THE CLOTHMAKER





Peace On Earth

In this year 1959, the world is not everything we would like it to be. We have a talent for organization, and a positive genius for making things-machines that are marvelously intricate and precise. Yet, among ourselves, we have never been able to fashion anything except the uneasiest kind of peace on earth, a hesitant, suspicious attempt at goodwill toward men.

But once a year, at Christmas, the vision is available to us. Dimly we catch a glimpse of what the world might be if our ability to produce could be matched by an ability to understand.

Our shortcomings are many and glaring. Even today, half the world goes to bed hungry every night. And over us all streak the rockets. We live under the fearful shadow of our own new-found ability to make the earth a dead and shattered star, drifting lifeless through empty space.

And so, for each one of us individually, we make this Christmas wish. May we capture and hold throughout the New Year that spirit of love and peace and brotherhood that we can all glimpse at Christmas time. As the vision grows brighter, so will our world.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



POINT SYSTEM HITS HARDER WITH LAW CHANGE, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1960

Effective January 1 any South Carolina motorist convicted of a hazardous moving traffic law violation carrying four or more points under the Driver Improvement Point System must prove financial responsibility for the future or lose his driver's license.

The State Highway Department reminds motorists that the Point System provision is one of several extensive changes in the Safety Responsibility law made at the last session of the General Assembly.

During an average month over 4,000 drivers in South Carolina are convicted of traffic law violations carrying four or more points.

Over half of the 20 traffic law violations for which

Your Christmas tree can be the best one ever, if you play it safe. All over the nation newspapers will carry tragic accounts of fires that occur during the Christmas holidays, sometimes around the tree itself.

A Christmas tree burns fiercely, because it is filled with resin and the needles dry out rapidly.

Listed are some safety suggestions offered for your protection.

Choose a small tree. Larger ones present more hazards.

Don't set it up until a few days before Christmas. Keep it outdoors as long as possible.

Choose the right location for the tree. Don't let it block an exit and keep it away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, and television sets.

Stand your tree in water and sprinkle the branches with water from time to time until you bring it indoors to be decorated. Replace water when it has evaporated.

As for decorations—be sure and use only tree lights that carry the Underwriter's Laboratories label, that is a sign of safety. Check wires to see that they are not frayed. Do not plug too many lights into a single wall socket. Keep metal foil icicles and tinsel out of bulb sockets and away from electric toy trains. Never, never run an electric train under the Christmas tree.

points are charged against a person's driving record under the Point System carry four or more points. Six point violations are reckless driving, hit - and - run accidents which cause property damage only, and passing a stopped school bus. Four point violations are: speeding or driving too fast for conditions, disobedience of any official traffic control device and disobedience of any officer directing traffic, failing to yield the right-of-way, driving on the wrong side of the road. passing unlawfully, turning unlawfully, and driving through or within a safety zone.

The minimum automobile liability policy that may be written under the new law must provide at least "\$10,-

000/ \$20,000 \$5,000" coverage as compared to the minimum of "5-10-1" under the old law.

Proof of financial safety responsibility required of individual motorists is usually obtained through an automobile liability insurance policy but may also be provided by depositing cash, securities or corporate surety bonds with the state treasurer.

The State Highway Department advises each motorists to re-examine his motor vehicle liability policy to see if it provides at least \$10,000 insurance protection where an accident results in bodily injury or death to one person; at least \$20,000 for bodily injury or death to two persons in any one accident and at least \$5,000 for injury or destruction of property.





Be SURE-Be SAFE



Many words have passed between us in the past year. We have, in all humility, attempted to provide a Company publication that would be of interest to everyone. Now comes the time of year when we want to sum up what we have been saying, in one way or another, during the year. Thank you for your support and confidence.

We often say, "It goes without saying," so in this issue we will forgo this shortcut, and express our thanks.

The many letters from readers have been deeply appreciated — thank you.

Without our reporters we would have no paper, and we sincerely thank them for their assistance.

We also recognize that the officers and management have been instrumental in the publication of our paper with their unstinting cooperation and support.

May God bless you all and everyone. Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Happy New Year.

> Claude A. Crocker Calvin Cooper Ellis Huffstetler

Throw away all gift wrappings as soon as presents have been opened. Turn off the Christmas tree lights when no one is home.

As soon as the needles start falling, take the tree down and discard it. The city officials would appreciate it if citizens would saw their trees in half and tie the two pieces into a compact bundle with rope or twine.

If we have a Christmas which is accident-free, it will be a happy Christmas for all.



To little children everywhere, Reluctant feet upon the stair. Eyes filled with wonder, ears that hear Elfin sleighbells drawing near Merry, merry Christmas!

To parents who so lovingly Have decked the star-crowned Christmas Tree. Then join their neighbors as they go Carol singing to-and-fro . . Happy, happy Christmas!

To men of good will far and wide Whose hearts and homes this Christmas-tide Welcome in the lonely stranger As their offering to the Manger ... Blessed, blessed Christmas!

Maureen Murdoch