

Care Needed In Toy Selection For Gifts

College Station, Tex.—If St. Nicholas, or Kris Kringle, was as good as legend supposes, his success surely was based on care and common sense.

Today's shoppers could take a hint from him, one authority observed.

Jane Fleischer, specialist in family life education with the Texas A&M University, stressed the need for careful consideration in shopping for Christmas toys.

"Selecting play materials for children requires the same selectivity as any other Christmas item.

"Safety is of utmost importance: Toys should be built so that nothing can be pulled off and swallowed or broken off, leaving sharp edges."

The specialist advised choosing well-constructed play materials.

"For example, toy hammers and mallets should have securely fastened handles, and the wheels on wooden toys should be fastened well, preferably with screws."

For cords and strings, non-conducting material such as cotton should be utilized; however, any string can carry electricity when wet.

Toys having keys should be made so the keys won't revolve when the toy is working.

Another consideration is the child's use of the toy, Miss Fleischer continued. The child needs to be able to manage it by himself.

"A toy for any age should give the child a feeling of adequacy and set the appropriate standard for physical and mental development. Most mechanical toys are too intricate for children under four years of age."

Nor should toys be too restrictive. Instead, they should stimulate imagination and make-believe, encourage quiet play or vigorous body activity, and allow for playing alone and in group activity.

"Pets and toy gardening equipment fit this category," she added.

The toy also needs to fit the child's stage of development, the specialist continued. Although toys are usually marked with an age range, this can vary with the individual child's development.

"Pre-schoolers, for example, need activities to develop large muscles. Thus, their toys should stimulate imaginative play and require use of their hands."

"Young elementary children also need play materials which develop large muscles. In addition, they require activities and toys that help encourage social development—such as stories. Arts and crafts also can help the child coordinate fine muscles."

Team sports offer group development for older elementary children. Also, through hobbies, painting and

musical toys, these youngsters may acquire other skills.

Toys are instrumental in role playing—an important part of the child's development which helps him identify with his parents. Because of this, puppets, dolls, dress-up clothes and housekeeping kits are popular.

"Role playing is especially important for boys—who need to identify with men and their occupations."

Often the son is unaware of just what his father's job is, Miss Fleischer pointed out. Therefore, it's sometimes difficult for him to identify with his father except through role-playing toys, such as fireman, policeman, engineer, pharmacist and doctor.

A reminder to shoppers—keep in mind where a particular toy gift will be used and stored. If the family lives in a small apartment, chances are there's not enough room to set up a big play house or store a hundred-piece farm set, she concluded.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Mackey and two daughters of Fort Stockton visited here recently while the younger daughter, Diane, underwent minor surgery in Clinic-Hospital, San Angelo. They visited with the Houston Thigpens and the Jerry Jones family. Also visiting them were Mr. and Mrs. B. Arthur of Abilene.

Methodist Notes

At the Sunday morning service, special offering will be taken for the Mission Home at San Antonio, announced the Rev. Fred Cox, pastor.

Sunday afternoon at 4:00, the Rev. Charles Giesler, district superintendent, will moderate a meeting to answer questions about Methodist Church doctrine, and where money contributed through various organizations of the church is used.

Rev. Giesler will preach at the Sunday night service which will begin at 7:00 p.m.

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Evening Service 6:00 P. M.
Wed. Evening Service 8:00 P. M.

First Assembly Of God Church
Menard Highway
Robert Sherman, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.
Evening Worship 7:30 P. M.
Wed. Bible Study 7:30 P. M.

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Kenneth W. Vaughan, Pastor
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Sunday School 9:45 A. M.
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Practice 7:45 P. M.
Wed. Prayer Service 8:00 P. M.

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Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.
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First Baptist Mexican Mission
El Paso St. & Concho Ave.
Sunday School 10:00 A. M.
Sunday Services 11:00 A. M.
Sunday Night Services 7:00 P. M.
Wednesday Services 7:30 P. M.

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Elder Carl Watson, Pastor

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Which Way Does The ...

WIND BLOW?



The weathervane on the barn gleams in the sun this morning and points due south.

Earlier, before the wind steadied it in its southerly direction, the eagle twirled, turning first one way, then the other.

It reminded me of the way I sometimes feel. Caught in the persistent cry of changing values, confused by the onrush of progressive ideas, I twist and turn, trying to select the good and reject the bad.

I'm glad for the steadying influence of my church. The principles it teaches never change. Honesty, integrity and a love of God are important whatever the mores of society. Knowing this keeps me happy in a world of change and upheaval.

Your church can do the same for you.

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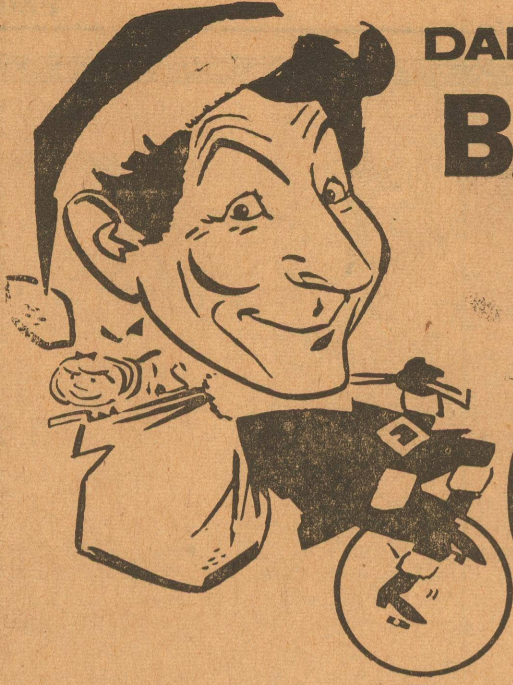
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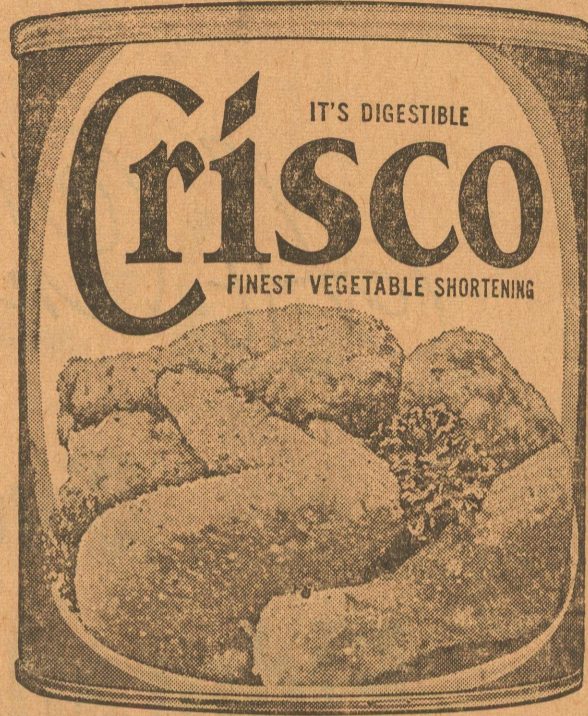
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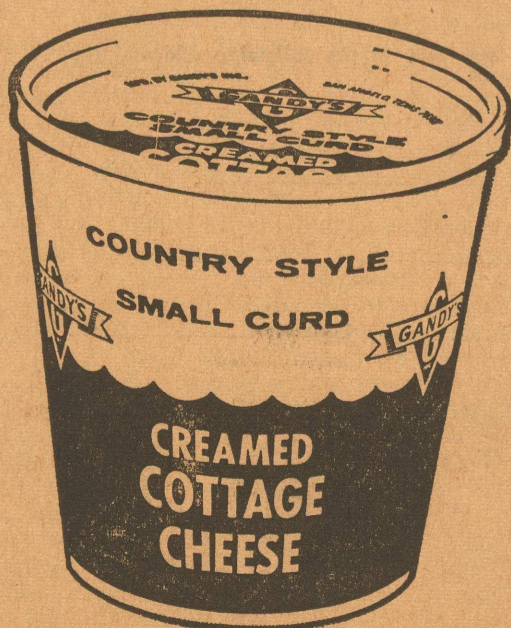
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