

Plastic Age Emphasized In Toylands

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A fantasia of plastic playthings may bow down trees for the little folk this Christmas. This plastic age is emphasized in the toylands of downtown stores with everything from intricate band instruments to household furniture made of the colorful, durable material.

Plastic for toys is especially commendable as being hard to break, besides its feature of not marring the furniture as metal does.

Complete suites of plastic furniture for each room of a small doll's house are available in delectable shades. Violins and tea sets are also to be had in the wonder material.

Steam Engines

There are more metal playthings on the counters this year than for many past, from dump trucks to steam engines that really work up enough steam to whistle, trains, both electrical and mechanical, to pint-size garden tools.

Roller skates are here again! Both beginners' style and ball-bearing. Also for the active child are footballs, baseball bats, ping-pong sets, tricycles for the little tots, bicycles for the short-legged kiddies and standard-size wheels.

Another postwar acquisition is the rubber toy, back again in all its pre-war popularity. Rubber dollies, balls, little and big, red and blue, for each member of the family, including the cat and dog.

Stuffed toys do not seem to be so much in favor this year, although bears still lead the list of animals with pandas second in choice. Where are the bears of yesterday? The little teddy bears that every child had? The bears these days look more like the animated cartoons seen on the screen.

For Little Girls

Never was a little girl's Christmas complete without a doll. The hastily painted clown-like faces of the war years have vanished and back again are the sweet expressions, rosybud mouths, fairy-like lashes and brows where they belong.

Big dolls, little dolls, middle-size dolls are on sale this season, down to the little inch-long baby numbers made of the new vinyl substance. There are boy and girl dolls, lady and baby dolls and their clothes have nicer materials, just like those of the children who will receive them. Last year's stock of dolls was cleared out in a big bargain sale about a month ago to clear the decks for these "new-look" gift dolls.

Story books and color books, ever-popular gifts, especially for mailing, are printed on better paper with more permanent bindings this year. Marble games, checkers, chess and card games are available for many happy hours ahead to be shared with the neighborhood gang, and oh those tops—big babies, metal too, as of yore, and do they hum-m-m...

The variety of choice in toys this Yuletide is extensive, the material more varied and also prices. While Klamath Falls will fare better than many eastern toy marts, because of early buying, orders have not been completely filled by the manufacturers and what's in the stores now may be all, merchants advise.



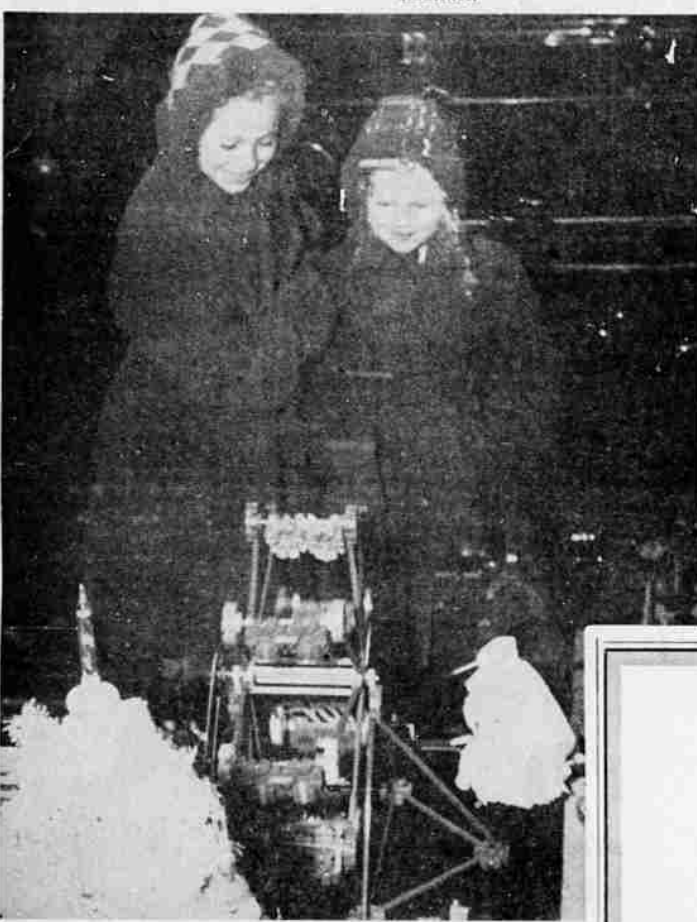
Alice Hoagland, three years old today, December 3, shops for candy. She's the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hoagland, 2026 Portland.



Joyce Elaine, 3, looks down at sister Jane, 4, as they do a little shopping. They're daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cromwell, 2410 1/2 Radcliffe.



A group of shoppers eye the toys in a Main street window.



A mechanical gadget intrigues these two girls as they window shop.



Ray Boner tries his hand at blowing up a couple of balloons.

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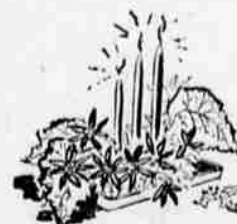
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