

Gift wrapping service convenient and often quite amusing

Department stores that are genuinely interested in the happiness of their customers provide a gift wrapping counter.

Unlike the "I Love Lucy" segment, packages are not conveyed into a back room to be wrapped out of sight by fumbling clerks. Most stores providing such a service offer quality work by their employees.

It's interesting to watch people making their decisions at the gift wrapping station. The sample packages showing the variety of papers and bows available and their prices always look so neat, but there are so many different gifts that just don't come close to fitting in any of the boxes offered.

Customers operate under the assumption that, if the store is offering this service, then they must have a box to fit everything they sell. The little old ladies, six months from retirement, who nimbly wrap the gifts, strive for perfectly square corners and refuse to believe the company would sell an unwrappable item.

Therefore, these blessed ladies must be ingenious, proficient and amiable, so that waiting customers don't become hostile.

While my girls searched to find just the right card for



Margaret Schmale's
Bits
and pieces

Father's Day, I couldn't help but notice the steady business at the wrapping station. The two elderly ladies were nimbly hiding ties, shirts and socks in perfectly-sized boxes chatting all the while with their pleasantly pleased customers.

Everything seemed to be moving along nicely until a woman came to the counter with a padded toilet seat,

picked out a box and said that she'd return for it later. Not exactly the norm for a Father's Day gift, the ladies were taken aback. One lady quickly scooped up a chess set already in its box to busy herself, leaving her flustered partner with the bathroom accessory.

The small gathering around the gift wrappers started to make comments about the type of man for whom you'd buy such a gift, making the clerk even more rattled. The blushing lady professionally pinned back her drooping gray hairs and, with as much tact as she could muster, placed the seat into the chosen box. It wouldn't fit.

The crowd had doubled due to the hilarity of the comments and the first clerk decided that she would leave for coffee. The abandoned wrapper was receiving all sorts of suggestions from the more-than-helpful cluster of people, but determination was written all over her scarlet face. She ignored the heckling and went to the next size box, but it was so narrow the sides bulged out when she tried to close the lid.

A voice in the crowd told her to leave the lid open, since the gift would be more effective that way. It was a tasteless comment, but it gave her an idea. Throwing the

box to the floor, the clerk opened up the lid of the toilet seat and started binding the cushy seat with sheet after sheet of tissue paper until the seat took on the appearance of an over-raised doughnut.

By the time she finished padding the lid, the whole thing looked a lot like the torso of the woman who had just dropped off the package in the first place. The crowd was going crazy with laughter. Then, to make matters worse, the paper the shopper had picked out was a collage of horses and ponies, prompting the crowd to come up with a few more anatomical comparisons.

A prefab bow was stuck in the middle of each padded section of the toilet's seat as the bystanders applauded the clerk's ingenuity. The package was no sooner finished when the owner returned to claim her gift. It was obvious that the customer was not impressed with the inspirational piece of work, but after 15 minutes of badgering from the onlookers, the drained senior citizen could not be upset more by anything this person could say.

She leaned over the counter, looked the customer straight in the eye and said, "I did the best I could, considering what I had to work with and if you don't like it, well then, sit on it!"

FATHER'S DAY FAVORITES FROM THRIFTWAY

PORK ROAST
BONELESS
ARMOUR'S "VERI-BEST" SHOULDER CUT
\$1.08 LB.

PAMPER PAPA... WITH STEAK AND SALAD!
RIB STEAK
USDA CHOICE BEEF LB. **\$2.98**
OREGON SALAD-SIZE SHRIMP MEAT LB. **\$4.98**

A BAR-B-Q TREAT!
LEAN, COUNTRY-STYLE
BONELESS SPARERIBS LB. **\$1.58**
VALCHRIS TURKEY PASTRAMI LB. **\$2.38**
OUR OWN PURE PORK SAUSAGE LB. **\$1.18**
MRS. SMITH'S BEEF PATTIES 2 LB. PKG. **\$2.98**
FRESH OREGON SCALLOPS LB. **\$6.98**

SHOULDER CUT PORK STEAK LB. **\$1.28**
HILLSHIRE SAUSAGE SMOKED, POLISH OR HOT LB. **\$2.18**

LEAN GROUND BEEF
NOT TO EXCEED 25% FAT CONTENT
\$1.38 LB.
REGULAR GROUND BEEF LB. **\$1.18**
NOT TO EXCEED 30% FAT

WESTERN FAMILY OR WILLAMETTE, WHITE
AA LARGE EGGS
FIRST TWO DOZEN
58¢ EA.
ADDITIONAL AT REG. PRICE

WESTERN FAMILY
SLICED BACON
SAVE 40¢
FIRST 12 OZ. PKG.
79¢
ADDITIONAL AT 89¢

FLEISCHMANN'S CORN OIL
MARGARINE
1 LB. PKG.
79¢
SAVE 27¢

BUDDIG'S
SLICED MEATS
39¢

ARMOUR CANNED HAMS 1 1/2 LB. TIN **\$3.29**
STEINFELD'S DILL PICKLES HALF OR WHOLE 32 OZ. **\$1.39**
BREAKFAST SAUSAGE **\$1.59**
ARMOUR SMOKIES 12 OZ. **\$1.29**
RICH'S TURKEY BOLOGNA 16 OZ. **\$1.99**
KRAFT SLICED VELVEETA 12 OZ. **89¢**
KRAFT PHILADELPHIA CREAM CHEESE 8 OZ. **69¢**
PARKAY, VEGETABLE OIL MARGARINE 1 LB. PKG. **69¢**

MORE MONEY SAVERS
REALME, RECONSTITUTED Lime Juice 8 OZ. **69¢**
AUNT JEMIMA BUTTERMILK (COMPLETE) Pancake Mix 3 1/2 LB. **\$1.47**
NABISCO ASSORTED Snack Bags 4 1/2 to 6 OZ. **79¢**
NABISCO DOUBLE STUFF Oreo Cookies 15 OZ. **\$1.29**
STEINFELD'S WHOLE SWEET Pickles 16 OZ. **99¢**
PETER PAUL, ALMOND JOY, MOUNDS OR STARBAR Candy Bars 4 FOR **89¢**
REGULAR OR SMOKED Spam THRIFFWAY LOW PRICE 12 OZ. **\$1.59**
HEINZ Ketchup THRIFFWAY LOW PRICE 44 OZ. **\$1.68**

CHICKEN FRANKS HYGRADE'S GRILLMASTER 1 LB. PKG. **98¢**

MINUTE MAID, CHILLED ORANGE JUICE 100% PURE, FROM FLORIDA 32 OZ. CTN. **99¢**

PILLSBURY REFRIGERATED BISCUITS 4 7 1/2 OZ. **\$1**
• BUTTERMILK
• COUNTRY STYLE
• BUTTER

MRS. BUTTERWORTH'S BUTTERED SYRUP 24 OZ. **\$1.48**

JAKE'S CLAM CHOWDER 15 OZ. **89¢**

REGULAR, DRIP, ELEC. PERK FOLGER'S COFFEE 3 LB. TIN **\$6.49**

REALEMON LEMON JUICE 24 OZ. **99¢**

WESTERN FAMILY 3-SIEVE PEAS 17 OZ. **2 88¢**

WHITE SATIN SUGAR 10 LB. BAG **\$3.49**

RALSTON CEREALS
BRAN CHEX 14 OZ. **\$1.18**
CORN CHEX 16 OZ. **\$1.54**
WHEAT CHEX 22 OZ. **\$1.78**

REG. DRIP, ELEC. PERK FOLGER'S COFFEE 1 LB. TIN 2 LB. TIN **\$2.69 \$5.29**

FOLGER'S FLAKED COFFEE AUTOMATIC DRIP 39 OZ. TIN **\$6.49**

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49¢
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WITH THIS COUPON ADDITIONAL AT 4/88¢
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FIRST HALF GAL.
\$1.98
WITH THIS COUPON ADDITIONAL AT \$2.19
GOOD THROUGH TUES. JUNE 23 CASH VALUE 1/20 OF 1¢ TW-504

THRIFTWAY VALUABLE COUPON
FOR AUTOMATIC DISHWASHERS ELECTRA-SOL SAVE 77¢
FIRST 65 OZ. BOX
\$1.98
WITH THIS COUPON ADDITIONAL AT \$2.19
GOOD THROUGH TUES. JUNE 23 CASH VALUE 1/20 OF 1¢ TW-505

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FIRST 10 OZ. JAR
\$2.99
WITH THIS COUPON ADDITIONAL AT \$3.49
GOOD THROUGH TUES. JUNE 23 CASH VALUE 1/20 OF 1¢ TW-506