



Led by Mrs. Paul B. Johnston (right), the do-it-yourself figure-builders go through their daily paces at the North Adams home of Mrs. Alan Yates. From left are Mrs. Donald A. Frankman, Mrs. Yates, Mrs. Sidney B. Beddow, Mrs. Brady Brenton, and Mrs. William McCurdy.

Models Won't Be Caught Overlapping Fall Modes

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It's more than just the fall fashions that matter. It's what a girl puts into them.

No one knows that better than a dozen or so North Adams area neighbors, some of whom will be strutting fall fashions in a style show to be staged by the Osage branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden club.

They're exercising daily to whittle down or build up the right places to specifications Hattie Carnegie and Oleg Cassini design by.

When they go parading down that ramp, these Birmingham women hope to look like sketches out of Vogue.

BUT IF the fall fashion lines go one way and their curves go another, they'll look more like Picasso paintings.

That's why you might see this group any afternoon if you should drive out North Adams way. A former physical education instructor, Mrs. Paul B. Johnston, 2860 B. Lingbroke, leads their daily 45 minutes of curve-cultivating calisthenics.

One of her charges, Mrs. Charles H. Howson, 2839 Lanerger, joined the exercise group because she's currently in a no-woman's-land between a size 12 and a size 14.

IN THAT shape, Mrs. Howson reasoned, she would have two choices in selecting the Davidson's clothes she would be modeling at the Birmingham Community House—too small or too large.

She preferred downgrading to upgrading. Now she's stretching and bending her way down to a 12. Another model-to-be, Mrs. Alan Yates, 2825 Bolingbroke, is also

between two sizes—she's not saying which two.

IF YOU want to see the models and the fall sports, afternoon and evening fashions they'll be parading, be at the Community House at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, for fashions and tea. Mrs. Brady Brenton, 4080 Walnut Hill, is in charge of the event to raise WNEGA scholarship funds. Ticket chairman Mrs. Edward E. Hopper, Jr., 4136 Meadowlane, will gladly arrange it so you can see the new shapes, and the fashions they'll model.

Already the gymnasts see results from their efforts, despite the fact that they gobble down dozens of cookies with their after-calisthenics coffee.

"MY HUSBAND has actually noticed the difference," said one of the figure-trimmers the other day as she bit into a ginger snap.

Added one of her compatriots, "I thought her stomach looked real flat today."

The fashion show is shaping up.

Favorite Colors

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