Dickens dolls Yuletide favorite

MANITOU SPRING, Colo. (AP)—Back in 1952 Bob and Jan Simpich were stumped by two quite ordinary Yuletide problems—what to buy for whom and what to use for money.

The young art teacher and his bride hit on the idea of turning out sets of Dickens' "Christmas Carol" dolls. The dolls were made of modeling clay and wire and clothed with scraps from the sewing basket.

They were an immediate success. Friends of the Simpich in-laws began writing for dolls. The business grew. So did the line of dolls.

Now there's a Robin Hood with bow and arrows; Robinson Crusoe with a muzzle-loading blunderbuss; Hansel and Gretel; Huck Finn with his corncob pipe; Abraham Lincoln and George Washington.

This year Simpich, he's 32, and Jan, 25, will ship 700 to 800 angels, 300 English carolers, plus some Puritans and of course, the Dickens sets.

Finished dolls stand 8 to 14 inches high.

The two Simpich children, Gretchen, 2, and Ragan, 4, often serve as models, but they're still waiting for a doll set of their own.

A HAPPIER CHRISTMAS for patients at the Children's Hospital was assured by Pacific National Exhibition directors when vice-president F. H. Elphinke and Mrs. R. S. Quinn, presented the hospital with 44 dolls—all entries in the doll dressing competition at the PNE Home Arts show. The dolls came from every part of B.C., and entries are made with the stipulation that the dolls become the property of the PNE for presentation to the Children's Hospital. Children's Hospital has been aided annually here by Elks March of Dimes House Bingo.

Keep "sentimental file" for gifts

It is pretty difficult on Christmas morning to keep track of the addresses, tags and notes that come in the mass of parcels and gifts, but here's a thought for busy mothers who must know all the friends and relatives to be remembered every year.

Start a "sentimental file" with a card for each person bearing pertinent information such as clothing sizes, favorite colors, hobbies and gifts given in previous years.

A note of the date of the birth of younger additions to families is particularly useful.

Yule trees halt erosion

LOS ALAMOS, N.M. (AP)—Christmas trees live a double life in this erosion-plagued region.

Having served to brighten homes during the Yuletide season, they are trucked out into the country, dumped into arroyos, and packed down to provide traps for soil being washed away by rain.

The idea is spreading and members of the Izaac Walton League, who sponsor it, hope it will gain national acceptance.

It started five years ago, and as a result, one big arroyo five or six feet deep and a mile long has grown up in grass, and others are showing improvement.

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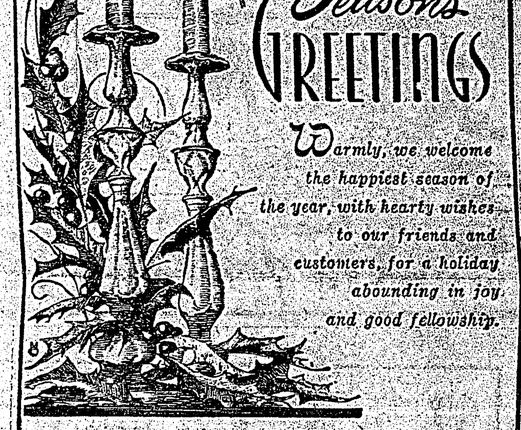

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