

TIPS ARE GIVEN —

# Fire Safety Family Job At Christmas

With the holiday season rapidly approaching, Americans across the nation are being urged to use care with fire, and make Christmas this year a happy one.

The National Board of Fire Underwriters points out that

Christmas fire safety is a job for all the family.

Parents, uncles and aunts are being urged this year to buy safe toys for children— toys that are not likely to cause fire, shock or explosion.

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Underwriters points out that miniature rockets, airplanes and automobiles that use kerosene, gasoline, or carbide for fuels, may be hazardous for the very young.

Parents should supervise all play with electrical toys, or those using fuels and chemicals, the Board advises.

A week or so before Christmas, the family should be called together and some fire safety task assigned to every one.

Father, as a rule, buys the Christmas tree, and the board

says he should be sure and select a tree that is fresh. He should run his hand over one of the branches. If the needles fall off, the tree is dry. He should select another one with firmly-attached needles.

**Tree in Water**

Next, when Father gets the tree home, he should set it in a pail of water in the garage until the day it is to be brought in and decorated. Trees get thirsty just like people. As long as they have a drink of water they will stay fresh, with the needles firm.

It is the job of Mom and the children, as a rule, to choose decorations for the tree. It is smart to buy only ornaments made of metal, glass, or a fire-resistant material.

Father and mother usually do the setting up of the Christmas tree. It should be placed in a holder, equipped with a container of water in which the trunk may rest.

The tree should be placed in a spot in the room where it will not block an exit.

In decorating the tree, all strings of lights should be checked to make sure the cords are not frayed.

If an electric train is to be displayed, it should be put in some other place than under the tree. Sparks from an electric train could cause a fire if they came in contact with dry Christmas tree branches.

**Gift Wrappings**

Let the children be assigned to the job of taking care of gift wrappings.

When Christmas arrives and presents are opened, gift wrappings to be saved should be folded neatly and put away. The rest of the wrappings should be gathered up and discarded promptly.

Throughout the Christmas-New Year period, always turn off the Christmas tree lights when every one is away from home.

Keep an eagle eye on the tree at all times for signs of dryness. If needles start fall-

ing fast, take the tree down immediately and put it outside the house.

Christmas fire safety efforts should not be confined to the Christmas tree.

Before preparing the holiday turkey, take a peek at the oven. If there is an accumulation of grease in the oven, scour it out immediately. A clean oven will prevent a possible grease fire and burned turkey.

It is a good plan, too, to keep any grease containers away from the stove.

And, throughout the Christmas season, one member of the family should be assigned to provide plenty of ash trays in all rooms if there are smokers in the house. Empty the ash trays often and always make sure before emptying them that all cigarettes, cigars, and other smoking materials have gone out.

**An Escape Plan**

As an added safeguard, make sure that all members of the family and house guests know what to do if fire should occur in your home.

Sit down together and figure out two possible escape routes to the ground from any upstairs' bed room. Thus, if a fire should block one escape route, the alternate can be used.

But, above all, follow this procedure if fires should break out:

First, get everyone out of the house.

Then — call the fire department.

Have you the telephone number of the fire department posted by your telephone?

You are wise if you have.

Merry Christmas!



# Season's Greetings

Triumphantly, the songs ring out, heralding the happiness, the glory of Christmas. We're wishing that the season will be a warm and merry one for you and yours.

**Twins' Shop**



# Greetings

May the wonder and warm glow of Christmas give you great peace and joy with family and friends.

**Western Auto Associate Store**  
Verlon Swafford, Owner

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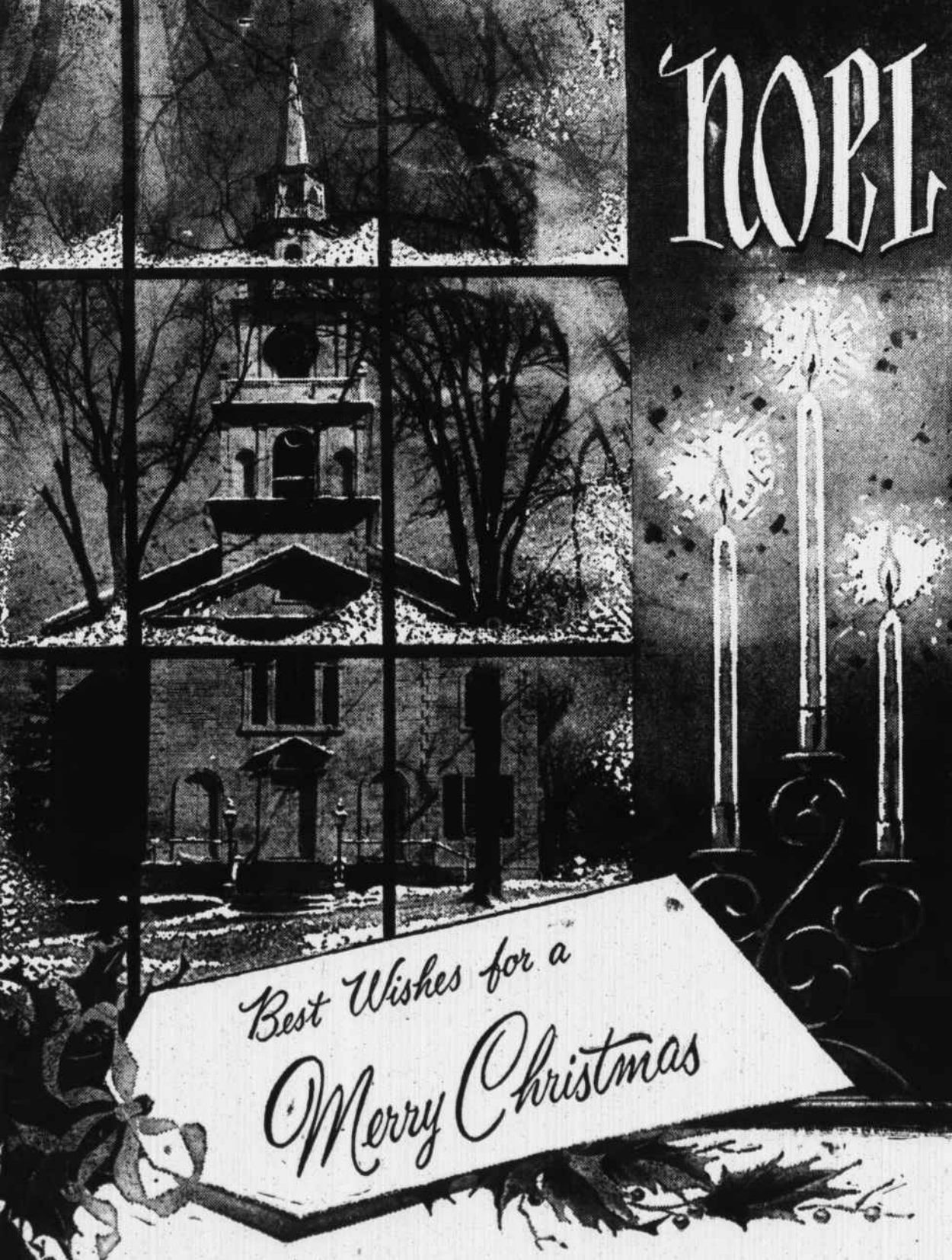
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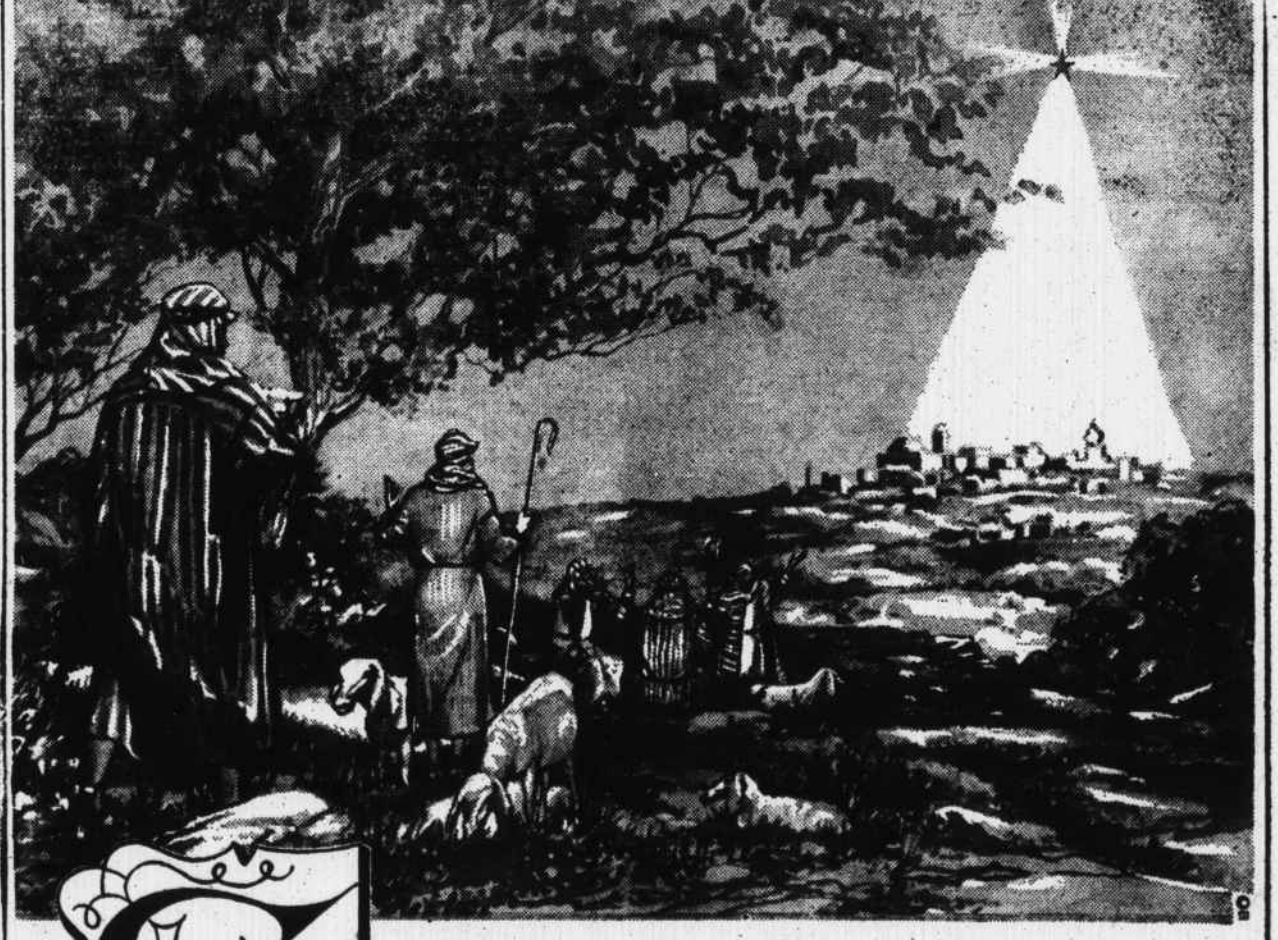
**Merry Christmas**



# NOEL

Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas

**People's Dept. Store**



# SEASON'S GREETINGS

As we experience anew the glory and wonder of Christmas, may the radiance of the Star that shone on Bethlehem bring peace and happiness to every heart. A joyous Christmas to all!

**Belk's — Franklin**