



Chuck Hulings, Physical Education instructor at North Branch YMCA, teaches "SLIMNASTICS" every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning. Here from left to right we find Shirley Schiller, Nell Pearce and Thelma Diggs going through the paces.

Hemlines during the century

In the midst of yet another dust-up over hem lengths, it's interesting to look back over the seventy years of the century and see how the hemline has wandered during all that time. After all, this is the first century in history when hem lengths ever rose higher than the floor.

The rise began about 1915, when the ankle was allowed to show. After the first world war, the rise continued slowly, to the knee-covering length we're seeing now. Then came the four years, 1926-1930, of the first knee-baring length in history - and what a scandal that was!

The drop was a lot more sudden than today's, which has been coming on for the last two years. The 1930 drop was to mid-calf, and by 1935 the standard length was between calf and ankle.

This length stayed in until World War II fabric regulations

forcibly brought back the knee-baring length. It wasn't considered a fashion, and the very year after the war, Balenciaga covered knees again. In 1947, Christian Dior dropped the length to just above the ankle in the most romantic clothes of the century. There they stayed until the mid-Fifties, when the rise started again, to mid-calf.

It hesitated there all through the first of the Sixties, rose again to just below the knee. About 1963, the first new above-

knee length was launched, but there was great resistance to it. It seemingly triumphed about 1966, but as in the Twenties, its reign has been short and confined mostly to the young.

As in previous decades, the present trend downward has therefore only started. It has to be worked out by the designers of this era as it was by designers of the past through all its variations.

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Graffiti makes comeback

The fashion handwriting on the wall for next spring is graffiti prints, either ready made or do-it-yourself.

Several fabric manufacturers have designed spring textiles which accent the graffiti look. One is manufacturing a charcoal gray cloth with irregular white stripes resembling chalk lines running irregularly on a blackboard, an ideal pattern for jean-type slacks, jackets, and ponchos.

Another textile firm is making fabric which resembles primary-school art paper printed with childlike drawings of birds, animals, stickfigures and brilliant suns printed to look like a child's crayon sketchbook. The fabric would look well in swimwear, T-shirts, or body shirts to be worn with jeans. A third manufacturer has a new fabric for spring peppered with slogans which boost current concerns like ecology, the peace movement, and even "Down With Graffiti."

Although these fabrics will be widely available for the spring

season, why not spend the winter designing your own approaches to the graffiti-look or use what you have now. Men's old white shirts, which are turning yellow in the drawer would be ideal for do-it-yourself billboard.

Several approaches are possible, but laundry-marker pens and crayons work best, applied to solid colors, of course. Doing your own allows you to localize the causes you advertise, something the big manufacturers can't do.

Crayons can also be used to achieve the grade-school sketchbook look, and after completing the crayon design, the garment can be dipped in liquid dye. Since the dye is water-based, it will not affect the color of the oil-based crayon markings and the design will remain.

Even after the crayon wax has washed out of the fabric, the design will remain because the wax protects it from coloring by the dye.

A graffiti-over-tie-dye effect is also possible if the crayon design is drawn on the fabric before it is tied off for dyeing.

Painting dresses, old shirts, and jeans is the new look in graffiti.

Political or non-political views may be worn on the sleeve.

Infants' fashion high

By Florence de Santis

Despite all the propaganda for fewer babies, they're still being born, and delighted families are still buying them beautiful christening dresses and quality baby clothes.

That's the experience of designers in the specialized field of dressing babies and toddlers. One such company, Haddad Brothers, finds that the population under five years of age, after falling by about three million during the last decade, will rise by about the same number by 1980. Births may be dropping, but marriages are increasing, and so are incomes.

While christening dresses remain the traditional white gowns and caps with beautiful embroideries, fashion now influences infant and toddler clothes. Haddad carefully adapts such trends as bell bottoms to toddler slacks suits and jump suits. They are currently trying midis in miniature, which they feel will be accepted as the trend grows in adult wear.

Such high-fashion children's wear goes to specialty stores and better department stores, whose customers are accustomed both to high fashion and quality in their own clothes, buy the same kind of thing for infants.

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Fun with food

When Captain Cook discovered the Hawaiian Islands in 1778, he named them the Sandwich Islands after his patron, the Earl of Sandwich. The Earl is also famous for creating one of America's most popular eating forms ... the sandwich.

FINGER FOOD

The Earl, hating to interrupt a winning streak at the gaming tables, ordered his food served between two slices of bread so his fingers wouldn't be soiled.

PUTTING PUNCH INTO SANDWICHES

The Sandwich Islands were renamed the Hawaiian Islands and the two names suggest one of the happiest food combinations since apple pie and ice-cream...sandwiches and Hawaiian Punch. This canned punch is a blend of many of the exotic fruits of the islands such as passion fruit, papaya and guava.

For a quick lunch with a party flavor, treat the children to fun-to-eat sandwiches by cutting French bread lengthwise and piling it high with cold meats, cheeses and lettuce and tomato. For a fun-to-drink punch accompaniment, serve the familiar red punch with a scoop of vanilla ice cream on top. Or, pour new "Taste of Pineapple" flavored punch into freezer trays and float the tasty yellow ice cubes in tall glasses of red punch. For a Hawaiian Soda, put vanilla ice cream in a tall glass, add 2 tablespoons of the frozen concentrate in any flavor, fill the glass with sparkling water and stir. All of these punch drinks are sure to turn any lunch into a happy event.

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