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STAN WHITMAN, Gates Representative, In Corporate "WINNER'S CIRCLE."

Stan Whitman, Gates District Manager, from Waterloo, Iowa, as winner of the Gates sales contest, "Around The World In 90 Days," received another fine honor recently. He, as well as winners of other similar contests in the different Harris-Intertype divisions and subsidiaries, were invited to Cleveland for a special "Winner's Circle" dinner on October 24, 1965.

Stan is shown here receiving his award from Harris-Intertype President, Richard B. Tullis.

In winning the Gates sales contest, "Around The World In 90 Days", Stan traveled a total of 53,370 miles. A total of 7 Gates District Managers crossed the winner's line in this contest. The other winners were, Urlin Whitman, Bob Hallenbeck, Dick Spruill, Tom Schoonover, Ed Shuey, and Rafael Acosta. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS -- and ESPECIALLY TO STAN -- THE #1 MAN!



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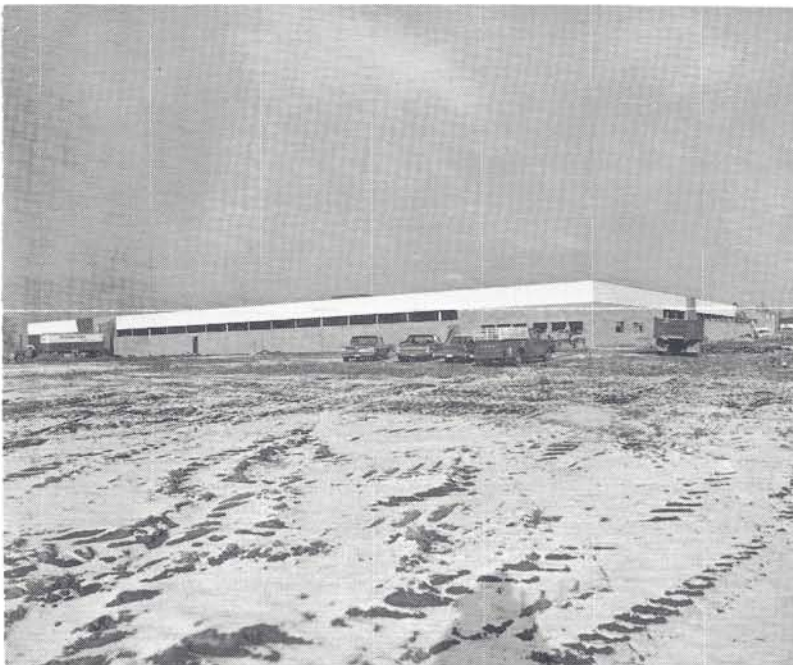
THANKS, MR. WEATHER MAN!

Progress on our new building has been good -- thanks to the fine work of many people -- and also thanks to the cooperation of the Weather Man. We have enjoyed many mild, sunshiny days during this fall season, and certainly this has aided our building contractor greatly.

Joe Sutcliffe, our Chief Industrial Engineer, reports that the flooring is completely poured -- the roof is nearly finished -- the outside masonry work is completed -- and basically the outside work is completed. We are ready to start on the inside of the building -- and the building is now far enough along that we can pretty much see how the finished product will look. The Industrial Engineering Department feels confident the building will be ready for occupancy on target date of April 1, 1966.

In fact, the members of the Industrial Engineering Department are presently busily working on the lay-out of the various departments, and are making plans for the move. This is a tremendous undertaking from start to finish -- and we are happy to report the progress is good on 30th and Wisman Lane.

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CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD. . .

How will you and your family celebrate Christmas? We all follow family customs and traditions, as well as traditions of our country, to make this Holy Season more special and meaningful.

In token of Christ's birth in a manger, Poles spread hay on the floor, and Lithuanians have straw under the tablecloth at their festive Christmas Eve meal. The colorful Mexican posada or pilgrimage dramatizes the search which led Mary and Joseph to the stable. For each of the nine nights before Christmas, a couple dressed as Mary and Joseph goes from house to house. Only at the last house are they, and the parade of neighbors which is now following them, invited in for supper.

An even more novel procession may be seen in the mountains of Austria, where wood carvers in the little town of Oberammergau meet on Christmas Eve and ski down the mountain slopes holding flaming torches -- singing as they go.

Even standard holiday features -- Christmas dinners, Christmas presents, and Yuletide decorations have picturesque local variations. Not only does Santa have numerous aliases (He's Julenissen in Denmark, Pere Noel in France, the Abbott of Unreason in Scotland), but in

Italy he is a she. Italian kids place their trust in Befana, an old woman on a broom stick who brings gifts to good children and ashes to bad ones.

The bearded gent, we know as Santa Claus, and his counterparts in other countries, are kept extremely busy, for they must make two trips a season in many lands. The French exchange gifts on New Year's Day, but impatient young fry are visited by Pere Noel on Christmas Eve. While waiting for Befana to arrive January 6, Italian kids and their elders draw small gifts on Christmas Eve from a jar called "the urn of fate." And leave it to the systematic British to establish December 26 as Boxing Day. On this pugilistic sounding occasion servants and tradespeople are remembered with boxes of money!

The date of Christmas dinner also varies around the world; many countries have it on Christmas Eve, before or after midnight services. Our traditional Christmas turkey does not appear on many menus. The French reveillon, a feast which occurs after midnight mass, is apt to feature oysters and sausages; in the French province of Brittany, buckwheat cakes with sour cream are served. The Norwegian Christmas Eve dinner features a fish called lutfisk. At a Polish Christmas dinner, the number of courses is fixed at seven, nine, or eleven; a Lithuanian Christmas feast must include twelve courses, one for each of the twelve disciples!

During the Christmas season, Germans and Rumanians bake long, thin cakes that symbolize the Christ Child wrapped in swaddling clothes. In the Ukrainian part of Russia, cattle are given the first taste of Christmas supper, because animals were the first to behold Christ.

Perhaps the most unusual tradition of all is the one adhered to by some Swiss romantics. These folk advise a boy or girl to visit nine different fountains and take three sips from each at the time the bells are ringing for midnight services on Christmas Eve. After this odd rite has been completed, the future husband or wife will be found standing at the door of the church and a regular courship will begin -- if the spell worked!

Us, we'll take mistletoe. And, we'll also take this opportunity to wish every member of our Gates Radio Company family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

