

EVENING LEDGER'S FREE SCHOLARSHIPS IN DRESSMAKING Opportunity for Four Young Women to Receive Instruction Without Expense to Themselves

PUBLIC SERVICE POLICY Chance for Business Career Given to Applicants Who Fulfill Requirements

In pursuance of its established policy of public service, the EVENING LEDGER offers to four young women of Philadelphia an opportunity to advance themselves in a material way, to better their present condition and to put themselves in the way of a successful business career.

The EVENING LEDGER offer is in the form of four scholarships in this school, which is the art and science of costume-making is taught. The only qualification for entrance to the free course is that the girl be worthy of the scholarship and that she is recommended by the EVENING LEDGER.

To secure this opportunity, a girl should write the "EVENING LEDGER" care of the Dressmakers' Scholarship, setting forth reasons why she should receive the free course. Names of all successful candidates will be kept confidential.

Special arrangements have been made so that even if a girl is employed in a garment factory or a store, she will have an opportunity to attend the lessons at night or on Saturday afternoon, and thus increase her earning capacity or learn to make her own clothing without leaving her position. Any girl selected for any of four courses.

DRESSMAKING COURSES Course No. 1 is known as the general dressmaking course. In it a pupil is taught the designing, cutting and making of each garment completely and separately. It is especially adapted for those who wish to do home dressmaking. The course includes 40 lessons, which may be taken any afternoon (Saturday included) between 1 and 4 o'clock, or Tuesday evening from 7 to 10 o'clock. The lessons should be completed within six months. In case of illness the six months' limit is not enforced.

Course No. 2 is the practical dressmaking course. In it are taught the principles of designing and cutting the most recent and popular styles. It also includes the copying of any pictures or models. This training is for those who wish to become professional dressmakers. It includes 18 lessons, given daily except Saturdays, from 9 to 12 o'clock and from 7 to 10 Friday evenings. Six months' limit.

Course No. 3 is known as the utility course. In this the pupil is taught to put together, make, fit and finish from cut-to-order patterns. It gives enough instructions so that those who have taken it can do their own sewing at home. This is given each day and Saturday after school from 9 to 12 o'clock, and from 7 to 10 o'clock Friday evenings. The course includes 19 lessons, which should be completed in three months.

Course No. 4 is the tailoring course. This is an advanced course following any of the first three. In it is taught the making and finishing of first-class tailored jackets and coats. The course includes 12 lessons, which are given from 1 to 4 o'clock daily and from 7 to 10 o'clock on Tuesday evenings. This course should be completed in three months.

All pupils of the school, whether they have scholarships or are regular pupils, secure special rates on the Pennsylvania and the Reading Railway on tickets for school use. The tickets must be signed by the school principal to be honored by the railroads.

DEMAND EXCEEDS SUPPLY. The demand for graduates of sound schools of dressmaking far exceeds the supply. During the last 24 hours there have been five women at the school asking for dressmakers, but already the supply has run out and the management has had to refuse to fill the requests.

Any graduate of the Philadelphia branch whether she gets her diploma through the EVENING LEDGER scholarship or by paying for it, will have the privilege of the employment department of the schools in any city where she may be, and have also the right to use the most up-to-date books, which the school keeps on file. These books come from the fashion centers, Paris, Chicago and New York.

Girls wishing to secure a choice of scholarships should write (one side of the paper only), setting forth reasons why they want to take the course, why they think they should be chosen, and conditions at home which would be aided if they had a chance to earn more money by taking such a free course, and also stating age. Address: EVENING LEDGER, Independence Square, Philadelphia, care of the Dressmakers' Scholarship.

CAMDEN ELKS REVEL TONIGHT Jolly Time Planned to Celebrate 21st Anniversary

One of the biggest celebrations ever staged by the Camden Lodge of Elks will take place tonight in honor of the 21st anniversary of the order. The fact that the lodge has reached the age of maturity explains the unusual preparations that have been made by the Anniversary Committee.

The festivities will begin at 8 o'clock with a banquet and end some time tomorrow morning. Past Exalted Ruler James H. Long will preside and act as toastmaster. Bowling, billiard and pool contests will follow the dinner, the features of which will be billiard exhibitions by Harry Cline, national champion, and Doctor Uffenheimer, amateur champion; a pool match between Jack Coleman and John Malloy, and a bowling exhibition by the Champion White Elephant team of Philadelphia. An attractive vaudeville entertainment, consisting of 15 numbers will follow.

The committee in charge of the affair consists of James J. Scott, chairman; Howard J. Dudley, Jack W. Schwartz, Edwin Moore, E. P. Fithian and Exalted Ruler Albert Austerhul.

CHASE RUINS FLOWER YARDS Police Pursue Intruders But Only the Gardens Suffer

The feet of two intruders and three policemen left their wake a ruin of flowers and broken glass at 522 Germantown avenue, the flower shop and greenhouses of William Berger, which look like a section of a war-stricken town today.



MISS SYLVIA KRETSCHMER

WOMAN INTERPRETER TELLS OF INSIDE WORK OF CITY'S COURTS

Work of Reconciling Quarreling Families Brings Miss Kretschmer in Touch With Human Nature at Its Best and Worst

"I was impressed by all the people I met; for instance, that feminine interpreter who reconciled an Italian couple. I am going to write something about this court and its wonderful work. It was fine."

The interpreter whom the Colonel mentioned was employed in the headquarters of the probation department, where 1000 married couples were reconciled last year. The Colonel listened attentively to the interpreter and then gave the couple she had reconciled, "parting blessings" from morning newspaper account of Colonel Roosevelt's visit to Municipal Court last Friday.

A fine tribute, wasn't it, to come from the lips of as great a man as the Colonel? It was an event characteristic of the life of this feminine interpreter. Always being praised, always receiving the thanks of those she has made happy, daily turns her into a joy, yet working about in obscurity, unheralded, unknown, unmentioned, except by those who come in intimate contact with her.

Who is she? You don't know. Of course not. The morning newspaper which told of the Colonel's tribute didn't even mention the name of this faithful public servant. This is a story with a purpose—to remedy that omission; tell you who this woman is to be important enough to attract the attention of a former President; perhaps even a future President—who knows?

Woman? Why, she is little more than a girl. But let that part of the story come later. She is Miss Sylvia Kretschmer. She lives at 122 South Broad street. She is a probation officer, who handles virtually all the cases of the domestic relations division of the Municipal Court, where the parties concerned are unable to speak English. She speaks seven languages.

She handles 10 per cent. of the cases in the domestic relations division, she estimates roughly, although she has no idea how many that is numerically. There were 100 couples reconciled last year in that department. If she did her share that would mean that she had brought together at least 100 couples who had been torn asunder by the many forces which make for domestic infidelity.

IS VERY MODEST. If you talked to her, however, you would be convinced that she did more than her share. She would not tell you so, for she is the personification of modesty; but you can judge human nature. You can tell a doer when you see one, can't you?

From the description thus far it sounds like a gray-haired woman of 45, perhaps. It would seem as if years of experience were required for the accomplishment of these things. But you should see Miss Kretschmer.

She is a striking looking girl—no, it must be a woman, for she is 24 years old. She has a dark foreign-looking complexion, big black eyes, and a straight, sharply chiseled nose. There is an expression on her face that you would like women call her "sweet looking."

Miss Kretschmer has been in this country seven years. She is a cosmopolitan, a globe-trotter. Here are the seven languages she speaks: English, French, Italian, German, Russian, Polish and Czech.

She was born in Switzerland. French and German she knew as a child. Her folks moved from Switzerland when she was quite young, and for a while she lived in Vienna, now mentioned frequently in the dispatches from the war zone. Then she moved to the south of Russia, where she could attend the high school. She lived in Odessa and St. Petersburg.

Seven years ago she came to this country. She learned English, and thus added a sixth language to her accomplishments. She studied Italian here, and she says she speaks it with fair fluency.

CAMPAIGN FOR 'DRY' GERMANTOWN TO BE LAUNCHED TONIGHT

Defeat of District's Two Assemblers Will Be Urged at Meeting in Y. M. C. A. Building

MINISTERS WILL SPEAK

The fight for a "dry" Germantown and for the local option cause will begin tonight in earnest in the Germantown Y. M. C. A., where ministers will meet at a temperance rally and discuss plans for their campaign. Ministers will urge for the defeat of State Representatives William T. Weil and John B. Cummins, who voted against the local option bill in the last Legislature.

They represent the 18th legislative district, which comprises the 22d and 23d Wards, and which is Governor Brumbaugh's home district. The Governor has been opposed as a local option leader by the Rev. W. M. Adams, of the Chestnut Hill Presbyterian Church, who created a sensation at a meeting of ministers Friday night when he declared Governor Brumbaugh could not lead him in this movement, and that he would work alone, rather than under the Governor's leadership. Mr. Yeomans, in a statement made public today, further explained his position. He said:

"Local option is too broad a subject to be made a political expedient. My opposition to Governor Brumbaugh, expressed at the meeting the other night, was only an incident and has been greatly magnified."

"People in every district should have the right to say whether or not they should have liquor sold in that section. This should be a governmental principle and should not rest on the whim of any party, or be merely a political expedient. As long as I believe in this principle, I was naturally opposed to Governor Brumbaugh, because I figure that we should set local option candidates on all tickets if possible; if we cannot, then we should take the matter to the polls, irrespectively of party."

The pastors will demand tonight that the candidates of the Representatives for re-election be made the issue. They were

elected on both the Republican and Democratic tickets, and will probably seek re-election. The plan to carry the nomination in the primary next May really inaugurates the fight for local option which Governor Brumbaugh promised when local option was defeated.

ACCUSED CHOIR BOY OUT ON BAIL FATHER PROVIDES

Captain George M. Davis, River Captain, Takes St. Mark's Singer Home

George F. Davis, the 16-year-old boy, accused of stealing ornaments and vestments valued at more than \$10,000 from St. Mark's Episcopal Church, has been released on bail, pending further hearing of the case next Friday.

The youth's father, Captain George M. Davis, captain of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway tug (tied up on the Delaware River, appeared at City Hall last night, and placed \$500 bail with Magistrate Beaton as a guarantee that the boy would reappear in court.

Young Davis, who is a freshman at the Central High School, has been a choir boy at St. Mark's for several years. For some time articles of value had been disappearing from the church, and finally suspicion rested on the boy. He was watched by the Rev. J. Elliot White, rector of the church, and apprehended transferring a stole from a chest to a locker. In the boy's room were found silken vestments, silver candlesticks, a censor, a litany stand, stoles of satin, broadcloth cloth and jeweled ornaments. It is believed the youth is suffering from a religious mania, and that an effort will be made to place him in an institution for treatment.

Dies as Result of Fall

A seemingly inconsequential fall on the ice two weeks ago killed James Albert Wilcox, 72 years old, for many years in the employ of Robert A. Stewart, 628 and Jefferson streets, Overbrook. He died at the German Hospital yesterday two hours after he suddenly became ill from the effects of the fall, in which his skull had been fractured.

WAR DEPLETES SAILOR RANKS Report of Society Here Shows Decrease in Patronage

"Many faces and many ships we shall not see again." This line is one in the 421 annual report of the Seamen's and Landsmen's Aid Society, 32 South Front street, which reveals the havoc wrought by the war in the ranks of the sailors visiting this port. Many of those who visited the rooms of the society have been given up for lost; some write from the trenches. In 1915, 397 sailors were fed or lodged by the society; 2,831 visits were paid to the reading rooms and 459 attended religious services. An appeal for aid for the society is made.

Held Here for Maryland Murder

A negro, accused of murdering his step-father in Pocomoke, Md., was arrested by the Philadelphia police today. He is Edgar Apolotte, 29 years old, and was living with an aunt, at 1509 Latona street. He will be sent back upon the arrival of requisition papers.

HELD FOR OAK LANE THEFTS Police Probe Acts of George S. Ochs to Solve Mysteries

The solution of numerous robberies in the Oak Lane section is expected by Montgomery County authorities to follow a more complete investigation of the activities of George S. Ochs, of Ashbourne, in the Old York road section. Ochs has already been connected with two robberies in Melrose Park and the theft of a motorcar from Elkins Park, according to Chief Lever, of Montgomery County.

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The Polka de Concert. "It is an old piece—but I love the old pieces best, I think. I love to revel in their well-remembered memories, just as I did that night with Bartlett's 'Polka de Concert.'" "It is a piece of brilliant runs, with all the life and spirit of the old-fashioned polka beautified and embellished. And as I sit in my quiet room playing it on my Pianola, I hardly seem to recognize myself. Even the most difficult parts come to my touch easily, brilliantly, feelingly. Here I linger over the theme, here I speed into an exquisite flourish, here I bring out the entrancing melody, touching it with a joyous feeling. There is no real difficulty for me now, for the Pianola has made these wonderful piano effects all so easy for me."

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