

Safety Measures to Prevent Fires in Christmas Trees, Wiring, Costumes

With Christmas holidays but a few weeks away, people are being reminded of precautions which should be taken to make this a safe Christmas for their families. During Christmas week-end last year 504 persons died in the nation as a result of accidents, 60 from fires. The most common cause was carelessness.

Fire Chief Ralph Lawrence pointed out that the Christmas tree is a potential fire hazard and caution should be taken in its

selection, placement in the home and maintenance. It's safer to choose a small one and keep it outdoors until a few days before setting it up. Throw water on it occasionally to keep it moist and fresh. When brought into the house the butt should be cut slantwise to open the pores, then stand it in a tub of water. Be wary of chemicals for "fireproofing" trees, many are ineffective.

Safety Measures
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Coming Events . . .

Dec. 8 — Nyssa Home Extension unit meets with Mrs. Paul Penrod. 2 p.m., child care provided by Mrs. Rust.

Dec. 10 — Rebekah card party at the IOOF hall at 8 p.m.

Dec. 12 — Town and Country garden club Christmas luncheon and gift exchange at the home of Mrs. Floyd Hale at 1:30.

Dec. 12 — St. Paul's Guild will meet at the home of Mrs. A. C. Sallee at 8 p.m.

Dec. 13 — Rebekah lodge meeting at the IOOF hall at 8 p.m.

Dec. 14 — Nyssa Civic club Christmas program in Methodist church basement 2 p.m. sharp.

Dec. 15 — Job's Daughters will entertain the Masons and their mystery dads.

Dec. 20 — Job's Daughters progressive card party.

Dec. 23 — Job's Daughters annual potluck dinner and gift exchange held at the Bob Thompson home.

Rico Improving At MM Hospital

Victor Rico who sustained second and third degree burns in a fire last Wednesday morning that completely destroyed his home and its contents is reported to be improving at Malheur Memorial hospital where he has been confined for treatment.

Hospital attendants stated Wednesday that he was scheduled to be released from the hospital within two or three days.

spots" such as near a fireplace, stove, television set, radiator or electric bulbs Lawrence advised. Always use treated paper ornaments or treated cotton batting. Fireproof snow, glass or metal ornaments for decoration. Cotton and gauze can be made flame-resistant by dipping in a gallon of water mixed with nine ounces of borax and four ounces of boric acid.

Only electric lights should be used, never candles, and wires should be checked for any frayed places or poor condition. Wires should bear the UL mark denoting Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc. indicating they have been checked for safety. Switch for turning on tree lights should be placed a distance from the tree; never use an outlet or plug under the tree or run electric trains around the base.

Other cautions to follow include placing decorations away from chairs or places where people may smoke and keep plenty of ash trays about the house. Candles should never be used in windows for light. Curtains and any other flammable material should be pulled back at least six inches from electric lights. After opening gifts, wrappings should be removed from the house and disposed of.

Costumes Are Fire Hazards

Wearing flammable flimsy costumes and dresses of net or gauze-like fabrics should be discouraged, but if worn can be made flame resistant with the same boric acid and water solution as for the cotton and gauze. Fabrics should be well saturated with the solution, then wrung by hand and hung to dry. This process should be repeated after each washing.

Santa's whiskers are also a fire hazard unless flame-proofed.

Check Toys For Safety

Adults should be certain all toys they buy or give to children be safe from causing fire, shock or explosion. Here again the UL tag is proof that the toy will not shock the user or start a fire.

Chemical sets are many times dangerous. Toys requiring alcohol, kerosene, gasoline or carbide lamps may be hazardous in a child's hands. Adults should supervise play with electrical toys or toys using fuels or chemicals.

Fire department officials remind people they should never run if their clothes catch fire, running only fans the flames. Throw the victim to the floor and roll her in a rug, blanket or coat. Wrap the article around neck first to keep poisonous gases of combustion away from the face. If a coat or blanket is not at hand, just roll the victim over and over on the floor to smother flames.

Sunset Valley

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Mr. and Mrs. Ira Price and Joel visited Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Council Wednesday evening. Mrs. James Stephen and Roger called Thursday morning at the Council home.

The Sunset Valley Auxiliary met with Mrs. O. H. Schweizer Thursday. The afternoon was spent socially.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Keller and sons of Fruitland were dinner guests at the O. P. Council home Sunday. Following dinner the group called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Culbertson and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Buster Talbot who were guests there.

Miss Clarice Notheis of La Grande spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Notheis.

O. P. Council returned Tuesday evening from Yakima, Wash., where he had been visiting with his son, Joe and family for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Durfee spent Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wren Tracy in Ontario and Saturday evening they visited at the Lloyd Poulsen home near Adrian.

Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Taylor of Salt Lake City spent from Saturday until Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lorin Munn. They plan to stop in Boise and Twin Falls on business enroute home.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cleaver and son, Paul, had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Magnus Ekaner.

Mr. and Mrs. George Folkman and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Simpson returned from Ogden where they

have been visiting their father, Lester G. Folkman who has been ill. He expects to be able to leave the hospital for his home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Durfee and family were dinner guests Sunday of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Durfee near Caldwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Snyder and children returned Sunday evening from Las Vegas where they had visited her sisters, Mr. and Mrs. James Bayard and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sweeny and families. They visited the Hoover dam while they were on the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Wilson and children spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson in Roswell.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Montgomery attended the LDS stake conference at the stake house in Nyssa Sunday.

The Owyhee ward will give a bazaar and supper at the LDS church Thursday evening at 7:30.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Garner, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Garner and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Woolley attended the Seedgrowers meeting over the week end at La Grande.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Price and Rodney of Adrian were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Price.

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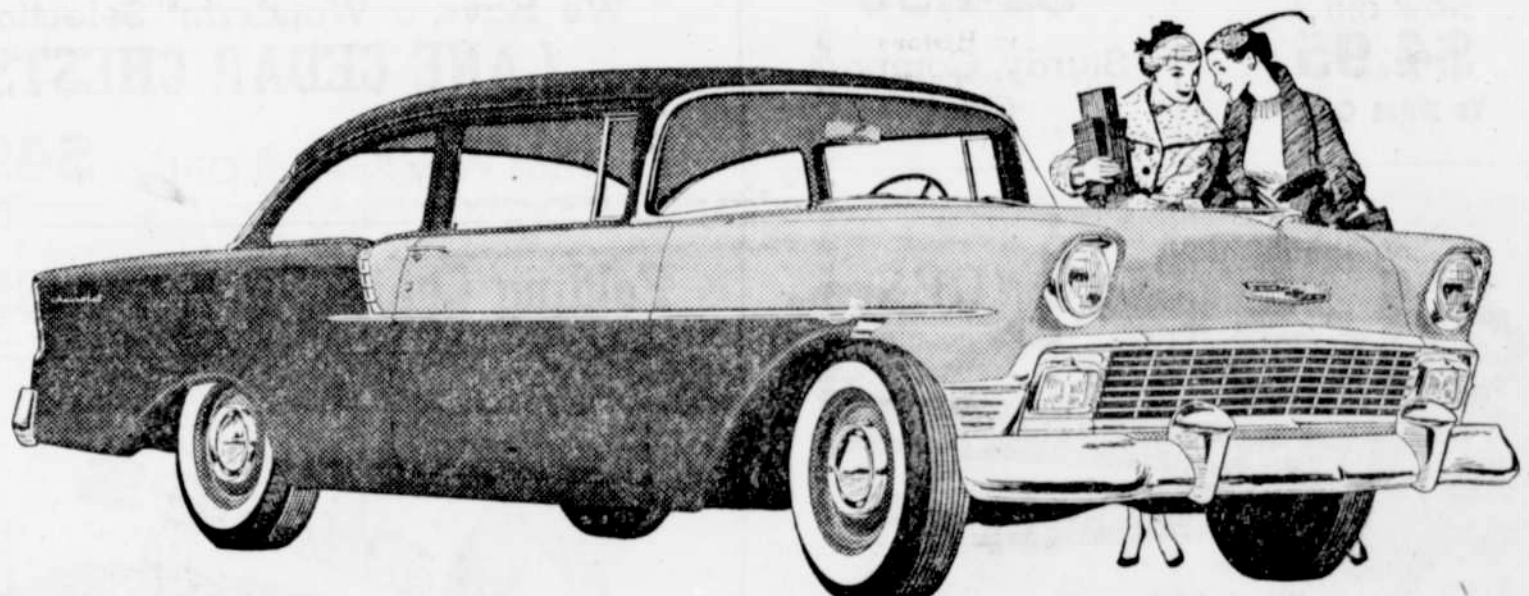
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