



CHILDREN'S FASHIONS FOR CHRISTMAS



DAN BAGBY AND KIM PERKINS discuss their Christmas lists dressed in outfits both practical and perky. Dan wears blue-jean style pastel plaid separates by Billy the Kid, made of dacron polyester and cotton. Kim's melon-hued blouse and coordinating vest are by Girltown.



TWO WESTLAND YOUNGSTERS are more than ready for Christmas Day. Dan models maroon and white checked pants of 100 per cent polyester by Billy the Kid. His Elegant Hair blazer is white on white. Kim's dress is a pink hand-washable crepe by Dorissa. It features a ribboned waist and white eyelet trim on neck, cuff and waist.

Christmas presents can be practical, and still be delightful in the eyes of a child.

Although toys, games and accessories will undoubtedly predominate under the tree, a needed outfit for school or those party shoes she has been wanting — well chosen and excitingly wrapped — may provide more long run enjoyment for your child than yet another doll or game.

ANNE WATSON, head of the girls' department at Hudson's Westland store, remarks that hers is not considered "a Christmas department. People tend toward nightgowns, robes and accessories as Christmas presents," she reports. "I really don't know why."

She notes that for young girls, especially sizes four to seven, the trend is still toward long dresses for party

wear. The emphasis in holiday dresses is on the Victorian style, with waist detailing.

"Two years ago, dressy pant suits were what was selling. Now the girls are becoming more feminine, they do want the dresses."

As far as sportswear, Mrs. Watson declares that the younger they are the more they want to be "like big sister."

"Many of our clothes are the same for both little girls and subteens. They echo what big sister in the junior department is wearing."

Currently faded denim is the rage — in jackets, shirts and pants.

THE LAYERED LOOK transcends both age and sex.

For your boy or girl, toddler or teenager, the sweater vest (last year's shrink) is where it's at ... for girls, as the top layer over a blouse or turtle neck; for boys as an intermediate layer over a shirt and under a jacket.

For boys of every age, the blue jean style suit is both good looking and practical. Available in solids, prints and plaids, it is sure to make even the most non-clothes oriented little fellow feel a little more like a man.

Perhaps we can apply our new-found conservationist mentality to our Christmas shopping by selecting gifts — toys, clothing, housewares, objets d'art — for their long-term durability rather than one-shot excitement.

*Pictures by Harry Mauthe.
Fashions by Hudson's, Westland.*



EIGHT-YEAR-OLD KIM has a hard time deciding which holiday dress she hopes will be under the tree. She is wearing a pastel pink Victorian style gown with bib front and velvet sash by Eiena. Her other choice, a white eyelet dress with red ribbon running through it, is completely washable and by Sabina.