

Company's Gift Shipping Includes Hippo and Rocks

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New York—You think you have Christmas package problems. What if you had to ship a hippo or a giraffe? Yet these and other rather hard-to-wrap gifts are among those handled during a Yule season by railway expressmen, who like the postman, seem to get the job done despite the odds. A visit to Railway Express general head-

quarters here to see what people are shipping left me agape.
Now the man who gave the hippo had a purpose—it was surplus at the Central Park Zoo in New York and the children of Denver were without one. So A. E. Johnson, a Denver oil executive, bought "Bertie," a mere infant of 28 months although he already weighs 1,200 pounds.
Cuddled All The Way
Bertie, in wooden crate with identifying photograph on the outside, made the trip to his new habitat in 42 hours, coddled all the way because the New York shippers warned that "he has never been away from home before and is bound to be lonesome. He won't need any food; just a drink of water."
We handle thousands of animals each year," said E. Boykin Hartley, vice president in charge of traffic. "The heaviest load is in December." He said the company has shipped dozens of types of animals from giraffes to flying squirrels, but burros and deodorized skunks are favorites for Christmas giving.
Burros used to be a problem, they chewed up their destination tags. But a savvy expressman thought of putting in small tin cans.
In December, Hartley said, the company handles some 16 million packages or 69 per cent more the volume in any other month. It ships diamond bracelets as casually as rhinestones. This Christmas it shipped a \$15,000 mink coat to an Iranian princess.
Ships Coal
Once it handled a basket of anthracite coal lumps—with each lump individually gift wrapped—in Carbondale, Pa., to her grand-kiddies in Cleveland. The children were lonesome for a touch of home as they knew it at grandma's.
Last year the company got a call to pick up a package at a New York address. The truck driver arrived to find the customer lived in a third floor walkup. He lumbered up the stairs, and the woman asked immediately: "Did you bring a helper?" She pointed to a foot locker-size carton on the floor.
"Lady, I can handle that," said the expressman. But when he tried to lift the package, he called his assistant.
"Ma'am," he said, "I don't know what's in there, but it feels like rocks."
"That's just what it is," she said. "It's a special collection I'm shipping my daughter for her rock garden."

Officers Elected By Trail Riders

Stanley Foley, Gold Hill, is the newly elected president of Medford Trail Riders. Other new officers elected to serve with Mr. Foley are Ray Barnard, Central Point, vice-president; Miss Jean Estremado, Gold Hill, secretary; Mrs. Robert Jacks, Gold Hill, treasurer.

On the board of directors are Clarence Harrison, Central Point; Sam Kiern, Eagle Point; Mrs. Stanley Foley, Gold Hill; Glenn Porter, Medford and Francis Hines. Mrs. Barnard will serve as publicity chairman.

The club held a Christmas party at Willow Springs schoolhouse Sunday, with 64 members, families and guests attending. Dinner was served at 1 o'clock, and gifts were exchanged. Pat Murphy served as Santa Claus.

75 Million Ties Bought as Gifts

United Press International
At least 75 million neckties will get new owners on Christmas, reports one men's clothing concern. And if you women think your taste is so good, look further at the statistics. This firm says that 60 per cent of all ties are purchased by women, but four out of every 10 purchased also find their way back to the exchange counter or the back of the closet. A general buying rule: select a tie to match a particular suit. Blue suits generally are complemented by blue, red or gray ties; gray suits by blue, red or wine-colored ties; brown suits by red, green or gold.

Some women are getting away from neckwear for the men on the list—and concentrating on footwear. A sales survey of stores in 10 large cities showed an average of 30 per cent of all customers for men's shoes since mid-November have been women. Most women have been making the purchases in form of gift certificates.

Here's an easy way to make decorative guest towels for gifts: Trim inexpensive huck towels with attractive rows of cotton rickrack in varying widths and colors.

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Miss Lorna Vance, Southern Oregon college junior, has been selected "Girl of the Term" by the Associated Women Students. She was chosen for the honor for her scholarship, friendliness, character, service, and dependability. Miss Vance is a member of the SOC Populaires, a group of talented student singers, of Robes, upperclass women's service honorary, and served as a princess in the Homecoming Queen's royal court last fall. Her mother, Mrs. Ruby Vance, resides at Route 4, Box 1175, Roseburg.

Wednesday Club Has Annual Party

Wednesday Study club held a Christmas party in the Girl's Community club Wednesday December 19. Dessert luncheon was followed by a program.

Mrs. R. J. Miller read from the book, "The Blue Flower," by Henry VanDyke, "The Other Wise Man," the well known narrative of how the fourth wise man also saw the star in its rising and set out to follow it, bearing gifts of jewels for the new born king.

During his 33 years of wanderings and heart-breaking disappointments, searching for the little family of Bethlehem, he was forced to dispose of his jewels, first the sapphire, then the ruby, and lastly, the pearl. At last the quest was ended, and the fourth wise man found the king at the scene of the crucifixion. Guests of the club were Miss Elizabeth Burr, Mrs. R. A. McKay, Mrs. Judd Greenman, Mrs. M. M. Snider and Mrs. Mabel Houck.

Decorations at Hospital Provided by Many Groups

Rogue Valley Memorial hospital acquired a holiday atmosphere over the weekend when several groups appeared at the building on Barnett road to assemble Christmas decorations, it was reported today by Mrs. John Winton, president of the hospital auxiliary. Arrangements for the decorations were made by Mrs. Winton and Mrs. William A. Barker, chairman of staff services for the auxiliary.

Visitors at the hospital now may see the tree in the main lobby, decorated by members of Girl Scout Troop 163 and their leader, Mrs. Glen Besonette, and assistant leader, Mrs. Ralph Pickell. Two wreaths and a flower arrangement in the lobby were given by Medford Florists, Hoppe's Greenhouse, and Ginn's.

In the second floor solarium is a tree decorated by two Camp Fire groups, Tan Da, led by Mrs. Oliver Smeitz, and We-Chick-Ki-Zu under Mrs. Irwin Potter. Ornaments for the tree in the third floor solarium, and arrangements in the doctors' and nurses' lounges were provided by members of the Jackson County Medical auxiliary under the chairmanship of Mrs. Ray Casterline.

Staff members are enjoying a tree in the cafeteria, decorated by Mrs. C. E. Wimbler's Camp Fire group, Ocanah. Ornaments were placed in the auxiliary's snack bar by Mrs. Carroll Miller.

Mrs. Winton noted that the outdoor tree at the hospital

Eleven Choral Groups On Christmas Eve Broadcast

Eleven choral groups in widely separated parts of the world will be heard on the fourth annual "Sing with Bing" program to be broadcast on Christmas eve over the Columbia Broadcasting network. It is scheduled for 9 to 10 p.m., PST, and will be heard locally over Station KYJC.

The 100-voice Community chorus of Anchorage, Alaska, will sing three Christmas spirituals and the Methodist Missionary choir in Sidney, Australia, will be heard in "The Christmas Bush for His Adorning."

From Salt Lake City the Tabernacle choir will sing "Beautiful Saviour" and Coventry Carol" will be sung by

Grandmother Club Holds Yule Party In Central Point

Central Point — Crater Grandmothers club held a Christmas party December 15 at the home of Mrs. W. J. Gebhard. Mrs. Gilbert Brood was co-hostess. Dessert luncheon was served, and the Christmas theme was used in the decoration of the rooms and tables. Mrs. Gebhard, who is president of the club, presented a Christmas corsage to each member and wife.

The business meeting opened with group singing "Silent Night." Mrs. Carl Hoover, chaplain, read a poem entitled "The Candle in the Window" by Anita Sams. In keeping with Christmas, Mrs. Hoover quoted from the Bible the Sixth verse of Chapter 9 of the book of Isaiah.

Club year books were presented to the members. Mrs. Homer Jeffries and Clifford Smith were welcomed as new members. The mystery package was won by Mrs. Royal Greenman Sr. Mrs. O. T. Wilson was in charge of entertainment. Using the letters in the word "Grandmas," each woman made a list of differences between modern and old-fashioned grandmothers.

The ways and means committee requested that each member take an article to be sold in the silent auction which will be the entertainment for the next meeting. This meeting will be held January 19 at the home of Mrs. C. L. Morehouse, Beall Lane.

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Chiffon Squares Holiday Treat

New York—(UPI)—For light-textured candy for holiday serving or giving, try cranberry-lime chiffon squares.

Sprinkle 3 tablespoons (3 envelopes) unflavored gelatin on ½ cup cold cranberry juice in large mixing bowl. Combine 2 cups sugar, 2 tablespoons light corn syrup and ¾ cup reconstituted frozen limeade concentrate in 2-quart saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture reaches rolling boil, and boil 5 minutes without stirring.

Remove from heat, pour over gelatin and stir until dissolved. Cool at room temperature to consistency to thick syrup (45 to 60 minutes), stir occasionally. Pour ½ cup ice water into mixing bowl, add ½ cup instant non-fat dry milk crystals and whip about 3-4 minutes, or until soft peaks form. Add 2 tablespoons lemon juice and whip 3-4 minutes, or until very stiff.

Using same beater, beat into gelatin mixture until smooth, pour into buttered 9-inch square pan, chill 1 hour and cut into 49 pieces. Roll in flaked coconut.

Using the same basic recipe, make grape chiffon squares by substituting grape juice for the limeade and water. Roll candies in finely chopped pecans or coconut.

Mother Arrives

Mrs. Frances Pasmore has arrived in Medford from Los Angeles to visit her daughter, Miss Vivian Pasmore, 611 North Bartlett street. Early Christmas morning the two will leave for Portland to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mrs. Pasmore will return to Los Angeles in mid-January.

Christmas Candy

New York—(UPI)—It's easy to keep the candy dish full during the holidays when you make 5-minute fudge fingers. Mix 2/3 cup (1 small can) undiluted evaporated milk with 1 2/3 cups sugar and ½ teaspoon salt in saucepan over low heat. Bring to boil, cook 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat, add 1 ½ cups (18 medium) diced marshmallows, 1 ½ cups semi-sweet chocolate chips, 1 teaspoon vanilla, and ½ cup chopped blanched almonds. Stir 1 to 2 minutes, or until marshmallows melt. Pour into buttered 9-inch square pan and cool. Cut in bars ½ by 1 ½ inches long and roll in 1 cup flaked coconut.

Ear Muff Pattern

New York—(UPI)—Adjustable ear muffs are an easy job for a home seamstress. Using scraps of bright felt, cut four heart-shaped pieces about 4 inches long. Stitch two pieces with machine embroidery stitches. Sew each to a plain heart, leaving an opening at top and bottom for ribbon to slide through. Pull a gros-grain ribbon (¾ yard and 1-inch wide) through the hearts. Adjust over ears and tie.

Rossellini May Visit Bergman

Choiel, France—(UPI)—Roberto Rossellini, Ingrid Bergman's Italian ex-husband may visit her at the "hide-away" where she is honeymooning with Lars Schmidt, her Swedish third mate.

The 43-year-old actress brought her three children by Rossellini along on the honeymoon, and they are sharing the Schmidt villa in this town, 35 miles southwest of Paris.

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Perfect Toy Described By Mother for Toddlers

By PATRICIA McCORMACK
United Press International
New York—(UPI)—Santa, I've been through toy departments large and small. Catalogs, too. Haven't found the perfect toy for toddlers.

On behalf of some 10 million mothers and fathers of toddlers, I herewith submit specifications for such a toy.

The "thing," an imperfect shape, probably will take up all the empty space in the living room. But if it can't be garaged in the house, don't worry. It can be housed in the garage.

Dot it with television, radio, phonograph, range and alarm clock knobs that click and clack in static soprano, alto and contralto.

Affix light, washer, dryer and sweeper switches. At ear level, add something that ticks. Build in a phonograph with a long-play record that says "because" between well-timed dead spaces. Some "because's" should sound angry, impatient. Others, lethargic.

One wing of the "thing" should have drawers that can be pulled out, jumped on or climbed into. Put pots and pans in one. Clothing, cosmetics and play "don't touch" bottles will do in the others.

Bolt on small and large doors with real-life knobs and key holes. Supply keys that work. One door should be suitable for swinging on.

Give the "thing" a thermostat. When manipulated, it should whir like the oil burner.

Attach wheels of all sizes. Let them make music when turned.

Put a cupboard at one end. In place of usual door, use a car door. Inside, put a seat, steering wheel, gear shift and a dashboard with blinking lights. Don't forget pedals. And door handles that "shock" tiny hands when touched.

Somewhere, put a phone booth. The phone must have a genuine dial tone, play money and a "siren" that goes off when the wrong number is dialed. The siren should be followed by a recorded message warning — "Mommy's watching you."

On a high shelf, put something that looks like mommy's purse. Fill it with oddments that can be dumped without embarrassment.

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