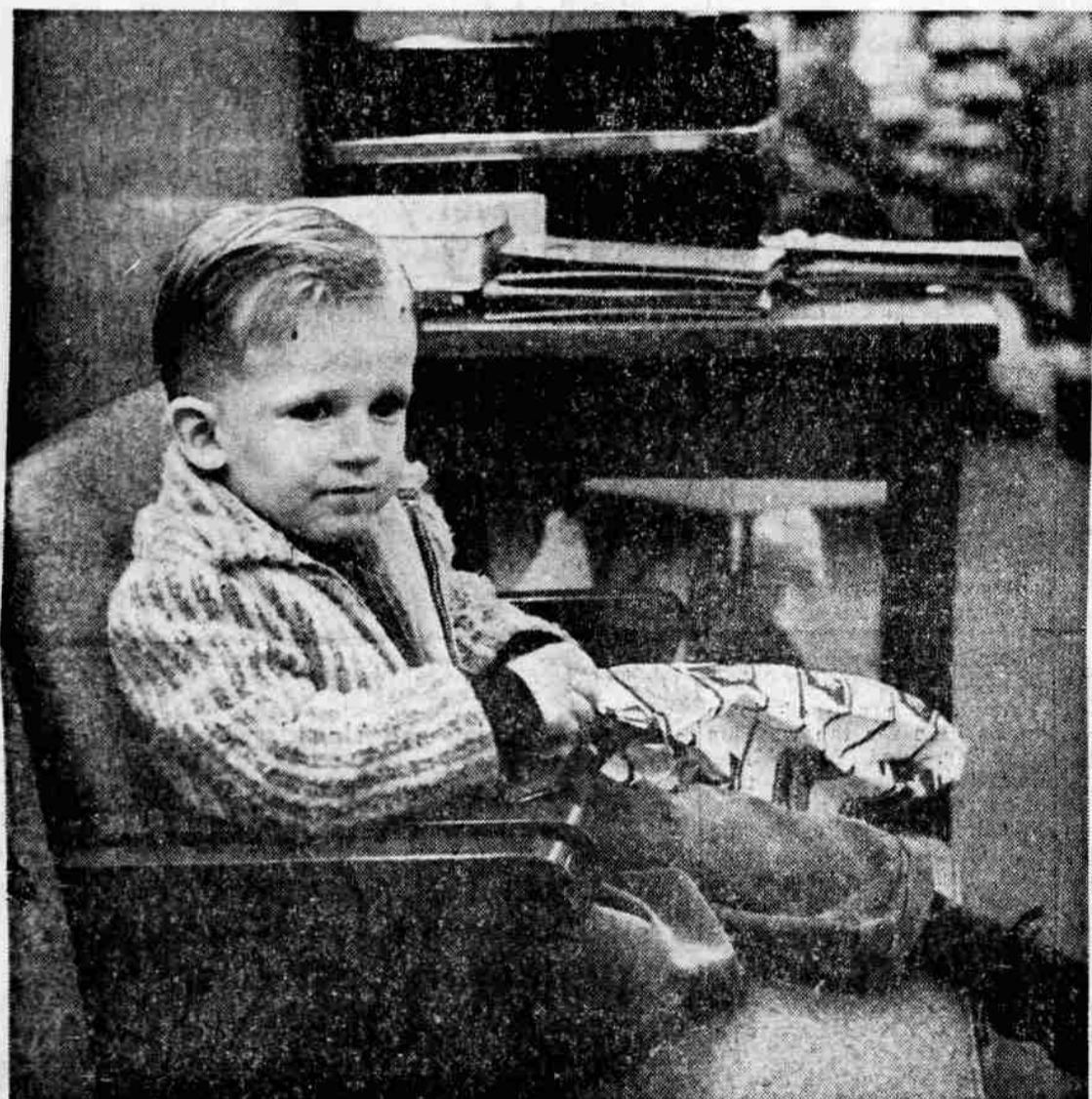


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Many children were down town Monday afternoon crowding around toy counters. Boys are always interested in model planes, guns and anything to do with the Army and Navy, and Paul Foland is no exception. Paul, son of Dr. and Mrs. Merle Foland, Highland drive, was inspecting a Navy model plane at the Toy House when Mail Tribune Photographer Robert Vroman aimed his camera. The Toy House has replicas of a ballistics missile machine, complete with two kinds of fuel, many types of toy guns, crystal radio sets and scores of other modern toys.

Every child wants to find toys under the Christmas tree, and Medford stores have a plentiful stock this year. Father can buy junior a model of the missile machines being fired at Cape Canaveral, a satellite or rocket launcher; if grandma wants to buy dolls she will find them by the hundred, and if little sister wants books, those too are to be found in many shops. Western toys are in abundance. The Toy Guidance council suggests that when buying toys for children one should keep the age, sex, development and natural interests of the child in mind, check the toys for safety, look for the Underwriters' Laboratories' seal of approval on electrical toys and take special care in selecting toys for the very young child.



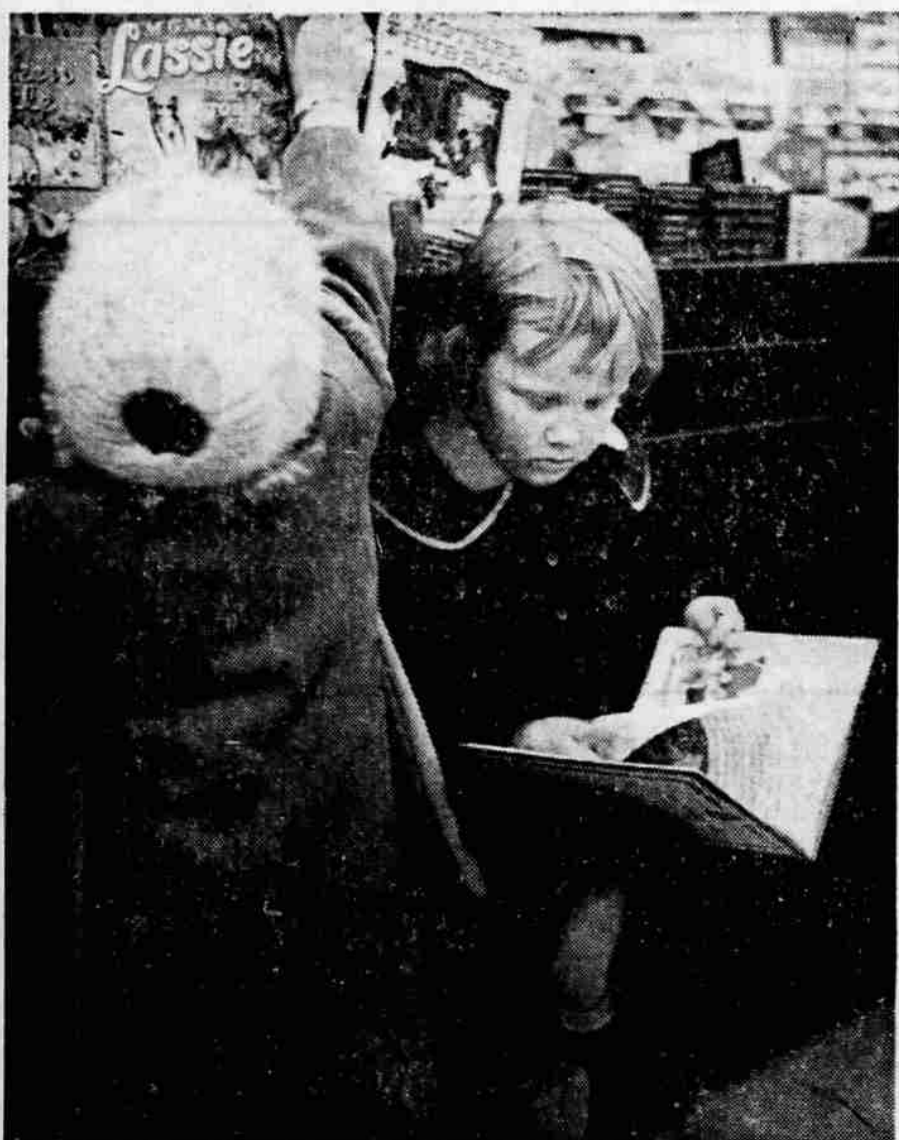
Christmas shopping is hard work, and little Kevin Wilkinson didn't mind a bit taking a rest break while the rest of the family roamed around Mann's store Monday afternoon. Kevin, three and a half years old, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Wilkinson, 703 Keeneway drive, newcomers to Medford. The Toy Guidance council advises dotting relatives "not to buy toys for yourself, remember they are for the children."



No matter how many dolls a little girl has, she always has room in her heart for a new one. Margo Ann Finnell, seven-year-old daughter of Mrs. Betty Finnell, 226 Laurel street, had a wonderful time at Mann's store Monday afternoon admiring dolls of all sizes and descriptions and with all manner of glamorous or practical wardrobes. The store's wheeled toys includes a power lawn mower.



Puppets are an enduring favorite, and a rack of these at the Toy House attracted the attention of six-year-old Gordon McKay. Gordon was shopping with his mother, Mrs. Francis McKay, and small brother, Ronald, 2. The family lives on Route 2, Medford. Stores urge early shopping while supplies are large.



Four-year-old Gretchen Cutshall, absorbed in a book at Woolworths, didn't even know the cameraman was near. Gretchen's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cutshall, 216 South Barneburg road. Reaching for another book is Cheryl Jane Robinson, almost 3, daughter of the B. R. Robinsons of Grants Pass.



Five-year-old Carol Anderson and little Michael Wayne Wertz tried out a hobby horse and fire truck at Penney's Monday afternoon. Carol, a daughter of the George Andersons, was shopping with Mrs. Stanley Wertz, Ashland, Michael's mother and her aunt. Penney's have a Vanguard toy which runs on batteries, trucks with cannons and a "swamp buggy"; doll supply includes cuties with pink or blue hair.



During her tour of Mann's store Monday Margo Ann Finnell looked over the mechanical toys on one shelf and became interested in a "remote control walking gorilla." When the gorilla waved his arms, made noises and his eyes lighted up, Margo Ann and the reporter both screamed and jumped. Motorized or mechanical toys, or those which can be used for building and construction, are traditional favorites with many children.