

# Try Separates In Buying Tots' Holiday Clothes

Separates are more flexible than one-piece garments, and unfitted or empire-style dresses are not so easily outgrown as fitted styles.

These were just two of the suggestions on buying gift clothes for preschoolers offered at a recent fashion show of children's clothing at Hudson's.

CONSIDERING THE rate at which children grow, it's also wise to look for deep hems to let down if a pressed in or faded hemline shows, cover it with lace, braid or ribbon.

Too-short jumpers can have a new and longer life with the

addition of colored leggings or tights.

When buying new clothes, parents are also advised to look for tucks and pleats around shoulder lines and large underarm seams to "give" with growth.

One of the first things to look for in buying clothes for preschoolers is ease in handling. This promotes self-reliance and could prevent an accident. When the child tries on new garments, watch to see if he can handle buttons, zippers, snaps and any decorative metal fasteners himself, say Hudson's experts.

What the child likes to do and does most also should be

taken into consideration. Does he mostly crawl, climb or sit? Matching or coordinating cover pants with little girls' dresses help at the heavily worn seat area. In boys' trousers, look for rivets or bar tacking at the crotch and pocket sides.

Reinforced knees are invaluable and don't have to be noticeable. Look for fused transparent patches on the inside of the pant legs.

BESIDES EASE of handling, durability and growing room, other value gauges are finished seams, good seam allowance, straight, flat seams that won't pucker and flat-laying zippers on firmly woven tape. Zippers should lock at the top and not slide down. Once up, zipper pulls should remain flat against the garment and not pop up or protrude.

"Rest clothing value is getting these features along with a good price," says Lucky Weddigen, area sales manager in children's wear. There's little value in low prices without these quality checks, she stresses.

How important is fashion at this age? Clothes help form a child's opinion of himself. They can make him feel good about himself and contribute to a good school experience. However, fashion for preschoolers should be practical first.

For example, the layered look is practical because it means many interchangeable separates which can add variety and versatility to the wardrobe. But for some very small children, all these layers can be too much to handle, points out Mrs. Weddigen.

ONE SOLUTION is this case is to search for the layered look built in-a set - in vest, sleeves of different material, white collar and cuffs and skirt or slacks sewn as one garment.

The same effect as a shrink top-over-sweater is available in single garments.

Mrs. Weddigen offers these clothing care suggestions: Keep a file box by the washing machine with cards for each garment. Put the hang tags and product information from new items on the cards. Label individually - "Susie's red sweater," "Tommy's gray slacks," etc. - along with date of purchase. When in doubt, always check laundering instructions.

# RNs May Go Back To School

Registered nurses may update their skills before returning to work through 240-hour courses beginning Jan. 29 in Hutzler Hospital in Detroit and in the spring in Schoolcraft and Oakland Community Colleges.

The courses, conducted by the Michigan division of vocational education in cooperation with the Michigan Nurses Association and the Michigan Employment Security Commission, all include clinical practice in hospitals as well as classroom work.

Diagnostic and therapeutic measures used in care of adult medical-surgical patients will be covered in the eight-week courses that involve four six-hour sessions each week.

The course at Hutzler Hospital, 432 E. Hancock, Detroit, will be conducted from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Registration should be done through Ruth E. Blakeley, R.N., at the Michigan Employment Security Commission, 7310 Woodward, Detroit.

The course at Schoolcraft College will begin April 16, and also offer 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. classes four times a week.

Clinical practices will be at Annapolis Hospital in Garden City.

The training course being offered through Oakland Community College will be conducted in William Beaumont Hospital, 3601 W. 13 Mile, Royal Oak. It will be conducted four evenings a week, from 4 to 10:30 p.m., beginning March 12.

Registrations should be in by Dec. 14 or as soon as possible for the course at Hutzler. Those interested in the Schoolcraft or OCC courses may contact Miss Blakeley for registration information.

## Here's Jason

Jason Luther Just, born Nov. 17 in Sinai Hospital, Detroit, is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Just of Centralia Avenue, Redford Township. His brother is John G. Just Jr. and the boys' grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Luther T. Hartzell of Livonia and Mrs. Helen M. of Detroit.

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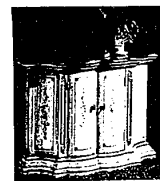
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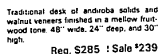
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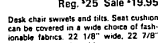
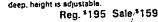


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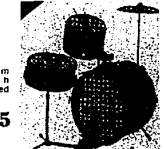
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