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DAWNBREAKER

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AFOOT IN MAINE OFF AND RUNNING



Our Maine Division publication, Afoot in Maine, has been greeted with heart-warming enthusiasm. The diligent efforts of Project Director, Vici Robinson, her staff and editors, fulfilled the May Convention's directive to publish 3000 copies in time for the Summer Board Meeting and to offer the book to our membership at a special pre-publication price. Afoot in Maine was "hot off the press" the morning of the meeting and feelings of bursting pride, excitement, and even disbelief were shared as the attractive-looking book's pages were flipped and admired. Branch Distribution Chairmen assembled that day in Sidney and discussed sales techniques, publicity, and the tedious bookkeeping procedures. Each went home with her head as "stuffed" as her sales packet.

Judging from the enthusiastic response to date, the branch's sales obligation will be but a small percentage of the total sales. Education Foundation Program Chairmen are urged to make this a branch project this year. What we give to Fellowships in the name of Dr. Elizabeth Russell (MDI branch) will truly be something of ourselves through this accomplishment. Books sold by the branch at \$6.95 plus tax net the branch \$2.73 immediately. The long-range profits from wholesale sales will eventually revert to the branches for their Fellowship funds in proportion to their share of the total sales. This money will first be used as capital to finance further printings as long as deemed advisable.

CULTURAL FEAST - FALL WORKSHOP

The Cape Neddick Branch will hostess the Fall Workshop on Saturday, October 16 from 9a.m. - 3p.m. at the First Parish Church in York.

The division is honored in addition to division members to have expert assistance from Susan Bowie who is a partner in the Portland Law Firm Bowie and Matthews and specializes in family law, and Dr. Dawn Gherman, English professor at the University of New Hampshire, Woodrow Wilson fellow, whose special interests are pastoral literature, regional studies, American historical and fictional writing, and women's studies.

Participants will also have the opportunity to take a walking tour of historic York village.

This will be an opportunity to get new ideas for future literature studies and answers to legal questions.

WE LEARN FROM EACH OTHER. Please bring for display materials and projects. Also bring ideas especially those relating to the "Creativity vs. Conformity" topic. Further workshop information is found on the last page.

\$5125.55

MAINE DIVISION CONTRIBUTION
EDUCATION FOUNDATION
1975-1976

JOIN THE DRIVE
BRING IN 5 NEW MEMBERS
BY APRIL 1

WIN A FIVE STAR PIN IN JUNE

AFOOT IN MAINE cont.

Initial summer sales efforts included getting it sold and distributed to bookstores and libraries, summer camps, specialty stores, and the tourist market. AAUW members are requested to familiarize themselves with the nature and make-up of the book and discuss it widely with friends, family, teachers, principals, superintendents, librarians, camp directors, doctors and dentists (for use in their waiting rooms), and others with reception rooms.

We are indebted to Supt. Raymond Brennick and Ass't. Supt. Kenneth Marks for sharing our vision of Afoot in Maine. S.A.D. (Farmington-Wilton area) purchased 200 copies and have plans to test it for its effectiveness as both a resource book and as a text. It will be used as a text in the required 8th grade Maine Studies Curriculum, the 5th and 6th grade unit studies on Maine, and for career education emphasis. It will also be available as a resource book in prescribed classrooms and in each school's library.

Promotional efforts, including posters and fliers, under the direction of Peggy Hodgkins, have resulted in wide-spread and lively sales. A few of the many stores and bookstores now carrying Afoot in Maine are Walden's Books (Maine Mall), Bookland (Portland and Lewiston), Mr. Paperback (Augusta and Farmington), The Owl and the Turtle (Camden), McBean's (Brunswick), Berry's and Sterns (Waterville), The Ski Rack (Livermore Falls), Northern Lights (Wilton), Linner's Frame and Mickey's Variety (Farmington), the State Museum (Augusta), the State Library, and bookmobiles. Various other libraries in Maine and other states have responded to our mailed folder and to the request of members to buy copies. Teachers both in state and out are requesting copies for American History courses and for use as an innovative technique in preparing for

field trips and for individualized study and research.

Extended publicity is planned and newly appointed as chairman of Afoot in Maine's publicity is Lotte Rugh, the Education Foundation Program Chairman of the Franklin County branch. Lotte and her committee will solicit and place feature articles in appropriate newspapers, newsletters, journals, and magazines in Maine in addition to arranging for t.v. and radio interviews with the book's staff. You and teacher friends will find an article on Afoot in Maine in the September 16 issue of Maine Teacher published by the Maine Teacher's Association. It will also be featured soon in the Maine Department of Education newsletter, Maine Insights. Lotte is making an effort for the book to be available at the Maine Teachers' Convention this fall. (Please let her know of other conventions and conferences where the book might be promoted. Write her at 1 Cape Cod Hill, New Sharon 04755.)

The Houlton and Franklin Co. Branches completed their sales obligation before publication. Other branches are making headway, and we have paid all of our \$6992 debt! Swiftly we are heading for the profitable second printing. The market for the book has just been tapped. We look forward to more creative sales opportunities and a substantial donation to our Russell Fellowship Endowment. Through teamwork, we attempted the absurd and achieved the impossible!

Unsolicited congratulations from Richard E. Barringer, Commissioner, on behalf of the Maine Department of Conservation, go to our organization for "a guide which will be of great benefit to Maine's young citizens and adults, too"...and for giving "conservation in Maine a big boost in completing the work at hand." To all who produced Afoot in Maine, a thunderous WELL DONE!!

MARY WARREN IS LIFE MEMBER

Mary Warren, charter member, first secretary, and first scholarship chairman of the Waterville Branch, was feted at the September branch meeting. She said, "This evening brings a most gratifying experience to live actively long enough to have fifty plus years of joyful effort and interesting service for AAUW..."

WRITER'S CRAMP - MAINE STYLE

Lincoln-Knox branch's series of three morning lectures, September 14, 21, and 28, featuring mid-coast Maine writers at the Farnsworth Art Museum, Rockland, is a sell-out. The participants are Philip Booth, Castine, poet; Charles Ponce, Cushing, philosopher; Alice Larkin, Boothbay Harbor; George Frangoulis, Blue Hill, editor; Sally Cartwright, Tenants Harbor; Stephen King, Bridgton; Christopher Fahy, Tenants Harbor; David Richardson, Newcastle; and Betty Koelle, Camden. The series, arranged by Virginia Dalrymple, is a scholarship benefit.

MAINE'S FUTURE CAPTIVATES BRANCH INTEREST

Members of Maine's Commission on the Future are describing commission activities. Representative Judy Kany's presentation at the Waterville Branch's (she's a member) September meeting was enthusiastically received. In November Cape Meddick will hear Halsey Smith, Commission Chairman, and Orono will host Professor Arthur Johnson.

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM:
INTACT OR SPLIT?

Orono Branch's September meeting was sparked by a panel "Exploring Maine's University System" composed of University Trustees Susan Kominski and Dr. Stanley Evans, Senator Ted Curtis, and Dr. Stan Freeman.

The committee to study the University of Maine system, which was created at U-Me. trustee Dr. Elizabeth Russell's suggestion at the Annual Convention in May had its first meeting August 18. Those participating agreed on several broad topics of investigation; development, through extensive reading, of a definition of university education; evaluation of the stated mission of each campus; and accumulation of opinions from both within and outside the University concerning their expectations of the system. For this study to be truly effective, statewide support from AAUW members is necessary. Those too far away to attend meetings can help by polling people in their areas or by sending articles pertinent to the subject to Velma. The next meeting will be September 22, 10 a.m. at Velma Oliver's home, 3 Allen Rd., Orono.

WOMEN: EXPLORING NEW OPTIONS

Saturday, November 6, Hilltop Commons, UMO, from 9a.m. to 3p.m. a conference for women will be co-sponsored by the UMO Office of Equal Employment Opportunity and the Women's Bureau, U.S. Dept. of Labor.

The conference will include discussion of short-term and long-term job and career development planning, an overview of training and educational opportunities in the light of employment trends, and a discussion of legal remedies for discrimination in credit and employment. Child care will be available.

For further information or for a registration form, contact JoAnn Fritsche, 259 Aubert Hall, University of Maine at Orono, Orono, Me. 04473. Phone 581-2245

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR LINCOLN-KNOX

November tenth is the date for Lincoln-Knox's Fiftieth Anniversary Tea.

FALL WORKSHOP - CULTURAL FEAST
 MOODY HALL, FIRST PARISH CHURCH
 OCTOBER 16, 1976
 YORK, MAINE

9-9:30 Registration and Coffee
 9:30-10 Branch Counterparts Meet
 10:15-11:45 (choose one)
 "Women in Literature"
 Dawn Gherman, English Profes-
 sor, Univ. New Hampshire

"Creativity vs. Conformity"
 Ruth Alice Dexter, Maine
 Division Topic Chairman

11:45-12:45 Lunch (furnished by
 Cape Neddick Branch, proceeds
 go to Elizabeth Russell
 Fellowship Fund)

12:45-2:45 (choose one)
 "The Law and Me" or Women's
 Legal rights
 Susan Bowie, attorney

"Colonial Ramblings" a hik-
 ing tour of York and a visit
 to historic house(s)

2:45-3:00 Wrap-up

DIRECTIONS TO FIRST PARISH CHURCH
 Leave Maine Turnpike at first
 York exit to Route 1. Take Route
 1 south to Route 1A (traffic light
 York Corner), turn left and follow
 1A to York Village (.8mi.). The
 first Parish Church will be on
 your left.

MOTELS IN THE AREA

York Harbor Motel
 Rt. 1A approx.
 York Harbor, \$18/2 people
 363-9864

Cutty Sark Motel approx.
 York Beach \$20/2 people
 363-5131

Grandview Motor Inn
 Rt. 1A approx.
 York Harbor \$20/2 people
 363-9815

Anchorage Motor Inn
 Long Sands 2 double beds
 York Beach \$35
 363-5112

REGISTRATION

Return by Oct. 6 to Diane Sanders,
 RR 2, Box 300, York 03909

Name _____
 Branch _____

Registration 2.50
 Lunch 3.00
 Total enclosed _____

_____ wish overnight accommodations
 in member's home (\$3 to
 Education Foundation)
 _____ plan to arrive Friday

a.m. choose one p.m. choose one
 _____ Creativity _____ The Law and Me
 _____ Literature _____ "Colonial R."

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