



A CHRISTMAS GARDEN was the motif of the Fieldcrest Mills entry in the Tri-City Merchants Association's annual Christmas parade. The large, professionally-built float attracted favorable attention. Riding on the float were, from left, Betty Rothrock, Employment Office; Wanda Kennon, Karastan; Sylvia Westmoreland, Data Processing; Glenda Mills, Draper Cost; and Nancy Page, Sheet Finishing.

Have A Happy, Safe Christmas

Everyone looks forward to Yuletide family happiness, but the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness warns that needless eye accidents will spoil the fun for 12,000 American children filling hundreds of homes with tragedy, anxiety and sorrow.

More than 50 Americans, mostly children, are destined to lose forever their precious gift of sight through holiday mishaps. For them Christmas will bring only pain and anguish.

"Don't encourage accidents when helping Santa pack his bag this year," says J. W. Ferree, M.D., executive director of the National Society, urging parents to use common sense as they begin their gift-purchasing campaigns.

NSPB research indicates that 17% of all children's eye injuries are caused by potentially dangerous toys of the missile type. Used in an irresponsible way by uninstructed children these can be a menace to the entire family.

Dr. Ferree cites the case of the little girl who required eye surgery after being hit in the eye by a sharp pencil shot from her brother's dart gun. Purchasing a potentially hazardous toy is foolish spending. However, impulse buying by enthusiastic parents and relatives seldom takes into account whether or not the child is mature enough to safely handle the toy.

"Don't risk your child's eyesight", advises Dr. Ferree. "See that the young eyes that sparkle on Christmas morning are not harmed by a tragic accident. Be observant when you select your toys and never forget that there is danger in protruding points, detachable parts, sharp edges, flammable materials and plastics that shatter. Above all make certain the toys you purchase are appropriate for the age of the child who will be receiving them."

In addition to safe toy buying, Dr. Ferree pointed out there were other hazards associated with the holiday season. The greatest danger of them all being the traditional Christmas tree. A dry tree can ignite explosively turning the home into a blazing inferno with tragic loss to life and property.

To insure a safe and happy holiday the National Society recommends these safety tips to be followed:

1. The Christmas tree should be kept in water to prevent it drying out, reducing the fire hazard.
2. Situate the tree away from heated radiators and fireplaces.
3. Fire-proof the tree with one of the approved commercial sprays.
4. Double check all electrical wiring. Sparks from faulty connections and wiring are the major causes of fire during the Christmas season.
5. Never use candles for tree lighting and be sure that all decorations are unbreakable and non-flammable.

Make this Christmas a safe and joyous one.

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WANTED TO BUY: Good oil circulator, with fan. See John W. Mitchell, Rt. 3, Box 83, Reidsville, or telephone 623-2033.

FOR SALE: Christmas trees, from 10-ft. down, \$1.00. J. H. Wade, Cascade Ave., Rt. 1, Draper.

FOR SALE: Large size Warm Morning coal heater. Will heat 4 to 5 rooms. Excellent condition; looks like new. Bargain price. Walker DeHart, 424 West Meadow Road, Draper, or telephone 635-6523.

FOR SALE: General Electric television set. Good condition. Call 623-8836 after 5 p.m.

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