

PHILADELPHIA DEBUTANTEES
FROWN ON KNEE LENGTH SKIRTS BUT
APPROVE MODEST LENGTH KIND

(Philadelphia Ledger.)

Philadelphia debutantes are in favor of a dress of "modest length" and will continue to wear that style despite the crusade started against short skirts by Washington society leaders.

This was the opinion expressed today by half a dozen or more of this city's debutantes on the reform, led by Mrs. John B. Henderson, foremost of the capital's elite.

The Philadelphia debutantes object to the knee-length and "even-shorter-than-that" skirts, but they approve thoroughly of the dress that comes several inches below the knee.

The Washington debs champion the short skirts and laugh off Mrs. Henderson's condemnation of the dresses they wear.

Disapprove Rolled Stockings.

The "modest" short skirts are pretty and attractive and very comfortable, in the opinion of several Philadelphia debutantes, who think and hope the ankle-length dress is a thing of the past. They disapprove of rolled stockings, and think extremely short dresses are "terribly unbecoming" to many girls who wear them.

Miss Margaret L. Lucas, debutante daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lucas, 132 South 20th street disapprove of extremely short skirts and shares this view with her mother.

"Most decidedly I do not like skirts that are extremely short," said Miss Lucas. "They are not becoming to many girls. I think dresses should be worn to suit those who wear them and abbreviated skirts are very unbecoming to most of the girls who wear them."

"Unless some one takes a stand against extreme styles we will never get anywhere," was the comment of Mrs. Lucas and her daughter on the Washington women's views.

"In Paris the dresses are worn much shorter than here, but over here they do not think anything of it. Dresses we bought in Paris were entirely too short for us here and of course they had to be lengthened."

Cigarettes Are Indorsed.

Miss Gertrude F. Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ewing L. Miller, of Wynnewood, one of last season's debutantes holds decided views on short hair and cigarettes. "I smoke my mother smokes, in fact, almost every one I know uses cigarettes at one time or another," she said today. "And I think that will answer any question whether I think it right. Of course, it is never good form to smoke in a theatre lobby, at other public places where it is not a general thing."

"As for short skirts I think they are particularly pretty and attractive. Of course, I do not mean the extreme styles that some people are wearing. When they come just to the knee they break the long sweeping, even line that gives such beauty and grace to the girl. But short skirts are very comfortable, and I for one, do not think that yards of material sweeping the floor will ever come back into popular use."

"But on the other hand, neither are we able to wear very brief skirts. I do not do it, for the same reason that I do not smoke in large public places, because a girl should not be criticized."

Miss Henrietta Schmidt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Schmidt, of Radnor is decidedly opposed to the extreme fashions.

"I do not approve in the least of the way in which some of the girls wear their skirts," said Miss Schmidt. "In fact, I think these evening dresses that are being designed are disgraceful. My frocks come to the center of my leg, and really I think they are much more becoming."

"Why, when a skirt is just to the bend of the knee and one sits down an improper picture is presented. And as for any girl that would roll her stockings with a gown like this I have nothing to say on the subject."

"As for cigarettes, I do not smoke I do not think it looks well, and it spoils the attractiveness of any girl's appearance to have a cigarette in her hand."

Unbecoming When Extreme.

Miss Peggy Hammond, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Levi Jay Hammond, of 1222 Spruce street, thinks skirts should be a decent length. "They are so terribly unbecoming when they are extreme, whether long or short," she said. "Personally, however, if one is going to extremes, I prefer the long dress. I would never wear the extremely short models that are on the market today."

"And as for cigarettes, I personally do not indulge, chiefly because I don't like them. And, really, don't you think the reason the girls smoke is to be blase, and because they think it the thing to do?"

"Honestly, when I see a girl pull out a cigarette and match I think she is merely trying to say to the world in general, 'Look at me, I'm a debutante.' Nicotine certainly isn't good for girls, and not half of them enjoy cigarettes the way men do, so the only conclusion I can draw is that they do it to be smart."

Miss Marion Steele, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Steele, a debutante of the current season, says, "I do not wear extremely short skirts, and I certainly do not smoke. My dressmaker designs my frocks, and decides on the length of them. They must be of a modest length. Incidentally I do not think it at all modest for girls to wear skirts to their knees. Another thing my parents do not approve of cigarettes for girls, and I have been bred with the same idea. I do not like to see a girl smoke, so certainly would not do it myself."

Miss Marilla Ziegler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Ziegler, of Lincoln Drive, Germantown, said, "I smoke myself, and so of course think it is perfectly all right. My mother does not care to see me do it. She does not think it quite the thing, but I think it does not hurt me, so if I enjoy it, why not indulge once in awhile?"

PALM BEACH
EXALTS PLATE
GLASS DIAMOND

West Palm Beach, Fla., Dec 31—Palm Beach, queen of the winter social whirl, has exalted the dime store diamond.

Paste pearls and sparkling plate glass diamonds will glitter at social functions this winter.

Synthetic gems will be the rage.

All because sneak thieves have been reported active in the winter resort almost as soon as the season opened. It became known today that the winter home of Mr. and Mrs. Horace H. Work Madison, N. J., had been entered. A watch, some jewelry and some clothing belonging to the couple's butler were taken.

But that was enough for Palm Beach ladies. They acted promptly. A dozen of the colony's wealthiest and most prominent social leaders have placed their gems in banks for safe keeping, it was reported today. Fewer real jewels are to glisten in Palm Beach this season than in any previous winter. Only the more pompous social events will see the real article on display, and plenty of detectives and policemen will be on guard then.

Mrs. James Donahue, Woolworth heiress, principal in a famous jewel robbery in New York recently, isn't storing her gems. Thus far she is still wearing all of her dazzling jewels.

SAYS ONTARIO
WILL VOTE ON
GOVT. CONTROL

Toronto, Dec. 31—As a climax in his election campaign Mayor Foster last night sprang a surprise by announcing to the electors his stand on the liquor question. At a meeting in Parkdale Assembly Hall held under the auspices of the Ward Six Liberal Conservative Association, he declared: "I say there should be government control, with local option if you want it in your sections."

He further stated: "I hear from provincial members that the government is going to the country in June, and that the issue is to be government control. I think this should be the issue."

The mayor came to the subject suddenly and dealt with it briefly. After speaking of such civic affairs as taxes and radical deficits he continued: "I have been asked for my views on government control. I will tell you frankly. Millions of dollars are going to the bootleggers. People are getting poisonous stuff. If the government had adopted government control things would be different. But the government gave you something else! I am told that nobody is satisfied with four point four."

VETERAN EDITOR OF EASTERN
CHRONICLE ADVISES PRESBY-
TERIANS TO KEEP OUT OF COURT

(Eastern Chronicle.)

The Presbyterians lost all of their lawsuits about Church property. We are not a prophet nor the son of one, but all the same we felt that Presbyterians should not go to law at all. They lost in Parliament, they lost in the Legislatures, they lost in the General Assemblies, in the Presbyteries and frequently in the Sessions. It looks as if Providence has been teaching a lesson. Did not the Master say that when another demanded your coat that you give him your cloak also?

We don't think that, judging by what has happened, the parliamentarians and the courtiers liked the Presbyterian Church anyway. So many of their own big guns having attacked it led other big guns to believe that there was something wrong about it. The latter did not seem to realize that whatever dress there was in the United Church was getting it. Besides the Church in the old regime was becoming nosey. Its supernumeraries were spread all over the Dominion and meddling with everything. And, too, in the order of official procedure in Ottawa made out by some English court official at Government House, certain religious representatives had a prominent place in the row. Presbyterian clergymen were demanding an equal place for their representative creed they had not more reason to desire such a place than Jesus Christ had to desire to rank in the processions of the chief priests in Jerusalem. In the end it is probable that the beatings Presbyterians got in their own courts, in the courts of parliament and legislature and in the law courts will do them good. No doubt they feel had over their successive chastisements, but our advice to them is similar to that which the beggar gave to the cobbler—"The shoemaker should stick to his last." And further, they need not feel lonesome, for Paul had as much chance for freedom when pleading before the Roman governor and King Agrippa, as they had in the courts of the Dominion.

The final case was that of Salt-springs. The press report runs:—

"His Lordship, Chief Justice Harris today filed judgment in Cameron vs. St. Luke's Presbyterian congregation of Salt-springs, et al his is another of the cases arising under the United Church of Canada Act and Chapter 122 of the Acts of the Legislature of Nova Scotia, 1924. There was a meeting of the Salt-springs Presbyterian congregation, December 22nd, 1924, and there was a vote of non-concurrence in the union, the members in full communion voting 55 for and 69 against. A second meeting of the congregation, July 27th, 1925, voting 100 for and 9 against union. This vote was restricted to communicants and there were 164 on the roll after allowing for persons absent from the Province. The principal controversy in this action was as to the regularity of the proceedings leading up to the second vote could legally be taken at the time it was."

His Lordship's judgment was that the second vote was good and that plaintiff's action must be dismissed with costs."

An Act was passed in 1925 making the first vote (in December 1924) final, but His Lordship, Chief Justice Harris decided that the second vote was good, and necessarily, that the first vote was bad. However, the facts are that the first vote was good and the Legislative indirectly decided that it was all that was necessary. This week a court in Montreal declared that a certain court in Canada was over both Parliament and Legislatures. It may follow that the Chief Justice of Nova Scotia has authority

to enter the Lord's court and decide for or against Him. The further facts are that Salt-springs congregation voted not to concur as other non-concurrent congregations voted; but, as we hinted above, the Presbyterian Church has no more chance in a court of law than a belated frog has under a burning bush heap on the edge of a dried swamp. Even in a case where the first vote was for Union, and a second vote was against, the Presbyterians, as we believe, would lose. Let us hope that better fortune awaits them in the courts of Heaven than they had in the courts on earth.

MESSAGE TO
POSTAL STAFF
IN FAR NORTH

The Postmaster General
Sends Greetings by
Radio, Via Pittsburg.

The following radio New Year's message has been transmitted by Hon. Charles Murphy, Postmaster General to the Postmasters in and about the arctic circle.

Through the courtesy of Radio Station KDKA—Pittsburg, I am delighted to have the opportunity of transmitting a message of Christmas cheer to those officials of the Canadian Government who are administering the most northerly Post Offices in the world.

One of the most pleasing tasks of the Postal Service is to convey messages of good will for Christmas and the New Year, and although I have been able to transmit by mail to the majority of employees of the Canadian Post Office, a message of appreciation for the splendid services they have rendered, this message has not been received, on account of the difficulties of travel, by those Postmasters whose offices are situated beyond the Arctic circle.

As I am informed that the only means, at the moment, of communication with these outlying points is through Radio Station KDKA, I am, therefore, deeply grateful to the Radio Station for this opportunity of transmitting my greetings and best wishes to those Postmasters in the most northerly outposts of Canada, and I wish specially to mention the following:—

Craig's Harbour—situated on Ellesmere Island, the most northerly Post Office in the world—Postmaster, Sergt. Joy, of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Dundas Harbour—situated on Devon Island, near the 75th parallel of latitude—Postmaster, Constable Edward Anstead, Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Pond's Inlet—situated in the north of Baffin Island—Postmaster, Inspector Wilcox, of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

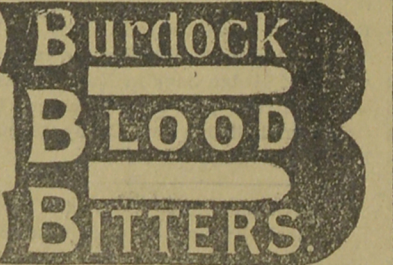
Pangnirtung—situated on Baffin Island, near to the Arctic Circle—Postmaster, Sergt. Wright, of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Chesterfield Inlet—situated in the most northerly section of Hudson Bay—Postmaster, Staff Sergt. S. G. Clay, Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

There are doubtless, other points not so remote as the ones specially mentioned, which are so far removed that Christmas messages only reach them by mail after long journeys, including many hardships, and to these Postmasters also I specially tender my sincere thanks and send my best wishes for the New Year on which we are about to enter.

Had 43 Boils
And Carbuncles
At One Time

Mr. Claud Melanson, Castleford, Ont., writes:—"In regard to your remedies I have to say that B.B.B. was the only medicine I could get to relieve me of my boils and carbuncles. I had forty-three at one time, and my doctor told me to take



The Editor—I see you mention the movie spectators as the audience. The dictionary defines "audience" as "an assembly of hearers."

The Movie Critic—That's all right. They're hearing the boos read the sub-titles aloud.

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"I'll tell the world!"

Raymond—They say there is nothing new under the sun."

Ethel—How about Jan. 1, 1926?

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