

# Plastic and Aluminum Trees Have Hazards

Year after year the fire hazard of natural Christmas trees and decorations have been brought to the attention of the public by Chief J. J. Benner of the Torrance Fire Department. The hazard has not lessened, but this year because of the popularity of plastic and aluminum Christmas trees, new precautions are now being listed.

The plastic Christmas trees vary as to flammability because of the different blends of plastic used. They should be treated the same as natural trees except plastic Christmas trees do not have to be set in a container of water or wet sand. Some of the precautions are:

1. Avoid the use of flammable decorations on the tree.
2. Never use candles. Use only electric lights and see that all of the strings are in good condition.
3. Do not leave tree lights burning when no one is home.

The aluminum trees are non-flammable, but will readily conduct electricity. Electric lights should not be used on this type of a tree. Spot lights, some with a slowly revolving multi-colored wheel are available, and when not attached to the tree are safe and effective.

Christmas is a time for happiness and no time to be heedless of fire dangers. Observe these few rules, use common sense and have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

# Community Chest Fund Drive Hits 85 Per Cent

With Harbor City-Lomita the first community to reach its Community Chest goal, Harbor area volunteers continue clean-up operations aiming for an overall 100 per cent report by Thursday noon, Fred Mill, area chairman, said today.

Harbor City - Lomita hit 100.11 per cent with Walter Schepmann, president, Retail Clerks International Assn. Local 905, as chairman. Overall, Harbor Area stands at 85.40 per cent, second highest in the Los Angeles area. West area leads with 90 per cent.

"Additional gifts are still coming in," Mill said, and many company campaigns are incomplete.

"ONE FIRM where employees gave most generously was Gilbert C. Van Camp Insurance Agency, Inc., in San Pedro, where Miss Joanne Bezieh is employe Chest chairman and Harry Scott, committeeman.

"Contributions at this firm earned employe the highest Community Chest award—the bronze plaque," Mill said.

"Residents and businesses missed during the campaign can still send a contribution (income tax deductible) to Community Chest, 200 E. Anaheim, Wilmington, and these will be credited to their city."

"LETTERS HAVE been sent to past givers of record in Palos Verdes and Rolling Hills, and residents are asked to return these as soon as possible so that they can be tallied for next Thursday's report."

STAR GAZER			
By CLAY R. POLLAN			
Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars			
ARIES	MAR. 21 - APR. 20	4-16-27-38	45-56-80-85
Taurus	APR. 21 - MAY 21	5-14-29-39	53-62-83-87
GEMINI	MAY 22 - JUNE 21	6-22-44-63	74-76-77
CANCER	JUNE 22 - JULY 23	7-19-24-37	48-59-71
LEO	JULY 24 - AUG. 23	8-22-44-63	74-76-77
VIRGO	AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23	9-16-30-41	55-72-84-89
LIRA	SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23	10-18-31-42	51-64-70
SCORPIO	OCT. 24 - NOV. 23	11-21-32-43	66-81-90
SAGITTARIUS	NOV. 24 - DEC. 23	12-20-31	11-21-32-43
CAPRICORN	DEC. 24 - JAN. 23	1-13-26-36	50-61-82-88
AQUARIUS	JAN. 24 - FEB. 19	2-11-22-33	44-55-66-77
PISCES	FEB. 20 - MAR. 21	3-11-22-33	44-55-66-77



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### JEFF COBB

LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE STRUCK PAYDIRT TONIGHT, TOMMY!

YESSIR! THAT DOC BARIS IN 405, IS A TIPPER AFTER MY OWN HEART!

NOW, IF I COULD ONLY FIGURE OUT HOW TO KEEP HIM IN THIS HOTEL ANWHILE...

ROOM CLERK SPEAKING! ...HELLO? ...HELLO?

C-COULD YOU RUSH YOUR HOTEL PHYSICIAN UP HERE? I DON'T FEEL WELL!

OF COURSE, MA'AM!...RIGHT AWAY!

TROUBLE UP IN 901!...A WOMAN WANTS THE HOUSE DOC ON THE DOUBLE!

I'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU!

OL' SAWBONES WENT OUT FOR A SNACK!...WONT BE BACK FOR HALF HOUR!

OH, OH!

DOGGONE IT! THE HOUSE DOC DOESN'T ANSWER!

I TOLD YA OL' SAWBONES WENT OUT FOR A SNACK!

TOMMY, THE WOMAN IN 901 WANTS MEDICAL ATTENTION NOW! GO FIND HIM!

BUT WHY BOTHER?... I KNOW SOMEBODY ELSE WHO CAN CURE HER ACHES AND PAINS!

OH! ARE Y-YOU...

AND A SHORT TIME LATER...

...DOCTOR...AH...BARIS!...MAY I COME IN?

### RED RYDER

By Fred Harman

RED AND LITTLE BEAVER MAKE A FAST RIDE TO TOWN!

MORGAN'S HIT BAD, RED! FELLER PICKED A FIGHT WITH HIM AN' BEAT HIM TO TH' DRAW! AN' HE'S A FAST GUN!

I KNOW HIM! HE PICKED A BRAWL WITH ME, TOO! THEN APOLOGIZED! SAID HE TOOK ME FOR SOMEONE ELSE? HE CALLS HIMSELF BRONCO BOY!

IF HE WAS BRONCO BOY, SOMEBODY ELSE'S COULD EASY TAKE YOU FOR MORGAN, BARIN' TH' RED HAZ!

YEAH, I FIGURE HE'S A HIEED 'EM, TOO! NOW, JUST SHOW ME WHERE HE LEFT TOWN, AN' LITTLE BEAVER, AN' I'LL PICK UP HIS TRAIL. YOU COULD TAKE A SWING AROUND, IN CASE HE DOUBLED BACK!

RED AND LITTLE BEAVER TRY TO PUZZLE OUT THE ELUSIVE TRAIL OF BRONCO BOY, KILLER FOR HIEE, WHO HAS SHOT A LAW MAN IN AN APPARENT REASON.

SOMETIMES YOU CAN GUESS WHERE A HAN'S HEADN' BY HIS GENERAL LINE OF TRAVEL, BUT THIS ONE'S TOO SHINY! IF I WAS HIM, I'D HEAD FOR TH' PASS!

HERE BE HORSE TRACKS!

THAT'S HIS MARK, ALL RIGHT! DID YOU NOTICE ON TH' OFF FORE HOOF...

YEAH, HE SEE-UM? LITTLE CRACK IN HOSE SHOE!

AFTER THESE DAYS OF TRACKING...

IN TH' MORNIN' WE'LL CUT ACROSS COUNTRY STRAIGHT FOR TH' PASS! I'M GONNA GAMBLE THAT'S WHERE HE'S HEADN'!

RENT MORNIN'...

YOU GUESS-UM RIGHT, RED RYDER! THERE BE FRESH BOOT TRACKS!

BOOT TRACKS! THEN HE'S AFOOT! PULL UP! WE'RE RIGHT ON HIS TAIL!

YOU'RE CLOSEN THAT, CO, BOY! TH' SHERIFF NALLED MY HORSE! GIVE OUT YER BODY! KEEB YOUR HANDS IN SIGHT AN' STEP OFF THAT BLACK OR I'LL BLAST YOU OFF!

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