

Sweaters Rate High On Most Gift Lists

If you have a teenager at your house, you've probably been spending some time at the sweater counter recently. Sweaters rate high on Christmas lists this year. Even though your girl has eight or 10 sweaters, she probably wants another for Christmas—a cashmere sweater, if possible. Cashmires are really a luxury, but just because a sweater is marked "100 per cent pure cashmere" does not guarantee you of a good buy, according to Mary Em Lee, State College extension clothing specialist.

Beware of "specially-priced" cashmires because they are often cheap sweaters. Poor quality cashmires will shrink when washed, stretch out of shape with wearing, and mat and "rough up." You're better off with a good quality woolen sweater which will cost about the same as a cheap cashmere.

A good cashmere sweater will be an investment. If properly cared for, it will give many years of service.

How can you tell whether the cashmere you're considering is a quality sweater? Look at the knit—is it smooth and even? And take a look inside the sweater at seam finishes, advises Miss Lee. Examine the neck. In good sweaters necks are double-looped; many are elasticized. Study cardigan openings. They should follow the

lengthwise rib of the sweater. Look at the end of the bandings, too. In good buys there is a tape neatly sewn at the lower edge to finish seams-on banding. See if buttonholes are reinforced. They, also, are a mark of quality.

Church Members Are Entertained

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Price entertained the members of St. Luke's Episcopal Church and their guests at Christmas dinner at the Daniel Boone Hotel Sunday night.

The host and hostess and Mrs. Norman Woods, president of the woman's auxiliary, greeted the guests in the lobby. Little Miss Janie Price, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Price ushered the guests into the dining room where a small beautifully decorated Christmas tree stood on a table near the entrance. Piled high under the tree were colorfully wrapped gifts to be exchanged between members and their guests, each person having received the name of another drawn from the guest list, to whom he gave a present.

The long table extending the length of the room was decorated with native evergreen and red candles in branched candelabra. A narrow row of small evergreen branches lying along the center of the table from one end to the other was interspersed with large ar-

rangements of evergreen and glittering Christmas ornaments and with lighted red candles in candelabra, giving the table and room a festive look. Just before dinner was served the presents were placed on the table for the guests to open when seated.

A small table for the children, ornamented with snow men and snow balls was placed near the larger one. Their gifts of toys were by their place cards and their dessert was ice cream molded into the shape of snowmen.

Before dinner the entire group, accompanied by Mrs. Richard Wall at the piano, sang Christmas carols. Honor guests were the college students and other members of the Canterbury Club, the young people's organization of the church.

After dinner many of the group left to hear "The Messiah" which was presented by Mrs. Virginia Wary Linney, director, and the Appalachian State Teachers College Choir in the First Baptist Church.

Rev. John S. McDuffie, rector of St. Luke's, spoke briefly at the short business session which followed the party.

Mr. and Mrs. Price entertain the congregation of St. Luke's each year at Christmas and the affair Sunday night was their annual party for this year. Some forty guests were present.

FAMILY TONSILECTOMY

Richmond, Va.—Mrs. Earl Williams stayed at the Richmond Eye Hospital with the three children of the family—Earl, Jr., 11, David, 8, and Elizabeth, 4, who had just had their tonsils removed. Papa Williams went over to the animal hospital nearby to be with Danny, the family's 9-month-old collie pup, who also had his tonsils removed. It seems the dog was having some throat trouble and losing his appetite just like the kids, so he had his tonsils removed, too.

Attorney General Brownell has ruled that Federal power must be sold first to cooperative instead of private utilities even if the cooperatives lacked transmission lines to distribute the power immediately.

Travel Influence Is Seen In Furniture

Travel influence is showing up more and more today in furniture styles. Designers are seeking inspiration from the Scandinavian countries, from Spain, Italy and the Far East.

Foreign influence is becoming even more important with the beautiful new lines inspired by such countries as Persia, India and Indo-China.

Much of its recent popularity has been attributed to its special fitness for today's open and airy rooms and to its simplicity of design. The Far Eastern influence actually goes back two centuries and is not a new favorite in American homes.

Chippendale borrowed some of his best motifs from the Orient. During the 17th and 18th centuries Chinese accessories for the home were brought from the East by numerous seafarers to be combined with the carved and painted furniture of both the French and English courts of their day.

Modern designers are taking full advantage of the luxurious look that can be given to furniture by the addition of simple, classic Oriental lines in tables and accessories, many with bright, clear lacquer shades.

Italian Provincial has always been a favorite with decorators. Today many pieces are available in a lower price range than ever before. These Italian Provincial pieces are a rich looking but practical contribution to the home.

The simple grace of the Italian Provincial look is often set off by deeply scored panels or toches and canted ends. A soft gray-brown shade generally characterizes the furniture.

Some manufacturers are touring to the Orient for Accent pieces. One such is a chest, lacquered in bright orange, with flat brass decoration. Another uses Japanese motifs on gold leaf squares on a chest with rounded legs.

REAL CHECKER LOVER

Mangum, Okla., W. E. Weaver loves to play checkers but wasn't able to find many opponents. Finally he became desperate enough to buy a grocery store here, and installed a table and a couple of extra chairs to attract some players. Among his customers, he manages to snare a few to keep the checkerboard busy.

Secretary of Defense Wilson recently said there would be no significant change either in the spending or the size of the military establishment in the next fiscal year.

CONSIDERATE THIEVES

Jacksonville, Fla.—The robbers who took a safe from a feed store recently were really considerate. They carefully wrapped the checks, inventory books and other papers in the safe so that they were undamaged by weather when the battered safe was found. The \$400 in cash in the safe wasn't there, however.

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