

FIRE CHIEF WARNS OF XMAS BLAZES

Ross B. Davis Decries Use of Candles on Trees and Urges Care in Other Lighting

POINTS OUT DANGERS

A warning against the danger of fires resulting from carelessness in the handling of Christmas tree lighting and decorations was given today by Acting Fire Chief Ross B. Davis.

"There is always an increased danger of fires at this season," he explained, "but virtually all of them could be prevented by proper care in the home."

"The Christmas tree candles should be considered a thing of the past. It is a simple matter for a tree, especially when it has become slightly dried out, to catch on fire from a candle placed among its branches. This form of decoration is useless and a menace to the safety of homes."

"Those who must have lights in their trees can resort to the far safer system of electric bulbs. But even here care and judgment must be used. Careless wiring and insufficient insulation frequently result in serious fires. Any one installing electric lights on a Christmas tree should take great care to see that there are no sections of exposed wire that might be the cause of a short circuit that would set the tree in flames."

"Christmas trees should never be placed at the foot or in the bend of stairways. Many are set up in hallways in the angle of the stairs. This is bad, because a fire starting on a tree so placed will in a few minutes cut off escape from the second floor. Trees should not be placed in decays, between rooms where a fire would block off one part of the house."

"All sorts of cotton, paper or in-



ROSS B. DAVIS
Acting fire chief, who warns of dangers in careless handling of Christmas tree lighting

flammable decorations should be discarded, even if the danger of fire or combustion seems slight."

PLAN LONG-TABLE LUNCH

Civic and City Clubs to Hold Affairs Tomorrow Noon

The Civic and City Clubs will hold a long table luncheon, to which the public is invited, tomorrow noon at the City Club, 313 South Broad street.

Addresses will be made by Dr. Allen P. Burns, director of Americanization studies of New York state and president of the National Conference of Social Workers, and by E. E. Nash, of the Pennsylvania State Bureau of Americanization.

Dr. Burns will speak on "Post War Needs of Americanization Work," and Mr. Nash's address will be on "The State's Problem of Americanization."

TO DEDICATE CHURCH ORGAN

Bishop Berry to Officiate at Church in Ardmore Tonight

Bishop Berry will dedicate a pipe organ in the Matthew Simpson Memorial Methodist Church, of Ardmore, at 8 o'clock this evening.

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