



It's a fact that natural trees are making a comeback. More and more people prefer the beauty and the smell of real pine needles. But there are still a lot of artificial trees. If you should have one, be sure it's labeled fire resistant. And if it's metallic, don't string lights on it—that

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could create a dangerous shock hazard.

You can avoid some problems by exercising a little care before you buy a natural tree. Walk around the lot and pick out a fresh one.

Here's a fact that will help you do just that. A lot of needles will fall off a dry tree when it's bounced off the ground a time or two. A dry tree is a fire hazard.

When you get the tree home pick out a spot for it that's well away from any heat source—like a heater or fireplace. They'll make the tree get drier faster.

Saw an inch or two off the bottom of the trunk and place it in the type of stand that holds water. Keep it filled and the tree will absorb the moisture and not dry out so fast.

Keep this fact in mind when you're shopping for new tree lights—you should buy only strings that have the Underwriters Laboratories label on the package.

It's safer to buy a new string of lights than to try to make it through one more holiday with one that you've had long enough for it to develop defects.

Check for light strings with loose or broken sockets and cords with bare wire showing before you put a string on the tree.

Some people like to put up outside decorations. They can be colorful and help put people in a holiday mood, but if you have plans for decorating outside be sure you use lights rated for



The Geneva Pee Wee Football cheerleaders, sponsored by the local Lion's Club, is comprised of five employee daughters. Left to right are: Susie Creel, Cindy Creel, Melanie Dettmar, and Molly Dettmar. Front row, Jackie Creel.



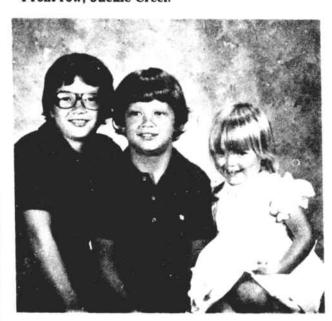
outdoor use. Check them carefully for defects.

Whether it's inside or outside, make sure you pull the plug on holiday lighting before you go to bed or when you leave the house.

It's an unpleasant fact that some holidays have been spoiled by falls. Avoid using makeshifts like stacks of boxes or books or either stacked on a chair, when you're trying to get to that hard-to-reach part of the tree. Use a sturdy stepladder.



Dorothy Martin is the daughter of David and Cynthia Martin, Clinton Plant No. 2 Weaving employees.



Harold and Roxanne Webb are the proud parents of David, 9; Robby, 8; and Emily, 3. Harold is a Plant No. 2 Weaving employee and Roxanne is a Lydia employee.

