



A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Baptist Children Present Program

Early Sunday evening the children and youth of the First Baptist church and church school gathered for old-fashioned Christmas-time exercises. A large company of parents and friends enjoyed listening to the varied program of recitations, songs and dramatic episodes.

Among those who took part were: Sharon Dietrick, David Middelich, Mary Richardson, Gwenie Johnson, Cindy Hoolhan, Dany Akerly, Carol Olsen, Nancy Gilliam, Gretchen Tothacker, David Durning, Ronald McCrumb, Robert Goldsmith, Allan Davison, Paul Turner, Bill McKay, Dick Haack, James Knotts, Allen Turner, Errol Brinsidine, the Pomery sisters, Sally Hunt, H. H. Updegraph, Judy Akerly, Bobby Haack, Ada Wells, Nancy Olsen, Elaine Wells, Bill Richardson, Judy Segar, Marvin Smith, Kippy Patton, Faith Wells, Robert Streeten, John Knotts and Richard Kontz.

Carols were sung by the kinder-

gsten and primary departments. A carol "Night of Nights," was sung by Marlene Crawford, Mary Viers, and Loretta Kenny. The "B.Y.F. Carolers" rendered several selections with solo by Austa-Kay Olsen. A Christmas candle service was given by Susan Gilliam, Penny Sears, Carol Brinsidine, Phyllis Steele, Mary Louise Smith and Joanne Crumb.

"When the King Came" was the title of a Christmas drama presented by members of the Baptist Youth Fellowship under the leadership of Miss Muriel Lockrow, youth director. The participants included Larry Bunsyah, Elaine Kontz, Edgar Streeten, Roger Jackson, Janet Lockrow, Marsha Moody, Richard Kontz, Earl Jaeger, Ken Burnett, Bud Wyatt and Robert Brown.

General chairman of the program committee was Mrs. E. Johnson, accompanist, Mrs. Esther Turner and the ushers were members of the Church School class taught by George Jackson. They included Donald Cooper, Charles Griffin, Hartley Collins, Charles Viers, Bob Waterland, Manfred Durning, Donald Goldsmith and Clark Davison.

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Be Careful of Those Christmas Trees, Paper Wrappings, Says Fire Marshal

By George S. Scott, Fire Marshal Birmingham Bureau of Fire Prevention

Will yours be one of the hundreds of homes which will be destroyed by fire during the coming holiday season? Will your holiday decorations and Christmas gifts be turned to ashes? Will your loved ones be burned to death?

If you would escape the calamity of a holiday fire, read and follow the simple safety rules listed below:

1. Your Christmas tree and the decorations on it are of first importance. As soon as the tree is brought into the house it will begin to dry out and be highly flammable in a week's time. The National Fire Protection Association recommends keeping the tree fresh looking and safer from possible sources of ignition by setting the base of the tree and standard in a pan of water.
2. Place the tree well away from stoves, radiators, heat registers, and other sources of heat.
3. Don't block away from exits, so that if fire does occur your eyes will not be obstructed.
4. Candles and other open flame ornaments have no place in the home—not a safe home.
5. Check Christmas tree lights—if bare wires or worn spots have them repaired or replaced with a new set.
6. Before and after Christmas there will be a lot of flammable material around the house. Most Christmas wrappings burn like tinder and should be removed as soon as possible.
7. Check your fuse panel; be sure there are no fuses for the lighting circuit greater than 15 amps.
8. Check Extinguishers. Be careful of heat operated toys and new electrical gadgets. They do not bear the label of Underwriters Laboratories Inc.
9. Have your fire extinguishers checked to make sure they will operate and place them where they will be handy in case of fire.
10. All places of public assembly, churches, clubs, dance halls, theatres, schools, etc., are reminded of the new State Law which prohibits light combustible materials of any nature from being used as decorations.

Oakland County RED CROSS NEWS

Kilting in nearby fashion the other day. Staff Sergeant Lynn D. Rexford of Pontiac and Sergeant Royal L. McCormick of Farmington, of the U. S. Army Recruiting office at 53 1/2 West Huron in Pontiac, dropped into see the Christmas packages for Percy Jones General Hospital. In the midst of a huge pile of gift packages, Mrs. Harold Lee Ward of Pontiac was busy wrapping gifts for hospitalized G.I.'s, with the able assistance of Mrs. Anon Riker of Orchard Lake, Mrs. Brodie Stabler, and Mrs. Howard Barker, both of Bloomfield Hills and Mrs. Basil Brown of Pontiac.

Impressed with the three hundred gift packages piled all over

the Oakland County Chapter office, Sergeant Rexford exclaimed "They sure look pretty. We got some overseas at Christmas and they were swell. But by the time they reached us, they did look a little beat-up!"

The gifts for Percy Jones Hospital range from toilet article kits to fountain pens and cigarette lighters. Funds for these gifts, as well as many of the gifts themselves, have come not only from the Red Cross but also from contributions by many local organizations. These contributions are greatly appreciated.

Among the organizations contributing are: From Pontiac, Blue Star Mothers Chapter No. 4; Junior Pontiac Women's Club; Blue Star Mothers Chapter No. 14 of Rochester; Clintonville P.T.A.; Girl Scout Troop No. 4 of Sylvan Lake; Tuesday Musicals; Newcomer's Club; Pontiac Farm and Garden; Child Culture Club, and the Pontiac Women's Bowling Association. From Bloomfield Hills, Guild Auxiliary of St. James Church; Birmingham Women's Club, and the Birmingham AAUW.

You want this Christmas to be a Merry Christmas. Yes, of course you do! But did you know that more people are killed in December than any other month, and carelessness, especially at Christmas time, is the cause of almost every fatality? The Oakland County Chapter issues the following warnings from the American National Red Cross Accident Prevention Service:

Forest fires can be staged right in your living room if you use Christmas tree lights and extension cords which do not carry the Underwriters' Laboratory label. And inflammable decorations will brighten the blaze!

Select a cool spot for your Christmas tree—not only because it will keep fresher but as a fire prevention measure. Placed near a radiator, fireplace or any heating unit, the tree dries out and becomes a fire hazard. Keep cigarettes and matches far from your tree.

To be sure that your lighted candles add a festive touch to Christmas and not a contagion—keep curtains, paper decorations, dried pine or holly at a safe distance.

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