

Paint Manufacturer Plays Santa Claus

Pennsylvania Man Will Pay Bonus of \$300 to Wives of Employees of Plant.

AMBLER, Pa., Dec. 23 (UP)—J. Harvey Gravell, the paint manufacturer who plays Santa Claus to his workers every Christmas, disclosed today that he had conceived a new type of Christmas gift—a \$300 bonus to the wife of each employee.

Last year the president of the American Chemical Paint company distributed \$100,000 among his employees so they could pay all their personal debts. Workers with no obligations received \$100 each. Gravell distributed \$54,000 in Christmas bonuses—ranging from \$100 to as high in one case as "about \$7,000" to his 85 employees yesterday.

Then, to each of the 70 workers who are married, he gave a check for \$300, saying "this is for your wife, not you."

"When a man hires a laborer," he said, "he is not paying for a specific commodity. He is paying for the doctors, the teachers, the lawyers, dentists and priests who have contributed to the makeup of the laborer as well as for the labor itself.

"But one of the most important factors in the makeup of a man has, up to this time, been ignored. That factor is the housewife, who plods along year after year, mending her husband's socks, cooking his food, washing the dishes, and putting up a good front. Often she gets nothing for all this."

ICY ROAD CAUSES DEATH

LINCOLN, Dec. 24 (UP)—A woman identified as Ethel Hermon of Hastings was killed last night when her car apparently skidded on the ice and plunged down an embankment eight miles west of Lincoln on U. S. highway No. 6.

Her body was found lying near the automobile by a passing motorist this morning, who notified the county sheriff's office. Deputy Sheriff Leslie Hasson said the accident probably occurred about midnight.

Identification was established through Christmas cards found in the car which apparently had rolled over several times as it went down the ten foot embankment. Hasson said the car was traveling east when the driver lost control. The body was taken to a Lincoln mortuary.

Authorities said Miss Hermon's neck was broken. The body was nearly frozen.

OLD COW BRAND BACK TO RANGE

BOZEMAN, Mont. (UP)—An eastern capitalist will return one of Montana's cattle brands to the rolling ranges of the lower Madison valley after more than a quarter of a century of disuse.

The brand is the "Ca".

The brand formerly was the range signature of the far-flung Child-Ancney holdings in this part of the state. It was acquired by Dean Francis, Cleveland capitalist who was impressed by the west during a recent vacation trip and decided to come here to live.

Charles Ancney, Sr., pioneer stockman, who came to the southwestern Montana Territory in 1864, registered the brand in partnership with H. W. Child, in 1882. It was used by the Ancney interests until 1908 when the "Flying D" brand came into use.

Ancney located west of Bozeman, between the Madison and West Gallatin rivers, on what was then free range. After his death in 1894 the property was built up to one of the largest cattle empires in the Rocky Mountain region by his son, Charles L. Ancney, Jr., who died following an automobile accident in 1936.

Today, the Flying D Ranges, Inc., successor to the Ancney ranch, includes more than 200,000 acres of grass, hay and cultivated land extending from the West Gallatin to the Madison river and from a point north of Bozeman back 20 miles into the heart of the Spanish Peaks primitive area.

Francis, represented by Ben Adams, Three Forks real estate man, has purchased and leased approximately 10,000 acres along the lower Madison for his home ranch. From the Flying D, he purchased about 500 head of cattle for a foundation herd and with them the "Ca" brand.

The building program for the new "Ca" ranch includes the erection of 30 miles of new fence, construction of corrals large enough to handle 2,000 cattle at one time, and the construction of new ranch buildings.

Bierman Sees Better Gopher Team for 1938

Loss of Twelve Veterans No Cause for Concern at Minnesota—Much Good Material

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 22 (UP)—It is likely to be "Mighty Minnesota" again on the gridiron next fall, when the Gophers start in search of another Big Ten championship and a fourth national championship.

The 1937 Gophers failed to win a national championship—they missed by the 6 points represented in the Nebraska 14-9 victory and the Notre Dame loss, but they won the undisputed Western conference title for the seventh time. Four other times they have shared the honors.

Although the team will lose 12 men, seven of them classed as regulars, even Coach Bernie Bierman, one of the best "moaners" in the business, finds that next year's prospects are exceedingly bright.

The spots vacated by seniors, observers believe, will be just as capably filled by reserves or men who have stepped up from the freshman ranks.

New Wingmen Needed

The Gophers have to find two new ends to replace Ray King and Dwight Reed, regulars for the past three years. Three wingmen Bierman is counting on strongly are George Nash, Earl Ohlgren and Johnny Mariucci, all of whom saw frequent service this year.

A fourth end, Melvin Erickson, played little this year. Although handicapped by lack of height and weight—he weighs a scant 160, and is only 5 feet, 9 inches tall—Bierman and Bert Baston, end coach, liked his "football brains" and aggressiveness. They say that should he build up his weight to 175 he will be a strong contender.

Seven strong tackles will be back for next year's team. They are Charley Schultz, a regular for two seasons; Bob Johnson, Warren Kilboirne, Win Peterson, Marvin LeVoit, Bob Hoel and Howard Parkinson.

Outstanding Tackle Lost

Gophers' loss at tackle position is Lou Midler, a standout.

Guard positions are well taken care of for 1938. The return of Francis Twedell, ace guard, and Horace Bell, negro place-kicker, removes Bierman's worries as to that position. Twedell was a regular all season and placed on several "all-time" selections of conference and Middle Western scope.

Capable guard reserves are Allen Rork and Kenneth Filbert.

Three men will fight it out for the center position. Dan Elmer and Johnny Kulbitski, who in their first year filled the shoes of All-America Bud Svendsen, will have the competition of Elmer Wilke, a junior.

Both Quarters to be Graduated

Bierman lost two quarterbacks in the graduation of big Vic Spadaccini and little Rudy Gmitro. In line for the job are George Faust, George Gould and Dick Peterson. It is also rumored that the talented Harold Van Every may be groomed for that spot next year.

Should Van Every return to a half-back spot, Bierman will have two regulars in those positions, with the hard-running Wilbur Moore preparing for another year of competition. Holdovers also are Harold Wrightson, Bill Gilchrist, Leland Johnson, George Franck and Ray Bates.

And at fullback—usually one of Minnesota's strongest spots—the returning material promises to make that position even more capably taken care of than in other years.

Two Crack Fullbacks

Hard-hitting Larry Buhler and Marty Christiansen and Phil Belfiori, who scrapped for the position this year, will show up again to make it hard for Bernie Bierman to make a choice—and also harder for the opposition, no matter who takes over the spot.

The 1937 freshman team—rated one of the best in history—no doubt will send up its share of sophomores to fight for—and win—some positions.

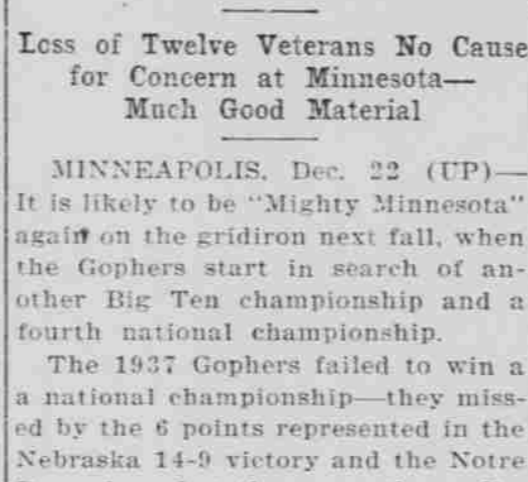
The 1937 season brought to a close the sixth year of Bernie Bierman's tenancy of the head coaching position.

Under Bierman, the Gophers have won three mythical national championships and three Western titles: His teams have won 39 games, played three ties and suffered six defeats.

River navigation will open up a new industrial field in the smaller Nebraska river towns.

Want ads sell all kinds of odd household goods.

Continental Oil Co. Launches Housing Plan



CONFIRMING President Roosevelt's position that there is an acute housing shortage, even in the most remote sections of the country, Continental Oil Company, according to an announcement by the company, has started to meet the situation as it exists in several oil producing areas and at its refineries in the Southwest by erecting a number of single family houses for occupancy by its working force. Some sixty

ICY ROADS BRING DEATH

OMAHA, Dec. 24 (UP)—The eastern section of Nebraska, from Hastings and Grand Island to the Missouri river was blanketed with ice, following sleet and frozen mist storms last night.

Highway traffic was extremely precarious. The ice extended into Iowa as far as Des Moines and south to Kansas City. About an inch of snow was reported in northern Nebraska.

Two Lincoln persons, Constable R. B. Smith, 43, and his secretary, Mrs. Mildred Prael, 23, were killed when their car overturned near Atlanta, Nebraska.

A dozen persons suffered broken bones or sprains because of falls in Omaha. Several were hurt in motor accidents. The ice almost demoralized last minute Christmas shopping.

RELEASE PRISONERS

BERLIN, Dec. 24 (UP)—More than 100 political prisoners have been released so far from concentration camps and from preliminary arrests in Germany under the Christmas amnesty it was learned today.

No official announcement was made, but it was known that the releases have been proceeding for the last ten days and include persons now considered "politically reliable" as well as some pastors.

SALESMAN LOSES WALLET

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (UP)—Charles Schwab, an insurance salesman was visiting prospects. He reached for his wallet. It was gone and with it \$12 and three railroad tickets. Schwab complained to police.

"And where did all this happen?" the police lieutenant asked.

"In the department of justice building, federal bureau of investigation, G-man headquarters," Schwab said.

A HORSE ON HIM

HUMBOLDT, Ia., Dec. 23 (UP)—A public auction was being held at the Gottlieb Hanselman farm near here.

"How much am I offered for this fine horse?" cried the auctioneer.

"\$75" came a reply.

"I'm bid \$75, do I hear 80?"

"\$80."

The horse dropped dead.

CHOKES TO DEATH ON STEAK

ATLANTIC, Ia., Dec. 24 (UP)—Harley Gaines, 24, choked to death on a piece of steak which became lodged in his throat at his home here last night. Physicians said the strangulation brought on a heart attack. Gaines was with his father in the operation of a transfer company.

FEAR HEAVY DEATH TOLL

ISTABUL, Turkey, Dec. 23 (UP)—A heavy death toll was feared today in violent snow storms which swept the black sea, the sea of Marmora, the Bosphorus and all Turkey. Hundreds of fishing boats were endangered and 24 of the crew of 25 perished when a Turkish freighter sank.

Air Transport Ending a Record Mileage Year

Fatal Accidents Believed to Be Fewest for Distance Flown—Radio Facilities Improved

WASHINGTON (UP)—Late statistics of the Bureau of Air Commerce indicate that during 1937 air-miles in the United States will set up a new all-time record for miles flown and at the same time establish a new record of safety.

Most recent figures point toward a total mileage of more than 75,000,000 compared with 73,303,836 last year, and the number of miles flown per person killed may exceed 1,600,000 compared with 1,332,433 last year.

Figures compiled early this month showed that 47 persons, including pilots, have been killed in five accidents on scheduled airways this year. Ten fatal accidents took 55 lives last year. The bureau's statistics for this year do not include the Pan-American Grace crash near Cristobal, Panama, Aug. 2, in which 14 died, or the destruction of the dirigible Hindenburg.

Radio Facilities Improved

In keeping with the expanded activities of the airline companies, the bureau has launched a three-year construction program contemplating the expenditure of \$7,000,000 for improving radio and airport facilities.

Approximately \$3,600,000 of the funds made available by congress will be used in modernizing existing radio equipment and installing new radio broadcasting stations for transmitting weather and flight information.

Another allotment will go toward improving lighting conditions on the nation's 21,782 miles of charted airways, and other funds will go toward adding 1,500 miles of teletype communications circuits to the 13,885 miles which now transmit weather bulletins to ground stations throughout the country.

The program is being administered under the direction of Fred D. Fagg, Jr., who succeeded Eugene L. Vidal as head of the bureau after Vidal resigned last April. Dennis Mulligan is assistant director, succeeding R. W. Schroeder, who resigned July 1.

Transport Planes First

On Nov. 1 the bureau promulgated the first comprehensive "traffic regulations" for the country's airways. Designed to provide maximum safety from collision for scheduled airlines, the regulations virtually turn over the air lanes to regular transports during the most dangerous weather conditions. Only those private planes which are equipped for instrument flying are permitted to operate.

In addition scheduled air routes are rated according to their importance and given a color—green for first, amber for second and red for third. Similar to automobile traffic custom, planes on the green routes

STAR REFLECTS CHRISTMAS FOR BETHLEHEM, PA.

BETHLEHEM, Pa. (UP)—This industrial community has striven to live up to its name as the Christmas City.

A women's committee headed by Mrs. Eugene C. Grace, wife of the industrialist, has cooperated with the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce to make this holiday the greatest in years.

A star simulating the one that the Bible describes as shining on the ancient City of Bethlehem has been placed atop South Mountain. It is studded with electric lights and measures 30 feet from point to point. The star is visible for five miles.

The street-lighting display stretches 22 city blocks and includes the famed Hill-to-Hill bridge, which spans the Lehigh river.

This city was founded by devout Moravian pioneers, and an ancient Moravian "Putz" in which the Nativity scene is depicted, is a feature of the holiday observance.

Candles burn nightly in the 200 windows of the central building of the Moravian College For Women.

TELLS OF PEACE MOVES

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, Dec. 24 (UP)—Recent diplomatic negotiations have reduced the danger of war to the lowest points in recent years. President Eduard Benes said today in his national Christmas message which was broadcast to the nation.

He stressed improvement of relations with neighboring countries and promised every effort would be made to insure peaceful internal conditions.

DONATES \$50 BILL

NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (UP)—The Salvation Army, preparing for Christmas, reported good news today. Someone dropped a \$50 bill into the Salvation Army kettle on the "lucky corner" Fifth avenue and 52nd street. It was the first \$50 bill the Army had found in any of its kettles since 1929.

The SNAPSHOT GUILD



An afternoon nap—and an indoor-sunlight picture of rare charm. Note how reflecting surfaces, the light walls, the bed spread, the white dress, soften and brighten the shadows. Exposure 1/10 second at f.8.

DO not feel, fellow snapshotshooters, that just because the sun stays out of doors you cannot make sunlight pictures inside.

Whenever sunlight streams through a window, there is a setting for a picture, often an extremely good picture, because of the play of light and shadow from the window-framing and curtains.

In a light-walled room, especially one with plain plaster walls or patternless wallpaper, the shadows in such an indoor-sunlight picture have a soft, luminous quality which gives the prints unusual delicacy and appeal. However, unless it is a sun-room that has windows facing in several directions, it is neces-

LOYALISTS CLAIM VICTORY

HENDAYE, Franco-Spanish Frontier, Dec. 24 (UP)—Loyalist official communiques asserted today that the last nationalist resistance in the outskirts of Teruel, on the eastern front had collapsed and that the insurgents held only a few buildings in the city's center.

Nationalists, however, have asserted not only that they have restored communications with the small defending force but that one of several relief columns reaching the hills outside Teruel was in sight of the city.

Loyalists asserted that they defeated the nationalist counter attack on their right flank last night. Loyalists estimated losses in the Teruel operations at 400 killed, wounded and prisoners.

ISSUE RIGID ORDERS

TOKYO, Dec. 24 (UP)—The Japanese government, with the approval of Emperor Hirohito, issued its official reply today to the United States' protest against the sinking of the gunboat Panay, declaring that "rigid orders" had been issued to respect foreign life and property in China.

The note reiterated Japan's expression of regret, promised indemnity and said the offending officers had been dealt with "according to law."

The note was delivered in the foreign office to Ambassador Joseph C. Grew by Koki Hirota, foreign minister.

AUTO WORKER FIRED ON

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 24 (UP)—Orville Robinson, an employee of the Ford assembly plant where the United Automobile workers called a strike today reported to police that he was fired upon while he was on his way to work.

The bullets were fired from a car full of men he said. Two windows in Robinson's car were pierced by bullets. One shot narrowly missed his head he said. Production at the plant was continued despite the strike and union men have abandoned picketing because of a police ban against it.

RECOVER AERIAL SANTA

BOSTON, Dec. 24 (UP)—The body of an aerial Santa Claus who parachuted to death in Boston harbor was recovered today.

A harbor police boat found the body of Corporal Harold J. Kraner, 35, of the army air corps after a 36-hour search.

He drowned Wednesday night after leaping from an army plane at an altitude of 1500 feet.

JOBLESS FARMER SLAYS

DANVERS, Mass., Dec. 24 (UP)—A jobless Danvers farmer hanged himself today after slaying his wife and two children with a hammer in their sleep. The victims were Albert Jalbert, 43, Mrs. Clarine Rose Jalbert, 38 and two children, a boy, 15, and a girl, 6. Dr. Charles Deering, health officer, said he had been treating the elder Jalbert for a nervous disorder.

FOODS, FACTS and FOIBLES

149 POUND CHEESE PRESENTED TO HRM. GEORGE IV BY THE CITIZENS OF CHESTER, ENGLAND.

ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS SINGLE GIFTS OF CHEESE IN HISTORY WAS THE 149 POUND CHEDDAR CHEESE WHICH THE PEOPLE OF CHESTER, ENGLAND, PRESENTED TO THE KING IN 1825.

ONE OF THE CAESARS, GETA, LIKED VARIETY WITH HIS FOOD. HE INSISTED ON HAVING AS MANY COURSES AT DINNER AS THERE WERE LETTERS IN THE ALPHABET.

THE ANCIENT ROMANS KNEW 22 VARIETIES OF APPLES. TODAY, WE CAN COUNT OVER 148,000 KINDS. THE WORLD'S BEST KNOWN EATING APPLES ARE GROWN IN WASHINGTON STATE.

THE FIRST WHITE BREAD WAS MADE BY HUGH PADDINGTON AT THE REQUEST OF AN ENGLISH NOBLEMAN WHO WANTED BREAD TO MATCH HIS TABLECLOTH.

FAMOUS GOURMETS OF HISTORY

LOUIS 16, HAD A SANDWICH SPREAD ALL HIS OWN—MELTED CHEESE MIXED WITH SUGAR AND SPICES, AND SPREAD ON THIN TOAST. THIS WAS ONE OF THE DELICACIES WHICH WERE SERVED HIM FROM A UNIQUE SERVICE TABLE WHICH WAS LOWERED INTO THE KITCHEN TO BE SET AND THEN, LADEN WITH FOOD, WAS RAISED UP RIGHT BEFORE THE KING.