

For the hard-to-please

# Unusual, but unique, gifts for Christmas

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With Christmas less than two weeks off, it is becoming increasingly difficult to find just the right gifts for those persons on your Christmas list who have just about everything. Perhaps we can suggest some gift items we have come across recently which just might be right for that special someone on your list.

Back Mountain and Wyoming Valley shops abound with a variety of beautiful and colorful items, some practical, some decorative, and a few here and there just right for the person, who has everything or doesn't know what he or she wants.

For the busy executive who is always in a hurry to make an appointment, Radio Shack has a Talking Clock for about \$50. The shop also sells an eight-digit calculator including the month and date calendar as well as a 40 number phone directory for \$29.95.

If you and your wife or friend enjoy gourmet dining and good theatre, why not a gift certificate to the Music Box Dinner Theatre for \$18.95 each?

In the Country Carousel in the Dallas Shopping Center, one can purchase a lovely handcarved rocking horse for \$135 or a small cradle for \$40.

Like something really unique as a conversation piece? Why not a handcrafted wooden wooden Mallard Duck mailbox cover, constructed by a local resident for only \$39.50.

Next door in The Heritage Shoppe is a wide assortment of stuffed animals, some the usual ones on display year-round, others very different as well as a beautiful such as the large brown bear for \$150 and the life-size basset hound, both handcrafted by Dakin.

The gift department at Back Mountain Lumber and Coal has such a variety of beautiful gifts that sometimes the shopper doesn't know where to begin or end. There is little else as unusual, however, than the bottles of Scalp Sauce for the Balding Man at a cost of only \$4. For the infant, whose dotting grandparents have given him or her everything Back Mountain has a beautiful Rocking Horse Bank for only \$20.

For that "special one" in your life, make her feel elegant with a gift of Waterford leaded crystal such as the brandy snifters at Pomeroy's for only \$46 each. One for her and one for you would make a greatly appreciated Christmas gift.

Christian Dior's "3 Carats" Rhinestone pantyhose for only \$12 at Pomeroy's would please any "she" on your list, gentlemen. For the lady in your life, who likes to look different but be practical, why not one of Pomeroy's bright red night shirts and tassel cap to match for a total cost of \$30.

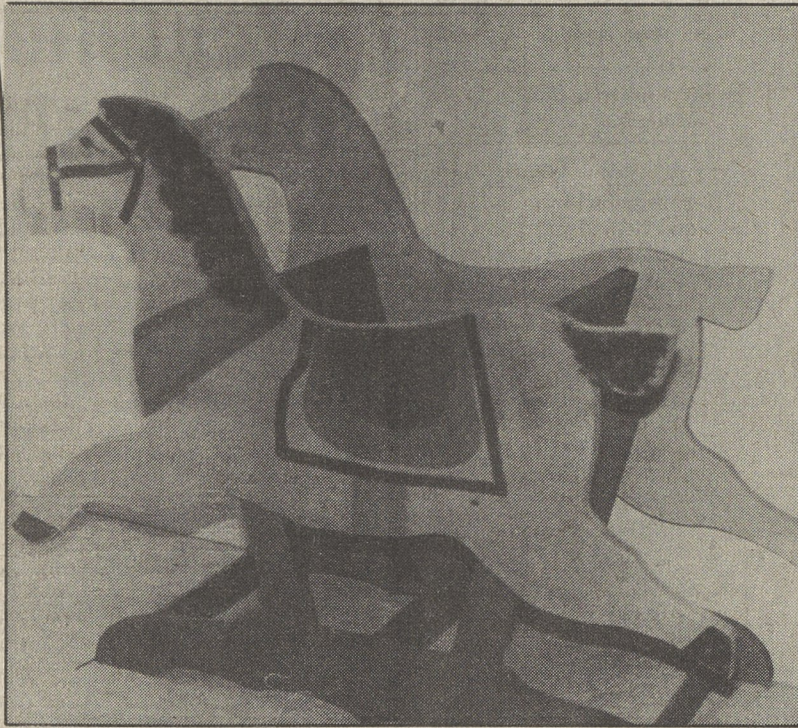
Handknitted Icelandic sweaters in the color desired for male or female may be purchased at Melba's Fashion Nook for a mere \$175. Perhaps an ultra suede clutch bag and belt to match in a favorite color for only \$49, also at Melba's.

A necklace but not gold or silver, designed in natural wood may be purchased at Melba's Fashion Nook for \$22.

An automatic jewelry cleaner for man or woman can be found at Roth Jewelry and, for the busy executive, a sterling silver Letter Opener for \$21.

Unusual, but beautiful and something which becomes more valuable as years pass by are the varied pewter Christmas tree ornaments at Roth's Jewelry for \$8.50 and \$9.00.

Nothing too, too expensive but nothing too, too cheap? Why not a Venetian glass necklace (any length), average cost \$70 or \$75 at Roth Jewelry. For mother, wife, sister, daughter - it's suitable for any of them.



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### For the horse lover

This handcarved rocking horse, which carries a price tag of \$35, may be purchased at Country Carousel in the Dallas Shopping Center and makes a perfect gift for someone who has everything.

If the man in your life is interested in astronomy, Stroud's can offer you a 280X Refractor Telescope for \$89.98, or Hess Department Store has a slightly less expensive one for \$69.99. If he is energy-conscious, why not an oil-filled electric radiator for \$49.99.

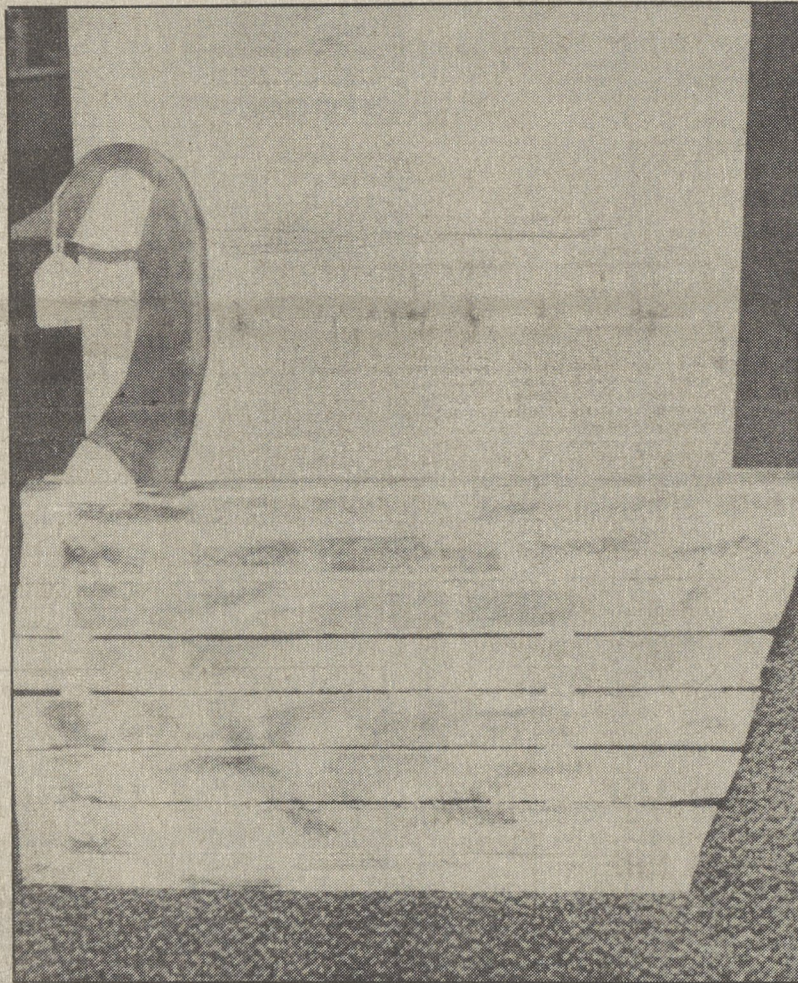
Looking for a family gift, something mother, dad and children can enjoy, then Radio Shack has something great to offer—a home computer for only \$139.95. Of course, the store also has more expensive ones if needed.

You still have someone on your list and nothing mentioned will do? Why not a Gourmet Gift Certificate

for some of the unique, delicious delicacies at Kanters in the United Penn Plaza, Kingston.

Last, but by no means least, are two items suitable for the hard-to-please person. A dyed blue fox jacket at Pomeroy's for only \$595 or a gift of conversation—the Country Wall Telephone from TeleConcepts, sold by Commonwealth Telephone Co. for \$119.95.

A talking camera would make a great gift for the photographer in the family, but we didn't come across one while shopping. One could try one of the local camera shops—we're certain they would try to accommodate.



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### Something different

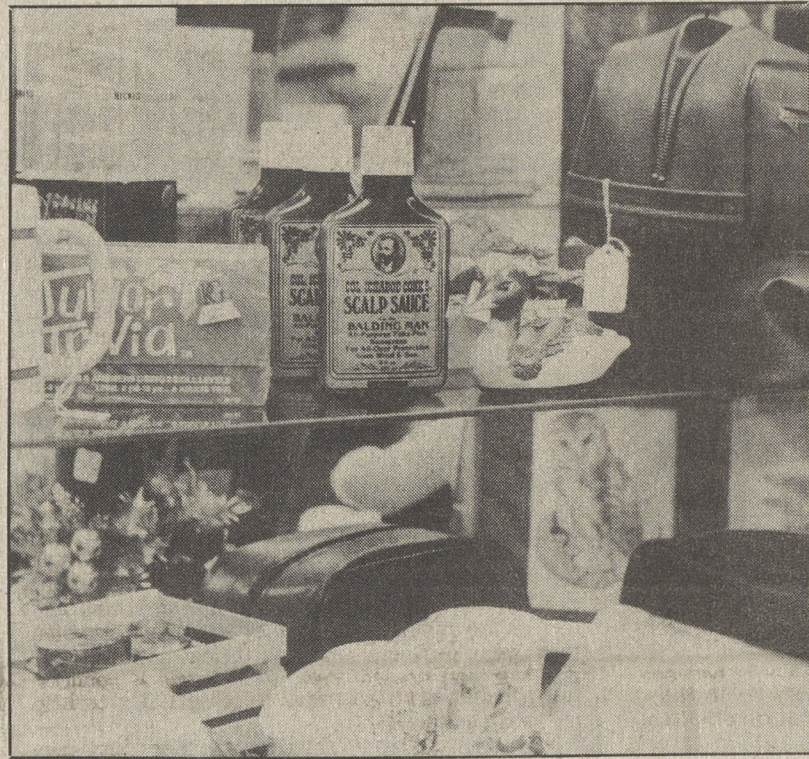
How about a Mallard Duck mailbox cover for the one person on your Christmas shopping list you don't know what to buy? For just \$39.50, this gift is truly unique. It may be purchased at Country Carousel in the Dallas Shopping Center.



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### Bagging candles

Members of the Dallas Fire and Ambulance Auxiliary met recently at the home of Brian and Arlene Campbell, Upper Demunds Road, Dallas, to bag sand for the Christmas Vigil Candles the group is selling for the holidays. Shown here are some of those who helped with the project. From left, first row, are Kathleen and Robert Campbell. Second row, Arlene Campbell, Jannette Grieves, and Karen Spudis. The Vigil Candles are \$2 per dozen and may be purchased at Besecker Realty, Main Street, Dallas; Carol Carroll's, Memorial Highway, Dallas; Dallas Borough Building, Main Street, on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and on Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m.



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### Scalp sauce for Christmas?

How about a special gift for the man who seems to be losing his hair? Scalp Sauce for Balding Men, which may be purchased at Back Mountain Lumber for just \$4, may be the answer.

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