

Modern Fairy Tale

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Once upon a time, there lived in Birmingham a father

HE lived in a nice home with his wife and two children.

One day, his wife said to him:

"THERE ARE ONLY 30 more shopping days before Christmas and there are toys to be bought for the little ones."

As the father put on his hat and overcoat (it was very cold outside) he replied:

"I will go and buy some beautiful toys for my children whom I love very much."

SEVERAL HOURS passed and the wife began to worry, for her husband had not returned.

She put the children to bed,

called the babysitter and set out in search of the missing father and husband.

One hour and 15 stores later, she found him.

HE STOOD entranced before a display of two electric trains that whirred around two small tracks. His eyes followed the trains, unmindful of the many other shoppers that milled about the store.

The wife tapped him on the shoulder twice before he turned around. When he saw who it was, he smiled down at her sheepishly.

SHE TOOK her husband by the hand, led him from the store and they walked toward home.

Moral of this story: Wives, never send your husbands shopping for toys alone, for in each one there remains a trace of his lost boyhood.



Special Delivery

For special delivery service on letters to Santa Claus, there is a mailbox in front of Kresge's on W. Maple in Birmingham. "Do you think he'll get it by tomorrow?" wonders Cathy Donley, 2, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Donley, 6050 Braemoor, Birmingham.

Let's Go Creative!

Go photography this Christmas — good for a whole winter of indoor activity. Suggestion— A darkroom kit for \$12.50 this includes everything needed, developing the negative to making the print.



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Workers Find Joy in Giving At Yule Time

In a day of mass organization of life, it's refreshing to find people with a personal approach to charity.

Santa Claus is getting a HEAP of help this year from over 500 volunteers in a local industry. HEAP is short for Holley Employees Aid Project, an undertaking by personnel at Holley Carburetor Co., in Warren. It'll literally bring a heap of Christmas cheer to needy families all over the metropolitan area.

These men and women had so much fun last year teaming up to remember the unfortunate, that practically everyone in plant and office is involved in the present project. It all started when a few people decided to do something for families in need instead of exchanging Christmas cards with each other, while continuing to support the major charitable organizations such as the United Foundation.

NEARLY 50 WOMEN workers are spending their evenings in friendly competition to produce the best dressed doll. Others work on various committees.

One group contacts fellow workers for contributions. So far about 85 per cent have participated. Another is compiling lists of deserving families from many names submitted by churches, school authorities, charitable organizations, and similar sources.

Arrangements are being made by the purchasing committee to buy food, clothing, toys and many special items. Another committee keeps all employes up-to-date on progress of the project. But the big climax will come in mid-December when the presents are personally delivered to the homes of these deserving families.

Yule Door Decor

Wire pine cones in a cluster attached to branches of evergreen and holly and spray the design you create with artificial snow. Add a wide red ribbon to cover wires, holly, bells or tiny figures, as you like.



Musical Turn

Even small children can play favorite songs immediately on this new musical toy. They simply insert an embossed music strip in the instrument and turn the handle as they blow. Twenty reversible plastic song strips are included.

Games

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sides with an aerial map layout of headquarters and land and sea masses. Ships, tanks and planes are used in strategic maneuvers in which the magnetic playing pieces repel each other when played on opposite sides of the board.

However, your strategy must be good in order to win, for you can't see your opponent's moves and he can't see yours.

FOR THE electronic-minded youngster, there are short wave radio sets and transistor radio

kits, complete with instructions that are easily understood by the 12-and-up group.

These sets are reasonably priced and present a challenging gift for youngsters.

For the sports-minded there are electric hockey, football, baseball, bowling and race-car games.

ALSO, SCIENTIFIC and educational hobbies and games have become quite popular. These include weather stations (with real data-gathering equipment) chemistry sets, complete with microscope and chemicals, and biology sets.

Plastic and wood models of airplanes, boats, tanks and automobiles are also still popular among the younger groups.

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