

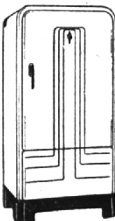
## Give PRACTICAL LASTING . . .

. . . THIS YEAR

No Christmas gift can mean so much to wife and mother as one that will mean relief from mental tasks, long hours of drudgery, and exhausting work in an ugly, outmoded kitchen and an old-fashioned laundry. You will find the IDEAL gift to be one or more of these modern labor-savers.



THIS BEAUTIFUL  
SERVEL  
ELECTROLUX  
Gas Refrigerator



It's DIFFERENT from all  
others, NO MOVING PARTS  
in its freezing system

mean:  
PERMANENT SILENCE. CONT-  
INUED LOW OPERATING COST.  
MOST YEARS OF DEPENDABLE  
SERVICE. SAVINGS THAT PAY  
FOR IT.

PAY ONLY  
5% DOWN  
36 MONTHS TO PAY

This Christmas Can Be Made  
to Last a LIFETIME for MOTHER



Merriest Christmas for Mother—that's what this new Automatic A-B Gas Range will mean to her. Freedom from eternal vigilance over preparation of meals—no oven watching. It will cook a complete meal automatically. It assures her such leisure from the kitchen as she has never had before.

Think of it ONLY \$69.75 CASH  
AND YOUR OLD RANGE

And HERE'S  
the IDEAL FAMILY  
GIFT... A GAS  
WATER HEATER



Every member of the family will appreciate hot water on tap when they want it. It also means much to health and happiness. Take advantage of this SPECIAL Christmas offer.

Special... TRADE IN  
YOUR OLD EQUIPMENT \$6.00  
FOR  
AND YOUR OLD COIL \$5.00  
AND SAVE \$11.00

KNOW THE JOY OF HAVING Hot Water ALL THE TIME

CONSUMERS POWER COS.  
GREAT Year-End SALE

Fire Prevention  
At Christmas

Following is an article contributed by the Oakland County Firemen's Association:

"The home of Mr. and Mrs. Average Citizen was extensively damaged by fire last night. Mr. and Mrs. A. Citizen, in preparation for the Christmas holidays, had decorated their home with the conventional red and green tissue paper and tinsel. The living room light fixture was covered with colored tissue paper and celluloid reflectors and paper streamers ran to all corners of the room. The heat generated by the bulbs in the electric fixture caused the flimsy paper to ignite, which spread rapidly to all parts of the room. The Christmas tree, draperies, curtains and furniture were soon a roaring inferno. The local fire department responded and confined the damage to the first floor. The loss was partially covered by insurance. Mr. and Mrs. Average Citizen and family were fortunate to have escaped without injury."

You are probably saying to yourself, "It's too bad," and, "A little more thought might have prevented the fire." BUT did you stop to realize that it might have been your chance to read instead of Mr. and Mrs. Average Citizen?

Don't take chances when you decorate your home for the Holidays. See that all decorating material is as near fire-proof as possible. Be sure all your Christmas tree lights are in perfect condition. Defective sockets and bare wires can cause fires. Keep all metallic tinsel from coming in contact with the metal base of the Christmas tree bulbs. Reflectors that fit around the bulbs should be properly insulated. A small spark or short-circuit can turn your Christmas tree into a mass of flames.

Don't place pine branches near an open fireplace. Never use candles on the tree; they look pretty, but are exceedingly dangerous. Avoid placing inflammable material, such as cellophane, tissue paper and celluloid ornaments against an electric light bulb. Leave plenty of air space between the bulb and material. All outdoor lighting should be weather-proof. Use only approved cords and appliances. It is dangerous to place extension and lamp cords under rugs. Never insert more than a 15 ampere fuse in a branch circuit. If in doubt, call your local light and power company.

When unwrapping Christmas gifts, dispose of the used paper in the stove or furnace as soon as possible so it is a distinct hazard, especially if there are careless smokers around. And above all, don't let a little carelessness deprive you and your family of a MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Employment Service  
Fills 2,357 Jobs

The Michigan Unemployment Compensation Commission today announced that the Michigan State Employment Service, a commission division, had filled 2,357 jobs throughout the State during the week ending 12-20-39.

"Of the total placements made by the Employment Service during this period," McDonald said, "2,190 were in private employment, an increase of 92.4 per cent over the corresponding weekly period last year."

The total number of jobs found by the Michigan State Employment Service during the first 11 months of this year is now 121,572. Of these, 99,339 were in private industry and 22,233 in public jobs such as P. W. A., Federal, State, County and Municipal projects.

The active file listing those persons actually seeking work through the Employment Service decreased to 201,607 at the end of the week. New applications for work totalled 4,050 in the same week, a decrease of 25.6 per cent over the corresponding period last year.

Herd of 20 Elk  
Comes to Salt Block  
At Vanderbilt, Mich.

VANDERBILT.—A herd of 20 elk has gathered recently at a salt block placed near headquarters in the Pigeon River state forest east of here. It is the first time so large a herd of the animals has been reported seen in the Pigeon River country in several years.

In 1918 about 30 elk obtained from Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and from various zoos and parks were released in Roscommon, Otsego and Montmorency counties, nucleus of a herd which has been estimated to have increased to 500 animals. However, the elk are scattered over a large area and do not congregate in large numbers.

Elk once were native to Michigan and early explorers reported their abundance. The last of the native elk apparently disappeared about 60 years ago.

Violators of game laws and natural hazards hold the herd in check.

Beet Sugar Output  
285 Million Pounds

SAGINAW.—Latest preliminary estimates set Michigan's 1939 beet sugar production at 285,000,000 pounds according to Arthur A. Schupp, executive secretary of the Farmers and Manufacturers Beet Sugar Association.

This production means much business for Michigan. "Because sugar beet checks are even now making themselves felt in the channels of trade. The 1939 beet crop will put about \$7,304,000 in the pockets of Michigan's 18,000 beet growing farmers."

## Woman Coroner Has Deer for Pet



Her job is one few women would relish, but her home life is much like that of any other housewife. Mrs. Helen K. Shaw, 37, wife of an undertaker, is now coroner of Sussex county, N. J. Mother of two boys, Mrs. Shaw's prize pet a deer, adopted 18 months ago, and now tame and friendly as a kitten.

Vitamin A Necessary  
In Balanced Diet,  
Says Nutrition Expert

There'll be no startling symptoms but anyone who doesn't get a suitable supply of vitamin A will "enjoy" poor health ultimately, members of the home economics extension staff at Michigan State College point out.

Children may have defective teeth or escape normal growth if they lack this vitamin, discovered as a distinct chemical substance a quarter century ago.

There need be no extra spending of money for food, but a wise choice of foods among five principal nutrients will insure the diet contains plentiful supplies of the substance.

Suggestions offered by nutrition specialists include liver as one of the richest sources of vitamin A. Substantial amounts are contained in whole milk or cream or their products such as butter and cheese. Egg yolks and fish such as salmon and sardines are other sources.

Fruits and vegetables often indicate they carry these essential carotenes when the products are green or yellow in color. Kale and spinach are typical excellent sources. Leafy vegetables such as cabbage and lettuce carry supplies, but the greener the leaves the richer these vegetables are in supplies of the vitamin.

Those who like yellow can pick yellow carrots, yellow fleshed sweet potatoes or Hubbard squash. Apricots and peaches are two yellow fruits that can be added to the list. Rapid cooking or home or commercial canning methods take little away from the vitamin content of these recommended selections.

No Snow Tough  
On Snowshoe Hares

CHEBOYGAN.—Nature and the weather man have played a mean trick on the snowshoe or varying hares this season. Their fur has changed from brown to white and, lacking the protective background of snow, they are easily spotted targets.

The varying hare, so called because its coat changes color, is widely distributed in the northern countries of the lower peninsula and above the Straits. The Indians called it Wabash, the product of a snowdrift crossed with a little brown hare.

She is Love may be blind, but the average mother-in-law is an eye opener—U. S. S. Reina Mercedes Gallean.

Runs One-Woman  
Flying School

After 10 years in the business of aviation, Janet Hall Knight owns her own flying school where she flies, teaches students and services her own ships. More than 200 students, mostly men, have taken her instruction to receive private pilot licenses.

Public Servants  
Subject to Tax

Giles Kavanagh, collector of Internal Revenue for the District of Michigan, announced that several thousand new income taxpayers are to be added to his already large list of 370,000 Michigan persons, who will file income tax returns under the provisions of the Public Salary Tax Act of 1939.

This law passed at the last session of Congress puts to rest the old question of public salary taxation. The salary of federal employees has always been taxable, but until this year, beginning Jan. 1, 1939, state salaries were not taxable under federal taxing authority. All public school teachers, all state and county officials, and city and village executives and employees are now subject to the income tax. Some of them have been paying tax on income received from other sources, but until the current year have not been required to include the salary received as a teacher or public official. Married couples, where one or the other has income from the state or a political subdivision, must now combine their incomes to determine taxability.

For 1939 and subsequent years, the tax is upon the net income which is determined by subtracting the allowable deductions and personal exemptions from the gross income. Ordinary deductions are interest paid on indebtedness (like a mortgage on a home) all taxes paid, (except income and improvement tax) benevolences to one's church or any organized charity, bad debts which became worthless during the year for which the return was made and 10% of earned net income. The personal exemption of husband and wife living together is \$2,500, and an additional \$400 for each child under 18 years of age. Single persons without dependents have an exemption of \$1,000. Persons with a gross income of \$5,000 or more should file their return on Form 1040; those below \$5,000 on Form 973.52.

1040-A. These forms may be procured from the Collector of Internal Revenue, Detroit, Mich., and will be available after Jan. 5, 1940. These should be executed and mailed to reach his office by March 15, 1940. The forms contain full information relative to their preparation.

Say Cost of Living  
13.7 Per Cent Less  
Than 10 Years Ago

The total family budget of a Detroit family of five persons rose to 1.06 per cent from November, 1928, to the present, according to figures released today by the Visiting Housekeeper Association of the Community Fund. Each year the Association prepares a minimum budget for a family consisting of man, woman, girl of six years, girl of 12, and boy of 14. The budgets are not figured according to wages paid, but according to the needs of the family to maintain a decent standard of living.

Compared with the figures of the Association for November of 1929, the cost of living today is 13.7 per cent less than at that time, according to Marcia E. Ward, director of the Association.

On an annual basis, the cost of maintaining a family of the size mentioned as of November 15, 1939, was \$1,716.36. In 1929 the cost for a similar family was \$1,973.52.

Albion Professor  
A Desmid Specialist

ALBION.—The largest monograph collection of desmids in the world—82 per cent of the species known to mankind—is to be found in the files of Dr. G. W. Prescott, associate professor of biology at Albion college. Dr. Prescott, for the last ten years, has been gathering and cataloging these peculiar water plants until his collection now includes more than seven thousand photostatic reproductions and descriptive notes on desmids.

ARE WE THANKFUL ENOUGH? It is a land of freedom. That we all love to live. Where you can make someone happy. By things you do or give. Where there are no bombs 'a' bursting. No shells 'a' whizzing by. Where there is no submarine awaiting. For a ship that's passing by. Our boys are all here with us. For which we're mighty glad. As I know you all love yours. The same as I, my lad. So let us be more thankful. On this Christmas day. That the roar and boom of war. Still is, so far away.

JOHN E. WILSON, SR.  
478 Park St.

"What broke up the pajama party?"

"An old-fashioned girl appeared in a nightgown."

ECONOMY...  
You get it in a FORD

**BETTER PERFORMANCE**

**Get Your Car Tuned To More Mileage**

**HI-SPEED A GUARANTEED GAS**

**with the NEW SUPER HI-SPEED EX-CARBON GAS**

**GUARANTEED TO GIVE MORE MILEAGE**

**QUICKER STARTING**

**HIGHER ANTI-KNOCK**

**BETTER PERFORMANCE**

**AT REGULAR GAS PRICE**

**TRY IT TODAY!**

**Guarantee. . .**  
The New Super HI-SPEED Ex-Carbon Gasoline is guaranteed to give greater mileage . . . quicker starting . . . better performance . . . and to have a higher anti-knock than any motor fuel HI-SPEED has ever offered at "regular" gas price.