

FIRE FACTS



CLEAR IT AWAY!

ACCUMULATIONS OF DRY LEAVES, RUBBISH, ETC., NEAR HOUSE AND IN ROOF EAVES ARE AN INVITATION TO FIRE

determine prices.

"America's textile industry also looks for improvement abroad, somewhat in the pattern of the current domestic recovery. It is encouraging that the United Kingdom, which holds the key to trade liberalization, is ending the current year maintaining a balance of her international payments and with a substantial increase in dollar and gold reserves.

"The international outlook favors a widening of the free market and indicates a more liberal policy regarding the use of sterling in exchanges among countries outside the sterling area. If there does develop wider convertibility and increased transferability, a tremendous impetus will be given world trade and cotton goods exports should quickly surge upward.

"There is no deficiency in the world demand for cotton goods, especially the high-fashion and superior quality products of American mills, since import and exchange restrictions are lifted.

"If this happens, and favorable signs are already evident that such developments may be expected, it will confirm the hopes expressed by the American mission to the International Cotton Textile Conference held in England during September. The American mission on that score, however, was the group expressed but developments since September have increased our optimism rather than giving cause to lessen it.

"In addition to enlisting the efforts of textile nations to reduce trade barriers, the U. S. delegation won conference acceptance of a policy to expand the consumption of textiles through long range promotional efforts based on the principles of free competition.

"The American mission's presentation of this program at the International Cotton Textile Conference was one of the highlights of 1952 for our industry. As these principles and techniques find application throughout the world in the months ahead, the new stimulation to textile business at home and overseas may well prove the conference to have been a milestone in textile history."

The final months of 1952 found the industry as a whole making gradual recovery from the decline that prevailed over the last three quarters of 1951 and the first half of this year.

The imposition of price controls had deluded the general public with implications of scarcities and shortages of textile products. These implications were accompanied by a serious underestimate of the industry's capacity to produce which in turn over-stimulated both production and purchases and led to the build-up of huge inventories. The suspension of OPS, textile controls soon proved a necessary step in returning stability to this industry's operations. Signs of the upswing became evident in June 1952, soon after controls were suspended. By then the huge inventories which had been built up during the previous year were becoming exhausted while consumer pipelines needed refilling.

Manufacturers credited price control suspension as giving the industry a "psychological lift" as well. In their appeals to Congress and OPS officials for relief, mill men pointed out that restoration of confidence in an industry which conducts most of its business on a futures basis — making it sales, buying its materials and



AFTER CHRISTMAS: The time right after Christmas brings a let-down feeling to many, the Christmas rush and festivities are over and it is time to start thinking about the activities of the new year.

But the time after Christmas can be—and should be—a time to remember those who remembered you with Christmas gifts and cards. Writing thank-you notes while the Christmas spirit is still not so far away is a good, satisfying way to spend any spare moments.

Those few days after Christmas and at the beginning of the New Year are also a good time to remember any sick friends or shut-ins who could not enjoy the Christmas season as you did. Just a personal note, a word to let them know you're thinking of them, can bring a great deal of joy.

The Christmas tree must come down after another Christmas, and the decorations will have to go back into storage. Check the ornaments and lights before you pack them away, discarding any broken or burnt-out bulbs, so that the decorations for 1953 will be ready when you need them.

Check your table linens to see that they are free from candle wax and other stains. Candle wax may be readily removed by scraping off the excess and then by placing a blotter over the wax spots and pressing with hot iron.

Special attention should also be given the floors after the Christmas celebration. A thorough sweeping may be in order to remove any stray needles or fragments of broken ornaments.

Washing, Ironing Advice Is Given

The way your clothes are washed and ironed has a great deal to do with the way they look and thus the way you look, says Mamie Whisnant, State College extension specialist in home management.

The sorting of clothing prior to washing is a very important step in laundering. Miss Whisnant suggests that you divide the clothes into piles or washer loads. This procedure should generally be done as follows:

1. Slightly soiled white and color-fast articles.
2. Sleeping garments, underwear, and hand and bath towels.
3. Colored cottons and linens.
4. Very dirty work clothes.
5. White silks, rayons, nylons, etc.
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7. Fine fabrics and articles to be washed by hand: hose, sweaters, laces and gloves.

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Sibley Bullish On Textile Outlook For Forthcoming 12-Month Period

"After a pivotal year which saw the American textile industry pull out of a 15-month slump, all who are concerned with the manufacture of fabrics and yarns can look to 1953 with new assurance," President William A. L. Sibley of the American Cotton Manufacturers Institute asserts in appraising the outlook for the New Year.

The outlook for textiles, as with industry in general, is no longer clouded by the fog of inflation, fears of higher taxes and anxiety for our nation's solvency. There is good reason to believe the textile mills will be supplying the most goods for actual consumption, the best goods for consumer satisfaction and the most economically priced goods since World War II, all factors considered.

Consumer takings of cotton goods during the coming season should exceed those of last year by at least 5 per cent. On the basis of expanded individual consumption alone, without including military or industrial uses, the year's domestic cotton consumption can be expected to reach 3.3 billion bales, compared with an annual average of 9 million bales for the period 1946-1949.

This outlook is justified by the fact that excess inventories which weighted down the industry at the beginning of this season moved into distribution rapidly during August and September. October mill stocks, down to the equivalent of three weeks' production, were in line with the desirable operating minimum.

Similar improvement has been seen at all subsequent levels of processing and distribution. Throughout the whole maze of

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Clarence Waid Tate, Negro, was found guilty of driving drunk and was given a 90 day suspended sentence upon payment of a \$100 fine and costs of court. License of the defendant was revoked for a one year period.

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MONDAY, January 5th

For Cash-and-Carry Service, visit our Cleveland Avenue Plant. Routemen will make their regular collections beginning Monday.


Linden 4-H'er Wins Sectional Honors In Entomology Program

SECTIONAL winner in the 4-H Entomology program, John M. Tew, Jr., of Linden was among the twelve 4-H'ers chosen to attend the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. By collecting and studying insects, John has been able to produce more products per acre at less cost. This is exemplified by his experiment on two fields of cotton. The field that was dusted seven times with BMC produced 1 1/4 bales of lint cotton, while the field that was not dusted only produced 3/4 bale—the difference being 500 pounds of cotton.

In another experiment a hog whose pen was infested with insects weighed 3 1/4 pounds less than one hog whose pen was free from stable flies. He has also observed the effects of insects in his garden and tobacco crop.

He was district winner in entomology, leadership, cotton and tractor maintenance. John's all-expense trip to the National 4-H Club Congress was provided by Hercules Powder Co.

This program is conducted under the direction of the Cooperative Extension Service.



John M. Tew