



**WORKBENCH TOY JUST LIKE DADDY'S**  
Bench top removes to become saw horse with tray.

## Wooden Toys Tops For Pre-Schoolers

At Christmastime, toys do more than gladden the hearts of pre-schoolers. They can, if chosen wisely, point the way toward new skills, new discoveries, new interests.

A child's first classroom is his home. In that laboratory for learning, a pre-school child is acquiring more skills and knowledge than the high school or college student.

Recent research has revealed that one-half of a child's lifetime intelligence is developed before he is four years old. According to Thomas Grimes, director of Playskool Research, this underscores the role of the parent as a teacher and of toys as tools of learning.

have added play values for young children.

"Toy workbenches, tool trays, and carpet sweepers and milk trucks, for example, help the child to master his own world and to imitate the adult world around him," Grimes declared. "It's important to provide him with a variety of toys with which he can imitate, imagine, create, and solve problems."

Further information for parents interested in knowing more about the significance of play and the selection of proper toys for the pre-schooler is available in a free booklet called "Playtools to Shape A Child's World." The booklet may be obtained by writing Playskool Research, 437 Merchandise Mart, Chicago.

"A CHILD discovers himself and the world around him through play," Grimes declares. "Rather than books, he depends on toys to help him grow, learn and experiment. One of the most important responsibilities of the parent is to select the right toys at the right time."

A child's own particular stage of development will determine what toys are best for him. By observing the child at play, a parent can determine whether or not a child has outgrown certain toys, whether he likes toys with which to build, pound, imitate, or create.

Sound construction is a "must" with pre-school toys. As every parent knows, toys must take the merciless punishment of vigorous pre-school play. A toy that breaks easily quickly disappoints the child and the family budget. Usually, sturdy wooden toys are the best choice.

WHILE THE adult is likely to be attracted to "zinnicks," toys which are battery-operated or replicas of the well-in-miniature, this type of toy will usually bore the pre-schooler. He prefers toys which let him use his own imagination and skills.

Playskool Research reports that the best pre-school toys are selections on the "classics" blocks, pounding benches, pegboards, puzzles, plaques, wooden trucks and wagons. Recently, many toys have incorporated sound and music, which

### Air Force Needs Aerospace Nurses

The U. S. Air Force announces that it now has vacancies for single registered nurses as officers in aerospace medicine, according to T/Sgt. Samuel E. England, local Air Force recruiter. Air Force nurses play a vital role in caring for the health of American aerospace team and their families.

Air Force nurses are offered the opportunity to complete requirements for a degree in nursing in leading American universities and colleges, plus receiving specialized training in obstetrics, operating room supervision and anesthesia.

IN ADDITION, qualified Air Force nurses, who desire to complete the final semester required for graduate or undergraduate academic degree, can do so at a University or college of their preference.

In both cases, the nurses draw full pay and allowances while in attendance. Air Force offers its nurses the opportunity to volunteer for duty as a "flight nurse."

The flight nurse takes professional charge of huge flying ambulances, in both military and civilian aeromedical missions and earns additional pay for flying. Interested persons should contact Sgt. England at 123 S. Main, Royal Oak.

## Cookbook Aids Health Center On Mackinac

The Mackinac Island Medical Center is undoubtedly the world's only health facility supported by a cookbook.

Odder still, the recipe collection was compiled and edited by a University of Michigan dentist.

It all began after World War II, when according to Dr. Ralph Sommer of the U.M. School of Dentistry, several of the island-folk organized a bake sale to raise funds for a medical center. Seven hundred and thirty-five dollars and a profit of \$126 — and thus the medical building got its start.

SUBSEQUENTLY, bake sales gave way to community suppers, and eventually a white frame, fully-equipped medical clinic was erected to house a year-round physician, a part-time dentist, their assistants, and a public health nurse.

The idea to maintain the center through funds from an "Historical Mackinac Island Cook Book" came from Stella King, the community's public health nurse.

Dr. Sommer, who practices dentistry in the clinic from June to September each year, and his wife, who assists in the office, were largely responsible for assembling the 226-page recipe collection.

In addition to a section of favorite recipes of President and Mrs. Johnson, the late President and Mrs. Kennedy, Gov. and Mrs. Romney and former Gov. and Mrs. Williams, the book contains hundreds of old family recipes from the island's permanent and summer residents.

## Hills' Woman to Lead March of Dimes Group

Mrs. W. E. Givens, Jr., of 3857 Lakeland Lane, Bloomfield Hills, was recently appointed chairman of women's activities of Oakland County chapter of the National Foundation-March of Dimes, by Chapter Chairman Norman D. Hosking, Southfield.

The chairman's activities for the Foundation's 27th year of fighting crippling diseases will include education for children, including birth defects, will include education via films, literature and tours of the March of Dimes Birth Defect Special Treatment Centers, as well as working with volunteers for Oakland County's health programs.

MRS. GIVENS

Mrs. Givens, who worked with the American Association for the Advancement of Science, did research at George Washington University prior to her marriage.

FOR THE past ten years she has been active in the community in schools and church, having served in the P.T.O., as program and publicity chairman, president and council president as well as on the board of education. Mrs. Givens also served as the first executive secretary of Echo Park Day Camp and Primary School. At present she is teaching at St. James Day School in Birmingham, as well as serving as

### Patients at Sherwood Entertain Children

The patients of the Sherwood Hall Convalescent Home are going to host a Christmas party today at 2 p.m. for the underprivileged children of the Oakland County Children's Center.

The patients of Sherwood Hall are making the toys and gifts which will be distributed to the children at the party. Refreshments also will be served. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Most of Michigan's state parks are open for winter camping. Free information on Michigan camping may be obtained by writing the Michigan Tourist Council, Stevens T. Mason Building, Lansing, Michigan.

## Candlelight Service Planned by Women

A Christmas candlelight service will be held by the Women's Association of Northminster Presbyterian Church on Tuesday evening at the church.

Beginning at 8 p.m., this traditional program will include selections of Christmas music sung by the women's choir, a Christmas reading by Mrs. MacKay Taylor and familiar scripture and carols.

A festive Christmas coffee will follow this final association meeting of the year.

### Faith Is Necessary In Buying Clothes

It is difficult for the average consumer to judge the quality of a suit of clothes. Much that affects the wearability, appearance and even the fit of the garment is hidden in the construction.

You must therefore buy largely on faith in your own judgment, faith in the brand-name or store-name label that the suit carries and, most importantly, faith in the recommendations of the store where the purchase is being made.

Barry Goldwater's home may never attract as many tourists as the White House but traffic jams on Lincoln Dr., Scottsdale, are getting more frequent.

Win or lose, the \$200,000 residence with its ham radio station antenna towering above it, has become and will remain as well known as the famous resorts Mountain Shadows and Camelback Inn nearby in the Valley of the Sun.

THE SENATOR'S house, which somewhat resembles an airplane ready to take off (a design in keeping with its fascination for flying), crowns a knoll in the fashionable Camelback Mountain area.

Designed by Paul Christian, Yaeger, it covers more than 5,000 feet, has four bedrooms, five and one-half baths and a virtual aviation tower built into the senator's den desk where, by means of rooftop instruments whose readings are recorded below, he can note the latest meteorological information.

The large antenna marking the ham radio station that has long been one of Goldwater's favorite hobbies identifies the house to the tourist who otherwise might not recognize it.

Another of Goldwater's hobbies, collecting Hopi Kachina dolls, is more available for closer inspection by the public. The priceless collection is on display in the Goldwater's store at the Park Central shopping center.

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Most of us are dominated by an honest desire to acquire enough of this world's goods to give us security. To be sure, a reasonable drive in this direction is necessary—but never an overwhelming, overpowering drive is desirable. To endeavor to make one's money-bags-to-the-bank heavier and heavier causes one physically to stoop . . . to lower his gaze . . . to forget the stars and sky's beauty . . . to starve his spiritual birthright! (GR)

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General News

## Local School Starts Series of Lectures

Billie S. Farnum, auditor general of the State of Michigan and 19th district representative to the U.S. Congress, opened Detroit Country Day School's Senior Lecture Series with a talk on citizen participation in government.

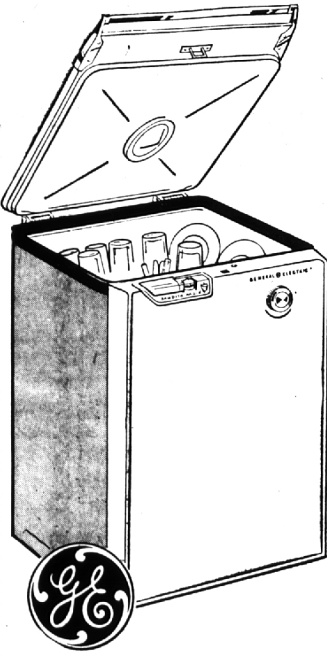
Country Day's Senior Lecture Series meets every Wednesday afternoon and affords an opportunity for leaders in government, business, banking, law, medicine and the

arts, and to participate in discussion period after each talk.

John Campbell of 23701 Cass St., Farmington, a member of Country Day's history department, is coordinator of the series which runs from Dec. 2 to March 16, 1965.

In instituting these lectures during the 1961 school year, Country Day felt that lectures by the local and state leaders would be helpful in exposing students to the various phases of community activity as seen by leaders in their field.

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