

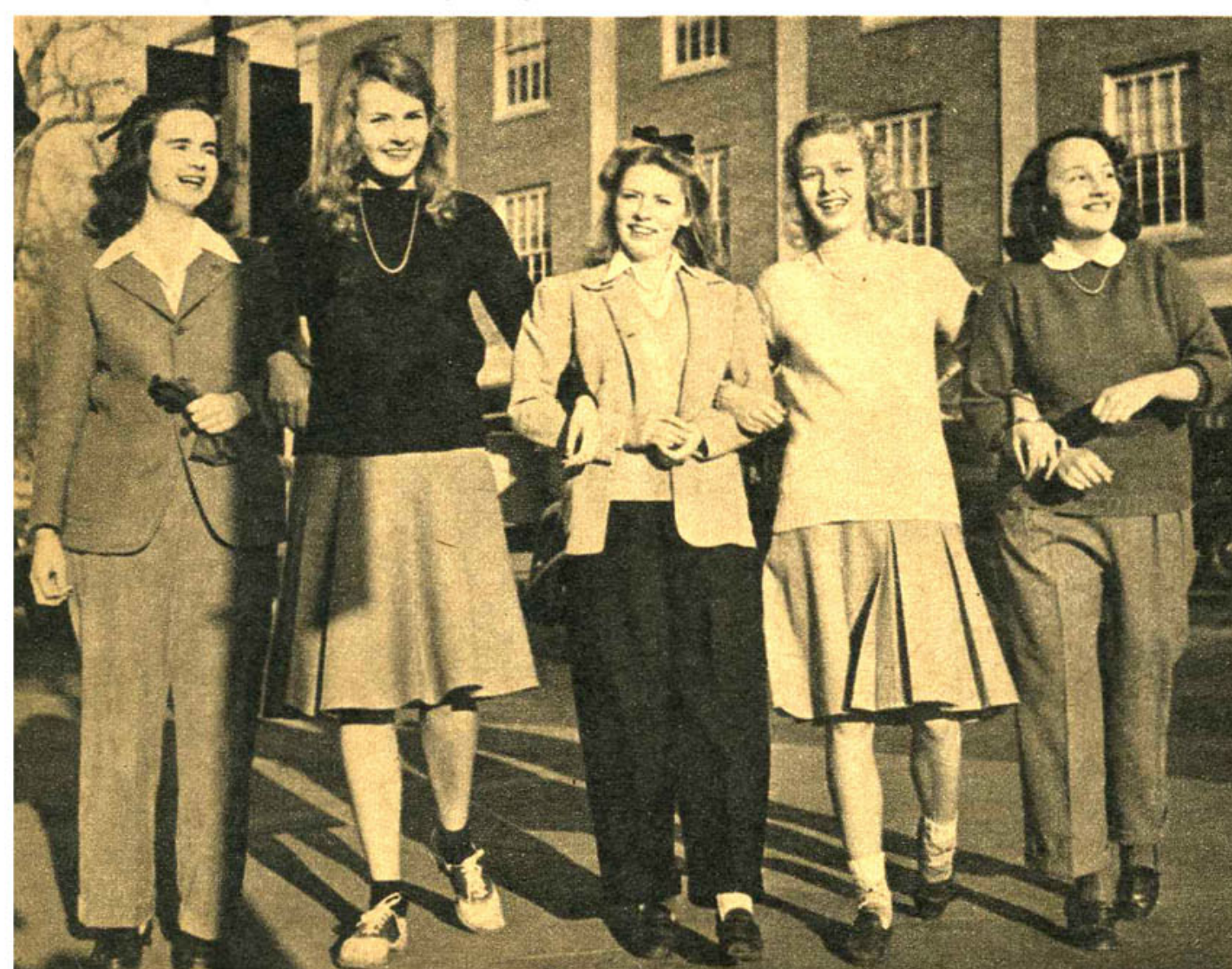
Slacks War!

New Jersey School Girls Win Battle
For Right to Wear Pants to Classes

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AS RECENTLY AS A YEAR AGO GIRLS APPEARING IN SLACKS AT SCHOOL WOULD HAVE CAUSED A MINOR RIOT. BUT IN ENGLEWOOD, N. J., THE MOVEMENT HAS RECEIVED SCHOOL BOARD'S O. K.



SAID ONE SCHOOL OFFICIAL WHEN THE SLACKS QUESTION WAS RAISED IN ENGLEWOOD:



"A FEW WELL-PLACED BACKVIEW MIRRORS WILL DECIDE THE ISSUE FOR MOST GIRLS"

MONTH or so after Pearl Harbor, U. S. newspapers carried eloquent accounts of a lesser but, to parents and the younger generation, an equally vital battle over the right of high school girls to wear slacks to classes. Scene of the controversy was Englewood, N. J., wealthy, conservative Manhattan suburb. The outcome was a sweeping victory for the girls. Since then brief skirmishes, mostly precipitated by protesting male students wearing their mothers' dresses to school, have flared up and down the Eastern Seaboard. But Englewood remains, as this is being written, the sole community to give official sanction to the new movement.

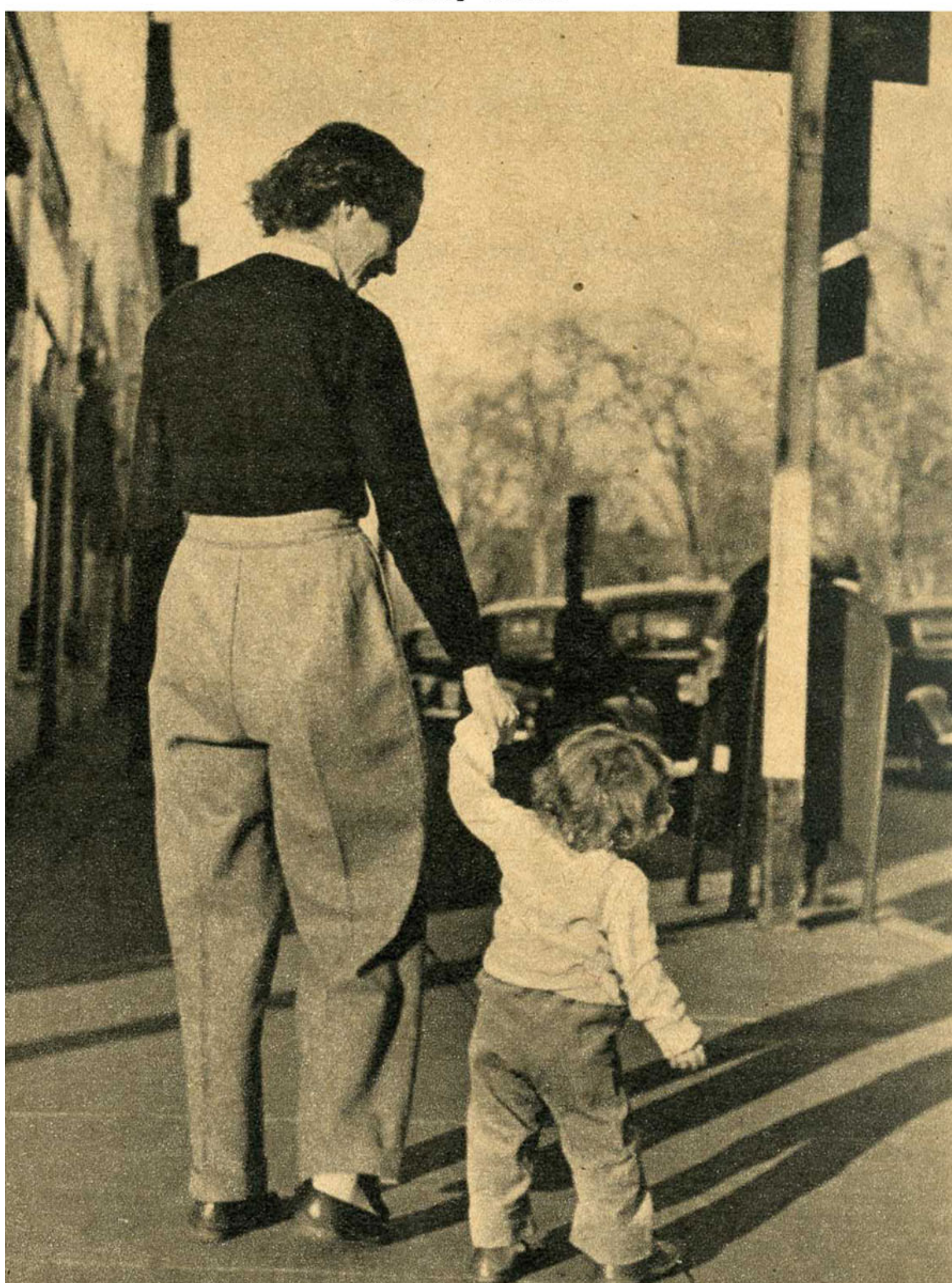
The Englewood controversy started when a slacks-sick teacher complained to the Board of Education, ended when Board President Cornelius J. Westervelt observed: "Slacks during wartime are sensible."

SPOT, taking no sides, felt the question of sufficient sociological importance to assign photographers to find out what Englewood girls looked like in slacks, presents their pictorial report without comment on this callipygian controversy.

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Parental and male objections notwithstanding, slacks are demonstrably appropriate for such strictly feminine pastimes as gossip fests in the yard during recess.



A common sight on streets of Eastern suburbs, slacks are worn not only by school girls but by mothers and small daughters.



MORE SIGNIFICANT THAN THE FACT THAT SLACKS SAVE SILK IS ONE SOCIAL SCIENTIST'S STATEMENT THAT GIRLS CAN'T HAVE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL FREEDOM WITHOUT FREEDOM IN DRESS

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High school girls find moccasins the best footwear for motoring in the country, slacks best for getting in and out of rumble seats.



Favorite afternoon hangout for these Englewood girls is the swank Hospitality Shop where there's no regulation against slacks. If there were, they'd AS THEY DO IN HOLLYWOOD, ENGLEWOOD GIRLS WEAR SLACKS AT NIGHT, HERE RELAX HAPPILY AT THE NEARBY TEANECK THEATRE



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