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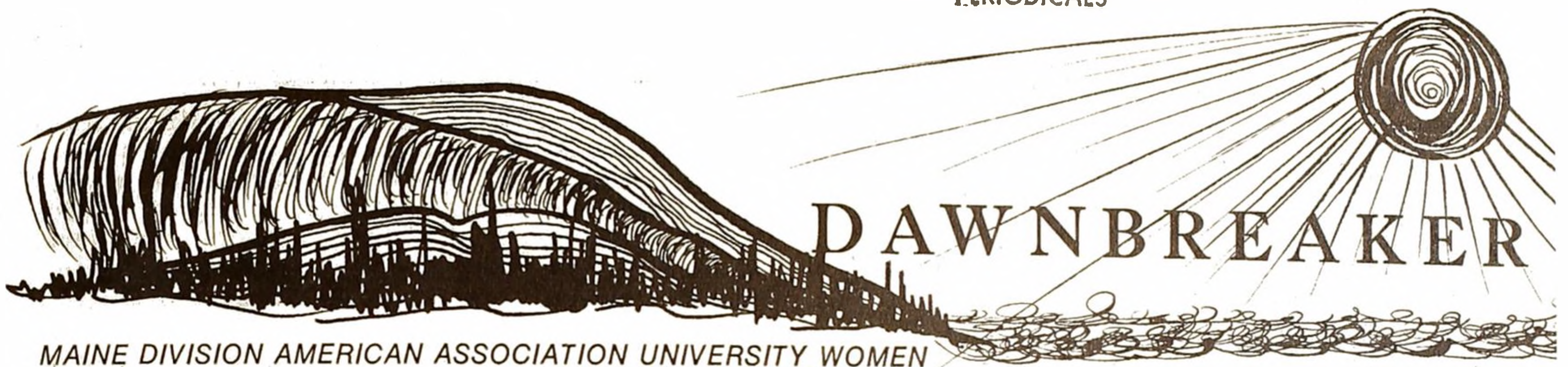
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MAINE DIVISION AMERICAN ASSOCIATION UNIVERSITY WOMEN

Mrs. Sally Bailey, President

VOLUME 19 NO. 3

Mrs. Roger Condit, Editor

**"To be human has always  
meant to be concerned."**



The words above are thoughts for all of us to remember as we consider the topics for the '71-'73 biennium, and as we come to the Annual Convention of the Maine Division AAUW to be held in Houlton, May 7 and 8, during which time the new topics will be introduced.

The Convention theme, "Dare to Be Involved," further challenges us to be human, to have the courage to look at our homes, communities, and state, to see how we can be a catalyst to positively build bridges of understanding between people and initiate changes which will help achieve the goals of a more unified society for all.

Our Association Travel Visitor, Dr. Deborah Wolfe, will inspire us to continue our caring and being involved even if it means that we must "roll up our sleeves," "open our doors," and give more abundantly of our time, resources, and ourselves as we assume the responsibilities inherent in being an educated woman as well as a human person.

We look forward to our journey into "the county!" Our appreciation is extended to the Houlton Branch and to Doris Kaplan, Division 1st V.P., and their committees who have invested time and effort to prepare an informative and inspiring Convention which will also mark the 25th year of the Maine Division!

May all roads lead to Houlton on May 7 and 8!

Sally Bailey  
Division President

## Houlton Branch Invites You

Houlton Branch AAUW invites you to "Dare to Be Involved" at the State Convention in "the county" on Friday and Saturday, May 7 and 8, 1971.

Convention headquarters will be at the Cary Library of Ricker College. Places to stay include Ivey's Motel, the Northland Hotel, or a Ricker College dormitory. Please fill out the enclosed reservation form and return it to Mrs. Darrell Bates by April 25.

Registration will begin at the Cary Library at 1:30 P.M. Friday, May 7. Our hostesses have arranged three tours between 2 and 4 P.M. to the Ricker College Library, the Aroostook Historical and Art Museum, and the Houlton Elementary School, one of two "open-concept" schools now operating in Maine.

At 5 P.M. a social hour at the Ricker College Commons will precede the 6 P.M. Banquet and evening program. Dr. Deborah Wolfe, our Travel Visitor, will be our guest speaker and the Citation Award will be presented.

On Saturday, May 8, we are invited to have breakfast at the Northland or Ivey's coffee shops or indulge in homemade coffee cakes and coffee at the Cary Library at 9 A.M. when registration will resume. All officers will meet with their branch counterparts from 9 to 10 A.M. in the library.

From 10:15 until noon, the new topics will be presented by those who arranged the displays. We will divide into groups for discussion with Dr. Wolfe circulating among them.

A short walk to the Northland Hotel will precede the 12:15 luncheon. The annual business meeting will follow from 1:30 to 3 P.M.

Attention all drivers and navigators: to reach the Cary Library in Houlton, turn right as you leave Interstate 95, follow North Street to the bridge, bear left at the rotary on Main Street and drive two blocks through the center of town. The Cary Library is on the right.

**these are your division nominees:**

For 1st Vice Pres.: Mrs. David Hodgkins,  
Franklin County

For Treasurer: Mrs. James Turner, Bath-Brunswick  
For Recording Secretary: Mrs. J. Baldwin, Portland





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## Dr. Wolfe to speak at State Convention

Dr. Deborah Partridge Wolfe, our Travel Visitor, is Education AR for the National AAUW. She has been a Professor of Education at Queens College in Flushing, N.Y. since 1950. She was on the staff of Tuskegee Institute for ten years. She has been a member of AAUW since 1952.

Dr. Wolfe is a prominent educator, writer, consultant to the U.S. House of Representatives and member of boards of directors and "working" committees. Among many items we might mention, she has been a member of the President's Advisory Committee on Youth Fitness, The White House Conferences on the subjects of Children and Youth, Education, Aging, and Civil Rights.

It will be a pleasure to welcome Dr. Wolfe to Maine and to have this opportunity to meet and talk with her.

## Program Notes

from Doris Kaplan

Our AR's have been trying out new ideas and programs in their local areas and passing on suggestion to their counterparts in the branches. You will receive complete information from your branch AR's from time to time. I would like to mention that Jeanne Mayo, Maine Division Cultural Interest AR, keeps in touch with branch AR's through a series of letters. She has pointed out resources in the state, placed AR names on a mailing list and collected information about events which she shared at the Fall Workshop. Possible Docent programs have been encouraged, an Art Study Program described, art exhibit and children's theatre undertaken, and story hours suggested. Her emphasis is on the activity to suit the local situation, leading to the feeling that the individual is needed. Great!

Barbara Howd, Maine Division Education AR, received contributions to her newsletter from branch AR's in Education. She informed them of bills that fit into their interest area and suggested cooperation between them and the Legislation Chairman. They were requested to attend and send representatives to local school committee meetings. Barbara is pleased with the results of AR's getting together at state meetings and talking over topics of

mutual interest. She is clipping newspaper articles on education and hopes other AR's are doing the same for their local areas. Her interest in education also encompasses education of all of us in regard to recycling of glass containers. She urges us to work with other groups in establishing collection centers. Let's get the bottles rolling back home.

Janis Cross, Community Problems AR, works with the State Education Department and travels around the state "spreading the good word." She has described programs in various parts of the state that would make us all proud. Of particular interest is a school "business setting" in Farmington where students are given experience in food service. Student interest is high and its effects on the entire family have been expressed. Write to Janis for more details and ideas for your school board to consider. At the Legislative Day in Augusts, Janis spoke about Vocational Consumer and Homemaking Funding by the Federal Government. She asks us to communicate with members of Congress, pointing out that as a minimum, vocational home economics should be funded at least at the same level as last year (\$21,250,000). The budget proposes that grant funds be consolidated into a single "bloc" grant to the state, with no earmarking for this type of education. It could thus be entirely eliminated in favor of another type of program. States could, of course, use the money formerly allowed or increase it according to the prevailing opinion. Two of Maine's Congressional delegation are on the important House and Senate Appropriations Committees: Congressman William D. Hathaway and Senator Margaret Chase Smith. Their respective addresses are: 329 Cannon House Office Building and New Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515. Please write today.

Ethel Ives, World Problems AR, visited the AAUW sponsored seminar in New York on "This Beleaguered Earth and What the UN is Doing About It." Please note her separate report in this issue.

Two useful publications you might like to see: "Program Resource Handbook," Vigo County Public Library, 222 North Seventh Street, Terre Haute, Ind., 47801. It was offered free to libraries. Inquire about its cost. The handbook is an example of cooperation among organizations in a city. It lists information on speakers, materials, meeting rooms and tours in that city, often without cost to an organization or individual. Various indexes make it easy to use. It is highly recommended as a guide for offering a similar service in your community. Aren't you tired of the commercial atmosphere we often endure, along with the expensive dinner, in order to have a public meeting place? Try some other places. They'll be happy you called.

## current legislation

March 27, 1971

AAUW testified at the "oil moratorium" hearing. We stated that Maine needs time in order to avoid the mistakes of other areas that have rapidly industrialized. We also noted that waiting for the courts to decide the constitutionality of the oil handling law would no doubt save time and resources for all interested parties. (cont. on page 3)



Legislation (continued from page 2)

The Division has supported the "Haskell" bill designed to provide funds for Maine students in schools of higher learning. Appropriate letters have been sent to legislators in support of the act to require public school education of all handicapped children. Our Education AR attended this hearing. We have supported the "Environmental Bill of Rights" legislation by letter. L.D. 1020, one of the bills that would establish these rights, ran into trouble during its public hearing. Pulp and paper industry lobbyists indicated that they had to pollute in order to stay in business. They said that the courts would be jammed with law suits if L.D. 1020 passed. (We will hear more rather than less of this.) We will support the effluent charge bill when the hearing occurs.

All the abortion bills will be heard on April 1. We will testify for the repeal and for Rep. Doyle's companion bill. All branches have been notified and several members have already indicated that they will attend.

INCOME TAX

AAUW supported the passage of the income tax legislation and now is the time work to see that we retain this most essential tax. No one now knows when the referendum will take place. We can use this time to have rational discussions with persons who are indifferent or with those who favor repeal. We are told by legislators and by citizen groups such as the League of Women Voters, who have thoroughly studied our particular situation, that this tax must remain in order to avoid "fiscal chaos" in our state. AAUW often supports rather costly legislation. We now have a chance to support a funding measure. The

Waterville branch is contacting the LWV in order to make use of their resources in this effort to keep the income tax. Since the League has done extensive work on the income tax topic, other branches might find their material helpful.

ENVIRONMENTAL LOBBY

As a member of the Natural Resources Council we have indirectly helped to fund the efforts of the Environmental Lobby. In the past two years the efforts of this lobby have helped change attitudes. The Site Selection law and the Oil Handling Law are extremely valuable in aiding orderly change. These laws might not have been passed if professional lobbyists had not been around to counter the industrial lobbyists. If you wish to help fund this effort more directly, you may send contributions to: Environmental Lobby Fund, Box 646, Sanford, Maine.

SUGGESTED ADDITIONS TO LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM TO BE VOTED UPON IN MAY

1. Tax relief for the elderly
2. Continuation of the current income tax
3. Restoration of a true public transportation system in Maine

Ann DeWitt  
Division Legislative Chr.

did you know . . .

that the Maine Division contribution to Fellowships averaged \$5.25/person? That makes the Maine Division 6th in the nation for Fellowship gifts!

Registration for State Convention May 7-8

name

branch

I WISH THE FOLLOWING ACCOMMODATIONS: (check one)

Ivey's Motel (two miles south of Interstate 95 on Route 2A)

Single Room: \$9.00

Double Room: \$14.00

Northland Hotel (Corner of Military and Court Streets)

Single Room: \$9.00

Double Room: \$13.00

Ricker College Dormitory

\$5.00 per person

I WILL ATTEND THESE MEALS:

Banquet, May 7 (Roast Beef)

\$3.00 (including tax and gratuity)

Luncheon, May 8 (Chicken Pie)

\$2.50 (including tax and gratuity)

PLEASE RETURN BY APRIL 25 WITH \$3.00 REGISTRATION FEE TO:

Mrs. Darrell Bates  
22 1/2 Park Street  
Houlton, Maine 04730



## LEGISLATIVE DAY 1971

Legislative Day was held in Augusta on Tuesday, March 9. Thirty-six members attended from nine branches: Augusta, Bangor, Bath-Brunswick, Cape Neddick, Franklin Co., Lincoln Co., Orono-Old Town, Waterville, and York Co. (Be it noted that three Franklin County members attended on February 23, the original date, in spite of the storm!)

The State House resounded with music from the Winthrop High School band, which played until 10 A.M. in the rotunda and then played the Star Spangled Banner in the House at the opening of the session. We learned that this procedure takes place each Tuesday with different bands.

We sent a note to the Speaker of the House, David Kennedy, telling him of our presence in the gallery. He very graciously greeted us and in a few sentences explained that the House was then in the process of disposing of various reports and bills, mostly to committees or by passage. The clerk very quickly read an item, about two seconds passed and the Speaker banged his gavel to show the item was accepted as read. Occasionally an amendment, withdrawing proposal or tabling measure was introduced by a legislator. There was almost no debate. Some suspense was provided by the possibility of debate on the Indochina resolution, but this was tabled until Thursday.

At lunch, Representative Goodwin described various bills related to housing, to the elderly, and to medical aid for the indigent; gave us relevant statistics, which she relishes, and did it all with sharp, amusing wit, liveliness and concern for humans in distress. As usual with AAUW, we had plenty of questions for her after her talk. One important point she made was the necessity of an income tax to support the demands for services such as property tax relief for the elderly, medical aid for the indigent or inspection personnel for the EIC.

After lunch we dispersed to various hearings, few of which appeared exciting. Of interest to AAUW were the Appropriations Committee hearings on two-year community colleges for York County, aid for expanded medical education and the University of Maine Part II budget. We all had an opportunity to speak with our legislators and to talk to lobbyists. These informal discussions proved most enlightening.

The next Legislative Day should probably be held on a Wednesday or Thursday and an alternate date should be scheduled at the outset.

Jane Birge, Chairman  
Legislative Day

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Robert Miller, Director, Executive Office of the Secretary General, opened the seminar with facts that were most informative but frightening. We are living in a world no one was able to conceive of 25 years ago. In 1830 we had approximately one billion people on the earth -- in the year 2000 there will be more than seven billion. We must consider the world a single unit. People have to live in the same spaceship.

Initiatives are being taken in all phases of world living problems. We must be led by what the scientists are telling us rather than the politicians. Twenty pounds of river born pollution is being dumped into the oceans for every child and adult in the U.S. and Canada. The scientists have warned us about this for the last 25 years.

We hope to bring you some of the facts and ideas on what we can do as individuals and a group when we come together in May. The least we can do is endeavor to help our communities to observe U.N. Day on October 24, 1971.

by Ethel Ives, AR  
World Problems

## BRANCH HIGHLIGHTS

CAPE NEDDICK held an exceptionally fine candidates night just before March elections. The hall was packed and voters commended the program... Their Volunteers in Education program is moving along nicely. The most recent evaluation from parents, teachers and administrators was very encouraging. ...in April University of New Hampshire educators will present new aspects in education.

The Docent program sponsored by the BATH-BRUNSWICK branch has become an enthusiastically received community project at the Bowdoin Museum of Art. Teachers are being encouraged to avail themselves of this new opportunity. It is hoped that the program can be expanded to the Bath Marine Museum and other area art centers. Mrs. Jeanne Mayo will gladly provide information on this program to other branches. ...The Bates Players' production of Winnie-The-Pooh in February netted the branch over \$350, in spite of the 50-75¢ ticket price and many free admissions to needy children. The branch hopes to make this an annual event.

FRANKLIN CO. has adopted the Five Star Environmental Commitment Program submitted by Peggy Hodgkins: One star per month for each step taken toward a better Earth! 1) Written--letters to legislators, elected officials, manufacturers, etc; 2) Personal confrontation--with store managers, business executives, public officials; 3) Choice of purchases--A change to biodegradable detergents, returnables, over-packaging avoided; 4) Limit household waste--conserve on paper, etc.; 5) Recruit an Environmental Crusader!

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