

Toy Shoppers

Adults these days certainly are not troubled by a limited selection of toys for their Christmas buying—not in O'Neill anyway. In fact, the array of new and enticing toys makes it hard to get the right present for the right age. These tips should make that

selection easier this year.

For infants under one year, stick to sturdy, durable toys such as hard rubber rattles, large stuffed dolls or animals, or bathtub toys. Avoid anything small or with sharp edges.

For the 1- to 2-year-old crowd—at the crawling and toddling stage—try pushpull toys, a small chair, a rocking horse, and anything that can be loaded and unloaded such as baskets or boxes. Children become explorers from 2 to 4 and they want toys that can be pushed, pulled, piled

up or knocked down. A little wheelbarrow fills the bill, as well as block-craft sets, toy telephones, finger paints, modeling clay, sandboxes, wading pools, plastic dishes and such.

From 4 to 6, the urge to create is strong—the "let's pretend" idea. Children imitate firemen, policemen, nurses, mother, and other adults they may have watched. Dress-up costumes are appreciated, doll houses, toy stores, doctor sets, blackboards, small sport equipment, simple wooden jig-saw sets, and the like.

It's a good idea to avoid target games, pinching or cutting objects, and toys too heavy for the child.

At about 6 years, children develop the group play attitude and spend more time with their own sex. For girls, give cooking utensils, skipping ropes, paper dolls, and costumes. Boys will like sports equipment, construction sets, electric trains, and cowboy and Indian (and space-pilot) uniforms. Both boys and girls will enjoy storybooks, games, ice skates, ping pong sets,

Cantata at SMA

Next Tuesday

The St. Mary's academy will hold its Christmas cantata on Tuesday, December 16. The music will be presented by the glee club under the direction of Sister M. Flores. Special numbers will be accompanied by tableaux. Special parts in the cantata are:

Frank Shefl, reader; Deloris Jig, "Mary"; Wayne Donohoe, "Joseph"; Catherine Condon,

"Angel Gabriel"; Mike London, Jerry Wanser and Eddy Cuddy, "wise men."

The chorus of angels includes: Edith Gallagher, Bonita Muff, Catherine Christon, Helen Hart, Rose Mary Cirkle and Marian Troshynski. The shepherds are: Gary Elsberry, Jimmy Richter, Jack Sullivan, Gene Turner and Larry Wanser. These groups will be supported by a girls' chorus.

The tentative calendar for St. Mary's is as follows:  
Dec. 8—Senior Solidarity reception.  
Dec. 9—Basketball game with St. Boniface (here).  
Dec. 10—Theater party given by Mrs. Georgia Rasley.  
Dec. 12—Junior Solidarity reception.  
Dec. 15—A matinee, "Miracle of Fatima."  
Dec. 16—Christmas cantata.  
Dec. 18—Boarders' Christmas banquet.  
Dec. 19—School dismissed to be resumed January 5.  
Dec. 22—Basketball game with St. Joseph's Atkinson (here).

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Time Short for Claiming Refunds

Taxpayers in Nebraska's rural grade school districts this week were reminded to claim their refunds from the 1951-52 tax year.

State Tax Commissioner Phillip K. Johnson noted that the refund period is "slipping by" and many taxpayers apparently haven't yet applied for the money that is coming to them.

Reports from across the state indicate that in some counties as little as one-third of the refunds have been claimed.

Taxpayers are entitled to get back any money they paid between November 1, 1951, and June 30, 1952, under the illegal 1949 rural grade school blanket tax levy which was knocked out by the state supreme court earlier this year. The high court decision was handed down following a test suit brought by Charley W. Petersen, Holt rancher, against J. Ed Hancock, Holt county treasurer.

The tax commissioner said the amount of money available for refund was estimated at from four to six million dollars.

A special legislative session last summer set an eight-month time limit for rural grade school residents to file their refund claims with their county treasurer. The deadline comes early in April.

Chase National Collection Shown At Open-House

BRISTOW — Display of the Chase National bank of New York's collection of coins and currency, dating from the beginning of the United States was featured at the open-house held Saturday, November 30, by the Nebraska State bank here.

The bank has recently moved into its extensively remodeled building which has modernized fixtures throughout.

The money collection includes all of the coins and currencies of the present, in denominations from a 1-cent piece to a \$10,000 bill.

L. W. Gibson has headed the bank for more than a quarter of a century. Others of the bank's staff are Mrs. Gibson, J. N. Gibson and R. A. Roush.

Nancy Beha in Voice Recital

Miss Nancy Beha, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Beha, presented her junior voice recital Tuesday, December 9, in the Xavier auditorium at Xavier, Kans., where she attends St. Mary college.

Her selections were "Magnificat" by Bach; "Il Plure Dans Mon Cœur" by Debussy; "Guitares et Mandolines" by Saint-Saens; "Voi Che Sapete" by Mozart; "The Hills of Grusia" by Medtkeof; "Let All My Life Be Music" and "The Virgin's Cradle Song" by Brahms with which Miss Beha had a violin obligato.

Miss Beha is a St. Mary's academy graduate here.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Beha and Marilyn and Letta Hynes left Sunday, December 7, for Kansas to attend the recitals. They returned Wednesday.

Washingtonians Visit Relatives Here

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Young of Ardenvore, Wash., are visiting relatives and friends in O'Neill and vicinity.

Mrs. Young is the mother of Charles Gifford of Scott township and Robert is a brother of Ralph, Orton and Walter Young, all living northeast of O'Neill.

They arrived Sunday evening, November 22, at Gifford's by car with Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Gifford and four girls from Wenatchee Valley in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Gifford, Dorothy, Sharon, Joan and Karen left Monday evening, November 23, to go on to Fairbault, Minn., to visit Mrs. Gifford's family.

Lee Staff Holds Party

Members of the Lee store staff were guests of Manager and Mrs. W. J. Nelson in a yule party held Wednesday evening, December 3, at the Town House. Fifteen persons were present.



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**ABERDEEN ANGUS AT AUCTION**

Saturday, Dec. 13

Atkinson Livestock Market  
Atkinson, Nebr.—1:30 P.M.

1—HERD BULL, 4-yr.-old  
2—Coming 3-yr.-old BULLS  
11—Coming 2-yr.-old BULLS  
2—BULL CALVES  
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