

Many Do-It-Yourself Toys On Market; Expert Advises

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New York—(U.P.)—Many of the nation's 46,000,000 children must make their toys this year before they can play with them, according to experts at the Toy Guidance Council.

The council's annual selection of the most outstanding toys of the year included a lot of "do-it-yourself" models. The theory behind them is that youngsters get more pleasure from toys they have to put together themselves.

Included among the 104 top-ranking toys chosen by experts appointed by the council, a toy industry organization, were scale model airplane sets, sports car assembly kits, building bricks, plastic cities and the traditional logs for making cabins.

Children Imitate Elders

Dr. Emma Dickson Sheehy, professor of child education at Columbia University's Teacher's college, was one of the panel of experts who "psycho-analyzed" hundreds of toys.

She said that the "do-it-yourself" trend is following the pattern set in adult activities. While parents are putting together high fidelity radio-phonograph equipment, she said, the children also like to keep constructively occupied.

Dr. Sheehy has a few basic rules she follows in the selection of toys, and she suggested parents might do well to consider them when shopping. They are:

1. Safety—Make sure toys are well constructed and have no sharp edges or corners or parts

that come off easily and can be swallowed.

2. Age—Don't even look at a toy without thinking of the age of the child who is to get it and what the child is interested in.

Toys Have Many Uses

3. "Playability"—Select a toy that is versatile, because children use playthings for many purposes. A block may be a bomb one moment or a gun the next.

4. Artistic appeal—Is the toy pleasant to look at? Playthings should not have a carnival appearance, but should combine colors that give a child an appreciation of beautiful things.

5. Durability—In buying things like tool sets, be sure the tools are really good and usable, and not just shaped like tools. A child needs a sturdy tool more than an adult does because he is harder on it.

"A great deal of attention and concern is shown for good scale models of real things like cars and trains," Sheehy said. "When a child is about six, he begins to insist on real things, and he is hard to fool."

Santa Claus Work Near Completion In Central Point

Central Point—The Christmas toy project for underprivileged children is nearing completion. Central Point Lady Lions club members reported following a business meeting Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Fred Parkinson.

Those knowing of needy families in the Central Point area are urged to contact Mrs. Bill Saxbury immediately. A notice will be sent to all families accepting toys that they pick up their boxes from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 19, at the Legion Memorial hall.

If toys cannot be picked up, the Lady Lions will deliver them.

Members decided to hold only one monthly business meeting. The other meeting will be a social gathering. The next meeting will be the annual Christmas party Tuesday, December 21, at the home of Mrs. Bill Saxbury.

Straight Lines Best In New Glassware

New York—(U.P.)—The flat look is taking over in glassware as well as in fashion.

A survey by one manufacturer shows there are fewer curves in glass products, just as Dior has lessened them in women's clothing for fall and winter. One glass company checked preferences of 1,000 housewives and found that 72 per cent preferred straight-line designs, because they're easier to handle, won't tip over as readily, and make a good appearance.

The women were about evenly divided on the choice of plain tumblers (42.5 per cent) or decorated tumblers (41.8 per cent) for day-to-day use, but 78.9 per cent preferred decorated glassware for entertaining.

TASTY PEACH PIE

New York—(U.P.)—One of the tastiest of pies can be made in a little time. Bake a graham cracker crumb shell, cool and fill with canned cling peach slices and toasted shredded coconut folded into whipped cream.



Mr. and Mrs. Paul F. Eastin, Medford, were honored at a party Wednesday, December 8, which observed their golden wedding anniversary. The Eastins were married December 8, 1904, in Indianapolis, Ind., and moved to this county in 1947. About 100 friends and relatives attended the event.

McLeod Couple Honored On Golden Wedding Day

McLeod—About 100 friends of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Eastin called on the Eastins at their home, Rogue haven, on the occasion of the couple's 50th wedding anniversary, Wednesday, December 8. The event was held during the evening hours.

They also received many telegrams, gifts and cards.

The couple was married December 8, 1904 at Indianapolis, Ind. They moved in 1919 to Los Angeles and in 1947 to Prospect.

They have two sons and three grandchildren. Their younger son, Richard G. Eastin, and his wife, are business partners with the parents at Rogue haven. The other son, Bert P. Eastin, lives at Pasadena, Calif., and is production engineer of Shell Oil company for the Pacific coast.

The reception was given by Mr. and Mrs. Richard G. Eastin. Mr. and Mrs. K. P. Larsen were in charge of decorations and Mrs. Marion Larsen served the cake.

Mrs. Thomas McCready poured coffee and Mr. McCready had charge of the photography. Bill Miller registered the guests in the guest book and Miss Susan Eastin served punch.

"The result is quite effective," said the manufacturer.

Mounted Troop To Hold Dinner; Election Slates

Members of the Ladies Mounted troop, auxiliary to the Jackson County Mounted Sheriff's posse, will elect officers Tuesday, December 14. The meeting will follow a dinner scheduled for 7 o'clock which will honor Mrs. H. B. Murphy, present captain of the troop. The dinner, an annual event, will be given by past captains. Also honored will be the membership of the group.

Those who have birthdays during the last six months of the year will be remembered.

Auxiliary Sponsors Dance at Camp White

Ladies' auxiliary of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Oregon sponsored a dance for members of Camp White domiciliary Monday. Refreshments were served by the auxiliary following the entertainment.

Mrs. Harry Birch, department hospital chairman for the VFW auxiliary, announces the next dance will be held at 8 p.m., Monday, December 20. Those attending may wear formal dress if they wish, it is stated.

Monthly Session Planned by DAR

Crater Lake chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will hold the December meeting at the home of Mrs. T. J. Gifford, 419 South Oakdale avenue Saturday, December 18, at 2 p.m.

Theme of the meeting will be "Patriotism Through Religion" with Mrs. B. G. Harding delivering the main address on the spiritual meaning of Christmas. This is to be followed by the annual Christmas party and a program of Christmas carols.

Legislator Wed In California

Sherman Oaks, Calif.—(U.P.)—Rep. Joseph Holt, R-Calif., and Lee Trbovich of Valier, Ill., were married yesterday in a private family ceremony at Sherman Oaks Methodist church.

Holt, re-elected last month to his second term in the House, met Miss Trbovich in Washington, D. C., where she recently has made her home. She attended Southern Illinois University.

Christmas Wrapping Only Personal Touch

Chicago—(U.P.)—Take time to look at the wrappings before you open your Christmas present. It may be the only special touch to the gift.

Carol Thompson, supervisor of a group of gift-wrapping instructors for a large ribbon and paper manufacturer, said the gift covering has added meaning in this hurried, mechanical age.

"People rarely make gifts anymore," she said. "Wrapping provides the only personal touch you can make."

"Women like to feel they're wearing an expensive scent," explained Pierre Harang. "Select a different fragrance for the ladies on your list, especially those who know one another."

Jimmie Stewart To Be Best Man For Father Today

Indiana, Pa.—(U.P.)—Movie actor Jimmie Stewart plays a "supporting" role today at the wedding of his 82-year-old father to a Canadian widow in a hometown ceremony before about 40 friends.

The lanky cinema star plans to be best man for his octogenarian father, Alexander Stewart, a widower who owns and operates the town's hardware store.

He will wed Mrs. J. J. Stothart, of St. James, New Brunswick, at the home of Mrs. Robert Dingman, a next-door neighbor, and a niece of the bride-to-be.

The elder Stewart was reported by his family to be "bursting with excitement" over the impending ceremony. He met Mrs. Stothart during one of her visits here.

His famous son Jimmy arrived today after an overnight train ride from New York, accompanied by his wife, former model Gloria McLean.

The prospective bridegroom said the wedding would be a "quiet ceremony." There will be a reception for about 40 close friends.

The Rev. Harry Boyd of the First Presbyterian Church will officiate at the ceremony.

'Scarab' Look New In Makeup For Eyes

New York—(U.P.)—The cosmetics industry has joined fashion in turning to things Egyptian. One manufacturer of makeup is featuring heavy eye-makeup in what she calls "the scarab look." The scarab was a beetle which the ancient Egyptians regarded as a symbol of immortality. In modern makeup interpretation, it's a combination of red and green.

If you're brave, here's how. Apply liquid rouge from the center of the eyelid upward and outward to the corner of the eyebrow. Smear luminous jade green eyeshadow then from the inner corner of the lid to the outer corner. Finish off with a coat of blue-green mascara on the eyelashes.

"The result is quite effective," said the manufacturer.

Women to Honor Shut-ins at Party; Circle To Meet

Two women's groups of First Baptist church will meet this week.

Guests of honor of Women's fellowship of the church Tuesday, December 14, will be shut-ins who are not usually able to attend the meetings. The group will meet at the home of Mrs. S. A. Moore, 1222 West Main street, at 1 p.m., for dessert luncheon.

The program will be in charge of Mrs. Minnie Bryant, Christian fellowship chairman for the organization. Devotions will be given by Mrs. Robert Cochran from Luke 2, on the subject, "Birthday of a King."

Mrs. W. D. Roberts, president of the Fellowship, asks that the women take to this meeting canned fruit which will be given to the Western Conservative Baptist seminary, Portland. Those unable to be present Tuesday may take fruit to the church by December 19.

Gorsline circle of First Baptist Church will meet Monday, December 13, at 7:45 p.m., in the home of Mrs. Ray Bishop, 384 Stewart Ave.

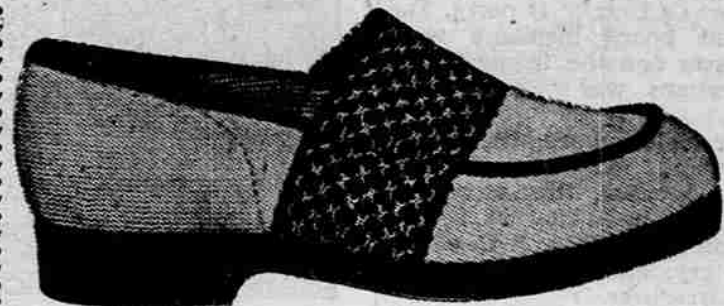
Bible study books or toys will be the White Cross gift of the evening. Mrs. Don Minear will present a program about the Rev. and Mrs. George Hansen of Brazil.

Council of Blind Schedules Session

Members of the Jackson County chapter, Associated Council of the Blind, will be held Sunday, December 12, at 2 p.m., in the St. Mark's guild hall.

Anyone who is visually handicapped is invited to the meeting.

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