Unselfishness of Child Giving Gifts Praised

Christmas is a good time for other people, and it is a good time parents to teach junior unselfish to help a child begin to widen his ways, according to Professor Em- social horizon. Though parents ma Dickson Sheehy, Teachers Col- should not expect too much from lege, Columbia university, and three to four year old tots because chairman of the Educational Ad they need the feeling that there visory committee of toy Guidance are some things that are theirs Council, Inc. alone, a social consciousness is

It is a time of the year, she something a child should absorb says, when we naturally think of on such specific occasions as Christmas.

THIS broadening of the child's social interest must be allowed to develop gradually without over emphasis and without pressure. Thus a child who has been thinking of making presents for his immediate family may begin to have an interest in giving to some friend outside of his family.

This beginning of social consciousness, she says, is the appointed time for the right kind of giving, and the right attitude toward giving, will depend on the child's social outlook.

IF A child is surrounded by family and friends who are kind to their conversation and actions deep concern for the happiness and comfort of other people will unconsciously begin to feel the joy of giving. It is better to be invited to take an active part in giving a friend wholesome way.

"It is very important," she says, Mrs. Sheehy, that the child should see them making a grab for the not get any feeling of patronizing, toys of other children as well as but that he should develop the repelling all attempts of other feeling of his place in society as children to play with their toys a person who must be ready to do whatever he can to help others. If by teaching him that if he will let the family itself helps the child other children play with his toys, to have these experiences, they be in turn will be permitted to will all find many opportunities share their toys.

This is a concept very impor- thing to do, she says, because ject is short. It won't be long be- fore his interest shifts to some other

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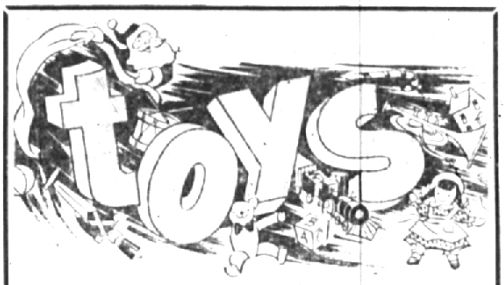

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