

First Lady Shops and Wraps Early; Has Large Gift List

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Washington — Gaily wrapped Christmas presents already are being tucked away in corners and closets at the White House.

It isn't that Santa Claus came early—though President Eisenhower might think so if he happens to stumble on some of the hidden stocks.

The tucker-away is the First Lady, Mamie Eisenhower, one of Santa's most enthusiastic helpers. She carries one step further the traditional advice to "Do Your Christmas Shopping Early."

Not only does she do her Christmas shopping all year round, but she also believes in getting a flying start on wrapping and ribbon-tying the Yuletide gifts.

In October the first Christmas-packaged bundle made its appearance at the White House in early October this year. The collection has been growing ever since.

Mrs. Eisenhower loves to give gifts, and her shopping list includes not only the four grandchildren and other family members but a circle of friends and acquaintances scattered all over the globe.

Mrs. Eisenhower has had most of her shopping done by Thanksgiving.

It's a long-standing habit to pick up Christmas gifts whenever and wherever she spots them, be it April or December. The habit likely was encouraged

by Army life, where mailing to far-flung family and friends had to be done early.

And it's grown more fun for Grandmother Eisenhower with the addition of each grandchild.

She does most of her "shopping" through newspaper ads, magazines and store catalogs—a happy footsavoring solution for any housewife but an almost indispensable one for Mrs. E. for an even more compelling reason.

Has Helpers
Like other First Ladies, she has found her presence at a store counter causes no end of confusion and pandemonium that complicates her buying decisions considerably. So, she mostly enlists the aid of her secretary, her sister, a good friend, to inspect an advertised gift or buy a specific item she has decided upon.

On occasion, Mrs. Eisenhower has worked some personal gift-buying into her official appearances at benefit bazaars and similar engagements. More than one item that wound up in her shopping bag during a bazaar in early November was a "little something" extra for daughter-in-law Barbara or to go into the Christmas stockings of one of her four grandchildren.

Mrs. Eisenhower is said to be much better at early Christmas buying than her husband. On at least one occasion a Presidential messenger was dispatched at the last minute to pick up one of the personal gifts on the President's own list.

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New York — A party-size salad dressing that takes only minutes to make is this clover leaf dressing, prepared in an electric blender.

Put into the container 1½ cups olive oil, ¼ cup vinegar, 1 eleven-ounce can condensed tomato soup, 2 tablespoons sugar, 1 teaspoon each of dry mustard, salt, and paprika, 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce, 1 small white onion, diced, ¼ green pepper, diced. Cover and blend about one minute. Makes 3 cups.

Gift Wraps Designed For Hobby

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Kansas City, Mo. — If the recipient is a "pop" music fan, wrap the Christmas gift in a paper that bears the autographs of a half dozen of the nation's top recording artists.

If romance is your intention, signify it with a gift wrap entitled, "Pour Vous—" for you," in French—with a striking pattern of ruby red lips and mistletoe.

If the gift is for a male who fancies himself as a home handyman, use a paper that features a design of paint brushes, hammers, saws and the like.

Those three gift papers are among the 1957 array of yuletide wraps which one authority describes as the most outstanding ever created. Kaye King, a gift wrapping stylist (for Hallmark Cards), said the new collection is characterized by its variety and scope, as well as by its distinctiveness and beauty.

Santa's Sports Car

One of the designs to which Miss King referred pictures a traditional rural scene in winter—country lanes, farmhouses and trees heavily laden with crystalline snow. To give this often-done idea a newness, the design was rendered as an etching and the result is striking.

Santa Claus, for example, appears on the festive wraps not only in his customary role as a distributor of gifts but also as the proud driver of a shiny new sports car.

Another off-beat wrap shows a silver Christmas tree against a jet black background, while still another depicts a succession of tiny trees in blue and pink—in just the right scale for a diminutive package.

Sophistication
Also strikingly different are several papers that are geometric, with their patterns formed of colorful circles, squares and other such figures.

Sophistication also is in the news this year, Miss King reported, in coloring as well as styling. Aquamarine, lavender and purple appear in profusion, breaking the monopoly once held so strongly by red and green.

Viying with the gift papers for beauty and variety are the ribbons for this holiday season. Widths range from a tiny quarter-inch to a massive three inches, with a full selection of sizes in between. The variety of colors is endless. Ribbon surfaces are smooth, crinkled and basket-weave in texture.

Also new is a ribbon spool of clear plastic that allows the color of the ribbon to show through on all sides.

District Manager Guest in Phoenix

Phoenix—Mrs. Harry Matheny, Grants Pass, district field manager of the Neighbor of Woodcraft lodge, made a surprise visit to Oak circle, Phoenix, at the December meeting at the home of Mrs. Enid Caster.

Mrs. Matheny was accompanied by her husband and by W. T. Ricks, manager of the Grants Pass circle, Mrs. Ricks, who is the banker, Mrs. Anna Subboth, clerk; Mrs. Gladys Sesse, a past guardian neighbor, and Miss Beverly Sesse.

A social hour followed the business meeting.

Oak circle will hold a social meeting December 18 at the home of Mrs. Ray Clafin.

Mrs. George Dorman Plans Society Program

Gold Hill—"You are my witness is the program topic, to be presented by Mrs. George Dorman at a meeting of the Women's society of Community Methodist church set for 1 p.m. Friday, December 13 in the home of Mrs. Frank Carter, Upper River road.

Mrs. Erwin C. Hoffman will be in charge of the afternoon's devotions.

Party Announced By Shriners Wives

Shriners' Wives plan a buffet supper and Christmas party Monday, December 16, at 6:30 p.m. at the Jackson hotel. The supper and an exchange of gifts will be followed by cards. Gifts are to cost no more than \$1.

Members may make reservations by phoning Mrs. M. M. Morris, SP 3-5281, or Mrs. O. H. Brenneman, SP 2-2822. Reservations deadline is Saturday, December 14.

Potpourri

It takes more than bad weather to keep the hardier souls of the Rogue valley home. The cast of the Footlighter play, "The Wooden Bowl," which opened last night at the little Fairgrounds theater, wouldn't have been surprised if no one but relatives had been on hand, but quite a few devoted fans groped their way through the thick smog to see the first performance.

Angus and Gertrude Bowmer drove all the way from Ashland, and when they approached the spot along the highway where they thought the turn-off to the theater should be, Mr. B. got out of the car and walked along the roadside, while wife Gertrude followed in the car at a snail's pace. In this fashion, they followed the flares set out to guide patrons, and arrived safely and on time.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Coyle didn't fare quite so well, and got stuck in the mud when Dr. C. wandered off into the hinterland someplace between the highway and the theater. But another patron cheerfully pulled them out before curtain time.

Mrs. Enid Rankin and Mrs. Maisie Dailey arrived looking like they were on safari, loaded down with blankets and woolly stoles. However, Footlighter Frank Buchter had gone to the theater in the early morning to turn the heat on, and it stayed reasonably warm in spite of the piercing cold outside.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Roberts Jr. had promised Dr. Roberts' father, a featured player in the cast, not to attend opening night—he was afraid their presence in the audience would make him nervous. The elder Dr. Roberts is making his theatrical debut at the age of 78. However, the couple couldn't resist sneaking in after the curtain had parted and the house lights were out and they immensely enjoyed their father's playing of the elderly war veteran who has a lot of spunk, even if life and his children are putting him on the shelf.

First-nighters and first-timers to attend a Footlighter play were Robby Collins and the Don Herrieds. Robby C., whose interest in theater is both on a local and Broadway level, said he was almost always out of the city when Footlighter plays came along and decided last night to go, fair weather or foul.

Seems like we're always coming across something these days which deflates our national ego. Latest squash was in the column of the Saturday Review, where Jerome Beatty Jr., of "Trade Winds" was writing about the International Book Fair in Frankfurt, Germany.

Potpourri had always supposed that the publishing business in the United States was pretty important—not only to this country, but an influence in the world. Well, according to Curtis A. Benjamin, president of the McGraw-Hill Publishing company, who attended the Frankfurt Fair "American publishing could disappear and not be missed."

"At the Fair you see the books of the whole civilized world," said Mr. Benjamin. "It makes you feel very humble, you see that one publisher, or even one country's publishers, are a very small part of the whole world of books."

Our deflation increased when we read Publisher W. D. Patterson's figures. "We had 101 publishers (at the Fair) but Switzerland had 102, Great Britain, 208, West Germany, 582. There are 4,000 booksellers in West Germany, many more than in the United States, incidentally."

So far as we're concerned, it's more important for this country to keep up in the race to publish and make available the best of books on every conceivable subject than it is to concentrate on the mass destruction of mankind.—O.S.

Falls Take More Lives Than Other Accidents

Lincoln, Neb. — Falls toys, clothing and furniture on stairs or in lines of frequent traffic.

Many falls occur in the kitchen as a result of climbing. A sturdy step stool or step ladder should be provided to reach the high shelves.

Spiced Peaches

Whether Christmas dinner features turkey or ham, spiced peaches make a delicious and colorful accompaniment. Use the whole spiced peaches that come ready prepared, or heat canned cling peach halves with whole spices and a dash of vinegar added to their syrup.

Highly polished floors are extremely dangerous, he said. Stair carpets which are not securely fastened also may cause falls.

Stairs should be well lighted and equipped with a handrail to insure against falls, Lutes said. Good housekeeping habits will prevent the accumulation of

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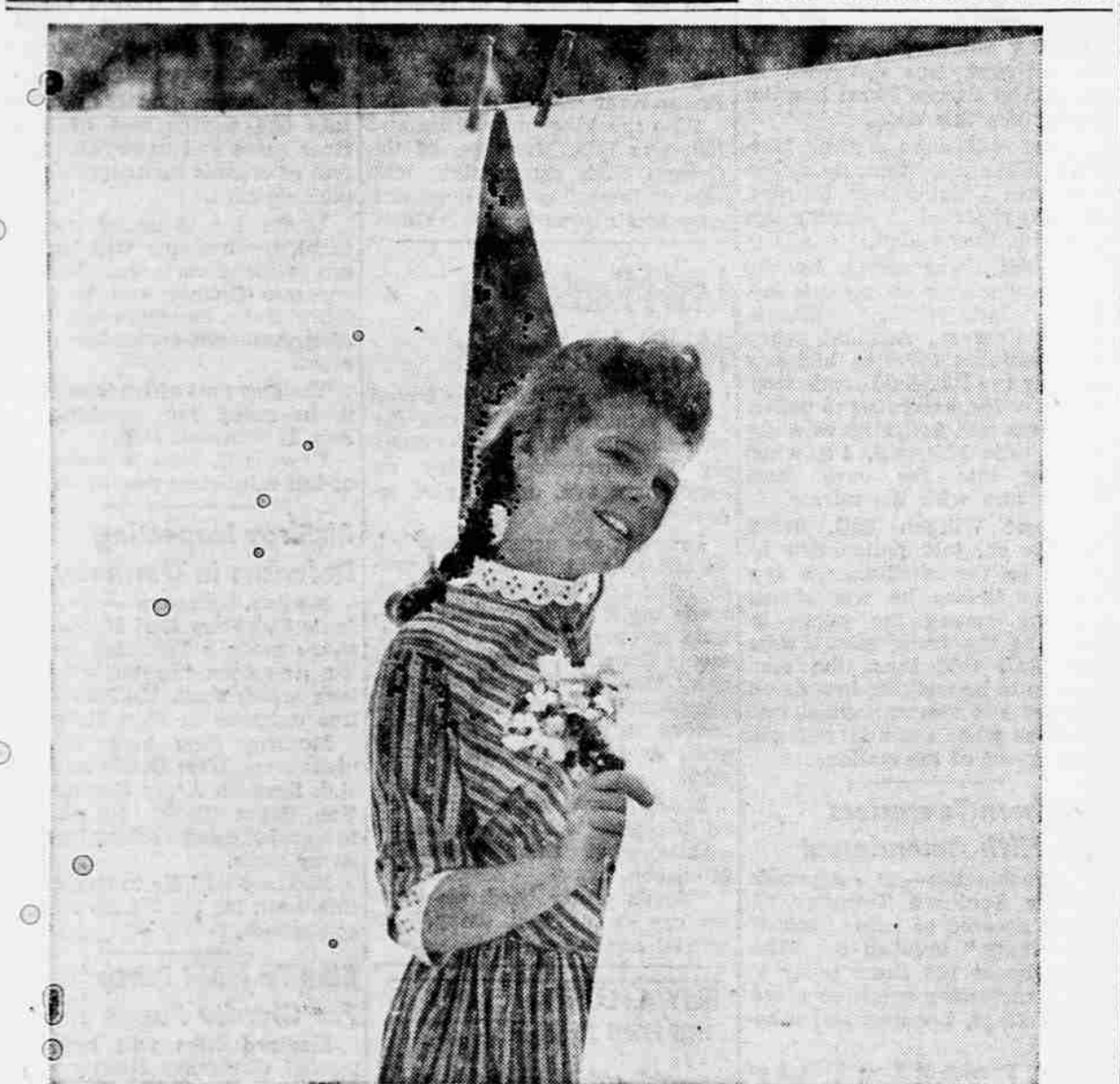
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