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Is It Worth the Price?

You can imagine my surprise when I found under the pillow of my 7-year-old son, Jonathan, this note for "the good fairy": "Teeth have gone up. This one is worth a dollar." I couldn't help but ask myself, are even the children coming under the sway of "the dollar"? And as a parent, what values do I hope to instill in my child?



During my trip through the south Atlantic states, Texas and the midwest, I noted the great variations in the price of food between these areas and the Northeast. I also noted differences in the way individuals, communities and states spend their money. I've asked myself many questions as I've tried to understand the variations. With the latest trip to the moon, complete with "dune buggy," I've thought also of our country's priorities. Some of my questions are:

Why can one buy a dozen jumbo-size eggs for 30¢ on an Iowa farm when we pay 82¢ in a Maine store?

Why has ground beef always gone up 6¢ a pound in the summer? Is it fair to all concerned that resort community prices always rise in the summer? In 1966 ground beef was 59¢ a pound. Today it is 95¢.

Do we have to succumb to poor quality and built-in obsolescence? Children are disheartened when a toy falls apart after only nominal use. Have you noted the poor workmanship on clothing, although the price has doubled on some garments in the past 5 years?

Is it quality education when a board tells a highly trained and experienced teacher, "we can't afford you"? Is it quality education to cut costs by building new buildings "without walls"? Whatever happened to two-story schools?

Why are billions spent on super-highways and so little on a public means of using them?

And how about these moon trips?

How long will we pay the farmer not to produce on his own land when many go to bed hungry in our own nation?

You must have your own questions to add.

I have found it hard to find answers to my "whys," especially when I see that the term "price" includes cost in money as well as to one's self. Both are necessary when we make an effort to improve the quality of life. Further, I've observed that much expenditure of money and self has been given to those projects which are "newsworthy" or that make us "first place" in our competitions. But being a member of the "human race" and not the "rat race," I still see the need for "the nitty gritty" effort that must be given to solving the nation's domes-

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MRS. MENZIE TO VISIT FAIR

Looking, listening, absorbing at the Fair will be Mrs. Barbara Menzie, AAUW AR for the Community. Mrs. Menzie is presently program director of the Model Neighborhood Area Office on Aging in Albuquerque. She has experience in bacteriology, psycho-social medicine, and social services. She received her B.A. from New Mexico Highlands University and an M.A. from the University of New Mexico. She also earned her Certificate in Social Gerontology from the University of Oklahoma.



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DR. WARREN REMEMBERED

The first recipient of an Achievement Award by the Maine Division died on June 15 in Ossining, N.Y. at the age of 90. Dr. Constance Warren, president emerita of Sarah Lawrence College and life-long resident of North Waterford, was cited for her zeal in bringing educational television to Maine.

Determined that her adopted state should benefit from this new educational device which she considered to be the greatest breakthrough since the invention of the printing press, Miss Warren traveled the State of Maine from one end to the other, talking about educational television and its importance in the lives of youth. Her efforts contributed immeasurably to the development of educational telecasting at the University of Maine. Last year, studios on the Orono campus were named in her honor.

Memorial services for Miss Warren were held August 8 at the North Waterford Congregational Church. It was my privilege to have known her.

Marion Cooper
Division Publicity Chairman

PRICE?

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tic problems of hunger, poverty, over-population, housing, crime, transportation, and education inequities. Tackling these problems will challenge our "attitudes" and "values."

Luther Gerlach entitled his Dallas Convention lecture: "Many Concerned, Few Committed." In which category are we? Every project has its "price"--How much will we "pay"?

Sally Bailey, President
President

Legislative Notes

Call for Legislative Program Items: Our Division Legislative Policy Sheet states that the "Legislative Program Chairman shall request all branches, members of the Legislative Program Committee, and the Division Board members to submit by December 15 any suggested changes in the Division Legislative Program." This action is to take place by October 15 of the odd numbered years. Since this newsletter is the only communication that will reach all the members, this is the call for 1971. Please send all items to me, as below.

Income Tax: A number of AAUW members have worked a great many hours trying to save the income tax. We have been helping the League of Women Voters at the county fairs. At the Skowhegan Fair the Waterville branch supplied most of the woman-power that was required in order to distribute factual tax information. Orono members helped at the Banger Fair.

FAIR (Fight Against Income-Tax Repeal) will be able to supply branches with tax data sheets and with names of qualified speakers. The Maine Division is a member of FAIR and \$25 has been taken from the LPC budget for a contribution. It is hoped that each branch can supply \$2 to cover this.

Study Suggestions: Anyone who has tried to find public transportation in Maine knows that it virtually does not exist. Various newspapers decry the transportation problem, but very few studies are currently available. Any branch wishing to study this problem may contact me. We could, ideally, write a bill to provide for public transportation.

Ann DeWitt
Legislative Program Chairman
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AT THE MAY CONVENTION IN HOULTON the annual Achievement Citation Award was presented to Mrs. Harold Stevens (second from left) of Saco. Mrs. Stevens is a 1916 graduate of Vassar. She was cited for pioneer work in counseling the aged and for her organizational work in the York County Council of Aging and the Saco Adult Center. The banquet address was given by Dr. Deborah Wolfe (center), Association AR for Education. Also pictured are, l. to r., Mrs. Janet Bates, registration chairman, Sally Bailey, Division president, and Margaret Ludwig, president of the Houlton branch.



PROGRAMING THE MAINE DIVISION

Generation of Topics

from the branches...In the first spring of the biennium (our two-year program period), which we are now beginning, the branches send their ideas of Emerging Issues...

to the Association...The Association Program Development Committee evaluates and interprets the branch ideas (about 3000 last year). They develop topic outlines from which the four Implementation Committees define the Topics, develop objectives, resources and suggested action projects. The results of their deliberations go...

back to the branches...Branch members learn the new Topics on the Association Journal in January of the second year of the Biennium. Of note this biennium is the interrelatedness of the four new Topics and their strong legislative implications.

Convention: Providing Tools for the Divisions

At the biennial convention, which took place in June 1971 in Dallas, the Maine Division was represented by the President and 1st Vice President. Doris Kaplan, retiring 1st V.P., reports "that delegates were eager to share with each other their suggestions, results of new efforts, and pitfalls." Materials prepared by the Association as tools for program development included topic implementation guides and "Make Up Your Mind," a workbook aid for assessing your values in terms of the new Topics.

Reporting from Convention to Division at Summer Board Meeting

Reactions of Maine's delegates to the convention (Sally Bailey, Doris Kaplan, Lou Smith, and Marian Turner) were: 1. The caliber of women involved in AAUW is inspiring and challenging. Each delegate came home with the attitude of redefining her role in her total life experience as well as in AAUW. 2. Each delegate mentioned the complete awareness that the "they" of AAUW is in reality "us." 3. AAUW offers something for everyone in the new Topics to be studied. The Topics are heavily interwoven.

Generation of the Division Program with AR's and TC's

At a Program Development meeting in Augusta at the home of Villa Quinn, the Area Representatives and new Topic Chairmen (the new name for Implementation Chairmen) brainstormed with Peggy Hodgkins, new 1st V.P. We found that our AR's and TC's have had success in initiating new programs, some community-wide, in their areas of interest. The Fall Workshop emerged as an opportunity to become acquainted and to learn new ideas and techniques for action in both rural and urban areas.

THESE ARE OUR REPS

for Community Problems, Janis Cross, 3 North Road, North Brewer 04412 (989-4209). Janis is the State Supervisor of Consumer and Home-making Education. She is a former president and vice president of the Augusta Branch and a former chairman of the division Nominating Committee. Janis's interests are wide-ranging, including the need for public housing and enforced building codes, the part of women in the fight against pollution, the importance of a background in economics before highschool graduation, the important role of vocational education, conditions and staffing of mental institutions, strengthening the family unit, and the responsibility of the media to all citizens. (cont. on page 4)

THESE ARE OUR TOPIC CHAIRMEN

for "A Dollar's Worth," Natalie Potter, Box 232, Houlton 04730 (532-6067). Natalie is a retired teacher and Girl Scout Leader with a B.S. in Education and an M.A. in History. She views the topic as study-oriented. Branches should study one area of economics well, acquainting themselves with the basic vocabulary of current economic terms and summarizing the economic theory of today's economists. Aim to become free of rigid, biased, habitual thoughts about economic problems. The Study will reveal areas of necessary change and generate energy to become involved.

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for Education, Barbara Howd, 14 Spencer St., Orono 04473 (866-2888). Barbara is the mother of three boys and a member of the Governor's Task Force on Learning Disabilities. She has been instrumental in establishing a Volunteers in Education program in Orono. She is concerned that all children have equal educational opportunity, that stronger interest in local school boards be promoted, that AAUW send a delegate to these meetings and run a candidate for office, that "pre-schools" be licensed. She urges more emphasis on early-childhood education.

for Cultural Interests, Mildred Mussman, 91 Rocky Hill Rd, Cape Elizabeth 04107 (799-6040). Mildred is interested in all artistic and cultural projects. Her son is a writer and artist and her daughter is a ballet dancer. She asks, What do you do in Cultural Interests in your branch and area? Every community has talent that would like to be used for the pleasure of all people. Look for performers in the performing and visual arts, in all degrees of ability and proficiency, and encourage them to make presentations for the community or your branch. Be a sponsor!

for World Problems, Ethel Ives, Wadleigh Lane, South Berwick 03908 (384-5261). Ethel is a retired teacher now serving on her local library committee and Community Action Council, church education committee and choir. She is interested in more local involvement with the UN and UNICEF through public displays, card sales, trick or treat for UNICEF and involvement with the American Field Service representatives.

MEET OUR 1st VICE PRESIDENT

Peggy Hodgkins (Box 124, Wilton 04294, 645-4768) is the mother of two boys. She is a former president of the Franklin County Branch and the past Division Treasurer. She received her B.S. in Home Economics (Nutrition) from Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia.

This year Peggy is president of the Tyngtown Club in Wilton, Beautification Chairman for the Wilton Chamber of Commerce, a Den Mother for the Cub Scouts, and Class Agent for class in college. She is on the Republican Town Committee and has worked diligently for flouridation of Wilton's water supply.

Peggy and her family have an active interest in sports.

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for "Crisis in Public Education", Villa Quinn, 12 Maple St., Augusta. Villa is a State Consultant for Elementary Education. She is interested in more parent involvement in the schools, in the extended school year, in "open concept" schools and in licensing for "free schools." Villa has taught at the elementary and junior high levels and at the University of Maine in Farmington and Presque Isle.

for "We the People", Mary Ann Gilbert, RR 1, Oakland 04963 (465-3-32). Mary Ann has one daughter and is a part-time Research Associate at Colby College. She is working on a Ph.D. in Marine Ecology at the University of Massachusetts. She is concerned that "people don't count anymore." What are the regulating agencies? Why are citizens dissatisfied? How do the agencies fail to respond? How does one implement reformation?

for "This Beleaguered Earth", Lee Davis, MRA Stillwater Ave., Orono 04473 (866-4785). Lee is a biologist, mother of two daughters, Division representative to the Natural Resources Council and a former president of the Waterville branch. She is active in her local chapter of Zero Population Growth. Branches might consider the environmental legislation enacted (or defeated) by the 105th Legislature and select 3 or 4 of the most crucial bills for study. What are their ramifications, problems of enforcement? What further needs are foreseen? Contact your ETV station about the series available on Man Against His Environment. Formulate a study group on A Sound Population Policy.. See suggestions in the April AAUW Journal.

A LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

A Leadership Workshop is scheduled for the North Atlantic Regional Meeting on Saturday, October 23 at the Continuing Education Center in Durham, New Hampshire. Both Claire Fulcher, Regional Vice-President and Alice Beeman, Association Director will be present.

A NOTE FROM PEGGY

Having been introduced to your Division AR's and TC's, it is my sincere hope that you will use them as a resource. They would welcome your questions, ideas, information and/or suggestions. It is my belief that if we cross reference our selves we will receive ideas and stimulation of great value to our branches, communities, and selves.

The Fair/Workshop is geared to YOU and I urge YOU to attend.

Meet Dot Anderson, VIE Coordinator

Would you believe that a few years ago the Superintendent of Schools in Brunswick actually begging for college women to put their names on the substitute list because they needed them so? My major was Economics and Business Administration at Colby. I had no background at all to even consider it. I live across the street from Longellow (elementary) School, knew some of the teachers, and asked one of them if I could observe a class so that I could get some idea of my ability to try substituting. It didn't take long for me to decide that they should not call me unless absolutely desperate--but immediately saw how much help was needed while the teacher was in the classroom. A young doctor's wife, Betty Bokart (who also finished doing an outstanding job as branch membership chairman), had decided that she wanted to "keep her hand in at teaching" until she could return to it. A few women just appeared at the school and asked to help somewhere. We started volunteering with about 5 in one school.

I had clipped an article from the Portland paper about a Volunteer program there. We invited Mrs. Richard Walker up to meet with us--and we were off. The influence of AAUW was only indirect, through its stress on educational interests and community involvement. Members mentioned the need for additional volunteers at other meetings. Only a few of the present volunteers are AAUW members. Many are not four-year college people, some attended no college. AAUW's role seems best as the catalytic agent.

The Volunteer Aide program is one that essentially helps the child. It does not provide anything new in learning techniques but is an extending service to free the teacher to render a more personalized service to the child. The teacher and the aide have good communication and everything an aide does is by direct supervision.

In addition to my job as Coordinator for the Volunteer Aide program I am one of five members (the only woman) of the Brunswick Housing Authority and one of 15 women comprising the Women's Advisory Committee of the Casco Bank and Trust Co. of Portland--a very interesting job. I have been a past Chairman of a Citizen's Advisory Committee on Education, a member of the Brunswick Finance Committee, and a member of the Bath-Brunswick Mental Health Association. My husband Andy, a partner in an insurance agency, and I have five children, ranging from age 30 to age 17.

Dorothy Anderson, Brunswick

MAKE UP YOUR MIND

A valuable tool for assessing our values in terms of the new Topics is the Association's 1971-73 program magazine, Make Up Your Mind. "As the world moves from the '60's and their incredible changes into the '70's and their promise of even greater 'future shock,' nothing is more imperative than our honest rethinking of the values and assumptions upon which we have built out individual lives and society." (from the magazine)

This workbook provides an opportunity for translating our values and knowledge into constructive social action. If you do not have a copy, they are available for \$1.50 from the Association.

MRS. MENZIE

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Mrs. Menzie is a member of the Boards of Directors of AAUW and AAUW Educational Foundation and served on the Implementation Committees for "The Human Use of Urban Space" and "This Beleaguered Earth."

Southwest history and archeology head the list of Mrs. Menzie's non-professional interests. She enjoys pack trips into remote areas to explore "digs" and hunt fossils (including dinosaur bones found in the inner part of the Navajo Reservation!). She is a craftsman in many southwestern native arts and crafts and a skier, hunter, mountain climber, sailer and white water canoeist.



Brainstorming at the program planning meeting in Augusta were: (front, l. to r.) Mary Ann Gilbert, Barbara Howd and Sally Bailey; (rear, l. to r.) Marion Cooper, Ethel Ives, Villa Quinn, Peggy Hodgkins and Mildred Mussman.



Heigh-ho! Come to the Fair!

A HARVEST OF IDEAS

September 25, 1971 -- Camden, Maine
 Congregational Church -- Rt. 1 South

- 9:45 Admission (\$1.50 plus \$2.50 for lunch = \$4.00) *
- Get your dollar's worth at a baked goods table featuring recipes from AAUW cookbooks and harvest preserves...Place your bid at the Silent Auction of "attic treasures" or handcrafts.*
- 10-12 Midway of Current Interest Booths, in the Mayflower Room
 Games and Prizes, too!!
- F.A.I.R. (Fight Against Income-Tax Repeal), with Ann Dewitt, LC
 UNICEF: Are You Doing Enough?, with Ethel Ives, AR/WP
 Action in Education, with Barbara Howd, AR/E
 Where Do You Find Cultural Interests?, with Mildred Mussman, AR/CI
 Community Problems: We All Have Them, with Janis Cross, AR/CP
- A Dollar's Worth, with Natalie Potter, TC
 Crisis in Public Education, with Villa Quinn, TC
 See films: The British Infant School, shown at 10 and 11
 Motivation, shown at 10:30 and 11:30
 We the People, with Mary Ann Gilbert, TC
 This Beleaguered Earth, with Lee Davis, TC
- 12:30 Enjoy a catered down-east lunch
- 1:15 Be entertained by composer, guitarist Pixie Lauer of Camden, a former student of Gordon Bok, who will sing folksongs and sea chanties, some very old and some of her own creation.
- 1:35 Reflections on a Fair: What is the Harvest? Barbara Menzie, Association AR for Community Problems and our Travel Visitor, will give us a feedback of her impressions.
- 2:30-3 Prizes and Awards, by President Sally Bailey: Silent Auction winners, branch attendance awards, etc. *
- 3 to ?? Pick up your prizes and enjoy Camden! How about a lobster dinner?

* Make your luncheon reservation through your branch president--NOW!...Bake your favorite recipe from the AAUW cookbooks for the bake sale. Name your own price and label your contribution...Bring any saleable item for the Silent Auction. Proceeds from these sales will go towards the printing of a Division History, now in progress by Olive Landry and Velma Oliver, and towards a division mimeograph...Awards will be given to branches bringing 6 or more members. MAKE IT YOURS!!

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