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# Maine Federation News

Mrs. JOHN T. SKOLFIELD, President

ALICE FROST LORD, Editor

VOLUME IV.

MAY 1928

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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*



## FEDERATION NEWS

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## GOV. BREWSTER'S LETTER

State of Maine  
Office of the Governor  
Augusta

April Six, 1928.

To the Clubwomen of Maine:

The community consciousness that has been developing here in Maine in increasing measure is the surest guarantee of our progress. Without it a state is nothing; with it a state is all.

The enduring satisfactions of life are found in harmony with our surroundings and a true appreciation of our environment is the object we shall all most wisely seek.

In opening our eyes to the beauties and possibilities of our State in cultural lines, the clubwomen of Maine have played and may play a very vital part.

For more than a generation they have labored in many communities to increase those things that are lovely and of good report, and now the fruitage is becoming evident in more beautiful landscapes and characters on every hand.

The past offers only a prophecy of the "more stately mansions" that are to come as the increasing resources and leisure and culture of America enable us in Maine to realize something of that Eden that nature so evidently planned for us to be.

Maine is to be not merely materially prosperous, but the shrine of beauty on every hand, and the final crown of progress is to be found in lovelier lives devoted to the joy of serving both God and man.

Sincerely yours,  
RALPH O. BREWSTER,  
Governor of Maine.

## MRS. SHERMAN ON COMMUNISM

"The task of distinguishing between certain Communist enterprises and progressive movements in line with American ideas of democracy seems difficult for certain types of mind to grasp. The women of America must not shrink from identifying themselves with a cause which appeals to their American sense of justice and right simply because some self-interested group or some well-meaning but misinformed organization or individual characterizes the cause as tinged with Communism. The women of the Federation must not be afraid of having their patriotism questioned when their purpose is the betterment of conditions for women and children.

"The club women, in seeking to avoid the charge that they are supporting a so-called Communist measure, must be careful lest that in so doing they permit themselves to become the unconscious tools of the forces of reaction which are the source of every revolutionary movement.

"In the last analysis all the efforts of the Federation may be translated in terms of patriotism in its highest and truest sense. The work of the club women means the stabilizing of the American home, the promotion of all projects for the betterment of the educational, moral and spiritual life of the community, the state and the Nation, and the training of the Nation's boys and girls to become loyal American citizens."—General Federation News.

## Conservation in Maine

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life sanctuaries? Do you know that Maine does not own any?

Relative to "Our Town Clean-up and Beauty Campaign," Mrs. Kingston says: "Bangor Chamber of Commerce has voted to enter and it would be nice for us to know if any of our towns and cities enter the contest. But, as I understand it, we do not have much to do except to get the town interested and let them know where to obtain information. This would be from the National Clean-Up and Paint-Up Campaign Bureau, 243 West 39th St., New York City."

Mrs. Kingston also reports she is in receipt of a letter from Dr. A. O. Thomas, saying that he has sent the Forestry Primer to superintendents of schools and is prepared to send them more if they will use them. In some instances, they may be used for reading material, but in most cases the book in the hands of the teacher for general lessons is sufficient. It depends largely upon club women's interest in having this book used in the schools and interviewing teachers and superintendents in regard to same, as Dr. Thomas suggests, as to whether it is used or not. He is in favor of their using it.

Dr. Thomas also is co-operating wonderfully in his announcement for Arbor Day.

Edith Pratt Brown of the forestry division also says: As enthusiastic club women of Maine, let us feel the sacred trust that is ours! Let us not only talk tree planting, but let us this very year plant trees ourselves, and inspire all of our neighbors and friends to know our joy through a like service. Where is there a child, too, who would not revel in planting a tree, and in caring for it? The American Tree Planting Association in Washington, D. C., stands eager to award every person who plants a tree, with a beautiful certificate of mem-

bership in the American Tree Association. Joy of tree planting is contagious.

## MAINE'S \$900 GIFT AIDS FRANCONIA

Latest Word Credits Seventy Clubs  
Assisting—Other Conservation  
Matters in Maine

Seventy clubs in Maine have contributed nearly \$900 toward the purchase of 6,000 acres of forest in Franconia Notch.

The Federation in New Hampshire has undertaken the task of raising \$65,000 of the \$100,000 needed to complete the purchase. The Legislature has already contributed \$200,000 and the late James J. Storrow of Boston made available \$100,000 for this purpose. The office of the Society for Protection of New Hampshire Forests, in Boston, which has the campaign in hand, reports that they are working on the last \$7,000 of the \$100,000 required and are anxious to complete the task.

Response from Maine has been most encouraging. From Fort Kent to Kittery the appeal has been heard and club members have responded.

Mrs. Karl Kelly of Northeast Harbor, reports that her club sent in \$104, a notable record.

The response to the appeal for \$100,000 to bring into public ownership the famous Franconia Notch, has been met nation wide with a cordial and prompt response. The work done by the Federations throughout New England has been of the utmost importance to the success of the campaign.

## N. E. CONFERENCE

At the New England Conference sessions, it was urged that every club feature one program on New England themes along the line of the Conference work.



## WATERVILLE SETS PACE AGAINST ILLITERACY—CAMPAIGN STARTS WELL—COUNTY ORGANIZATION NEARLY COMPLETED

Are we, as club women of Maine, approaching our goal of "No illiteracy in the United States by 1930?" At the Biennial Convention at San Antonio, Texas, next month, our president, Mrs. John T. Skolfield, will be asked, along with the other presidents, the status of the work in Maine. Their goal for this report is, "A survey begun in one county in every state federation district."

The illiterates in Kennebec County have been found and listed and a copy of these names sent to the Commissioner of Education, Dr. Augustus O. Thomas, at Augusta. An effort has been made by the club women in that county to reach these illiterates and induce them to attend the evening schools. Where this was impossible, if they were willing to be taught, the women helped them.

The Waterville Woman's Club deserves honorable mention in their work reported by Mrs. H. May Lawrence, Chairman of Kennebec County. The women of this club arranged the lists of illiterates according to streets and the club members, taking from one to ten names, made personal calls on them, influencing them to go to the evening schools. The superintendent of schools and the school committee offered to furnish teachers to take care of the classes formed. In September these women will go "calling" again—this time hoping to gather in the rest, either for the evening schools or to form private classes or do individual teaching.

We hope that every club—YOUR CLUB—may copy the good work of the Waterville Woman's Club.

Each of the sixteen counties of Maine has a club woman chairman, who is endeavoring to find another club woman from each town in her county so that the interest and support of the women's clubs may have the interest and support of their communities:

First, by making the people realize the great number of illiterates in the country in general and in Maine in particular—5,000,000 in United States and 20,000 in Maine—and sympathize with the work and lend aid to lessen the number;

Second, by co-operating with the school authorities to seek out and give opportunities to these unfortunates to learn to read and write.

Almost every town in twelve of the sixteen counties has a town chairman working with the clubs to accomplish this. Those towns not represented will be worked upon until a chairman is found, so that, in the early fall, every town in Maine will find its club women seeing that evening schools are requested where needed, and the illiterates found to form classes.

Mrs. Eva Mason and I have spoken before many clubs throughout the State and will continue to do so until fall. We are very happy to do this at the request of any club or organization. We have found some wonderful clubs, most responsive and active in their support of this work. All seem willing and glad to take a stand for the idea of having the illiterates throughout the State taught to read and write, and to pass the word along in their communities that the club women of Maine are with the Department of Education in seeing this is done.

No influence, today, is stronger in molding public opinion than the attitude of the club women. The women have never, to my knowledge, banded together and asked for anything that was unfair or unjust. Men concede that women instinctively stand for good things, and are ever willing to help us get them. All we need is their attention to our appeal that here is something we want and want badly, for the cause to be won.

There is no better evidence that the club women have believed the Departments of Education needed and would have their help to reach and teach these 20,000 illiterates in Maine, and that they have been sincere and successful in their efforts to make the public realize the conditions, than the fact that the Republican party in the State Convention, adopted in their platform these words, "The program for illiteracy will be supported."

Fortunately, Mrs. Mason was a member of the committee making the tentative draft of the platform of the state committee and could suggest illiteracy work be mentioned; fortunately, the club women of Maine had done their bit towards educating the public concerning conditions; fortunately, the Republican delegates thought the work did appeal to the public. So, we can all say,

**"The program of illiteracy will be supported."**

FLORENCE H. PENDLETON, Ch.

### PAN AMERICAN THEMES

Mrs. J. H. Haddilston, Orono, who has promoted interest in Pan American themes for club work in the Maine Federation, expresses the hope that at least one program will be given to our relations with Pan America, the coming season. She offers to refer them to material and to speakers.

### ENDOWMENT FUND

Endowment Fund additions to date, thru birthday celebrations this spring, total \$256.00. About 35 clubs have thus far responded to this appeal to raise 36 cents a member, this being the 36th birthday. If the remaining 155 clubs will respond, the sum will be greatly swelled. Some

### DO YOU KNOW ANY FERTILE FIELD FOR JUNIOR CLUB WORK?

"Our Club Extension Committee is striving hard this year to interest more young people in our State, in the forming of Junior Clubs," says Mrs. William J. Currier of Bangor. "We feel that once they know of the wonderful work of this organization, they will become our most enthusiastic members. We are trying to reach into all parts of the State, and many letters have been sent, and a few clubs visited. If there is any member of the Federation who knows of a new club being formed, or where there is an opportunity of such being organized, will she please communicate with some member of the committee. This is one of the ways in which we can all work for our State Federation."

have held indoor programs; others plan outdoor garden parties this spring.

### ATTENTION! KENNEBEC VALLEY!

The Kennebec Union will hold its May meeting in Madison by invitation of the Sorosis Club of that town. Much interest is manifested among the "Kennebec Valley Clubs" belonging to the Union and a large attendance is expected. Let every loyal member make a special effort to be present at the spring meeting of the oldest Union in the State.

### DOVER-FOXCROFT CLUB RAISES \$300 CASH

Through Christmas Seals and Health Bonds—Modern Writers Featured on Cultural Program

The Cosmopolitan Club of Dover-Foxcroft has enjoyed a most pleasing program. Its study has been "Modern American Literature and Miscellany," arranged by the program committee, Mrs. Blanche Wass Brown, Mrs. Helen F. Dyer and Mrs. Mary L. Gilman. Several afternoons have been devoted to Modern Poetry, Modern Fiction, Modern Biography, Modern Drama and Modern Essayists.

The club's lecture program has been of unusual interest. Miss Faith J. Hinckley of Hinckley, spoke on "My Symphony of Life." In November the club tendered a reception to the teachers of the Dover-Foxcroft schools and the faculty of Foxcroft Academy, when Prof. Anders Myhrmann of Bates College gave a fascinating talk upon "Russia." In December, Mrs. Annie Peaks Kenny of Chicago, a former Dover-Foxcroft

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*In the Morning of a Club Season Falling Dews Are Beautiful—To the Treasurer*



# A GLIMPSE BEHIND THE CURTAIN

## Our Real Selves -- Let's Get Acquainted

### TO INTRODUCE MRS.

#### ELLA MILLER CHASE

"How can I tell what manner of woman I am?" echoes Mrs. Ella Miller Chase of Lewiston, who is chairman of the Department of American Citizenship.

"Perhaps if I tell some of the ingredients that have gone into my making, my life will appear more reasonable and understandable. My father's people were Quakers for generations, coming to Pennsylvania with William Penn. From my mother I belong to the early Dutch settlers of New York and to the fighting Sherman blood that marched through Georgia; and to further offset my Quaker blood and Northern traditions I have blood from the robust Cavaliers who settled South Carolina. This mixture of inheritances which is me was brought up in Southern Kansas close to pioneer days by parents who had homesteaded on the prairies and known its joys and hardships intimately.

"My childhood was familiar with Indians, covered wagons, cyclones and blizzards as well as with the birds and flowers and bright sunshine of care-free days full of ceaseless activity. It is as natural for me to feel akin to good black dirt as it is for me to love the wind in trees, a good horse and sunlight on the grass.

"But more basic even than these is a love of folks—all sorts and kinds, men, women and children, not just the good and well-washed, either. My years of devotion to the Young Women's Christian Association is because girls, all sorts and kinds, are thrilling and I feel at home among them. My relation with the generations of college girls at Bates has kept me understanding of heart and full of adventurous life.

"I like to MAKE things—pies and roasts, dresses and baby bonnets, to make a room cozy, to serve the people I love rather than to be served.

"I like to make my own life and amusements and recreation and not take just the conventional ones.

"Most of all, I love babies and children and am happier with a child than with anything else in the world. My love of children and folks makes me interested in good citizenship and all civic movements that make the world better for children.

"The church, the school, the club, the home, have my allegiance.

"And what shall I say of my love for books and music? If I am sad, music comforts and restores me; if I am mad, it sets me straight again; if I am ambitious, I march on wings of song. Our house is full of books. They are our interior and exterior decoration.

"The church, the school, the club, the home, have my allegiance.

### EVEN GAIL LAUGHLIN

#### DRAWS CURTAIN ASIDE

"What interests me most outside of club work?" responds the one and only Gail Laughlin in the world. "My profession of the law? That is what I should say, of course. But, though I peril my professional standing thereby, I must confess that I regard even my profession, fundamentally, as a means to an end, the end being absolute freedom of opportunity for women, unhampered by prejudice, or tradition, or limited human vision; and absolute equality with men in law, in custom and in concept. To that end, all other interests, except friendship alone, and not excepting club work, are subordinate and subservient.

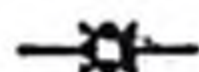
"Books? They are a necessity of life, since 'man does not live by bread alone.'

"For recreation—once horseback riding came first. But I have not ridden since San Francisco days. So fishing moves to the head of the line. It provides just occupation enough to give an objective to the outdoor trip, and yet is not so strenuous but that one can soak in the outdoors—the beauty of sky and woods and water—and, at the same time, meditate and invite one's soul.

"Then there's picnicing, to which I am irrevocably sold. It must include a fire on the rocks, however, and outdoor cooking. And after that, golf and motoring; and bridge in the long winter evenings when the New England climate turns thumbs down on most outdoor sports.

"And I still yearn for the almost-lost art of conversation, for the give and take, the quip and sally, of congenial minds."

"The Quaker in me keeps me quiet to 'hear the still, small voice' and knows that spirit is the great reality; the Cavalier in me laughs and frolics joyfully; the Dutch in me makes me stick by what I am doing; the Sherman in me fights for the things I value; the Pioneer in me keeps me on my feet, stumbling and blundering perhaps, but going on with face toward the sunrise."



### HERE IS OUR EFFICIENT

#### FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

"What next? You can always depend upon a youngster to stump you with some unexpected question. But there isn't one who can beat this. 'What is my hobby?' our editor asks."

Then Mrs. Edna A. Hutchins of Corinna, first vice-president, replies:

"So we are to reveal to others our foolish notions and let others see us as we see ourselves. A near-sighted

### MAY WE PRESENT

#### MRS. FRANCES COTTON?

"My life has been a busy one and some years have been filled with pain, and I know what it means to be unable to walk for two years and sit in a wheel chair, following a long illness of angina pectoris (which explains my walking stick), but Life has been good to me and my friends have been loyal and many have arisen," says Mrs. Frances Meserve Cotton of Gorham, chairman of the Department of the American Home.

"This is of no interest to you or the public, but just an explanation. If you should ask my one and only child, a senior at college, to name my hobby, he would instantly respond, 'Boys,' for he has said, 'Mother would be happy on an island surrounded by boys.'

"Perhaps it is because I grew up with my two brothers and had a sensible mother who never said, 'That isn't nice and you must be more lady-like;' and perhaps because my brothers were willing and seemingly glad to have me run with them if I never cried!

"I have hidden beneath my bed when I saw a girl approaching the house with her doll, but have hunted in the woods all day for a squirrel's nest and climbed old scraggly pines in search of a young crow to tame. That may be the reason why I like to write boys' stories best and why I gave up a Bible class of girls to ask for one of boys. That is one of my weekly pleasures at present, to sit in a classroom on Sunday with twenty-three active boys and have an open forum.

"I am very fond of listening to good music and regret that I cannot sing. Nature has a special appeal for me and I have never dropped the idea of childhood that the trees are personified and could tell us such wonderful tales if they could but speak.

"Born in New Hampshire and teaching in country schoolhouses eight years, always within sight of Chocorua, I have gained many an inspiration and received strength from the hills.

"I am happy when at home and in the company of my friends. But I am never depressed when alone, and secretly am always most contented when in my office, with Scottie, the collie, stretched beside me, and the typewriter clicking away the words and lives of imaginary people of my plays and stories."

man and his wife were inspecting an art exhibition with critical care. 'That's the ugliest portrait I've ever seen,' he cried angrily, striving vainly for a better view of the picture. 'Come away, you fool!' replied his



wife. 'You are looking at yourself in a mirror.' So I say it might be of more benefit to all of us if we could see ourselves as others see us.

"I have always had very diversified interests so my 'likes' are the same.

"We are told that the cave of Adullum was a general refuge for everyone that was in distress, in debt, or was discontented.

"In almost every organization there is always a number of Adullmites. They do nothing—and perhaps by so doing they are burying their talents. I have always tried not to be an inhabitant of that cave. I have always been so busy that I find myself groping through space hoping some day to find time to do the things I most desire.

"I love books and never find myself so tired, or time so limited, as to prevent me from reading.

" 'Worthy books are not companions,

They are solitudes.

We lose ourselves in them  
and all our cares.' "

"My favorite book thus far this year is 'The Bridge of San Luis Ruy.'

"We should all be lovers of nature because there are myriads of gifts which God through nature bestows. Farm life I love—and many pleasant memories still linger with me of my early life spent on a farm.

"One of the earliest pictures of my life would have shown me riding a horserake, or riding bareback to unload hay; and even now I can forget all cares while weeding in my vegetable or flower garden. This close contact with nature I am sure makes me more appreciative of its beauties.

"A game of bridge I never refuse. Politics, too, are to me interesting and exasperating.

"If, as is now advocated, life must be devoted to a single purpose and that purpose be life's work, my life will be called a failure. I find myself more a 'jack of all trades,' and as this is an age of specialists, I fall short. Yet I hope my life's work will see something begun, something finished, and

" 'For me, to have made one soul  
The better for my birth;  
To have added but one flower  
To the garden of the earth;  
To have sown in the souls of  
men  
One thought that will not die;  
To have been a link in the  
chain of life—  
Shall be immortality.' "

#### MRS. GROVER, YOU KNOW, IS OUR SECRETARY

Mrs. Mary G. Grover, efficient corresponding secretary this year for the Maine Federation, is not sure she can disclose much of interest, for she declares she has no so-called "hobby." But she is fond of music, the opera and the drama. Yet she is not a moving picture fan. She adds:

"I am fond of nature in every way. I love the birds particularly; the

mountains also; and a lovely bit of scenery I think makes one the better for having seen it.

"I enjoy reading very much but am afraid I am rather too given to the light and entertaining sort just now. Then there is motoring, as well as a good game of bridge, though I do not consider myself an expert at the latter.

"Asking me the question has set me thinking of the many things I do enjoy for which I am grateful."

#### ETTA HALEY OSGOOD ILL

We regret to learn that a former prominent Maine club woman, Mrs. Etta Haley Osgood, is ill in a hospital in Seattle, Washington. Anyone desiring to remember her with flowers, may do so by sending check to the reliable florists, "The Hollywood Gardens," who will be glad to attend to any order promptly. Happily, Mrs. Skolfield has had flowers sent this honorary president from Maine with greetings from her Federation friends.

#### REMEMBER PRIMARIES

##### IN JUNE HERE IN MAINE

Urging interest in the Maine Primaries in June, Mrs. George M. Chase of Lewiston, chairman for American Citizenship, says:

"I would like to urge all the club women to remember that our Maine Primaries come in June and it is the duty of all good citizens to take an active interest in who is nominated for the U. S. Senate and for the Governor of our State and the various other offices. This is a definite thing we can do, as good citizens. The Primary was retained for Maine. Now let us use it!

#### GREETINGS FROM FRIENDLY TRAVELERS IN PACIFIC

Miss Anna C. Witherle of Castine, and Mrs. Roselle W. Huddilston of Orono, two past presidents of the Federation, have been greatly enjoying a trip to Honolulu. Lack of space forbids using their descriptive letters. But both send greetings to Maine club friends and urge them to follow their example by refreshing themselves "by a trip across the continent followed by the lazy restfulness of an ocean voyage."

#### Dover-Foxcroft Club

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girl, and an officer of the General Federation, addressed the club upon "Insurance." For the February feature Prof. Haynes of the Colby faculty spoke entertainingly upon "Psychology," when gentlemen were guests and the club was entertained at the spacious home of Mrs. Carrie Kitchen, a Cosmopolitan Club member.

In March a joint meeting was held in connection with the other two local women's clubs and Mrs. Hilda

Ives of Portland, gave a most pleasing talk on "Mother and Daughter Problems." This gathering was of special moment because it was the first joint meeting ever held between the three Dover-Foxcroft women's clubs and it is hoped that it is the forerunner of a local federation.

The April feature was a lecture by Prof. Thornton Terhune of the University of Maine, on "Great Men."

In October the club sponsored a meeting which was open to the public, when the pro and con of the Direct Primary law was discussed by Hon. F. R. Dyer of Portland and Judge Ralph W. Crockett of Lewiston. Guest day was held in January, a feature being a play, "Stylish Stouts," staged by five club ladies and coached by Mrs. Willis E. Parsons.

The Cosmopolitan Club, in conjunction with the Athena Club, entertained the Onawa Literary Union in October. There was a large attendance of ladies from Pittsfield, Newport, Corinna, Dexter, Hartland, Guilford and Sangerville. The guests of honor were our State president, Mrs. John T. Skolfield of Portland, also Mrs. Florence W. Danforth of Skowhegan, Miss Hinckley of Hinckley, and Mrs. Annie P. Kenny of Chicago.

The Cosmopolitan ladies sponsored the local sale of Christmas seals, selling \$158.72 worth of them; also the Health bonds, amounting to \$145.00. Donations have been made to the Maine Baby Saving Society, to the Franconia Notch appeal, to the Juanita Dunbar fund, and plans are being formulated for the club's bit toward the Endowment and Scholarship funds. Prizes have been offered the pupils of the seventh and eighth grades of our North and Pleasant street schools for the four best written essays. Awards to be made at the June graduating exercises.

A committee has been appointed to act in conjunction with the Piscataquis County public health nurse, to assist her in all ways possible. A local committee to assist in "Illiteracy" work has also been appointed.

The officers are: President, Mrs. Elizabeth B. Kimball; Mrs. Blanche Wass Brown, vice-president; Mrs. Nina L. Kitchen, secretary; Mrs. Ida P. Buck, treasurer.

"Does club work appeal to younger women?" The Cosmopolitan Club says, "Yes. With us, many of our best workers are younger women. We give them something to do."

#### NOT A YEAR OLD BUT

##### READY FOR SERVICE

The Florence Waugh Danforth Club is less than a year old, but promises to do its part in all State obligations. The next meeting will be held July 21st, at the home of the President, where plans will be made for real service work and a definite program will be arranged.





Miss Faith Jayne Hinckley, Hinckley  
Chairman Department of Education

Original Inscription in Copy of  
"WHERE BUGLES BLOW"

By

ELIZABETH POWERS MERRILL

(Author of "Pines of Maine," the Federation Song)

Owned by

MRS. JOHN T. SKOLFIELD,

President of the M. F. W. C.

I only had one perfect rose  
That bloomed one perfect day.  
The winds from out the mountains came  
And blew its soul away.  
But still within my heart of hearts  
The roseleaves perfume shed.  
I give the perfume to the world  
Because my rose is dead.

(Printed here for first time by permission of Mrs. Skolfield.)

"THE BODFISH ROAD"—A PRIZE POEM

Along the bosky Bodfish Road October leaves blow down  
In patterings from birch and beech, in tempests soft and brown.  
Woods close at hand and far away are turned to golden sheen,  
With here an under-glow of rose and there a rift of green.  
Amid the rustling shrubbery the moosewood stands as chief  
With files of burnished foliage suspended, leaf on leaf,  
As hung the shields the Hebrew kings from many foes had won  
All up and down the watch-tower of rich, old Solomon.

While streamlets bound from rock to rock and with a note of cheer  
Plunge deeply down some forest gorge and strangely disappear,  
In beechy coves the partridge clucks and whirs her mottled wings;  
The squirrel flickers overhead; the startled rabbit springs;  
From tree to tree the bluejay screams, and when the twilight falls  
The deer are heard, and near and far the bears' responsive calls.  
By day and night the rifle sounds—though she who walks unarmed  
Would have these nomads of the woods live out their lives unharmed.

Raised by no pigmy race of men to deity unknown  
Along the cloven mountain-side, stand many shrines of stone,  
Laid with the altar-cloth of moss, their giant bases traced  
With whitened ferns, all meek and sweet, and asters starry-faced,  
While hunters overtake the prey, and artists dip the brush,  
The pilgrim is content to find, here in the leafy hush,  
God, having time and loving much, such beauty has bestowed,  
That one can walk to paradise along the Bodfish Road.

—MRS. FRANCES B. DAMON, Dexter.

This poem won third prize, \$10.00, in a recent contest held by National Life Conservation Society of which Mrs. Charles Cyrus Marshall is founder and president. Nearly 1200 poems were received from every state in the Union, 80 of which were submitted from Maine. First prize was won by Miss Frances Ann Johnson of New Hampshire, subject "Franconia Notch;" second prize by Miss Elsie Allen, of New York State, subject "Mount Marcy."

Mrs. Damon is not only a poet, but also editorial writer, essayist, story-writer, and author of playlets. She has been active in club work in former years, in the W. C. T. U., in suffrage work, and is a trustee of the State Reformatory for Women, one of the cottages being named for her.

At the luncheon in New York when the prize-winners were announced, Mrs. John T. Skolfield was a guest of honor at the president's table and responded for Maine, in the absence of Mrs. Damon. The poem was read by Mrs. Harry Lilly, second vice-president of the New York Federation.

NOTICE

Such an abundance of excellent club material was received for the May issue of the News that much of it will have to appear in the early September issue. This applies especially to individual club reports.

AUBURN FRIDAY CLUB

The best work of the Auburn Friday Club was assisting in entertaining the Maine Federation. It co-operated with other clubs in various projects and in local charities.

MRS. CARRIE BREWSTER

(A Memorial by Roselle Woodbridge Huddilston.)

It was not given me to serve as vice-president under Mrs. Brewster as long as one usually serves under a president, because her term of office was only a year and a half, due to the change in the time of election. But in those eighteen months, and through all the years since, I have grown to appreciate and admire the sterling qualities that were hers. She was thoughtful and kindly to her officers, always willing to take upon her own shoulders more than her share of the work, and all of the blame, if blame arose, and yet willing to give to her assistants all the credit for any success attained. I cannot think of her vitality and energy and hopefulness and courage as extinguished. Surely there cannot be such a poor harmony of law and order. Rather, have all these attributes been transferred to another and related sphere of action, there to function unhampered by earthly limitations.



Mrs. George M. Chase, Lewiston  
Chairman Dept. American Citizenship

*A First Class Club Woman Looks the "Collect" in the Eye without Flushing*





Mrs. William W. Little, Kennebunkport  
Chairman Department of Fine Arts

## JUST LISTEN IN!

"Good morning, everybody! This is Station WOSH, the Congress Square and Eastland Hotels of Portland, Maine. You are about to listen to an Art Talk by Mrs. Mildred S. Whitney of Westbrook, Art Division Chairman of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs."

This, club ladies, is what you might have heard on any Monday morning in March had you listened in at eleven o'clock over Station WOSH. For your Art Division Chairman gave a series of talks on Art in the home in the interest of the Maine Federation.

"For the benefit of those who did not hear my talks, let me say that the better era in good taste which has come to our country in decorating the homes, was the general theme. The manufacturers and designers in all lines, and the American painters and sculptors are doing the finest work that has been done in America, and the men and women seeking to furnish their homes may choose from these beautiful articles those with which they would be surrounded.

"It was the purpose of these Monday morning talks to speak of the chief principles of Art as they may be applied to furnishing the homes of people of moderate means. If they understand color and form harmony, they should then have sufficient confidence to express some of their own individuality in their homes.

"Let me make a plea, ladies, for your co-operation with the Art Division Committee for next year's work. The five members of the committee are Mrs. Jack Winchell of Brunswick, Fine Arts; Mrs. C. Omar Porter of Westbrook, Art in the Garden; Mrs.

## HAVE YOU CHECKED UP ON LITERATURE LINES?

Bible Outline, Children's Books and Shakespeare Programs Popular  
—Library Plans

"We can't rise higher than we think, hence the need of Literature to help us think higher," declares Winifred D. Graves of Northeast Harbor, chairman for Literature and Library Extension.

"The Committee on Literature and Library Extension sent letters to every club in the Federation suggesting the study of the Bible as Literature, that they observe Children's Book Week (second week in November), promote an all year round interest in children's reading, have book reviews and celebrate Shakespeare's birthday. If clubs decided to follow these suggestions the committee would furnish an outline of the Bible by Dean Stevens of the University of Maine, and a study outline Women of the Bible sent out from General Headquarters; they would send a list of books for review, also children's list, and an appropriate program for Shakespeare's birthday.

"A great many clubs in the State have sent for these outlines and lists, stating that they were using these suggestions for the coming year. This has been most gratifying.

"So great has been the demand for a Club Woman's Reading List, and the Children's Book List, that at the present time the supply at General Headquarters is exhausted. There is no promise just when new copies will be printed, but the committee hopes that it may be soon, that they may send this splendid list to any club who would like to make book reviews a part of their year's study.

"Regarding Library Extension, the committee hopes during the coming year to assist the State Library in appointing committees in each county to ascertain:

"How many libraries are in the county and where.

"How many towns have libraries.

"How many communities in these towns are not served by the library on account of the distance to the library.

"Number of people in the county having library service, and,

"The number of people in the county without library service.

"The plan is, to give every community library service.

"What we get from good literature we won't sell. If the test of a thing

Harry McNab Brown, of Portland, Arts and Crafts; Mrs. Nell J. Chadwick of Houlton, Art in the Schools; and your chairman, Art in the Home. We wish to help you in every way possible. Call on us.

MILDRED S. WHITNEY,  
Westbrook, Maine."

is its market value, isn't culture—mental, moral, and spiritual—the one priceless thing in the world? For who that has it would sell it for any price?"

## AMERICANIZATION WORK STARTS WELL IN MAINE

Needs in Local Communities Are Being Studied—Neighborliness Emphasized

Women's clubs all over the country are taking up the work with interest and enthusiasm. We do not want to fail in our responsibility in our own State of Maine. An Americanization Committee has recently been appointed by the State Federation for the purpose of arousing interest in the local clubs and suggesting ways and means for accomplishing the task.

The first step is found in the simple slogan: "Know Your Own Community." There are many towns in Maine with comparatively few foreign-born. Others of industrial importance have a large foreign population. We urge that every club appoint an Americanization Committee to study the conditions and needs in their community.

Maine has a high rate of illiteracy as compared with many states. In 1920 the percentage of illiterates to the total population was 3.3. As Maine covers a large territory with long distances between settlements in some sections, considerable illiteracy is found among native whites, but the 1920 statistics show 11,604 foreign-born illiterates unable to read or write in any language. This deplorable condition should appeal to all public-spirited women.

In certain localities the foreign-born vote determines the result of

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Mrs. Frances Meserve Cotton,  
Gorham  
Chairman Department of American Home

*Elections Are Shuttles Weaving One Continuous Pattern of Club Work*



## DEPARTMENT OF LAW OBSERVANCE CHALLENGES "KNOW YOUR COURTS!"

In the past few weeks, with the work of the Division of Law Observance and the "Know Your Courts" campaign much in our minds, one fact has come to us forcibly, namely: that Law Observance is not a matter for a committee, a group, or even a few clubs to be interested in; but rather a civic responsibility which should have the individual interest and support of every member of the Maine Federation no matter what her own club activities and interests may be.

Therefore—we send this message, through the columns of the Federation News, to you, primarily, as individual club women; and we ask your co-operation in a conscientious study of the courts of Maine.

Maine is not without murders, robberies, bootlegging, and the time has come when women may be a mighty power for the prevention and punishment of these crimes. Can we do this unless we have an intelligent knowledge of court procedure? No, and how few of our numbers can claim such knowledge. To most of us the very sound of the words "court procedure" is formidable, yet we know that it is not too intricate for us to fathom.

Attendance at court will yield a store of interesting information. We do not ask you to read law, nor expect that in the next few years there will be a crowd of club women seeking admission to the bar. But we ask that you will take a personal responsibility, to get for yourselves and broadcast to your sister club women, more real knowledge of our courts. Attend as many sessions of court held nearest your own homes as possible. Study that you may be able to answer correctly some, if not all, of the questions in the "quiz" issued by the General Federation, to be had for the asking from your Division Chair-

man. There is subject matter for thought, contained in this leaflet. Let us send you one.

That we may accomplish something worth while won't you please do the things we ask and then write to your chairman or some member of the committee, telling us of your own achievement along the lines of Law Observance. Let us try to become so enlightened that the women of Maine cannot be classed with the masses, whose fitness to judge guilt may be questioned; nor among those whose attitude tends toward the glorification of criminals.

Your committee recently has been in communication with the Department of Public Welfare, the Maine State Conference of Social Workers, and the National Probation Association, in an attempt to procure accurate information about the need of a Juvenile Court in Maine and how we could do the most effective work along this highly important line.

Our inquiries have been kindly received and considerable information regarding the handling of children's cases has been placed at our disposal. A survey of juvenile delinquency is now (February 1st to July 31st) being made by the Children's Bureau, Department of Labor, Washington, D. C., the result of which will be made known in the fall. Meanwhile, this committee will carry on such investigations of Juvenile Court conditions as are suggested to us by those officials who have the work in charge.

Accomplishment by the Division of Law Observance needs not so much a leader, as conscientious individual interest. Let us pledge ourselves anew to "Know Our Courts," to "Know Our Laws," and to keep them—so far as in us lies.

MARION P. NICHOLS, Farmington,  
Chairman Div. of Law Observance.

### Objectives in Moving Picture Campaign

As a result of a conference among Maine club women, held at Portland, this winter, with Mrs. John T. Skolfield presiding and ex-Gov. Carl E. Milliken as host and speaker, it was brought out that two objectives are worth working for:

1—Approved films.

2—Special Children's Programs for Saturdays; and Home Night Programs enjoyable to adults and children Friday evenings.

Saco club women already are interesting themselves in this work, in co-operation with the Parent-Teacher Association.

Portland plans to do something.

Lewiston and Auburn will have committees at work soon.

Other cities and towns doubtless will fall into line.

It was brought out that the attitude of helpfulness and appreciation, rather than of censorship, will ensure co-operation on the part of exhibitors, a definite aim being to enhance patronage of good films brought to any given place.

Interested persons or groups may secure literature from the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, Inc., 469 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y., of which Mr. Milliken is secretary.



### HOME EQUIPMENT PRIMER

Issued by the General Federation of Women's Clubs' National Headquarters

Part I—Equipment for homes not within reach of any public utility.

Part II—Equipment for homes within reach of electric light and

## Along the Sheepscot River

A highway of the long ago,  
This blue and placid river  
Gives pictures in its ebb and flow  
Which memory holds forever.  
Among the hills it springs to life,  
And wanders to the ocean,  
Through woodlands green, with  
song-birds rife,  
And villages' commotion.

The "Garden of the East" is here,  
Wiscasset's olden glory,  
When white-winged ships dropped  
anchor near,  
With foreign wealth and story.  
Their dim reflections seem to play  
'Mid shadowy forms a-quiver,  
While green clad islands gem the way  
Along the Sheepscot River.

A restful air of quiet reigns,—  
Of peacefulness, and seeming  
As if, through these entire domains  
All was asleep, and dreaming.  
And one unhappy Queen of France  
Looked forward to this haven,  
But looked in vain. In all romance  
No sadder tale is given.

Late afternoon,—the river lies  
A mirror spread before us,  
Reflecting blue of summer skies,  
While summer's breath is o'er us.  
The gentle lapping on the shores  
A lullaby is singing—  
With faintly measured dip of oars,  
O'er a wild bird winging,

A ripple stirs the shimmering blue,  
A breeze comes from the ocean.  
The tide has turned. With life anew  
The river wakes to motion.  
And beauty's potent spell is here  
To haunt the memory ever.  
As one by one these scenes appear  
Along the Sheepscot River.

—Ella Matthews Bangs.

power service only.

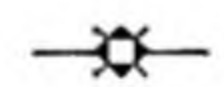
Part III—Equipment for homes within reach of electric light and power service and town water works.

Part IV—Equipment for homes within reach of water works, sewer system, and electric light and power service.

Part V—Equipment for homes within reach of the four principal home serving utilities—water works, sewer system, electric light and power service, and gas works.

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The Home Equipment Primer is ready for distribution. 25 cents per copy plus 3 cents postage.



### AMERICANIZATION WORK

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the election. To enable the foreign citizen to vote intelligently is, therefore, of great importance in all plans of community betterment. Do not forget the foreign woman and her right to citizenship.

MRS. E. E. BLAKE of Saco,  
Chairman for Americanization.

*No Previous Condition of Servitude Can Clip Woman's Wings*



## Woman's Literary Union Of Oxford County

Mrs. J. S. Sturtevant is now, and always has been, president of the Woman's Literary Union of Oxford County, since through her untiring efforts it was organized nine years ago, a record perhaps unlike any in the State. Oxford County is justly proud of this organization, composed of a group of public-spirited, helpful women. Mrs. Sturtevant is the wife of J. S. Sturtevant, M.D., a well-known physician of Dixfield, for many years. They have been blessed with two children, a son, Dr. J. M. Sturtevant, a specialist in diseases of children in New York City, and a daughter, a graduate of Wellesley College, now the wife of Oscar E. Bredenburg, a prominent business man in Champlain, New York.

While Mrs. Sturtevant's chief interest is in her home, which is de-



Mrs. J. S. Sturtevant, Dixfield  
President Oxford County Union

lightful in its appointments and hospitality, she has always taken a keen interest in society and club work. She served three years in the Rebekah Assembly of Maine, and is a past president of the Assembly; was chairman of the first committee appointed to raise money for the new Odd Fellows Home, recently dedicated in Auburn; and also has served in the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

As a leader, Mrs. Sturtevant has shown much ability, having organized the Advance Club of Dixfield, also the Mothers' Club; and she has been instrumental in organizing many other clubs in the county, and State, having served on the club extension committee of the State Federation, also as chairman of the Division of Child Welfare.

When the Literary Union was organized it consisted of but six clubs, but during the nine years of Mrs. Sturtevant's administration the union has steadily flourished and grown until at the present time, sixteen

## "PUBLIC WELFARE" SWINGS INTO LINE FOR GOOD WORK

Mrs. C. Deane Ross of Guilford, department chairman for Public Welfare, commends Mrs. C. W. Nelson, Division of Health, and Mrs. R. W. Emerson, Division of Child Welfare, for doing "splendid work," and adds:

"Mrs. Eaton's department is new, but she has started things in fine order and you can depend upon her for results.

"Of course the work of these departments lacks cohesion, changing as they do every two years and something is started and nothing much accomplished in the short time in which the chairmen have to work.

"It seems that now, working, as we

are, with the State Department of Public Health and Department of Education, that some definite program can be adopted as our contribution to the welfare of the State. The people that follow can carry on, and each change would give an opportunity for fostering the seed already planted, instead of starting a new crop that never comes to harvest.

"We have had such happy relations with our State Departments and theirs is such an intelligent grasp of the subject that it makes what you do so much more worth while, for you know, an ounce of co-operation is worth a pound of individual effort."

clubs are enrolled and recently another club has applied for membership.

An interesting feature is the fact that a non-club woman can become a member, and there are twenty such, "making our Literary Union inclusive, not exclusive" as Mrs. Sturtevant often remarks, and adds, "anyone can be exclusive, but it takes a broad mind to be inclusive."

Three meetings are held during the year: the annual meeting at Bethel Inn, May 19; the autumn meeting as the guest of some club in the county; and a mid-winter meeting at the time and place of the State Federation session. These meetings are of great interest and largely attended.

The annual meeting May 19th, at Bethel Inn, will be of especial interest as John Clair Minot is to be the speaker and fine music has been engaged.

Other officers of the Union are as follows: First vice-president, Mrs. Fred Whiting, Weld; second vice-president, Mrs. R. E. Gilkey, Dixfield; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Small, Dixfield.

## Have You Helped Survey of Public Health Division?

I. A copy of the Community Health Program (General Federation) as compiled by Mrs. Walter McNab Miller, has been sent to nearly every club in the Maine Federation. The Monday Club of Boothbay Harbor has already filled out and returned their survey. As it was too late to enter the national contest when these studies were mailed, the committee has asked the clubs to use the programs as a means of studying local health conditions.

II. The Public Health Committee also sent to each club suggestions from which we hope the clubs will select something for their health work or program.

III. The committee will send to each club a copy of the "Round-the-Year Child Health Program" as part of their work of the Child Health

Council. We hope that these will be used another year.

IV. The committee is encouraging observance of May Day.

We hope that all clubs will report 100% of their membership, will report annual complete physical examinations.

From the reports received, we note that contributions have been given to the Child's Protective Association; Eunice Frye Home; hospitals; playgrounds; Baby Saving Society; dental clinic; Red Cross; Public Health Nurse, or other health agencies. Some clubs have had papers or lectures on health topics. Milk has been provided for schools by some clubs. One club has fitted children with glasses and had dental work done for others. This same club offered to town women a course in Hygiene and Home Nursing.

Another club reports sending a girl to camp. Several clubs have reported that the material received from the Public Health Division Committee has been put on file for the use of the Program or Health committees of the new club year. One club reports that their club has "an active health committee who will urge the club to support A—F under No. II." of the suggestions of the Maine Federation Health Division. Will not all clubs do likewise? "To go on record as supporting and encouraging the following:

It is greatly desired that annual health report of clubs will be sent in promptly, as the Division chairman uses these in making her reports. The committee probably will send a report-form to be filled next year, which should help bring in the reports early.

(MRS.) HELENA A. D. NELSON,  
Chairman Public Health Div.

## FAIRFIELD CLUB

Past and Present Club of Fairfield has made \$45.75 worth of contributions this season. Its work does not appeal to younger women and it would like to know how such an appeal might be made. Its programs were interesting.



## CLUB WOMEN AID DAUGHTERS TO SCIENTIFIC METHODS IN HOUSEHOLD MANAGEMENT

Fellow Club Women of Maine:

You will agree that it is quite the fashion today to bewail the lack of interest in home-making that the present generation is showing. When anyone delivers himself of an opinion of this kind he appears to glow with the satisfaction of having proved himself thoroughly conversant with the spirit of the times. Listeners demonstrate their own up-to-the-minute attitude by nods and murmurs of approval.

All of which simply goes to prove there is a lack of adjustment somewhere; for it is as natural for budding womanhood to want a home as for birds to want a nest. If you don't believe it, talk with your young girl friends as you meet them, see what their ultimate goal in life is. Some exceptions to this general rule you will find, undoubtedly; but they are a long way from being in the majority.

What, then, is the trouble? Well, aren't we expecting our girls to learn the mechanics of housekeeping largely by the "trial and error" methods which our great-grandmothers used in learning cooking, when they put the better part of a lifetime into perfecting a recipe which today's child finds ready-made? The youth of our day scorns that way of doing things, and justly.

Are we offering them a better way,

a way they can accept? Not wholeheartedly, say our professionals. Maine women do not comprehend what we are trying to do. Help us, women of the Federation. Give the mothers a chance to learn what we are striving to do for their daughters. Thus are our State University and our State Educational Department calling to us to help open the door to understanding between those who know how to do and those who see that something needs to be done about this great question.

In the hope of rendering such aid, your Committee on Home Economics is urging that each and every club in the State work through a committee, specially appointed, if it has not already a standing committee, to bring about a better general understanding of this important subject.

To the great credit of Miss Florence Jenkins at the State House, and Prof. Pearl S. Green at our University, be it said that they are not only eager for our help, but eager to help us. Will not each club woman of Maine exert her influence to see that something is done by her club in this much needed line?

BLANCHE WASS BROWN,  
(Mrs. M. O.),  
Ch. Division of Home Economics.

William Ladd, not only through founding the American Peace Society, but also through his speeches and writings, "was a real pioneer in the cause of International Peace, and his name cannot be honored too much in his own State."

## BIENNIAL PLANS

The Nineteenth Biennial Convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs in San Antonio, Tex., May 28 to June 7, promises much of interest to the club women of the country. The keynote will be "The Fine Art of Living." Making the Federation Function in our Daily Life. The women of Texas are making every effort to mark this gathering as one of outstanding importance.

Maine is entitled to ten delegates.

Reduced railroad rates are offered, a fare and one-half for the round trip. Those taking the trip may travel at a minimum railroad rate of approximately \$175. It is not too late to make plans to attend if notification is received at once. Delegates attending from Maine exclusive of the president, Mrs. John T. Skolfield, and the Federation Director, Miss Anna Cate Witherle, include Mrs. Annie Cole and Mrs. James A. Strout of Biddeford; Mrs. Myrtle L. T. White, Presque Isle; Mrs. Irving L. Bowker, Portland; Mrs. Florence Waugh Danforth, Skowhegan.

## CLUBS INVITED TO STUDY HAWES-COOPER BILL

Maine Federation Not Committed,  
But Interested as Jail Labor  
Measure

The General Federation of Women's Clubs, at the Atlantic City Convention, endorsed the principles of the Hawes-Cooper Bill, which is to come before the present session of Congress. This aims to divest goods, wares, and merchandise, manufactured, produced or mined by convicts, or prisoners, of their interstate character, in certain cases.

It is the wish of the Committee on Problems of Adult Delinquency of which Mrs. Charles W. Eaton of Auburn, is chairman, that the various clubs will secure discussion of the Hawes-Cooper Bill and the prison labor problem, that our members may have a better understanding of the same, as this is a question along the lines of progress of not only Maine and the other New England States, but also all of the States of the Union.

## THE CURRENT EVENTS

### CLUB OF AUGUSTA

Has completed payments on its \$50 pledge to the local hospital. They gave \$17 to the Franconia Notch Conservation Fund and have not spent their Child Welfare Fund yet.

## RECOGNIZE WILLIAM LADD ANNIVERSARY

Clubs Should Study Life of Maine  
"Apostle of Peace" at Minot

Mrs. Kenneth C. M. Sills of Brunswick, and her committee on International Relations is urging each Maine club before next October to arrange a special meeting to mark in some way the 100th anniversary of the founding of the American Peace Society, and the 150th anniversary of the birth of William Ladd, its founder, and one of Maine's most famous citizens.

There is to be a National Celebration of the American Peace Society at Cleveland in May, at which some of the world's best known statesmen are expected. In Maine—a similar observance will be held later in that month, laying particular emphasis on the life and services of William Ladd. Each club is asked to send a delegation to this Celebration. A notice of the date and place will be given later in the newspapers. In anticipation of the anniversary it is hoped that each club will not only make a study of William Ladd, but acquaint their community of his significance. Material for this may be found in the Maine Library Bulletin, April, 1927, page 98, State Library, Augusta; and in The Advocate of Peace, November, 1927, pp. 608-611, American Peace Society, Washington, D. C.

The committee begs each club to take its suggestion to heart, since

## BILLBOARD CAMPAIGN

Miss Florence Paul of York is doing active work in the campaign in Maine against objectionable billboards. It is gratifying to all club women that a dozen or more of the large manufacturers of the country are co-operating in eliminating billboards on scenic highways.

## EVERY LITTLE FROM EACH CLUB HELPS GIRLS MORE

Twelve Aided by Maine Federation  
Scholarship Fund Through  
Loans

The Scholarship Fund is quietly carrying on its work. Twelve girls have received assistance and others are likely to need a little help before the school year ends. Several have their applications in for loans next year. It has been most encouraging to have so many clubs double their contributions this year and a few new clubs have contributed for the first time to this worthy cause.

All contributions should be marked especially for the Memorial Fund, otherwise they go into the General Fund.

FLORENCE WAUGH DANTFORTH,  
Chairman



## LOOK AT THIS! ROCKLAND CLUB BOASTS ELEVEN PICNICS IN ONE SUMMER

### Unusual Record of One of Maine's Largest Women's Groups— President Holds Eight-Year Record

The Woman's Educational Club of Rockland, under the proficient guidance of its founder, Mrs. Mary Perry Rich, is surely having its banner year. This, its eighth year of life, is exceeding all past records in attendance, memberships, fine speakers, charity work, and that which makes for the good of the club and community; where its worth is manifested. During the summer of 1927 there were 11 picnics at the homes of interested members, where the study hours were continued and at which the President was sure to have one or more fine speakers. These picnics did much to keep up the interest, were a contributing feature to the social, educational and mental well being of the club and were well attended. There have been 218 new members added since December.

Merrily, merrily, work with a will, adding new members by patience and skill! seems to be especially adapted to this harmonious little army of civic workers; and a commendable spirit of loyalty exists.

We don't blame Mrs. Rich for the pride she has in this little club, and I believe its success is due largely to her marvelous ingenuity in its management. We congratulate her for the vision which prompted its formation. It has had, during its "rise and fall" of memberships, 1,142 en-

rolled and is still progressing satisfactorily.

It now has 589 PAID memberships, and still booming, 81 being the largest number of names submitted at any one meeting, and seven being the smallest.

Many high class speakers have brought important, instructive and helpful lectures. One remarkable truth is that during the club's eight years of struggles, its president and founder, Mrs. Mary Perry Rich, has presided at every session and has never failed to hold the meeting on the night scheduled. "Rain or shine, hail or snow, thunder or lightning, wind or blow," she has never failed to be there. Many members have pleasing records, but HERS is the only 100% for eight consecutive years.

Permit me to advance a thought: That never, in the history of the world, has there been a time when so much thought, time, labor, talent and money have been given to the instruction of "The People;" never a time when it was needed more than at the present; and community clubs seem to be a governing factor by which to reach many who are beyond the "receptive" ages. Through and by them much good can be accomplished. Success to them.

WINIFRED HORTON, Sec.

## ILLUMINATING VIEWPOINT ON GENERAL FEDERATION MATTERS BY MISS WITHERLE

As your General Federation Director, I take pleasure in calling to your attention the General Federation News, which has recently come out in a larger and much more attractive form.

As some one said at the recent Board meeting, the News looks well enough now to be placed on the parlor table with the Atlantic Monthly, Harper's, or any high class magazine. The price is \$1.00 a year or \$1.50 for two years. But if 100% of a club subscribe, the price is only 50c; and if 50% of a club subscribe, the price is 75c.

At present 47 FREE copies are being sent by the General Federation to Maine—to State officers and to presidents of clubs in direct membership—while there are only 14 PAID subscriptions.

If every club president will consider the importance of keeping her club in touch with the national organization, I am sure that I shall receive many more than 14 subscriptions, with resulting benefit both to the News and to Maine club women. Every club might well devote an occa-

sional ten minutes to reading items from this live publication.

At the recent Board meeting in Washington, I was proud of the good record which Maine made on a chart showing the number of books by State authors that have been sent to General Federation Headquarters. Mrs. Harry Burnham, who was so active in collecting the books which we sent about two years ago, tells me that there is still room on the Maine shelf for five more books. I shall be glad to hear from any club desiring to present another book by a Maine author.

In addition, EVERY CLUB is asked to give a book to the General Federation reference library from which books are loaned to clubs that do not have access to libraries.

Thirdly, may I again call to your attention the importance of DIRECT MEMBERSHIP in the General Federation. All but nineteen of the states have voted all their clubs into direct membership.

In Maine there are at present 22 clubs in direct membership. There must be other Maine clubs that are

now ready to join these 22 loyal clubs in contributing annually 10c per capita to the support of our national organization and thereby acquiring the right to send representatives to the national meetings.

### Biennial Plans

This brings me, of course, to the coming Biennial Convention of the General Federation, which will be held in San Antonio May 29 to June 7. San Antonio is a beautiful city, rich in historic interest. Our Texas hostesses are planning all sorts of good times for our entertainment. The sun may be hot, but the air in the great auditorium is to be cooled for our comfort.

The Massachusetts Federation has invited us to join in a personally conducted tour to San Antonio, including several other points of interest, but by going directly from Maine to San Antonio a less expensive trip can be made. Convention rates of a fare and a half can be secured. I shall be glad to give further details to any Maine club woman who can attend the Biennial.

### Washington Board Meeting

You may be interested to hear a little about the recent General Federation Board Meeting.

Two thoughts stand out in my mind as I look back on the four days of the conference. One, the intimate connection of the General Federation with many practical welfare movements; second, the wide-spread recognition of the importance of the General Federation.

In its support of home economics work, the Federation has found that there is need of many more trained women to teach home making both to girls and to women, and the amendment to the Capper-Ketcham bill states that "the funds available to the several states under the terms of this act shall be so expended that the extension agents appointed under its provisions shall be MEN AND WOMEN IN FAIR AND JUST PROPORTIONS."

### Hawes-Cooper Bill

Most of the directors attended an important conference held at Headquarters at which representatives of the American Federation of Labor, of manufacturers of chairs, shirts, etc., and of the blind voiced their united support of the Hawes-Cooper bill. This bill provides for regulation of interstate commerce in prison-made goods.

Mrs. Lawton, chairman of the committee on the restriction of

### Out-door Advertising,

announced that, due to the combined efforts of the Federation and of several other organizations, 141 national advertisers have agreed to accept the policy that "the landscape is no place for advertising."

### Other Matters

Vice-President Dawes, who was unable to accept an invitation to speak to the Board, wrote to Mrs.

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## EVERY MEMBER TO SET BIRCH TREE THIS SPRING

**Pine Needle Club, Presque Isle,  
Leads Way in Forestry—Other  
Good Work**

In addition to contributions to many charities, local and otherwise, the club has provided new linen for the Domestic Arts department of the schools and has furnished milk to be used in the nutrition classes which are being carried on successfully in the grades. Money also has been given for the flower plot on the school grounds.

The Pine Needle Club has sponsored independently five lectures. Others have been held by the Katahdin and Pine Needle Clubs together. Among the lecturers were Mrs. Geo. F. French of Farmington and Portland, who spoke on Good Citizenship; Mrs. Eva Mason of Dover-Foxcroft, on Illiteracy; Mr. A. G. Staples of Lewiston, on "The Evolution of an Ignoramus," and Mrs. Marsh of Portland, who came from the Maine Publicity Bureau.

The club has sponsored setting trees at needed points in the town. Each member will be responsible for

the selection and setting of at least one white birch or evergreen this season.

Most active workers are young women and results are those prompted by a keen interest in club work.

## FRANKLIN PLANS TO ESTABLISH LIBRARY

Franklin has a woman's club of 33 members. It has nearly finished its fourth year with Edith M. DeBeck president.

Instructive programs have included lessons in English.

The club gave a Hallowe'en party to the school teachers and a reception was given Miss Anna C. Witherle, ex-president of the State Federation.

The club has given cash to the town toward buying a furnace for the town hall. The club also plans to establish a public library.

## FEDERATION NEWS SOLD OUT ON MAY EDITION

Although more copies of the Maine Federation News were printed than usual, the January issue was sold out quickly. Later subscribers were advised by the recording secretary, Mrs. Homer E. Crooker of South Berwick, that their subscriptions would start with the May number for three issues.

Already sales have totalled over \$175, as compared with \$121.40 reported last year; and the new policy of the executive board to use advertising brought in \$44 on the January issue and will add even more in this one. It is hoped to make the News self-supporting, and perhaps, some day, profitable.

Old Town is the only club which has stated it has sent in full member subscriptions. Other clubs also may have a 100% list and be entitled to the Honor List, but Mrs. Crooker is unable to credit individual or group subscriptions unless informed that they should be added to some club list.

It is not too late to subscribe to the News. The September issue will be important, leading up to the annual meeting.

## ATHENA CLUB, FOXCROFT

The Athena Club at Dover-Foxcroft considers its best feature a talk by Mrs. Annie Peakes Kenney of Chicago on "The Business of Being a Woman." Their total contributions this year are \$20.

## YORK LEAGUE CHARITY TOTALS OVER \$1,000

**Works Especially to Make Community Better Fit for Children**

The Woman's League of York village has donated to the National Red Cross, \$100; local town charities, \$675; educational fund, \$100; county work, \$50; public health, \$50; billboard, \$25; State children, \$25; Franconia Notch drive, \$50; a total of \$1,025. Local charities include Hospital, Old Gaol, firemen, library.

At Christmas the club erected a Community Tree, the first in York. It inaugurated and sponsored a dancing class for school children, and opened a story telling class in the Library. It is especially striving to make York a better community in which our children may grow up.

It feels that the young people are its greatest asset.

## ILLUMINATING VIEWPOINT

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Sherman expressing his interest in two phases of the Federation's work: First, the American Home program which he finds refreshing in these days when women are taking on so many new interests; second, our efforts to help get out the vote.

Miss Wiener of the press department, reported that the time has gone by when women's organizations had to beg for newspaper space. Today the great national press associations are begging for news from General Federation Headquarters.

Miss Julia Jaffray, famous for her connection with the movement for prison reform, recalled the fact that the General Federation launched the move for the Federal prison for women which is now in operation, and she asked that the Federation sponsor a plan for the construction of a chapel in the women's prison.

## WEBHANNET CLUB AIDS VERMONT SUFFERERS

At a Webhannet Club public card party at Kennebunk, \$146 was raised for the Vermont flood sufferers. The club has given \$50 to the Kennebunk Public Health Association. The public welfare committee are making progress in the illiteracy campaign. Meetings have been unusually interesting and well attended, some of the out-of-town speakers being A. L. T. Cummings, Mrs. Florence Stevens and Miss Gail Laughlin of Portland, and Mrs. E. J. Prescott of Hampton, N. H.

## THE CURRENT EVENTS

### CLUB OF GARDINER

The club gave for the Public Health Association, \$10; Good Samaritan Home, \$5; trees at Franconia Notch, \$5; Maine Home for Aged Women, \$1.

Our younger members are regular attendants and are much interested in the work. The celebration of the club's 35th anniversary was the outstanding feature.

*In Houlton, Maine*

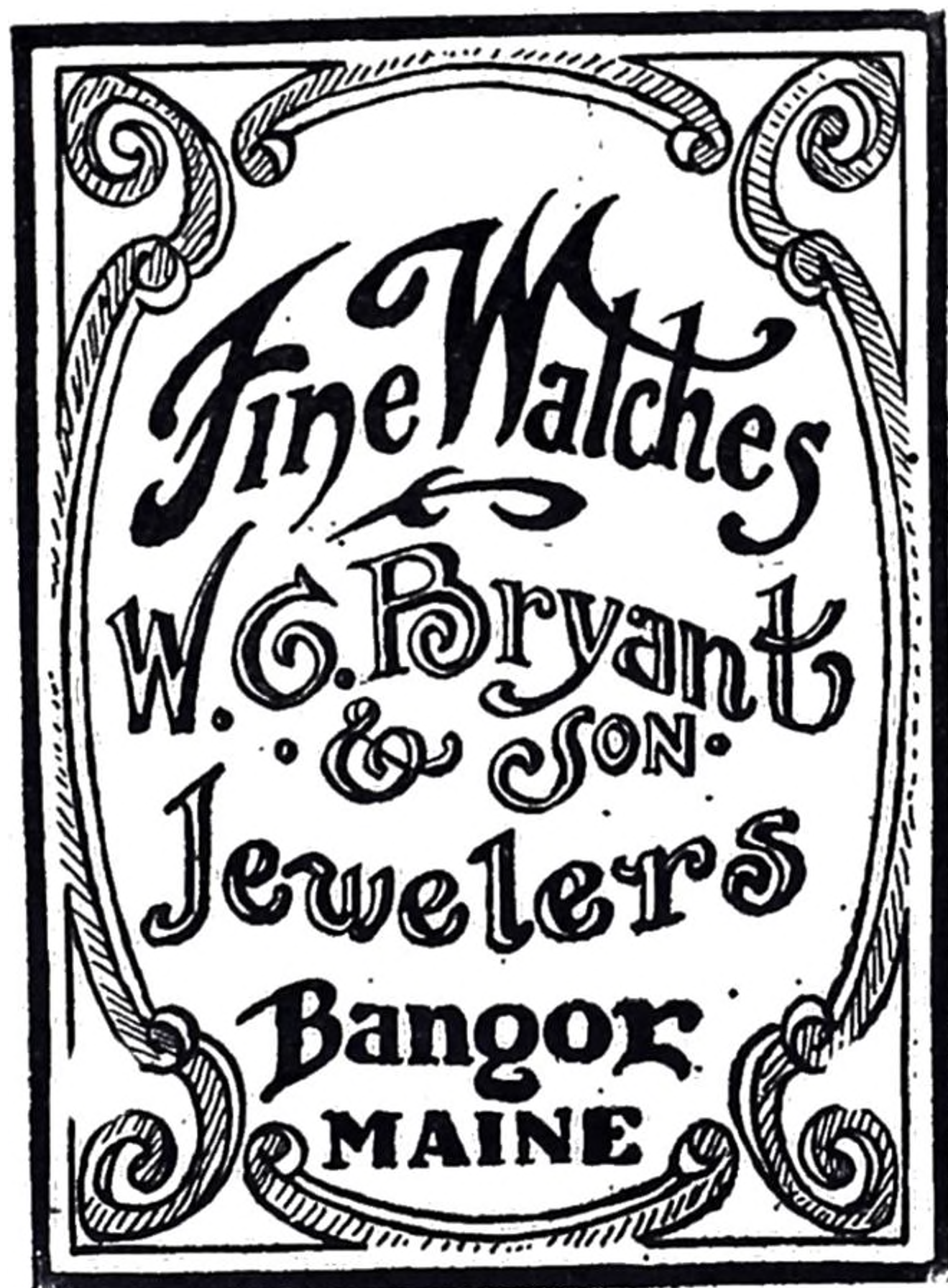
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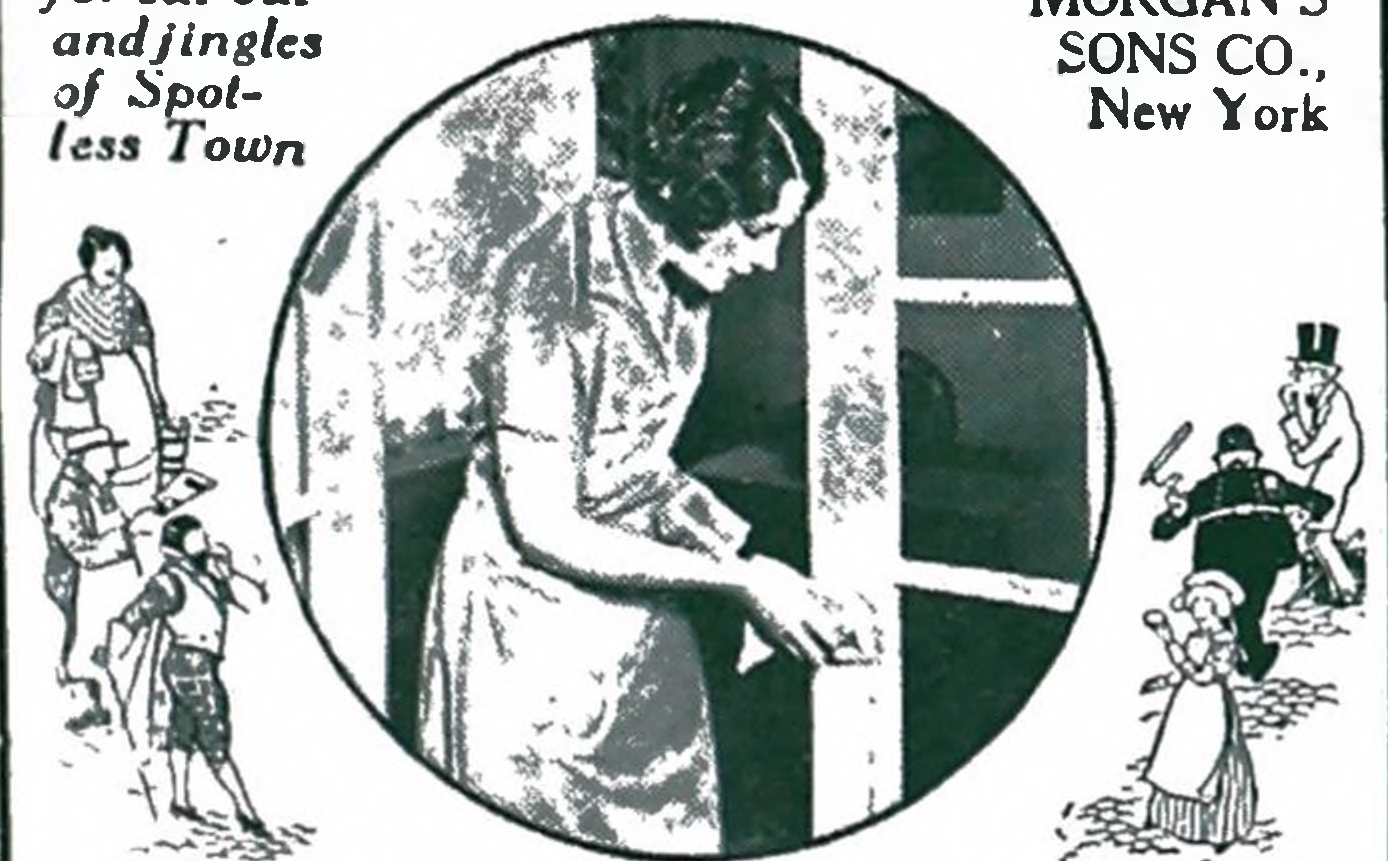
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Miss ALICE FROST LORD, Editor

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## CALL

The annual meeting of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs will be held at "The Belgrade," Belgrade Lakes, September 19 to 21 inclusive. Hostess Clubs, Monday Club of Farmington, Literary Club of West Farmington, Tyngtown Club of Wilton. Sessions will open promptly at 1.30 o'clock, on the afternoon of Wednesday, Sept. 19. Presidents, presidents' appointees and delegates will present Credential Cards, properly signed, to the Credential Committee upon arrival at "The Belgrade;" representatives of the Hostess Clubs will be in attendance to give any needed information.

### Annual Business Meeting

The Executive Board give notice that they will move to amend Article V, Section 1, of the By-Laws, as follows: In first clause, change to The annual meeting shall be held the third week of September each year unless otherwise advised by the Executive Board; at which time reports of officers and chairmen will be given and such other business transacted as may properly come before the Federation. Article VI, Section 5, as follows: Insert after the first sentence ending, mid-winter meeting held in Augusta on the last Friday in January unless otherwise advised by the Executive Board, Article VII, Sec. 1. The annual dues shall be (\$3.00) three dollars for each club having a membership of twenty or less, and 20 cents per capita for each club having a membership of more than 20.

Article VIII, Section 2. Each Department shall be conducted by a general chairman through its various divisions, which divisions shall consist of a chairman and other members.

Article IX, Section 2, as follows, in place of There shall be a committee, The Department of Press and Publicity consisting of chairman, and aids, who shall be appointed by the Executive Board, shall attend to all the publicity, under direction of the Board.

Article X, Section 1, reading, There shall be a Finance Committee of five members who shall be nominated from the floor and elected by the Federation, and who shall represent different parts of the State, insert the following: The Chairman of Finance shall approve all bills before their payment by the Treasurer, and shall keep a record of all bills presented.

## Tentative Program

Thirty-sixth Annual Meeting  
M. F. W. C.

Opening Session Wednesday  
1.30 O'clock

Mrs. John T. Skolfield, President,  
presiding

Invocation, Rev. E. Donald Plomer  
Collect

Salute to Flag

Assembly Singing "Pines of Maine"

Addresses of Welcome: Wilbert G. Mallet, Principal Farmington Normal School; Mrs. Geo. A. Thomas, President Monday Club of Farmington; Mrs. Katherine J. Armstrong, President Tyngtown Club, Wilton; Mrs. C. H. Whittemore, President Literary Club, W. Farmington.

Response for Federation: Mrs. Edna A. Hutchins, First Vice-President.

Greetings from Past Presidents and  
Guests

Minutes

Appointment of Committees

First Report Committee on Endorsement and Resolutions

Reports

Historian

Endowment Fund

Finance

International Relations

Reports Special Committees

Reports of Unions

Proposed Change in By-Laws

Announcements

Adjournment

Wednesday, 5.30 P.M.

Reception in honor of Mrs. John F. Sippel, President General Federation of Women's Clubs

The Executive Board and Guests

Music The Belgrade Orchestra  
6.30

Banquet—Honor Guests, Mrs. John F. Sippel, Governor and Mrs. Ralph O. Brewster

MUSIC

Vocal Solo Mrs. Geo. Goodspeed  
Piano Solo Mrs. Willard Bass  
Vocal Solo Mrs. John Bass

Duet Mesdames Bass and Goodspeed  
Reader

(Mrs.) Maud Huntington Benjamin

Thursday, 8.15 A.M.

Meeting of Club Presidents

General Session, 9 A.M.

Collect

Singing America, The Beautiful

Minutes

Reports of Officers

Recording Secretary

Corresponding Secretary

Treasurer

Auditor

Press

President's Address

Mrs. John T. Skolfield

Reports

Address

Mrs. John F. Sippel, Gen. Federation  
President

Second Reading Endorsements and  
Resolutions

Report Federation Director, Miss A.  
C. Witherle

Reports Biennial Convention Delegates

1.30 P.M.

Motor Trip—Farmington and Wilton  
Tea, Camp Hostesses, The Misses  
Bass

Thursday, 8 P.M.

"The Belgrade" Orchestra

Vocal Solo Mrs. Gertrude Turner  
Duet

Mrs. Henry C. Russell  
Rev. A. A. Rouner

Address

Mr. Harry N. Holmes, Field Secretary  
World Alliance for International  
Friendship

Friday, 8.15 A.M.

Parliamentary Law Class

Mrs. A. A. Kendall

General Session 9 A.M.

Mrs. Edna Hutchins, presiding

Singing

Minutes

Dept. Reports

Business

Address

Miss Forence Jenkins

Home Economics

Necrologist's Report

Solo

Mrs. Geo. Goodspeed

Friday, 1.30 P.M.

Collect

Minutes

Club Reports

Final Report on Resolutions

Report of Credentials Committee

Report of Courtesy Committee

Unfinished Business

Adjournment

### SPECIAL RAILROAD RATES

#### FOR FEDERATION SESSIONS

The Maine Central Railroad, Grand Trunk and Bangor & Aroostook will arrange reduced rates to Belgrade, for the annual meeting of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs, on the certificate plan. Tickets read to Belgrade Station, and return, except the Princeton Branch, Sept. 18-19-20-21. Limit for returning is up to and including midnight of Sept. 22. Delegates applying for reduced rates to Belgrade and return will purchase one-way tickets at regular fare and  
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