

What To Give the Person Who Has Everything Solved

New York—(UP)—Found, at last: An answer to the perennial Christmas question of what to give the person who already has everything.

It turns out that it doesn't really matter much what it is. It can be big, different, expensive or absolutely worthless. But it must be something to talk about.

As long as your gift is a conversation piece, you will be a hit with the recipient.

That's the advice given in a new holiday volume titled "The Complete Christmas Book," edited by Franklin Watts, which aims to solve just about every Yuletide problem a person could imagine.

—Give something worthless, such as \$1,000,000 worth of real Confederate money.

But whatever it is, the author suggests, "wrap it with wit and imagination."

It's still the thought that counts, especially with the person who has everything.

Former Members Of School Choir Invited to Sing

Former members of the Medford High School choir have been invited to join with this year's chorale group in the presentation of Fred Warings' "Song of Christmas." This will be one of the featured numbers to be presented by the local department of Medford Senior High School in the annual Christmas concert.

Other groups participating in the program are the girls' choruses, boys' chorus, and two ensembles.

Another feature of the program will be the presentation of Benjamin Britten's "Ceremony of Carols" by the combined girls' choruses.

This concert will be presented at the Medford Senior High School auditorium Monday, December 22, to begin at 8 p.m. There will be no admission charge, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

—Get something you have never seen before but that you have heard people discussing.

—Give the biggest of anything—the biggest paper clip, the biggest straw bag or slip hat, the biggest decanter or the biggest scarf or apron.

—Give a humorous gift, such as an apothecary jar crammed with 1,000 aspirin tablets or indigestion pills—or whatever you think might amuse a harassed executive.

—Give the most expensive of anything—a single cake of costly soap, a solid gold house key or some similar token of your esteem.

—Give a nostalgic gift—an old book, an old play poster, or penny candy in a jar.



Rafael Mendez, considered by some to be the world's leading trumpet player, will be soloist for a concert to be given by Medford High school music students Sunday, December 14, in the school auditorium. The concert is set for 2 p.m. Proceeds from the concert will be used to send the school band to the annual East-West Shrine game in San Francisco, the game played each year as a benefit for Shrine hospitals. For the concert, the band will be directed by I. A. Mirick, and the choir will sing under the direction of Lynn Sjolund. Mr. Mendez's appearance in Medford is under the sponsorship of Purucker Music house.



Yesterday and today the news was filled with stories about the snow, freezing weather and cold "as far south as Texas." But not in the Rogue valley. About noon we looked at our outdoor thermometer and it said almost 60 degrees. There were ants in the living room, a meadowlark sang from the top of the barn, and robins hopped around in the driveway. Fat buds are beginning to show on our winter jasmine, and while visiting at the Lindsey home on Park street, we discovered that the crocus sprouts are half an inch high in the front yard.

And here it isn't even Christmas yet. But as far as we're concerned, it doesn't have to be cold to be Christmas. Snow and ice don't make Christmas, in spite of the card designs and Currier and Ives prints.

A news story which came to our desk a few days ago said that someone had surveyed housewives to find out what housework chore they disliked the most. The women said ironing. Potpourri could have told them that without going to all the trouble to make a survey. So far as we're concerned, we'd rather do dishes any time than iron.

But if ironing simply must be done, music helps to make it endurable. A Beethoven symphony will take the curse off the tedium of ironing a white shirt or blouse; or a stack of favorite 45's, such as Clyde McCoy, Harry Belafonte, or Frankie Carle, makes the task seem easier.

Several weeks ago Jack Stong sent us a clipping about an experiment with music and "shook up kids." Ten students at Keyport Elementary school in Keyport, N. J., aged 7 and 8, were used for the study. Each received two hours instruction a week, including one hour of theory, rhythm and playing instruments in the company of others. Teachers and parents reported that their report cards were better and their behavior improved. The children were happier.

Of course, the therapeutic value of music has been known for many years and school administrators and educators long ago decided that music and art had a place in the curriculum as well as reading, writing and arithmetic. We firmly believe that children should grow up with music.

One of Potpourri's earliest memories is of the family gathered in the little living room to sing. (All except father—he always said he couldn't carry a tune in a basket, and mother and the girls agreed.) First we owned an organ, one of the high, ornately carved ones. Later there was a piano, for which the family scripped and saved for years. Older sister took lessons, and little sister took lessons, but middle sister got skipped.

(The experts say now that "middle" children often come out on the short end of family planning—they even write whole books about the problems of the middle child in a family of three. In those days, we didn't know that middle children were supposed to have problems, so we just happily grew up the same as if we'd been born first or last. It might be interesting to add that middle sister turned out to be the one who attends the most concerts, listens to the most records and even dares to write reviews.)

But back to Mr. Stong. Jack reminded us yesterday that Purucker's Music house is bringing Rafael Mendez, noted trumpet player, for a concert Sunday which will raise money to send the high school band to San Francisco for the annual East-West game. (We've always wondered what sun could be raised for the Shrine hospitals if the money it takes to send all those high school bands to the game in S.F. was just sent directly to the hospital, but that isn't the way Americans raise money.)

Since Mendez is costing the Music house a considerable sum, Puruckers naturally are hopeful that the school auditorium will be filled Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Josephine Clark's friends have been enjoying her recent birthday as much as Mrs. Clark. Mrs. Clark was 60 years old Sunday, and since she plays with three bridge clubs and has many friends, there was a great to-do over the anniversary. Tonight she will be given a special introduction at Reames chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. Clark was pleased and surprised to receive a letter from the First Lady, Mrs. Dwight Eisenhower. Mrs. Eisenhower wrote "I am delighted to send sincere congratulations on your 60th birthday anniversary" and added that she hoped the day would bring happy memories to add to Mrs. Clark's collection. Mrs. Clark said that if the letter had not been on White House stationery, with the official insignia, she would have concluded that someone was playing a joke on her—O.S.

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Wednesday Club Has Two Reviews

"People of the Reeds" was the title of the book by Gavin Maxwell, reviewed by Mrs. O. A. Welsh at a recent meeting of Wednesday Study club.

The book is a personal narrative of a journey through an almost unknown land, among an almost unknown people, the Ma'd'am, marsh-dwelling people living in the vast swamps surrounding the lower Tigris and Euphrates rivers in Southern Iraq. Their blood includes strains of Arabian, Syrian, Babylonian and Persian.

Mrs. Paul B. Rynning reviewed, "A Many Splendored Thing," a book authored by Han Suyin, a Chinese woman, born in Peiping, China. It deals with post-war Asia.

Club Announces Holiday Dinner

A Christmas dinner is planned for Friday, December 12, by members of Roxey Ann Gem and Mineral club. The potluck meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. at Girls Community club.

Election of officers and exchange of rock gifts is planned. Birthstones of the month are turquoise and lapis lazuli.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Emmerman's display of crystal at United States National bank has been replaced by specimens of dendrite from the collection of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Mentzer.

To Hold Exhibit

Mrs. Flora Moore, 136 South Holly street, plans an open house for exhibition of her doll collection, she announced today. Anyone interested in seeing the collection may call at her home Saturday or Sunday, December 13-14, between 11 a.m. and 9 p.m., she states.

Mrs. Moore states that children must be accompanied by an adult. The Medford woman owns about 200 dolls collected from all over the world during the past four years.

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Dinner Planned

Roxey Ann court, Order of Amaranth, has planned a dinner for December 18. Reservations for the event are to be made no later than December 12 by calling Mrs. Frank Little, SPring 2-4225.

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Parents To Organize Wilson PTA

Parents of all children in the Wilson school district are invited to attend a meeting Friday afternoon, December 12, in the school library, when a parent-teacher association will be organized, and officers will be elected for the current year. A steering committee headed by Mrs. H. S. Morris met earlier to prepare by-laws for the group, and these will be read and adopted at this meeting.

Mrs. Morris states that the 30 minute period from 2 to 2:30 p.m. is reserved for consultation with individual teachers in their classrooms. The business session begins at 2:30 p.m. and baby-sitting for pre-school children will be provided. Coffee will be served.

Those attending the Friday meeting are urged by Mrs. Morris to bring the 50 cents membership fee, so they may become charter members of the Wilson group. Officers will be elected from a slate prepared by a nominating committee, and from nominations made from the floor.

Organization of Wilson PTA was delayed until after the teachers and students moved into their new building at the corner of Grand and Corona avenues. For the first two and a half months of the school year, classes were "double shifted" at the Roosevelt school building, with the Wilson school children occupying the building during the afternoons.

Butte Falls Club To Hold Bazaar

Butte Falls - Butte Falls Grange women made final plans for the annual bazaar which will be held at the City hall Friday, December 12, starting at 10 a.m. Handmade articles will include pillow cases, aprons and dish towels. Baked foods and candy will also be available.

Refreshments of doughnuts and coffee will be on sale.

Hostess for the meeting was Mrs. J. H. Wright; members and two guests, Mrs. Oliver Boyd and Mrs. Neathammer, gathered at her trailer house home.

It was reported that the club had sent a contribution to CARE for the holiday season.

Program chairman, Mrs. R. Wells, conducted a game.

The last issue of the Oregon Grange Bulletin carried a front page picture of all winning articles made by Oregon Grangers in a National Grange contest. The featured rug which won first prize in the Oregon state contest and placed fifth in the national contest, was made by a Butte Falls member, Mrs. Elga Abbott.

The next meeting will be held in the new trailer home of Mrs. Robert Wells January 13.

New Twist For Show

Los Angeles—(UP)—The test kitchen of the Western Growers' Association offers this variation on cole slaw; add celery seed and cooked shrimp to finely shredded green cabbage. Toss with your favorite dressing.

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AAUW Speakers Discuss Dominant Features of Art

"Creativity Unlimited," as the dominant feature in the various fields of art today, was pointed up at the recent meeting of Medford branch, American Association of University Women. Mrs. Edwin Gebhard, art chairman of the organization, introduced the speakers.

Dr. Herbert Cecil, assistant professor of music at Southern Oregon college, commented on the revolutionary and conservative forces that have opposed one another throughout the history of music. The fact that most people prefer the type of music with which they are familiar makes it difficult for the music of contemporary composers to gain acceptance. He appealed to the group to support serious music in this community. Letters of appreciation for really good music heard on radio and television and requests for more of the same can help increase the amount heard, so that gradually wider appreciation of it will follow, it was said.

Mrs. Jeffrey Shute spoke of the individualistic trend in present day architecture. The modern home frequently reflects the likes and dislikes of the owner as architects are willing to experiment in the use of materials and landscap-

ing, incorporating natural elements into their designs, she said. She gave credit to Frank Lloyd Wright as the originator of the modern house, observing that some of the homes he planned as early as 1900-1911 are still functional today.

Beynoyd S. Bayless, assistant professor of art at SOC, in discussing "Art in America" commented on its very controversial and individualistic nature. Contemporary artists do not seek to be representational, but to express their attitudes toward the age in which they live, the artist said. They wish to communicate ideas, sometimes to shock society into protest against its own sordid aspects. Sometimes they simply wish to experience and share pleasure in the combination of colors, he added. All of this leads to creativity for the artist.

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Eugene Bennett To Hold 'Studio Raising' Exhibit

Eugene Bennett will hold a "studio raising" exhibit this week end at 329 South Grape street. Mr. Bennett, who recently returned to Medford with the plan to live and work her permanently, purchased a house next door to his group of small studio-dwellings on South Grape street and is converting it into a place to paint, hold classes and exhibits.

A preview is planned for Friday, December 12, from 7 to 10 p.m. and the exhibit and open house will continue Saturday and Sunday, December 13-14. Hours each day will be from noon until 10 a.m.

On exhibit will be oils, serigraphs, watercolors, ceramics, drawings and collages. Some of the articles will be on sale.

When Eugene Bennett left Chicago last summer, Edith Weigle of the Chicago Tribune wrote "It is a loss to Chicago's art world to have Mr. Bennett leave, for he is one of our outstanding young modernists. Unlike many non-representational painters, he has not lost the ability to communicate. His work has meaning and is lucid and understandable. His oils glow with color and light. Always full of character and integrity, his canvases are continually developing as he works from one phase to another. A recent one-man show carried the conviction that here was a truly brilliant, original and creative artist."

The artist, born in Central Point, attended the University of Oregon and Park college, Missouri. He served overseas during World War II, and after returning home, studied at the University of Chicago and Art Institute of Chicago; he holds a master's degree in art education. He has exhibited at the Chicago institute and many museums and shows throughout the nation. He has

held a dozen one-man shows in Chicago and in Oregon, including one at the Portland Art museum, has won a number of prizes and a piece of his work is among the permanent collections of the Museum of Modern Art in New York City. Some of his paintings have been used for circulating collections sponsored by the Art Institute of Chicago, the Museum of Modern Art (for both European and United States) and the Portland Art Museum.

His classes here will begin January 5.

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