

## A HAPPY CHRISTMAS, SAFE FROM FIRE

By Ernest Burch

There will be extra fire hazards in your home this Christmas that must be watched with the utmost care. The Christmas tree you bring into your home can be one of the worst hazards if a few simple precautions are not followed. A fresh cut tree is hard to ignite, but after being in the house for a few days, becomes highly inflammable. A tree can be kept fresh by standing it in a pan of water, first cutting off the base of the tree at an angle about two inches above the original cut. Keep it standing in water for the entire period that the tree is in the house. Make sure you place your tree away from stoves, radiators, and other sources of heat. Your tree lights should bear the label of Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. as these have been tested for fire safety. If you have lights left over from former years, make sure the wiring is not frayed; a short circuit in worn wiring might start the tree burning. Your fuses must be of the proper rating; too many lights from one outlet will blow a fuse. If this occurs, eliminate some lights, and replace blown fuses with another of the same size and rating. Trimmings and decorations should be flameproofed, but it is now possible to purchase fireproof trimmings in almost any store.

The wrappings from your Christmas presents may become a possible source of fire if allowed to accumulate in the house. Remove them as soon as possible. New heat operated toys and electrical gadgets now on the market should be watched most carefully unless they bear the Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. label.

Keep matches out of the reach of children. With a little care, your Christmas will be a fire-safe and happy one.

## BOOK CORNER

By Lucille Heffner

Heap on more wood!—the wind is chill;  
But let it whistle as it will,  
We'll keep our Christmas merry still.  
Sir Walter Scott

May your Christmas be the merriest ever! We hope it is enriched by good books from your library.

For around the fire reading for your youngsters (and you oldsters may profit also) these favorites are found in the library: *Christmas In Dickens*, *The First Christmas*, *The Fireside Book Of Christmas Stories*, and *A Child's Book of Christmas Carols*. Don't ever forget the *Birds' Christmas Carol* by Kate Douglas Wiggin and the legend, *The Christmas Whale*.

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At last they are here—new books by your favorite writers that you've been waiting for. First, we offer a picture of fashionable life in New Orleans as portrayed by Frances Parkinson Keyes. It is a mystery story, revolving around one Odile St. Amant who, shortly after being told that she would be a lifelong invalid, was found shot to death. Her family claimed suicide—the police murder. The remainder of the book is spent unraveling the mystery and working out several love affairs. You who have knowledge of New Orleans will clamor for *Dinner At Antoine's*.

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Rich in speech, wisdom and American custom, is Carl Sandburg's hulking novel *Remembrance Rock*. Critics suggest that the reader of Sandburg's latest creation accept the book as a story rather than as history. The book attempts to tell the story of the American dream in terms of some of the people who have been responsible for furthering it.

### MOVIE SCHEDULE

January 6

KISS OF DEATH

Victor Mature, Brian Donlevy, Coleen Gray  
MYSTERY OF THE RIVERBOAT—CHAPT. 9

January 13

SUEZ

Tyrone Power, Loretta Young  
MYSTERY OF THE RIVERBOAT—CHAPT. 10

January 20

SCOTLAND YARD

Edmund Gwen, Nancy Kelly  
MYSTERY OF THE RIVERBOAT—CHAPT. 11

January 27

CAPTAIN JANUARY

Shirley Temple  
MYSTERY OF THE RIVERBOAT—CHAPT. 12

### BIG VARIETY SHOW

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ECUSTA'S POPPIN'

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BY ECUSTA EMPLOYEES  
AT ECUSTA CAFETERIA

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SAT. NIGHT, JAN. 8TH  
8:00 P. M.

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FUN FOR ALL EMPLOYEES  
AND THEIR HUSBANDS  
OR WIVES