



# Hey Kids! Santa Has Great Toys this Year

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I've just completed a round of the Klamath Falls toy departments and I haven't been so excited since Santa Claus brought my first bicycle!

This year's toys are not only more attractive than any I've ever seen before, most of them are cleverly designed to be both entertaining and educational.

For instance, if a boy has a yen for say, ranching, there are amazingly life-like miniature models of all types of ranch machinery and buildings; sturdy little tractors with all the various type attachments; barns and other buildings; and fence kits for erecting corrals.

### Little Women

For little sister, who's interested in keeping house, there are almost exact replicas of all household appliances. There are washing machines that actually wash small clothing articles; electric stoves that will warm a muffin but won't get hot enough to seriously burn a careless hand; kitchen cabinets complete with working models of the usual cooking implements; and small sewing machines so efficient that one toy man told me mothers were getting them for their own use.

Wheeled toys, bicycles, tricycles, wagons, scooters and such, appear unusually colorful and strong this year. It was interesting to note how much more popular the English type bicycle has become. The English, you know, feature a front wheel brake operated by a hand lever on the handlebars, while the American style uses only a foot-powered, rear-wheel brake. Cycles with both the front and rear wheel brakes can be stopped much more quickly and should be a good deal safer in heavy traffic.

Popular What is bound to be one of the most popular toys for the smaller fry is the Bing Crosby tricycle; it has a sidecar, doubling its playtime value.

As I said before, one of the main themes of this year's toys is fun while learning. I cited the example of a youngster who had a turn for ranching. Well, no matter where the youngster's interest lies, there seems to be a toy or toy kit that will both amuse and teach; intriguing outfits for practically all types of scientific profession; log-

ging equipment featuring rugged little timber carriers that hoist and carry loads between their high wheels; stores with counters, scales, cash registers and stocks of miniature replicas of familiar merchandise items; and restaurants and lunch rooms with soda fountains that dispense real soft drink mixtures.

### Sports

If the youngster's main interest is in sports, there is miniature equipment for most any branch and unlike the stuff of previous years, the gadgets aren't mere toys. The big sporting goods manufacturers that make things for grown-ups are turning out small-scale stuff for juniors this year.

For the youngsters who get a kick out of a uniform there are outfits for policemen, firemen, rangers, cowboys, soldiers, sailors and marines. And some of the uniforms, particularly the ranger and cowboy garbs, are neat and trim enough that junior can wear them without looking like a fugitive from a masquerade.

In keeping with this scientific era, electronics have come into the game field in a big way; there are several new games that require skill in manipulating buttons and switches. And of course, all the old favorites, such as Rook, Flint, Monopoly, Old Maid and such. Chinese checkers seems to be staging a comeback, with new plastic and metal boards.

### Dolls

This year's dolls and accessories are so amazingly life-like that I almost felt like tiptoeing through the aisles for fear of awakening some of the sleeping midgets. . . soft,

**RANDOM SHOPPING SCENES** in Klamath Falls as the holiday season gets under way, find a number of attractive kids in the stores. Left, Sylvia and Roy Ferrerra, children of the Frank Ferreras of route 2 box 410, are all agog over mechanical toys. Center, Nerine, 2½-year-old daughter of Mrs. Fred Mitchell, selects bright Christmas ornaments. What's more wonderful than a paper bell that unfolds? Ask 3-year-old Barbara Waite, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Waite of 1503 Oregon.

natural appearing skin, twinkling eyes and silky hair.

And the old favorites, the trains, have taken on a new look. . . they're practically all diesel models this year. There's more extra equipment, too; automatic signal towers that throw switches, flash lights and ring bells as the train approaches; tiny trainmen with lighted lanterns; and automatic blocks that cut the power and prevent head-on collisions.

For the tiny tots, one of the best things I found was a set of brilliantly colored plastic blocks that will stand bouncing on play tables or bobbing in bath tubs.

### Little 'Uns

The little one will get more fun out of riding in one of the new strollers, too; there are gay little clamp-on gadgets with spring bases that can be knocked about while Mama does her shopping.

All in all, from the wee ones to the big 'uns, it should be a great Christmas.

## Gussie Up For The Holidays

Don't get too busy during the holiday season to neglect your hair and nails. Klamath's beauty shops are busy, but not too busy to give you a lift at Christmas time.

One of the nation's big names in hair dressing, suggests a new style for holiday wear to put you in a gala mood. The stylist urged women to be individual in their hair-do, and to choose the coiffure that is "just right for you."

## Clever Setting? Try This

Little tired of your old dishes? Don't pitch them out the back door just because you want to make a new Christmas setting.

We found some delightful red glassware in the "dime stores" this week and for the fun of it, it would make a lush of a Christmas table. There were two sizes of plates, sev-

eral types of red bowls — can't you see red and white mints in these? — then there were several different sizes and shapes of glasses.



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