 to 1951 he did missionary and relief work in China. During World War II he was interned there, later returning on the repatriation ship Gripsholm. Returning to China he served as treasurer of the Foochow Mission and was later

churches in North China, with headquarters in Peking.

After his return on furlough he settled in Grinnell and remained for several months until the death of Mrs. Galt as a result of an automobile accident. More recently he has been living in Shenandoah.

Miss Edith Galt is a trained and experienced nurse and midwife. She was born in Paoting-fu, North China. In addition to her Grinnell college diploma, she holds degrees of R.N. and M.N. from Western Reserve School of Nursing and served on the faculty there for two different periods.

From 1948 to 1950 she did public health work and hospital nursing in China. She is co-author of a manual on midwifery developed during her service there.

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Rev. Elmer Galt Dies Saturday While At Exira

The Rev. Elmer Galt, 635 Broad Street, died Saturday at the home of his son, the Rev. Ralph Galt of Exira, Iowa. He had been ill for the past eight weeks.

A memorial service will be held here Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the First Congregational church. Dr. Judson Fiebigler, executive of the Iowa Conference of the United Church of Christ, Dr. Royal Montgomery and the Rev. Ralph Beebe of the Mayflower Home, and the Rev. Robert Dewey, pastor, will officiate.

Those desiring may make contributions to the American Cancer Society.

Rev. Galt was for 40 years a missionary in China under the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Congregational Christian Churches. Later, he served in Hong Kong where he was responsible for many of the activities of Church World Service.

He had resided in Grinnell since March of 1956 and was closely associated with Mayflower Home, the First Congregational church, and several community enterprises of a service nature. He had been area director for CROP and for the interdenominational continuing clothing drive for the past few years. He also served as an adult church school teacher and until recently as chairman of the World Service Board of the First Congregational church.