

'Children Sitting' More Difficult During Holidays

Nothing can ruin a mother's enjoyment of a holiday party more than the nagging worry about the proficiency of the teenage baby sitter left at home with young children. Youngsters are excited and expectant about the Christmas season. Situations normally handled easily can become busy sitting crises at that time. What's more, time-tested sitters aren't always available. Before leaving for the party, mother should allow at least half an hour for the child to become acquainted with a new sitter. Parents should tell the child frankly that they are going out for the evening.

MOTHER can paste a little Santa Claus figure over the hour when they expect to return. Often the child will fall asleep watching the clock tick toward the coming-home hour.

No parent should ever leave the home without making sure the sitter is provided with a complete emergency telephone number, list of doctor, neighbor, police, fire department, and hospital.

Alabama Attorney To Discuss Civil Liberties in South

Charles Morgan Jr., a Birmingham, Ala., attorney who gained national recognition when he spoke out and condemned the city for the death of four Negro children in a church bombing, will speak here Sunday.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan and the Social Responsibilities Committee of the Emerson Unitarian Society of Royal Oak will sponsor a talk by Morgan at 8:30 p.m. at the Northwest Unitarian - Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway.

He will speak here on his experiences and the problem of insuring the civil liberties of the Negro and other dissenters to "the Southern way of life" in the South.

Admission to the talk will be free and the public is invited.

The sitter should have a number where parents can be reached. If a child demands his parents, a short telephone conversation usually will calm and reassure the child. A sense of humor helps, too. Often the sitter can coax a child out of a black mood by light and silly teasing.

Guidelines for baby sitters are available.

Toys Will Be Loudly Heard This Year as Well as Seen

Toy shopping this year will take a keen ear as well as a sharp eye. For sound is the new dimension in toys for 1964.

Along with the usual sounds of excited children, a stroll through any toy store will uncover bicycles and tricycles that put putt like motor bikes, toy race cars that roar like Indianapolis racers, dump trucks and skidloaders that rattle like heavy construction equipment, and dolls, toys and games of all descriptions that bring forth sounds and whole sentences with no more urging than the simple pull of a string.

Never before have toys provided such a crescendo of the sound of play.

ACTUALLY THERE'S nothing revolutionary about sounds in toys. They've been tinkling, popping, squeaking, clanking and banging for a long time. The new angle is realism in both sound and appearance.

A few years ago dolls began talking and a whole new trend in realism was established.

All this sound—no matter how realistic—may come as a jolt to adults who look with nostalgia on the happy days when play sounds consisted mostly of "bang-bang," sticks sliding across picket fences, and the flipping noise obtained by attaching playing cards or cloths to bicycle spokes.

IT ALL BEGAN in 1960, when a chatterbox doll was introduced. Her immediate popularity spawned a lequacious family of talking dolls and the rush to sound was on.

The reason for this trend is more built-in fun.

A realistic sounding toy stimulates a child's imagination. And a stimulating toy means more fun for the child, as well as more value to the parental purchaser.

Dolls, an all-time favorite toy, are a good example.

EVEN WHEN dolls were saying "mamma," they did little to help their youthful owners create new play situations. Then dolls began to talk, and they became companions rather than inanimate objects of affection.

At the tug of a string, dolls now say such play-stimulating phrases as "Let's go to the store" or "I'm sleepy, put me to bed," and off goes little Suzie with a new play idea.

Another reason for sound is that today's children are more sophisticated in their knowledge of playthings. They're exposed to more and more of the world around them and hold their attention a toy must really provide fun.

WITH FUN coming from sound, some of the new items for Christmas are quite a earful.

Talking dolls of all kinds are still tops in popularity. And along with the familiar baby dolls, there are now popular cartoon characters in talking doll or puppet versions. There is also a beak-like type doll in black tights and overboots who rattles off catchy, if somewhat way-out, phrases.

But the newest of all in talking toys are soft cuddly animals with mouths that move when they talk.

ONE LOVABLE lion growls, "I'm king of the jungle," then stily asks, "Aren't I?"

A nautical-looking multi-colored parrot sits on its lofty perch and intones, "Four bells, time to eat. Feed the birdie."

Both look surprisingly realistic, with mouths and beaks that move as they speak.

For the boys, there are realistic-sounding motor toys, bicycles and tricycles. Called "Room" they stimulate actual motor sounds to a degree the younger set never thought possible. The bikes and tricycles look and sound like motor cycles, without strain to a boy's imagination, larynx, or deck of cards.

NATURALLY, the ever-popular toy guns are keeping pace with a variety of sounds guaranteed to be better than "bang-bang."

For the absolute last word in sound realism, there's a doll you feed from a bottle, place over your shoulder, pat gently, and she burps. Undoubtedly, she's a doll that will really stimulate the imagination of youngsters with baby sisters.

All this ingenuity—and product research—by the nation's toy-makers adds up to one undeniable fact. This year's yuletide season is certain to have, in addition to the tinkle of Santa's sleighbells, an abundance of realistic toy sounds to accompany that most wonderful of all sounds on a Christmas morning—a child's happy laughter.

State Electors Vote For U.S. President

If you think you helped to elect a president of the United States when you voted on Nov. 3, the answer is only indirectly.

Actually, the real election hasn't even been held yet. In Michigan, it will take place on Dec. 14 in the State Chambers in the State Capital. That's when a group of presidential electors meet to cast their votes for president and vice president of the United States.

Since President Johnson carried Michigan's popular vote by a substantial margin, the electors are all Democrats, and it's a good bet that all votes will go to Johnson and vice president elect Hubert H. Humphrey. But there have been defections in the past when electors have voted for others. But it's not expected.

Swedish Group Plans Speaker

Glen A. Carlson, of Country Club Dr., president of Arco Mains factoring Co., announces that Detroit-Swedish Club Inc. is sponsoring a dinner meeting on Wednesday at the Whitizer hotel.

Knut Hammaraskjold (nephew of the late Secretary General of U.N. Dag Hammarskjold) is the deputy secretary-general of the European Free Trade Association and he will speak about the work of this organization.

HAMMARASKJOLD has had experience in negotiation on questions of trade, transport and finance. Through his service with the international organizations of the OECD and EFTA, Hammaraskjold has knowledge of the many facets of present-day European political, economic and integrational problems.

Toastmasters Meet

Birmingham Toastmasters will meet Tuesday and then recess until the new year. Dinner meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at The Community House. Further information may be received by calling Denis Royston.

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Hare Asks Opinion On Studded Tires

Are studded tires which help to keep cars from skidding and sliding in Michigan's rough winters illegal here in the state?

Well, most officials including Sec. of State James M. Hare think so. But Hare said he would ask the attorney general to rule on them to get a "clear-cut decision" on the matter.

Hare, chairman of the Michigan State Safety Commission, said that his office had received reports of Michigan dealers selling studded tires. "However, Michigan law appears quite specific in the matter," Hare noted, "and on the basis of our law, they may have to be outlawed in the state."

Hare said he personally thought the studded tires were a "definite safety aid" and would be of help in driving on icy and snow-covered roads. Michigan law prohibits studs or other devices on tires, Hare said. Wires are permitted providing they do not exceed .075 inches in diameter.

Legal Notices

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STATE OF MICHIGAN — The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, in said County on the 31st day of November, A. D. 1964.

Present: Honorable Donald E. Adams, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of PEARL ANN HARRISON, Deceased.

PEARL ANN HARRISON, deceased, is survived by her husband, one child, one son, one daughter, one grandchild, one great-grandchild, one sister, one brother, one nephew, one niece, one grandnephew, one grandniece, one great-grandnephew, one great-grandniece, one great-great-grandnephew, one great-great-grandniece, one great-great-great-grandnephew, one great-great-great-grandniece, one great-great-great-great-grandnephew, one great-great-great-great-grandniece, one great-great-great-great-great-grandnephew, one great-great-great-great-great-grandniece.

It is Ordered, That the 31st day of November, A. D. 1964, be and the same is hereby appointed as the time and place for the said hearing.

It is further Ordered that notice be given to all interested parties by publication of this notice in a newspaper of general circulation in said County, once each week, for three consecutive weeks, the first such publication to be on the 1st day of December, A. D. 1964, and that the same be published in the Birmingham Gazette, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

DONALD E. ADAMS, Judge of Probate.

CERTIFICATION

I, Wanda Vandusen, Senior Deputy Register of said Probate Court, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original record thereof, as the same appears in the office, and have found the same to be a correct transcript thereof, and the whole of such original record.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Probate Court, this 31st day of November, A. D. 1964.

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