



BEVERLY SMOCK, O.U.'s 1953 Homecoming queen, took her "special" friend with her when she visited Garner's store to pick out his Christmas present. Salesman shows his stock of sweaters as James Edward keeps his eye open to make sure Beverly doesn't choose the wrong size or color.

She's Ready for Holidays

Beverly Smock, one of the reigning beauties of the University campus, was busy in early December preparing for double holiday—the Christmas observance and vacation from studies.



STUDENTS MADE AN EARLY DECEMBER RUN on bookstores for Christmas cards. With her list before her, Beverly starts the seasonal process of addressing remembrances to her many friends.

The approach of Christmas brings to the student a double holiday. On campus, he is caught up in the traditional spirit with its equally traditional slackening scholastic pace.

And of course, at home with family and home—friends, the real celebration is relieved to some extent, the one carried through from the days when his Christmases were spent with dreams of reindeer and Santa Claus and surprise Christmas trees pyramiding above stacks of wondrously-shaped packages.

Beverly Smock, of Oklahoma City, OU's Homecoming queen and last year's *Sooner Yearbook* beauty queen, was photographed as she got ready for her big double holiday.

She found as usual there were many tasks awaiting her time. There were presents to be bought for that special boy friend, James Edwards, also of Oklahoma City, and gifts and cards for other friends. And packages to be wrapped and a new dress to buy. And packing for the trip home and getting set in her old room and more packages and more cards and more wrapping, and more shopping and more parties—until finally, Christmas!



BEVERLY STOPPED BY PEYTON-MARCUS' Norman store. She was looking for a dress that would serve many purposes during the holiday round of parties and dances. She thought the cocktail dress that she is wearing was just right; tried to talk *Sooner Magazine* into buying it for her.



AFTER SHOPPING for two hours, Beverly returns to campus residence, Logan House, with purchases.



PREPARING TO LEAVE for the holidays, Beverly gets an assist from Jim Edwards; thought she might go skiing during holiday vacation.



FATHER AND MOTHER meet Beverly at door of Oklahoma City home and the Christmas vacation has begun.