

Christmas Tree And Decorations Are Fire Hazard

Fire hazards lurk in your Christmas tree and in the decorations that make it gay. Carefulness is therefore the watchword in order to prevent tragic accidents.

A few sensible precautions, plus the use of fireproofing chemicals, can provide you with insurance against damage.

First of all, remember that a fresh cut tree will not take fire any more easily during the first day or two than would the evergreen shrubs growing outside your window. But the fire hazard grows after that.

So the best procedure is to bring in a fresh tree as short a time before Christmas as possible and remove it as soon afterwards as you can. Be careful in placing your tree in the home. Set it well away from stoves, radiators and other sources of heat. Above all, when you smoke, keep away from the tree.

Use Special Safeguards.

If you want to keep your tree from a week or more before Christmas until after New Year's day, special safeguards are necessary. One of these is to see that the base of the tree stands in a con-



A Tie Christmas will serve as a postwar necessity.

tainer of water. Cut off the base of the tree at an angle at least 1 inch above the original cut and see that the water level is always kept above the cut. This helps keep the tree fresh and reduces the chances of fire.

Another and important safeguard is to use a chemical flameproofing solution.

Dissolve one pound of sodium chloride in one and one-half pints of water. That will take care of a tree that weighs approximately four pounds. If the tree weighs eight pounds, use two pounds of chemical and three pints of water.

Put the solution in the container in which the tree stands. Let the tree soak up as much of the chemical solution as possible. In case calcium chloride is not available, ammonium sulfate will be highly satisfactory.

A gift that will be appreciated—Victory Bonds and Stamps.

Three To Five Good Years Are Predicted By Economists

New York—Eighty per cent of past and present officials of the National Association of Credit Men look for three to five years of full employment and prosperity following reconversion, a survey indicated. Estimates of the remainder of the group ranged from one to 15 years.

Persons whose opinions were surveyed—past and present association officers, directors and officers of the organization's secretariat council—represent at least 25 major industries, according to Henry H. Heimann, executive manager of the association.

In response to a questionnaire by Heimann, they gave these re-

sponses:
Fifty per cent expect earnings of their companies to be higher in 1946; 30 per cent expect lower net earnings.

Sixty per cent said their companies plan expansion of plants in 1946.

Seventy-five per cent report new products or important changes in prewar products.

Ninety per cent anticipate more difficulty in collection of accounts receivable than existed during the war years, and 98 per cent expect an increase in the number of business failures, in line with the history after previous wars.

Twin Oaks News

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Chessie Gentry, student at State College, Raleigh, spent the week end with Wade Irwin.

Mrs. Joe Irwin, Mrs. R. H. Joines, Mrs. Beulah Estep, Herman Williams and Mr. Leo Irwin visited Mr. Mann Williams, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Irwin and daughter, Sandra, left for Washington, D. C., Monday, after spending two weeks with Mr. Irwin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Irwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Irwin and daughter, Sandra, visited Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Irwin, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Irwin and grandson, Carl Wilson, and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Irwin and daughter, Sandra, visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Irwin, Sunday evening.



When Snow Lies Softly On The Hill

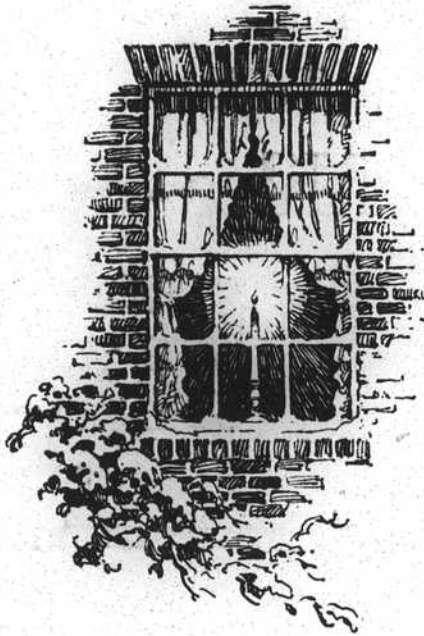
Now, when the fir trees wear white collars, when the birds make tiny stitches in the snow and our footprints hurry towards the warmth of home and the companionship of loved ones, it's time to wish all our friends the fullest joys of the Christmas season. So, hello everybody... and Merry Christmas!

Greetings at Christmastide

Modern Dry Cleaners

SPARTA, NORTH CAROLINA

OUR SACRED OBLIGATIONS



Christmas this year holds a deeper significance for all of us. For the first time in five years, we shall observe Christmas free from the tragedy of war. It should be a season of thankfulness, and of prayer that our nation and people may be given the strength and wisdom to lead the world in building a lasting peace.

With family circles complete after months of separation, there will be many happy homes this Christmas. Other homes will be sad because loved ones will never come back. To those bereaved families goes the heartfelt sympathy of a grateful people.

We and our Allies have won the war, but many parts of the world are still torn by conflict, misunderstanding and distrust. Here in our own country, industrial strife and lack of unity are seriously retarding orderly reconversion and progress, and creating ill feeling between fellow Americans. We must face the hard fact that we haven't won the peace, either at home or abroad. This is not pessimism, but the unescapable truth.

There is only one way to fulfill our sacred obligations to our fellow Americans who fought and died that we might have peace and freedom. And that is, the people of this nation—every one of us—must knuckle down and work out our problems with common sense and cooperation for the good of all. We must learn to give and take. In short, we must learn to live at peace among ourselves. These are the things that will bring unity and confidence and build a happier, more prosperous postwar America.

United, this nation has the ability, the intelligence and power to lead the world to a lasting peace. But it cannot be dreamed; it must be built with the hands, the minds and the hearts of all of us.

As we face a better and happier Christmas, and give thanks for our blessings, let's each and every one of us resolve to think, work and express ourselves with untiring devotion to building a greater America, with peace on earth and good will toward men.

NORFOLK and WESTERN Railway

SPARTAN Theatre
SPARTA, N. C.

FRI.-SAT. DEC. 21-22
Matinee Every Sat. 1:00
Gene Autry
—in—
GET ALONG LITTLE DOGGIE
Chapter 3
"Federal Operator 99"
Also Comedy

MON.-TUES. DEC. 24-25
George Raft
Joan Bennett
—in—
NOB HILL
In Technicolor
Latest News

WED.-THURS. DEC. 26-27
Bargain Days
Admission 15c & 20c
Walt Disney's
THREE CABALLEROS
In Technicolor
Chapter 7
"Jungle Raiders"
Also Cartoon