

Will Toy Satisfy His Majesty? She Asks Him—and Finds Out

A PRETTY toy—but does it have educational value? Don't ask the nearest child expert, but hand it to a youngster, who'll probably think up more instructive ways to use it than its inventor ever imagined. And that's the theory on which the Tested Toy laboratory of New York has helped manufacturers select the toys you buy for the children this Christmas.

The "laboratory" is really Miss Lillian Rifkin, who takes a toy to a school, recreational center or park and records children's reactions to it while they play. Then she fills in an elaborate questionnaire, commenting on the toy's durability, fitness at various age levels and value in stimulating mental, artistic, physical or scientific activity.

She doesn't question parents very often except regarding the toy's desirability for indoor or outdoor play. But the child is the final authority. Little rubber automobiles, says Miss Rifkin, are second in popularity to blocks. She's astounded by the elaborate kinds of dramatic play



DRESSMAKING—This dress designing "game" is being tried out by two youngsters at the elementary demonstration school Miss Rifkin runs under sponsorship of New York university and the Child Study association of America.



PROVING GROUND—Miss Rifkin watches a boy putting a new toy to its practical testing paces. Among her conclusions: (1) Children may be unpredictable in their likes and dislikes, but they're notably consistent in their reactions; (2) play appeal of a toy is paramount; any education value it may have is secondary in the child's mind.

that children build around the cars: "Sometimes a child travels all around the world with them. Often he will recreate a trip he's taken in the family car. Sometimes he'll play detective and chase gangsters and sometimes he's a taxicab driver."

Miss Rifkin finds that toy automobiles, like toy soldiers, help a child get the surplus energy out of his system. And both appeal to his instinct for collecting.

One mother, she says, believed militant tendencies would be fostered if her child were allowed to play with toy soldiers. So she forbade them, but instead the child collected bottle tops, lined them up in military formation and shot them down by cocking his finger.

Miss Rifkin says it's all "pretend" anyway. "Even a child old enough to know war means cruelty realizes his soldiers are just toys, and it's only a game."

HASTINGS NEWS

Sunday guests at the A. J. Houck home were Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sharaugh and daughter, Anita, of Carrolltown.

Paul Lumadue is spending some time at his home on Fourth avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Bearer of Beavertdale, spent the week end at the Jesse Bearer home in East End.

Miss Dottie Tasker was at her home in Altoona over the week end. Messrs. Sam McClelland and Edward Brothers of Johnstown were in town the past week.

Miss Elizabeth Lloyd of Indiana Teachers College, spent the week end at her home on Spangler street.

Members of the I C B U, at their regular monthly meeting held in the Municipal building last Tuesday evening, unanimously agreed that officers of the past year be elected to serve for the ensuing year. The following were elected: Mrs. Paul O. Holtz, president; Mrs. Ed Cassidy, vice president; Mrs. W. H. Yeager, treasurer; Mrs. Vincent Link, financial secretary; Mrs. R. H. Kelly, recording secretary; Mrs. Albert Gill, Mrs. Stephen Jansure and Mrs. Steve Semelsberger, guards.

A surprise party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Abel on Saturday evening, the occasion being their daughter, Christine's seventeenth birthday. Games, dancing and lunch featured. The honor guest received some lovely gifts. Those in attendance were: Ann Easley, Mary Sullivan, Anna Miller, Louise Geus, Margaret Nelson, Wilbur Morgan, Angelo Valant, Joe Skullivan, Richard Murphy, Steve Bakajza, Thais, Felicia and Christine Abel.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grimes and daughter, Vera, and Jeanne Thomas were Monday callers in Johnstown.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dillon and daughter, Jane, were Saturday callers in Altoona.

Miss Anna Mary Bobal spent the week end in Barnesboro.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Yergler and family of Patton spent Sunday evening at the Earl McKillop home.

Misses Betty Dillon, Margaret Kelly and Kathryn Owens were Friday callers in Altoona.

Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas and family were Saturday shoppers in Barnesboro.

Mrs. Fred Solsson and Misses Florence and Mary Jansure were Wednesday callers in Altoona.

Misses Kathryn Jansure and Betty Bobal were Sunday callers in Barnesboro.

Miss Margaret Kirkpatrick spent Friday at the Henry Lantz home in Spangler.

DEATH NOTICES

JACOB WARNER. Jacob Warner, aged 84 years, prominent retired farmer of Chest township, died on Sunday morning at his home near St. Lawrence. He had been in failing health for some time. Mr. Warner was a pioneer in the Grange movement in this section of the county and assisted in the organization of several grange units in the county. He was also one of the pioneer members of St. Lawrence's Catholic church.

Mr. Warner was a son of John and Mary Ann (Noel) Warner and was born September 25, 1855, in Chest Township. His wife, Mrs. Mary E. Warner, died in 1922. Surviving are these children: Mrs. George Ricketts of Coalport; Mrs. Paul Gearhart, of Akron, Ohio; John Warner of Patton; and F. C. Warner of Taswell, Va. Eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild also survive.

Funeral services were conducted at nine o'clock on Wednesday morning in St. Lawrence's Catholic church by the Rev. Father Cornelius Enders, O. S. B., pastor. Interment was made in the church cemetery.

MRS. M. J. MILLER. Mrs. Carrie (Gardner) Miller, aged 46 years, of Barnesboro, wife of M. J. Miller, Pennsylvania Railroad divisional supervisor, died unexpectedly early last Wednesday morning at her home. Mrs. Miller was a well known resident of the Barnesboro community and had been in good health the previous night but suffered a stroke at 1:30 in the morning, passing away a few hours later.

A daughter of Henry and Henrietta (Shaffer) Gardner, she was born in York, Pa., in 1893. Surviving, in addition to her husband, are the following children: William, of Baltimore Md.; Harold, of Ernest, Indiana Co.; Theda, a junior at Indiana State Teachers' College; Catherine, Earl, and Walter at home. She also leaves one grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted on Friday evening at the Miller residence in Barnesboro by Rev. John E. Jackson, pastor of the Barnesboro Presbyterian church. The remains were taken to York, Pa., for burial.

MATTHEW J. RYAN. Matthew J. Ryan, aged 71 years, retired blacksmith of Ashville, and one of the best known residents of Northern Cambria county, died unexpectedly on Wednesday afternoon of last week at his home.

Mr. Ryan apparently was enjoying his usual health at noon time as he ate his dinner as usual. He collapsed

a short time after leaving the table. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

Mr. Ryan operated a blacksmith shop in Ashville for many years and retired about ten years ago. He was born in Cambria County in 1868, a son of James A. and Clotilda (Moyer) Ryan.

He was married twice. His first wife, the former Ida Croner, preceded him in death. Surviving are his second wife, Mrs. Mary (Parrish) Ryan and these children: Cecil Ryan, Georgetown, Pa.; and Miss Alma Ryan, Steubenville, Ohio. He also leaves an adopted daughter, Mrs. Eleanor Simon, Detroit, Mich. Three children preceded him in death.

Funeral services were conducted on Saturday morning in St. Thomas' Catholic church at Ashville and interment was made in Holy Name Cemetery at Ebensburg.

MRS. JAMES B. ECK. Mrs. Annie R. (Buck) Eck, aged 73 years, wife of James B. Eck, of South Fork, R. D., died at 5:55 o'clock last Saturday morning at the home of her niece, Mrs. Edwin Gues of Hastings after an extended illness. Mrs. Buck was a daughter of John and Rachel (Sherry) Buck and was born in Carrolltown on July 7, 1866. The Eck family formerly resided in Gallitzin until a short time ago when they moved to South Fork, R. D. Mrs. Eck came to Hastings several weeks ago to visit her niece.

Mrs. Annie R. Eck is survived by her husband and these children: Regina Eck, Shenandoah; Ellen, wife of Fred Beam, South Fork, R. D., and Mary Louise Eck, Gallitzin. She also leaves two grandchildren and four

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with Helen PARRISH • Robert STACK
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They broke every law of the Seven Seas... fighting, loving, stealing an Island Paradise in a South Sea Eden! One of the great adventures of all time, lives again in a screen epic it took two years and two million dollars to make!

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Herbert Mundin • Eddie Quillan
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A Frank Lloyd Production
Associate Producer: Albert Lewis

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Wednesday and Thursday

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CONRAD VEIDT VALERIE HOBSON SEBASTIAN SHAW

Screen play by Emeric Pressburger
Directed by Michael Powell
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brothers—Dr. M. J. Buck, A. C. Buck and B. J. Buck, all of Pittsburgh, and M. L. Buck, Hastings.

Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday morning with a high mass of requiem in St. Benedict's church at Carrolltown and interment in the church cemetery.

JOSEPH S. SPROUT. Joseph S. Sprout, aged 71 years, a retired Cambria County farmer and a former road supervisor of Clearfield township, died at nine o'clock Monday evening at his home in Chest Township.

Death terminated an illness of several months of a complication of ailments. Mr. Sprout operated a farm near Chest Springs for many years and retired about five years ago.

He was born near Chest Springs and spent his entire life in that locality. He was born September 11, 1866, a son of Henry and Jane (Conrad) Sprout.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Elsie (Nammen) Sprout, and these children: Vellectis, wife of L. J. Keller, Chest Springs; Mary, wife of Paul Conrad, Cambria township, and William and Jane Sprout, both at home.

He was a brother of George Sprout of Pittsburgh; Mrs. Lavina Wills of Ashville; Mrs. Katherine Moran of Altoona; and Mrs. Grace Schrapfer, of Pittsburgh. He also leaves eleven grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at nine o'clock this Thursday morning with a requiem high mass in Saint Monica's church at Chest Springs and interment will be made in the church cemetery.

MRS. GEORGE JROZANICH. Mrs. Mary (Gulanich) Stronko-Jrozanich, died last Saturday morning at her home in Barnesboro after an extended illness. She was 73 years of age and was born in Europe, coming to this country many years ago. She was twice married. Surviving are her second husband and a number of children. Funeral services were held on Wednesday in St. John's Greek Catholic church at Barnesboro and interment was made in the church cemetery.

JOSEPH A. SANKER. Joseph A. Sanker, aged 76 years, a former resident of Cresson and Loretto, died on Tuesday of last week at the Carpenters' Home in Lakeland, Fla., according to word received. He was born near Loretto in 1863. Surviving are a brother, Simon Sanker of Cresson, and a sister, Mrs. J. J. Weber of Ashville. The deceased was a son of Mr. and Mrs. John V. Sanker, both deceased.

JOHN BUZMINSKY. John Buzminsky, three months' old son of Andrew and Anna Buzminsky, of Colver, died at the hospital there last week. Besides the parents the infant leaves several brothers and sisters.

DO YOU KNOW? Analgesic properly administered to mothers during childbirth, do not increase infant death rates above those which occur in mothers delivered without such comforting aids, according to a survey recently made by two Washington, D. C., obstetricians.

MOUNT ALOYSIUS, CRESSON, ANNOUNCES CHRISTMAS CANTATA FOR DEC. 18TH

A Christmas cantata entitled "The Wondrous Story," by Richard Kountz—Witmark Publication—will be staged by the Mt. Aloysius Junior College and Academy Girls under the direction of Mrs. James Carroll, vocal teacher on the evening of December 18th at 8 p. m. in the school auditorium.

A special feature of the occasion will be selections by Mozart which will serve as incidental music during the performance. Bernice Ertter of Carrolltown will sing the "Alleluia" from the Exultate Jubilate by Mozart. Mary Dunnegan of Ebensburg, will play a concert Rondo for piano accompanied by a small orchestra group consisting of second piano, of flute, clarinet, two violins and cello. Miss Barbara Westrick will sing a second soprano part in the Carols. Other members of the College Choir are: Elizabeth Farkas, Ann Felty, Madeline Davis, Florence Hunt, Dolores Harrison, M. C. Baker, Jaanel Corp, Ida Erculaini, Ethel Geibel, Helen Carl, Isobel Gray, Virginia Lovelace, Betty Mayer, Joan Marshall, Patricia Marshall, Victoria de los Reyes, Marie Schultz, Jean Welsh, Mary M. Yingling and Betty Harlow.

The children of the grades will present a twenty minute operetta, "The Gift of Christmas" by Myers and Carrington. These children will appear first on the program.

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