

So This Is New York

By
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Like everywhere else, the political pot here is boiling, but in New York this time, it is more of a simmer. For one of the few times in our history, this state and city figured little in the national conventions. Harriman and Wagner were both beaten and the four nominees selected are from the Middle West, South and West. The most New York did was furnish a lot of television and talk. Even now, sentiment seems divided here and party lines are crossed, mentally at least. Replying to my question regarding who were her selections for the Presidency and Vice Presidency, one lady remarked, "Eisenhower and Kefauver!"

With my ambling pal, Ray Exin, I went over to the old West Side to look at some well-known animals. These are two wolfhounds named "Baron and Lady Wolfschmidt" and they live in an apartment along with their proud owners, Berne and Mrs. d'Essen. Yes, they have a back yard to run in but when we sat down, both of these slender, stream-lined canines came over and paid their respects. White and aristocratic-looking, the baron and his lady have appeared on 99 television shows now. Berne told us, including those of Steve Allen, Gary Moore and Art Linkletter, as well as in 79 fashion shows and in the movie, "The Eddie Duchin Story." You see, the d'Essens make a specialty of training and furnishing animals for advertising purposes, and we were duly and somewhat confusedly introduced to Dorah, a great Dane, Dummie, an English sheepdog, T. S. Eliot, a Yorkshire terrier, Victoria, a 2-year-old Kangaroo who jumped all over us, Linda white Peruvian Lima who was hand-raised on a bottle in this city apartment and who appears in many cosmetic ads, and Wimpie, a cute Australian marsupial that looks like a small bear. In paying attention to these interesting animals, it was hard to pay respects to our hosts who say they have the happiest family in town. And this was not hard to believe, we felt as we left reluctantly and made our way out along the two-footed and less again.

considerate variety.

The globe-trotting George Pickwicks—he's the local attorney—just got back from England where their name was at home with that of Charles Dickens, and were telling me of their experiences. It seems that they dined in the House of Commons with the Lord Chancellor, David Maxwell-Fyfe, and George fully expected this duty to quiz him about American laws. Instead, the famous Britisher looked seriously at his visitors and asked, "Oh I say, have you seen the Broadway show, 'My Fair Lady'?" And when they nodded, the Lord added, "Well, Rex Harrison, its star, is my brother-in-law."

There's a song about autumn in New York and it's coming true. Along the avenues the leaves of the remaining trees swirl in the crisp breeze, turn golden and then flit gently to the teeming sidewalks where they are crushed under a million feet. The sky at late afternoon is more rosy across Central Park and the hansom cabbies put on their scarfs now and then as they whisk visitors and other dreamers across the picturesque expanse. Heavier shoes and clothes give a more somber effect to the Gotham scene, and the sense of school in the air lends emphasis to more work and less vacation now. It's a pretty time here.

Gotham Gatherings: with new papers joining this column's list in various parts of the country, it is interesting to note recent requests for it from Australia and the Philippines. Editor & Publisher did a smart thing by requesting articles from the home-town editors of the Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates. The result: four candid and expert pieces on four important people... as an ocean liner arrived here, a little boy looked at the fat big-eater across from him and said, "Mamma, is that what you call a stowaway?"

Crocodiles and turtles do not breathe under water. They hold their breath until they surface along the two-footed and less again.

Toyland Enters The Atomic Age

By DOROTHY ROE

Associated Press Women's Editor
TODAY' CHILDREN will get a head start toward genius through the electronic and mechanical marvels in Santa's 1956 toy pack.

The atomic age has come to Toyland, and every scientific miracle of the adult world is mirrored in miniature for the edification of a precocious younger generation.

This year's Christmas toy pack will top a billion dollars, says Melvin Freud, president of Toy Guidance Council. Prices of individual toys are about the same as last year, and American ingenuity has produced a record number of new designs, providing multi-play use and extra durability.

Almost every business, profession, art and hobby is represented in the new toy crop. National defense is a theme of many scientific new toys such as an electronic field telephone and a jet pilot helmet with a microphone and loud speaker. There's also an electronically-controlled radar station, which includes an aircraft identification unit and rocket launching equipment.

The age of automation is exemplified by a toy electronic brain, powered by a heavy-duty electric motor and capable of doing 60 different things, including moving in any direction and firing missiles. It has not been established whether it will do Junior's homework.

For future engineers there's a miniature Panama Canal designed for indoor-outdoor play with operating lock devices that raise and lower boats. So far, however, there's no playroom Suez.

For would-be astronomers and space researchers there is a miniature Mt. Palomar telescope, and a device for viewing the moon.

Food toys make toy departments look like pint-size supermarkets these days, with a number of new kits for junior chefs. Cooking repertoire for the playroom now includes soup sauces, barbecue treats, chow-wagon specialties and jelly making. To prepare these, there are miniatures of most of Mom's favorite appliances, such as stove and electric mixer.

Housing comes in for its share

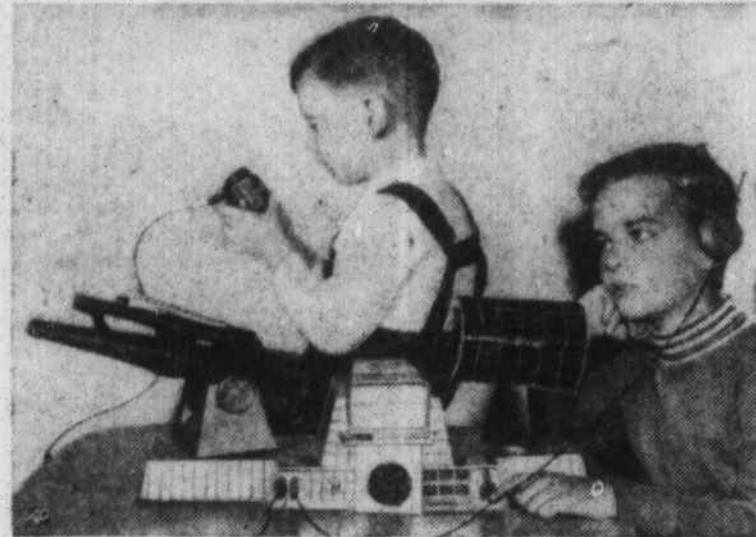
Matching Bandages

CHICAGO (AP)—A housewares expert says women who are practical in their own kitchens often lose their heads when buying bridal shower gifts.

Lester Olshansky, president of



ELECTRONIC BRAIN . . . This young scientist is amazed at the latest marvel of the 1956 toy pack—an electronic "brain" that will do almost everything except his homework.



RADAR STATION . . . This electronically-controlled contraption includes aircraft identification unit and rocket launching platform, for the new generation of child geniuses.

of attention with a variety of pre-fabricated structures of tough fiberboard, to be put together by the young builders. These range from split-level dream homes to frontier cabins and from a child-size fire department to a supermarket.

Multi-use is stressed in a bicycle that converts from boy's style to girl's. Watercolor crayons do triple duty as finger-paints, watercolors and regular crayons.

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