

Energy and economy problems to affect 1979 gift selections

In a year of energy and economy consciousness, it's going to be a challenge to select the perfect gift for someone special in your life.

Practically in the word this year and gifts must meet some pretty tough criteria.

If clothing is what you are considering, you should be searching for something functional, warm, affordable, and in tune with current styles.

Bob Marshall, men's wear fashion coordinator for JC Penney in New York, has suggestions that may kill two of those proverbial Christmas birds with one good buy.

"With the cold weather upon us, there is a noticeable return to real warm clothing," he said, "particularly in the tailored, classic lines where wool fabrications and sweater layering are important factors."

Marshall says one solution might be a wool sportcoat for the man or woman on your list.

"They're being worn not only in the more casual atmosphere but now we are seeing the tailored sportcoat on the job in professional offices," he said.

Lois Zeigler, fashion director for JC Penney said being well-dressed should never be dependent on spending large sums of money.

"IT IS RATHER a matter of careful shopping so that every purchase is not only flattering, but can co-exist with the things already in a woman's wardrobe," she pointed out.

One example is an all-weather coat with luxurious pile lining. Others are a full-length rabbit fur coat or brief rabbit fur jacket that would spell glamour to any woman despite "dollars-off pricing."

A handsome leather jacket or handbag are other "giftables" she believes would receive a warm reception on Christmas morning.

In the latter category, she especially likes a roomy leather clutch in rich burgundy with a particularly contemporary look.

"Good taste in fashion is easy to achieve with a little effort," she said. With thermostats lowered and winter winds blowing, those pondering gift lists will do well to consider gifts that keep children warm indoors and out.

A variety of sleep fashions are available for cuddly winter nights with a classically pretty collection available for little girls and snappy tailored looks for the young men on that list.

Especially appealing, and available for both girls and boys, are sleepers featuring the Muppets of Sesame Street.

Warmly lined and four weather gear in classic and fun fashions are appropriate for the most blustery days. Outwear with coordinating sweaters, jeans, suspenders and bags are value gifts to consider.

The lucky folks who receive these thoughtful holiday gifts will be wearing a smile long after Christmas is over.

packed his own bags.) This fresh little volume can be purchased at the Birmingham Book Store, Browse and Little Professor, for \$4.25.

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Two very short poems by Sara Silverstone are noteworthy — "Definition" and "The Sun."

Scattered throughout the book are little verses by Janet Muhltner Paddison. Here's one of several, guaranteed to produce a smile.

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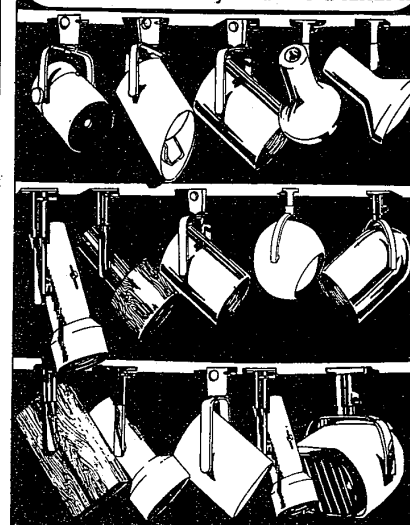
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