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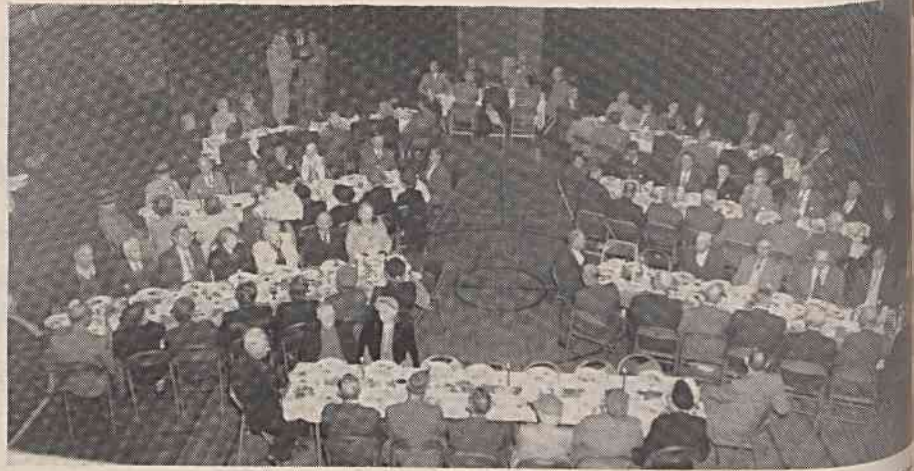
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## Fire Hazards Go Up During Christmas

Precaution against fire is especially urgent during the Christmas season because of the hazards presented by decorations, gift wrapping, defective wiring for Christmas tree illumination, and the tree itself, according to the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company's statisticians.

Fire takes a toll of more than 7,000 lives each year in the United States, it is pointed out, with the mortality from this cause reaching its peak during the winter months. More than 3,000 of the victims annually are burned, suffocated, trampled to death, or otherwise fatally injured in conflagrations or explosions. An even larger number die from burns and scalds by other means. More than four fifths of the deaths by fire have their origin in and about the home.

"Although well-organized fire departments, local building departments, fire insurance company associations,



CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY for members of the Golden Age Club composed of men and women who have retired from work and sponsored by Consolidated Central Y.M.C.A. was an outstanding success. It is hoped to make the banquet an annual event.

## Retired Persons Enjoy Christmas Banquet

One hundred and fourteen members of the Golden Age Club of Consolidated Central YMCA enjoyed a Christmas Dinner Party on Tuesday Evening, December 8.

The Invocation was given by Rev. J. K. McConnell, Chaplain for the club,

and other groups have done much to prevent fires, the fundamental responsibility for reducing the death toll from this cause rests with the individual members of the household," the statisticians comment.

followed by several Christmas songs by the male quartet of The First Baptist Church, Leaksville, composed of Messrs. David Rakes, John Maitland, Carl Webb and Fred Smith, Jr.

A delightful turkey dinner was served after which R. D. Shumate of the entertainment committee, called for the oldest man and woman present to come forward. Sherman Hailey, 85 years of age on June 30 was the oldest man present. The oldest lady present was Mrs. Jo Ann Harding, who was 75 years of age also on June 30. These two persons were presented appropriate Christmas gifts.

Mr. Shumate next called for the couple married for the longest number of years. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Brown, who reside on Virginia Avenue, North Spray, were this couple and they have been married for 58 years. They have 13 children all of whom are living. Mr. and Mrs. Brown were presented appropriate gifts.

Rev. F. Mervin Martin, of the Church of the Brethren, made an interesting talk to the group on "Christmas". The group also enjoyed a film "The Guiding Star". President W. B. Weaver presided over the session.

Cotton rugs have been in use for centuries. Cotton floor coverings were used in the Eastern Hemisphere prior to the rise of the Roman Empire.

In 1940 one man-hour of labor was required to produce 2.5 pounds of cotton lint; today one man-hour can produce four pounds.

Cotton helps banks take care of their money: cotton duck is used to make the bank's money sacks.

Father to small son: "Never mind how I first met your mother—just don't get around whistling."



REPORTERS VISIT NEWSPAPER—Members of the reporting staff of the Fieldcrest Mill Whistle are shown during their tour of the Greensboro News Company and WFMY-TV station, Greensboro. Watching the stereotyping process at the newspaper plant, left to right, front row are: Ada Jones, Ruth Talbert, Freda Suit, Rebecca Bernard, Mary Stephens, J. O. Thomas, mill personnel manager and chairman of MILL WHISTLE advisory board; and Katherine Turner. Back row, Howard Barton, of the advisory board; Louise Nowlin, Virginia Hurd, Geraldine Perkins and Evelyn Lewis.