

Rupert's Christmas Toyland Shelves Feature Realism And Lower Prices

By SHIRLEY YULE
When Junior and Sister send their "Please may I have..." notes up the chimney to Santa Claus this year, they probably will ask for realistic toys, such as a complete railway system or a doll that acts like a member of the family.

Realism is the keynote of modern toys since children have gained a keen interest in all the wonders of modern science and development.

But Prince Rupert Moms and Dads needn't worry, any more than Santa does, because those modern toys are available in plentiful supply in this city. And what's even better news, prices are lower this year, according to local merchants.

Sure to delight any little girl's heart is a big doll that looks like a real child. It has curly hair, and she really walks, nodding her head as she toddles along.

For the boys, a good bet is a streamlined electric train, complete with eight tracks, engine, transformer and four varied cars, all for \$15.95, a cut in price from last year. Then there are all sorts of extras... trees, fences, signal lights, switches, guard gates and many more. Starting with such a set, a boy can be launched on an intriguing hobby.

Also a treat for a younger boy are the many new mechanical toys. For instance, there is a new bucket crane, a wind-up mechanism with a regular gearshift, which allows the youngster with the flick of a lever to swivel the cab in either direction, raise and lower the

realistic bucket, and brake any of those movements. It is selling at \$4.98 in one store.

A busy little housewife can play house in a big way with a kitchen cabinet and sink, with running water (the water supply is placed in a small reservoir behind), placed at \$2.98, or with a streamlined electric stove which plugs into a regular electric outlet and actually heats up, priced at \$7.25.

BIG TEDDY BEARS

Then there are big teddy bears of honey cream and brown, which have dropped in price from \$3.98 last year to \$2.98 now, new style pandas which sing music box lullabies, priced at \$5.98, and pretty little dolls with Saran rooted hair that washes, combs and curls for \$4.98.

Sure to please the budding musician is a one-man band set, with big bass drum, operated by foot pedal, two small snare drums, bells and cymbals, all for \$5.98.

Great for the baby set are new and realistic rubber animals, lambs, ducks and rabbits, which squeak no matter where you touch them, or an adorable stuffed French poodle, all dandied up in a sailor jacket and beret, which plays a music box lullaby at the twist of a knob on his head. It's priced at \$8.79. However, modern children,

despite their interest in modern facilities, aren't lacking in imagination. They can still make do with horses on a stick and building blocks, such as have served so well in the past, and those items also are available here. There are even now building blocks that snap together, just like snap fasteners, to eliminate accidentally tumbled castles and resultant tears.

The old standby tinker toys and mechano sets are still prominently displayed in toylands, as are all sorts of toy guns, dollhouses and furniture, balls and the dozens of other simple playthings that have challenged child imagination since the year one.

And Mom and Dad Santa, as usual, will have just as much fun choosing toys as their youngsters will playing with them Christmas morning.

Trespassing With Sandy

Travelling salesmen have a lot to do. Al Bell, who came to this week for a two-day introduction to his successor, Mr. Sampson, was telling how he sold some Christmas cards to McRae's between business sessions. Seems that Al was standing beside the card counter when a lady asked him the price of various cards. Not to be outdone, he proceeded to sell her three boxes.

He was only one of a couple of travellers to do the same thing the same day. Keith Bell was discussing business with Bill Stone when a young lady came in to buy a shirt. Keith sold him two shirts and then the Keith and Blake situation, who were on this trip together, met Don and Al yesterday afternoon and after a steak dinner left aboard the George. All have business appointments in Ocean Park on the way to Vancouver and are looking forward to a smooth trip. Good thing they have different goods.

A guest at the weekly Gyro session was Bill Lumsden, president of the Vancouver club, who was there in the place of Ben Parker. Recalling his last visit here eight years ago, Bill said his most distinct impression was the craving of Scott for jam. On return to Vancouver, Bill sent him a jar, it seems this was not enough. What Joe really wanted was a case of the stuff. It is not just why, but something about getting in with the Gyrettes.

Geddes tarred out as a defence against Bill's remarks that there were too many lawyers in town. Geddes also been in the market for jam.

Frank Sklansky, 40, to do it, but he finally got a rib come, playing with his grandson, Allan Sklansky, he didn't know he was the perfect hand until Allan pointed it out to him. Mr. Sklansky held the hearts and fives of clubs, hearts and clubs. The hearts turned up on the

Friday greetings were passed to Red Campbell when he brought the two Pulaski here for the week. Red was to dinner at Club 27 and a happy time with friends leaving yesterday morning for Ketchikan.

While the snow fall here afternoon brought back a lot of a trip to Vancouver this week for George. Seems that George took a flight to Cherril to the village on a business trip while waiting for the train to snow. The train was delayed and to pass the time and Cherril built a snowman beside the railway station.

From a two-month stay in Vancouver is Eric Jones, who went south to take a look at the automatic telephone system.

When out when Jack Paul Shenton discussed the off next week. Jack said he has half a dozen curling matches to play between Monday and Monday, so he gets busy night off.

Donbar is noted for his bowling, but a couple of nights ago scored some kind of record in tenpins when he won three successive games.



TYPICAL MODERN TOY is this miniature sewing machine which really sews. Like many other Christmas toys on local store shelves this year, it satisfies the youngster's demand for "something real" and promotes interest in hobbies, such as this little girl's favorite pastime, making doll clothes.

Fosheim Family Leaves For California Reunion

A family reunion in California was the destination of 10 members of the Fosheim family who left here last night on the Prince George.

The family group, headed by Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Fosheim, 1136 Second Avenue West, will travel by bus and train from Vancouver to San Diego, California, where they will meet the former's brother, Einar Fosheim, whom he hasn't seen for 10 years.

Traveling with Mr. and Mrs. Fosheim are his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Fosheim, another brother, Mr. Thoralf Fosheim, a nephew, Mr. Erling Fosheim, two nieces, Kirsti and Aasta Fosheim, all of Edmonton, Alberta, and his daughter Mrs. Harold Schaeffer, 1128 Beach Place, and her baby daughter.

The family expects to return from California in about two weeks.

Mrs. Jessie Morin, 326 Sixth Avenue East, left last night on the Prince George for Vancouver where she will visit her daughter, Mrs. Margaret Gayman. Mrs. Morin expects to return in time to spend Christmas with another daughter, Miss Yvonne Morin who will return here from Kitchikan where she has been employed as a stenographer for the past month.

Mr. E. G. (Luke) Mosher and his niece, Miss Lois Mosher, also travelled south on the George last night, following the winter closing of Columbia camp at Khutzmateen where he is employed.

Mrs. F. M. Chaprun, 219 Sixth Avenue West, has returned from Vancouver with her son, Peter who underwent medical treatment during their stay in the south.

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Mrs. O. Stout of Port Clements returned home aboard the Camosun Wednesday night after visiting here with her daughter, Miss Andrea Stout.

Mrs. Thomas Parkin, 1436 Sixth Avenue East, also has returned from a few weeks stay in Vancouver.

Mr. A. Graftstrom, who has been employed at Kitimat for the past several months, visited here with his daughter, Miss Anna Swang before returning to his home at Port Simpson aboard the Camosun.

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The RMS Samaria, carrying more than 850 members of the 79th Field Regiment, RCA and other personnel, is expected early Saturday.

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● Vaihalla dance, Dec. 4. Refreshments. Everybody welcome. (282)

● Moose whist Saturday, Dec. 5, 8 p.m. Everybody welcome. (283)

● Listen to George Hills, mayoralty candidate, tonight at 6:50, C.F.P.R. (11)

● Meeting of Prince Rupert Film Council, Monday, Dec. 7, 8 p.m., Civic Centre. (284)

● Meeting of Job's Daughters, Friday, Dec. 4, at 8 p.m. Installation of officers, silver march and social. (282)

● Sons of Norway dance, Friday, Dec. 4. Whist 8 o'clock; dance 10 to 2. Music by Mike Colussi. Everybody welcome. (282)

● At the Co-op Bakery Friday and Saturday—Banana Chocolate Cake with chocolate and banana icing, 50¢ each. Don't forget Co-op enriched bread, your best buy. (282)

● Don't forget the Anglican pre-Christmas bazaar at St. Andrew's Cathedral on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 2:30, featuring home cooking, sewing, knitting, novelties, candies, etc. (282)

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