

Select Toys With Great Care Council Advises Parents, Doting Relatives



Who will use the toys? This question needs careful thought, if Santa's assistants are going to rate good marks for efficiency. Most of the errors in toy buying result from inattention to this basic point.

This advice comes from Dr. Mary Moffit of the Toy Guidance Council Educator Advisory Committee who notes that most inappropriate toy selections are made by harried shoppers who leave the procurement of gifts for the children on their lists to the last minute.

Playthings are vital tools of childhood—the tools which help youngsters to learn by doing, Dr. Moffit noted. The value of

well chosen toys as basic aids to child development is so tremendous, that the selection of playthings should merit priority on the busiest shopper's list of activities.

The color and movement of many toys is enchanting to adults, Dr. Moffit notes. This is

NAMED VICE PRESIDENT
CORVALLIS (UPI)—Dr. Dillard Gates, Oregon State University extension range management specialist, has been named vice president of the Pacific Northwest Section, American Society of Range Management.

natural and grownups would be happier if they relaxed more by playing with toys. But this yearning for amusement should not be allowed to conflict with the very real need of children to have toys which are suited to their state of development.

No assistant Santa should be reticent about asking for information about the children on the gift list, Dr. Moffit states. Parents and even teachers can provide very helpful clues to the kind of toys which will fit special interests of individual children.

Safety Important
Safety is a most important rule of toy selection, Dr. Moffit notes, and here, the key is the

choice of toy gifts that especially fit the age. The hobby kit that will be fine for a school age youngster will be dangerous in

Dec. 1 Last Day for Entering Kindergarten

December 1 will be the last date for enrolling children, who have not been attending kindergarten elsewhere, at the Rogue River Cooperative Kindergarten, it has been announced.

The kindergarten was closed for Thanksgiving week to enable fathers to make necessary repairs in preparation for winter.

the hands of a kindergartner. Most care, of course, should be exercised in the choice of toys for the baby. Since everything is likely to go mouthward, it is important to pick playthings which are safe to suck and which have no loose parts which might be swallowed. It is important, too, to remember that toys for baby should be light weight to avoid strain on developing muscles.

Read Instructions
Babies are endeavoring to develop their sense of touch, so toys of different textures will be helpful. Musical toys help the child to develop his sense of hearing. Doting relatives will be wise to

give careful attention to labels and instructions on the boxes when picking toys for babies and toddlers as a double check on safety factors.

It is considerate to give thought to where a child lives too. If he has the run of a backyard play space, a garage or a basement playroom, then large scale toy and games will be appropriate gifts. If he lives in a small apartment, space problems will have to be weighed to determine a toy's utility.

When a large family must be remembered, it may be helpful to give playthings which can be used by different age groups together.

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Mink Cherished As Gift, Survey Figures Show

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Whether it be a coat, stole, jacket or wrap, furriers this coming Yuletide season have made gifts of a mink even more tempting, and, according to the Emba Mink Breeders Association, the organization of American ranchers who produce the high quality mink in 12 natural colors, one lucky woman in 1,666 will own a mink fashion this year.

There is a wide variety of styles from which to choose gifts, and the 12 Emba shades give every woman the added gift of choice of color, to suit her complexion, hair color or personal taste.

Casual Styles
High on the list of fur fashions this year are those with casual styling. For example, a trench coat of Morning Light, Emba natural blue-beige mink, is considered "in," whether over a skirt and sweater or over a long crepe dinner gown.

Jasmine, Emba pure white mink, long considered to be an evening fur has gone casual. One designer has styled the elegant fur into a notch-collared, double-breasted coat with patch pockets and labeled it a day-time fashion.

Yet another designer has fashioned the luscious white fur into a triangular shape, and as an added fillip, and has been edged with white ostrich feathers.

But whatever the gift a woman may be, from a circling boa to a floor-length evening coat, the woman who receives it will cherish it like few gifts in the world.

Harvard Dean Sets Visit in Region

Humphrey Doehmann, dean of admissions at Harvard College, Cambridge, Mass., will visit Medford and Grants Pass Tuesday, Dec. 3.

He will talk with interested seniors at Medford High School starting at 11 a.m.

During the afternoon he will meet with students at Grants Pass High School.

Doehmann is scheduled to arrive by air at 9:30 a.m. He scheduled a trip to Medford on one previous occasion but the plane on which he was traveling was unable to land because of fog.

Making arrangements for Doehmann's visit is Bill Moffat of Mann's Department Store. Moffat is Southern Oregon representative of the Schools and Scholarships Committee of the Harvard Club of Oregon.

FLUID STATE
LANSING, Mich. (UPI) — If Michigan's streams and rivers were placed end to end they would reach one and one-half times around the equator, the Michigan Tourist Council notes. The state has more than 36,000 miles of rivers and streams.

SKIMMERS
FARMINGDALE, N.Y. (UPI) — Americans soon will be seeing a unique, air-cushion vehicle skimming over the water, reports Republic Aviation Corp., which has signed a licensing agreement for such a transport craft with Vickers of Great Britain and with Hovercraft Development Ltd., a second British firm that holds basic patents in the field.



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