

PLAY IT SAFE!

Tree Presents Post-Holiday Fire Hazard

The Christmas tree, center of holiday festivities in most American homes can still at this late date become the center of tragedy. Because a fir tree is filled with pitch and resin, it is one of the most combustible objects known—and once ignited, it burns so rapidly that it is virtually impossible to extinguish. This is especially true after the tree has been cut for two or three weeks and lost most of its moisture content.

By this time of the year most Christmas trees have dried out to where they have more of an explosive than combustible nature. Therefore, it is imperative that the disposal of the tree be given very careful consideration so as to not mar the joys and merriment of the past week.

Keeping in mind the explosive nature of these dried out fir branches—DO NOT cut the tree up and attempt to burn it in the fireplace. Your fireplace was not built to handle such a volume of unshuffled heat and flames. The results will be fire shooting out into the room.

IF YOU LOVE your children—DO NOT throw your tree out in the back yard or alley. Boys will be boys, and every year about this time they gather up all the trees in the neighborhood and either make a hot or fort out of them. Do we need to say more? Can't you see the possibilities?

Therefore, we advise extreme caution in the safe disposal of your Christmas tree. We know that the extra few minutes you spend will help to keep 1953 a safe and happy year.

The City of Birmingham maintains a dump on East Maple across from the Bera airport just west of the Walker well. The gates are open during week days from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is closed Sundays and holidays. This is your dump. Use it as often as you wish.

If you cannot take the tree out to the dump, then the department of public works will pick it up on their regular weekly collection. Cut the tree up and tie into bundles of not over four feet in length and ten inches in diameter.

If you burn the tree in your own outdoor incinerator, be sure to burn only a few branches at a time and only if the incinerator is away from garages and other buildings.

"PLAY IT SAFE"—Remember, fir trees don't burn, they explode, when they are old and dry.

Birmingham Fire Department.

Men's Varsity Wins Third Straight Game

Birmingham YMCA Men's Varsity won its third consecutive basketball game Thursday, Dec. 18, with a 64 to 51 win over Hannan YMCA of Detroit. Led by Bob Folin, Don Kinker, Skip Halpin, Tom McKinley, Don Raester, and others the local five breezed to victory. Halftime score was 37 to 21.

Kinker and Folin scored 34 points between them to lead both teams in scoring. McKinley held McIntosh, Hannan's leading scorer, to 10 points.

Birmingham "Y" team does not play again until January when they take on Western YMCA on the Baldwin High floor.

Obituary Notices



DR. HUGO FREUND

Noted Physician, Dr. Hugo Freund, Dies in Detroit

Dr. Hugo Freund, 71, noted diagnostician, died Dec. 24 at Harper hospital, Detroit, where he was once in charge of internal medicine.

Dr. Freund, who maintained a summer home at Walnut Lake, was a native Detroit. He was graduated from Central high school and the University of Michigan school of medicine and later took post-graduate courses in Germany.

He served as an assistant professor of internal medicine at the University of Michigan for two years and has been on the staff of several Detroit hospitals. He was to have been a director of research at the new Sinai hospital opening in Detroit next month.

Dr. Freund was the owner of the Field building on West Maple and, according to his son, has an interest in several of the new

stores to the west of that property.

Dr. Freund is survived by his widow, Ruth; two daughters, Mrs. Barnett Malbin of Detroit and Mrs. Edgar Alexander of Evansville, Ind.; a son, Richard A. Freund of Birmingham and six grandchildren.

Services were held Friday afternoon from the William R. Hamilton company's Chapel in Detroit with burial in Woodmere cemetery.

MRS. CLYDE E. USTICK, 68, of 393 N. Woodward, died suddenly Dec. 24 at St. Joseph Mercy hospital, Pontiac.

Born in St. Louis, Mo., on Aug. 17, 1884, she had lived in Birmingham for 23 years, coming here from Glenside, Ill. In 1907 she was married to Clyde E. Ustick, former manager of the National Lock company of Detroit. Mr. Ustick died in 1946.

She was a member of the Library of Detroit, Oakland Hills country club and St. James Episcopal church.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. E. E. Hammonds and Mrs. Donald C. Neill and two grandchildren, all of Birmingham.

Two sisters, Mrs. E. E. Norris of Rochester, N. Y., and Mrs. T. R. Parkhurst of San Clemente, Calif., also survive.

Services were held from the Ball Chapel of the William R. Hamilton company Friday morning with entombment in White Chapel cemetery. The Rev. Harold E. Towne of St. James church officiated.

JOHN DAVID MARTZ, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martz, 745 Cole, was buried Monday in Lakeside cemetery, Port Huron.

Prayer services were held Sunday afternoon at the Manley Bailey funeral home with the Rev. Dr. Arnold F. Runkel of the First Methodist church officiating. The baby was born Dec. 26.

Besides his parents the baby is survived by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Martz and Mr. and Mrs. David Masterton, all of Birmingham.



We are thankful to be starting another year in our community, among our good friends. Success to every one of you.

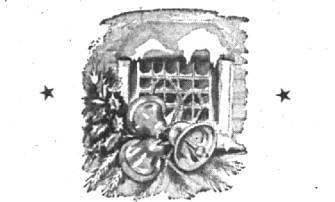
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KENNETH F. HARDY

Prepares Article For NACA Bulletin

Kenneth F. Hardy, 412 S. Glenhurst, director of the Detroit chapter of the National Association of Cost Accountants, has been honored by the committee on manuscripts of the organization in New York City.

Hardy is the author of an accounting manuscript, "Audit Aspects of Pension Administration," which has been published in the December, 1952 issue of the NACA Bulletin.

This is the world's largest accounting organization, with over 30,000 members in approximately 100 different chapters. Many members submit accounting manuscripts to the committee for publication.

Hardy is the director of procedures and methods section, controller's staff, of the General Motors corporation. He has been associated with General Motors since 1935 when he was employed by the Hyatt bearings division, Harrison, N. J. He is a graduate of New York university and formerly a member and director of the Newark chapter, NACA.

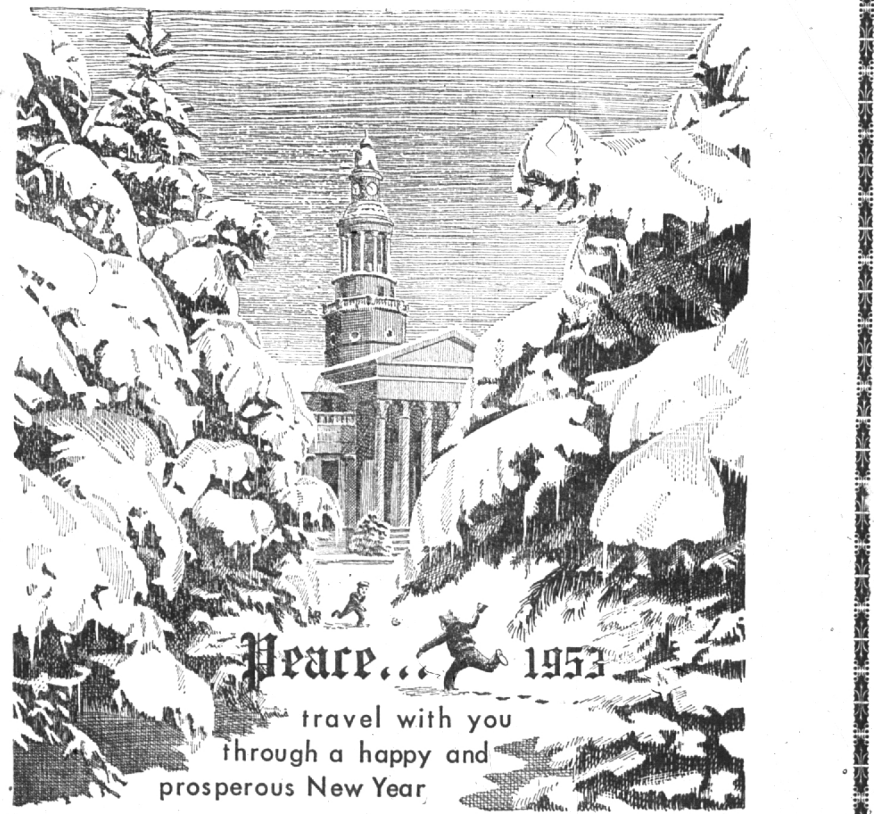
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