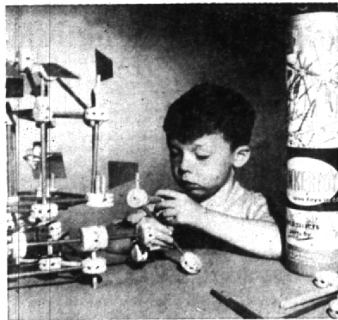


Sick Child Can Have Happy Yule

Young folks who are sick at Christmas need all the comfort special attention and special toys can give them. To diminish apprehension about the doctor, the Toy Manufacturers of the U. S. A., Inc., make miniature medical kits for the youngsters. These look exactly like the doctor's own, complete with a very professional stethoscope. Special trays which afford hours of diversion for the bedbound and also serve as convenient tables for meals are made for the invalid. Art sets come with pieces either backed with aluminum or magnetized to prevent their getting lost in the blankets. There are books and games designed to while away the hours, and special picture viewers with scenes to whisk little ones away on imaginary journeys.



TOT'S TRYS to build things can be successful play with tinker toys, the famous, simple, spool-and-pin toy that many adults recall from their own childhood days. New forms and length give wide building possibilities in each set.

Pre-Schoolers Need Toys That Are Non-Toxic, Simply Built

Wondering what to buy those pre-school children for Christmas toys? A good rule to follow is, "keep it simple and make it something with which they can do creative things," suggests Dr. Elmer Knowles of the home management and child development department at Michigan State.



FOR GOOD practical ideas on toy selection, Dr. Knowles suggests young parents consult "The Parents Manual" by Mrs. Anna W. M. Wolf. She mentions blocks as a good creative toy. When a child is building a house with blocks, he doesn't have to put windows in the house, if he happens to create it without. Blocks can be made into almost anything; that's why they are such excellent toys.

THE BABY beyond six months loves bright colored objects to handle, rattle, and chew on such as newer plastic toys; the kind where no paint comes off and there is no danger from chipping.

Children between one and two like to put one thing into another and push and pull toys. That's why a toy with a bell on wheels pushed with a long stick is popular. Outdoor toys may be a kiddie car, wooden express wagon, wading pool or sand box toys.

As the child becomes two and older, his imagination becomes more creative. This is an especially good time for blocks. Blocks piled on top of each other may be a castle, or end to end may be a train. Mrs. Wolf says a good-sized bag of blocks is usually worth a dozen toys to almost any child up to six or seven years.

The three to four year old likes to hear stories. These should be stories about everyday happenings of other small boys and girls rather than fairy stories about ghosts and wolves, which confuse and frighten them.

INDOOR toys for the three or four year old may be simple musical instruments of a good tone, such as a piano, phonograph, drums or cymbals. Other simple but useful gifts would be a blunt scissors, paste, paper and crayons, or hammer and nails to be used in soft wood or soap. For their outdoor roller skates, planks, a sled or a tricycle.

Give the four to six year old a jumping rope, softball, bicycle or a lawnmower and sturdier wagon. To keep him occupied indoors, try a few water colors, muffin tins to mix them in, large paint brushes, pencil and paper, or metal trains on tracks. For this age group wind-up trains are recommended over electric.

FOR YOU parents who play with their children and the children's toys, remember not to make the play too complicated. Children will enjoy adult companionship if you play with them on their level and not yours.

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City to Consider Tag Day Calendar

Birmingham's policy to permit only a dozen "tag days" to be held a year is going to get serious study by the city commission. Commissioner Dean G. Beier pointed out that the first nine months this year has seen 12 such public solicitations.

"Perhaps we should have local organizations give us their dates so we can set up a tag day control calendar for the coming year," he suggested.

City Manager D. C. Egbert was instructed to evaluate the present policy adopted in 1941 and which can be used only by local organizations.

Several Ready-Made Problems Await Him

Several traffic problems now confronting the police department are going to be the first projects for Birmingham's new traffic control consultant, T. M. Vandersteepel, 644 States.

A former Chicago traffic engineer, one of his first assignments will be to analyze traffic movement on Willets street.

Another immediate study will be on possible one-way streets in the downtown area.

He was hired by the city commission on a \$150 a month retainer fee.

Society deadline is 3 p.m. each Tuesday.

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In the true spirit of the first Thanksgiving, let us render thanks to God for the proud heritage of our past and the bright and shining promise of our future.

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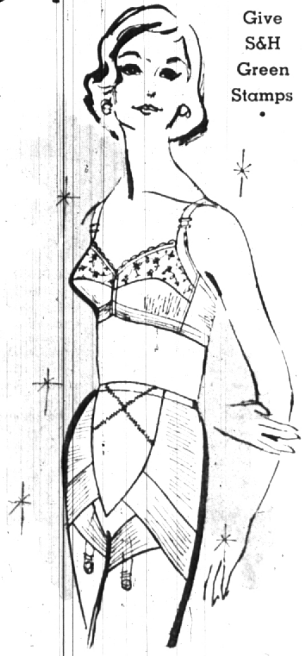
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