

## Very Sexy . . . Or Very Prim

Teens may look neater this spring but their wardrobes will be more casual than their parents'.

Teen-age girls will either look very sexy in low cut halter tops and hip hugging flared slacks or very prim in plaid blouses with white collars and cuffs.

Clothing stores hope teen-age guys will donate their frayed jeans to Goodwill and buy brushed denim levis, geometric print shirts and rib-knit vests.

An area women's store owner said younger teens (12, 13 and 14) buy only casual, comfortable clothes.

"They don't even wear dresses to school any more," she said.

She carries brightly colored slacks, shrinks and halter tops — proper party attire for a young teen.

Older teens (15 and over) are more sophisticated, she said. They enjoy brightly flowered ankle length halter dresses for parties and long or short skirts as well as slacks for day.

Teens haven't accepted the

knee length skirts which their mothers are welcoming back with open arms, Mrs. Rath said.

"They either wear skirts long or short," she said. "They don't go for in-between."

On the whole teen-age fashions tend to be wilder, more faddish and, this year sexier, than men's and women's fashions.

Teen girls are more impressed with the freewheeling California designed clothes than with the "classics" coming from Paris.

Girls will wear blouses under "shrinks," tiny sweater vest, for spring and nothing under shrinks for summer.

Manufacturers didn't waste any material in making teen bathing suits this year. Said some parents have objected to the exposure designers were giving their daughters but most accept the new styles.

"Junior fashions are about a year behind women's fashions," she said, "and children's fashions are about a year behind juniors."



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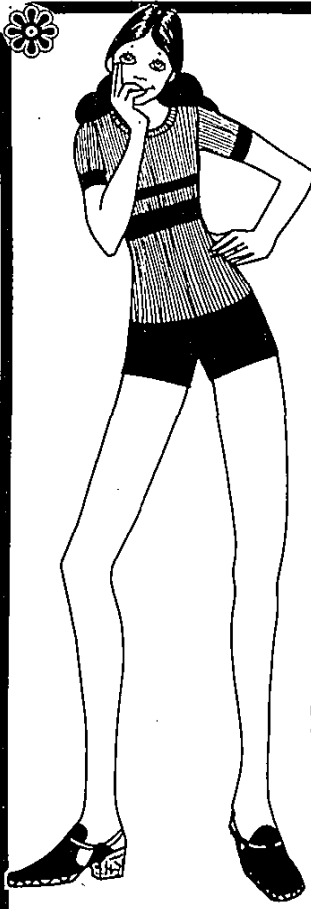
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