

**REIGN OF JAZZ IS OVER
AND MOTHERS SIGH RELIEF**

**Mrs. Chichester Tells Why Colonial Dames Stopped Campaign
Against Modern Styles and Music**

Mothers are steering their daughters into the paths they should travel, bringing about a decided improvement in the dressing, dancing and general attitude of the sub-deb.

This is the opinion of Mrs. George Mason Chichester, of Philadelphia, expressed in support of the decision reached some time ago by the Colonial Dames of Pennsylvania, who stopped their reform campaign because of "greatly improved conditions."

"Undoubtedly, it is the tendency of the younger people to imitate their elders," Mrs. Chichester said today. "The baby sister sees the adored elder one dress for a dance. Carefully she notes the application of rouge, the powdering of the nose, and as soon as the youngster has the room to herself she delves into powder-box and experiment."

"And so it follows with everything, and if we, as mothers, do not display such an alarming expanse of back and shoulders, it is bound to react on the younger people."

"Every one knows the groggy feeling that follows an elaborate dinner and late dance. No one likes it. The girl of today in a sportswoman and that sleepy, tired-out feeling will interfere with a corking game of golf. The lure of the open—who can resist it? Undoubtedly conditions are on the upward run and steadily climbing to the finer, higher ideals."

"Our younger set seems to have taken a new and different hold on its pleasure of course, after the war there was a wave of unrest, which was spread broadcast. Duties of Red Cross workers, ambulance drivers, nurses and all other forms of the social worker who carried on their end during the time of strife were ended."

"But now time is mending, as it always does, each day brings new things with its dawn. Although the war is a thing of the past, there are still boys in the camp who need sympathetic understanding and aid, and all the congested hospitals are still crowded with men who eagerly look toward the help and cheer we women can give to them. And, too, the girls are returning to their colleges, and know the invigorating health which comes from long hikes and peaceful nights of refreshing sleep. Basketball brings a pink, natural glow to the cheeks, which the most clever application of rouge cannot imitate."

"Modistes are pushing the old-fashioned style of dress, and in a ballroom of today are seen full skirts and soft ruffles of lace about a creamy young throat. However, I really can see no objection to the skirt which is shorter enough to allow a free and unimpeded stride. A short skirt is comfortable, practical and sanitary."

"During the war girls belonged to the same organizations as their mothers, and the activities of the day were the topics frequently discussed at the dinner table. In this way mother and daughter who heretofore had not been very greatly in each other's confidence became the best of pals. Daughters discovered mother to be an awfully good

parent for a while is gradually dying. The song writers had a period of 'blues'—long, ear-splitting wails of a moaning, groaning instrument, the best thing in the world to throw one out of step. But the songs of today are certainly far superior to the 'jazz' of yesterday."

The question of music was discussed with Mrs. Oswald Chew, of Radnor. "What fun-loving girl or boy can sit still when the strains of drive music float into the air? Even the mothers and fathers who have not kept up with modern dances like to glide along to an old-fashioned waltz. But the impossible jazz music which was so

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