Burn Quickly

Do not open until Christmas. But when you do unwrap those gifts, get rid of that wrapping paper fast. A spark or carelessly discarded cigarette can turn your holiday fun into a flaming tragedy, so make sure all wrapping is gathered up and burned in the incinerator or put in the garbage can. If you must burn it, don't use the fireplace—too many chimney fires start from this one cause. Observe commonsense fire safety rules this coming festive season and we will all have a Merry Firesafe Christmas.

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Use Non-Combustible Yule Decorations Warns Fire Chief

Your local fire chief issued a warning today against the indiscriminate use of inflammable Christmas decorations. "Home decorations should be made of non-combustible materials," he said. These materials include metals, glass, asbestos etc. Figures released by the Ontario Fire Marshall's office showed over 5,000 fires and nearly $10,000,000 in property loss with 58 fire deaths during the period containing the holiday season in 1957.

In the past, many a festive season has become one of stark tragedy because the beautiful but dangerous decorations of paper, cotton, tree branches and other flammables have suddenly become a flaming menace to life and property. These can be made far safer if they have been "flame proofed" by the manufacturer and purchasers should be sure this has been done before buying. Many children's costumes are made of highly flammable materials which, if not flame-proofed, are potential killers in the home.

Christmas is the season for children and the chief asked that adults pay special attention to their protection during this season. Because there is a tendency to "step out for a drink" during the festive season, care should be taken to make sure the children are being attended by a responsible person at all times, with complete written and verbal instructions for all emergencies, which could arise. The chief emphasized that it was an offence under the Criminal Code of Canada to expose a child to danger through neglect.

Visible sunlight comprises only one-sixteenth of the rays of radiant energy in the world.

Christmas Warmth

Dickens' "Carol" is Friendly

Charles Dickens is renowned for the warm and friendly scenes of Christmas which he pictured in many of his novels. One of the most famous from A Christmas Carol is synopsized here:

The Reformed Scrooge

The clock struck nine. No. Bob. A quarter past. No. Bob. Bob was full 18 minutes and a half behind the time.

"Hallo," growled Scrooge, in his accustomed voice, as near as he could feign it. "What do you mean by coming here at this time of day?"

"I'm sorry, sir. I'm behind my time."

"You are? Yes, I think you are. Step this way, if you please."

"It's only once a year, sir. It shall not be repeated. I was making rather merry yesterday, sir."

"Now I'll tell you what, my friend. I am not going to stand this sort of think any longer. And therefore," Scrooge continued, giving Bob such a dig in the waistcoat that he staggered back into the tank again, "and therefore, I am about to raise your salary."

Bob trembled.

"A Merry Christmas, Bob, my good fellow, merrier than I have given you for many a year! I'll raise your salary and endeavor to assist your struggling family and we will discuss your affairs this very afternoon over a Christmas bowl of smoking bishop, Bob. Make up the fires and buy a second scuttle of coal before you dot another i, Bob Cratchit."

Scrooge was better than his word. He did all and infinitely more; and to Tiny Tim he became a second father. He became as good a friend, as good a master, and as good a man as the good city knew, or any other good old city, town or borough in the good old world. Some people laughed to see the alteration in him but his own heart laughed and that was quite enough for him.

It was always said of him that he knew how to keep Christmas well, if any man alive possessed the knowledge.

May that be truly said of all of us! —From A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens.

Dolls More Realistic This Year Wide Variety For Under Tree

This Christmas, dolls will participate more realistically than ever before in lives of children.

The "get well" doll, for example, will arrive under the Yuletide tree equipped with crutches and bandages. There's a ranch doll outfitted with accessories for range riding and cattle rustling.

Gardener Doll

Another doll makes a career of gardening. Her kit includes a variety of minature gardening tools as well as a smock, sun hat and basket for cutflowers.

There's the beach outfitted doll, the skier and skater including even special outfits and accessories for picnicking.

The playmates type doll achieves the ultimate in realism in a new "family" of dolls ranging from six months to six years which are real life-size. So zealous is the doll designer to achieve realism, that weight, as well as dimensions are the same as the U.S. government's average for each age group.

Santa's doll pack will bring a bumper crop of baby dolls this Christmas, reports Toy Guidance Council. More talented than ever the infant contingent in toyland will exhibit more remarkable flexibility than ever before in addition to "nearly human" ability to cry, drink and wet.

Good habit building gets special attention in the kits that accompany 1959's realistic dolls. For going to bed, the toothbrush is an essential. Up to the minute methods of shampooing and setting hair are provided. Tomorrow's baby sitter will have absorbed a complete course in basic training at doll level.

Auto Traveller

The colic-proof nipple, the slip-proof bathinette and the draft-proof carriage get precedence in the 1960 baby doll's equipment. Even auto travel is made super comfortable for the well outfitted baby doll with a portable car bed which also doubles as a nursery bed.

The mesh playpen has appeared to shelter the up to the minute baby doll.

Doll house furniture, too, keeps up to date with modular designs and matched kitchen equipment.

Sleeping Beauty, Too

Always alert to fashion trends, the 1960 doll world takes inspiration from the latest Paris couturier showings. The shirtwaist dress with wide swinging skirts, petticoat-propped, has supplanted the chemise. The stole is available for street and evening wear.

New for the young couturier is a dress designer kit for Magic Mary, a doll with a magnetized body. No sewing is needed. Costumes are cut from chic patterns, decorated with lace and braid with the aid of glue. Magic Mary's magnet takes care of perfect fit automatically.

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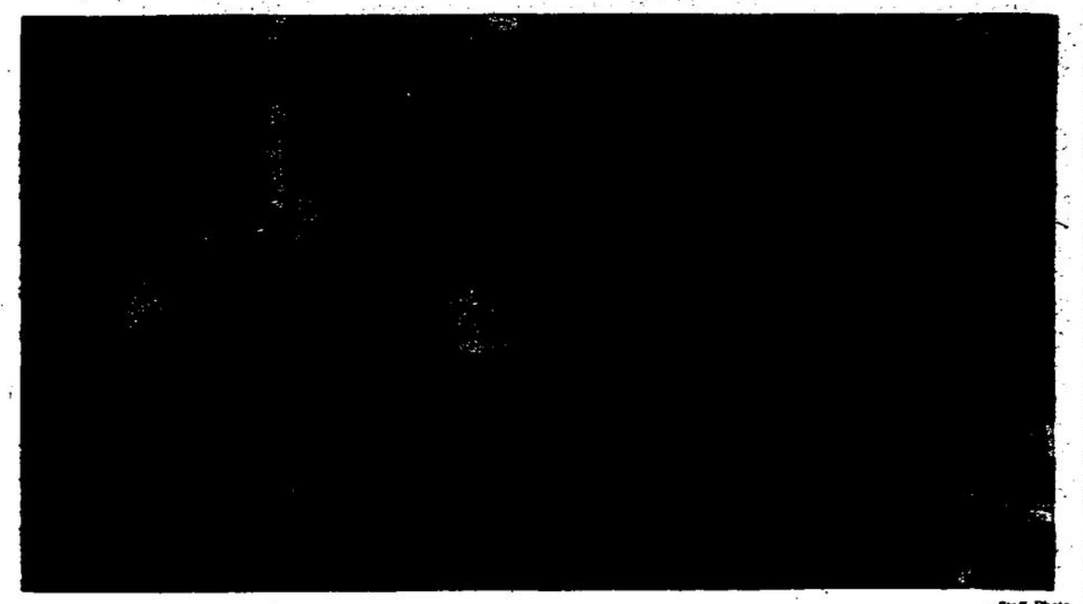

—Staff Photo

CHRISTMAS DINNER means a busy time for the ladies of the Acton Baptist church and last Friday evening they catered to members of the congregation. A large number sat down to enjoy a Christmas dinner prior to the entertainment at the church. As usual the church members took part in the program and made the Christmas party a success. Pictured above are some of the congregation as they enjoyed the dinner.

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HE COULD BE BOUGHT

Phil: Can I touch you for a fiver, old man?

Bill: For a fiver, you can hit me with a telegraph pole.

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One Flash

Just a minute. That's all it takes for a Christmas tree to burn down to charred wood. In fact, it only takes 18 seconds for the average evergreen to be destroyed completely by fire. Don't take chances with fire this Christmas. Buy a Christmas tree that's fresh and keep it outside until day before Christmas. Then, when you decorate the tree, inspect the lights for defects and frayed cords. Let's all have a Merry, Firesafe Christmas.

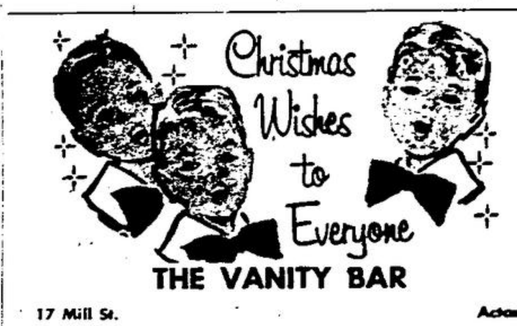
Firesafe Christmas

Christmas is the time to be extra careful about fire. Christmas decorations should be of non-combustible materials such as metals, glass or asbestos. Guard against sparks from your fireplace by providing a proper screen. Plenty of big ashtrays around, too! Let's all have a merry, firesafe Christmas.

Hire A Sitter

Going out this Christmas? Wherever you go, make sure your children are looked after by a competent baby sitter. Christmas trees, Christmas decorations and wrapping may invite fire as a holiday guest. Never leave children alone at Christmas or any other time. Let's all have a merry firesafe Christmas.

A family man is one who has replaced the currency in his wallet with snapshots.



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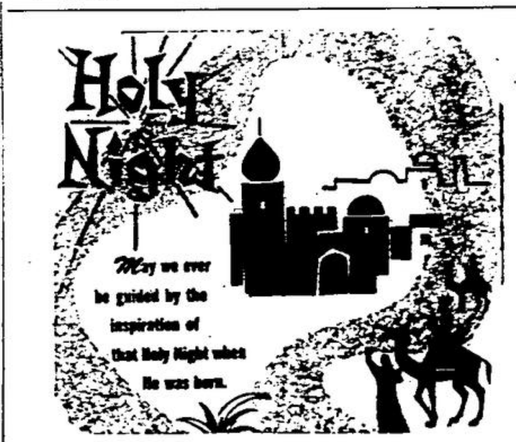

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