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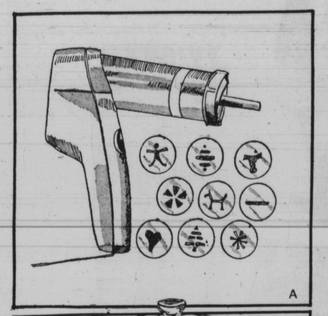
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A. SALE ... WEAR-EVER[R] ELECTRIC COOKIE MAKER

$20.95 *regularly $24.95*

Fill the house with the delicious aroma of freshly baked cookies . . . and do it the easy way with the Super Shooter[R]. Makes canapes, candy, garnishes desserts and fills pastries.

B. SALE ... RIVAL[R] COOK 'N' SERVE CROCK POT

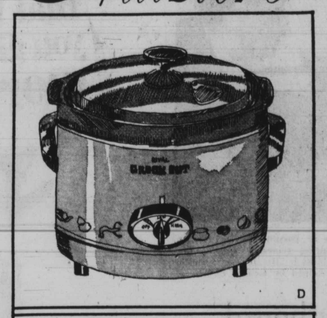
$17.95 *regularly $21.88*

Buffet style cooking and serving adds a convenient touch to your holidays by saving valuable time, energy and money. 3½-qt. pot has buffet handles and feet, detachable cord.

C. SALE ... RIVAL[R] CROCK POT WITH SERVE LINER

$20.95 *regularly $24.95*

What's the hurry? Take your time preparing great meals with the 3½-qt. slow-cook pot to do your work. You can even serve your meal right in the removable crock to save on clean-ups.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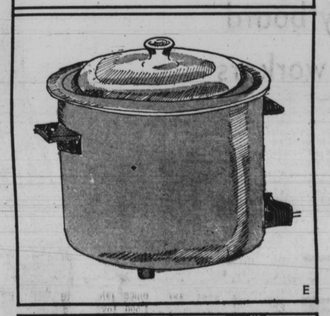
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D. SALE ... RIVAL[R] DELUXE 5-QT. CROCK COOKER

$28.50 *regularly $33.88*

Stoneware slow cooker needs no watching, no stirring. Ends worries about burning unattended food, too. Lexan[R] case stays cool while the meal stays hot; a modern convenience!

E. REDUCTION SALE ... WEAR-EVER[R] POKEY POT[R]

$15.95 *regularly $32.95*

Extra-big savings here for gift-givers . . . 3½-qt. size pot features a removable crock to make serving a breeze and cleaning as easy as pie. Good way to save time and money!

F. SAVE ... WEST BEND[R] NON-STICK ELECTRIC WOK

$26.95 *regularly $29.95*

For authentic Oriental style cooking, this occidental invention is simply super! Among other things, you can stir fry food in just a tiny amount of oil! 6-qt. size; dishwasher safe.

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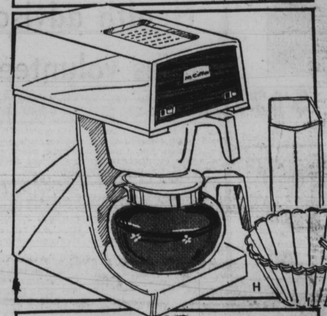
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G. SALE ... CON AIR[R] 1200 WATT PISTOL DRYER

$19.95 *regularly $24.95*

Annie-get-your-gun and make your hair look fantastic for that holiday party! The pistol-packin' dryer is the way to blow now; 4 settings, high velocity for really fast drying.

H. SAVE ... MR. COFFEE[R] DRIP COFFEE MAKER

$29.50 *regularly $32.95*

For home or office, Mr. Coffee makes 10 delicious cups of hot java in less than 5 minutes. It's never bitter because coffee isn't boiled. Glass container keeps taste pure and authentic.

J. SALE ... MR. COFFEE 12[R] FOR 12 TASTY CUPS

$33.95 *regularly $39.95*

By now you know the story on Mr. Coffee: it delivers the flavor you favor. This model makes 12 cups, perfectly brewed to pass the taste test. A boon to have during the holidays.

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# Christmas is a-coming with only 22 days left to get ready

(AFRO staff photo by Roman Hankewycz)

PARCELS AT THE MAIN POST OFFICE (left panel) begins to pile up higher on the conveyor as the Christmas season gets underway. In the right panel, Miss Dorlene Brown, one of the many mailhandlers at the post office, starts processing the large mound of packages.

## Will your package get there before Christmas Eve???????

U. S. Postal Service officials stated although they are ready to handle the excess amount of Christmas parcels resulting from the United Parcel Service strike the post offices are just beginning to feel the affect it has on the mailing.

"The Baltimore Post Office was handling its customers' Christmas parcels with ease this week," said Postmaster Warren M. Bloomberg. "However if we get the parcels beyond this week, we are seriously concerned about getting them delivered in time for the holidays."

The reason for this concern explained Frank Thomas, spokesman for the Baltimore Postal Service, is the unprecedented challenge of handling three times the normal volume due to the UPS strike and the usual heavy Christmas rush.

According to Thomas the volume, which is normally 35,000 to 40,000 packages a day, has increased 170 to 200 percent since the strike began, bringing the volume to close to 80,000 packages a day.

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The strike by 17,000 UPS employes on the eastern seaboard entered into its 12th week this week with no apparent end to the negotiations.

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Although the talks have been under a virtual information blackout the key issue seems to revolve around hiring of part time help for inside sorting.

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While the stalemated talks in Washington continue Thomas explained the post office is dealing with the problem by hiring "casuals" or part-timers for 89 days.

At the present time, according to postal officials, they have 250 casuals on the payroll.

Thomas feels the Baltimore post office can handle the increased volume after today's mailing deadline by judging the past performances of area residents when they mail their packages.

However, Postmaster Bloomberg pointed out that the Christmas mail volume has been far below expectations at this point in time, bringing about a fear that the public is waiting too long to do its mailing.

## Toys can break a kid's heart if Santa can't afford to bring them

### Parents warned against dangerous playthings and paying high prices

By Pam Widgeon

Will mommy and daddy be able to buy their children those expensive dolls, bicycles, skateboards and other toys this year for Christmas?

An AFRO survey shows that $46 billion was spent last year on toys for children and by Jan. 31 most of their toys were broken.

This year thousands of children will not receive toys because parents have said, "They don't have the money for those expensive toys." Skates, tricycles, toy trucks, cars, non-flying airplanes, boats and dolls are among children's favorite toys.

According to U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 150,000 people received hospital emergency room treatment for injuries associated with toys.

Falls are the most frequent type of accident, but many serious injuries result from children swallowing small parts or placing tiny toys in noses and ears, from exploding gas-powered toys, flammable products and sharp edges.

Be sure to choose toys with care and keep in mind the child's age, interest and skill level. Make sure all directions or instructions are clear to you and your child.

Read the label for age recommendations, such as "not recommended for children under three." Since 1970, more than 1,500 toys have been banned.

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If you buy your child a toy that has the following characteristics, be sure to take it back immediately because it is considered a "dangerous toy" for children.

They are toy rattles containing rigid wires, sharp points, or loose small objects that could become exposed and cause cuts, punctures or other injuries.

Also, baby bouncers and similar articles that support very young children while sitting, walking, or bouncing, which could cause injury to the child such as pinching, cutting or bruising.

A safety regulation for electrically operated toys went into effect Sept. 3, 1973. All electrical toys must bear warning labels that state they are not recommended for children under a certain age.

Due to tight budgets, many parents are now making toys for their children. If you have sewing skills, women's magazines often show ways to make toys.

(AFRO staff photo by Roman Hankewycz)

BICYCLES — Last year 465,976 children wre injured while riding bikes. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission reports 21,117 children who were injured were treated at hospitals.

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ALL THIS for Christmas. Danica Carter, 5, is surrounded by toys in a local store and seems to have a problem deciding which ones she would like Santa to bring her.

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BABY ALIVE has been one of the most popular dolls since 1974. Chantel Carter, 7, is shown giving the doll milk. The doll actually eats non-toxic doll food.

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JUNGLE OF GAMES are seen in every toy store and sell from $1 to $15. This year, there are 200 new games available for children and adults.