

Steel Merger Proceeds Over U.S. Objection

Bethlehem-Youngstown Stock Exchange Deal Agreed Upon

NEW YORK (AP)—Two of the United States' largest steel companies plan to merge despite notice by the Justice Department that it will move promptly to block the consolidation.

The Bethlehem Steel Corp., second in the industry behind U. S. Steel, and the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Co., sixth largest, announced yesterday an agreement under which Bethlehem would acquire Youngstown in exchange for Bethlehem common stock.

In Washington, Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell immediately said the Justice Department will take prompt action in the federal courts seeking to bar the proposed merger.

Bethlehem Chairman Eugene G. Grace and J. L. Mauthe, chairman of Youngstown, announced the Justice Department had formally advised them "it intends to sue to enjoin the proposed acquisition on the grounds that it would violate the antitrust laws."

The proposed merger would not affect U. S. Steel's position as largest in the industry.

It would be one of the biggest in history, creating a company with assets around 2½ billion dollars. The Justice Department for more than two years has opposed the proposal on the grounds that it would tend to lessen competition.

Grace and Mauthe said agreement on final terms of the acquisition were not "feasible at this time." The number of Bethlehem shares to be exchanged for Youngstown is one of these final terms still to be decided.

The combined rated annual capacity of Bethlehem and Youngstown is 25,750,000 tons, compared with U. S. Steel's 30,215,000-ton capacity.

Trusty Skips, Wrecks Auto

KLAMATH FALLS (AP)—A Klamath County jail trusty who wanted to be home for Christmas was held in Bend Thursday after he wrecked a stolen automobile on Highway 53, 95 miles north of Klamath Falls.

The escapee, Gary Lawrence McKercher, 27, who was serving six months here for attempted larceny, disappeared Tuesday afternoon from the county law library in the courthouse where he was working.

Sheriff Murray Britton said he posed as a prospective buyer at an automobile agency. He told a salesman he wanted to drive a 1954 sedan around the block to test it.

A few hours later he was pulled out of the wrecked sedan by state police. He said he was planning to spend Christmas with his wife in Portland.

McKercher will be returned here to face charges of auto theft and escape.

Forgot He Hid Set of Dishes On Car Motor

DETROIT (AP)—It came to Gordon Parrington like a flash. That's where he had hidden the set of dishes he was giving his wife for Christmas — under the hood of his car.

That too was where Canadian customs officials gathered to watch the fire, after the cardboard box containing the dishes had begun to burn.

Parrington, 45, of suburban Detroit said he put the dishes there so his wife wouldn't find them. He said he had forgotten about them as he drove yesterday a cross the Ambassador Bridge to Windsor, Ont., on the Canadian shore of the Detroit River.

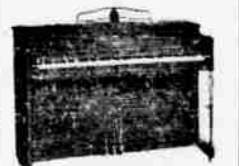
After the blaze was put out, Parrington had to pay customs penalties for not declaring the dishes. The penalties, said customs men, were "just enough to ruin his Christmas."

DESERT SAND NOT SUITABLE

BORRERO SPRINGS, Calif. (UP)—Officials of the De Anza Country Club, building a new golf course in this Southern California desert region, discovered an unexpected problem. They couldn't find any sand suitable for the sandtraps.

TALLMAN'S CHRISTMAS PIANO SALE

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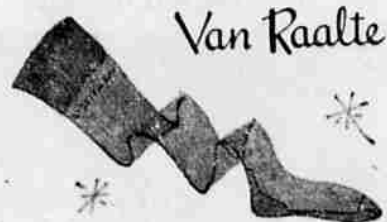


cotton quilted
brunch
coat

\$10⁹⁸

Pretty and practical gift for every lady. Dainty print with red, blue or yellow trim. New high back detail, barrel button front trim.

Robes, 2nd



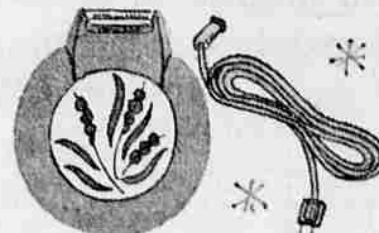
gift-perfect! give double wear

Van Raalte doubles

\$1³⁵ pr.

Outwear nylons of comparable sheerness 2 to 1! New technique gives perfect fit, controlled stretchability. Proportioned length. 3 pr. 3.90.

Hosiery, 1st



a thrilling gift she'll treasure

Lady Sunbeam razor

\$14⁹⁵

Perfect for legs and underarms. Dainty in design and color. Easy to use. Guaranteed performance. A very special gift long enjoyed.

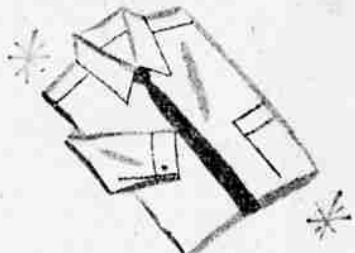
Stationery, 1st

dainty Schrank
flannel
sleepwear

\$3⁹⁸

Toasty warm for long winter nights. Gowns and pajamas in lovely pastels with rosebud trim. Sizes 32-40.

Lingerie, 1st



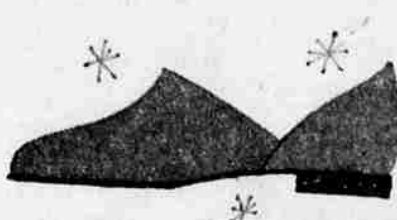
reg. 3.98-5.00! 3 collar styles

men's dress shirts

\$2⁶⁹ ea. \$2 for \$5

Wonderful selection of white and fancy dress shirts in broadcloth, Pima and oxford. French or button cuffs. 14-16% Buy for gifts.

Men's Shop, 1st



wonderful gift for dad
all leather operas

\$2⁹⁷

Tops in comfort and unusually long-wearing. Supple genuine leather, hard composition sole. Brown or wine. 6% to 12. Real value at this price.

Men's Shoes, 1st



holiday attire for baby
dacron infant dresses

\$5⁹⁸

100% dacron, this dainty pastel dress is cute as can be, yet washable. Attached nylon petticoat. Hand smocked yoke with lace and embroidery. 6 to 18 months.

Infants' Wear, 2nd



as festive as the season! Girls' jeweled sweaters

\$4⁹⁸ and \$5⁹⁸

Slippers and cardigans in pink or white orlon trimmed in rhinestones, pearls or embroidery. 7-14. Sub-teen sizes 8-14 in white only.

Girls' Wear, 2nd

starts Friday...shop 9:30 a.m. until 9 p.m.

16 BEST BUYS

Parking FREE...with validation of ticket!



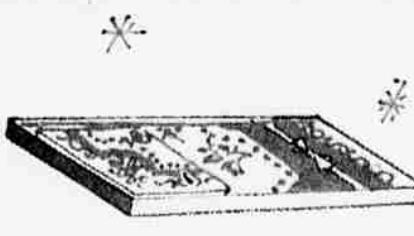
real gift buy! reg. 12.50 set

Ciro gift box

\$5 set of 5

Five famous fragrances to delight every lady. Danger, Reflexions, Ricochet, Surrender, New Horizons in one lovely gift box.

Cosmetics, 1st



rayon and cotton! four sizes
damask gift sets

\$3⁹⁵ - \$10⁹⁵

Lovely poppy pattern. 52x52, 4 napkins, 3.95; 52x70, 6 napkins, 5.95; 64x54, 8 napkins, 7.95; 64x102, 12 napkins, 10.95.

Linens, 2nd

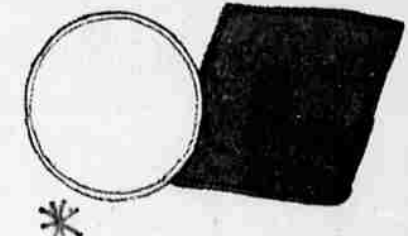


bedroom beauties! lovely gifts
taffeta bedspreads

\$12⁹⁵

Smartly styled with quilted tops and band of quilting on dust ruffle. Assorted colors. Twin or full size.

Draperies, 2nd

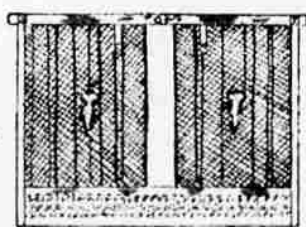


for gifts or your own home
gay sofa pillows

\$1 to \$5

Choose from colorful velvets, prints, antique satins in a wide array of shapes and sizes. Colors to fit every room scheme.

Draperies, 2nd

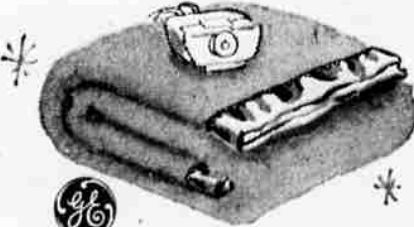


a buy for holiday hearths!
portable fire screen

\$19⁹⁵ reg. 33.50

Save now! Solid brass ornamental fender panel. Polished brass frame. Closely woven, heavy gauge brass finish curtain. Simpull curtain pulls.

Furniture, downstairs

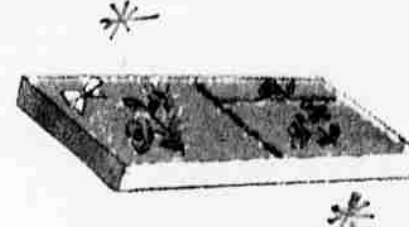


best in comfort and safety, give
GE automatic blanket

\$29⁹⁵ twin size

The finest in luxurious sleeping comfort. Long wearing, easy washing Chatham blanket with safety-plus GE control. 7 colors. Double, 34.95; dual control, 44.95.

Bedding, 2nd



towel and wash cloth ensembles
Cannon gift sets

\$1⁹⁸ to \$5⁹⁸

Choose from a lovely array of decorative and novelty patterns in lovely boxed sets... including sets for children. Welcome as gifts.

Linens, 2nd



a joy for all boys! large size
Rex 90 wagon

\$6⁹⁸

Fun favorite to find under the tree. Sturdy, all steel red wagon with large rubber tires. Large size for boys of all ages.

Toys, downstairs

save as you Christmas shop with S.A. green stamps