

Fire Hazard VS Christmas

One of the worst fire hazards comes at the best time of the year: the tree at Christmas.

You can, however, reduce the hazard with a few simple precautions.

Don't bring the tree indoors, until needed. Select a corner away from a radiator, stove, fireplace or other sources of heat to display it. After cutting off the bottom inch from the original cut, stand the tree in plain water to keep it fresh longer and less likely to take fire.

The electric lights should be carefully checked for bare wires, cracked insulation and faulty sockets before hanging on tree. When purchasing new electric light cords be sure they are a make that has been approved by "Underwriters Laboratories."

IN CONNECTION with the light cords, never place more than a 15 amp. fuse in the household circuit. If a 15 amp. fuse burns out, it is trying to tell you that the circuit is overloaded. If this happens you should reduce the number of appliances on this circuit but never install a heavier fuse.

Markets today have a wide variety of non-inflammable decorating materials. Never use cotton batting under the tree for snow effect. In its place use mineral wool or spun glass.

Never set up electric trains or other heat and spark producing toys under the Christmas tree. This combination is like asking for a fire.

Gift wrappings, cotton batting, packing material, etc., should never be allowed to accumulate. Remove it as soon as possible and burn outside.

DO NOT BURN these wrappings in the fireplace as most chimneys are not designed to take the large amount of combustion that is given off and as a result fire will extend outside of the fireplace into the room.

All Christmas tree lights, lights used for other decorative purposes and electrical appliances should be turned off on going to bed or leaving the house.

Many times a short circuit can be detected and the cord disconnected. However, if no one is present these shorts can easily develop into a serious fire.

Christmas is supposed to be a joyous occasion—don't spoil it with a fire.

PLAY IT SAFE! Be careful and have a Merry Christmas.

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 JANNY—So Long As Love Remembers
 MYSTERY WRITERS OF AMERICA—Creek Trail
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 TAY—Man in the Glove
 VAN DORN—Nobility—A Word
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 DORCY—Sabbath in Tartan
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 Friday 9:30 - 4:30
 Saturday 9:30 - 5:00

State Aid Advance Helps Southfield District Schools

Superintendent of Southfield district schools Glen Schoenhals reports he was pleasantly surprised last week when the Michigan Municipal Finance Commission turned down his application for a loan of \$50,000, and offered instead to allow his school district an advance in state aid money of equal size. Schoenhals said the district needs the money to meet operating expenses until the first of the year when tax revenues will begin to come in.

"An advance in state aid is much better than having to borrow the money since the district doesn't have to pay interest on the money that way," said Schoenhals.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—
 MRS. BROOKS MARSHALL, League of Women Voters municipal affairs chairman: "Although Birmingham has done a great deal to stop pollution in the River Rouge since we voted to divert our East side sewage last April, there still is much that has to be done. With the increasing growth of our city and county, it's more important than ever that city groups be aware of the problem before us and the steps that could be taken to remedy a bad situation."

Sam Bruni Buys 'The Carousel'

The Carousel Dining Room, 4426 124 N. Woodward, Birmingham, ac- cording to William A. Elize, man- ager of the Elmer M. Clark real

estate company, brokers in the transaction. Bruni said he has not made any definite plans as to what he will do with the business as yet. When asked about the future of the Car-

ousel, he said, "As Mr. Truman would say, 'No comment.'" Sellers of the business, Colonel and Mrs. Fedor Naybohm, reported- ly are moving to California.

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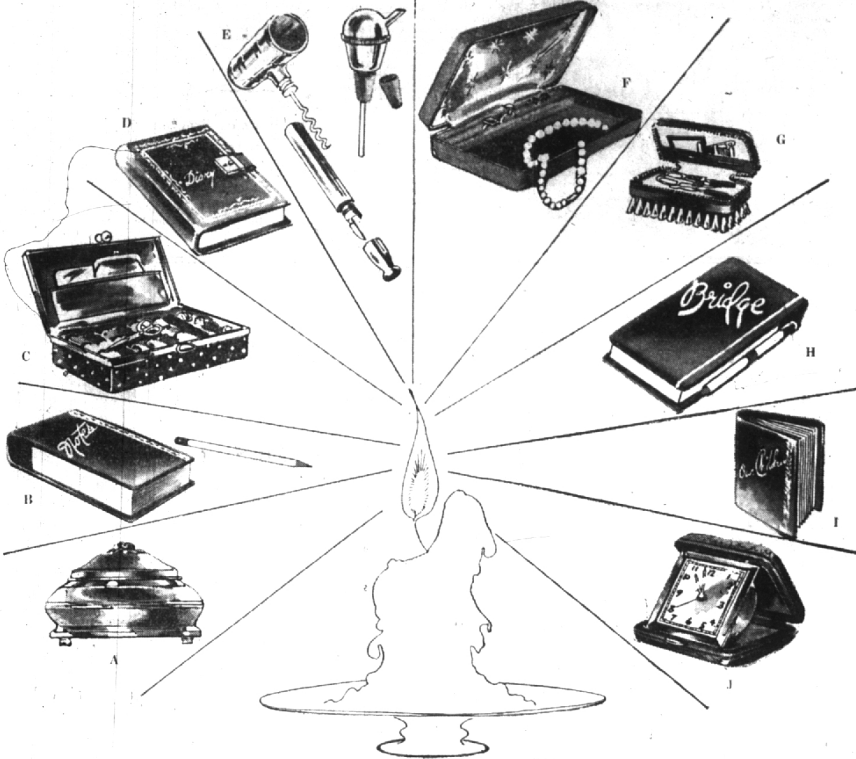
Varsity football awards will be made to 28 players and three man- agers at Central Michigan College,

December 17, 1953 THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC Page 3 according to Dan P. Ross, Athletic director. Included on the list of players are five seniors, seven juni- ors, 12 sophomores and four fresh- men. From Birmingham will be Ron Rolph, a sophomore.

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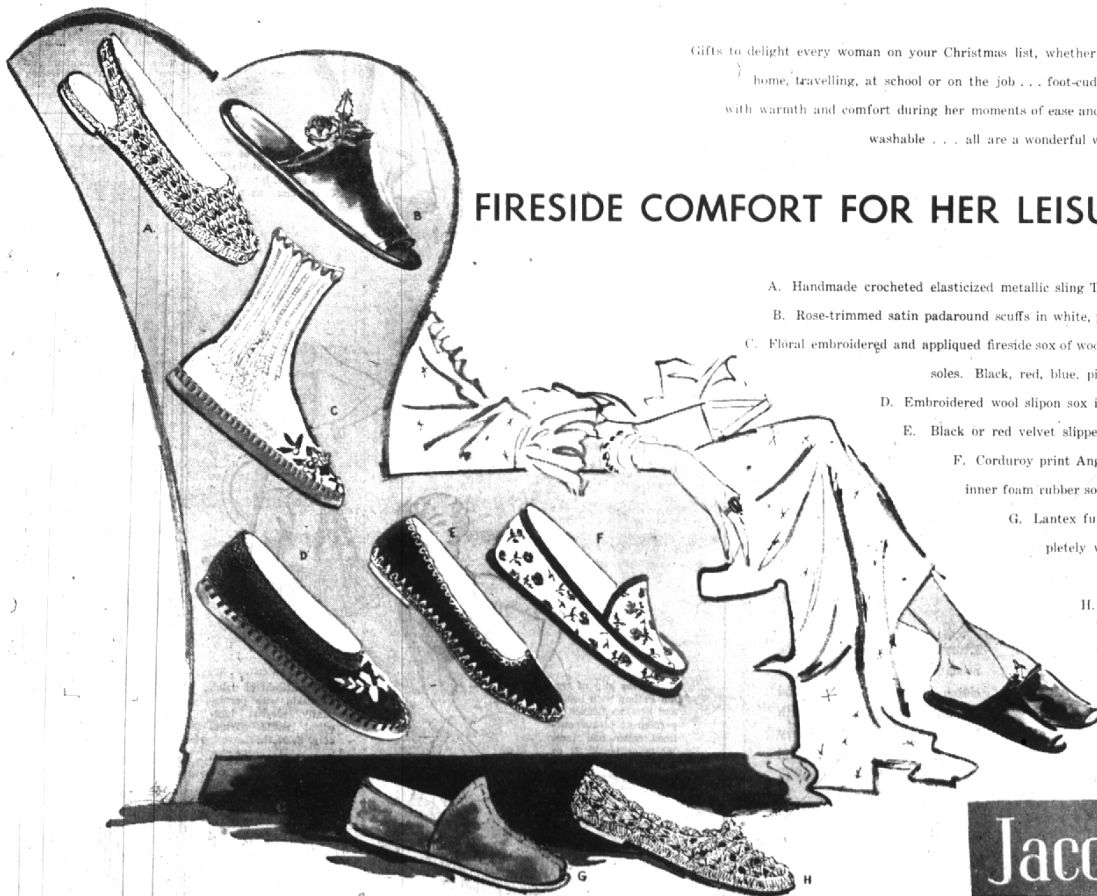
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- H. Handmade crocheted elasticized gold or silver metallic TV slippers. 3.95

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