

## STATE FIRE MARSHAL ISSUES TREE WARNING

### DO NOT USE ANY CANDLES

**Danger of Fires Can Practically be Eliminated by the Use of Noninflammable Lights**

Discard the Christmas Tree candles, or ban the flimsy, inflammable decorations.

For safety's sake, use electrical illumination, or trim the tree only with non-inflammable tinsel and ornaments.

This is the advice of State Fire Marshal John G. Gamber in a warning against Christmas tree fires, urging that every precaution be taken to prevent the day from being marred by accident.

"Every year Christmas tree fires take a toll in lives and homes in Illinois," says the Fire Marshal. "Each year there are homes in which Yuletide joy is turned to sadness on this account and every now and then a whole community is bowed in sorrow over some Christmas tree tragedy.

"A Christmas tree is a thing of beauty. It also is a potential torch, for its branches are full of rosin. Trimmed with paper festooning, tissue paper bells, celluloid ornaments and other highly inflammable decorations, it awaits only a spark from a lighted candle or momentary contact with its flame to flare up into a roaring, consuming mass of flames.

"The danger can be practically eliminated by the use of electrical illumination and, where candles are used, can be minimized by decorating only with non-inflammable tinsel and ornaments.

"Nothing but electrical illumination."  
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## UNITED EVANGELICAL

The regular monthly meetings of the Philathea and Baraca classes were held on Tuesday evening of this week, the former at the home of the Haele sisters on Homewood avenue, and the latter at the home of Dr. Earl Fritsch on Glencoe avenue. These two organizations are strong forces for the spiritual and social life of the church.

The two prayer meetings united this week on Wednesday evening at the church parlors, and after a short session the annual election of officers of the Sunday school was held. The result of this election will be given next week.

The W. F. & A. M. society will meet on Thursday at 2:30 at the home of Mrs. Olson, 996 North Green Bay road.

The Sunday services are as follows:

Bible school at 9:30.  
Morning sermon by the pastor at 10:45.

The meetings of the Juniors are suspended until after the Christmas exercises are over.

The K. L. C. E. meets at 8:45. The subject for the evening will be "How to Use the Bible."—Ps. 19:7-14. Frances Fritsch, leader.

Evening song and sermon at 7:30.

The pastor would like to meet all who are interested in a Bible study class at the parsonage at 8 o'clock Saturday evening to talk over the time and place and other features of the work.

Will some mathematical crank figure the energy in horse power that is wasted by the gum-chewers of this country?—Highland Park Press, Dec. 4, 1919. Why dignify this annoyance by calling it horse power? Those who disfigure their faces in public by chewing gum have longer ears than horses.—Contributed.

## CLEVER, ISN'T HE?



Agriculture is dead in Mexico now, and the only thing raised is ransom money to free kidnapped Americans.

Judging by the looks of some of the girls, the fall coats of paint are still being put on.

Some people have no time to look around and see if any poor families need help, as their time is taken up selecting three cent post cards for their friends to throw in the waste paper baskets.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Bible school will begin at nine o'clock next Sunday morning.

The morning service will begin at eleven o'clock.

Mr. H. D. Faxon will lead the Young People's Society at seven fifteen on the topic "How to Use the Bible."

The Rev. George Craig Stewart, D. D., of St. Luke's Church, Evanston, will speak at eight o'clock on the topic, "The Road Builders."

The Dorcas Society will hold an all day meeting next Monday, serving luncheon for 25 cents at twelve o'clock.

The Westminster Guild will meet at two thirty at the residence of Mrs. Frederick A. Watkins, 237 Hazel avenue.

The prayer meeting will be held at eight o'clock on Wednesday night.

The loose change offering made on the Sunday morning before Christmas will go towards the Furlough Fund for Dr. and Mrs. Kepler Van Evers, our missionaries in Hangchow, China.

At eight o'clock on the Sunday night before Christmas there will be a special musical service at which Mr. Louis Kreidler will sing some Christmas music. The Christmas story will be told through the motion pictures.

What shall be done with the fellows who are hoarding sugar in anticipation of higher prices? O well, put 'em in jail for 90 days, and feed 'em entirely on fudge and molasses candy.

While considerable part of the potato crop rotted in the ground owing to lack of help to dig it, the athletic youth of the country have spent the fall months kicking and passing football.

## MANY USEFUL HINTS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

### BUY EARLY—GET THE BEST

**Our Advertising Columns This Week Are Overflowing With Suggestions for Christmas Shoppers**

The spirit of Christmas is felt in the newspaper columns long before the holidays. The ad writers realize that the public wants to know what the stores are doing for Christmas. The advertising begins to sound more like a news story, with its account of the new things that have come into the store.

Stores that advertise in a rather routine way a good deal of the time, wake up to the fact that a good live notice about Christmas stuff is going to get a lot of readers. They begin to do what they should do every week in the year, and that is to describe their stuff and tell at what prices it is offered.

Many people don't know what to give their friends for Christmas. They have made certain standard presents year after year, and don't want to buy just the same kind of gift.

Reading the Christmas advertising helps a great many people to decide what to give. They pick up the newspapers in a spirit of inquiry, anxious to know what is being offered. A merchant who doesn't announce some of his most attractive things, must seem out of the game altogether. The long lists of Christmas articles answer many questions, and among the suggestions everyone finds something that will be just what is wanted.

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# The Home of the Christmas Club

Our message to you this week is told in the picture—the Bank Building—the home and birth place of the *Christmas Club* in Highland Park. Five years ago the first member of the *Christmas Club* was enrolled here. Each year the membership has grown by leaps and bounds. Today, in Highland Park, Deerfield, Highwood and Fort Sheridan this Bank Building is known as *The Home of the Christmas Club*. The \$12,000.00 which we have just distributed will bring bountiful yuletide cheer to the club members in these communities.

## The 1920 Club is Now Open

We have the various up-to-date plans—plans for the children, plans for the young men and women who earn good wages, plans for older folks who want to make certain a happy Christmas next year. You are invited to come at once direct to headquarters where surely you will be pleased.

# The HIGHLAND PARK STATE BANK

*The Home of the Christmas Club*

FRANK J. BAKER, President

J. M. APPEL, Vice President

C. F. GRANT, Cashier



Offered  
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- STORIES
- ... \$1.35
- ... 1.35
- Gables ... 1.35
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- BOOKS
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