YULE TREE SAFETY

To make certain that a Christmas tree fire will not turn holiday joy into tragedy, the National Safety Council makes these suggestions:

As soon as possible after buying the tree, cut off the base of the tree diagonally and cover the base with water. Keep the tree indoors as short a time as possible, with the base always under water. Replenish the water frequently. Increasing the humidity of the room will help keep the tree from drying out.

It is not practicable for the average user to flame-proof Christmas trees with chemical solutions. Consult the local fire department or other fire authorities before using any commercial or home-made solutions. Be wary of trees which are sold as “fireproof.”

Place the tree away from fireplaces, powerful electric lights, radiators or other sources of heat, and avoid the use of candles. Keep tinsel and other metallic decorations away from light sockets.

Get rid of Christmas gift wrappings at once, and use only artificial “snow” and decorations of the flame-proofed or non-combustible type.

Use lights and wirings bearing the label of Underwriters’ Laboratories, Inc. Check wirings for defects and loose sockets.

Turn off the tree lights when no one is to be in the room for any length of time. Since too many tree light circuits in one outlet may overload the house wiring and blow a fuse, distribute the load among several outlets. Never substitute a penny or an oversized fuse.

In all places of public assembly, place trees away from stairs and other exits, and station competent watchers with fire extinguishers or water pails near by. Keep aisles and exits clear; plan to avoid panic. In homes, a pail of water should be kept handy.

Dispose of old trees in fire-safe areas outdoors—not in furnaces, stoves or fireplaces, because trees burn with almost explosive violence.

CHRISTMAS BAKING

Christmas customs differ among nations, but all agree that the Yuletide is a time for feasting and enjoying traditional dishes.

For the English, it’s just not Christmas without Plum Pudding. German Christmas cakes are famous, and likewise the cookies, especially lebkuchen or honey cakes, and pfeffernusse or pepper nuts. Another German favorite is an almond-flavored cookie dough rolled very thin and cut into fancy shapes.

Sit in on a Hungarian Christmas Eve dinner and you will find it abundant but meatless. After a cabbage soup comes a fish dish, possibly fish paprika, and noodles. A great variety of breads and pastries are served, including cakes shaped like horse shoes and filled with poppy seeds or walnuts, twisted Christmas bread, “bubáyka” or dumplings sprinkled with poppy seed and sugar, and strudel.

The elaborate Italian Christmas Eve dinner keeps the housewife busy for days. She prepares eel seasoned with garlic and cooked in olive oil and wine, Jerusalem artichokes with eggs, all sorts of sweets. One such is “cannoli.” These are pastries stuffed with cream cheese. Another is “torrone”, a caramel nut cake.

In some parts of Europe, roast pig is an important part of Christmas menus. The Lithuanian Christmas dinner, for example, centers on a roast stuffed suckling pig with sauerkraut, pan roast potatoes, baked apples, (Continued on page 2)
**Christmas**

To all children, and especially to all the children of Sprague Electric Company employees, we happily and affectionately dedicate this Christmas issue of the LOG. May we all as parents help to fill your hearts throughout the rest of the year with peace, and faith and hope for a good world that Christmas time brings you every year.

**A CHRISTMAS DREAM**

Christmas is the time for joy. For every little girl and boy! It’s time to sing, and dance and play! It’s time to take your cares away. So be merry—Eat and drink, until you’re as full, your eyes will blink like a man in deep sleep. And then into dreamland you'll go!

You'll dream of bright lighted Christmas trees and Santa's fat and jolly. For every boy and eat or two, for every girl a doll or two. With peppermint candies and chocolates galore. If you’re extra good he’ll leave you more.

No more children It’s time to be gay. And have loads of fun! On Christmas Day!—Frances Melito

**Christmas Baking** (Continued from Page 1)

Salad is often an appetizer made by alternating layers of sweetened, hulled pumpernickel crumbs with layers of apples. The cake is baked and served hot or cold with whipped cream. Roast goose and grouse are also well liked. Pork is such a favorite in England that when it is well cooked, it is served hot or cold with salad. Dessert is often an applecake.

**Engagements**

Mrs. George Shair of 490 West Main Street, has announced the engagement of her daughter, Vivian E. Shair to Andrew James Montgomery, son of Mrs. James Montgomery of 102 Eagle Street. Vivian is in the Industrial Oil Department.

Mr. and Mrs. William Pinsoimacuit of 358 Union Street have announced the engagement of their daughter, Yvonne, to Antoine Chequepute, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald J. Chequepute of 306 Union Street. Yvonne works at the Marshall Street Plant.

Mr. Dean Pinsoimacuit of 72 Park Street has announced the engagement of his daughter Theresa to William Forcetini, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Forcetini of 32 Hawthorne Street, North Adams. Theresa works in the Dry Tubular Department.

Mrs. Ayta J. Bernardini of 5 Balbi Street has announced the engagement of her daughter, Nalou Rose D'Albis to Angelo R. Mazza, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pasquale Mazza of 17 Balbi Street. Rose is in the Molded Tubular Department.

Mrs. Ruth Chequepute of 801 West Main Street has announced the engagement of her sister, Miss Mildred Millet to George R. Sheehan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sheehan of 59 Tremont Street. Mildred is in the Miscellaneous Paper Finish Department.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Godfrey of 1 New Street have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Doris Godfrey, to Edward Kennedy, son of Mrs. Francis Shepard of 88 East Main Street. Doris is in the Dry Tubular Assembly Department.

**Bargain Counter**

1986 Soldierize 4-door sedan, runs, good price $1800. Write LOG, Box 103.

Firth Rug, all-wool, 9 x 12, maroon background with green and light maroon pattern. Write LOG, Box 102.

Any pictures that appear in the LOG may be purchased from Al Horzfeld.

**Apologies Again**

We wish to apologize to James Fitzgerald, Lucille Fitzgerald and Ralph Roshville whose names were inadvertently omitted from the list of people who received 10-year service pins.

**Engagements**

Mr. and Mrs. William Roberts are the parents of a daughter born December 9th to Mr. and Mrs. George Shaw of 480 West Main Street.

Mr. and Mrs. William Pinsoimacuit are the parents of a daughter born December 14th to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald J. Chequepute of 306 Union Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shaker are the parents of a daughter born December 14th to Mr. and Mrs. James Montgomery of 102 Eagle Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddard Dailey are the parents of a daughter born December 18th to Mr. and Mrs. William Pinsoimacuit of 358 Union Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fortini are the parents of a daughter born December 21st to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Forcetini of 32 Hawthorne Street, North Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Shortrand are the parents of a daughter born December 23rd to Mr. and Mrs. William Roberts of 480 West Main Street.

Mr. and Mrs. William Pinsoimacuit are the parents of a daughter born December 25th to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald J. Chequepute of 306 Union Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shaker are the parents of a daughter born December 26th to Mr. and Mrs. James Montgomery of 102 Eagle Street.

Mr. and Mrs. William Pinsoimacuit are the parents of a daughter born December 27th to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald J. Chequepute of 306 Union Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Shortrand are the parents of a daughter born December 28th to Mr. and Mrs. William Roberts of 480 West Main Street.

Mr. and Mrs. William Pinsoimacuit are the parents of a daughter born December 29th to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald J. Chequepute of 306 Union Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fortini are the parents of a daughter born December 30th to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Forcetini of 32 Hawthorne Street, North Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Shortrand are the parents of a daughter born December 31st to Mr. and Mrs. William Roberts of 480 West Main Street.

Mr. and Mrs. William Pinsoimacuit are the parents of a daughter born December 31st to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald J. Chequepute of 306 Union Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Shortrand are the parents of a daughter born December 31st to Mr. and Mrs. William Roberts of 480 West Main Street.
Section Test and Samples
By Mable Harvey and Isabel Hyndman
Since the new look has arrived, we notice that Kay Labombard has to take shorter steps.

After driving that slippery Friday night, we hear that Anna Lamour was considering carrying a pull of sand in her car.

Welcome back to Alice Wilson who has been ill.

Anyone who would like to take motorcycle lessons should get in touch with Eddie Goff.

Red hair and green eyes, the perfect woman. Isn’t that right, Paul?

F. P. Assembly
By Fat and Slim
Christmas will soon be here, and we want to wish everyone a very Merry One and hope that the spirit of Christ will stay in the hearts of each and everyone of us.

Congratulations to Leah Sallivan and Catherine Coody on becoming grandmothers again.

We see that Dot Potter is at her old job. Isn’t that right, Paul?

We heard that when Isabel Hyndman went deer hunting last week all the hunters left the woods.

F. P. Drys
By Florence Harris
A welcome to our new pourer, Marion Sherman.

We’re happy to see you back, Rita Cooper, and looking so well after your illness.

Norma Reuland took her vacation to go deer hunting, but according to all reports she didn’t catch up on her sleep.

It must be that Austin has an assistant now, or just why is it that the girls call you “boss”, Margaret Fortier?

The porter next to the window isn’t a new girl. It’s June Bunting with a new short hair-do. Attractive, isn’t it?

Minnie Hamlin has her own private shower, but I still don’t think that a woman can run fast enough.

Have you noticed Red Bennett’s flashy new jacket. Pretty sharp, Red.

Congratulations on your wedding anniversary, Mildred “Millie” Embry.

My mistake, Marie. We have to put our hair on pins every night. Why can’t we have curls like Charlie Conners.

The old saying in the room is row, “Up stem or down”.

Misc. Paper Assembly
By Ruth Raskins
Mildred “Millie” Embry has announced the date of her coming marriage to Raymond Brouillet of the Marshall Street Plant. The ceremony will take place February 5, 1949 at 10 o’clock in the morning at St. Francis Church.

Mildred moved to Essex, Vermont, and is enjoying real country life. She keeps chickens and turkeys and has a supply of strictly fresh eggs, if anyone is interested. Millie will assure you the eggs are strictly fresh. There’s a plug for you, Ida.

Looks like Dan Cupid made a direct hit when he pointed his arrow at Alleen Riel and Pat Mazza.

Conversation overheard during deer season:

Millie Embry: “Did you ever catch a deer, Lloyd?”

Lloyd Balluff: “Well, I’ve shot a couple of deer but I never caught one—can’t run last enough. But when I was younger I used to run along side a deer and put his ribs to see if he was alive and fat before I shot him.”

Misc. Paper Finish
By Valma Lincoln
Gerald Devo, I am sorry. I know you go places but you fooled me and went to Champlain instead of Chicopee. My mistake, Marie.

Our boss was out sick last weekend. He still looks sort of, you know—. . . but work it off, Charlie, it’s a good remedy.

Maele Wasko and Ann Malloy were recently seen investigating the Mohawk reservation. They received from the E&O Police a direct hit when they entered the department. Can she cook a mean dinner?

Charlie Connors. Everything happens to me on the wrong days, and to his surprise it didn’t fit. Get one a little larger next time, John.

For informal holiday dates, the basic dress with a detachable peplum is versatile and so becoming. The pattern is Simplicity Printed Pattern 2676 and it’s simple-to-make in sizes 12 to 16.

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