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ORONO WOMAN'S CLUB ACTIVE IN POLITICS

A few years ago the Orono Woman's Club took the first steps in the organization of the Orono Civic Club, which has since become one of the most useful influences in the town. To it belong representatives of all the women's organizations in the town, 18 in number. This Civic Club was instrumental in securing the services of two police matrons for Orono's public dances, and more lately, it sponsored successfully the election at town meeting of two women overseers of the poor. It has given yearly some form of entertainment to raise money for the Town Library, securing in all over \$850. This civic committee was originally the idea of Dr. Caroline Colvin.

LISBON FALLS SHAKESPEARE CLUB READS ALOUD

The secretary of the Lisbon Falls Shakespeare Club writes: Our club was formed in 1898 for the purpose of reading Shakespeare and has followed its original plan with the exception of taking a Bay View course two years and a course from the National Geographic Magazine one year. The club of twenty members meets every week from November to May. Every meeting is opened by reading from the Bible. One year the entire book of Luke was read and at the end of the club year one of the ministers gave a talk to the club on Luke. This year we have read one or more Psalms at each meeting. This is followed by a roll call answered by quotations from some author or by current events. After the usual business meeting each member reads in turn from Shakespeare as we believe reading aloud to be an excellent practice. Lisbon Falls has a community house which contains the only library in town. The Shakespeare Club has contributed to its support and has donated books and a large picture of Longfellow.

We have tried to do our best by contributing to worthy organizations and meeting the demands of our State Federation as best we could, always paying our dues promptly. We were honored this year by a visit from our State President, Miss Witherle, and to say that we enjoyed it is expressing it very mildly. Her club activities was helpful and inspiring.

NEWCASTLE-DAMARISCOTTA CLUB ROOMS CIVIC CENTER

The Newcastle-Damariscotta Woman's Club rooms have been a social center for the community the past winter, the club having given a number of events to which the community has been invited.

The large undertaking of the year has been to raise a fund for a steam heating plant for the Library building and the gatherings have been dinners, card parties, little plays, etc., given for the

ATTENTION—NOTES OF SPECIAL INTEREST

A small sheet containing the Club Collect, the Salute to the Flag, and the words of the Pines of Maine, Maine Song and America the Beautiful, can be obtained from Mrs. B. J. Young for 2c each.

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The Council Meeting of the General Federation will be held in Grand Rapids May 30 to June 4. Any club woman who can attend the meeting is asked to communicate at once with Miss Witherle. Every club in direct membership is entitled to send as delegate its president or an alternate. The Maine Federation is entitled to be represented by six delegates.

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No definite information can be given at this time as to the place and date of the Annual Meeting of the Maine Federation. Watch the papers for details later.

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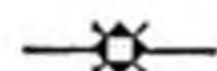
The New England Conference will be entertained this fall by Vermont probably in Burlington. Mrs. Burnham, chairman of the Conference, hopes that Maine will send as large a delegation to Vermont as went to Whitefield last October.

benefit of that fund. A good sum has been realized and it is expected the furnace will be installed before another winter.

Other community service of the club includes the establishing of a Junior Prize Speaking given by Lincoln Academy students, the Club giving prizes in gold; and the usual work of the Social Service Committee in aiding the needy and sending cheer to shut-ins.

The Club had six out of town speakers, including Miss Anna C. Witherle, State Federation president, Miss Florence Hale from the State Dept. of Education, Morton G. Soule from the State Dept. of Agriculture, Prin. C. S. Sewall of Wiscasset who was the speaker at the reception for the public school teachers, and who brought many Esquimo curios to illustrate his talk on his summer North with MacMillan. Two afternoons have been given to the art of music with addresses by Prof. Frederick E. Chapman of Lincoln Academy. Several Travel Talks by members who have visited many lands, and Absent Members Day, with letters from members who winter in cities on both sides of the Atlantic, have helped make up a program of unusual merit.

Perhaps the greatest achievement of the year is a large attendance at all meetings with remarkable co-operation in all departments in the union of all for the good of all.



ITEMS FROM OTHER STATES

Objectives of Minnesota Federation of Women's Clubs:

To teach and emphasize law observance.

Every child in Minnesota receiving religious instruction in his own church.

A clean milk ordinance passed and enforced in every community in Minnesota.

A junior department for every club.

Every club woman in Minnesota a voter at every election.

Active support of the Great Lakes Tidewater Project.

At least one tree planted by every club woman in Minnesota—especially living Christmas trees.

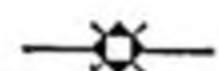
More singing in the clubs.

SIDEWALK FUND

AIDED AT BUCKSPORT

The October Club has had an active and prosperous year. The most important and possibly the best work of the club is its contribution to Civic Welfare. The club voted \$300 towards a strip of permanent sidewalk. This sum was presented to the town at the last town meeting. In accepting the gift of the club, the town agreed to appropriate an equal amount, and to match dollar for dollar every sum the club could raise up to \$500. By soliciting contributions from property owners along the contemplated route of the new sidewalk, \$200 more was raised. By this means Bucksport will have available \$1000 which will lay a fine strip of four feet sidewalk on Main Street.

The Educational Committee has arranged two moving picture benefits—part of the proceeds being used to provide low benches, rubber and umbrella racks for the new public school building; the remainder being used to improve and beautify the town. The club has given the National Geographic Magazine to the Grammar School, contributed to the Near East Relief, sold Health Bonds and Seals, also bought a Health Bond. The Blodgett Class has followed an interesting course of study throughout the year.



SOLON WOMAN'S CLUB

The Solon Woman's Club consists of 25 active and two honorary members. We have met regularly every two weeks with various topics discussed, both educational and helpful. We also have added this year the taking of a small collection, called "The Sick Fund." We are expecting to entertain our State President before May 18th.

The Solon Woman's Club organized the library which after two years was taken over by the town. The president and treasurer of the club, however, still serve in the same capacities on the library board.

Maine Federation News

Miss ANNA C. WITHERLE, President

Mrs. BERNICE J. YOUNG, Editor

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TENTATIVE PROGRAM FOR

ANNUAL MEETING M. F. W. C.

The sessions of the Annual Meeting of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs will be held in the United Baptist Church in Lewiston, October 4-7.

The first session will be at 2 P.M., Tuesday, October 4. After the usual opening exercises, a welcome to the Federation will be extended by Mrs. Royal B. Record, president of the Androscoggin County Literary Union, and a welcome to Lewiston and Auburn by the mayors of the two cities. The response to addresses of welcome will be given by Mrs. John T. Skolfield, First Vice-President of the Maine Federation. This will be followed by greetings from past presidents and guests and by various matters of business, including reports from several chairmen, from the unions and from clubs.

Tuesday Evening

On Tuesday evening the hostess clubs will entertain the Federation at a reception in Chase Hall, Bates College. It is hoped that a brief greeting will be given by President Gray of Bates College. Music will be furnished by the Auburn Trio.

Wednesday

At Kennebunkport many urged that more time be given to the conference of club presidents, so it is planned to have such a conference at 8.15 on Wednesday morning and again on Thursday. The general session on Wednesday will open at 9.10. The address of the President will be followed by reports of the Federation officers. Resolutions read on Tuesday will be submitted to a vote on Wednesday morning session.

Nominations for State officers will be made on Wednesday.

Reports of the divisions of Fine Arts and of Applied Education will be read.

Wednesday afternoon the session will open with music. Mrs. Irvin Bowker of Portland, will report the Council Meeting at Grand Rapids, and Mrs. Harry Burnham will report the meeting of the New England Conference at Burlington, Vt. The report of Club Extension by Mrs. C. B. Porter will be followed by reports from clubs that have joined the Federation the last year and by reports of the Legislative Chairman and of the chairman of the divisions of American Citizenship. Business will follow.

On Wednesday evening the Convention will have the pleasure of listening to an address by Charles W. Tobey of Manchester, N. H. Mr. Tobey was one of the most inter-

CALL

The annual meeting of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs will be held in Lewiston October 4 to 7, by invitation of the Auburn and Lewiston clubs. The opening session will begin promptly at 2:30 o'clock on the afternoon of October 4. The closing session will be held on the morning of October 7.

Presidents, Presidents' appointees and delegates will present Credential Cards properly signed to the Credential Committee upon arrival in Lewiston.

The leading hotels are the DeWitt House (European plan), Lewiston; Elm House (American plan), Auburn; Atwood Hotel (European plan), Lewiston. If accommodations cannot be secured in these hotels, write Mrs. Charles W. Eaton, 27 Vine Street, Auburn, Chairman of Housing Committee.

esting speakers on New England problems at the New England Conference last fall and several Maine delegates expressed a desire to have him speak to our Federation. Under the subject, "A Balanced Ration," he will touch on the essentials of citizenship and the real business of living.

Thursday

On Thursday morning the memorial service will be held, appropriate music being followed by the Necrologist's report by Mrs. Wm. E. Brewster.

At some session on Thursday, depending on her time of arrival, Mrs. Walter McNab Miller, General Federation Chairman of Public Welfare, will address the Federation. Mrs. Miller has recently returned from two international women's conferences in Europe and will have much of inspiration and suggestion to give to our Maine clubs. Further reports, business and the election of officers will complete the day—and it is probable that a drive will be arranged by the hostess clubs with the co-operation of the Chamber of Commerce, late Thursday afternoon.

Thursday evening the speaker will be Mr. John Clair Minot, literary editor of the Boston Herald, who will tell us "What to Read This Winter."

Friday

Friday morning will give time for the closing business, introduction of new officers, etc.

MAINE CLUBS ANSWER

MRS. SHERMAN'S QUESTIONS

To many people the very word "questionnaire" is distasteful, suggesting useless details and dry facts. But the questionnaire sent out by Mrs. Sherman to every one of the more than 15,000 federated clubs aroused much interest and brought out facts of vital importance in the past, present and future development of the club movement. Reports from Washington headquarters show that answers to the questionnaire were received from only 64 Maine clubs. It was planned to keep a duplicate copy of all answers for the Maine Federation archives but this plan could be carried out only in part. From the 40 or more replies that were sent to the Maine Federation President various items of interest have been selected for this issue of the News.

As Mrs. Sherman said in the introduction to her questionnaire,—"The achievements of women's clubs are much greater than we realize and years from now we shall look back and wish we had a record of these achievements." She felt that every club has distinctive work to its credit and therefore asked club presidents to aid in securing a record of this work by answering five questions.

The first question asked for the best achievements in the last two years, while the second question inquired as to "any notable civic, educational, legislative or welfare achievement which the club had initiated or 'put over' at any time."

As in other summaries of club work the activities of the larger clubs stand out most prominently at first glance but in proportion to their size many of the smaller Maine clubs have records of equal value, both as to study and as to community service.

Androscoggin County W. L. U.

Among the large clubs the Woman's Literary Union of Androscoggin County has an enviable record in the list of community projects initiated or "put over" since the formation of the Union in 1892. One of the first things of note which the Union did was to place a good picture in each of the public schools in the county. Through the efforts of the Union the first kindergarten in the two cities was established nearly thirty years ago, and manual training and domestic science were introduced into the city schools. In 1913 or 14 the Civics Department "put over" a very thorough "clean up" campaign, winning a shield for the second best work done in New England. About twenty years

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**MORE BUSINESS-LIKE AND
HENCE MORE LOYAL**

Maine clubs have proved that they can be business-like. The majority of the clubs pay their state dues promptly, as requested, and at the last three annual meetings the Federation Treasurer has been able to announce that she has received dues from all clubs.

Can we not be equally business-like in other ways? I doubt if there is a single club that does not feel that the Federation Scholarship Fund is doing a splendid work—that it expresses for the Federation as a whole our interest in youth and our desire to serve—and yet less than a third of the Maine clubs contribute regularly to this fund.

On planning the budget for the coming year will not every club gladly include a gift to the Scholarship Fund and make that gift doubly valuable by sending it to the chairman of the Fund as early in the fall as possible so that she may know how many ambitious girls the Federation can help.

Several clubs in my opinion have faced financial facts squarely and taken a step in the right direction in increasing their dues. Women's clubs have been brought up on an economical plan and may well be proud of the fact that they have learned how to make a few dollars go a long way—but it seems hardly wise or necessary for any club of adults to try to meet its running expenses on annual dues of twenty-five or even fifty cents.

Then in regard to the Maine Federation News. During this administration the News has been put on a subscription basis, and this year through the persistent efforts of Mrs. Ellingwood, the subscriptions have been increased nearly to five hundred. This means progress but not very rapid progress when we think of our membership of over 7,000 club women. If the club presidents (to whom a free copy of each issue is

sent) and the subscribers consider the News of any value, will they not show their loyalty to the next administration by securing at least 1,000 subscriptions for the coming year. In many states a large part of the expense of the state paper is met by advertisements and it has been suggested that Maine manufacturers might be glad to bring to Maine women through advertisements in our little paper, a knowledge of Maine-made goods.

The motto of the General Federation is, as you know, "Unity in Diversity." In the past the emphasis has been laid on the DIVERSITY.

The fact has been stressed that clubs could and did work along many lines and by many different methods. At the recent Council Meeting Mrs. Sherman urged us to lay more emphasis on the UNITY—on the fact that we were united in patriotic devotion to the welfare of town, state and nation. In order to be intelligent in our loyalty to the General Federation and its objects your General Federation director asks each club to send her fifty cents for a year's subscription to the General Federation News. Plans are under way for an enlargement of the paper and after November 1st the price will be advanced to \$1.00.

ANNA C. WITHERLE,
President Maine Federation,
General Federation Director
for Maine.

**WILTONA CLUB STARTS
PHILANTHROPIC FUND**

On April 5 the Wiltona Club of Wilton, entertained the Tyngtown Club in the Congregational Vestry. About sixty members and guests were present. The program consisted of a piano duet; a farce, "Rocking Chair Row;" saxophone solo; pageant, "Girls of America," with the following characters, "Indian Girl," "Puritan Maid," "Colonial Maid," "Yankee Girl of '61," "Southern Girl of '61," "Schoolgirl of Today," "Western Girl," "Home Girl," "College Girl," "Khaki Girl," "Red Cross Girl" and "Bride;" music, piano, violin and drums.

Mrs. Harvey and Mrs. Harlow Melendy were the hostesses.

At our May meeting our program subject was "The First Ladies of the Land." At this meeting each member brought in one dollar which she had earned in some way during the year. That money constitutes the basis of a philanthropic fund.

JOSEPHINE B. YORK,
Secretary.

DON'T FORGET

To send a copy of your Club
Year Book to the Publicity
Chairman.

To send her items about
your club activities at least
once a month.

**BOSTON DAUGHTERS OF
MAINE DOING THEIR BIT**

The Boston Daughters of Maine are working very hard for the Home in Maine for Aged People. It is to be located in Augusta on land donated by William H. Gannett. Five directors of the Boston Daughters of Maine went to Augusta, May 5th, to pass papers and make final arrangements. "We are receiving donations daily for the Fund," writes Mrs. D. Fletcher Wright, President of the club, "and have a goodly sum on hand." The plan for the proposed home has been drawn. "In addition to this work we have donated \$300 to the Frances E. Willard Home in Bedford, Mass., to furnish a room to be named for our club.

"We also have added to our Scholarship Fund to aid a Maine boy or girl; have donated to the Camp Fire Girls' new home here in Boston; worked for the ex-service men, and for the Shut-Ins at Christmas; sent money to the Florida Hurricane Sufferers, and made contributions to many other good causes."

**IMPORTANT DEPARTMENTAL
WORK**

The Bangor Woman's Club made departmental work a feature during the year 1926-27.

The club year started on October 26, with the President's address and report of the fall meeting of the Maine Federation. Other dates followed with subjects on Illiteracy, Home Economics, Mothercraft and Child Welfare, Americanization, World Events, Legislators and their work, and Everyday Art in the Home. Perhaps one of the most instructive and practical evenings was the one given over to Home Economics.

Many interesting addresses have been given by prominent speakers. The club was greatly privileged on April 12, 1927, to listen to a splendid discourse on varied subjects pertaining to her work by Miss Florence Hale, Superintendent of Rural Schools. This meeting was open to the public. Music has played an important part on all of our programs.

Committees representing the club have taken an active part in the Red Cross Membership Drive, Community Christmas Tree, sale of Health Seals, Flower Sale for the benefit of the District Nursing Association, and co-operated with the other clubs in observing Better Homes Week.

The Club has been able to enlarge on its charities by the addition of eleven new members, and has given financial aid to the District Nursing Association, Near East Relief, Scholarship Fund, Shut-In Society, Convocation Week Lecturers, helped defray the expenses of a Police Woman lecture, and to the City Beautiful by donating three trees towards the beautifying of the Atlantic Highway.

E. MAE BRYANT,
President.

THE "NATIONAL CLUB SPIRIT" IS STRONG IN MAINE FEDERATION

At the General Federation Council meeting in Grand Rapids in June, Maine was represented by Miss Witherle, Mrs. Huddilston, and Mrs. Irvin Bowker, President of Conklin Class, Portland.

One evening was given over to the General Federation Directors, each director speaking two minutes on "The National Club Spirit in My State." Miss Witherle spoke as follows:

It is not easy to put one's finger on any spirit, perhaps least of all on the "National Club Spirit" in one's state. Maine's clubs show something of the rugged independence of its early settlers. The clubs are not systematically organized in county and district federations, and are often, I fear, the despair of the General Federation chairmen when they want to put over quickly some new plan of work. Nevertheless, from its start the Maine Federation has again and again given distinct evidence of a national spirit.

When Mrs. Eunice N. Frye of Portland, learned of the formation of the General Federation, she invited its first president, Mrs. Charlotte E. Brown, to come to Maine and help form a State Federation. The Maine Federation, thus formed in 1892, has the proud distinction of being the first state federation organized, and it was also one of the early state federation organized, and it was also one of the early

The history of the Maine Federation records show the slow but sure response of the Maine club women to most of the suggestions and requests of the national organization. The national spirit in Maine has been advanced by the visits of several presidents of the General Federation, and by reports of General Federation activities in the addresses of State presidents and directors and in the State bulletin.

Maine is still a long way from a full consciousness of the value of a national club spirit and from universal membership; but it is interesting to know that by the recent adoption of direct membership by the Lubec Woman's Club, the easternmost club in the United States has come into the General Federation.

The increasing interest in the American Home, shown both in study programs and in demonstrations of home equipment, the successful campaign for a state bird, the interest shown in the "Know Your Courts" campaign, and the completion of the census of illiterates in Kennebec County, show Maine's loyalty to the aims of the national organization.

IMPRESSIONS OF THE GRAND RAPIDS COUNCIL

As I think of the remarkable meeting at Grand Rapids, two or three things come most vividly to my mind. They are the addresses by Dr. C. C. Little, President of the University of Michigan, and by Mr. Gifford Gordon of the Board of Temperance and Social Welfare of the Disciple's Church, and the "Six Great Needs of Today," as listed by Mrs. Sherman.

"We need most today," said Mrs. Sherman:

"1. A deeper sense of our responsibilities as American citizens as expressed in our home and national life.

"2. A wholesome regard and respect for the laws of the land and the nation's institutions.

"3. A more intelligent understanding of conditions.

"4. A more abiding confidence.

"5. Deeper spiritual convictions.

"6. An intensified individual courage."

Mr. Gordon, who conducted a survey for Sydney, Australia, of prohibition enforcement in the United States, warned the Federation to distinguish between "loose talk" and facts when they consider prohibition.

"Whether or not the world goes dry depends on whether or not America stays dry," said Mr. Gordon. "Should you nullify prohibition or modify the Volstead Act so as to weaken its effect, you not only let America down, you will let the world down."

Mr. Gordon presented figures on the reduction of the number of alcoholic hospitals in the country. So far from being enlarged by the demands of prohibition drinkers, these hospitals have been reduced to negligible number, the speaker said. One chain of 68 has been reduced to 2. Keeley cure hospitals have been reduced from 50 to 12, and the central hospital in Dwight, Ill., sold for lack of customers.

"When you believe the alcoholic problem in this country is due to prohibition you believe fiction and not fact," Mr. Gordon observed.

Dr. Little's address was on "Education and the Home" and was of especial interest to us, as he had lately gone from the presidency of the University of Maine to that of the University of Michigan, where he is winning wonderful success. Dr. Little's popularity was shown by the fact that he had the largest audience of the entire convention, and he was applauded again and again.

Among other things he said, "Youth is the sole excuse for our existence. If we are not helping to make them finer and nobler and better than we are, we have no right to occupy a place on earth, and we have missed the spirit of the teachings of Christ, who invited us to pay heed to children. The protection of the rights of these small, helpless people is our first duty.

"Racial responsibility is one of the greatest obligations of humanity. It cannot be dodged. The right of the child to be well born, all thinking women admit. The right of the child for protection is so sacred that it should only be brought into being when it can be given a fair chance of survival value."

ROSELLE WOODBRIDGE Huddilston, Orono, Maine.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF GORHAM VERY ACTIVE

The Woman's Club of Gorham, has voted at a special meeting to increase the membership from thirty to fifty and now has a roll of forty active members.

Our program for the past year comprised Art, Science, Drama, Music, Inventions and Literature of the past quarter-century in North America, with papers and lectures in our own circle and speakers from outside. John Ferris of Falmouth, gave an afternoon of drama with the reading of a play.

Mrs. E. A. DeGarmo of Portland spoke on Citizenship; Charles R. Cressey, Portland, entertained us delightfully at a meeting with Mrs. Eugene C. Carll at Hotel Falmouth, on the Life of Beethoven, with selections from the composer.

Mrs. Isabel Ray of Westbrook, lectured on Literature, and Mrs. Percival A. Bachelder of Westbrook; was our guest at the beginning of the year and reported the New England Conference.

Mrs. John T. Skolfield, first vice-president of the Maine Federation, was our guest at the last program meeting. Our club furnished a program for the Community Club. The president and two other members attended the meeting of the State Federation at Kennebunkport.

With augmented roster we hope to do larger things the coming year.

FRANCES MESERVE COTTO
President

NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE AT BURLINGTON, VT., SEPTEMBER 28-30

The next meeting of the New England Conference will be held at Burlington, Vt., on September 28, 29 and 30, with the Vermont State Federation as hostess. The general theme of the Conference will be "Keeping Faith with New England." Mrs. Martin S. Vilas, President of the Vermont Federation, assisted by an able committee of past presidents of the Vermont Federation, has secured some splendid speakers for the program. At the opening session on Wednesday evening, Grace Morrison Poole of Massachusetts, General Federation Secretary, will speak on "Our International Friendships," and a reception to Mrs. Poole will follow the session.

The morning session will be devoted to a consideration of the economic problems of New England. Dudley Harmon, the executive Vice-President of the New England Council, will speak on "A New New England" and will bring a message from the men's organization to our organization of club women. Mrs. Edith Nourse Rogers, member of Congress from the Fifth Massachusetts District, will speak on the textile problem. Discussions will add to the interest of this session.

Thursday afternoon will include two representatives of the General Federation, Mrs. Walter McNab Miller on "Public Welfare and Government," and Miss Jaf-

fray on the Cooper Bill. In the evening a banquet will be held at the Van Ness Hotel, with Mrs. Gilbert Davis of Vermont, as toastmistress, which promises to be a delightful occasion.

On Friday, the Forum, one of the features of the New England Conference, will discuss outstanding community projects, presented by each state president or her representative. Two addresses, "The Gospel of Joy," by Mrs. Bertha Oppenheim, and "The Youth of New England," by Lt. Gov. Jackson, are assigned to Friday afternoon, in addition to a boat ride on Lake Champlain or an auto ride about the lovely city of Burlington. The speaker for Friday evening has not yet been announced but we are assured that some one worth hearing will bring this splendid program to a fitting climax.

Reservations can be made at the New Sherwood, Hotel Vermont, and Van Ness, and ample provision will also be made in private homes by a housing committee from the Athena Club for any overflow. We hope that there will be a large delegation from Maine for the last conference in charge of a Maine woman as Chairman.

MRS. HARRY H. BURNHAM,
Chairman of New England
Conference.

SKOWHEGAN WOMAN'S CLUB ENJOYS FINE PROGRAM

The Skowhegan Woman's Club feels honored to be asked to send a review of last year's meetings for the Federation News.

We called our first meeting County Guest Day and invited all of the federated clubs of Somerset County to come. Our speaker was Mrs. Harry Burnham, chairman of the home-making department of the Division of the American Home in the General Federation. We served tea to two hundred during the social hour that followed.

Next came our Directors' Tea, with an interesting report of the National Biennial at Atlantic City by Mrs. Florence Waugh Danforth.

For our International Relations meeting, we had a most enlightening lecture on "How Europe feels toward America," by Dr. W. G. Wilkinson, head of the history department at Colby College. We enjoyed Dr. Wilkinson so much that he was later asked to give a talk on the Chinese situation before our Book Club, a department of the Woman's Club.

We had one meeting on "Modern Maine Women of Note." For this, several different members chose outstanding women of re-

cent years and wrote articles on their lives.

It has been our custom for the past few years to have a musicale at Christmas-time. For this afternoon of music Mr. Roger Austin Nye, tenor, was the principal artist, assisted by Miss Virginia Ames, violinist, Miss Ruth Butler, pianist, and Mrs. Mary Marston, accompanist.

We have one meeting each year which is a sort of play night. Our Social Night took the form of a country school which we attended dressed in costume. Our hostess happened to have a miniature school-room for her own children on the third floor of her home, and this was the scene of our merry-making.

According to a custom formed several years ago, the three Skowhegan clubs have one federated meeting each winter. Our last entertainment was held in the Bethany Baptist Church and consisted of a play, "Mr. Pim Passes By," read by Mrs. Elizabeth Pooler Rice, a member of the Leland Powers Faculty.

As one of our members took a trip around the world last year, we were delighted to have her tell us about it for our Travel Day.

A club calendar would hardly seem complete without one pro-

gram on art. For this we ordered a set of colored views, and one of our members told us the story of the Holy Grail, after which she read explanations of the pictures illustrating the legend, as they were thrown on the screen.

Our children's day proved unusual in that the children themselves gave for us in costume a little Chinese play, "The Spectacles of Kokomoko." Each of us invited a little guest to come and enjoy the play with us.

The Librarian of Colby College, Prof. Ernest C. Marriner, gave us an interesting talk on "Keeping up with the Books."

Since many of our members travel or spend their winters in the South, we asked some of them to write letters which furnished part of the program for one meeting. On this same day we also had a review of a trip to Italy, and a farce, "The Old Family Album."

Our annual meeting was held at a cottage at the lake. After the business meeting we enjoyed a picnic supper.

SARAH PENNELL REED,
President.

CLUB ITEMS

The Community Progress Club of South Lincoln, studied "Early Maine History" last year. Its contributions to civic work included \$25 to the cemetery fund; \$25 to teachers; \$25 to Carl Burdill Post War Memorial fund; purchase of electric grill for the Community Building; bought books for the children's section of the public library, and remembered the Shut-Ins at Christmas-time. This club is planning to publish a cook book.

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York Woman's Club reports: We have studied our own state carefully and thoroughly and have given prizes for the best papers on Maine written by the children in Grades VII and VIII. The club has also devoted some meetings to the study of modern poets and prose writers. In co-operation with the county public health nurse the club held a clinic for babies and pre-school children.

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Lithgow Club of Winslow, devoted most of its time to the study of Maine, and brought its work up to date by discussing questions of government, roads and water power. It was reported that the club, unlike the Legislature, really settled the water power question, but in what way was not divulged.

Resolutions which are to be discussed at the annual meeting should be sent to Mrs. Charles W. Eaton, Chairman of Endorsements and Recommendations, 27 Vine Street, Auburn, before September 5.

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Maine clubs have proved that they can be business-like. The majority of the clubs pay their state dues promptly, as requested, and at the last three annual meetings the Federation Treasurer has been able to announce that she has received dues from all clubs.

Can we not be equally business-like in other ways? I doubt if there is a single club that does not feel that the Federation Scholarship Fund is doing a splendid work—that it expresses for the Federation as a whole our interest in youth and our desire to serve—and yet less than a third of the Maine clubs contribute regularly to this fund.

On planning the budget for the coming year will not every club gladly include a gift to the Scholarship Fund and make that gift doubly valuable by sending it to the chairman of the Fund as early in the fall as possible so that she may know how many ambitious girls the Federation can help.

Several clubs in my opinion have faced financial facts squarely and taken a step in the right direction in increasing their dues. Women's clubs have been brought up on an economical plan and may well be proud of the fact that they have learned how to make a few dollars go a long way—but it seems hardly wise or necessary for any club of adults to try to meet its running expenses on annual dues of twenty-five or even fifty cents.

Then in regard to the Maine Federation News. During this administration the News has been put on a subscription basis, and this year through the persistent efforts of Mrs. Ellingwood, the subscriptions have been increased nearly to five hundred. This means progress but not very rapid progress when we think of our membership of over 7,000 club women. If the club presidents (to whom a free copy of each issue is

sent) and the subscribers consider the News of any value, will they not show their loyalty to the next administration by securing at least 1,000 subscriptions for the coming year. In many states a large part of the expense of the state paper is met by advertisements and it has been suggested that Maine manufacturers might be glad to bring to Maine women through advertisements in our little paper, a knowledge of Maine-made goods.

The motto of the General Federation is, as you know, "Unity in Diversity." In the past the emphasis has been laid on the DIVERSITY.

The fact has been stressed that clubs could and did work along many lines and by many different methods. At the recent Council Meeting Mrs. Sherman urged us to lay more emphasis on the UNITY—on the fact that we were united in patriotic devotion to the welfare of town, state and nation. In order to be intelligent in our loyalty to the General Federation and its objects your General Federation director asks each club to send her fifty cents for a year's subscription to the General Federation News. Plans are under way for an enlargement of the paper and after November 1st the price will be advanced to \$1.00.

ANNA C. WITHERLE,
President Maine Federation,
General Federation Director
for Maine.

WILTONA CLUB STARTS PHILANTHROPIC FUND

On April 5 the Wiltona Club of Wilton, entertained the Tyngtown Club in the Congregational Vestry. About sixty members and guests were present. The program consisted of a piano duet; a farce, "Rocking Chair Row;" saxophone solo; pageant, "Girls of America," with the following characters, "Indian Girl," "Puritan Maid," "Colonial Maid," "Yankee Girl of '61," "Southern Girl of '61," "Schoolgirl of Today," "Western Girl," "Home Girl," "College Girl," "Khaki Girl," "Red Cross Girl" and "Bride;" music, piano, violin and drums.

Mrs. Harvey and Mrs. Harlow Melendy were the hostesses.

At our May meeting our program subject was "The First Ladies of the Land." At this meeting each member brought in one dollar which she had earned in some way during the year. That money constitutes the basis of a philanthropic fund.

JOSEPHINE B. YORK,
Secretary.

DON'T FORGET

To send a copy of your Club
Year Book to the Publicity
Chairman.

To send her items about
your club activities at least
once a month.

BOSTON DAUGHTERS OF MAINE DOING THEIR BIT

The Boston Daughters of Maine are working very hard for the Home in Maine for Aged People. It is to be located in Augusta on land donated by William H. Gannett. Five directors of the Boston Daughters of Maine went to Augusta, May 5th, to pass papers and make final arrangements. "We are receiving donations daily for the Fund," writes Mrs. D. Fletcher Wright, President of the club, "and have a goodly sum on hand." The plan for the proposed home has been drawn. "In addition to this work we have donated \$300 to the Frances E. Willard Home in Bedford, Mass., to furnish a room to be named for our club.

"We also have added to our Scholarship Fund to aid a Maine boy or girl; have donated to the Camp Fire Girls' new home here in Boston; worked for the ex-service men, and for the Shut-Ins at Christmas; sent money to the Florida Hurricane Sufferers, and made contributions to many other good causes."

IMPORTANT DEPARTMENTAL WORK

The Bangor Woman's Club made departmental work a feature during the year 1926-27.

The club year started on October 26, with the President's address and report of the fall meeting of the Maine Federation. Other dates followed with subjects on Illiteracy, Home Economics, Mothercraft and Child Welfare, Americanization, World Events, Legislators and their work, and Everyday Art in the Home. Perhaps one of the most instructive and practical evenings was the one given over to Home Economics.

Many interesting addresses have been given by prominent speakers. The club was greatly privileged on April 12, 1927, to listen to a splendid discourse on varied subjects pertaining to her work by Miss Florence Hale, Superintendent of Rural Schools. This meeting was open to the public. Music has played an important part on all of our programs.

Committees representing the club have taken an active part in the Red Cross Membership Drive, Community Christmas Tree, sale of Health Seals, Flower Sale for the benefit of the District Nursing Association, and co-operated with the other clubs in observing Better Homes Week.

The Club has been able to enlarge on its charities by the addition of eleven new members, and has given financial aid to the District Nursing Association, Near East Relief, Scholarship Fund, Shut-In Society, Convocation Week Lecturers, helped defray the expenses of a Police Woman lecture, and to the City Beautiful by donating three trees towards the beautifying of the Atlantic Highway.

E. MAE BRYANT,
President.

MAINE CLUBS ANSWER**MRS. SHERMAN'S QUESTIONS**

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ago city play-grounds were established and maintained through the endeavors of the club women until they were taken over by the city government five years ago. During the last two years a Street Carnival has been held in the early fall from which has been realized nearly \$500. Part of this money has been given to the club house fund and the rest has been used in contributions to the local Y. W. C. A., Red Cross, Children's Home, etc. The Union has sold over \$120 worth of the Christmas Health Seals and Bonds. Worth while lectures, literary and civic programs, and concerts of high order are open through the year to members and to the general public.

Springvale Woman's Club

For some years the Springvale Woman's Club of 111 members has stood solidly behind Nason Institute. During the last two years the club has given \$60 toward equipment of the science department, \$87 for filing cabinets in the office of the Institute, and \$150 towards furnishing the living room in the Nason practice house. The club also paid \$200 for the tuition of a town student in the Institute. In addition to its generous support of Nason Institute, money has been given to the public library, and the local schools have been assisted in various ways.

District Nursing

From one of our large clubs in Aroostook County comes another record of splendid community service. Perhaps the greatest achievement of the Houlton Woman's Club has been the establishment of a district nursing service in 1905 and the steady support of the service up to the present time. The club assisted in securing a soldiers' monument for the city park. One of the outstanding features of the club has been its interest in the schools. The first idea of a school nurse was encouraged and financed by the club. Club members helped elect one of the club's past presidents to serve on the school board.

During the past two years, money has been given toward the War Memorial Tablet in the High School, to help repair the High School stage, to purchase an alto horn for the High School band, to provide the Junior High School with liquid soap containers and toward the school milk fund. The club has also contributed generously to the Federation Scholarship Fund and to various state charities. Every year money is added to the club building fund. In a recent year (1925-1926) the annual report of the Houlton Woman's Club showed a business of \$2,054 for the year.

Put Woman on School Board

Turning at random to a few of the replies from smaller clubs, we find that in answer to Mrs. Sherman's question as to whether the club had at any time initiated any notable achievement, the Woman's Literary Club of Bar Harbor was the means twelve years ago of putting a woman on the school board, while six years ago, the club entertained the county teachers at a teachers' convention in Bar Harbor. The club has always supported every move for the good of the town.

A. B. C. Klas, Portland

The A. B. C. Klas of Portland, reports that their attendance has been fine. The members have shown great interest in bringing to the Klas up-to-date topics in answer to the roll call. Talks have been given on Current Events and interesting discussions have been carried on by the members along educational and social lines. The Klas has done its "bit," as far as its means would allow, in the way of contributions to good causes.

N. E. W. S. Club, South Freeport

The president of the N. E. W. S. Club of South Freeport writes that "the best achievement of our club to my mind the past year has been the social life and the opportunity of our members to meet together and study and discuss the great movements of the outside world, thus giving us something to think about outside our small village life and petty gossip."

A Look Forward

The third question,—“What is the strongest desire of your club in the way of future work?” brought out many thoughtful answers. The Lithgow Club of Winslow, expressed simply but effectively the desire of many a Maine club—“We wish not only to enrich our own minds and lives but also to be of help to others.” This was expressed by the Current Events Club of Westbrook, as the desire “to make ourselves felt as an example of the friendliness and love that can be shown in a club, and to help as we can when calls of need are presented to us.”

Another concise statement of a club's desire came from the York Woman's Club—“to hold together and to inspire the women of this little town.”

The Woman's Literary Club of Dexter, answers the question by its club motto,—“Not merely for ourselves,” while the Arcana Club of Clinton, says: “The strongest desire of our club is to co-operate in beautifying our town and in making it a cleaner, finer village in which to live.”

Are Clubs Worth While?

It would be well if every club would give time at least once a year to a serious discussion of this

question as to the strongest desire for future work, and also to Mrs. Sherman's fourth question which is equally thought-provoking,—“What would be the loss to the members of your club and to the life of your community should your club cease to exist?”

The Study Club of Mechanic Falls, answers this last question by saying,—“There is a bond of fellowship among us that is not just like any other getting together. The two hours spent together each week are surely two hours well spent.” The Thursday Club of Winthrop, says that if the club ceased to exist “many women would lose their only chance to enlarge their views of work outside of the town and state and their opportunity to do their bit along these lines.” The Woman's Club of Guilford, replies that the community would lose the organization that stands second only to the churches in its power for good. One of the most comprehensive answers came from the Pierian Club of Presque Isle,—“The community would be deprived of the one organization in which women of all ages and faiths work together for the cultural, civic, and social betterment of the town.”

To the fifth question, “Do you own a club house?” the large majority of the Maine clubs answered “no,” though, as we all know, there are several fine club houses in Maine. A few clubs have recently fitted up attractive club rooms and others are adding each year to a building fund.

BIENNIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD THIS YEAR

Election of officers will be held at the coming fall meeting. It is desirable that delegates know in advance who are the candidates for office, and it has been suggested that if any club wishes to put forward a candidate, the club shall notify Miss Alice Frost Lord, Publicity Chairman, care of Lewiston Journal, Lewiston, and in addition send a circular letter to other clubs.

Nominating speeches for president will be limited to five minutes and for all other officers, to two minutes.

The only candidates thus far announced are:

For President, Mrs. John T. Skolfield of Portland.

For First Vice-President, Mrs. Edna A. Hutchins of Corinna.

BINGHAM CENTURY CLUB WORKS FOR LIBRARY

The Century Club of Bingham, since its organization has worked for Civic Improvement and has accomplished much. During recent years one of its accomplishments has been the restoration of an old library. Through the efforts of the club, a library building has been bought. From a few hundred books it has grown to nearly 4,000 volumes. Each year something is given toward its support.

At our first meeting last fall we were honored by having as our guest Miss Anna C. Witherle. This was a very instructive and entertaining meeting and the talk given by Miss Witherle was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Armistice Day was observed by a special program. On this occasion our high school principal, who is a veteran of the World War, lectured on Americanization.

We have had one meeting devoted to poets and poetry, dealing chiefly with Maine poets; a meeting devoted to education; also one on Civic Improvement. At this last meeting each member responded to the roll call with suggestions for beautifying and improving the town.

Our Past Presidents' Day was observed with appropriate ceremonies with Mrs. Florence Waugh Danforth as guest of honor.

A general invitation was extended to the public to attend our Art Meeting at which Mr. Gustaf Bratt, interior decorator from the Walter Corey Company of Portland, gave a talk on modern furnishings and color schemes for the home.

We purchased flower seeds and plants and made flower beds for the three church lawns in town. These have been in full bloom all summer and add greatly to the beauty of the town. This fall we are to furnish tulip bulbs for the same beds. We have purchased a health bond and sold Christmas seals and bonds, also made several donations, and contributions to worthy organizations.

We have instituted "Young People's Sunday." The first Sunday in each month all members are urged to attend church, inviting one or more young persons to accompany them. This is proving very successful, filling the church each Sunday.

A free baby clinic was also started during the past year.

METHEBESSEC CLUB TAKES IMAGINARY JOURNEY

The Methebesec Club of Rockland, took an imaginary trip through Latin-America, as their last year's study. Several speakers added to the enjoyment of the program. A Rockland woman, who has a winter home in southern Florida, gave an interesting talk on the "American Tropics." Another speaker was a local man who gave an instructive talk on

PORTLAND W. L. U. EXTENDS HOSPITALITY

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Through the winter, tea is served on Friday afternoons and we invite you to meet with us then.

GERTRUDE D. MALING,
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"The Panama Canal Zone," where he was located for several years.

Mrs. Cora Buzzell Millay, whose famous daughter, Edna St. Vincent Millay, was born in Rockland, gave a reading on "My Little Dream Boy," poems of her own creation, which are soon to be published in book form. A travel talk, from personal experiences, on "Islands of the Caribbean," was given by a member of the club. Another related her experiences on a vacation trip to Amsterdam as a delegate to the International Conference of University Women.

The Rev. Mr. Dunstan of Rockland, and Rev. Mr. Holt of Camden, have given brilliant talks before the club, the former on "Mexico" and the latter on "Universal Symphony." On the annual guest day and past presidents' afternoon, an Edward McDowell program was presented.

The club has contributed one book, "Arcturus Adventure," to the local library; five dollars to the Near East Relief; five dollars to Opportunity Farm; ten dollars to the scholarship fund, and loaned twenty dollars to a girl wishing to attend Normal School. One hundred lantern slides on Latin-America, loaned by the Pan-American Union, were shown in the High School for the benefit of the club, the seventh and eighth grades who were studying Latin-America at that time, and the High School pupils. An electrical cooking demonstration, on a Hot-Point Range, was given for the benefit of the club. On Saturday, March 26, a cooked food sale was held. Preceding the annual meeting on April 1, a luncheon was given at the Thorndike Hotel, following the business meeting, the election of officers and a discussion on "What we have gained from our study of Latin-America."

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COMMUNITY SPIRIT

WHAT IT MEANS

(Excerpts from Paper by Mrs. John T. Skolfield.)

Time was when a woman's club was taboo (in many circles) but more from name than from shame, for as far back as the days of Dorcas of Biblical history, we note the first group of women associated for a common purpose.

The club tendency has been with us from earliest times, only exemplified in a different way in the present era.

This takes us back to the FIRST of all RULES, the Golden Rule, that is being exemplified today in the club life of State and Nation. With a General Federation of over 50 State Federations, 15,000 clubs, and over 3,000,000 members, and a statement from a U. S. Senator that aside from the federal government, the Federation of Women's Clubs has the greatest potential power of any organization in the country, we realize that today woman has indeed come into her own.

A large percentage of the Federated Clubs of the State add to their literary programs, some civic or community work.

A good percentage of clubs visited prove to be community clubs, which will add strength to the statement that the community club appears to be the strong arm of club life today.

A strong and steady interest is noted in club extension in Maine and we believe that the club interest here is second to none. The Maine Federation of Women's Clubs is constantly reaching forward towards greater activities through the medium of the individual club, and will do greater things in the future. As we speak of the future we are reminded of the words of Mary Sherman, President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, who keeps her fingers on the pulse of the club movement the world over. She stresses the great need for serious study on the part of club women who because they are club women, are expected to be informed and ready to assume their rightful place as leaders in their communities.

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