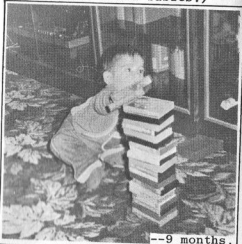


--1 year.

the telephone and the vacuum cleaner.

10. ONE NIGHT WE STACKED UP TAPE CASSETTE BOXES INTO A BIG TOWER half as tall as he, and David took the pile down one by one from the top very carefully--it amazed us all! First he did it very slowly, then faster, then alternating hands each time--quite a difficult task for not even nine months old--and he only knocked the entire pile over two times. (The book "Baby Learning Through Baby Play" by Dr. Ira J. Gordon is full of some tremendous ideas on how to make learning and play more fun for small babies.)



--9 months.

11. HE WAS ALWAYS CRAWLING WITH SOMETHING IN HIS HAND. He was especially fond of carrying a tall feather duster on a pole which Daddy called his "magic sceptre", or he'd crawl with the fireplace bellows or the broom handle in hand. We named objects that he noticed and touched to increase his vocabulary and to help him learn all about his environment.

12. MOMMY CONTINUALLY CAME UP



--8½ months.

WALK ON HIS OWN. He demanded to hold onto both of your hands all of the time and would smile and laugh as he "guided us along", but would get very angry and frustrated if we had to sit him down.

9. SOME OF HIS BASIC LEARNING TASKS HE ACHIEVED BY PLAYING WITH AVAILABLE HOUSEHOLD OBJECTS in repetitious games. He showed a very special interest in examining doors, bottles, big sticks,



"Magic Wand!"--10 months.

WITH GOOD IDEAS ON HOW TO HELP HIM PROGRESS in his hand-and-eye coordination or hand-and-foot coordination; backing up, going forward, crawling down from the bed or chair feet first. When I'd



--10½ months.

roll a round tape wheel to him, Little David would try to catch it with his feet. I'd give him simple commands like "Open legs! Close legs!"

13. INSTEAD OF DISCOURAGING HIS INTEREST IN OPENING DRAWERS and cabinets, Mommy taught him how to pull them open by the handle and gently shut them again. He also sits in Mommy's lap to play the piano and then gently closes the heavy lid to the keyboard without catching his fingers.

14. MARIA MAKES SURE TO PUT HER HAND OVER THE CORNERS of the furniture under which he is playing, so when he raises up he won't bump his head. We'd say, "Look up, David", to make him conscious of things overhead. She made a toybox out of a sturdy cardboard box and covered it with illustrated contact paper. Now he's more interested than ever in pulling things out and, according to our instruction, even puts them back again--a



--9½ months.

good lesson to always teach children. Even at nine months Little David always made a little boy truck noise as he'd play.

15. ONE TIME SOMEBODY GAVE HIM A WOODEN FIGURINE off the coffee table to "play" with, but Dad said, "Now wait a minute! I know he doesn't play with normal toys,