

Pointers for Mother In Choosing Shoes

Say what you please, "Mother knows best" is still the only feasible attitude for many occasions. And one of these is when you're buying back-to-school shoes.

Boys are apt to think that shoes are only to kick footballs with and girls that they're to wear to parties. But you know that the most important function of these shoes is to protect the feet that they'll have to use all through life.

THINGS have changed since

somebody bought your back-to-school shoes. Your parents probably looked for the heaviest shoes they could find. But parents today know that tender feet need the resilience of lightweight leather and light construction. Besides, they wear as well as the old-fashioned heavy ones.

You should not buy shoes for your child to "grow" into either. Shoes that are too big will cause blisters now and misshapen feet, with all the ills that attend them, in later life. There should be about three-quarters of an inch between the longest toes and the tip of the shoes, but no more.

ONE THING is the same now as it ever was and that is the importance of leather soles as well as leather uppers. Leather with its millions of microscopic pores allows the moisture that accumulates around the foot to evaporate, thus keeping them warm and dry.

Leather provides flexibility along with support, too, allowing the muscles to work and grow strong. And leather linings do not become rough with wear.

ANOTHER thing to look for is the well uniting sole and upper. It provides a firmer walking base and gives assurance that the shoe will hold its shape to the last day of wear.

Never let your child wear a pair of hand-me-down shoes. Chances are 100 to 3 that they will not fit. And persuade your youngster not to wear sneakers except in the gymnasium. They are not meant for day-long wear.

THE SHAPE of the shoe should be broad and round at the toe and straight along the inner edge. The shape of the shoe at its widest part should conform to that of the foot, and the swing of general direction of the shoe should be the same as that of the foot.

If your child says the shoe hurts, don't buy it, of course. But don't trust him if he says it's just fine. He's probably got his mind on getting back to baseball.

Check the shoe yourself and have the shoe clerk check it.

And don't trust your child to tell you when the shoe is outgrown. Children are stoical about pain; they just don't notice it. So check regularly at the first of every month for any signs of wear on either the shoe or the foot.



Lassies go off to school with light hearts, bright tartans. Blonde grammar girl prefers a double breasted coat with matching velvet collar, while her brunette friend likes a trim suit with pleated skirt. Both are authentic clan tartans in British woolsens.

Letters Home

Correspondence hard to coax from collegiate offspring? Good plan for parents is to equip the college-bound with a supply of stamped, addressed envelopes.

Include some postcards, too, for use on extra-busy occasions such as exam time.

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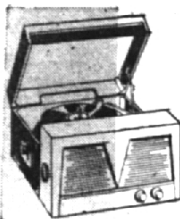
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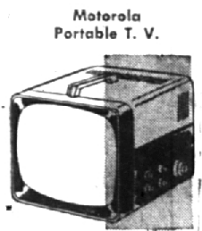
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