

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1955.

# Hunter Kills Girl Looking for Christmas Tree

## Bonus Hog Purchasing Plan Eyed

The U. S. department of agriculture is making a quick study of a plan to pay a bonus for sows and gilts sent to market, Senator E. B. Hickenlooper told Gazette Farm Editor Rex Conn by phone Saturday.

The Iowa senator presented the proposal to Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson in a half-hour conference Friday and the secretary put his staff to work on it at once.

Hickenlooper suggested that for a definite period, perhaps four to six weeks, the government pay a bonus of \$5 to \$7.50 per hundred-weight on sows and gilts sent to market. The payments would be made directly to producers.

The plan would have two definite objectives, the senator said:

1. It would provide an incentive to farmers to market more sows and gilts and thus reduce the potential breeding stock for the spring pig crop.

2. It would put money in the pockets of livestock producers hard-hit by low prices for hogs and cattle. Lack of cash is a serious problem for many farm families, particularly the younger ones.

"The object is to put a price high enough so it will be worthwhile for a farmer to sell some of his sows and gilts rather than breed them for spring farrowing," Hickenlooper explained. "In this way we would cut down surplus hog production and help bring supply and demand more nearly into balance on the market."

**Voluntary Control.**

The net result would be reasonable and voluntary control of production by farmers themselves rather than by government action, he emphasized.

The Iowa senator's proposal came at the end of the tenth straight week of declining hog prices. Top Thursday at Chicago was \$11.85 and the average paid for barrows and gilts at Chicago last week averaged \$10.44, both the lowest since 1941.

This has been the longest uninterrupted decline in the hog market since 1934, when an 11-week decline carried the Chicago average on barrows and gilts down to \$3.25 per hundred.

**Big Crop Looms.**

Early estimates indicate that the 1956 spring pig crop may be as large or larger than the 1955 farrowings which have the market in trouble at this time. This year's spring production was 9 percent above 1954 and the fall pig crop is estimated at 10 percent larger than last year's.

Cyclical down-turns in hog numbers usually start with the fall crop. Economists are predicting some reduction in the 1956 fall farrowings.

**Quick Action Seen.**

Aim of the sow-buying program is to hasten the start of the down-swing in the hog cycle and to improve the price for the 1956 spring pig crop, Senator Hickenlooper explained.

He added that he expects Hickenlooper to act on the proposal soon, perhaps within a few days.

## Quad-City Workers To Leave UEW Union

DAVENPORT (UP)—Some 1,250 workers in the Quad-City area have voted to leave the United Electrical Workers independent union and join the International Association of Machinists, it was announced Saturday.

The men are employed by the Herman Nelson Division of the American Air Filter Corporation, Moline, Ill.; the Eagle Signal Corporation, Davenport; and Moline; The Moline Press Steel Corporation, Moline; and the Moline Tool Company, Moline.

Company officials announced that the workers switched from Local 822 of the UEW to Local 2045 of the independent machinists organization.

## NLRB Orders Employ Vote in Iowa Company

WASHINGTON (UP)—The National Labor Relations Board has ordered warehouse and regular part-time employees of the J. S. Latta & Son school supply firm, Cedar Falls, Ia., to vote by Dec. 30 on whether they want to join an AFL union.

The 650 of the Teamsters, Chauffeurs and Warehousemen AFL Union had asked the NLRB to order the election. The company contended the NLRB did not have the authority to order an election because the firm sells its office and school supplies as a retailer.

The NLRB ruled, however, that the company is a wholesale house because it sells 80 percent of its supplies to schools and the U.S. supreme court has held that sales to "institutions" are "wholesale" transactions.

## East Iowans Seek 'Miss SUI' Title



JANICE BARNES  
... Iowa City ...



DIXIE DAVENPORT  
... Anamosa ...



BETTE GRAEF  
... Iowa City ...



CONNIE GROVE  
... South English ...



SHIRLEE KUPKA  
... Iowa City ...



SANDRA LAMB  
... LaPorte City ...



ROBERTA POPINGER  
... Cedar Rapids ...



JEANNE REICHLING  
... Maquoketa ...



LOUISE WELTER  
... Iowa City ...

## Fayette Draft Board To Be In Oelwein

**Special to The Gazette.**

OELWEIN — The Fayette county selective service office apparently will be located in Oelwein despite efforts of West Union to retain it there.

In Oelwein it was reported that the state selective service has signed a three-year contract with the Oelwein Chamber of Commerce to use an office in the civic center building at a cost of \$25 a month.

The first month's payment already has been received.

Col. R. C. Kenn, state procurement officer, said the office will open Monday, John Moyle, a coordinator for the selective service system, will stay here until a full-time clerk has been hired.

In West Union last week efforts were made to retain the office there.

The issue started when Attorney Leon Layton of West Union was asked to resign as clerk because he had other employment. The draft board office was located in Layton's office.

The entire draft board resigned in protest of this move. A new board was appointed consisting of Sam Mazzotti, Oelwein; Leonard Luff, Westgate; and N. W. Kilburn, West Union.

Col. Kenn said, "From the first we intended to come to Oelwein."

**Mrs. Karl Fischer Of Vinton Is Dead**

Special to The Gazette.

VINTON — Mrs. Karl Fischer of Vinton died at her home here Saturday noon.

Mrs. Fischer was the wife of Karl Fischer, former public safety commissioner of Iowa.

## Santa Claus To Visit East Iowa

**Iowa News—**

Santa Claus is coming to town to many Eastern Iowa towns, in fact.

Communities planning Christmas events include:

Calmar—Sponsored by the Commercial club, Santa Claus will arrive here Dec. 17 following a free show for children. The town square has been decorated.

Waukon—The Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a Christmas party here Dec. 14. Younger children will have a party at the Opera house at 2 p.m., older children at 7 p.m.

Decorah—A home lighting contest, with \$100 in prizes, is being sponsored by the Rotary club.

Lamont—A free show will be held Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. for city children and 7:15 p.m. for country children.

**Capacity Taxed.**

The army said traffic on the "Big Muddy" this year taxed the capacity of the barge lines, which could not provide enough barges to move the potential river cargo of the Northern Plains.

More "bottoms" and towboats are under construction to meet the expected demand of the 1956 navigation season.

In the next five years, the army engineers plan to "open" the Missouri river to barge traffic as far upstream as Sioux City, Ia., with a nine-foot deep channel, comparable to those of the Mississippi, Ohio and Illinois rivers.

Upon completion of the project, Missouri river barge traffic will jump to at least four million tons a year, according to conservative government estimates.

The Missouri river navigation project is linked indirectly with the St. Lawrence Seaway project, which will open Chicago to vessels from the Atlantic ocean. Work started this month on the 18-mile long Calumet sag at Chicago, widening that canal from 80 to 225 feet so that water traffic to river ports beyond Chicago can be doubled.

**Industrial Competition.**

Coupled with efforts to decentralize American industry, the Missouri link between Omaha and the Atlantic ocean, via Chicago, is expected to make the entire Missouri river basin competitive industrially with the Ohio river basin.

## Dog Mistaken For Fox Draws Fatal Bullet

MADRID — Deanna Lou Lincoln, 14, her 9-year-old brother, Lannie, and their collie dog went looking for a Christmas tree on their father's farm near here Saturday.

A half hour later she was shot to death accidentally.

It was foggy and visibility was poor. A hunter, Alan Mouglin, 38, a Woodward, Ia., farmer, saw the collie on a knoll in a stand of timber. But he didn't see the children.

He thought the collie was a fox and took two shots at it with a high-powered rifle. One of the bullets hit Deanna.

Deanna squealed, told Lannie she thought she had been shot and started to run toward the house. She ran about 15 feet and fell dead, authorities said.

Coroner C. H. Sutton ruled the death an accident.

Sheriff Steve Beaulieu said Mouglin was hunting foxes with four companions.

The accident occurred about a quarter of a mile south of the Lincoln farm home.

Mouglin said he saw the dog stop a knoll and in the fog it looked to him like a fox. He said he heard what sounded like a wall after he shot and ran to the spot.

Mouglin and Mrs. Lincoln, summoned by her son, carried the girl to the house where she was pronounced dead by a doctor.

## 'Mystery' Blast At Davenport Set Off as a 'Prank'

CLINTON (UP) — Jerry Redfeard, 23, one of two men charged here with breaking and entering, said Saturday that a mysterious explosion heard in a 20-mile area last month was a dynamite blast, touched off as a prank.

Officials at Davenport also said Redfeard admitted he blew up a dynamite case recently at a alone quarry owned by Route Schneckeloh near McCusland.

Redfeard told authorities that a "group of young fellows" set off a case of dynamite in a farm field southwest of Davenport Nov. 21 as an "experimental" prank.

The explosion broke some windows in Davenport and was heard at Muscatine and in Illinois across the Mississippi river.

Redfeard didn't admit that he was one of the "young fellows," deputies said.

Redfeard and Albert Tank, 20, also of Davenport, were held under \$10,000 bond each on charges of breaking into the Calamus implement store here where they were arrested early Thursday.

Another Davenport man was questioned about the break-in but released.

Sheriff Marvin Bruhn said Redfeard and Tank were questioned about four burglaries in Clinton county, one in Jackson county and three or four in Scott county. Their case has been continued until next Tuesday.

## Reformatory To Have Two Intern Chaplains

ANAMOSA (AP)—Two student ministers from Dubuque university and seminary are going to spend a year's internship at the Anamosa men's state reformatory.

The men will intern as student prison chaplains. It will be the first time such a project has been undertaken in Iowa.

The student ministers are William Bartheld and Ivin Rundus.

The Rev. Walter D. Wigger, reformatory chaplain, and Warden Ray Hurcell are cooperating in the project. It is adapted from one being carried out at California's San Quentin prison. The Rev. Mr. Wigger recently inspected the San Quentin project.



**TRAFFIC SIGN**—Doristors bringing on highway 149 these days take a second look when they see this graphic sign north of Romestead just before reaching the Iowa Wiver dridge. The sign was repainted, baking the second bord not what it should de.

## Iowa Welfare Unit Claims \$10,000 Secreted in House

**By Dwight McCormack.**

DES MOINES (AP) — The State Board of Social Welfare is taking steps to claim nearly \$10,000 found secreted in the home of three elderly persons who had been getting old age assistance for many years.

"The find came on a tip from one of the survivors," Board Chairman Luke Caffrey commented.

"There are not many such cases, and to my knowledge this is the biggest one we've ever had."

**Reveals Story.**

He related:

William Wright, 84; his wife, Catherine, 78, and her spinster sister, Elizabeth Burger, 83, lived together at Colo. Their health became such that all three were placed in a nursing home.

Wright beat up another resident of a Nevada nursing home several weeks ago, and so Wright was transferred to the Story county home. About the same time Mrs. Wright died.

The board's information is that the Wrights have no children.

The home at Colo was closed. But the supposition at the county level was that there was some money in the Colo home. On that basis an administrator was appointed, and he and a representative of the county welfare department inspected the home.

**Find \$8,081.**

They found \$8,081 concealed in various places. Then they checked with Miss Burger. She said that wasn't all the money there was there. She suggested where more money was secreted.

In a paper sack there was found an additional \$1,234. That brought the total to \$9,315. The money was deposited in a Nevada bank pending further proceedings.

Caffrey said the board will ask the Story county district court to decide who the money belongs to. He presumed a guardian will be appointed for

Wright. He said his information indicates Miss Burger will consent to appointment of a guardian for her.

**Claim Bigger.**

"Our claim is in excess of the amount of money found," Caffrey said. "The Mr. Wright and Miss Burger aid accounts still are open. We have a lien against Mrs. Wright for \$5,386."

"We are authorized by law to claim twice the amount of aid given in such a case. The supposition is that these elderly people had some of the money for years. They probably lived so frugally that they accumulated more money while they were on old age assistance."

**Top Suspect in Slaying Cleared By Lie Detector**

DAVENPORT (UP) — Capt. John Brennan, chief of detectives, said Saturday a man who had been the "No. 1 suspect" in the fatal beating and slaying of Lucille Bacher, 43, has been cleared by a lie detector test.

Brennan said the 53-year-old man took the test at the University of Iowa at Iowa City Saturday under the direction of Prof. Richard Holcomb and was cleared of any implication in the crime.

The man, whose name was not divulged, also provided an alibi for his whereabouts at the time the crime was committed Tuesday.

Police said they were back to where they started in the investigation.

Henry Bacher, 59, the dead woman's husband, identified a police picture of the man from his hospital bed as one that "most nearly" fit the description of the killer who robbed the drug store of \$90, hacked Mrs. Bacher to death and severely beat him, police said.

About four persons were being held for questioning, but police said none of them was a top suspect.

**Probe Continues In D.M. Blaze**

DES MOINES (UP)—Firemen continued an investigation into the cause of a fire that badly damaged a quarter block of brick buildings in the downtown area early Saturday, routing nearly 100 persons out of a hotel and a Salvation Army dormitory.

Firemen said the blaze apparently started at the rear of Phillips Lancheonette and spread south and west. A tavern, the Iowa Industrial Arts Supply Company, Salvation Army social service center, Salvation Army furniture and clothing store, Herman's Salvage store and a billiard parlor were damaged.

Damage to the tavern was estimated at \$12,000. But damage to the rest of the establishments was not known.

Louis Barnett, owner of the building, said damage to the structure might run as high as \$25,000.

**Linn NFO Group Will Meet Monday Evening**

A meeting of the Linn county group of the National Farm Organization will be held Monday at 8 p.m. in the Marion Rural Independent school, L. O. Butler of Marion, county organizer, announced Saturday.

Farmers interested in taking action to correct present low farm prices are invited to attend, he said. Jay Loggry of Corning, leader of the NFO, will be the speaker.

Iowa Traffic Toll.	
Dec. 3, 1955.....	\$71
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