

Remember, It's the Thought That Counts!

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The gift of youth is a priceless thing. But perhaps a bit more precious are the gifts that only this stage of life can create.

Cream of Wheat is good to eat but the empty box that's left was even more valuable to the allowance-shy Birmingham seven-year-old who spent hours decorating it with cut paper. It ended up a nasty fingerprinted glob of cardboard, but what a lovely thing to hang in the front hall as an "inside mailbox." Just what mother always wanted.

A Birmingham woman remembers the yuletide season when her

young son presented her with a copy of his handprint.

OUR NOW sophisticated society editor Shirley Adams, recalls the time she gave her father a huge red bow—in it somewhere was a five-cent box of stale cough drops.

The Russell Inghams of 6183 Thorncrest were recipients of a rather strange looking lump of

something one year. Their youngest son was most pleased with the gift he constructed.

"I still don't know what it is," Ingham said, "but I use it for a paperweight and hope it doesn't blow up."

FIVE - YEAR - OLD Bradley Goodell and his brother Brian, 7, usually head for the dime store at Christmas time, according to their mother, Mrs. Melvin W. Goodell, 545 Westbourne, Westchester. She has several rubber spatulas, (a different shade each year), all sorts of hairclips and the latest in kitchen gadgets.

The number of daddy's pipes is nearing a dozen, thanks to his

thoughtful sons and Goodell even owns an ashtray formed from the latest in the line of clay—the kind that doesn't harden!

"WHY DON'T you wear these to PTA, Mom?" is the query young Whit Rogers utters every time he sees those gorgeous gold earrings he selected last year from the Five and Dime.

Mrs. Stuart Rodgers, 21676 Corsaut, Lane, Beverly Hills, wears them ever so often (around the house) in addition to the string of pearls purchased at the same spot by daughter Lynn.

DOZENS OF SALT and pepper

shakers, dozens of pot holders and dozens of handprints in plaster have been gifts for the Edwin P. DOWDS of 588 Larchlea.

Their dozen includes Patricia, Nancy, John, Carol, Joan, Sally, James, Richard, Mary Beth, Virginia and Timothy.

"The gift situation ended up in such confusion," Mrs. Dowd said, "that we now draw names or pool finances so the remembrances aren't quite so—well, you understand."

Yes, the gift of youth is a priceless thing. But perhaps a bit more precious, each mom and dad interviewed agrees, are the children.



Sad Dog—Happy Child

Although this "Morgan" dog is a sad looking creature, he is guaranteed to make a youngster happy at Christmas time, according to Charles Mulholland, of Mulholland's department store, 233 N. Woodward, Birmingham. Santa Claus evidently agreed, especially after he found out you could make the dog squeak after pinching the tail.

Child's Long Time Favorites Treated To Modern Design

The tried and true items of long lasting popularity, such as bikes and sleds and trains, all brought up-to-the-minute for the more sophisticated children of this era, will have undiminished popularity under the Christmas tree. The sets for junior doctors and nurses, which have gained so much popularity in recent years, are more fascinating in their new 1959 guise and the chemistry sets, too, have been modernized.

Growth in popularity of arts and crafts sets is marked as the children insist on learning how to do things. And yet stuffed animals with all of their cuddliness seem to be marching to a new high of popularity.

It's a wonderful year for the children.

Work Duds Offer Good Gift Ideas

Do-it Yourself Duds offer interesting gift possibilities for the home handyman. They are usually made of durable, washable denim or twill specially designed to put a man at ease for after hours work.

In addition to being the type of clothes that will save wear and tear on his sports apparel, they're so fashionably tailored they serve a dozen other leisure wear needs. They include pants, shirts, jackets, even shorts, caps and overalls.



Penguins at Jacobson's

These penguins, featured at Jacobson's toy center, 275 N. Woodward, Birmingham, were shown to Santa by Charles Viers. Santa agreed that this would make an ideal gift for some youngster. Viers said that this was only one of many toys, dolls, games and other toys now on display at the store.

Toys Offer Wide Range This Christmas

Play materials for children from nursery age up through third grade can give wide latitude for choice without having the items "too old" or "too babyish."

A child who has outgrown the alphabet blocks, the colored cubes, and the plastic bricks, might well like a set of Lincoln logs. Building log cabins takes the little more coordination and imagination of an older child.

Housekeeping toys are answers to little girl gift problems. The range includes ironing boards, irons, sweepers, dishes, telephones, cooking utensils, clothespins, tea service, washing machines and electric stoves.

PLAY EQUIPMENT can be elaborate—like a jungle gym for near 70 dollars or an eight-foot slide at about 50 dollars, or simple like a six-dollar teeter-totter.

Changing dollie's diapers can be fun for the young girl, and there's a large variety of such dolls. Doll buggies, doll tables, and doll beds are fine accessories for playing house.

Simple toys stir a child's imagination. Pulling a block cart, loading a wagon with blocks, dumping a truckload of blocks and using peg and hammer sets all are absorbing activities for a young child.

TRANSPORTATION toys for the very young child may include gas tankers, telephone trucks, utility trucks, or locomotives. There's an unlimited variety of very complicated or sturdy simple shapes, for riding, operation or display only. Boats, ready made or construction sets, are among transportation items.

Puzzles, mobile toys, hand puppets, dollhouse dolls, and large rag dolls are among other gift ideas for the nursery and early elementary school child.

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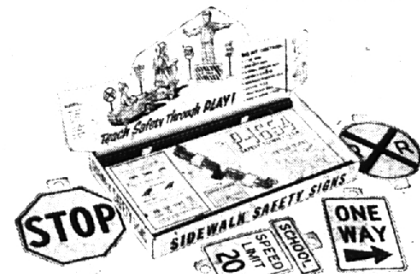
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