

STUDENT DANCERS DEFY CLERGYMAN

Gloucester High School Boys
and Girls to Protest Methodist
Pastor's Ruling

BOARD MEMBER WITH PUPILS

Boy and girl high school students in Gloucester say they don't propose to submit tamely to the ruling of any clergyman about dancing, even if four of the five members of the school board do belong to his church.

Gloucester is all roused up over what the Rev. Richard A. Conover, pastor of the First Methodist Church, had to say yesterday at services on the subject of dancing.

He was addressing a class of probationers. He said the church opposed dancing and that he would not accept as members of the First Church any students who participated in the high school dances.

Several members of the school board, who are also members of his flock, listened to what he had to say on the subject. The story spread swiftly among the school pupils, and they decided to make formal protest if the school board were influenced by the minister's words and banned dancing hereafter.

There are five members of the school board: Harry Conner, George C. Cooper, Nason C. Lafferty, Dr. J. A. Book and James Loker. Of these are two Methodists, but Loker, who is a Baptist.

Doctor Loker took sides against the minister today. "I see nothing wrong about the high school dances," he said. "They're just among the students. Dancing is good exercise. School buildings under the law are now available for community purposes. I would rather have the students dance in school under proper surroundings than elsewhere."

PLEADS FOR SERB CHILDREN

Britain Here Asks Funds to Aid Victims of War

Pleading for 500,000 starving children in Serbia, Canon F. Sidney Savage, of Hexam Abbey, England, who was a major in the British army, said that America had given \$33,000,000 to Armenia and only \$500,000 to Serbia.

He spoke last night at the Second Presbyterian church. He told of cruelities practiced upon helpless Serbian children by the Bulgarians, and said that 70,000 of the little sufferers in Serbia are without a mother's guiding hand.

SILVER AND GOLD ADORN MILADY'S EVENING SLIPPER

Dainty Pumps in Many Elaborate Designs in Vogue as Christmas Gifts—Buckles! Ah, the Splendor of French Courts Reflected!



SILVER and gold tissue evening slippers are much in vogue as Christmas gifts. They are made from plain silver and gold cloth, or else the brocaded tissue. Satin ones are also very good, but the brocaded ones these days.

Long vanps are characteristic of all women's footwear for evenings, despite the fact the Parisienne has set the pace for the short, stubby toes. These are deemed ungraceful by American women, and they prefer the more shapely appearance of the foot.

Baby French heels are to be found on many of the evening pumps this season. Comfort, grace and beauty are combined in them, although many fastidious women still believe "the higher the better."

And the buckles! They are revelations. In all shapes and sizes, many are set with rhinestones. When attached to the shoe the appearance they make reminds one of the splendor of old French courts.

These buckles are numbered with the suggestions for Christmas gifts. They were not included in during the war, and their advent in great quantity lends much to the splendor of milady's gown this season. In fact many of the pumps present a homely appearance without them; but, again, it is a matter of individual choice.

The brocaded silver, gold and satin slippers are probably the most sought after because they are newer. Sometimes the vanps of slippers are made of brocaded tissue, and are of plain silver with brocaded cloth.

Black brocade slippers are also fa-

vorites. They are distinguished by the vivid contrast made by their bejeweled buckles.

Satin slippers to match milady's frock gown are also to be found this year. They are in delicate pinks, blues, greens and yellows. It may be, since gold and silver have such a long run, that Dame Fashion may decree "silver and frock, both of the same cloth," just to be different, you know.

PHILA. SOLDIER WINS HONOR

Albert Cramer Declared Best Athlete in U. S. Army in Germany

West Philadelphia learned with pride today that Albert Cramer, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Cramer, 3065 Brown street, and former Southern High School student, had proved himself the best athlete in the American army in Germany.

Cramer, a private in Company F, Eighth Infantry, was winner in a series of elimination contests at Coblenz in November. After his triumph he was promoted to the rank of corporal.

The best drilled man in the American force in Germany was Corporal W. T. Knapp, of DeKalb, Texas. He won in a competition with thirty-two men. In this contest Cramer was fourth.

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Wise Christmas shoppers are already counting their spoils, but there are so many lovely things in the shops that one can hardly resist shopping any further, even if one has quite filled a good-sized Christmas list. The Chestnut Street Shops are showing lovelier things than ever this year and are quite ready to meet the demand for the unusual in Christmas gifts.

Deborah Spahr
THE real value of the lamp as a decorative accessory is its ability to add to the attractiveness of a room. It is the most noticeable and very often the most important accessory in the decorative scheme. H. D. Dougherty & Co., 1632 Chestnut street, seems to have realized this principle most successfully, for nowhere have I seen more exquisite lamps and shades. The shades, very often, have been designed especially to match the bases of the lamps which they are to grace. On the base of one lamp a fiery dragon rears its head, and it reappears in bright colors on the shade. Such a combination is most effective, as you can well imagine, and such a lamp as this has a distinct decorative value.

WHEN Philadelphia, as the capital of the Nation, enjoyed a period of gayety such as it may never know again, Bailey, Banks & Biddle Company's store became the mecca for travelers who sought the very best in silver and jewelry. The family silver was purchased at Bailey's, and many families of the South still treasure pieces dating back to Revolutionary times. Bailey, Banks & Biddle Company has upheld this reputation, established so long ago, and is today in possession of the most important collection of silver dinner and tea services to be found anywhere in America. Reproductions of the works of the most famous silversmiths of France, Italy and England are included in this collection which is truly of museum interest.

HENRY R. HALLOWELL & SON, Broad street below Chestnut, have an entirely new solution of the Christmas gift problem—a hand-painted basket filled with delicious fruit. There are black baskets painted with gay colored birds and flowers and other baskets with a blue background. No gifts are alike. They are filled with the choicest of Hallowell's fruits—clusters of the immense Belgian Hot-house Grapes, luscious and beautifully colored Pears, juicy Oranges, Spanish Almeria and California Red Emperor Grapes. These gift-baskets of fruit make a delightful remembrance at Christmas time even for friends living in other cities, for they are obtainable only at Hallowell's—and it is the out-of-the-ordinary gift that pleases most of us.

THERE was a time when Christmas joy was not complete without the yule log and even in these prosaic times real Christmas cheer demands a roaring fire on the hearth. Almost every house that is built these days has at least one open fireplace, so that you may have a fire if you include fireplace fittings in your Christmas list. At the store of J. Franklin Miller, 1612 Chestnut street, I saw the loveliest wood-baskets of willow. They were tray-shaped and painted in soft shades of green and silver gray. There were others with birds and flowers painted on their sides. One showed a design of pine cones in green and brown. Cape Cod fire lighters, hearth brushes and andirons would be welcomed, too, as Christmas gifts.

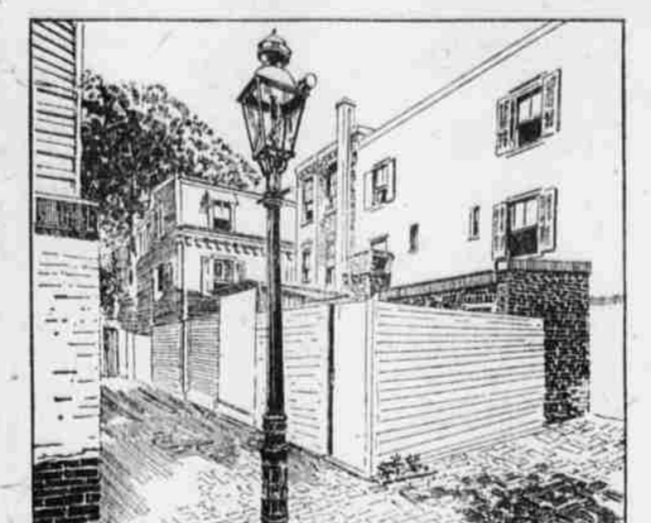
ON THURSDAY, Friday and Saturday, December 11, 12 and 13, the furnishings of the Locust street house of the late Emily L. Harrison will be on exhibition at the Art Galleries of Samuel T. Freeman & Co., 1519 Chestnut street. The exhibition is one of more than usual interest, for Mrs. Harrison was well known as a collector of discrimination. There are exquisite tapestries and ivories, ancient examples of needlework, illuminated panels and other curios which you seldom have the opportunity of viewing and which it is only possible to purchase at such a sale as that which will be held at the Freeman Galleries on Monday, December 15, and following days at 2 p. m. The furniture includes works of the early Italian, Dutch and Spanish craftsmen.

THE CHESTNUT STREET ASSOCIATION

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AND AFTER



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Octavia Hill Association Office: 613 Lombard St. Bell Phone: Walnut 3081

AIMS AND METHODS—If you did not read our big announcement in the Public Ledger Thursday, Dec. 4 (morning and evening), setting forth our aims and methods, we shall be pleased to send a copy.

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There are thousands of stockings, belonging to the poor children of Philadelphia, which will be empty on Christmas morning unless some one plays Santa Claus for them.

Tucked away in closets and attics there are toys and clothing which your children have outgrown or discarded—things which would make the merriest of Christmases for some poor boy or girl. Won't you send these—or a check to buy some new ones—to the children who long for a real Christmas? Just address them to the

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Here's Good and Timely News for Women DRESSES COATS

Remarkable Values
Women interested in smart new dresses should be sure to see these two groups to-morrow. Dresses representing some of the most desirable styles of the season in design and trimmings, and a EXCEPTIONAL IN VALUE:

- Serge or Tricotine Dresses, \$40
Of navy blue or black serge or tricotine. Models with straight-line or panel-skirt effect, draped bodice with crushed girdle. Other styles with tricotette vestee, and square, V- or U-shape neckline, some finished with shawl collar. Sleeves with cuffs or button trimming. Novel pockets are featured, also handsome embroidery of rat-tail braid or silk—\$40.00.
- Afternoon Dresses, Special, \$35
Unusual, indeed, at this price—such a collection of smart dresses of tricotette, flowered crepe Georgette or satin. The season's smart shades in straight-line or tunic models—\$35.00.
- Velour Coats, Special at \$45.00
Several attractive models of plain or silvertone wool velour all beautifully lined with plain or figured silk.
- Fur-trimmed Velour Coats, \$50
Smart belted coats of plain or silvertone velour. Deep collar of fur.
- Bolivia Cloth Coats, at \$70.00
Four distinctive models of plain or silvertone Bolivia, all handsomely lined with figured silk. Plain, belted styles, or hanging gracefully from the shoulders, in loose effect.

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A woman always prizes the gift of beautiful Linens. Many suggestions among the following:

- Gifts at \$1.00
French hand-made Cluny Centrepieces, 18-inch—\$1.00
Scalloped Linen Centrepieces, 24-inch—\$1.00
Three-piece Turkish Bath Sets, boxed—\$1.00
- Gifts at \$2.00
Madera Hand-embroidered and Hand-scalloped Guest Towels—\$2.00
Boudoir Pillow Cases, daintily embroidered—\$2.00
Fillet Lace-trimmed Scarfs—\$2.00
Mercerized Cotton Dinner Cloth, to seat four—\$2.00
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French Hand-made Cluny Centrepieces, 20-inch—\$3.00
13-piece Linen Lunch Sets—\$3.00
All-Linen Luncheon Sets, scalloped edge—\$3.00
Linen Damask Lunch Cloths, 36x36 inches, hemstitched—\$3.00
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Plain Satin-band Damask Lunch Cloths, 45-inch—\$10.00
22-inch Fine Bleached Scotch Linen Dinner Napkins—\$10.00
Embroidered Sets, in old rose, single-bed spread, with bolster sham—\$10.00
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Six-piece Turkish Bath Sets, blue or pink, boxed—\$4.00
Madera Hand-embroidered and Hand-scalloped Linen Huck Face Towels—\$4.00 each.
- Gifts at \$5.00
Embroidered Linen Pillow Shams, 30x30 inches—\$5.00 a pair.
Fillet Lace-trimmed Lunch Cloths, 54-inch—\$5.00
French Hand-made Cluny Buffet Scarfs—\$5.00
Round Scalloped Mercerized Dinner Cloths, to seat four—\$5.00
- Gifts at \$6.00
Fillet Lace-trimmed Lunch Sets, 13 pieces—\$6.00
Fillet Lace-trimmed Bolster Shams—27x72 inches—\$6.00
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- 3,600 Four-in-hands at \$2.00
- 3,000 Four-in-hands at \$2.50
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