

Letters

Kids stealing from each other no laughing matter

Dear Editor,

As spring has sprung, and with it comes the tulips, the daffodils and the petty thieves.

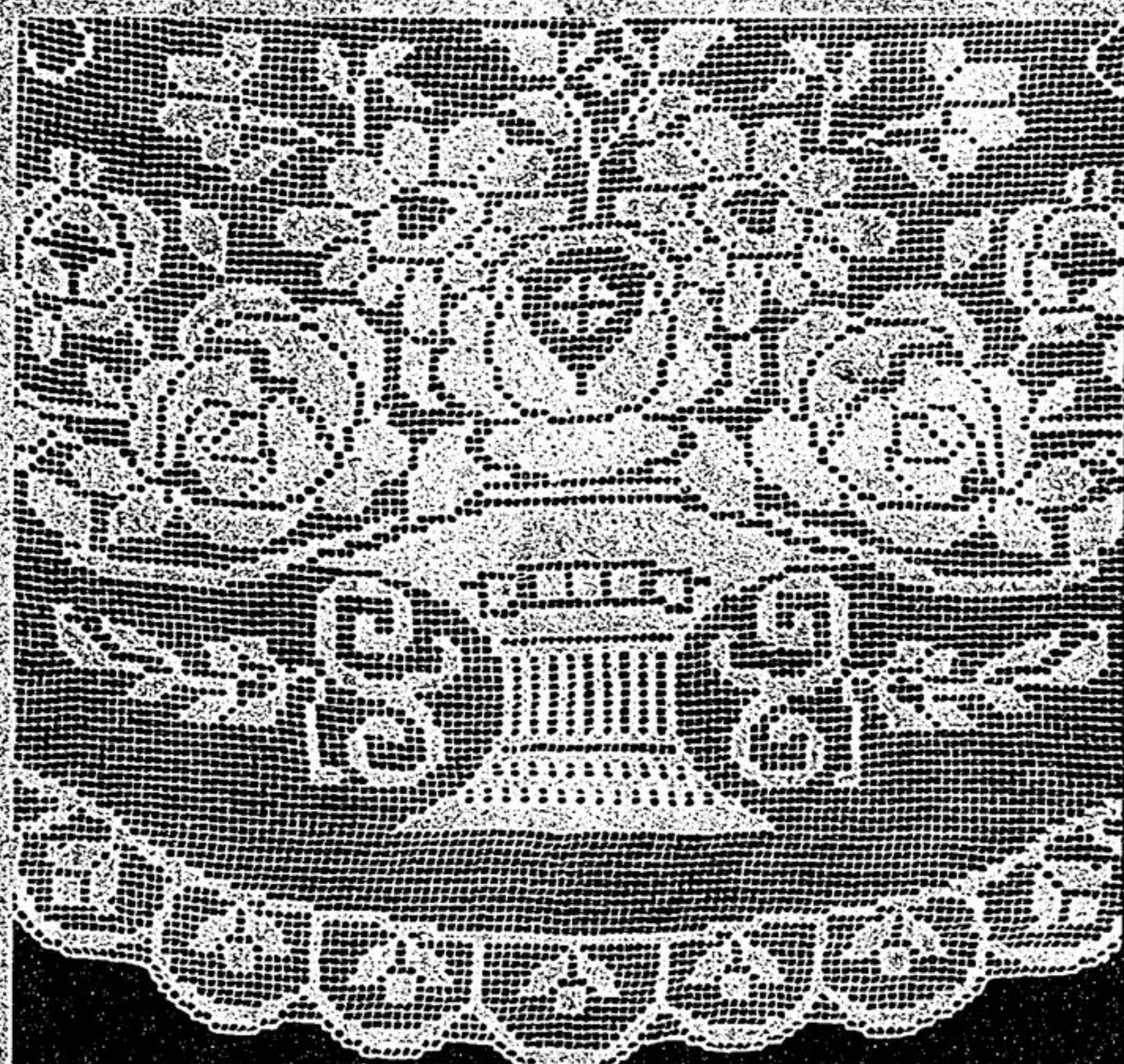
Every spring one of two DanceCentre students have their shoes stolen from the entrance area while they are taking classes. Previously it has been the last class of the night when young teens are wandering the streets with time on their hands. I have been locking the door when the final class begins to ensure no more shoes are

taken, however, Thursday, April 3rd the problem became a little more serious. Between 4:30 and 7 p.m. three pairs of shoes were stolen. Classes involving approximately 35 dancers coming and going during that time did not deter these kids. We can't blame Unionville and Markham for this folks. These are Stouffville kids on their way home from school. They are YOUR kids and these ones were brazen enough to talk in in broad daylight. Two girls were seen in the building at 5:30 and

pretended to be interested in finding out about dance classes but when they were gone so was a pair of shoes. During the evening two more pairs were stolen during different classes. Did they return for more shoes or did they tell their friends how easy it was?

Of course it is serious enough that these kids are stealing to begin with but stealing from people they probably go to school with or live nearby shows a real lack of moral value. It goes without saying that the shoes taken are new and expensive ones which often the dancers have paid for with their own money. If your child has recently acquired a new pair of shoes from a 'friend' perhaps it should be looked into. Meanwhile I will notify the police, perhaps put a surveillance camera up, pay someone to sit by the entrance way all evening and encourage dancers to wear old shoes to class. The fees will go up and everyone will wonder why everything costs more each year. But the bottom line is that kids in our "perfect little town" are stealing from each other and think it is a joke. It's not funny.

M. Green
The DanceCentre, Stouffville



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