Reporter Does His Christmas Shopping

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One Christmas just gets by and another one is here with its usual last-minute shopping spree, crowded stores and holiday atmosphere.

For one I did my Christmas shopping early this year and avoided the last-minute rush. As a matter of fact, I did my shopping yesterday.

Yes, I know, you may ask why, and I'll tell you the very first reason: I did my Christmas shopping early this year. It's because this is going to be a special Christmas for me. The little women and I are going to be par-

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counted out the nickels and dimes, I knew she was going to be a big help and in the second place I just don't want to know much about what to shop for. I get kids for Christmas."

"About that time I noticed she was putting on her coat so I asked her destination.

"I'm taking all the presents and nickels I saved to go shopping with."

And besides, won't you look foolish—having to take back all HER baby purchases the day after Christmas!"

... And a Panda Too!

"Oh, isn't he the cutest thing you've ever seen, Gram-
a?" puffed little Lynn Bart when she spotted the Panda stop at a shelf in Shain's drug store. The five-year-old miss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Steward of Webster, passed up an opportunity to finger shampoo bottles and tooth paste tubes and other drug store items to "pant over the panda."

Sleds Mean Winter Fun

Winter and Christmas mean long interminable stretches of days, when the sun is low in the sky and the snow is piled high. The long winter days bring the promise of fun and joy for all the young people of the community.

In the weeks to come, the streets will be filled with children of all ages, racing back and forth on their sleds, whooping and laughing as they glide along the snow-covered streets. The houses will be decorated with lights and garlands, and the air will be filled with the sound of children's voices.

And so, as the days of winter begin to lengthen, the children of Birmingham will be looking forward to the fun and excitement that only a winter's day can bring.