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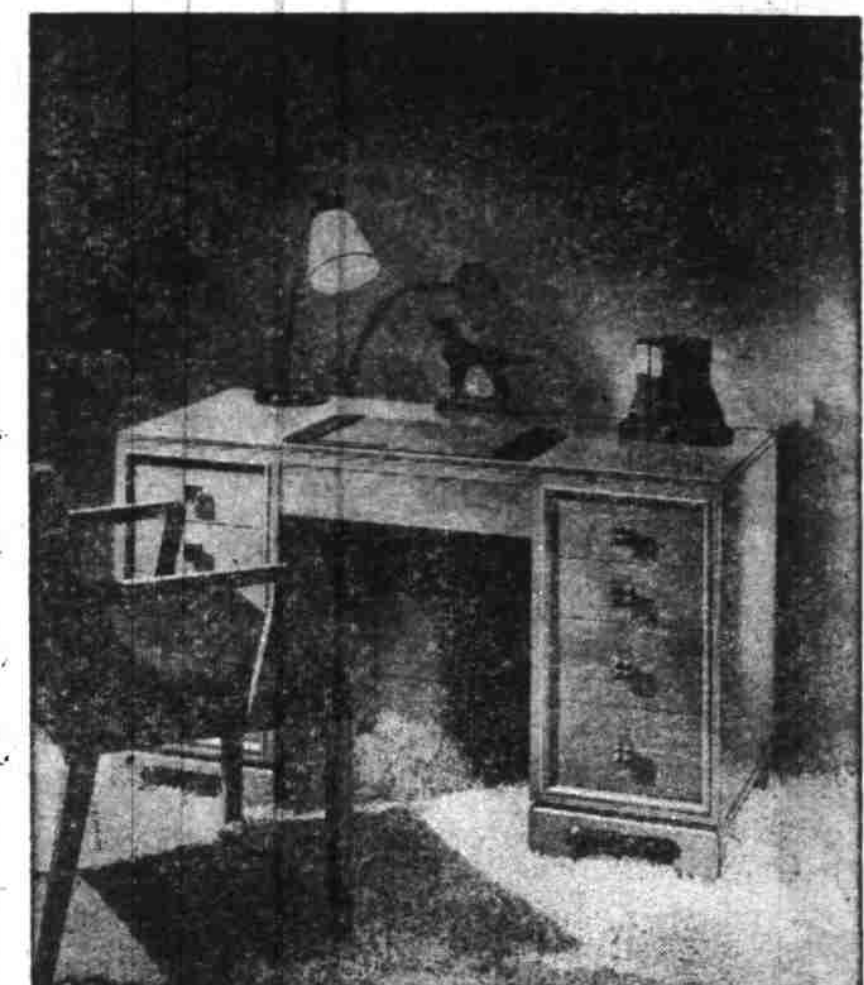
Books for Christmas giving are perennial favorites. For one thing, they're easy to wrap, a cinch to mail and there's always a flyleaf for inscribing a message that will make the gift a warm and personal one. Besides, books are suitable for anyone who can read or hopes to learn; the shopper is sure to find a volume that will please even a person who "has everything." And the publishers this year have turned out a fine shelfful from which to choose.

The classics, especially the beautifully-bound, illustrated and boxed copies, are old standbys that always feel at home under the evergreen. Any of them, from the children's books like Heidi and Robinson Crusoe that Grandmother loved as a child to the Bible and Shakespeare that generations have read for centuries are ideal for book-lovers.

Many New Titles

Then there are dozens of hot-off-the-press titles that, chances are, the recipient hasn't read. Among these are the recent ones of religious interest are the novels such as "Mary" by Sholem Asch and Lloyd C. Douglas; "The Big Fisherman," which is not as new. Fulton Oursler's "The Greatest Story Ever Told" has been out for a while, too, but is still popular.

"Lead Kindly Light" by Vincent Shean, "Peace of Soul" by Fulton J. Sheen, "The Man from Nazareth" by Harry Emerson Fosdick, "Waters of Siloe" by Thomas Merton are books appropriate for the season. "The Mature Mind" by H. A. Overstreet is a non-fiction title in the best-selling lists. And some outstanding books of contemporary affairs that deserve a place in every home library are "Churchill's 'Their Finest Hour,'" Eisenhower's "Crusade in Europe," Eleanor Roosevelt's "This I Remember."



This Chinese-inspired desk which can also double as a dressing table base is a grand gift for either mother or dad. Designed in lustrous black and black sable finish oak with distinctive brass drawer pulls and a typical Chinese foot.

Expectant Mothers Warned Against Abnormal Dieting

LONDON, (INS) — Expectant mothers who seek an easy birth by dieting to reduce baby's weight are warned that they may cause their son or daughter to be below average in height and weight.

Experiments by British doctors show that small babies do not catch up on lost weight during childhood and may even stay well below the

big baby in weight and height. To discover whether this difference remains during teen age and adult life, British doctors are now analyzing the "body-build" of children used in the earlier experiments.

Statistics of the experiments show a difference of 11.2 lbs. at the age of seven years between the mean weight of children who weighed 5 lbs. 8 ozs. or less for girls.

There was a corresponding difference of 11 lbs. at the age of 9 years and 12.8 lbs. at the age of 11 years.

New Breed of Dog Surpasses Bloodhounds at Trailing Cons

AP Newfeature Writer
 TUCSON, Ariz.—A new breed of dog is going to make it tougher for fugitive criminals in the southwest. It's a cross between a bloodhound and a foxhound. The type was developed by Dan Moore, who spent 11 years training bloodhounds at the Arizona state prison.



New breed of dog, a cross between a bloodhound and foxhound, proves adept at tracking down criminals in the southwest.

Moore says the cross brings out the best tracking abilities of the two breeds.

The southwest offers a particularly difficult problem in tracking because of its hot, dry climate, Moore explains. Bloodhounds trail best when there is a little moisture on the ground. Foxhounds have greater ability at tracking, but travel so fast that it is almost impossible to keep up with them.

Keen Sense of Smell

The crossbreed, Moore says, has a keen sense of smell and can track at about 10 miles an hour.

After retiring from prison work last year, Moore began raising the tracking dogs on Redington Mountain, about 35 miles from Tucson. Training of a pup begins at the age of two and one-half months. Schooling by example is the method followed with the pup put on a trail with an older dog. After a week a pup will begin picking up a trail unaided. In a few more weeks it can be put out alone.

"You have to have patience," Moore said, "because a pup often will leave the tracks to run after wild animals."

His procedure then is, to scold the dog and twist its ears until it learns not to forget the business at hand.

When Moore was at the prison, he used truces to make practice trails. Now the task falls to Mrs. Moore. She walks across the desert each morning until the hounds catch up with her.

Moore illustrates the sharpness of the dogs' sense of smell by two experiences.

On one occasion a criminal fled

through a cotton field where 30 to 40 men were working. The tracks of all were intermingled but the hounds kept on the prisoner's scent. On another occasion, Moore purposely had two trails cross. The men who made them changed shoes. The dogs continued to follow the right man.

Moore said he doesn't know how far a hound can track. They have gone as far as 50 miles but he believes they would continue almost indefinitely if something, like, a heavy rain storm, did not destroy the tracks.

Moore hopes to supply packs of dogs to sheriff's offices throughout the west. He gets as much as \$500 for a well-trained three-year-old.

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