



"ON THE THIRD DAY OF CHRISTMAS,  
MY TRUE LOVE GAVE TO ME..."



"THREE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS, TWO..."

#### KEEP CHRISTMAS — "MERRY"! An Editorial

Last year's death toll from fires in December was 800 with the property loss accompanying these deaths running way up in the millions.

Part of these staggering losses could be directly attributed to Christmas Trees and Decorations. Thus, in order to at least eliminate this source of fire during the Christmas holiday season, here are some suggestions that should be followed:

When buying a Christmas Tree — shop around, if necessary — but buy only a fresh tree! Stroke the needles on a branch of the tree you are planning to buy with your hand. If needles drop from the branch, the tree is not fresh — so pick out one that doesn't do this.

A tree kept out-of-doors will stay fresh much longer than one in the house. So, if possible, keep your tree outside until just before Christmas — and be sure to put it in a pail of water as soon as you get home with it. The tree will "drink" water, and the water will help keep the tree fresh and green.

When you bring the tree inside the house to decorate it, put the tree in the coolest part of the room — away from radiators, hot air ducts, and fireplaces.

To help keep your tree fresh longer, you should use a tree stand with a metal container that can be filled with water. The container should be filled with water immediately, and then re-filled daily until the tree is taken down.

Only tree decorations made of glass, metal, or some other non-combustible material should be placed on the Christmas Tree.

Check Christmas tree lights before placing them on the tree to be sure they are in good operating condition. Strings of lights with frayed wires or faulty sockets should be replaced with new ones.

Christmas tree lights should be turned off at night — and — NEVER leave Christmas lights on when everyone is away from home.

If you have a metal tree, do not decorate it with Christmas lights as they could cause a short circuit — use an off-the-tree lighting arrangement instead.

And last — but not least — when the needles start dropping off the tree, take it down even though you had planned on leaving it up a few days longer.

Then, have a "Merry Christmas" — without fear of a disastrous fire over the Holidays.

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#### 50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 7, 1917

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Miss Avie Mead of East Valley and Lynn Trowbridge of Andover were united in marriage Thursday evening, Nov. 29th. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. John Nobles.

Roger Brothers started their new milk delivery route Wednesday morning.

Lewis N. Corwin, 87, died at his home on Second St., Friday, Nov. 30th. A daughter, a sister and two brothers survive. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

The young people gave Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Greene of Independence a surprise Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Crandall and children of Independence are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Burdick at Ellicottville from Friday until Monday.

At the home of the bride's parents on Jersey Hill, occurred the wedding of Miss Edna Norton and Clifford Burdick on Nov. 29th.

Mr. and Mrs. William Pardon

gave a dancing party Friday night in honor of their guest, Charles McGinnis of Camp Dix. Henry Baker's orchestra furnished the music.

R. K. Hammond of Buffalo was the guest of Andover friends and relatives from Thursday until Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Gallagher of Salamanca, welcomed a son Tuesday.

#### 40 YEARS AGO

Dec. 9, 1927

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Snyder are the parents of a son, Frank Lyle, born Friday, Dec. 2nd.

A. O. Kemp is building a second story over the wing of the Red & White Grocery on Greenwood St.

Ray Rogers and family have moved from his farm near Whitesville to the Beebe property on Pleasant Ave. Thomas O'Hagan has moved to the Rogers farm.

Mrs. M. F. Baker and son, Donald of Salamanca spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. B. S. Baker of Tip Top.

Mrs. Louise Corwin of Dowagiac, Mich., is the guest of her aunt, Miss Arvilla Bullard.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Rogers have been passing the week with relatives and friends in Ithaca.

John Dean went to Buffalo Thursday for a few weeks visit with his daughter.

#### 30 YEARS AGO

Dec. 3, 1937

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Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Robinson of Rutherford, N. J., are the parents of a daughter, Eleanor Ardelle, born Sunday, Nov. 28th.

Mrs. Hazel Miller Redmond, 39, of Greenwood, died Saturday, Nov. 27. Her husband her father two brothers and a sister survive. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Densmore of Independence observed their 50th wedding anniversary Thanksgiving Day by entertaining a number of relatives and friends at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Lynch celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary Sunday, Nov. 28th.

Mr. and Mrs. George [Name] who purchased the W. J. [Name] farm in Independence are nearly settled this week.

Mrs. Mary [Name] of North Bingham is visiting her mother, Mrs. Carl [Name] of Independence.

Mrs. W. L. Burdick of Ashaway, E. I., was a guest of her brother, C. M. Crandall and family of Independence Saturday and Sunday.

Francis Mead of Elm Valley and boyfriends in Andover made Carol Burdick a birthday surprise visit at his home in Railroad Valley last Friday.

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