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## Don't Let Fire Turn Christmas Joy to Sorrow

There was an atmosphere of Christmas everywhere in the Sanford home, where pretty decorations of quick-burning materials had been used profusely. The gifts had been opened, and heaps of paper and tissue had been left near the tree. Sounds of festivity filled the house, and in childish glee little Alice donned a paper costume.

Snap! A vicious spark from a short circuit beneath the tree ignited thin tissue! The flames leaped instantly to Alice's filmy costume and she ran shrieking from the room. Then people woke up. Uncle Jack stuck out his foot, neatly tripping the child onto a rug, into which he rolled her, snuffing out the flames as he protected her face and hair. Dad and Uncle Art reappeared with fire extinguishers that made short work of the fire. But the room was a wreck, Alice had some painful burns and the holiday spirit was considerably dampened.

Nevertheless, heart-felt thanks giving went up from the Sanfords, as they realized what might have happened to their child and home. They were lucky folks, indeed! Every Christmas brings reports of fires that did not end so fortunately. Four lessons are pointed out.

First is the importance of purchasing standard wires, fuses, plugs, sockets, and sets of Christmas tree lights. In addition, have all extra wiring done by a licensed electrician, detach appliances when not in use and don't hang wires over nails.

Second is the folly of using inflammable decorations for trees and rooms. (Incombustible decorations are now on sale.) All paper and tissue wrappings from packages should also be disposed of at once.

The last two lessons stand to the credit of the Sanfords: They used the correct method of putting out flames in clothing and they kept fire extinguishers handy. When clothing catches fire, the person should never run, but always get down on the floor and roll in a rug or blanket, holding it tight about the neck to protect the face. Fire extinguishers many times will stop a fire before it gets dangerous.

Still other essential precautions are:

Instruct children carefully in the use of toys, especially electrical ones. Avoid toys requiring an alcohol or kerosene lamp. Flimsy motion picture machines should be avoided, as children may borrow or rent inflammable film and attempt to use it.

Smoking: In rooms decorated for the holidays and where excited children are playing, smoking is apt to be dangerous. Considerate smokers will use another room.

Candles: Never use lighted candles for decorations. They are especially hazardous on trees, and on window sills where curtains may be blown against them.

Trees: Set trees up securely and at some distance from lighting and heating fixtures. A new type of stand which holds the butts in water, keeps trees greener. A good precaution is to take down the tree and dispose of it a few days after Christmas.

Santa Claus: Don't let old Kris Kringle himself be a fire hazard. Oftentimes his costume or "whiskers" would burn furiously if accidentally ignited. This would hardly be fair to the old gentleman. Costume and cotton beard can be made safer if sprayed with a solution of water-glass, which is obtainable at all drug stores.

## Help Fight Tuberculosis

The sale of Christmas Seals, sponsored every year by the National Tuberculosis association, is now going on in this county and should meet with a hearty response here.

More than 650,000 American citizens are said to suffer from tuberculosis at an economic cost of around \$350,000,000 a year, and despite the progress being made in control work the disease still kills more people in the prime of life than any other malady.

Early diagnosis is virtually important for the recovery of individuals and extensive educational programs along this line are being carried out. When the disease is diagnosed within six months of the first symptom the

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## Remember Every Child Christmas

### Local Residents are Urged to Exhibit Christmas Spirit

With only a few more days to wait before the arrival of Christmas and for the visit of the good old Saint Nicholas, and the whole world are counting the hours and even the minutes. If they aren't, they must be sick or abnormal. Already, lists have been made, letters written to Santa Claus and the long wait for the time to come being borne impatiently.

While Christmas is primarily a children's holiday, the grownups of this county will have a great part in making it a real success. The very foundation of the observance of Christmas is giving and without this there would be no Christmas.

To some people Christmas giving has come to mean an "exchange of gifts" rather than any unselfish giving. We give to those from whom we expect to receive and give in proportion to what we do receive. By doing so, we lose the real meaning of the observance and the joy we might receive.

Wouldn't it be a fine thing this Christmas if every citizen of this county would accept the responsibility of giving something to someone less fortunate than himself and thus help to lighten that person's load a little? There are so many people around us who, through no fault of their own, are having such a struggle for existence that even a little would help so much.

We read in the newspapers of the larger cities where the welfare associations have prepared a list of the neediest cases that have come to their attention and help is solicited for these. Money and assistance is given by rich and poor alike to help these unfortunates.

While we may not do this in this town, still all of us know of some child, some man or woman who, unless some outside aid is received, will have a rather barren, cheerless Christmas. Surely, we couldn't enjoy our Christmas as much if we failed to share our much or little with others.

Let's make this an unselfish Christmas, remembering the words of Him whose birthday we are observing when he said "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

## Governor Meier Endorses Register—Baby Campaign

Endorsement by Governor Meier of Oregon's Register-Your Baby campaign and an appeal by the State board of health for all citizens to aid in seeing that every family with a child less than a year old has a card on which to report the birth to the Census Bureau were developments this week.

"Prompt and official recording of

his birth is a child's first right as an American citizen," Governor Meier declared at Salem Wednesday. "In reality, a birth certificate is an infant's citizenship papers. Moreover, official birth records are becoming increasingly necessary as demands for proof of age and nationality grow. A properly recorded birth certificate proves age, inheritability and legitimacy, among other things."

"The Post-office department has distributed cards all over Oregon in the drive we are making with the Census Bureau and the state Emergency Relief," said Dr. F. D. Stricker, secretary of the Board, "but families were probably missed here and there. We request everybody to inform us of any case in which a family with a child under one year of age has no card, and we will immediately supply as many as are needed." The Board's office is 816 Oregon Building, Portland.

Backing the campaign, which aims to see that everyone of Oregon's baby-citizens gets his or her "first papers" for this Christmas, Mrs. William Kletzer, state president of the Congress of Parents and Teachers asked 300 branch organizations to be sure that all parents in their communities with children to whom the card applies fill it out immediately and mail it to the Census Bureau. The card goes post-free.

## Decker Business

### College Praised

One of the latest business enterprises on Southeast Hawthorne boulevard, the Decker Business college, has been warmly received in the thriving district, according to O. V. Badley, realtor, who sold the property at 2150 Southeast Hawthorne boulevard to Maude Decker White, president of the institution.

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## Christmas Trade Improves

A spirit of confidence seems to be widespread and the people are spending their money more freely than last year. Besides, which is decidedly to the point, they have more money to spend.

All sections of the United States report a similar condition, attributed to improved farm income, larger payrolls, emergency government expenditures and more stable banking conditions. These are factors that make for confidence as individual, look ahead and present spending reflects optimism for 1935.

## One Year of Repeal

With the end of the first year of prohibition repeal one finds that liquor is legal in thirty states, as compared with nineteen on the date of repeal. This, it appears, is about the only progress made in handling the liquor problem.

Reports from many states indicate that the saloon has returned, that bootlegging flourishes and that the government is losing much revenue. In fact, while the Federal Treasury collects about \$350,000,000 this is about \$150,000,000 short of what was expected from the \$2 a gallon tax.

According to some people, U. S. now stands for "Uncle Santa."

This Christmas season is an excellent opportunity for all of us to remember the unfortunate families in our community. Let's try and make everybody happy for just one day!

It's about time for good old-fashioned realfuters to begin work on the programs for 1935.

As 1934 comes to an end we might as well admit that we are in better shape than we expected to be.

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