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## 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. EX- TENDS HOSPITALITY

The Woman's Literary Union of Portland extends to all members of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs a cordial welcome to their Club House, 78 Spring Street.

Any members visiting our city are urged to avail themselves of the privileges of the house for rest or as a rendezvous at any time.

It is conveniently located within easy walking distance of stores, hotels and theatres.

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

GERTRUDE D. MALING,  
Corresponding Secretary.

"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."

ALICE W. KARL,  
Secretary.

## 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.

We are all proud of our State. Maine has its large proportion of intelligent and gifted women. As we boom our State for its attractive resorts of forest and shore, its National Parks and rugged mountain scenery, its 5,000 rivers and streams, its 2,400 sapphire lakes, its 2,500 miles of coast line (the equal of which in native beauty can hardly be found elsewhere in the world), its 3,000 islands sprinkled along its ocean frontier, does it not behoove us as club women to see that all these assets are undergirded by a State Federation of Women's Clubs second to none, and whose members may match their achievements with those of any state in the Union?



# Maine Federation News

MRS. JOHN T. SKOLFIELD, *President*

MISS ALICE FROST LORD, *Editor*

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## FOREWORD

Days have flown into weeks, weeks into months, since the annual meeting held in Lewiston in October, when all were recipients of the cordial hospitality extended by the club women of Lewiston and Auburn.

Memories of their untiring interest in our behalf, of the delightful weather conditions, splendid attendance and fine program, are still more a source of joy and satisfaction, as we view them in perspective, and this October meeting, in the early autumn days, one long to be remembered.

With a new administration naturally comes a welding of new material and the inauguration of new policies. Since the day of organization the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs has maintained its valued position in the Club life of the States. From time to time we have been called upon to part with those who have given much to the club work of Maine, yet others have come forward to fill their places, and we carry forward the torch, passed on to us, from those whose career on this sphere is finished, but whose memory we honor.

Days of reorganization are not restful days for a new Board of Officers. The first and only Board meeting thus far was held in Portland on November 8, and, by courtesy of the Woman's Literary Union, in the Director's Room of the Club House, which courtesy was much appreciated by all in attendance. It resulted in an all day meeting given to active service in the interest of the Federation. Much was accomplished and while little publicity has been given to the daily routine of activities since that time, Uncle Sam has been a little more heavily burdened with mail, and the resources of the Government somewhat taxed, we suspect, for the necessary supplies incident to the work, while the life of the organization has gone on as usual.

Many lines of activity have presented themselves, a new club of forty-two members has filed application for membership and we hope others will follow in quick succession.

The appointment of Department and Division Chairmen is completed; club data secured for the publishing of the Year Book, also material for the Federation News, ably managed by the News Editor, Miss Alice Frost Lord of Lewiston.

A circular letter was sent to all clubs December the seventeenth, and, last but not least, the constant endeavor to have all Division Chairmen put in touch with Department Chairmen, State, as well as National, has been the goal.

Eight Department Chairmen will serve the Federation this year in charge of the various Divisions. We feel much gratified with these Department and Division Chairmen, in fact with all those in any way serving the organization this year.

We are looking forward to an active year of Club Service with every club woman doing some work, or



MRS. JOHN T. SKOLFELD, *President*

## CALL

The Mid Winter Meeting of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs will be held in Augusta, Wednesday, January twenty-fifth.

Sessions will convene at the State House in the hall of the House of Representatives.

9.45 A. M.—Opening Exercises.

10.15 A. M.—Address of Welcome by His Excellency, Governor Ralph O. Brewster, followed by business session.

Brief Reports of Officers, Department Chairmen and other business.

12.30 P. M.—Luncheon at the Augusta House, an interesting hour.

2.00 P. M.—Forum, in charge of Mrs. Edna Hutchins.

3.00 P. M.—Speaker.

4.00 P. M.—Adjournment followed by reception tendered by Governor Brewster and Mrs. Brewster.

lending aid to the Club, or State work. Every woman should constitute herself a committee of one to advance the policies of the Federation.

We must increase the Club Membership and stress the Junior, also, which work will be ably handled by Mrs. Bernice J. Young, of Bangor, former corresponding secretary. Some new committees will function this year. The Art and Music Divisions will present attractive programs. As far as possible, if necessary, let us make an advance in our individual club dues.

The prosperity of any organization depends first upon a strong financial basis. We plead for unity and co-operation. Let each one do her bit facing her task with vision and courage for a better club, a better Federation and a better State.

Earnestly yours,

JOSEPHINE P. SKOLFELD.

## THREE GIRLS LOOK TO CLUBWOMEN

### For Scholarship Aid for Coming Year—Are Seniors Working Their Way Thru

The State Chairman of the Scholarship Fund, Mrs. Florence Waugh Danforth of Skowhegan, is pleased to report that about one half of the pledges, given at the annual meeting in Lewiston for the Juniata Dunbar Memorial Fund, has been paid. This is a splendid beginning and she wishes to thank those who have paid and to ask those who have not to respond as quickly as possible. We want to keep this money in circulation and the girls are going to need it before the school year is over.

The plan for the Fund is this: When the full amount has been collected, we shall be able to help some worthy girl to the extent of \$100 a year in the name of the "Juniata Dunbar Memorial Fund." By the time the full cycle has been completed, enough money will have been paid back so that the Fund can be kept going every year and in that way the name of our little "Juniata" will be perpetuated as long as the State Federation continues as an organization.

As our slogan has always been to help those girls only who help themselves, it is not quite time for many calls for assistance because they all start with the money they have earned during the Summer vacation. But several are asking for help directly after midyears. Already three Seniors (one at college, two at Normal School) have written they could not return for their last year without our assistance. All three of these girls have of their own accord planned to pay back this money next year. It is really wonderful how anxious our girls are to go to work so that they may help some other girl to a higher education.

Special mention should be made of the generous gifts of the Lincoln County and the Onowa Unions. But many of the individual clubs have not yet contributed. We know they are going to do their bit later.

So far the Skowhegan Woman's Club and the South Lincoln Community Progress Clubs are close seconds. While we are grateful for large sums, we are just as pleased with small amounts, bearing in mind always the spirit that prompts the giving.

In closing, the Chairman leaves this thought with her readers; the height of her ambition is to be able to report at the annual meeting that every club has done its duty. Remember always, Club Women of Maine, that your Clubs ARE the Scholarship Fund.



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### "AN APPRECIATION"

Here's to the club women of Lewiston and Auburn! Our hearts go out to you in unbounded appreciation for your marvelous hospitality during the annual meeting.

Never has the Federation been more royally entertained. Especially are we indebted to Mrs. Royal B. Record, local chairman, and her assistants, who were so gracious and charming in disbursing their hospitality; to the Lewiston Journal and Lewiston Sun which were so generous with publicity; and to the other organizations and hostesses adding to our comfort, pleasure and enjoyment.

Now to show you, who stayed-at-home, some of the good things you missed—the brilliant reception held in Chase Hall, Bates College, with a few choice words of greeting from President Gray, and the lively music by the Bates Glee Club; inspiring talks by Charles W. Tobey of Manchester, N. H., John Clair Minot, and the ever popular A. L. T. Cummings of Portland; the privilege of listening to Mrs. Walter McNab Miller, General Federation Chairman of Public Welfare and Mrs. Annie Peakes Kenney, also of the General Federation; the pleasant drive followed by a tea at the beautiful home of Mrs. Farrington Abbott; and last but not least, the wonderful music during the whole convention.

So I say—three rousing cheers for the club women of Lewiston and Auburn!

BERNICE J. YOUNG,

*Retiring Corresponding  
Secretary.*

### NOTICE

For the first time, the Maine Federation Board has asked solicitation of advertising for the News. The aid of Publicity Assistants has been important in reducing the cost of this issue. Gratitude will naturally induce patronage of these advertisers by Maine clubwomen. Please read all the ads.

## CONTACTS MADE BY THE PRESIDENT

Since the annual meeting in October, the President has visited:

The Onawa Literary Union, the Skowhegan Woman's Club, the Woman's Literary Union and the Conklin Class of Portland.

The Woman's Club of Gorham, the New England Council in Springfield, Mass., and has in prospect, visits to the Woman's Literary Club and the Study Club of Bar Harbor early in January; also later,

The Current Events Club of Augusta.

The Auburn Art and Literature Club.

The Olympian Club of Kennebunkport.

The Maine Woman's Club of New York City.

The New York City Federation of Women's Clubs.

The Board Meeting of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the Conference on the Cause and Cure of War, Washington, D. C.; also a luncheon engagement with the President's Club of Boston, Mass.; and, in the early spring.

The "Biennial" of the General Federation of Woman's Clubs, San Antonio, Texas.

## TO INTRODUCE OUR NEW OFFICERS

Maine clubwomen welcome to the presidential chair, this year, Mrs. J. T. Skolfield, of Portland, whose activities in Portland and in Federation affairs speak well for her executive ability and leadership; to the vice president's office, Mrs. Edna A. Hutchins of Corinna, prominent in club and D. A. R. circles; to the recording secretary's berth, Mrs. Homer E. Crooker of South Berwick, who crowned club renown with a report at the New England Conference that won high compliments; to the corresponding secretary's place, Mrs. Alpheus E. Grover of Portland, former treasurer of the Literary Union, member of the Willis Club and a successful clubwoman; to treasurer's duties, Mrs. Alice S. Butler of Farmington, a cultured leader in her town; as General Federation Director, Miss Anna C. Witherle of Castine, whose record as president of the Maine Federation reflects much credit upon her; and Miss Alice Frost Lord of Lewiston, as publicity chairman and editor of the Federation News. These make up the Official Board.

Department Heads include Mrs. Chase of Lewiston, wife of a college professor and active in club and Y. W. C. A. and Americanization work; Mrs. Cotton of Gorham, author and playwright and club president; Miss Hinckley of Hinckley, educational and welfare worker; Mrs. Ross of Guilford, long active in Federation circles and known as club and welfare promoter in her town; Mrs. Sills of Brunswick, whose culture is well known; Mrs. Little of Kennebunkport, who is remembered as one of that town's active club leaders and a charming hostess; Miss Laughlin of Portland, attorney, state legislator, BPW promoter and loyal Federation worker; and Miss Lord, as editor of the News.

*American Citizenship:* Mrs. Geo. M. Chase, Lewiston, chairman.

*Division of Americanization,* Mrs.

Edmund E. Blake, Saco, chairman.

*Division of Law Observance,* Mrs. J. W. Nichols, Farmington, chairman; Mrs. W. R. Kreger, Fairfield.

*The American Home:* Mrs. Frances Meserve Cotton, Gorham, chairman.

*Division of Home Economics,* Mrs. Maurice O. Brown, Dover-Foxcroft, chairman.

*Mothercraft,* Mrs. Ruth Robinson, Winslow, chairman.

*Division of Home Extension,* Mrs. H. L. Walton, Lubec, chairman. *Family Finance,* Mrs. Mabel T. Chaney, Lisbon, chairman.

*Education:* Miss Faith Jayne Hinckley of Hinckley, chairman.

*Division of the Conservation of Natural Resources,* Mrs. William E. Kingston, chairman, Bangor.

*Division of Illiteracy,* Mrs. I. E. Pendleton, chairman, Lewiston; Mrs. Charles Ault, Auburn; Mrs. A. J. Houston, Portland; Mrs. Eva Mason, Dover-Foxcroft; Mrs. H. May Lawrence, Waterville.

*Division of Scholarship Fund,* Mrs. Florence Waugh Danforth, chairman, Skowhegan; Mrs. Maybelle H. Brown, Waterville; Mrs. W. W. Gledhill, Lewiston; Mrs. Lillian Nash, Damariscotta; Miss Florence Hale, Augusta; Mrs. Myrtle L. T. White, Presque Isle.

*Fine Arts:* Mrs. William W. Little, chairman, Kennebunkport.

*Division of Art,* Mrs. Ralph M. Whitney, chairman, Westbrook; Mrs. Harry Brown, Portland; Mrs. Jack Winchell, Brunswick; Mrs. H. L. Chadwick, Houlton; Mrs. C. Omer Porter, Westbrook.

*Division of Literature and Library Extension,* Mrs. R. D. Graves, chairman, Northeast Harbor.

*Division of Music,* Mrs. Ernest Theis, chairman, Westbrook; Mrs. Guy P. Gannett, Portland; Mrs. C. W. Towers, Houlton.

*International Relations:* Mrs. Kenneth C. M. Sills, Brunswick.

*Legislation,* Miss Gail Laughlin, chairman, Portland.

*Public Welfare,* Mrs. C. Deane Ross, chairman; Guilford.

*Division of Child Welfare,* Mrs. R. W. Emerson, chairman, Island Falls.

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## Mrs. Irving O. Palmer

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## WHAT NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCES MEAN TO CLUB WOMEN OF THIS AREA

At the end of two years' service, as chairman of the New England Conference, I am glad to return to my Federation an account of my stewardship. My purpose was two-fold, to maintain the traditions of the conference and to do honor to my state. It has been a great privilege to represent the Maine Federation in this capacity.

The brilliant New England dinner at the Atlantic City biennial, with the Conference Chairman as toastmistress, put New England forward as a united progressive section in the General Federation.

The live conference at Whitefield, N. H. in 1926, where an economic program was presented, introduced the shy, retiring organization to the attention of the men and resulted in an invitation, from the men's New England Council, to attend their conference at Hartford and to overtures for cooperation between the two organizations.

The conference this year at Burlington, Vt. was even more successful. The economic session, which had for its outstanding speaker, Dudley Harmon the executive vice-president of the N. E. Council, and which considered community interests, recreational interests, textile interests, and the problem of making New England a land of opportunity for our youth, was considered by all the finest session which the New England Conference has ever had. Moreover, the Conference adopted the recommendation of the Chairman, that a committee be appointed for research and cooperation in the solution of New England problems.

### At Whitefield

At the conference of 1923, at the Mountain View House in Whitefield, one of the beauty spots of New Hampshire, the speakers included A. L. T. Cummings of the Maine State Chamber of Commerce, on Publicity, Andrew J. Felker, State Commissioner of Agriculture for New Hampshire, and Charles W. Tobey of Manchester on the Economic Outlook of New England. The Forum focused attention upon the perpetuation of New England ideals in home, education and in civic life. Mrs. Edward Franklin White first vice-president of the General Federation, was the guest of honor and delivered a masterly address on "Law Observance."

### At Burlington

The central idea of the 1927 conference at Burlington was "Keeping Faith with New England" and the subject of the forum discussion, "How to make the old New England live in new New England." The guest of honor was Mrs. Grace Morrison Poble, general federation secretary, who gave an illuminating address on International Friendships.

From the addresses, including one on developing the recreational resources of a community by James P. Taylor of Vermont and one on The Textile Problem by Mrs. Edith Nourse Rogers from Massachusetts, a Maine

woman by birth, came many suggestions for cooperation by clubwomen.

General Federation speakers included Mrs. Miller on Public Welfare, Miss Jaffray on the Cooper Bill, and Miss Grace Abbott on Child Welfare. In the forum discussion, Maine's account of her illiteracy campaign, by Mrs. Crooker of South Berwick, was a valuable contribution.

Vermont contributed three inspiring messages through Miss Caroline Woodruff, who praised the World Federation work of Dr. A. O. Thomas, of Maine, through Mrs. Oppenheim on The Gospel of Joy, and Lieut. Gov. Jackson, who made an able plea for the Youth of New England.

The climax of the social features was the banquet, with Mrs. Gilbert Davis, of Vermont, as toastmistress, featured by state songs and responses from Mrs. John P. Sippel of Maryland, Miss Genevieve Parkhurst of New York, and Mrs. Harry Burnham of the Conference, who prophesied that the future emphasis would be on cooperative work.

From this splendid conference, the 300 delegates bore away a warm appreciation of the serenity and hospitality of the Vermont Federation and of its able President, Mrs. Martin S. Vilas, together with a deeper New England consciousness. The chairman was most grateful for the attendance of fourteen delegates from far away Maine.

At the business meeting, the Chairman's recommendation for the appointment of a committee of Research and Cooperation with the New England Council was adopted and a campaign to save Franconia Notch was recommended.

By invitation of Massachusetts, the conference of 1928 will be held at the Ocean House, Swampscott, September 25, 26 and 27, with Mrs. Guy E. Speare of New Hampshire, chairman.

### At Springfield

While our experience at the New England Conference of industrial leaders this fall at Springfield lacked some of the thrills, attendant upon being especially invited guests, as we were last year, our position as registered delegates of the various State Federations marked a distinct advance.

The theme of the Conference, "An Idea in Action" is pregnant with meaning, the idea of cooperation not competition, and the realization of an ideal in our material life. In retrospect, the meeting seemed ablaze

## THE NEW ENGLAND FARM MARKETING CONFERENCE

The second New England Farm Marketing Conference was held in Boston, December 9-10. The principal feature of the opening session was the address by John S. Lawrence, president of the N. E. Council, who emphasized the fact that proper merchandising methods were as essential as a high standard of product.

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with ideals,— of service to stricken Vermont, of research for the profit of the future, of encouragement to the smaller industries, of confidence in the leadership of the big men, of faith in the power of the New England character to keep New England in the forefront of the nation's need.

The outstanding speakers of the general session were Sec. Hoover, Ernest Elmo Calkins, and Walter Prichard Eaton. It was thrilling to rise with 2000 men, including the six governors of New England, in homage to Secretary Hoover, whose face was lined with care, to hear his testimonial to the Vermont character, that he heard not one word of complaint nor one request for assistance, while he was in Vermont, and to share in the acceptance of his two million dollar relief program.

It was also gratifying to the women to hear Mr. Calkins, the advertising genius of our country, extol the necessity of recognizing the demand for beauty as well as for utility and to hear him exalt the profession of business to the ideal level of a new Field of the Cloth of Gold. Then Mr. Eaton struck a responsive chord in the hearts of the women by his plea to keep our New England a place of dignity and beauty, and orderliness.

Lastly, our own Maine sectional meeting conveyed its usual chivalrous tribute to the women, who listened to its serious counsels over the special interests of our state, the textile industry, the power question and the merchant marine,—one of the most progressive meetings of all the conference. We hear much of Southern chivalry; can any men in our land surpass the Maine men, in their chivalrous recognition of the equal value of their women?

For 17 years the New England Conference of State Federations of Women's Clubs has cultivated the spirit of cooperation among the club women. Therefore it is most reassuring to find that this same spirit is being realized in the world of industry, and is being translated by the men into "An Ideal in Action."

—Mrs. Harry Haynes Burnham.

FROM A FRIEND  
Lewiston, Maine



## ILLITERACY WORK CHALLENGES IMMEDIATE ATTENTION AND ACTIVITY OF CLUB WOMEN IN EVERY MAINE TOWN

Are there any illiterates in your city or town?

Do you know who and where they are?

If not, read this and get busy at once in one of the most important demonstrations the Maine Federation has ever started.

The illiteracy committee is asking the clubwomen of Maine to help find the illiterate in their respective cities and towns and forward these names and addresses to Mrs. I. E. Pendleton, 500 Main street, Lewiston.

The promised support that this work had, at the last mid-winter meeting of the Federation, is now asked by this committee as active support, in making a survey and census of the illiterates of the state and in an effort to give instruction to them.

These lists of people who cannot read or write may be obtained by asking help from principals of schools, and mill and factory superintendents, health departments, labor unions, fraternal orders, civic clubs, Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. and public welfare departments, political leaders, ministers, priests and leaders of different foreign groups of the town.

Some clubs have done this already, and the rest will be reached later thru town committees. However, it will quicken the work if the clubs will begin immediately.

The Illiteracy Committee for the Federation is composed of Mrs. I. E. Pendleton, Lewiston, chairman; Mrs. Charles Ault, Auburn; Mrs. H. May Lawrence, Waterville; and Mrs. Eva C. Mason, Dover-Foxcroft.

Each member of this committee is chairman of another committee made up of representatives from each county in her district; and each of these, in turn, form a committee of clubwomen from every city and town in her county. This makes it easy to reach each club in the state with any literature or suggestions for finding and helping the illiterates.

These committees are now being selected, and by the Mid-Winter Meeting, Jan. 25th at Augusta, it is expected that a pamphlet will be ready naming them and offering suggestions for the work. The committee feel that, with a well organized force and definite plan of work, success is assured.

If the clubwomen of Maine become a unit, determined to

eradicate illiteracy from the state, nothing can stop them. A clubwoman well-informed on the illiteracy question and ready to talk about it, will find plenty of interest and help. She is the interpreter to the public. Sympathy, understanding and co-operation will follow.

The committee hopes to make the club members feel what a wonderful privilege and opportunity they have to inform the public of conditions and make all realize that teaching adult illiterates must come, and come soon, for the safety of the country. Sooner or later adult education must become a permanent part of the school system.

Hon. John J. Tigert, Commissioner of Education of the United States, has requested the aid of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, in listing and teaching over five million illiterates in the country.

Dr. Augustus O. Thomas, State Commissioner of Education, will be most appreciative of help from the clubwomen of Maine in relieving this state of its 20,000 illiterates.

### *Kingstown Literary Club Song*

Tune: (Silver Threads Among the Gold)

A loyal band of women we,  
Bound by ties of unity,  
Our aim it is to educate  
And to fight illiteracy.  
Literary tho our work must be  
We oftentimes vary from that plan,  
To try in every way we can  
To improve Society.

#### CHORUS

Kingtown, Kingtown, is our  
name, our name,  
A club that is both staunch and  
true,  
You'll find us ready, find us  
game for what good there is  
to do.

We don't expect to reach great  
heights,  
Or to dwell in "Halls of Fame",  
But be worthy, in our might,  
Of our grand old State of Maine,  
And to help the children day  
by day  
Lest they in their duties lag,  
Be true to themselves, their  
school and home  
And their dear old Country's  
Flag.

#### CHORUS

Living in a world of care,  
Amid scenes of vague unrest,  
Let each club woman do her  
share,  
Strive to do her very best.  
Help the fallen on their upward  
way,  
Faithful to our Country, too,  
Bow beneath our Nation's sway,  
And the old "Red, White and  
Blue".

#### CHORUS

(Written by Mrs. Nettie B. Walker for Kingstown Literary Club of Kingfield, which has 19 active members.)

### PORTLAND OFFERS

#### HOSPITALITY

The Woman's Literary Union of Portland offers the hospitality of their clubhouse to any member of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs, who, living in other sections of the State, is temporarily in Portland. This is situated on Spring St., in the center of the city, and has all the comforts of a modern clubhouse.

This is one of the largest clubs in this part of New England, with Miss Gail Laughlin as president. It has interesting programs during the winter and community lectures are given during the club season, the next, on January 21, is entitled "On the Roof of the World", with official motion pictures of the 1924 Mt. Everest expedition with Captain John Noel, official photographer, as the lecturer.

#### SAVE FRANCONIA NOTCH

Attention of Maine Clubwomen is called to the campaign to save Franconia Notch, made famous by scenic attractions like Profile Rock and the Flume.

The N. H. legislature appropriated \$200,000. James J. Storrow left \$100,000. more by his will for this purpose, and \$100,000. must yet be raised. One may buy one or more of the fine old trees on this property at one dollar each, identify it and possess it where it stands, and may do with it what one likes, except cut or mutilate it.

Once acquired, the title to the property will rest with the State of New Hampshire. It will, however, be managed by a joint committee of the State and the Society, thus guaranteeing honest management

and freedom from political control. The Flume will be operated with an admission charge as before, the revenue being devoted to the upkeep of the property.

Contributors may send check to James J. Storrow, Jr., Treasurer, 4 Joy Street, Boston, Mass.

### N. E. Farm Marketing Conference

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It was reported that five of the six New England States have passed uniform legislation, giving the Commissioners of Agriculture in their respective states the power to set up grades and standards for agricultural products; which grades will conform to United States grades so far as adaptable to the product.

One purpose of the Conference was the development of an educational and publicity program, that the farmers of New England may be quickly and effectively educated as to the advantages of such grades and standards, and that the housewives and consumers may appreciate the value and quality of agricultural products marketed under New England grade names.

An interesting exhibit was a proposed label for New England goods produced and packed in accordance with official state grades. Frederick Waugh, director of the Massachusetts division of markets, who exhibited the label, said it would prove of tremendous value in competing with outside shippers. These matters are of vital interest to the women of our various clubs and organizations and should receive our careful attention.

(Mrs.) MINNIE S. DESHON,

Delegate from Maine Federation of Women's Clubs.



## OUR MAINE STATE BIRD

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And he the captive bold  
Soaring through the State House  
The ladies to behold.

So in our state's own borders  
Forever he will reign  
And 'Chick-a-dee so sweetly  
For the club women of Maine.

—Mildred S. Whitney.



### TO INTRODUCE NEW OFFICERS (Continued from Page 2)

*Division of Public Health*, Mrs. Chesley W. Nelson, chairman, Norway.

*Division of Problems of Adult Delinquency*, Mrs. Charles W. Eaton, chairman, Auburn; Mrs. Florence W. Danforth, Skowhegan; Mrs. Charles P. Chandler, New Gloucester; Mrs. S. L. Andrews, Lewiston.

*Historian*, Mrs. C. B. Porter, chairman, Old Town.

*Necrologist*, Mrs. Maybelle H. Brown, chairman, Waterville.

*Parliamentarian*, Mrs. A. A. Kendall, chairman, Portland.

#### Standing Committees

*Club extension*, Mrs. William J. Currier, chairman, Bangor.

*Resolutions*, Mrs. R. B. Record, chairman, Auburn; Mrs. F. E. Pomeroy, Lewiston; Mrs. LeRoy R. Folsom, Norridgewock; Mrs. Percival A. Bachelder, Westbrook; Mrs. Myrtle L. T. White, Presque Isle.

*Finance*, Mrs. J. Marden De Shon, chairman, Portland; Mrs. Stella King White, Houlton; Mrs. G. Ray Lewis, Auburn; Mrs. Dennis Donovan, Augusta; Miss Edith Gray, Old Town.

*State Endowment Fund*, Mrs. William A. Ellingwood, chairman, Rockland.

*Continuation*, composed of all former Federation presidents, now living in Maine, Miss Anna Cate Witherle, Castine; Mrs. Florence Waugh Danforth, Skowhegan; Mrs. John H. Huddilston, Orono; Mrs. William E. Brewster, Dexter; Mrs. Myrtle L. T. White, Presque Isle; Mrs. Grace A. Wing, Portland; Mrs. Edna P. Flagg, Portland; Mrs. Fred H. White, Lewiston and Mrs. Caroline A. Burpee, Houlton.

#### Special Committee

*Transportation*, Miss Anna C. Witherle, chairman, Castine.

*Pan-American Scholarship*, Mrs. John H. Huddilston, chairman, Orono.

*Elections*, Mrs. Eva Mason, chairman, Dover-Foxcroft; Mrs. Judson C. Briggs, Caribou; Mrs. Frank Daggett, Bangor.

*Maine Federation News*, Miss Alice Frost Lord, editor, Lewiston.

*Aids to publicity*, Miss Louise Monroe, Dover-Foxcroft; Mrs. Amy P. Erskine, Damariscotta; Mrs. A. T. Stewart, Portland; Mrs. Fred E. Hall, Houlton.

(It will be noted that not all division committees were complete at the time the News went to press.)

### OLYMPIAN CLUB BUYS SITE FOR NEW CLUB HOUSE

The Olympian Club of Kennebunkport has recently purchased a splendid site for their proposed new club house, and it will not be long now before they gather under their own roof tree.

Those delegates of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs, who attended the annual meeting in 1926 in Kennebunkport, will readily remember the attractive and picturesque locality which has been chosen by the Olympians for their new home.

It is on Temple Street, one of the finest residential sections in the "Port." Starting from the center of the village it is just one block in length and ends in front of the fine old Congregational Church, where the business meetings of the Federation were held last year. On the left is the old Dudley place, on the corner of which, next to the church, is the lot purchased by the Olympian Club. On the right are a large summer hotel and handsome residences. Magnificent shade trees line the street on each side and form a leafy arch overhead.

Directly back of the Olympian site, and only a stone's throw away, flows the beautiful Kennebunk River. When the club house is finished, the view

## Our Friend

One there was who moved among  
us

In the numbered years ago,  
One who gave of thought and service

Of unselfish interest born,  
One who living in the present  
Still could glimpse a future view,

And with wise and earnest purpose—

Saw her golden dream come true.

With a coterie about her,  
All who kindred interests knew,  
Still her thought went out to others,

As her vision broader grew.  
Kindly hearts with friendly spirit  
Worked, and lo! the task was done,

And throughout her own home city

All these groups were merged in one.

As a pebble in the water  
Spreads its circles on the tide,  
So her vision ever broadened

Till the circle was State wide.  
Now—her name is known and honored,

Who can tell the vision's end?  
Yet to us who earlier knew her,  
We recall her as—our friend.

*Tribute to the late Mrs. George C. Frye, founder of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs, written by*  
ELLA MATTHEWS BANGS.

across and up this picturesque stream for a mile or more will be magnificent.

Plans for the new home of the Olympian are not yet available. The club keeps adding new members and continues its usual programs and civic work, states Mrs. Warren H. Littlefield, president.

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## "ON TO TEXAS" SLOGAN FOR GENERAL FEDERATION BIENNIAL

All over the Country many club women are already beginning to plan for the great event in club life, the Biennial Convention of the General Federation in San Antonio, Texas, May 29 to June 6, 1928.

This year there is unusual interest in the Biennial because an entire new slate of officers is to be elected. The two candidates for the presidency are Mrs. Edward Franklin White of Indiana, at present first vice-president of the General Federation and Mrs. John F. Sippel of Baltimore, chairman of the Finance Committee.

All New England women are interested in the fact that Mrs. Grace Morrison Poole of Brockton, Mass., is a candidate for the office of first vice-president of the General Federation. Mrs. Poole is at present filling most efficiently the office of secretary of the General Federation.

The Texas Federation is making every possible preparation for the entertainment of its guests. A Texas hostess will be assigned to every guest. San Antonio and the Alamo, the cradle of Texas liberty, are filled with historical interest, while the modern city is beautiful and convenient gathering place for a great convention.

At the last Biennial at Atlantic City, Maine had a splendid delegation

of 19 club women. Unfortunately for us, San Antonio is much farther away than New Jersey but there must be Maine club women who can and will respond to the cry, "On to Texas." Reduced rates will be offered by the railroads for the round trip.

An official tour from New England has already been arranged by the Massachusetts Federation which will include visits to St. Louis, Arkansas Hot Springs, Dallas, Houston, Galveston, Matamoras (Mexico), New Orleans, and Memphis.

As a state, Maine is entitled to be represented by its president and its director and by ten state delegates. Each of the 21 Maine clubs in direct membership is entitled to be represented by one delegate.

During the last administration eight clubs adopted direct membership and it is hoped that in the next two years more than this number will be glad to assume the privilege and the duties of direct membership.

Ten cents per capita is little enough to contribute toward the financial support of our splendid national organization.

Any club women who can plan to attend the Biennial are asked to get in touch with Anna C. Witherie of Castine, General Federation Director for Maine.

## CANDIDACY OF N. E. WOMAN AT BIENNIAL



In presenting Mrs. Grace Morrison Poole as candidate for 1st vice-president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs at the Biennial in San Antonio, Texas, in June, Massachusetts offers her "favorite daughter." As past president of the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs, as past president of her

home club of Brockton, as present recording secretary of the General Federation, Mrs. Poole has indeed proved herself.

Born in Wakefield, Mass. in 1880, educated in the public schools of Manchester, N. H., and graduated from the Salem, Mass. Normal School. She is worthy of N. E. traditions and it is perhaps with pardonable pride that New England claims Grace Morrison Poole for her own.

Before her marriage she taught four years. Then began her interest in club activities. She served on the executive boards of nearly all the civic organizations of her home city, as well as for six years on the school committee.

Upon the death of her husband she entered the lecture field, specializing in current history, her favorite subject. Now, in her fiftieth year, she averages 200 lectures a year, and well may she boast that in all these years she has missed but three engagements.

System is the secret of Mrs. Poole's success. Every minute of her waking hours is budgetted. There is a very definite place in her life for her profession, her housekeeping, her recreation, her music, her religion. Keeping fit for her job is a point of honor.

In her own words—"Any server of the public must keep herself fit to serve the public; she has no right to take it out of the public." And so her daily life is ordered accordingly.

## PUT ENDOWMENT FUND UP TO \$10,000 GOAL

Mrs. Ruth Ellingwood of Rockland, who is furthering the project of increasing the Maine Federation Endowment Fund this year, as chairman will co-operate with the Official Board in doing everything possible to attain the goal of \$10,000 as soon as possible. For Mrs. Skolfield is convinced this must be reached to make the Federation work thoroughly efficient, and she trusts every club will lend financial to this objective as soon as possible.

## CONFERENCE ON CAUSE AND CURE OF WAR

The third conference on the Cause and Cure of War will be held in the Hall of Nations, Hotel Washington, Washington, D. C., Jan. 15-19, 1928.

This is arranged by a national committee representing nine co-operating organizations of women: American Association of University Women, Council of Women for Home Missions, Federation of Women's Boards of Foreign Missions of North America, General Federation of Women's Clubs, National Board of Young Women's Christian Associations, National Council of Jewish Women, National League of Women Voters, National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, National Women's Trade Union League.

To quote from a recent circular, "The work on the Cause and Cure of War was undertaken in 1924 for the purpose of developing an understanding of the problems in international relations, with the hope that a program for peace might be evolved which would become the common basis for this work in the nine participating organizations.

"Progress toward this goal has already been made through the findings of the two previous conferences and a recommended program of work. This third conference faces the task of following out a still more challenging program, behind which the millions of women interested in peace may align themselves.

Numerous nationally and internationally known experts will speak at the conference and impartially present data. The feature this year will be two round tables at which five or

## GREETINGS TO MAINE FROM MRS. POOLE

There is a very warm spot in my heart for the state of Maine for some of the happiest and most carefree days of my life have been spent among its hills and along its rocky coast and my father's people came from there.

Maine's club record is a valuable one achieved under difficult conditions for the state is large and the club population scattered, but things accomplished under difficult conditions mean more to us always, and so it is with just pride that Maine points to her record.

We expect so much of our club women these days. Good homemakers of course they must be, leaders in the community and religious life and pioneers along new paths. The one danger that I always fear is that, in our desire to accomplish so much—for there is so much to do you know, we shall defeat our purpose. It's hard to call a halt in this speedy age in which we live but halt we must before it is too late.

I sometimes wonder if our slogan for 1928 should not be "Less speed and more leisure" that there may be time for the strengthening of the soul of life so greatly needed in this materialistic age.

six experts will discuss and develop two programs, one on the cause and cure of war and one on the foreign policy of the United States.

Miss Anna C. Witherle, retiring president of the Maine Federation, will attend this conference.



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## AN APPEAL FOR POLITICAL ACTIVITY

I hope the women in 1928 will take more active part in what, for the want of a better name, we call politics. I want them to recognize the essential fact that they cannot do their full duty to their children, their homes, and their communities unless they do their utmost to see that the men and women who represent them in their city councils, in their state legislatures, in the executive offices and halls of Congress are of the type of men and women who will insure the nearest approach to their ideals of service.

We want every qualified woman voter to cast her vote at the polls, but we are equally concerned that the vote she casts shall be an intelligent vote.

We are being forcibly reminded these days that the club women must no longer confine themselves to the writing of essays, they must write platforms too; they must not be content to be onlookers in the job of the nation's housekeeping, they must be participants.

I hope that the Federal government will attain a greater degree of success in the enforcement of prohibition, and that all candidates for office be required to state their intention concerning law enforcement, including the 18th amendment.

I hope to bring to fruition the Federation's plans for the building up of a national morale among women, and men too, for a higher level of home and family life. We have asked

the Federal government to help us bind up this morale by counting every woman engaged in running a household—whether she does it unaided or with the help of servants—in the population census as a home-maker.

I want to rivet the attention of women upon the fact that home making is a profession, a career, wherein every woman's success is reflected in the nation's well being, as her failure courses through the nation's arteries in broken families, physically or mentally defective children, and in an otherwise hampered citizenry.

These are a few of the things hope the club women will accomplish in 1928.

—Mary Sherman, pres. of Gen'l Fed.

### SNAP SHOTS IN FEDERATION

Of the clubs newly admitted to the Maine Federation five have sent brief reports for this issue of the News.

Mrs. F. Fovarque, president of the Monson Club, which was formed only last spring, has entertained at Guilford and been entertained at Moosehead Lake (by Mrs. Dick Young); has promoted health seal and bond sales, held a Christmas Tree with community singing, carols for shut-ins and fruit and food for needy families; and will sponsor a snow carnival. Local teachers have been asked to tell how the club can aid the schools; a framed copy of Old Ironsides has been offered as prize for composition work in 5th to 8th grades, the picture to go to the room of winner. Supervision of school play is planned for summer vacation.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Leadbetter, president of the Community Progress Club, reports active work, with more details due at the end of the season.

The Boston Daughters of Maine devoted proceeds of a November bazaar to Vermont sufferers, ex-service men, the Children's Hospital and a needy family in Maine. The next big event will be January 26th when presidents of state, city and General Federations will be guests. Mrs. D. Fletcher Knight of Arlington, president, extends hearty greetings to sister clubs in Maine with New Year wishes for happiness and prosperity.

The Wiltona Club, with 24 members averages 18 at its meetings. It has pledged \$5.00 for the Near East Relief, and \$2.00 to the local Public Health Council. Besides observing Mothers' Day, Children's Day and Gentleman's Night, it enjoyed a Philanthropic Day, when each member told how she earned a dollar contributed, writes Mrs. Emily Melendy, president.

Mrs. L. L. Mason of the South Paris Community Club reports assisting in collecting donations, Hospital Day; giving the Nativity Pantomime again this Christmas, with musical setting, beautiful tableaux and a processional of 40 children; holding the Community Tree; and putting milk into the schools.

### HONOR ROLL

An Honor Roll will be published in a later News containing names of all clubs with 100% membership subscribing to the Maine Federation News for this year. Make this the goal for your club, not merely from loyalty, but as a means to most efficient work. Why not appoint a committee of one in said club to attend to this?

Subscriptions should be sent to Mrs. H. E. Crooker of South Berwick.

### MAINE FEDERATION PINS

Mrs. A. E. Chittenden of Auburn has been appointed to have charge of the sale of Maine Federation pins. In each instance 20 cents goes to the Endowment Fund. These may be ordered from her at anytime.

### SEND IN REPORTS

All presidents of clubs are asked to send the Publicity Chairman reports of club work, within the next month, who have not done so already this

season; covering plans for year and stressing community service or other high lights.

### PAN-AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIP

Mrs. J. H. Huddilston of Orono, who has been made chairman for the Pan-American Scholarship Endowment, hopes the clubs will give some time to the study of Latin-America. The objectives are aid for Latin-American students in this country or American students in Latin-American countries; for conducting contests in schools and Junior Clubs, in connection with Spanish and History teaching departments; for aiding the social life of Latin-American students in America; and, in general, to further mutual understanding and friendship with our near neighbors south of us.

Miss Louise H. Coburn of Skowhegan, long prominent in Maine Federation work, has issued an historical brochure on "Canal Projects for the Kennebec from 1825-1832."

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*And if I sing exactly, resonantly,  
If you, too,  
Truly and resonantly sing,  
If each brave cock in his own  
farmyard  
Sang the song he knew;  
Then I believe, at last,  
the night would flee,  
When I know not, but  
thus 't would be.*

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## SPRING GREETINGS FROM THE MAINE FEDERATION PRESIDENT

*"The year's at the Spring  
And day's at the morn;  
Morning's at seven,  
The hillside's dew-pearled.  
The lark's on the wing,  
The snail's on the thorn,  
God's in His Heaven,  
All's right with the world."*

These familiar lines of Browning seem fittingly to preface the advent of Spring, and the promise of the Easter season. The bursting into life of bud and blossom, the caroling of birds, the flit of the butterfly, the hum of the bee, all are visible signs of the awakening of Nature as she assumes her glorious mantle of green.

Life for us also seems to take on a new meaning as we emerge from the chrysalis of indoor convention, becoming at once enamoured of the joy of living in Nature's great out of doors.

But Maine club women have not been idle in these months since the Mid-Winter Meeting following which was launched almost immediately the Franconia Notch campaign, exemplifying the spirit of friendliness, and resulting in returns of between \$800 and \$1,000 toward the preservation of that beauty spot of Nature, and in the warm appreciation of our sister state.

The Illiteracy campaign has been going forward each day and will close the year with a worth-while campaign record.

In fact, all divisions of work have been raising higher standards of achievement. Constructive suggestions and helps have been offered to clubs, many of which are taking advantage of the same in planning the coming season's program.

We hope every club will incorporate some phase of the work of our eight Departments in next year's program. For never were better helps offered bearing on the work of the Departments and their Divisions, or a more willing group of chairmen ready to respond to appeals from the clubs for aid.

While the time is approaching for strenuous club work to cease for a time, we are in reality just beginning on a campaign for State improvement, in which all take a natural pride. Here woman can do as beneficial a piece of work as during the more active study and program period, and can bring as much influence to bear on the one as the other. Therefore, let us remember that National Garden week will receive a greater impetus than ever this year. While the dates are presumably in April we in Maine can work as effectively to beautify lawn and

garden even later in the season. I hope to see evidences of all club women responding to this appeal, for "We are nearer God's heart in a garden than anywhere else on earth."

National Forest week and Better Homes week are also due for early observance, but are subjects worthy of attention at all times, while the clean-up and paint-up campaign which is being entered into with much enthusiasm by clubs all over the country should receive a prompt response in Maine. The conservation chairman, Mrs. Kingston, is ready at all times to supply helps and suggestions. A prize is offered by the General Federation, but whether received or not, it should be the pride and joy of clubs and all citizens to make their towns the cleanest and most beautiful in the State.

We look forward also to many clubs planting a tree in honor of the retiring president of the General Federation, that Maine may report doing her part in creating the Mary Sherman forest.

As club women let us work for all conservation measures; to preserve our forests, bird life, and plant life. May Day is claiming our interested attention, when child welfare, mothercraft and all measures beneficial to child life are stressed. May Day belongs to the child and we know clubs are featuring a May Day observance wherever possible.

Anniversary parties in aid of the Endowment Fund can be staged out of doors as well as during the winter months. Clubs are responding splendidly to the appeal and we want all to have some part in observing this, our thirty-sixth anniversary, in this definite way. "For the gift without the giver is bare."

Maine delegates to the Biennial Convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, to be held in San Antonio, Texas, soon will be leaving for their ten-day trip thither. Those planning to attend are Mrs. Myrtle L. T. White of Presque Isle, Mrs. Annie Cole of Biddeford, Mrs. Strout of Biddeford, Mrs. Florence Waugh Danforth of Skowhegan, Miss Anna Cate Witherle, Federation Director, and Mrs. John T. Skolfield, President. The date of leaving will be May twenty-fifth with return on June eighth out of San Antonio. This occasion will provide rest and recreation combined with club work, so, though we may not slacken our activities to any appreciable extent, we shall gain inspiration and renewed enthusiasm under southern skies for further tasks as we put to best use these days of partial relaxation.

May every individual club woman combine work with pleasure during the summer season, that when the annual meeting arrives in September we may be refreshed, not enervated, for the coming club year, instant in season and out of season for the advancement of the best in the home, the school, the church and the club.

JOSEPHINE P. SKOLFIELD.

## CONSERVATION IN MAINE PLANS FOR CAMPAIGN

One of the most active chairmen this season has been Mrs. Wm. E. Kingston of Bangor, for conservation of natural resources. Her work for the Franconia Notch campaign was notable. Out of voluminous suggestions the following are culled for this issue:

Will club presidents kindly see that answers to the following questions are sent to the conservation chairman at once in order that Maine clubs may have full credit for all they

have done along these lines given at the Biennial meeting this spring.

Have you appointed a conservation committee?

Have you had or are you planning to have a conservation program?

Have you studied the McNary-Woodruff and the McSweeney-McNary bills, and if so, have you endorsed them and written your congressman to that effect?

Have you planned to plant any trees this spring and if so, how many and for what purpose?

Have you planned any observance of Forest Week or Arbor Day?

Do you know that films and lantern

slides may be obtained for transportation charges only from the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Forest Service, Washington, D. C.?

It would be appreciated very much if answers to the following four questions would also be sent in as soon as possible:

Do you know of any historic trees in Maine?

Do you know of any wild flowers that are becoming extinct in Maine?

Do you believe we need laws for the protection of same?

Do you believe that Maine should own any forest reservations or wild

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*Every Club is a Wheel on the Coach of Woman's Progress*