

PERSONALS

Bill Throneburg, student at University at Chapel Hill has arrived to spend the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Y. F. Throneburg.

Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Norman returned Monday from several weeks visit in Charleston, S. C., New Orleans, La., Houston, San Antonio and other places in Texas.

Mrs. Joe Neisler flew to Richmond last week and attended the silver anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Moss, going from there to Washington to visit her daughter, Mrs. Buck Timberlake and family.

Mrs. Buren Neill and Mrs. George Rawlings of Gastonia were Kings Mountain visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Warlick were among those from Kings Mountain attending the ball game Saturday night at Davidson.

J. B. Keeter was in Forest City Monday night going especially to install the new Kiwanis Lieutenant.

Miss Irene Allen of Lancaster, S. C. spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Devinné of Cherryville were Sunday guests of relatives and friends in Kings Mountain.

Mrs. George Allen spent the weekend with her daughter, Mrs. J. L. Brady and family in Spartanburg.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Arthur are leaving Friday for Raleigh. They will be accompanied home by their daughter, Miss Shirley Arthur who is a student at Peace College.

The Webster-Ashburton Treaty settled the Maine-Canadian border in 1842 after a half century of bickering.

Flower Legends Express Christmas Beauty

There are many legends concerning Christmas, but some of the most beautiful have to do with flowers.

The Christmas rose, for instance, was divinely created. A shepherd maid wept at having no gift to lay before the Babe in the manger. Suddenly an angel appeared before her—

The Angel spoke, his voice was low and sweet
As the sea's murmur on low-lying shore,
Or whisper of the wind in ripened wheat.

Then, after hearing why the maiden wept, he touched the ground where her tears had fallen, with the branch of lilies which he carried, and immediately the place was white with Christmas roses, which the maid gathered and laid on the manger.

Of the others, Sainfoin, or Holy Hay, is believed to have cradled the infant Christ in the manger.
And the snowdrop is the flower of the Virgin Mary, and is said to be the emblem of the candles she lighted on Christmas Eve.

If your favorite basketball team is good enough, it can beat any opponent, BUT, on the highway, the Department of Motor Vehicles points out, you can't beat safety to save your life!



GNOMES AT WORK . . . Three little gnomes diligently prepare for Christmas under the watchful eye of Santa Claus in his workshop at Santa Claus, Indiana. They are building, waxing and polishing toys to go into Santa's pack on Christmas eve.

Danger of Fire Is Greatly Enhanced By Christmas Tree

THE AVERAGE CHRISTMAS tree can go up in smoke in only two minutes. That doesn't leave much time for the fire department to get there.

A live tree with roots packed in a bucket of earth is the safest. Be sure and keep the dirt moistened. A small tree is safer than a large one and festive trimmings can make up what it lacks in size.

Keep the tree outdoors until you are ready to set it up inside. When you bring it in, keep it in the coolest part of the house with the radiator nearest it turned off.

Use nonflammable aluminum foil—not cotton or paper—to conceal container in which tree is "planted." Use nonflammable trimmings on the tree.

Don't use lighted candles. (This may seem an unnecessary precaution in this day of electric lights, but lighted candles contribute to tragic fires every year.)

Check the wiring for the tree to see that it's not frayed and is in perfect condition. The switch for turning off and on electric lights should be at some distance from the tree. Don't plug or unplug lights beneath the tree.

Don't leave tree lights on when it isn't necessary and especially when the family is away from home. From time to time, check over the tree and see if needles near the lights are turning brown. If they have, move the lights.

Watch the calendar. New Year's is the day for the tree to go down. If you should extend the time, don't leave the lights on the tree for more than a half hour at a time.



IN 1937, a Waukegan, Ill., minister and the residents of one city block decided to do something about the disposal of the family Christmas tree. Nothing is more forlorn than worn out Christmas trees. They deserve better fates than being dumped in alleys and vacant lots; and they constitute fire hazards on back porches and in basement areas.

So, Waukegan held its first annual Twelfth Night observances,



committing the trees to a community bonfire amid the choring of carols.

And the custom has waxed. Residents of several communities, choruses, soloists, etc., participating as the spirits of the Christmas tree are dispatched to some fir Valhalla to return to bless a future Yuletide.

Wax From Candles Calls for Caution

With so many candles placed about the home to give a festive air during the holiday season, candle wax drippings on rugs, tablecloths, and mantels are almost inevitable.

Wax spots on rugs can usually be removed successfully by first scraping off as much wax as possible with a dull knife and then sponging with carbon tetrachloride.

When you scrape up the wax, be careful not to injure the yarns. If the candle was colored and a stain remains, try sponging it lightly with a liquid made of two parts of water and one part of denatured (rubbing) alcohol.

As a precaution against fading, test this mixture first on an inconspicuous part of the rug.

Wax that has run down from candleholders onto your best linen tablecloth can be removed by the same method of first scraping—being very careful not to injure the fiber or thread—and then sponging with carbon tetrachloride. If the stain is colored, use the solution suggested for a colored spot on a rug, after you've used carbon tetrachloride. Again you are urged to test an inconspicuous spot for possible fading from use of the solution.

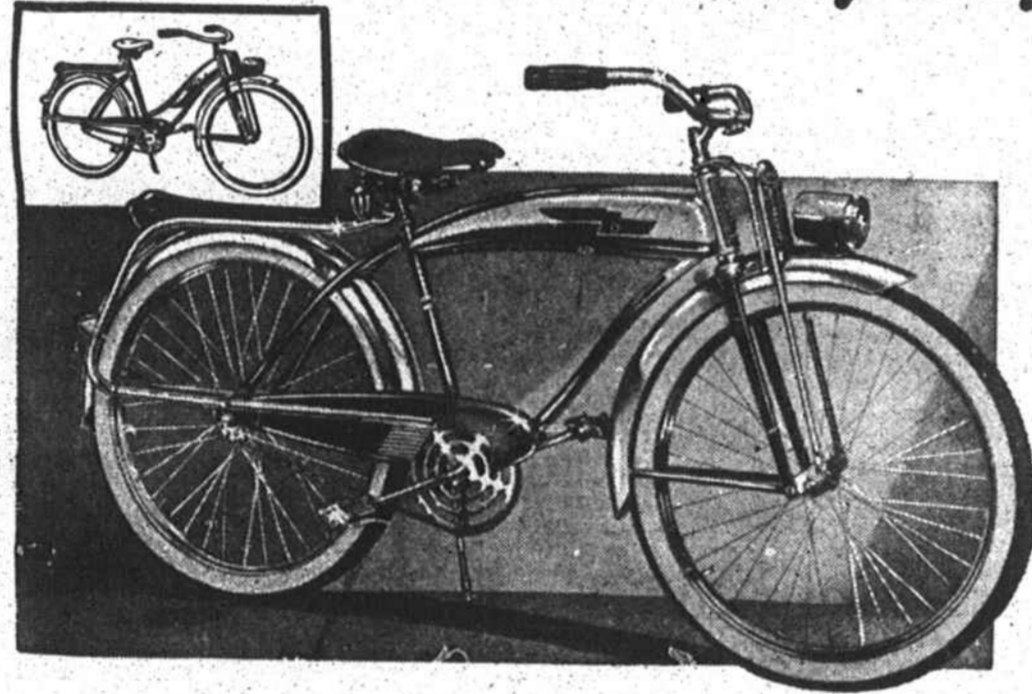


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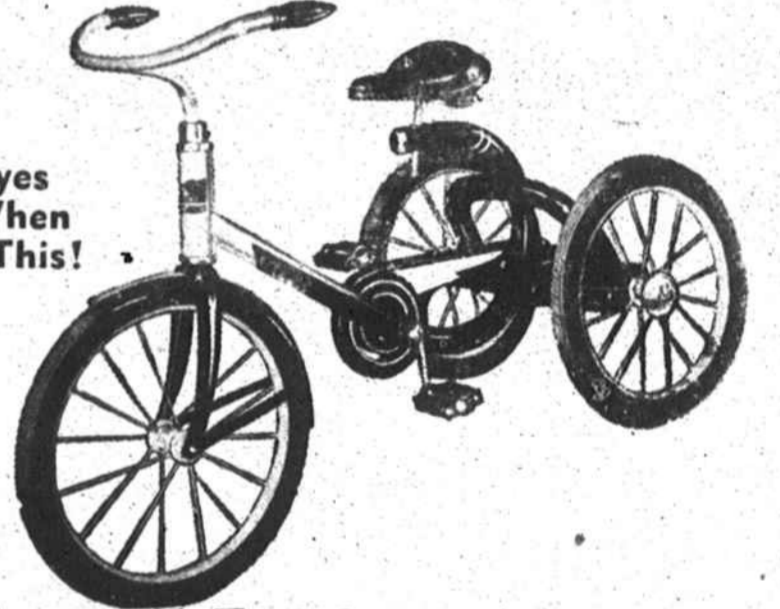
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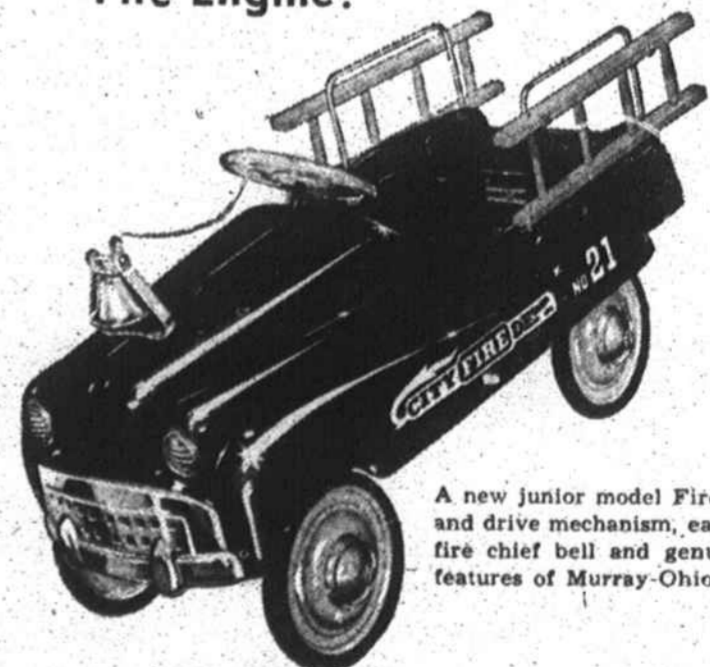
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