

# Holiday Humor

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## Nature Boy Takes Over

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house not a creature was stirring . . . just DAD. When all of a sudden there came such a clatter, mom ran to the basement to see what was the matter. And there stood my dad with a sheepish grin, explaining to mom, "honey, the branch just wouldn't go in."

You see, dad didn't believe that nature always did her best, so he pitched in to do the rest. He drilled and drilled, sticking branches here, there and everywhere . . . and when he got through . . . O Tannenbaum . . . looked like a woodpecker's paradise. This time his luck ran amok, the tree split in half with the very next poke.

After hours of planning and when they were done, we had three wreaths and two Christmas trees . . . instead of one.

## Christmas in July

While talking to Mrs. Louis F. Kopp of Beechwood drive she commented that their family almost had Christmas in July. Like most mothers with children, she decided to do her Christmas shopping early to avoid the hustling and bustling of the holiday rush.

She succeeded in sneaking the toys upstairs in the closet and thought they would be safe until Christmas. Then one afternoon while doing her chores downstairs, she heard some familiar voices yelling upstairs, "Mommy, mommy, come here quick . . . look what we found."

After picking up the broken dish, she dashed upstairs muttering, "It can't be true, they never go in the closet." But that day they did and there was her little girl cuddling a Shirley Temple doll and brother Mike shooting a Roy Rogers gun.

She explained to them that dear old Saint Nick was storing the toys for other children because he didn't have room. A few minutes later, a disappointed mother and two very unhappy children came downstairs. Two hours later (while children were out playing) the toys disappeared to another closet.

## It's a Dog's World

And as the Holiday season came to an end, a new Birmingham bride decided to give the 'perfect' New Years Eve party. After weeks of preparation and planning, the evening finally arrived.

The guests were all seated in the living room having a marvelous time talking and sipping cocktails, when the

# Books Open New Worlds Of Reading

What better time to buy books than at Christmas? What time than childhood for one to learn the value of good books?

Children can be taught the value of good books at an early age. They can learn to enjoy reading, getting from it the educational values this pastime offers while, at the same time, they are amusing themselves.

The child who learns to read and unconsciously absorbs what he reads, has the basis of a "hobby" which will last his entire lifetime.

Many of the books popular today were favorites of the modern youngster's parents. Many of us get our first taste of drama and melodrama from "Uncle Tom's Cabin". We learned from "Back Beauty" the attachment formed between a child and a pet.

FATHERS and mothers will enjoy sharing their childhood with sons and daughters as they read these books and others about beloved characters of their own youth.

"The Wizard of Oz" still is a favorite, along with stories of Peter Rabbit and his friends, those stalwart Knights of the Round Table, the Leatherstocking tales, the Little Women and the growing up of those Five Little Peppers.

While these old favorites still have their place, it must be remembered that we are living in a new age—and the children's books must keep pace.

This brings up the spacemen, inter-planetary communications, atomic aircraft and submarines and all the others in the so-called science fiction field.

CONTRARY TO the belief of many, this science fiction need not be of the horror type. There are many books on today's market which will provide all the thrills a youngster can hope for and still not even border the objectionable literature parents have come to dread.

new Mrs. X adjourned to the kitchen to slice her 10 lb. ham.

When all of a sudden the guests heard a shrilling scream and dashed in to see what was the matter . . . and there was "Rover" licking of the platter. The hostess, with tears in her eyes, looked up at her guests and sighed, "Anyone for scrambled eggs?"

## Bigger, Better Powered Toys For Boys, Girls

Battery operated toys are to be found in greater variety than ever for Christmas giving this year, for both girls and boys. They range from a "Dancing Dan," actually motivated by the human voice, to mixers and washing machines for the girls, and to lathes and drills (equipped with rubber ends for safety sake) for boys, and, of course, also include fascinating train sets.

Tomorrow's expert mechanics can have an automobile with transparent body to reveal the working parts, or gasoline powered boats.

## Typewriter, Too

"Just like father's" can give a child a proud feeling as he or she looks at a gift on Christmas morning. A junior typewriter may give the child a start on a future writing career—at least give enjoyment and keep little fingers away from the delicate "real thing" that parents prize.

### USEFUL WRAPPINGS

The richly-scented pine cones to Christmas packages for the ladies on your list. Not only are they pretty decorations but they become sachets for drawer and closet.

### DOES SHE TYPE?

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