

Shirley Rogers Wins Poster Contest

In the Fire Prevention contest sponsored in the Brevard schools by the Brevard Fire Department, several children of Ecustans were among the winners. Shirley Rogers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Rogers (Champagne) was first place winner at the Brevard Elementary school and was awarded a \$15 check. Other winners, shown left to right above, Carolyn Osborne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Osborne; Judy Hutchins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hutchins (Champagne); Charles Vance Allison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Allison (Maintenance), Shirley Rogers, Roberta Harris, Laleet Lance, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dobie Lance (Pulp Mill), Mose Macfie, and Joan Teague, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Millard Teague (Physical Lab.). Rev. B. W. Thomason, chaplain of the local fire department, made the presentation.

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Don't Let A Fire From Decorations Ruin Christmas!

By Ernest Burch

Every year at Christmas, hundreds of Christmas trees burn in as many homes, destroying valuable property and often snuffing out the life of a loved one. Turning the gay festive season into one of tragedy is indeed sad.

Most of these fires are preventable. Many start from Christmas lighting, flammable decorations, and careless smoking around a dry tree.

We will not have these holiday fires if we take a few simple precautions. Bring the Christmas tree into your home as short a time before Christmas as possible. Keep the tree fresh and green by standing it in a pan of water while in the house, first cutting off the stem at an angle an inch or two above the original cut. Always keep the water above the cut; this will keep a fresh tree green and reduce its flammability. Locate your tree well away from stoves or any other source of heat. Do not smoke near the tree.

The lights you use are often a cause of fire. Candles or open flame in any form should never be used on a tree.

Make sure there are no frayed cords on your tree lights, as a short circuit in worn cords is often a cause of fire. To be safe, use only lighting sets bearing the label of the "Underwriters Laboratories" which have been fully tested for fire safety.

Do not overload your electrical circuit by using too many lights. Overloaded circuits often start fires. Many of you will use elaborate decorations, and if you do, use the noncombustible type of decorations that are now available in most stores.

The wrappings from your Christmas presents should be removed from the house as soon as possible and not be allowed to accumulate to become a possible source of ignition.

Follow these few simple rules, a possible tragedy and—

A "MERRY CHRISTMAS."

SANTA CLAUS HAS VISITED OUR LIBRARY

By LUCILLE HEFFNER

Santa Claus is coming to town—and has already visited Ecusta's Library. Was he generous with good gifts? The very finest—worlds of imagination and entertainment.

First, we have two copies of THE BIRD'S CHRISTMAS CAROL, many times read and enjoyed by thousands. Have you read it to your children? Kate Douglas Wiggin wrote this beautiful story.

For reading of the season we have THE FIRESIDE BOOK OF CHRISTMAS STORIES, edited by Edward Wagenknecht; THE OTHER WISE MAN, Henry Van Dyke; CHRISTMAS IN DICKENS, Charles Dickens; Clement C. Moore's poem, A VISIT FROM ST. NICK; THE LITTLE MATCH

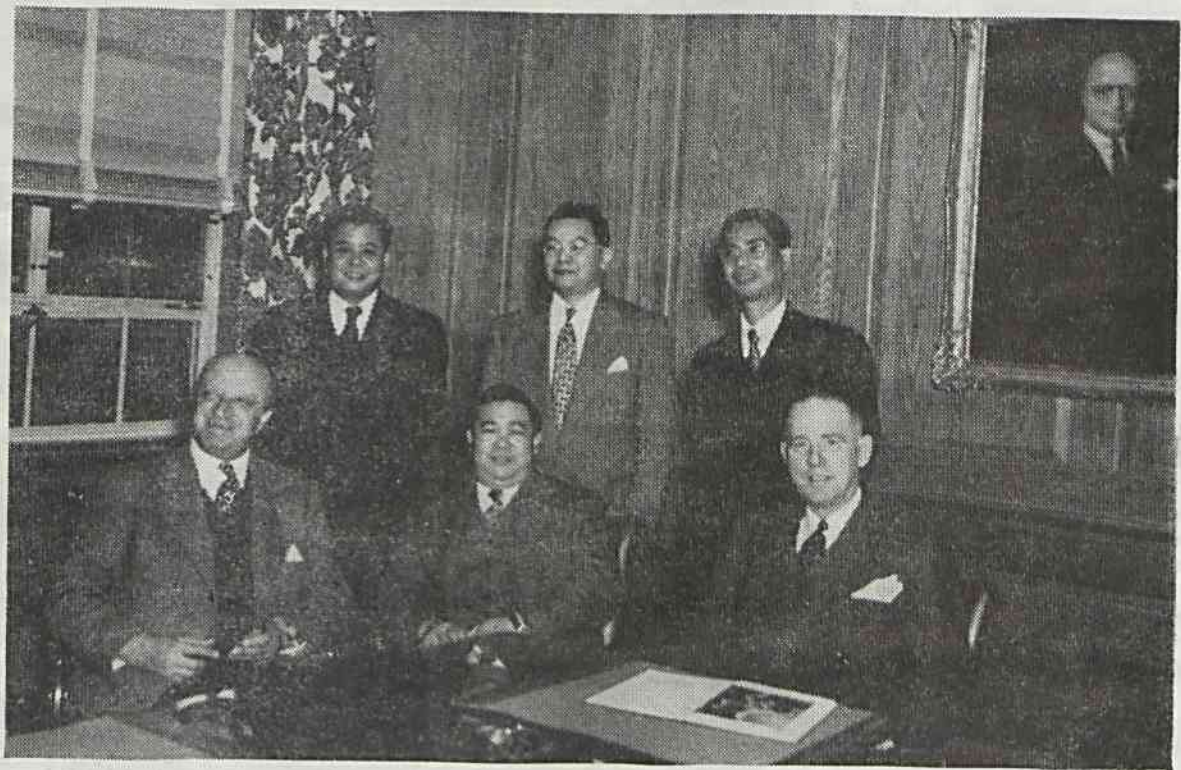
GIRL, Hans Christian Andersen; THE CHRISTMAS WHALE, Roger Duvoisin; THE DRUM GOES DEAD, Bessie Streeter Aldrich; THE FIRST CHRISTMAS, Florida R. Glover, and WHILE THE ANGELS SING, Gladys H. Carroll.

For sheer excitement and rich romance we believe you'll like SILVER NUTMEG by Norah Lofts. Banda, an island in the Dutch East Indies, in 1656, is the scene. It was a time of great fortunes, made by Dutch merchants, and the Dutch and English were struggling for control of the islands. In a nutshell, it is the story of a wealthy Dutch merchant, his wife who was brought to him from Holland, and the part they played in a native uprising.

With novels that provide drama

and lively interest you can depend on Helen Topping Miller. Now, following DARK SAILS and SHOD WITH FLAME, she writes an historic novel of North Carolina and East Tennessee in Revolutionary War days.

Young, and lovely Lisle Marot thought war would never touch her, but it was very real to her when Giles Hanna, penniless soldier, who fought with Washington at Valley Forge, led the Marots over treacherous mountains to safety. Prominent are the gay and gallant Perrin twins who both fall in love with Lisle. Men and women, salty in speech and rude in gaiety, are doggedly determined to build their homes and fight for them. The title—SOUND OF CHARIOTS.



Recent Visitors

Snapped as they were visiting with Mr. Harry H. Straus at the conclusion of their tour of the plant, Monday, December 1, the men above are representatives of three tobacco companies.

Left to right on the front row are Mr. Straus, Mr. C. S. Kwan of Ewington Trading Corpora-

tion, New York City, and Mr. J. E. Covington, vice president of Universal Leaf Tobacco Company. On the back row are Mr. L. K. Chew, of the Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Company; Mr. Frank Tse of the Ewington company, Mr. J. H. Fok, of the Ewington company.