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 aren't to think that shoes are only to kick football with. Shoes are to protect the feet that carry them through life. Girls must wear shoes, too, for they're to wear shoes, too. But you know that the most important function of shoes is to keep the feet warm and dry.

Ladies go off to school with light hearts, bright tarts. Blonde grammar girl prefers a dark coat with matching hat worn under, while her brunette friend likes a trim suit with pleated skirt. Both are authentic clan tartans in British woolens.

... and feet, too.

ONE THING is the same now as it ever was and that is the importance of leather shoes as well as leather soles. Leather permits the millions of microscopic pores to evaporate, thus keeping the feet warm and dry. Leather provides flexibility along with support, too, allowing the muscles to grow and strengthen.

Another thing to look for is the welt, which is like a second sole and upper. It provides a wearer walking ease 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 10 to 1 that they will not fit. And suspend your youngster not to wear slippers except in the gymnasium. They are not meant for day-long wear.

THE SHAPE of the shoe should be broad and square at the toe end straight along the inner edge. The shape of the shoe on 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 locate the pain. Be sure it's in the correct place, and get the boy 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 emotional about pain; they just don't notice it. So check regularly at the first of every month for signs of wear on either the shoe or the foot.

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