

Common Sense and Paint Can Stretch Toy Budget

The jingle of Christmas bells is drowned out for many parents each year by the hollow jangle of plastic banks which contain insufficient funds to provide the lavish gifts they'd like to provide for their families.

This year, instead of allowing worry to cloud your Christmas spirit, give a little thought in advance to solving this problem. One way to make the holidays merry with little expense; is to ask your relatives and neighbors to save for you any toys their older children may have outgrown and discarded.

Often minor repairs with a hammer or screw driver will make "broken" toys workable again. And a can of enamel can add you in not only restoring their new look, but also in glamorizing them beyond their original state. Gay designs, such as those employed by Peter Hunt in his distinctive folk art, are particularly effective. These are easily done by using the basic tear-drop stroke recommended by Hunt.

As for toys purchased in the stores, let common sense be your guide. Give a bit of time in advance to observing your child at play, so you'll know exactly at what level his interests and abilities currently are.

Select soft stuffed toys for a child under two, but remember, a big boy of five might be "insulted" at such a choice. Conversely, don't frustrate a three-year-old with puzzle games too complicated for his years; save those for the seven-year-olds on your list.

If the heart's desire of your child runs into dollars rather than cents, don't deprive him of it if you sanction his choice and can reasonably afford it.

If your budget simply won't stretch to cover it, try buying such things as electric trains piece-meal. With a starter set, he can get along until fancier gadgets can be added next Christmas or on his birthday.

It might also be a good idea to have him earn a part of the necessary money, in order to help him understand the true value of his expensive toys and hobby equipment.



An old wagon, a cast-off wheelbarrow and other playthings painted in Peter Hunt's technique gleam bright and gay beneath the Christmas tree. The pieces were decorated peasant style with the tear-drop stroke recommended by Hunt.

Junior League To Give Dance Saturday

The Birmingham unit of the Junior League of Detroit will have a dinner-dance this Saturday eve-

ning, December 9, at the Bloomfield Hills Country Club.

Mrs. Ernst Kern is chairman for the dance. Among the cocktail parties to be given preceding the dance will be a gathering in the Birmingham home, with Mr. and Mrs.

R. Jamison Williams and Mrs. R. Jamison Williams and Mrs. William T. Gossett, hosting the affair. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kern will entertain a group of friends and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Mason, Jr., will give a cocktail party. Mr. and Mrs. Burt Sturtevant, Jr., will also be hosts for a pre-dance party in their home.

News About GIRL SCOUTS

TROOP 13 of the Quanton school Girl Scouts, with their leader, Mrs. William Bond, have had a busy fall season. They made knapsacks, went on a hike, and are now busily working on their project for the Quanton school fair.

A Halloween party was given by the group with Ann Alexander, Linda Corkery, Sue Conway and Jean Burnham as hostesses. Susan Perry, Bebe Blakeman, Susan Jesson, Barbara Bond and Andrea Howlett took part in a play.

A dance was staged by Joby Frederickson, Janice Hudson and Sharon Carpenter, while music solos were given by Linda Robinson, Susie Jesson and Bebe Blakeman. The games were di-

rected by Sue Bollinger and Sue DeNador.

The troop also filled a Thanksgiving basket and made Christmas cards, and this week is starting to make mothers' Christmas presents.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 26 of Pierce school entertained troop 54 for a Thanksgiving party held at their last meeting. Scribe Mary Ellen Bleakley reports that plans for this party and the favors were the work of Intermediate Scouts in her troop.

GIRL SCOUTS IN BARNUM school troop 42, with Mrs. A. R. Rely as leader, are glad they trained themselves to "Be Prepared." When the American Red Cross appealed for knitters, these junior high school Scouts postponed working on their badges and are now busy knitting squares for afghans. The Red Cross will distribute the afghans to area hospitals.

THE GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL board of directors will meet tomorrow, December 8, to discuss and consider the new charter. The holiday season is off to an early start with the third annual Christmas dessert scheduled for

Wednesday, December 13, in the Mary Griffith lounge of the Community House. This gathering for all leaders and assistant leaders of Brownie and Girl Scout troops, is given by the Girl Scout Board of Directors in appreciation for the work of troop leaders, and it is to be highlighted this year by a report of the regional convention in Grand Rapids, attended by six members of the local council.

SO FAR THIS TERM, the Bloomfield Village Brownies of troop 55, have learned the Brownie Promise, many new games and songs; heard the Brownie story; and the following girls have been invested and received their pins: Mary Seyferth, Sara Bartholomew, Frederica Harris, Sharon Kelly, Marilyn Michaels, Jackie Paulus, Susan Plasco, Jane Slater, Helen Cartwright, Marilyn Bratton.

Following the ceremony punch and cookies were served. Also the troop held a cook-out at Springdale Park. On November 27 a business meeting was held, at which time the election of officers took place.

Suzzy Sawyer was elected president, James Slater, secretary, Linda Stevenson, treasurer and Helen Cudini, scribe. Hostess

Sara Bartholomew served the Brownies.

Scribe, Helen Cudini reports that the Brownies have also learned how to make nut caps, to weave and smudge paint. Money for their calendars has been turned in. Jacqueline Paulus was hostess on December 5 and a new hostess, Claire Miller has been welcomed to the group.

TROOP 38 at Adams school made a trip of inspection to Mints ice cream factory for one of their recent meetings. Their latest project has been the creation of spool dolls, which are strung on yarn and decorated with perky yarn tassels and faces painted with nail polish.

Each girl has completed her doll and wrapped it in gift paper, and they will be brought to the Adams school All-Scout Christmas program, to be held on December 12. There they will be placed under the Christmas tree, together with gifts from all the other Scout and Brownie troops. These gifts will be distributed to children in hospitals in the area. Carol Houghton will participate in the color guard, when the flag ceremony is presented at the program.

TROOP 33 at Beech school spent their last meeting on surprise Christmas gifts for their mothers. Adding to the holiday atmosphere they sang Christmas carols and discussed their Christmas project, which will be reported later.

Brennis Fries is scribe for this troop and she reports that little cakes, called Brownies, were their refreshments at the last meeting.

COMMUNITY HOUSE CALENDAR

Thursday, December 7
6:00-7:30 p.m.—Family Dinner
6:30 p.m.—Business Women's Dinner
8:00 p.m.—Parking Meeting
8:00 p.m.—Ranchers
8:00-10:00 p.m.—Painting Class (Usual Friday Night Class)
Friday, December 8
9:00-12:00 a.m.—Silver Class
10:00 a.m.—AAUW Tableau Practice
10:00 a.m.—Moms' Club Board Meeting
10:00 a.m.—Girl Scout Board Meeting
10:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.—Senior Workshop
1:00-4:00 p.m.—Weaving Class
7:00 p.m.—Quadrille Dinner
8:00 p.m.—Little League Baseball Committee

Saturday, December 9
7:00 p.m.—Keystone Class—Calvary Church—Dinner
7:30 p.m.—11:30 p.m.—Red Cross Explorer Scouts

Sunday, December 10
11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.—Garden Club (Decorating Committee)
8:00 p.m.—Uitarian Group

Monday, December 11
9:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m.—Garden Club Christmas Show
11:30 a.m.—Judges—Christmas Show Luncheon
12:30 noon—Rotary Luncheon
1:00-3:15 p.m.—League of Women Voters General Meeting
9:30 p.m.—Hi-12 Dinner
7:30-9:30 p.m.—Millinery Class
7:30-10:00 p.m.—Monitor Teen-Agers

8:00 p.m.—Community House Board Meeting
8:00 p.m.—Stamp Club

Tuesday, Dec. 12
10:00 a.m.—International Relations Class
12:00 noon—Exchange Luncheon
12:00 noon—Birmingham Council of Churches Luncheon
6:30 p.m.—Kiwanis Dinner
6:30 p.m.—Torch Club Dinner
8:00 p.m.—Birmingham Forum
8:00 p.m.—Reserve Officers' Auxiliary Meeting
8:30-9:00 p.m.—Square Dancing Class

Wednesday, Dec. 13
9:30 a.m.—Junior League Crafts
10:00 a.m.—AAUW Board Meeting
12:00 noon—Lions Luncheon
1:00 p.m.—AAUW Christmas Luncheon
1:00-3:00 p.m.—Girl Scout Leaders Tea
3:30-5:00 p.m.—Musical Practice
7:15 p.m.—Michigan Industrial Society Dinner & Movies
7:30 p.m.—Sea Scouts
8:30-9:00 p.m.—Square Dancing Group
8:00 p.m.—Duplicate Bridge
8:00 p.m.—Retekahs
8:00 p.m.—Off-Street Parking Meeting

Thursday, Dec. 14
9:30 a.m.—Musical Practice
2:00 p.m.—Musical Meeting and Tea

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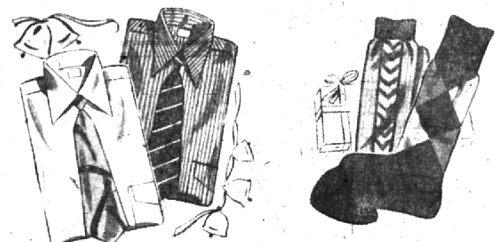
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