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EDITORIALS

From the Columns of Other Newspapers

TOYLAND—VIEWS AND PREVIEWS

(Christian Science Monitor)
Christmas is coming, and in anticipation the associated toy-makers of America have brought together an exhibition, or, as one now says, a preview, of the toys that will be purchasable by parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins and affectionate friends of presumably delinquent juvenile recipients. These will soon go shopping. The hopeful prediction is made that they will shop with 10 per cent more enthusiasm than a year ago, which, as affecting an industry whose output is estimated at about \$200,000,000, bears its testimony about economic conditions.

In one respect there is a noteworthy change in adult provision for juvenile pleasure as previewed by the manufacturers, in that toy soldiers and military equipment are far less in evidence than they used to be. The thoughtful manufacturer senses a decreased demand for playroom armament. In some instances, it appears, he thinks there will be a market for juvenile G-men outfits rather overlooking that, admirable as the activities of the G-men are, theirs essentially is not a childish game. Even the alphabet block on which S used to stand for Soldier shows S standing for Scout.

Such an exhibition is interesting as showing the growth of modern industry and what the toy-makers think that adults will think that children will think desirable to play with. A reporter remarks that "the manufacturer has taken more thought than ever to provide for the toy-loving parent." In other words, the trend to do away with make-believe and substitute realism cannot go farther.

Realism in toys undoubtedly appeals to adults, but these, say the critics, have lost and no longer remember the joy of make-believe. The secret of make-believe is that it needs only the simplest materials. But if the toy-makers tried to produce on this theory, what would become of a \$200,000,000 industry? And what would be the state of mind of the toy buyer conscientiously trying to find just the thing that the child would most enjoy imagining to be something else?

SPORTSMANSHIP—BY DECREE

(Christian Science Monitor)
Three roving quacks for Merrill Otis, federal judge in Missouri, who hands down a decision upholding arrest of hunters using phonograph recordings of the wild duck's call to entice flocks within range of hunters' guns.

His ruling sprays a counterblast of legal buckshot upon the unfair artifices of overzealous hunters. A federal law forbids the use of live decoys either directly or indirectly. Judge Otis' decision puts phonograph records of the live duck call in a class with automatic shotguns and other devices that subordinate skill to trickery or nullify the element of sporting chance. If wild ducks were noticeably plentiful, or if they happened to be intolerable pests, there would be less reason to restrain the autumnal slaughter of these innocent allot. Wild ducks are becoming scarcer. By enforcing a minimum of sportsmanship courts are helping also to conserve American wild life.

Mechanical decoys would ultimately exterminate wild waterfowl. Hunters need only reflect upon the possibility of a time when the cry of the wild duck could no longer be heard above the sequestered bays and marshlands of the country to appreciate the ruling of Judge Otis. Friend of their quarry, he helps preserve the sport in sportsmanship.

THE REPULSIVE IN LITERATURE

Minneapolis (Minn.) Journal
In an introduction to Archibald Marshall's random reminiscences, "Out and About," William Lyon Phelps takes occasion to restate his own literary likings and literary creed.

He knows, he says, that there are in the slums of all cities filthy and degraded specimens of humanity who practice vices, and he is aware that in some villages and in remote country places there may be found, if one searches diligently for them, men and women with the intelligence and ethical standards of a Coliban. But to read long tales of their degeneracy requires a taste different from him. This point of view can

realize that the fire demon never sleeps—and that it is of little use to eliminate hazards and take protective measures once each year, and then allow that good work to go undone for the balance of the twelve months.

EDUCATION WEEK

(Exchange)

The fifteenth annual observance of American Education Week has been in progress since Monday, November 11 and will conclude Sunday. The general theme for Democracy. Topics for general day-by-day observance were suggested:

Monday—"The School and the Citizen."

Tuesday—"The School and the State."

Wednesday—"The School and the Nation."

Thursday—"The School and the Social Change."

Friday—"The School and the Country Life."

Saturday—"The School and Recreation."

Sunday—"Education and the Good Life."

Prominent among the civic bodies sponsoring American Education Week is the American Legion. Together with this patriotic organization in participation of the programs offered will be all Michigan schools and parent teacher bodies.

News Items always welcome.

WEST POINT PARK

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Voorhies, son Donald, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Voorhies of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Chaver and children of Redford were guests Sunday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Gilbert.

Louis Ash is suffering from a stroke which occurred last week. Mr. and Mrs. Otto Trap, daughter Dorothy, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Garchow and family attended the 400th anniversary of the Luther translation into the German language at the Coliseum Sunday in Detroit.

Mrs. Viola Grace was the dinner guest Friday of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Smith of Farmington. In the evening they attended a show in Detroit.

John Wagner returned to work Monday, following his recuperation from a tonsil operation.

Miss Dorothy Orr was the Sunday dinner guest of Miss Elizabeth Mercer.

Mr. and Mrs. William Zwalben were guests Sunday afternoon of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Lovett and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thisted of Detroit.

Mrs. Marvin Addie was the guest Friday afternoon of her sister, Mrs. Gustaf Parks of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bousneur and children of Detroit were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Heichman.

Edwin Johnson accompanied the

birth and tenth grades on a sight seeing trip through the art museum in Detroit Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Charles Schrader, Mrs. Earl Merriman, daughter Dorothy, of Wayne, were guests Wednesday afternoon of Miss Helen Berger.

Miss Helen Slath of Plymouth was the Sunday guest of Miss Gloria Heichman.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Heichman were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Miller of Ann Arbor.

Miss Dorothy Edwards was the week end guest of her aunt in Flint.

A surprise birthday party was given Elmer Heichman Monday evening. About 30 were present. Cards and bunco were played and a lunch was served.

Miss Shirley Zwalben and Misses Alma and Helen Berger were guests Saturday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Decker of Detroit.

Shirley and Kenneth Way have been home from school as a result of very bad colds.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Grogan and two sons of Detroit were Sunday guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Woodley.

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