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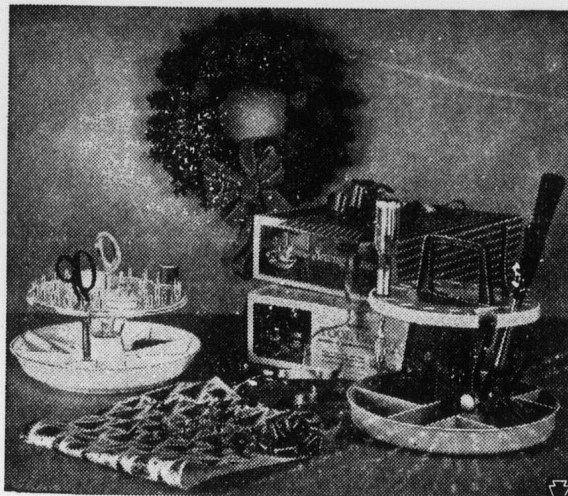
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The Magic of Christmas



The happy anticipation you feel when a friend or relative opens that gift you so carefully chose is part of the magic of Christmas. The pleasure is even greater when you know the gift is just right.

But shopping for something that sets off that "just right" spark can be frustrating and tiring — especially during the busy holiday season.

Shopping early is the best way to beat the "what will I get for so and so" blues. Unfortunately, it's too late for that now, but there are some tips to make it easier.

- Take an hour or so to write out a complete shopping list.
- An estimate of how much you want to spend for each person on the list saves time and trouble of looking over a myriad of products either over or under your price range.
- Scan magazines, catalogs, newspapers and pay attention to radio and TV ads for gift ideas or suggestions that might give you an idea.
- Keep in mind, usually, it's the simple, useful, non-gimmicky gifts suited to the individual, that give the most pleasure.
- Don't spend all your shopping time in the traditional gift sections of stores. A visit to the housewares department, or hardware

store, for example, might prove most worthwhile.

Two inexpensive gifts from the not-so-mundane world of housewares that are fun to give and great to receive are the Rubbermaid Tool Caddy and Sewing Susan, produced in Mississauga, Ontario.

The two-tiered Tool Caddy revolves on a turntable base and holds a hammer, pliers, screwdrivers, files, and drills — the bottom tray is compartmentalized for nuts, bolts, nails, tape — all the odds and ends that accumulate in a tool box. A Tool Caddy for Dad, uncle or grandfather is sure to please — and that young man on your list who is turning into quite a handy-man will be thrilled with a caddy filled with shiny new tools.

The Rubbermaid Sewing Susan will spin joy into the heart of any lady from nine to ninety. Taking a cue from its lazy namesake, the Sewing Susan revolves on a turntable base to bring all contents within easy reach. The bottom tray of the two-tiered Susan has compartments for pins, buttons, measuring tapes, gauges, tracing wheels, chalk and even sewing machine attachments.

Both items, available at housewares stores everywhere, will fit anyone's budget — and may be the "just right" gift for someone on your list.

**Beth Emmanuel
Women Hold
Annual Service**

Annual service of the Women's Home and Foreign Mission Society of Beth Emmanuel Church was held Sunday in the church on Grey Street.

Guest speaker was Lary Johnson of Windsor whose topic was the continued support of the foreign mission. Visitors were present from surrounding churches. Windsor and other out of town centres.

Soloists were Mrs. Priscilla Green and Herbert Simmons.

Following the service, a luncheon was served. Convener was society president, Mrs. George Johnson.

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**Flowers
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There are several flowers appropriate during the Yuletide season which are connected with the birth of Christ by the legends of history.

Sainfoin, or "Holy Hay" is said to have cradled the infant Christ in the manger. The snowdrop is the flower of the Virgin Mary, and is said to be the emblem of the candles she lighted on Christmas.

According to legend, the Christmas rose was divinely created. A shepherd maid wept at having no gift to lay before the Babe in the manger. Suddenly an angel appeared to her. On hearing why the maiden wept, the angel touched the ground where her tears had fallen and immediately the place was white with Christmas roses, which the maid gathered and laid in the manger.

The chrysanthemum is said to have appeared first on Christmas Eve near the manger as a sign to the Wise Men that they had reached the spot where the star had bidden them.



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