

Christmas Season brings Threats to Child Safety

"Christmas brings temptations to many parents, while visiting with neighbours or completing last minute shopping, to leave small children unattended for short periods," says Haldimand-Norfolk regional fire co-ordinator George H. Ross.

"At the same time, decoration, trees and wrapping paper bring an increased threat of fire danger unless constant care is exercised."

Mr. Ross urges all parents to recognize the fire danger of this season, and not to leave

small children alone in the home even for a moment. He points out that the Criminal Code of Canada forbids such action which endangers the life or health of any child under the age of ten years.

Parents are further reminded that under certain conditions a Christmas tree can be ignited by a single match to burn furiously to charred wood in a few seconds. Care must be taken to keep butts of natural trees immersed in water and to ensure that the tree itself does not obstruct access to a

door or window. Families are also urged to review their home fire-escape plans for quick exit in an emergency.

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS ... and there's no place like home for Christmas fire hazards. Keep that tree butt immersed in water ... check those strings of lights for frayed insulation and possible short circuits ... clear away discarded gift wrapping promptly ... and don't smoke near the tree.

HAVE YOURSELF A MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS ... but keep it safe from the fire dangers of the season ... keep the tree fresh and green by standing it in water throughout its stay indoors. Keep cigarettes and matches at a safe distance. Switch the tree lights off at bedtime and before leaving home ... and never decorate a tree with candles.

IT ALWAYS HAPPENS IN DECEMBER ... Christmas trees ... decorations ... gift wrappings ... they all add up to a greater home fire danger. This is the time to take the utmost care to make sure that holiday fun will not turn into family tragedy. Watch small children more carefully at this season that at any other time ... and never, never leave them unattended.

MERRY CHRISTMAS ... TO YOU ... and keep this Christmas safe from fire. Take special care with the tree ... stand it in water ... clear discarded wrappings away

from the tree ... keep cigarettes and matches at a safe distance ... and never leave small children unattended ... even for a minute.

THESE CHRISTMAS FIRE SAFETY HINTS can help you in the preparation of your own news releases, radio or TV flashes, or talks to community groups; BY

THE FRESHEST, GREENEST Christmas tree you can obtain, and store it outdoors or in an unheated garage until you are ready to decorate it. Then cut one or two inches diagonally from the butt before setting it up indoors in water. Replenish water regularly. Remember that if a tree has dried out beyond its moisture recovery limit, it will continue to dry out, even when standing in water.

EVEN AT MAXIMUM MOISTURE CONTENT, a tree will burn if flame is applied all around the base. Keep discarded gift wrappings away from the base of the tree, and make the Christmas tree area a no-smoking zone.

USE ONLY NON-FLAMMABLE ORNAMENTS AND TRIM ON THE TREE. Do not decorate metallic artificial trees with strings of electric lights, but illuminate by floodlight if desired. Some plastic trees, made from styrene materials are flammable and may burn violently. Never use candles to decorate any tree.

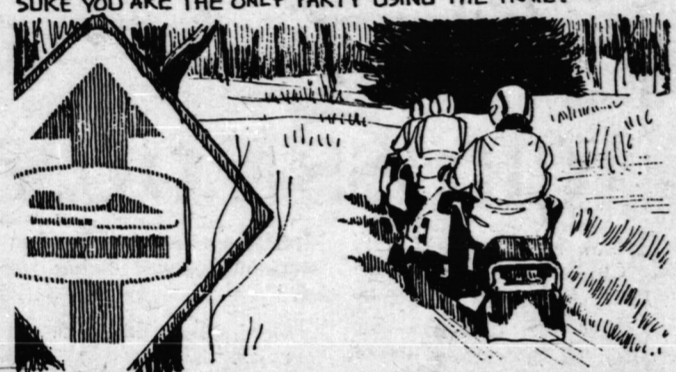
NEVER LEAVE SMALL CHILDREN ALONE at Christmas (or at any other time). The employment of a reliable babysitter is the best assurance of freedom from worry if you plan to get together with friends, in your home or theirs.

SET UP CHRISTMAS TREE INDOORS just before Christmas, and remove them

as soon as possible after Christmas. Keep trees away from heat sources, and do not allow them to block exits. IF FIRE SHOULD STRIKE, first get everyone out of the house, then sound the alarm and call the fire department before attempting to fight the fire yourself. Your first rule in the event of fire is GET OUT SAFELY.



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Festive Holland New Year's bowl

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New Year's Bowl
1 imported Holland Edam
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1/2 cup mayonnaise
1/4 cup of chopped nuts

Cut a two or three inch diameter slice from top of imported Holland Edam ball; do not remove wax coating from slice or ball. Scoop out the cheese leaving 1/4 inch around to form shell; put the scooped out cheese in a food chopper using fine blade. Gradually blend cheese, mayonnaise and remaining ingredients in a mixer at medium speed. (Or place cheese and

mayonnaise in blender at high speed until smooth, then gradually add remaining ingredients). Mixture should be smooth and spreadable. Stuff the Edam shell with the mixture and cover with top. Cut numerals and hands into the wax coating with a sharp knife, peel off coating and reveal yellow cheese beneath. Place bowl in refrigerator, remove an hour before serving. Surround bowl with crisp crackers and fresh vegetable slices.

Filling variation: Use 1/2 cup beer, 1/2 cup mayonnaise and 1/2 teaspoon of caraway seeds.

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Anglican Church Women

Mrs. Georgine Brown entertained the Anglican Church Women of St. John's Anglican Church of Port Rowan at her home for the Christmas meeting.

The president, Mrs. Frank Hodges, opened with a brief devotion and reading, "Sounds of Christmas", from "Living Verses" by Lillian Holland Field.

Mrs. Hugh Ward gave the report of the November meeting and called the roll to which eleven members responded with a Christmas verse. In the absence of the Sunshine Convener, Mrs. Catherine Moulton, Mrs. Ward also read the cards and gift report.

Mrs. Malcolm Ross presented the financial statement. Election of officers for 1976 resulted in the same slate being returned unanimously for another year. President, Mrs. Hodges, Secretary Mrs. Ward, Treasurer Mrs. Ross and cards

Convenor Mrs. Moulton. The business meeting was closed and a social evening was enjoyed. Christmas gifts were exchanged, and refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. John Weatherall.

BABY SHOWER

A surprise baby shower was held for Mrs. Reggie Vandenberghe (Nee Carolyn Croft) of Tillsonburg last Sunday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Guy Hazen of Long Point.

Contests and games were played and prizes were presented to the winners. Mrs. Vandenberghe was seated in a chair with a pink and blue umbrella hanging above her and the gifts hung around the outside of the umbrella. After opening the gifts Mrs. Vandenberghe expressed her appreciation.

Lunch was served by the hostess. Guests were present from Simcoe, Port Rowan,

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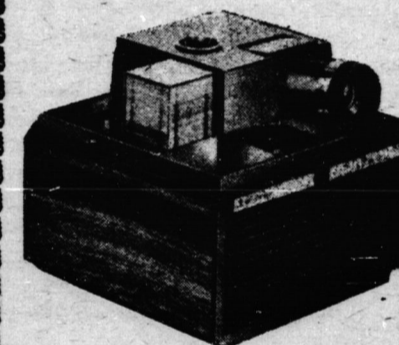
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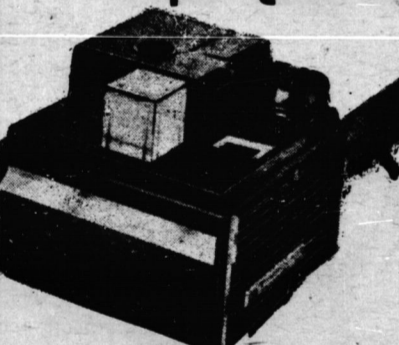
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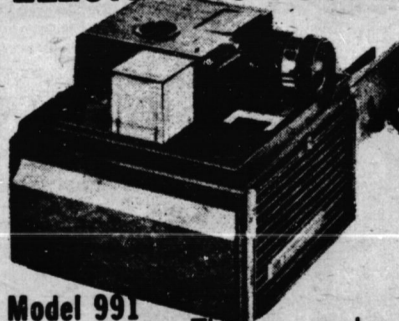
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