

Annual Christmas tea of the Birmingham Business Women's club will be held at the Y.M.C.A. on Sunday, Dec. 15, between the hours of 4 and 6 p.m. Guest of honor will be Santa Claus. Mrs. Estie Barstow is chairman.

of the December committee and her co-workers are Gertrude Fox, Marjorie Hale, Dorothy Duncan, Grace Walworth, Hazel Johnson, Myrtle Bird, Lenora Kinsey, Martha Casto and Willie May Dunn.

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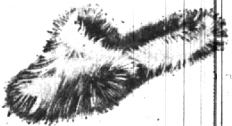
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MRS. CLARENCE WACHNER IS aided by Mrs. Gertrude Wright as she demonstrates the correct way to wire a Christmas wreath. Members and friends of the Garden association met at the Franklin Community hall to fashion door swags, table decorations, centerpiece and wreaths for the Christmas season.

To Receive Bachelor's Degree At Tri-State

Gordon T. Burrows is a candidate for the degree of bachelor of science in civil engineering at Tri-State College, Angola, Ind. He will participate in commencement exercises, December 17 and plans to complete degree requirements at the close of the March term. The son of Mrs. Janet Burrows, 605 Westchester Way, Gordon is a member of the Financial and Legal Society and Alpha Gamma Upsilon fraternity.

Mrs. Peters Hostesses Past Matrons Luncheon

Mrs. O. R. Peters on Adams road will open her home to the Birmingham Past Matrons club for a Christmas luncheon at 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 15. Assisting hostesses will be Mrs. Philip Schlaak of Big Beaver. There will be an exchange of gifts and members who do not attend are ask to send their gifts. Society deadline is 3 p.m. each Tuesday.

THE COMMUTER'S WIFE

Christmas Toys Can Be Safe and Still Give Plenty of Fun

By HELEN BRUNSON
Special Writer For The Birmingham Eclectic

When you buy toys this Christmas, give a thought to safety as well as to entertainment value. It's better to buy a few sturdy toys that won't break easily than many cheaper ones. Stuffed animals are fun for little children, but toy dogs or rabbits should be eyes made of cloth or embroidered on. Button-eyes are easily pulled out and swallowed. The toy rocker ought to carry a tag certifying that paint used on it is free from lead base. Junior may decide to chew on it instead of sit in it. Cheap plastic toys are easily broken, leaving sharp edges to cut small fingers. Give the little girl tin dishes instead of thin china or plastic. Key-winding toys should have the spring enclosed, lest it break and cause an injury. It's better if the small truck or auto is so constructed that the key does not revolve when the toy is in use.

WHEN YOU GIVE a child a mouth-harp or a horn, get one that is sturdily made and won't disintegrate into parts that are easily swallowed. Avoid construction sets that must be nailed or tacked together. Parts that fit together are much better. We can also teach our children to handle toys more carefully, thus avoiding painful hurts. If a child is taught to love his playthings, he's less likely to take them apart. And we must urge him to keep things out of his mouth. Miniature fire-arms aren't safe for small children at all, and an older boy who gets a real gun should also have expert instruction on how to handle it.



Helen Brunson

ELECTRIFIED toys cause some trouble every Christmas, for children sometimes handle them with wet hands, or while wearing clothes dampened by snow or rain. When parts become worn, these toys must be either repaired or discarded. Don't give a boy a kite with a metal wire for a string. It may become crossed with a power-line and result in tragedy. Parents who give their boy a chemistry-set should do so with fear and trembling, for serious accidents have occurred when innocent-looking powders and liquids were mixed. "Just to see what would happen."

Now that adult life has become so complicated, children's toys that imitate it have also become very involved. Until harmful toys are kept off the market, parents must be vigilant, lest Christmas joy be turned to sorrow through accidents with playthings.

Christmas Show Opens at Gallery

Peggy deSalle opened her Little Gallery Christmas show with a varied exhibit and sale of art objects from all the United States and many articles of craft collected on her recent extended tour of Europe. Jim Bryan, head of the painting department at Kingswood school, is being introduced in his first one-man exhibition with paintings in oil and water color of the animal kingdom.

There will be a large collection of water colors by Frederick Simper of Birmingham. There are abstractions in ink by Lucille Bras-kaw, who is well known on the West Coast. This is her first exhibit in this area. Miss Brookaw has sent a group of impressionistic scenes from Mexico and Guatemala. Her paintings on glass will also be presented in this exhibit. The collection of contemporary jewelry will include pieces in ebony, silver, enamel and pure gold by craftsmen from all over the country. The Christmas show will be open until Jan. 10.

BIRTHS

A son, Richard Phillip, Jr., was born Nov. 30 to MR. AND MRS. RICHARD P. HOLMES, 4205 Sherman, Bloomfield Hills. Mr. Holmes is the former Jeanne Van Tutten.

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