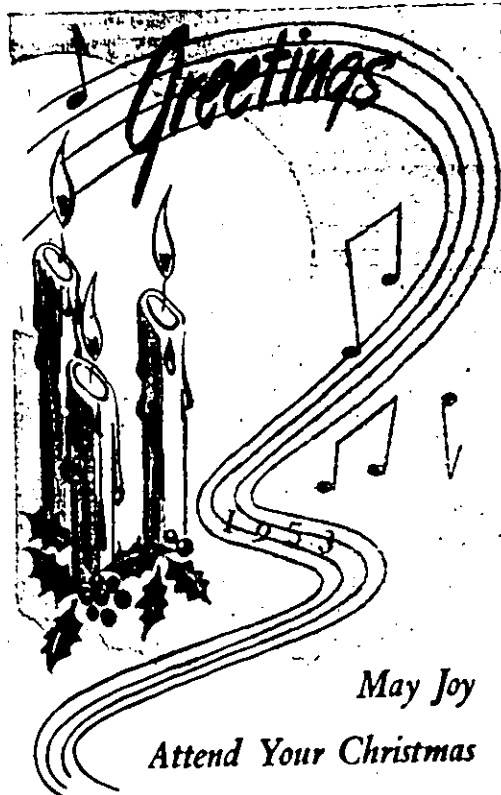


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Childs Motor Co.

Mr. and Mrs. George Childs

Guard Against Fire This Yule Season

Guard against fire in your home this Yule season.

The average Christmas tree can go up in smoke in only a minute or so and that doesn't leave much time to call for help.

A live tree with roots packed in a lock of earth is the safest. Be sure and keep the dirt moistened. A small tree is safer than a large one and festive trimmings can make up what is lacking in size.

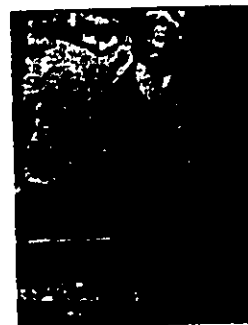
Don't use lighted candles. (This may seem an unnecessary precaution in this day of electric lights, but lighted candles contribute to tragic fires every year.)

Check the wiring for the tree to see that it's not frayed and is in perfect condition. The switch for turning off and on electric lights should be at some distance from the tree. Don't plug or unplug lights near the tree.

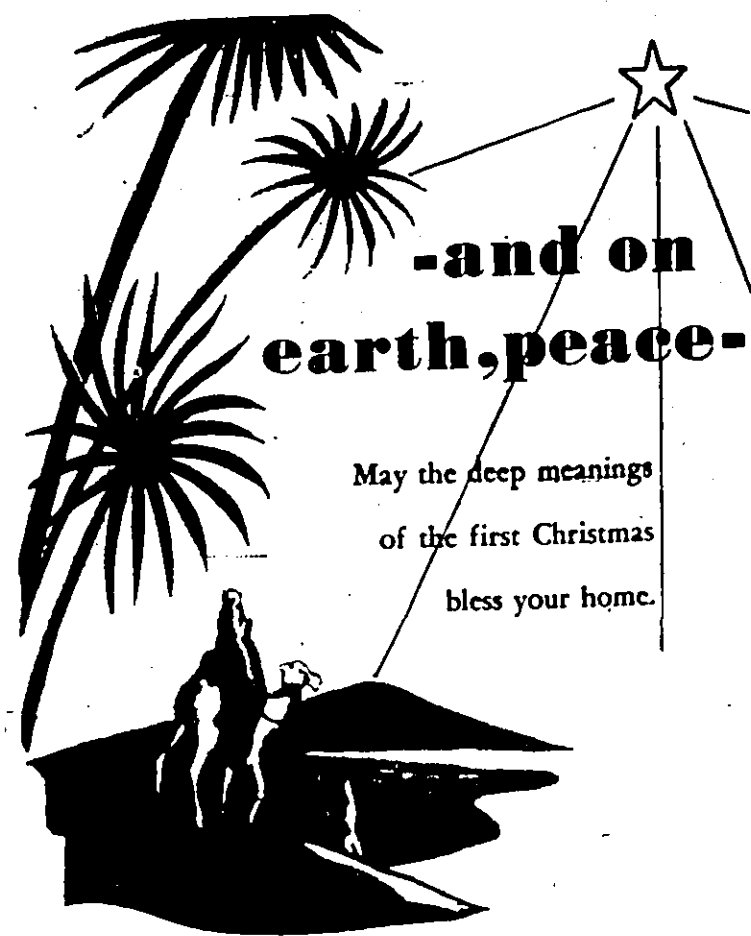
Don't leave the lights on when it isn't necessary and especially when the family is away from home. From time to time, check over the tree and see if berries near the lights are turning brown. If they have, remove the lights.

Watch the calendar. New Year's is the day for the tree to go down. If you should extend the time, don't leave the lights on the tree for more than a half hour at a time.

Place the tree well away from stoves, radiators, and other sources of heat. When you smoke, stay away from the tree. Also be sure that the tree is secured in such a way that it cannot fall. Do not put it near a doorway where it might block an avenue of escape, should a fire occur.



MRS. SANTA... She is lovely. This is Miami Beach's version of Mrs. Santa doing her chimney climbing in the snow country.



Callaway's

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For all of its repetition it's still beyond beating.
That favorite "Merry Christmas"
Is the world's greatest greeting.

Farmers Guaranty State Bank

Member F. D. I. C.

Frank Smith, President

John N. Morgan, Vice-President, Cashier

Mrs. James Hammonds, Assistant Cashier



NO. 1 GRANDCHILDREN... Grandchildren of President Eisenhower get a look at Christmas dolls. They are (left to right) Susan, Barbara, Anna, and Dwight David. The children spent last Christmas with their grandparents at the White House, New York.

Dr. Clement Moore

Was Ashamed of

His Famous Poem

Dr. Clement Moore was

ashamed of his famous poem,

"Night Before Christmas," and

would not acknowledge that he

wrote it for more than 20 years.

Today the poem which begins—

"Twas the night before Christmas,

when all through the house

Not a creature was stirring, not

even a mouse!"—

is one of the most beloved of all

Christmas writings.

Dr. Moore was an able profes-

sor of Greek and Oriental litera-

ture in the Episcopal Seminary in

New York. He wrote the poem on

Christmas Eve 1822 and read it

to his seven children.

He had not planned for the poem

to go further than his own family,

but a relative who was visiting

the Moore put a copy in her diary.

The next year the relative's father

sent it to a newspaper.

Other newspapers printed the

poem and they quickly became

known all over the country. The

dignified Dr. Moore was embar-

rased and considered it beneath

a man of his scholarly standing

to be the author of children's

songs.

Twenty-two years later, how-

ever, he finally publicly admitted

authorship of the rhyme and it

was published in book form under

his name for the first time.

An East Texas newspaper man

says that crime doesn't pay, but that

neither does running a newspaper.



May your Christmas be a happy one and success
attend your New Year.

East Texas Motor & Equipment Company

O. B. Rhone

A. E. Hervey



Southland Paper Mills, Inc.

Lufkin, Texas

NEWSPRINT

High Grade Container Board

LUMBER DIVISION

Mill A Trinity

Mill B New Willard



TREES ARE GOOD INSURANCE

A cash tree crop is growing up with this lad. Trees are good insurance for his future, as they will provide money for his education. Tree seedlings planted now may be ready for their first harvest within 20 years.

More idle acres planted in trees and protected from fire today mean more raw materials tomorrow for America's wood-using industries.



May the Christmas bells ring
gladness and peace into the hearts
of our many friends and customers.

Hutson's Cafe

Codger and Eunice Hutson
Trinity, Texas



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

As another year passes by, we wish to thank each and every one of our friends for their kind favors and patronage! May the spirit of Christmas enrich your lives throughout the coming year! May there be peace and goodwill among all mankind!

Keeland-Overstreet Hardware

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Motor Co.

Mrs. George Childs

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