

**LADIES
HAVE
YOU
HEARD?**




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**'Tis The Season
To Be Careful**

Christmas 'tis the season to be jolly," but also "tis the season to be careful." For a merry Christmas safe from fire follow these helpful hints:

— Keep candles away from children's reach. Don't place candles near draperies, hanging Christmas decorations and greenery. Extinguish candles when you leave the room or your home. Matches should be stored out of reach of children.

— Watch out for those Christmas tree lights! Make sure the cords aren't frayed and the plugs fit tightly into wall outlets. Don't leave lights burning overnight or when you leave the house.

— Keep Christmas trees watered. When the holiday season is over, don't keep the tree too long. A dry Christmas tree is easily ignited.

— Wrapping paper is combustible. After the gifts are opened, place used paper away from sources of ignition - matches, heaters, candles.

— When you tuck the toddlers into bed on Christmas Eve, make sure they're wearing flame retardant sleepwear for added safety. Keep an eye on the children. It only takes a minute for a fire to start. In that minute your Christmas could go up in smoke.

— Christmas is party time. Use caution when emptying ashtrays - be sure cigarettes are cold before throwing into the trash. Guests can be careless; watch for

Ideal Man?

Often, a woman's ideal man is the one that she turned down twenty years ago as being to ordinary.

dropped cigarettes and matches.

**Energy Conservation
Needed At Home**

Energy conservation is a serious matter. Power shortages are occurring and it is time for each person to do whatever possible to cut down on usage.

Small savings in each home will be compounded into a sizeable difference. Applying energy saving techniques saves money, too. One way to cut down on consumption and cost is to put the following laundering procedures into practice.

The purpose is to reduce energy needed to heat water and to operate washer, dryer and iron. Wash and dry full loads—but don't overload the machines. If a load smaller than the capacity of the machine is to be washed, fill the tub with just the amount of water needed. Some machines feature an automatic water level selector. Others may be controlled manually. Soak heavily-soiled garments instead of washing them twice.

Use correct amounts of cleaning products. Read instruction booklets carefully. The recommendations in booklets, on packages and bottles are the result of testing in order to get the best performance and satisfaction from a product or appliance.

Don't make equipment work harder than necessary. A clean machine in good repair operates better. Avoid using extension cords for major appliances and don't overload circuits.

Clean lint filters in washer and dryer after each use. Be sure

dryer is vented. Select correct drying temperature and time. Over-drying wastes energy and results in a wrinkling of fabrics that is difficult to remove. By taking out garments promptly when the dryer stops, much ironing can be eliminated. Iron

large amounts at one time rather than several small loads. Use the lowest setting on an iron possible to do a good job. Press items that need a cool or warm iron first as heat is building up and again at the end to utilize heat after iron is turned off.

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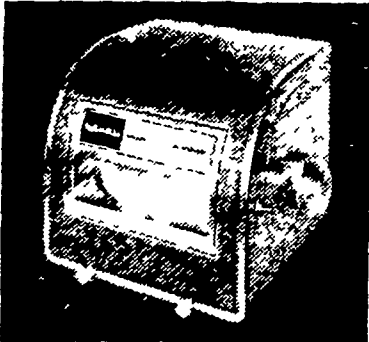


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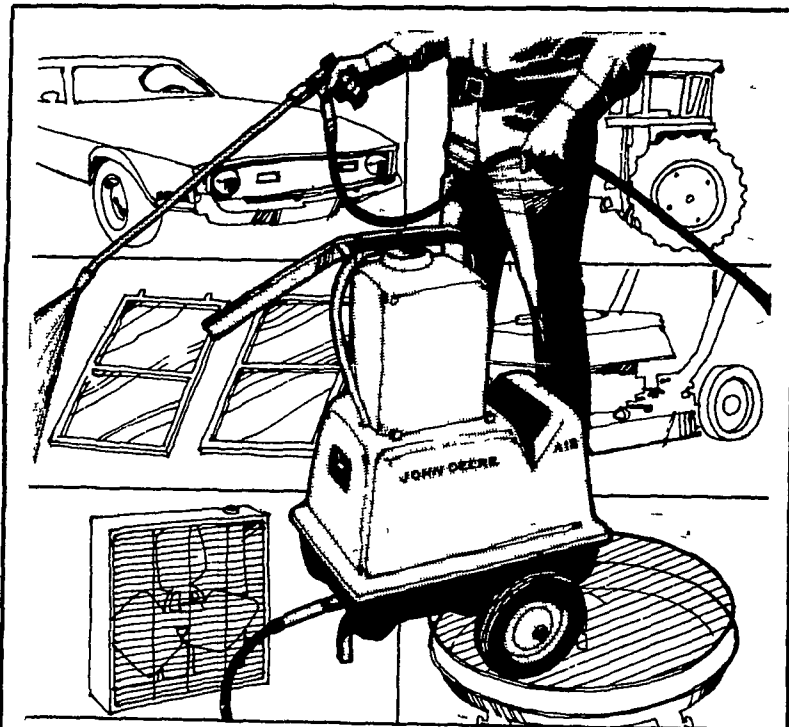


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