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MAINE DIVISION AMERICAN ASSOCIATION UNIVERSITY WOMEN

Peggy Hodgkins, President

VOLUME 21 NO. 1

Karyl Condit, Editor

## *In Maine... with Peggy*

These are interesting days to be a woman, to study, observe and act for women. Just thinking about that statement makes one aware that there is the individual to consider and that generalizations about a sex are untrue for many persons of that sex. All women certainly don't share the same role or go about similar roles in a like manner. Our sizes, capabilities, qualifications and interests differ. Are we a weaker sex? Are we afraid to have our abilities and particular circumstances judged on their own individual merits in the courts? Are we going to limit the interests of young girls by stressing stereotyped roles? Are we going to restrict opportunities for someone because she is a woman? In recognizing that there are two sexes and that privacy is valued, is it necessary to deny one sex privileges that are available to the other?

In answering these questions we recognize that laws have been unfair and restrictions are a weakening force. As women, we are products of years of ingrained attitudes and a long struggle by many to achieve against sizeable odds. Are we strong enough to turn the tide and offer a new tomorrow? Haven't we decided that it is in our best interests and in the best interests of our families and society that women be allowed to develop themselves to their full potential?

The AAUW Fellowship Program is based on providing opportunities for women, especially to open new occupational arenas in which women can achieve. This program is a source of pride and hope to us all. On the branch and division levels we work to educate ourselves as well as to serve society,

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State President Peggy Hodgkins, left, and Barbara Howd plan the Workshop

## Legislators Assist at Workshop

The Program Committee succeeded in providing varied and memorable experiences for all individuals attending. We learned new skills in the field of legislation, politics, and lobbying.

Representative Dorothy Doyle from Bangor outlined in detail the procedure involved in drafting a bill. It was pointed out that co-sponsorship of bills is no longer allowed in the Maine Legislature.

Representative Ted Curtis of Orono guided us through a mock hearing with Pam Gemery ably presiding. Many astute questions and probings nearly made us forget that the hearing was "mock."

Hints on lobbying from one with experience were given by lawyer Judy Potter, daughter-in-law of Natalie Potter, TC for Dollar's Worth. Judy urged us to 1: know the positions of the legislators you are planning to lobby. Keep a notebook with clippings on his/her opinions. Get to know things about him/her so you have some ideas of how to approach the person. 2: Attend hearings and testify. Hand out copies of your testimony to the committee members and the press. Get the information published in the newspaper. 3: Visit legislators at their offices. Continue to press them until the question is resolved. 4: Publish legislators' positions on issues. 5: Distribute information to legislators and constituency to inform them about the issue.

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## THE CENTENNIAL FUND — AND MAINE

Maine is doing beautifully on the Centennial Fund—fourth in the nation in per capita Fellowship endowment contribution. The aim of this 10-year program is to increase endowment funds of the Educational Foundation without cutting gifts for current use. These added endowment funds can be given to:

1. a specific named American or International Fellowship. The need continues to be great: only 45 of 458 foreign applicants and 83 of 683 American applicants received fellowships in 1972. 25 named endowments need additional

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## A Dollar's Worth

Our study last year was initiated from the standpoint of a consumer. An attempt to increase our understanding of the economic system of our country resulted in greater personal and group involvement in informed action programs. These hopefully will be effective in establishing desirable priorities in our spending at the local, state, and national levels.

This year the most vital role of Maine AAUW women is to support the Equal Rights Amendment, which for 46 years was opposed by the Association. Only at the 1971 Dallas Convention was this position reversed. Congress passed the Amendment in March 1972. We now have an unparalleled opportunity to affect the status of women in Maine and our nation. If we cooperate and work as we did in the fall of '71, we can do for ERA what we did for retaining the state income tax. Only with the ratification of the ERA will women be guaranteed A DOLLAR'S WORTH in employment, financial aid, training and advancement on the same basis as men.

Your Topic Chairman has a list of pertinent materials available for study.

Natalie Potter  
TC, A Dollar's Worth

## Six Ways to Take (cont. from page 5)

Contact your Education AR for more complete addresses and further information.

Barbara S. Waters  
Division AR for Education

## Workshop (cont. from page 1)

Judy also briefed us on the contents of the Equal Rights Amendment, now ratified by 21 states. A simple majority is needed for it to pass. We should ask all the candidates for legislature where they stand on this issue. Candidates should be more susceptible to public pressure before the election--so ask them soon. Send the results of your inquiry to Lou Smith, 16 First Range-way, Waterville, Me. 04901.

A mock session of the legislature was presided by President Peggy Hodgkins with the assistance of the President of the Maine Senate, Kenneth MacLeod of Brewer. We learned that a legislator may have just 3 turns at speaking to the issue being discussed. The two parties, AA and UW, caucassed in advance of the session and eventually passed the bill.

To Barbara Howd, Workshop Chairman, Imogene Brightman, Orono Branch President, Lou Davis, Division Program Chairman, President Peggy Hodgkins and all who assisted them go high praise and special thanks for this unique and highly valuable workshop.

## MAINE DIVISION CITATION AWARD

A citation award is presented each year to a woman who has served her community above and beyond the call of duty or compensation. The Division tries to recognize a woman who has not received recognition in proportion to her contribution. We look to the unsung, unnoticed heroine. She may or may not be a member of AAUW.

Each branch has an opportunity to present a candidate of its choice. Application blanks are to be used to assure that the same sort of information is given for each candidate. One copy is to be sent to each of the committee members who are: Miss Velma K. Oliver, 3 Allen Road, Orono 04473; Mrs. Donald McIntosh, Box 145, Norwood Farms Rd., York Harbor 03911; Mrs. William O'Brien, 47 Second Street, Presque Isle 04769.

One copy may be kept for branch files. Extra blanks may be obtained from Velma.

The deadline for receipt of candidate information is January 10, 1973. No one will be considered after that date. The final choice will be made by the Board at its winter meeting in February.

Helen Dudley, Citation Awardee from the Bath-Brunswick Branch and mother of Ann DeWitt, past Legislative Chairman, displays her award as Tibby Russell and Sally Bailey look on (May Convention)

## with Peggy (cont. from page 1)

all the while, encouraging women to make the extra effort necessary to achieve success. In the AAUW we have been preparing the way for the Equal Rights Amendment. Proving the women are capable in roles other than those prescribed by men and nature.

Now it is time for more specific effort. It is time for the Maine Division AAUW to stand up and act with pride and conviction. It is time for us to issue facts and reassure those who are unsure of what the Equal Rights Amendment will mean to them.

I urge you to study this issue and act. Let it be our effort that means ratification in the 106th Maine Legislature! Your effort and mine!

Peggy Hodgk's, President



# Legislative Program — 1972 - 1973

The legislative program for 1972-1974 was moved and adopted as follows at the May Convention:

## Pending Issues

- Education A. Provide equally funded education for all public primary and secondary students  
B. Provide adequate funding for higher education  
C. Provide population study programs for public schools
- Natural Resources A. Support anti-pollution legislation and enforcement of same  
B. Provide River Corridor Plans
- Human Resources A. Support published criteria for giving of General Assistance Aid  
B. Provide a system of adequate public transportation

## Continuing Issues

- Education A. Improve and develop programs in elementary and secondary education  
B. Strengthen vocational education programs at high school and post high school levels
- Human Resources A. Support ways and means whereby the economic and family life of all citizens may be improved with special concern for the disadvantaged  
B. Improve the status of women in our society
- Natural Resources A. Control of natural resources with emphasis on land use

It was moved, seconded and passed that the primary interest of the Maine Division for 1972-1974 and the focal point for the Legislative Program Chairman be Education A.

## COKE CHAIN LETTER

Dear Friends:

There is no doubt that there are too many cans being produced in America today. These cans, particularly soft drink cans, are produced for consumer convenience and with no regard for our earth.

Recently Coke (and some others) have begun printing, "Please dispose of Properly" or "Please don't litter" on the tops of their cans. As environmentally aware citizens we know that the cans cannot be properly disposed of without adding to waste. We therefore have decided to protest against the Coke Company, which more or less typifies the wastefulness of the convenience-oriented, big business in America. We have decided to send the cans back to the corporate offices of Coke.

Please help us! Send a can wrapped in brown paper to the Corporate Offices of the Coca Cola Corp., P.O. Drawer 1734, Atlanta, Georgia 30301. It will cost about 25¢ for first-class postage. Include a short, creative note explaining your actions and expressing your beliefs.

Since this is a chain letter, we ask that you send a copy of this note to at least two friends. With your help it is not inconceivable that Coke will receive upwards of 50,000 cans in the next few months. So act today and have all in your organizations take part.

Because we are less powerful and less wealthy than the Coke Corp., we must

## National Commission on TV

For the first time in history a national commission is reporting to the people via television. The Commission on Population Growth and the American Future issued its 186 page Report in March. The film version has been in production since then and will be shown on public television the last week in November. The hour long show will be followed by a second hour of studio discussion. The written report, film and discussion should be valuable for all AAUW members, especially those involved in the Beleaguered Earth topic.

To the extent possible, you might insure that the film is shown in your area; be sure that AAUW members are urged to view it; and suggest that branches hold viewing-discussion meetings for members and the community. The viewing guides should be very helpful; they can be obtained from the Committee, 1725 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006

Joan Hayes and Lynn Stitt of the Association are drafting a resolution for the Convention and would appreciate your thoughts and comments...as would your public T.V. station.

Lee Davis  
TC, Beleaguered Earth

remain anonymous. Yours for a better environment via action, "The Management"



## New Division Officers



Marion Turner, l., and Betty Fitzjarrald, new Division officers

MARION TURNER is our Second Vice President in charge of Membership. She came to Maine from Connecticut. Her primary occupation is caring for her husband Jim, a teacher at Bowdoin College, and their 4 children, ages 11 to 2. Involvements in community, church, and AAUW take up the rest of her time. Serving as a volunteer shopper for a nursing home and an aide in a local school are two of her favorite activities. Whenever she sits down, you will find her knitting. In AAUW, she has served as Division Treasurer and is presently president of the Bath-Brunswick branch.

BETTY FITZJARRALD is our Division Treasurer. Betty's husband's job as engineer for the Navy at the Bath Iron Works brought them to Maine 8 years ago. Their children, ages 8 and 2, are "natives."

Betty says that "indoor ecology" takes up a great deal of her time, but she is also active in the Bath-Brunswick branch. She is T.C. for the "We the People" study group and is organizing a branch crafts group. She has served as a volunteer teacher aide and found it to be a challenging experience. She also enjoys figure skating and natural foods cooking.

## The Observer Program

Ever wonder what happens in the Legislature, what your legislator does, or what it would be like to be a legislator? Here's your chance. Join the Observer Program!

The Maine Division plans to have an observer in the Legislature at each day of the Legislative session. This fact will be made known by some obvious means (button, hat, art band). One of the advantages, aside from personal edification, is recognition. When we want backing for one of our bills or projects, the legislators will know who we are.

Branches will be asked to provide observers for an entire legislative week. (This varies from 3 to 5 days depending on the work load). The following week would be observed by another branch. The number of weeks any branch would be asked to cover would depend on the length of the session. The Augusta branch will coordinate the program and try to provide substitutes in case of car trouble, snow, etc. They will also provide a list of people with whom you may stay over night if you come from a distance or in case of a storm.

## Personalizing My Language Arts Program

The traditional reading program I found inadequate in many cases when so many young people were not reading to their potential and were turning school off entirely by the secondary level. The results of my experience meant that 22 third graders were learning to think, were working on their own level of understanding, and most important, they showed a genuine active interest in school.

To begin such a program, I devised my own materials and reading kits with the help of my reading supervisor. My program revolved around the use of job cards which indicated the specific skill he was to learn. I devised games and activities to increase his interest. I used basal readers and library books where the pupil would hopefully begin to enjoy reading. I had the tape recorder for retelling stories, record player, puppet theater for plays, and collections of creative stories they had written and which I published. Meanwhile, I held individual conferences, the key to motivating and evaluating the pupil's work. I tested him for skill weaknesses and for his level of understanding so that I was better able to motivate and guide him to his best use of time.

My job was to be a resource person and an evaluator. The more I expected, the more the child produced. At the end of each morning he wrote what he had accomplished and he planned the next day's work. At the end of each week I sent his daily journals home to be read by his parents.

I have been asked whether I felt my class learned as much in such a personalized program. YES! The greatest advantage was the high interest level and the fact that my third graders were making small decisions which might help them to make bigger ones when they grew older. The slower ones progressed even beyond my anticipation. The more capable students learned patience and helpfulness to those who needed it.

I was fortunate to have Jeannine Varuolo, a mother volunteer and member of our Franklin County Branch, to assist once a week with 4 of my students. They looked forward to her coming.

To conduct such a program successfully I needed the reassurance of and help from my supervisors. It heartened me to hear from parents in my room who were enthusiastic about their child's enjoying learning.

Jean Kozlowski  
Franklin County

Due to traveling distances, the bulk of the observation will come from the four branches closest to Augusta, but we hope some of the rest of you will be eager to join us. Final plans will be sent to your Legislative Chairman.

Pam Gemery  
Division Leg. Chairman



## Lincoln-Knox Branch Hosts Ballet

Lincoln-Knox Branch will be commanding the spotlight in November as sponsors of the Maine State Ballet presentation of Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite at the Rockland District High School Auditorium.

Inspired by a Camden member, Dorothy Henderson, who has enjoyed a lifelong fascination with the dance, the project was presented to the branch last spring as a possible fund raiser for the scholarship-fellowship programs. Notification of the Ballet's \$2600 fee made evident that the event did not have much potential as a fund raiser.

Mrs. Henderson explored avenues of auxiliary aid for the project and received promise of aid from Young Audiences in Camden to encourage area children to attend. The Coastal Arts Council donated \$500 toward the project. She was also able to apply successfully to the Maine State Commission on the Arts and Humanities for a \$1000 grant, which literally put the ballet on the road to Rockland.

As part of its program, the Ballet will give an afternoon lecture-demonstration, complete with costumes and set props, at the Camden Opera House November 1. They also send material for use of school teachers in helping the children understand the event. AAUW members will visit area schools to help present this material.

Tickets (\$1.00) are available from all committee members: branch president Miss Mary Bowman, Mrs. Mary Sullivan, Mrs. Jane Hunter, Dr. Sallie Saunders, Mrs. Virginia Dalrymple, Mrs. Dorothy Henderson, Polly White and Anne Bixler.

## New Memberships and You

The new Division Membership Committee is unique in that instead of being state-wide it is composed of members from the Bath-Brunswick branch. They are Suzi Allen, Millie Stewart, Marilyn Souder and Laurie Harris. This was done to provide for more rapid communication within the committee.

All branches and members may assist the Committee in two ways: 1) Give them names of potential members in all parts of the state. Contacts will be made in areas where branches do not exist in hopes of launching new branches; 2) Share with the Committee those recruitment procedures which have been successful, so that other branches may learn about them.

The most successful way to recruit members is through personal contact...so, the next time you attend an AAUW meeting, bring a friend and share a good thing with her.

Marion Turner  
Division Membership Chr.

## Six Ways to Take Action in Education

1. Begin a RIF Program: Reading is Fundamental. This is a national program designed to motivate children to read by using a simple device: give children inexpensive, attractive, paperback books about things they know; let them choose books they want from a wide selection; let them KEEP the books. Each RIF is locally organized and locally run, supported by local funds raised in the community. Any organization can begin one. Write to RIF, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. 20560

2. Investigate the Federal 4-C program which enables communities to plan and coordinate their services to children. Once coordinated the community is then eligible for federal funds. Send for a summary report from Day Care and Child Development Council of America Inc., 1426 H. Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005

3. If you live in the Penquiscock region, look into the Teacher Education Resource Development Cooperative Project. It is designed to give educators in the field a significant voice in both pre-service and in-service teacher training. Teachers, administrators, and community members are to be included in this effort. The funding is \$43,000 for a six months period. Contact project director Mr. William Linz, c/o The Counseling Center, 43 Illinois Ave., Bangor Maine 04401. Without community support the program will not get off the ground.

4. For FREE to educators: An Ecology Kit tested by me last year in teaching 5th and 6th graders. This kit is called MAN IN HIS ENVIRONMENT and is provided on request from Coca Cola. Ask for Ecology Kit, Code X013, Coca Cola Building, 650 Main Street, South Portland, Me. 04106. The kit contains two basic games for upper elementary grades to adult.

5. A bibliography of Curriculum Materials for Environmental Studies is available from the National Science Teachers Association, 1201 16th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. Begin a resource library for your branch or school library.

6. Find out more about environmental programs taking place here in Maine. A pilot program in Yarmouth has already completed teacher guides for kindergarten through grade six and one secondary unit guide in the area of physical science. The Outdoor Education Project in the Windham Public Schools is developing.

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## Conventions Build Strong Branches

Attendance at Association and Division conventions is a step towards a stronger branch and better community. Knowing the facts and functions of AAUW and bringing this enthusiasm home is of tremendous value. Please consider sending a representative to Washington, D.C. in June. Isn't it conceivable that this money can be considered an investment? A scholarship? Plan to put in your yearly budget a prescribed amount so your branch can send a delegate regularly.

## Branch Newsletters Are Vital

More branches are using newsletters to perform many functions: meeting announcements, minutes, study group activities, membership changes and personal notes. Members are kept up to date with monthly newsletters which are mimeographed and sent out to branch membership following board meetings. The division president and program chairman receive copies and are kept informed of branch activities. Congratulations to you newsletter editors, You are doing an excellent job.

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I refuse to eat canned vegetables. I eat only fresh ones. At least I know what I'm eating...DDT

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## Last Call For Division History Data

Work is progressing on the history. This will be the last call for material. Send in your history as a branch if you have not done so, or send in the very latest items of your projects that have made a significant contribution to AAUW activities. This applies to Area Representatives and Topic Chairmen on the Division level. We can cut if necessary, but we must have the information.

Velma K. Oliver  
Chairman, History Comm.



Ellen Geisler, center, testifies at a Workshop hearing. l. to r., Lee Davis, Mary Alice Chakoumakos, Velma Oliver, and Julie Fast

## CENTENNIAL FUND (cont. from page 1)

- funds. We can complete the Margaret Dickie fund in 1973!
2. The General Fellowships Endowment, to help the Association complete endowments;
  3. a specific Research Project Endowment. — \$98,475 has been raised for seven projects, and the \$5000 interest from these resulted already in four Division Public Service grants. Here's how to get local power from the Educational Foundation.
- Two intriguing funds: The Josephine Morrison endowment for projects relating to judicial rights of women and youth and the Paul B. Sears endowment for environmental research and action projects.

Which you choose is up to your branch. Divisions can, and often do, band together, devoting energies to one common cause. Our immediate goal will be reached soon. Shall we join together to achieve another wonderful accomplishment? I hope all members will think seriously about this. We may just find ourselves in considerable agreement.

We now have a three-woman Centennial Fund Committee: Joan Lane of Augusta, for Development; Betty Fitzjarrald of Brunswick, Treasurer; and Tibby Russell, Division Fellowship Chairman.

Elizabeth S. Russell  
Division Fellowships Chr.

## we are so proud . . .

...of Tibby Russell, Division Fellowships Chairman, who has been elected a member of the National Academy of Science. She is one of 9 women in the 1950-member Academy!

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