

Greetings of the Season
...and may the spirit of Christmas bring most wonderful blessings to you

F. G. SCOTCHMER DRUGGIST RICHMOND HILL

Suggestions For A Merry And Fire-Safe Christmas

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Every year fires turn our happy Christmas Season into tragedy. Christmas fires occur because extra hazards are brought into homes schools and public buildings. A little knowledge of these hazards and how to prevent tragic fires will help keep Christmas safe and merry.

The best Christmas safety rules to follow are common-sense rules — rules developed by fire protection engineers and recommended by the Dominion Fire Prevention Association.

The Christmas Tree:
Remember your Christmas tree is very combustible — being filled with pitch and resin, it ignites easily and burns furiously. Care and caution are necessary to keep your tree safe.

Selection:
Choose a small tree instead of a large one. A small tree can be just as pretty and it is less hazardous. Be sure to obtain a freshly cut tree.

Setting-Up:
Do not set up the tree until the day before Christmas. Keep it outdoors until ready to install. Set up the tree in the coolest part of the house, away from radiators, heaters and fireplaces. Do not block entrances or passageways.

Care of Tree:
Cut off the base of the tree at an angle at least one inch above original cut. Stand the tree in a pail filled with coal or sand. Be sure the pail is kept filled with water to about one inch from the top. This method, when used with a freshly cut tree, reduces flammability as effectively as any fireproofing chemicals, retarding the drying out process of the tree.

Removal:
The needles of your Christmas tree will fall when your tree is dried out. When needles start falling, take the tree down and discard it outdoors. Take your tree down as soon as possible after Christmas.

Lighting The Tree:
Never use candles on or near the Christmas tree. They are very hazardous and dangerous. Use standard electric lighting sets bearing the label of the Underwriters' Laboratories and/or Canadian Standards Association. Inspect every socket and wire to make sure it is in good condition. Discard sets with frayed wiring. A colored spotlight focused on the tree is very effective and safest of all.

Be sure circuits are not overloaded or fires may start in the walls. If the circuit fuses should blow, the cause no doubt will be too many lights and appliances on the circuit. Eliminate some of the appliances and replace the fuse with a new one of proper rating.

Inspect the tree from time to time. If needles near lights start to turn brown, change the position of the lights. Be sure that light bulbs are not too near combustibles. The lights get very hot and should have guards. Provide a switch at some distance from the tree for turning lights off and on. Make certain that all lighting is turned off before retiring and leaving the premises.

Decorations:
Cotton, paper and pyroxylin for decorating the tree are dangerous. They will ignite easily and burn intensely. Decorate the tree lightly and use non-combustible materials such as metal, glass and asbestos. Heavy decorations are hazardous.

Purchase and use flameproof materials — insist on them. Flameproofing treatments are available for home use if combustible materials are used. Fireproofing of plastics is not possible. A good home flameproofing solution for fabrics and garments is made by mixing 9 ounces of borax and 4 ounces of boric acid in a gallon of water. Dip the fabric into this solution, wring by hand, then hang to dry. This flameproofing method must be repeated after each laundering of the garment.

Toys:
Don't buy celluloid dolls, toys and paper costumes. Toys requiring alcohol, kerosene or gasoline to generate power are especially dangerous and should be avoided. Adults should insist that all toys they give to children should be safe and incapable of causing fire, shock or explosion. Film projectors (toy or adult) should use only safety film (acetate stock). Power toys should be operated under adult supervision. Electrical toys should bear the U.L. and/or C.S.A. label. It is dangerous to set up electric toys and trains under the Christmas tree.

Fireplace:
If you use your fireplace, be sure a substantial screen guard is provided to cover the entire opening securely. Do not use the fireplace unless the Christmas tree is set eight to ten feet from it. Do not use the fireplace to burn Christmas wrappings or decorations.

Rubbish:
All gift wrappings, waste paper, rubbish, etc., should be taken outside and placed in a covered metal barrel or incinerator as soon as possible.

Hazards In Public Places:
Schools, church halls, institutional buildings, dance halls, hospitals, clubs, mercantile establishments and all places where crowds assemble need special care during the Christmas Season. Most of them will be decorated and most will be crowded during a large part of the time. Fire in any crowded building easily leads to panic, for the exits are often inadequate to take care of many excited people in a hurry to leave the building.

Flammable decorations should not be allowed in any public building. Smoking should be prohibited and "No Smoking" signs should be posted. These may be obtained from the municipal fire chief. Aisles and exits should be kept unobstructed and clearly marked.

Wax candles at church candle-light services and the use of candles near Christmas trees in churches should be discouraged.

In Case Of Fire:
At Home:
Get everybody out of the house immediately. Call the fire department at once.

At Public Gatherings:
Keep calm. Walk, do NOT run, to the nearest exit. Call the fire department immediately.

General Fire Protection:
At Home
Have operative fire extinguishers, buckets of water or even your garden hose connected to a faucet, within reach of the tree.

In Public Places:
Fire in any crowded public building may easily lead to panic. Smoking and flammable decorations in public buildings are a bad combination — neither should be allowed. Waste material should be removed at once. Aisles, exits and fire doors must be unobstructed. Exits should be clearly marked. Check automatic fire detection and alarm equipment, sprinklers, hand hose and fire extinguishers to be sure they are ready to operate. Sprinklers should not be obstructed by decorations or temporary partitions. Report any blocked exit or fire hazard to your fire chief.

EVERY DAY: Remember that the Coming Events column is a cheap and effective way of telling others of your dance or bazaar or other money-making event. It's an effective way, too, of making sure of good attendance by reminding members of date of meetings.

Don't Be Hasty Says Santa Buy Right Toy For Right Boy

The task of choosing the right toy for the right tot, keeping in mind his age, disposition, type and a host of other important "ingredients," is not easy, any fond parent will tell you.

So advice on the subject from a reliable expert at this time of the year is what every father and mother is seeking before making final decision and last-minute investment on something for Johnny or Jane.

After many years of chatting with thousands of kiddies of all ages about likes and dislikes, hopes and desires, Santa has boiled his advice to parents down to a few words:

"In buying toys for the wee ones always give them as much consideration as you would in buying gifts for adults."

Children's age, disposition, type, interests and all indications revealed in the way they play, talk and amuse themselves should be studied.

"Most parents today shower the little folk with many toys," according to Santa Claus. "But even with plenty of playthings a child can still pine for a few simple things

he really needs and wants." **Make Sure They're Sturdy**
Children do better with fewer toys at a time but the toys must always be sturdy and well made. Children become angry and upset when toys break easily.


"Keep in mind that boys and girls from one to three like to hammer, pull, bang and rock their toys as well as have a few they can cuddle," advises Santa.

"When buying for children from three to five remember they have developed better muscular control and co-ordination and can beat a drum, pedal a tricycle and enjoy small animals and toys."

"From six to seven they develop a yearning to express themselves in drawing, making musical sounds, skating, sledding."

"At eight boys and girls begin to develop distinctly different tastes. Boys want trains, tools, chemistry sets, sports equipment; girls want dolls they can dress stylishly, hats to trim, wool to knit."

"Be sure you buy what five-year-old Johnny really wants and needs; not something that appeals to you and you think he'll like too."



Greetings

Good health, Good fortune and Good cheer are just a few of the GOOD things we wish you for Christmas and the New Year.


HAL. HARLEY DRUGGIST
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THE Christmas Spirit

Each Christmas we realize anew, that our most rewarding possession is our many enriching friendships. And so to all our friends we wish a merry merry Christmas and a very happy New Year.

HAROLD W. MORTSON



BEST WISHES AND GOOD CHEER FOR A Merry Christmas AND A Happy New Year

McFARLANE'S MEAT MARKET THORNHILL

Richmond Hill Womens Institute Holds Interesting Xmas Meeting

Richmond Hill Womens Institute met on Thursday, December 13, in the Public School Auditorium with the president, Mrs. H. H. MacKay in the chair and fifty-three members and guests present.

As it was the Christmas meeting Carols were used to open and close the program. Mrs. MacKay read a most appropriate poem "The Christmas Spirit," by Mr. R. D. Little.

A letter was received from the Link Institute in Wales telling of the safe arrival of the three parcels of fruit sent to them. A donation was given to the Sick Children's Hospital and an invitation accepted from Scarborough W.I. to attend its annual birthday party on January 8, 1952.

Mrs. June Atkinson of June's Gift Shoppe, guest speaker, before beginning her demonstration on gift wrapping, said that we appreciate a gift we receive more if it has been wrapped with a little thought and care. She said while there is a great variety of fancy gift wrapping, red, green and white tissue papers are still the old reliables. In wrapping a parcel have the paper as near the size of the box as possible to make a neat package. She spoke of the merits of Scotch tape to hold wrappings and fasten bows and decorations to the package. Even bow tying will be no dilemma after seeing June deftly fashion them.

Members of the program committee then presented "Christmas Customs Round the World." "Silent Night, Holy Night" a German Carol was sung after the reading of the German Customs.

An exchange of Christmas Gifts was also a feature of the meeting and as the value was limited to 25 cents much ingenuity was displayed in finding suitable articles.


A display of table, mantel and door decorations was much admired and studied. Snow men whose foundation were respectively two potatoes and a cardboard roll stood bravely overlooking two beautiful angels all red and white with golden halos. Place cards of marshmallows with names in colored icing; wreaths and snow men, edible because they were made of rice krispies and sirup and decorated with colored candy, gum drops and icing — Santa marvelously made of apple, marshmallows and cranberries all occupied the centre of the table in front of a snow-white centrepiece, Santa's sleigh piled with packages and two of his prancing reindeer. On the platform were displayed a Nativity scene made by the children at the L.T.B. & O. Home; centrepieces using Christmas greens and door decorations. One made with chicken wire and a wire coat hanger as a base looked like a very lovely miniature Christmas Tree. A large red stocking was filled to overflowing with parcels and backed with greens and a third used pine branches, large painted cones and red ribbons to make pleasing door decorations.

VICTORIA L.O.L. ELECTIONS

Victoria L.O.L. 2368 met in the lodge room recently to hold the annual election of officers. The County officers of West York attended and conducted the election. W. Bro. Holt officiated and the results are as follows.

W.M., Charles Attridge; D.M., Fred Thomas; Chaplain, Allan Horwood; Rec. Sec. L. W. Zuefelt; Fin. Sec., J. D. Sanders; Treas., W. T. Tyndall; Marshal, E. Reynolds; 1st Lec. Robt. Horwood; 2nd Lec. Wm. Pearson; 1st Committee, Jas. Youdell; 2nd Committee, E. Reynolds; 3rd Committee, L. Beaty; 4th Committee, F. Bovaird; 5th Committee, W. Shropshall; Tyler, E. Craig; Auditors, F. Bovaird, F. Thomas.

After the lodge closed, a hot supper was served by the refreshment committee of roast pork, scalloped potatoes, cake etc. After the meal came "Remarks for the good of the Order" in which the lodge received many compliments on its membership, appearance and business-like manner.



Greetings

On this joyous Christmas we wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of our patrons and business associates for their friendship — their co-operation — their loyalty during the past year. A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

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A HOLIDAY of Good Cheer

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