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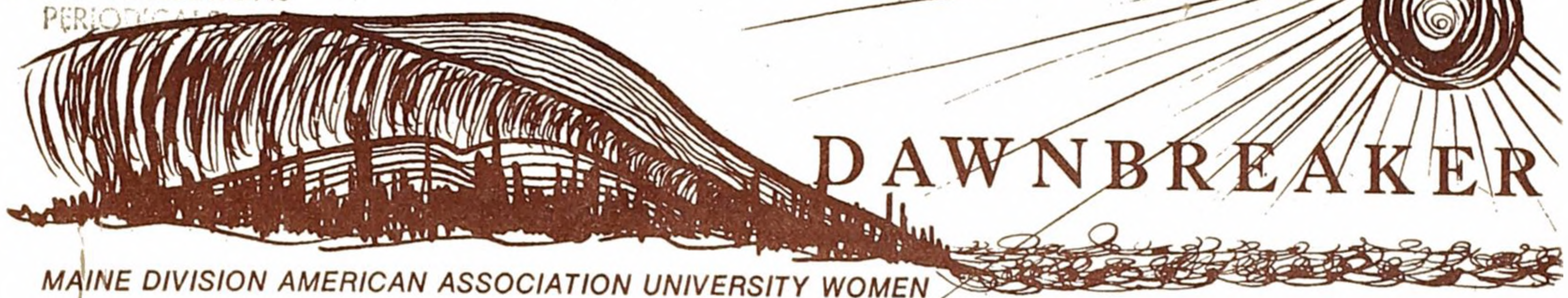
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DAWNBREAKER

MAINE DIVISION AMERICAN ASSOCIATION UNIVERSITY WOMEN

Peggy Hodgkins, President

VOLUME 22 No. 2 -- Spring 1974

Karyl Condit, Editor

Velma Oliver to be Cited

The 1974 Achievement Citation of the Maine Division, AAUW, will be awarded to Velma K. Oliver at the May convention. Nominated by the Orono-Old Town Branch, the 72 year old recipient will be honored for her lifelong service to humanity and education in the State of Maine.

After 30 years of service to students and parents alike, Velma retired in 1969 as Manager of Women's Housing at UMO. It was after retirement that she became really busy. Already serving as president of the Maine Division, AAUW, she became part of the State Board of the League of Women Voters and Field Vice President of the Abnaki Girl Scout Council, as well as the first woman president of the Unitarian Church Council in Bangor. In 1972 she became a prime mover in one of the most exciting and useful services to the elderly and lonely in Maine, Meals for Me. Velma is Vice President and a corporate member of Meals for Me. and has been unflagging in her efforts to help organize and raise needed money to keep this program alive. Velma not only lends her talents to organizing, but also delivers the packaged meals to shut-ins in the Orono area.

Quoting her branch: "Velma is by nature quiet and unassuming, but like a stone tossed gently in a pond, ripples of her influence and work have spread through the state."

Division to Support Howorth Fellowship

Division support of the newly established Lucy Somerville Howorth Fellowship for American Women was voted at the Winter Board Meeting. Consideration of a named endowment unit by the Maine Division will wait until next year to allow more time for consideration of a person to honor.

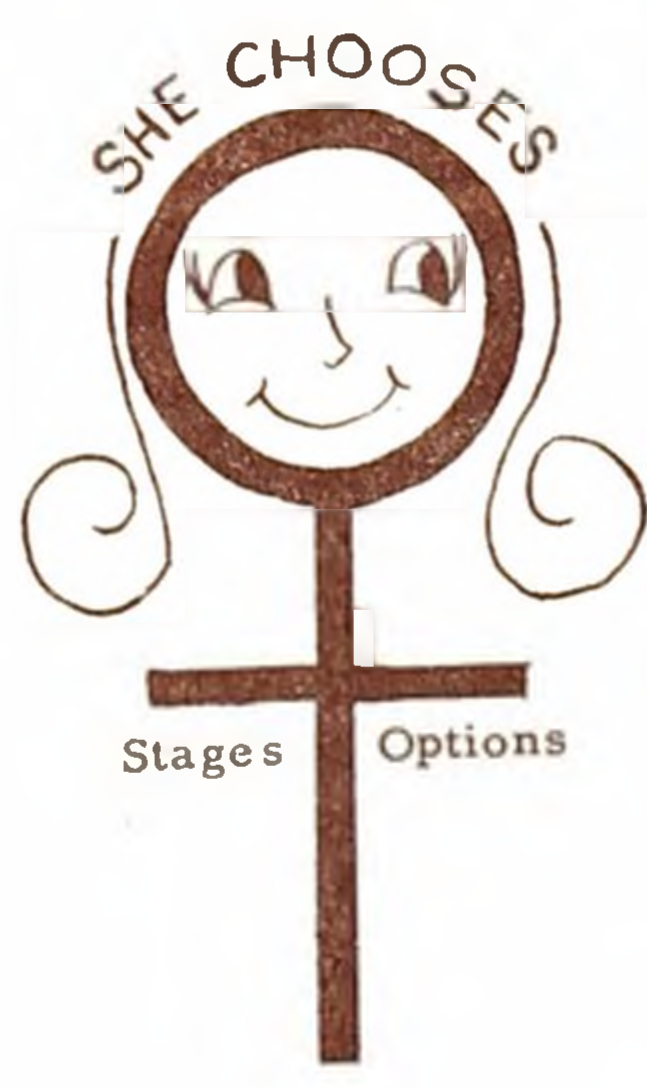
The Howorth Fellowship sponsored by the Mississippi Division is special to Maine. Judge Howorth is known and admired by members of the Maine Division, as Margaret Dickie was by the Mississippi Division. (cont. on page 4)



The Waterville Branch marked its 50th anniversary in January with a gala celebration. Admiring the elegant cake are, l. to r., Frances Seaman, branch pres.; Mary Warren, charter member; Margaret Kellenberger, program chairman and Peggy Hodgkins, division president.

MAINE DIVISION CONVENTION CALL

All members of the Maine Division are called to attend the Annual Meeting on May 3rd and 4th in Waterville at the First Congregational Church. The theme "She Chooses" will bring into focus the stages of a woman's life and the options available. Highlights of the weekend will be the Achievement Citation presentation, the Readers Theater program, "Women of All Ages", (From the AAUW Journal, January 1974, comes this description. "Women of all Ages' looks at women in literature from antiquity through the present to see if women's role in literature has changed along with her role in society..."), the Annual Business Meeting, a meeting with an AAUW Fellow, and a Silent Auction of creations, crafts and otherwise by YOU.



In Me. With Peggy:

Call to Acti

Many feelings bombard me as I think of what my term as president of the Maine Division has meant to me. I want to share these feelings with you in appreciation of all the support, encouragement, patience, friendship, hospitality and love I have received. It is my hope that we continue to involve and risk ourselves in united efforts toward the goals of AAUW. Now, nothing seems more appropriate than to enthusiastically join the AAUW Board of Directors in its CALL TO ACTION FOR WOMEN. As we step out for women let us step forward with knowledge that each step we take will contribute to our individual and collective growth.

In seeking to express what these two years have meant to me personally I feel:

Indebted to the AAUW membership for our being
 Appreciative of having had the opportunity to serve
 Sadness in the realization that soon this experience ends
 Awed by the greatness of our efforts and work together
 Frustrated by communication and lethargy problems
 Aware from having learned
 Challenged by dreams of goals we can conquer when all our talents are tapped
 Exhilarated by the brilliance within our membership
 Satisfaction in our accomplishments
 Excited by the potential of our AAUW influence
 Confident in our future leadership
 Happy in knowing YOU better
 REWARDED for having dared to tackle the job
 Thank you,
 Peggy Hodgkins, President

Yellow Pages: Progress Report

Out of a lively discussion of the Yellow Pages project at the Winter Board Meeting came the following decisions:

1. The first printing will be 5000 copies
2. Paper, printing and binding will be of high quality so as to interest schools and libraries
3. The book will sell for about \$2.00
4. We will seek a publisher to buy the finished product, or professional assistance in promotion and distribution
5. Our primary motivation is to contribute to education, not to make a profit
6. Branches will receive a commission on all books they sell
7. The Board voted to assume the respons-

"To begin and become:

The Board of Directors of the American Association branches, and state divisions to set for their for women in education, economic, social and public terms and achieve their own fulfillment.

To plan and act thus:

1. To ratify the Equal Rights Amendment and to the local, state and Federal level.
2. To influence all institutions of higher education opportunity in admissions, curriculum, financing
3. To encourage women to seek public office.
4. To place women on governing boards, boards of cities, business corporations, and government.
5. To change educational methods and materials
6. To portray women fairly in communications media
7. To facilitate societal attitudinal changes

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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| ENERGY | A. Support for the conservation of in all its forms
B. Encourage research and use of new
*C. Provide a system of adequate public |
| EDUCATION | A. Continue to support equal funding systems.
B. Provide adequate funding for high
C. General strengthening of all public |
| NATURAL RESOURCES | A. Support anti-pollution legislation
B. Support control of natural resources
C. Continue support of environmental |
| HUMAN RESOURCES | A. Improve the status of women in our
B. Support ways and means whereby the may be improved. |
| GOVERNMENT | A. Support governmental reorganization
B. Support legislation designed to provide of high ethical standards. |

* It was moved, seconded and voted that the program and the focal point for the Legislative Program to this program may be presented at the Annual Conference

ibility of securing funding for the printing, promotion, distribution and sales. Branches will have to approve the funding effort before we proceed

Carolyn Wood of the Bath-Brunswick branch is now investigating distribution of the Yellow Pages and learning all she can about publishers, printing and publicity. Karyl Condit is assisting with the circulation of

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to adopt policies guaranteeing equality of aid, employment and promotion.

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encourage women to develop their full potential."

W Board Meeting, October 28, 1973

PROGRAM 1974-1976

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the articles from writer to editor.

Several articles considered vital to the book have not been undertaken. They are:
1) the poultry industry 2) a sawmill and
3) an individual fisherman and the fish industry. Would YOU be willing to write one of these. Please contact your branch Project Leader.

Vici Robinson, Project Leader

Branch Highlights

Continuing with our media study, the BANGOR BRANCH has undertaken a multi-faceted survey of related areas such as children's programs, commercials, news broadcasts, violence and sex, and local programming, allowing each member to investigate the area of particular interest to her. Dr. Richard Ryckman, Assoc. Prof. of Psychology at UMO and husband of branch member Lee, will address the subject of "Effects of Media on our Attitudes and Behavior." All this leads up to a meeting with station managers from the three Bangor-based commercial television stations in April...An independent study group has been launched by Anita Kurth...We are also planning our annual dinner and giant garage sale.

YORK COUNTY members and guests were greatly stimulated by Robert Monks' talk on the media. He had a good deal to say about the media generally, specifically, and personally. We are currently participating in a study of the mass media. By assigning a media area to each of three groups within our membership, we hope to come up with some valid observations and to make suggestions and conclusions.

Barbara Howd, of ORONO-OLD TOWN branch, has been appointed to the Maine Advisory Committee on Exceptional Children. She feels this came about as a result of lists Ann DeWitt prepared last year regarding women and their special interests in government committees.

The WATERVILLE branch is proud to announce a 50 year life member: Ms. Ninetta Runnels, founder of the branch and recipient of last year's Achievement Award. At present she is an honorary member of the branch, living in Dover-Foxcroft. This is awarded after 50 years of continuous membership!

Silent Auction at Division Convention

Bring or send along with a friend your handmade crafts, small gift items, home-made jams, jellies, preserves, etc. to Division Convention in Waterville in May. Proceeds of the auction will aid in publication costs of the Maine Division History.

YOU HELPED! ERA PASSAGE IN MAINE IS DUE TO STRONG STATE COALITION SUPPORT.

JANUARY 18 ----- HURRAH!!

NOMINEES FOR DIVISION OFFICERS 1974-1976

FOR PRESIDENT: MARION TURNER

A regular attendant at the Division board meetings, workshops and conventions for the past four years, Marion has served the Division as 2nd V.P. and as treasurer. She attended the 1971 and 1973 National Conventions and the 1972 Regional AAUW Meeting at Durham, N.H. as well as an AAUW conference at the UN. She is presently president of the Bath-Brunswick branch. Marion feels she has a good understanding of what AAUW is and how it works and would enjoy leading the Division.



is a former member of the Washington, D.C. and Bangor-Brewer branches.

FOR CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: LYNN OLSON

A member of the Bath-Brunswick branch, Lynn is a graduate of Wayne State College in Nebraska, with a major in education. She has a three year old daughter and enjoys sewing and embroidery. She also raises and shows Pekingese. As a new AAUW member, Lynn is eager to become involved and to learn more about the organization.



Diane

Janice

Lynn

FOR SECOND VICE PRESIDENT: JANICE CROSS

A native of Hallowell, Janice received her B.S. from Farmington State College and her M.S. at Cornell University. She has taken graduate courses at other schools and is a secondary school teacher. Presently she is a Consultant for Consumer and Homemaking Education for the Maine State Department of Education and Cultural Services. Janice has served as vice president and president of the Augusta branch and, on the Division level, as member and chairman of the Nominating Committee; member and chairman of the Achievement Citation Committee; and AR for Community Problems. She

ALSO MEET DIANE SANDERS, elected Recording Secretary to fill the term of Mary O'Halloran, appointed to Fellowships. A charter member of the Cape Neddick branch, Diane has served as treasurer, TC for Media, and was a delegate from her branch to the 1973 National Convention. A native of Phillips, she received her B.S. in education from Farmington State College and her M.S. from UMPG. She teaches Grade Six Reading in York. Her interests include swimming, skiing, bowling, reading and travelling to places like Newfoundland, Hawaii and Europe.

REMINDER TO ALL RETIRING OFFICERS of the branches and division: please pass on to your successor soon the file for your office. This should include all materials pertaining to the job, by-laws, Association handbooks, and suggestions for executing the responsibilities of that office.

GOODLUCK! to the new DAWNBREAKER editor. I hope she will receive the same willing cooperation that I have had for the past four years. I look forward to the next issue!



Karyl Condit,

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Howorth (cont. from page 1)

sion, which supported that Fellowship. A member since 1923, Judge Howorth has served AAUW for many years. She has held state and national offices. Her career in politics began in 1931 when she was elected to the Mississippi House. She moved on to serve as Legislative Attorney for the Veteran's Administration and as General Council for the War Claims Commission. She is a distinguished jurist and a beloved member of AAUW.

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MAINE DIVISION AAUW CONVENTION-WATERVILLE

May 3rd and 4th, 1974

First Congregational Church

(corner of Eustis Parkway and Main St., Rt. 139)



"SHE CHOOSES"

Stages

Youth, Single
Young Married, Child Bearing
Widowed, Divorced
Retired

Options

Family Career
Meaningful volunteerism
Public Service
Cultural Activity
Creative mixture of these

our object: To launch "Call to Action for Women"

our program highlights:

FRIDAY 6:00 P.M.

social hour, banquet, Achievement Citation Award presentation to Velma Oliver, Readers Theater program, "Women of All Ages" - a look at women in literature from antiquity through the present to see if women's role in literature has changed along with her role in society.

SATURDAY 9:00 A.M.

Annual Business Meeting, Silent Auction for the Division history, luncheon with an AAUW Fellow, induction of 1974-1976 officers.

REGISTRATION FORM

(Please return by WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24th, to Mary O'Halloran, 32 Western Ave., Waterville, 04901, (Tel. 872-9082. Checks may be made out to Mary O'Halloran.)

Name _____ Branch _____

Address _____

Because of the high price of food, please prepay registration and meals with this form.

Registration \$3.00 _____
Banquet (Friday) _____
Luncheon (Saturday) _____
Total enclosed _____

Please check if you are interested in a room in a private home _____
(\$1-\$2 payable to hostess for Fellowship Fund)

Motels nearest the church are located off Rt. 95 Waterville-Fairfield Center Exit. They are:

Fenway Motor Inn, Main St. Holiday Inn, Main St.
Single Room \$13.50 Single room \$13.50
Double Room \$22.50 Double Room \$18.00

PLEASE MAKE YOUR OWN MOTEL RESERVATIONS

Tours of interesting places will be available according to demand. Please check your first and second choice. (Tours will be at 2 P.M. Friday.)

Waterville Sentinel-newspaper _____
WTVL - radio station _____
Scott Paper Co. _____
Keyes Fibre Co. _____

Wyandotte woolen mill _____
Cascade woolen mill _____
Hathaway shirt factory _____
Senior Center Apt. Building _____