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Maine Federation News

Mrs. JOHN T. SKOLFIELD, President

Miss ALICE FROST LORD, Editor

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SEPTEMBER, 1928

NUMBER 3

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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Clubs Are a Service Chain Linking Women to Community, to State, to Nation, to World

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RECOGNITION FOR MAINE IN GENERAL FEDERATION

Mrs. John T. Skolfield of Portland,
Named on Policy Committee

It is gratifying that Mrs. J. T. Skolfield, head of Maine Federation, has just received a committee appointment in the General Federation as member of the Policy Committee, of which Mrs. Sippel is chairman, with the four other officers of the General and the past presidents.

MAINE CLUB WOMEN IN ACTION

As we come to the close of a year's work, we believe it may in truth be said that no phase of the program has been neglected by the club women of our State. Department and Division chairman and committee members have been active all through the year and definite results have been obtained.

As the summer days of relaxation merge into the more strenuous ones to follow, as Nature dons her glorious mantle of autumn, and harvest days appear, it is the logical time for us to give our best endeavor to garner the fruit of our labors and render an account of our stewardship.

We have worked for advancement all along the line. We have also looked beyond our own fireside. Vital reports will be given at the annual meeting. But what has been accomplished will not all appear in the records. For as the colors of the artist's masterpiece soften with time, as fruit gradually comes to perfect maturity, so will the worth of the work done by Maine club women be appraised at its greatest value in the perspective of years to come.

Faithfully yours,
JOSEPHINE P. SKOLFIELD,
President.

Maine to Welcome General Federation President at Belgrade

Guest of honor at the fall meeting at Belgrade will be Mrs. John F. Sippel of Baltimore, Md., newly elected president of the General Federation. This honor Maine clubwomen relish keenly. It has been several years since a General Federation president has been heard in the State, Mrs. Sherman being at Poland Spring for the N. E. Conference sessions three years ago; and it is even longer since one has been a guest of the Federation.

Mrs. Sippel has been State Federation president and General Federation director.

She is a forceful executive, broad in outlook, unprejudiced, tolerant, a gracious mixer, with deep faith in principles of Federation work.

Her presence will stimulate interest in the Belgrade sessions and will add to the social and practical value of the fall convention for every club woman who attends.



MRS. JOHN F. SIPPEL
of Baltimore, Md.

PORTLAND SETS PACE IN ARTS AND CRAFTS

I am going to tell you about the second Annual Art Week sponsored by your Art Division Committee, held in Portland in March. We consider this our most important project last year, and Mrs. Harry McNab Brown certainly brought great glory to the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs by her splendid and efficient chairmanship.

Monday morning, your State Chairman brought this affair to the attention of the public by broadcasting the entire program of the week's events over Station WCSH.

An exhibition of almost every branch of the Art and Craft work was held in the Chamber of Commerce building for three days, and talks on various phases of art were given each day. Your Federation President, Mrs. Skolfield, formally opened this exhibition the first afternoon, and Mrs. C. Omor Porter, a member of your Art Committee, followed with a most enlightening talk on Art in the Garden. The next afternoon the program was under the auspices of the Portland Junior League, and Miss Emily Dyer spoke most interestingly on Occupational

Therapy in the Maine General Hospital. Your last year's chairman, Miss Grace Allyn, finished the course of lectures the last day, giving a splendid explanatory talk on the whole exhibition from the floor. Tea was served by Portland federated club women each afternoon, and we were much gratified by the attendance. Throughout the entire week the Spring exhibition of paintings as well as one done by the Portland Camera Club were held at the Art Museum. A display of block prints from the General Federation of Arts at the Public Library, an exhibition of paintings by the members of the Haylofters at their Studio "Down the Lane" were both well attended through the entire week.

Posters made by students of the Art School and pupils of the art classes of the High Schools appeared in the store windows in the business district and attracted much favorable comment. There were many private art exhibitions of batiks, embroideries, ivories, potteries and pictures in different stores, and talks on interior decorating and oriental rugs. No admission was charged to any of these affairs which assured the public that the whole week was given for

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Maine Has a Right to the Constructive Interest of the Clubwomen

WOMAN OF THE FUTURE

Peering down the years, earth waits her—
 Woman of the hour to be,
 From the land of silence comes she
 Through life's mystic, blood-red sea.
 She a creature of creation,
 Born in garden long ago,
 Garden rich with untold splendor—
 Where life's tempting fruit hung low.

Woman of the Future, cometh
 On the red wings of the dawn.
 She, the wonder in the heaven—
 High-souled, fearless, better born.
 Age of glory enters with her,
 Age of faith, of jubilee.
 She will bring a wider vision,
 Lofty dreams of what shall be.

Like a princess she is coming,
 Robed in tasseled gown of light.
 She will shake thrones, empires, kingdoms,
 Wield the unseen Sword of Right.
 She, the mother of a god-race—
 Brave (yet tender), free (but true),
 With the power to rend sin's strongholds—
 Quick to act, and wise to do.

Hail her—hail the coming woman!
 Cleanse for her the Nation, State.
 Let their scarlet woof be whitened
 In the love that burns up hate.
 On the doorposts of the country,
 At the gateways of the sea—
 Let these words of Moses greet her,
 "God is God eternally."

Born, not of the flesh, but spirit,
 She will bring to earth fresh youth,
 Kindly pity, sense of justice,
 Patient kindness, lasting truth.
 Let the earth go forth to greet her,
 Earth, robed in her fairest dress,
 Dress made of the fadeless colors
 Of the Web of Righteousness.

Listen, listen—she is coming
 Down the corridors of God.
 All alone she makes her journey
 Over ways no foot has trod.
 She, the highest Type of Woman
 That the earth has ever bred,
 Sun her vesture, moon her footstool,
 Crown of twelve stars on her head.
 —ELIZABETH POWERS MERRILL.

THE BELGRADE MEETING

The annual fall meeting at Belgrade, as will be seen from the program, will be unique in several interesting particulars. It will be held under one roof, for the first time in years, the entire program being staged, it is expected, at the Belgrade Hotel. It will have a scenic setting compelling in beauty, and the location is happily central for the State.

The spirit will be progressive. There will be a reduction in the time required for the sessions. The programs will be of national and international scope.

Outstanding in importance is the honor conferred upon the Federation by the visit of Mrs. John F. Sippel, recently elected President of the General Federation. Maine is the second state to be visited since her coming to the presidency. Mrs. Sippel is anticipating her visit to Maine with much interest. Let Maine club women attend in numbers for the opportunity of hearing the president of the largest body of organized women in the country is the most important of many years in the annals of club history in Maine.

As Maine club women we shall extend every courtesy within our power to the guest of honor. Our State will speak for itself, and our earnest desire is that the hospitality of Maine may prove as ardent and delightful as that of our Southern neighbors, which our guest reflects so charmingly and the spirit of which we trust she will not find lacking as she journeys from her home in the

southland to the most northern State in the Union.

Confidently yours,
 JOSEPHINE P. SKOLFIELD,
 President.

SPECIAL RAILROAD RATES (Continued from Page 1)

when the station agent issues ticket, purchaser should ask for a certificate, form L 21. This certificate has stub attached and this stub should be detached and held by the purchaser and certificate portion deposited with the agent at Belgrade upon arrival. The stub of the passenger's portion should be presented to the secretary to sign; and purchaser on leaving should present this stub to the ticket office at Belgrade. If there are 100 certificates deposited with the agent at Belgrade, the purchaser is then entitled to a ticket, on return trip, at one and one-half fare for round trip within the limit named in the tariff for this event.

The certificate should be properly filled out by selling agent and endorsed by secretary. Of course, if there are not 100 certificates issued purchasers will have to pay full fare each way.

Train Service to Belgrade

Trains leave Bangor for Belgrade, 6.35, 10.40 A.M. Arrive in Belgrade, 8.50 A.M.; 1 P.M.

Trains leave Portland for Belgrade, 7.25, 11.10 A.M. Arrive in Belgrade, 10.05 A.M.; 1.53 P.M.

Belgrade to Portland by Lewiston, 7.01 P.M. Arrive 9.05.

(Conveyance from Belgrade to Waterville) for Bangor—leave Waterville, 8.20 P.M. Arrive Bangor, 9.50 P.M.

SANGERVILLE CLUB IS MUCH ALIVE AND ALERT

"Town Beautiful" Committee Raises Funds for Numerous Projects

The Woman's Club of Sangerville has completed its sixth year. The programs have been varied and interesting. Two travel programs were enjoyed and one evening was devoted wholly to the study of the American flag. A mother and daughter night was observed and a reciprocity program aroused especial interest. The club magazine this year was unusually fine.

The lecture program included Dr. Frederick Dugdale of Boston, Miss Lucy Farrington of the Piscataquis Farm Bureau, Supt. of Schools R. D. Marriner of Guilford, and Mrs. Eva Mason of Dover-Foxcroft. In April the club enjoyed a visit from the sister club at Guilford.

It has a Town Beautiful Committee which earns the money expended.

While the club is not financially able to assist all the good causes presented, it tries to do its bit. It has contributed to the scholarship fund, the Juanita Dunbar Memorial and to the Endowment Fund.

It sold Christmas seals, seals for the benefit of the Home for Aged People at Augusta and novelties for the Onawa Literary Union. A large box of clothing was sent to the Vermont sufferers.

At Christmas time, 28 baskets were sent to shut-ins and 25 children were remembered with toys and games.

Although it may not be able to compete with stronger clubs in achievement, it still feels that the Woman's Club of Sangerville is filling its place in our town, and proving of real benefit to its members.

When a City or Town Wouldn't Miss a Club, 'Tis Time to Perk Up, or Die



MRS. KENNETH C. M. SILLS,
Brunswick, Me.

METHEBESSEC CLUB SETS PACE FOR EXCELLENCE

Travel Talks Lend Variety to Program—Much Service Work Done

The Methesebec Club of Rockland, has enjoyed a miscellaneous program. The "Collect for Club Women" has been read often, to keep fresh in the minds of the members the noble things for which they should stand.

Among the subjects for study were: "Old Glass," "Rugs," "Know Your Courts," "Furniture of the 17th and 18th Centuries," "The Nation's Playground," "Schools and Camps," "Art Colonies in Maine," "Famous Maine Women" and "Samplers."

Miss Annie Frye, a member of the club who has traveled extensively in this country and abroad, gave an interesting paper on "The Romance of Candlelight," interspersed with personal touches of the varieties and uses of candles seen in her travels.

Mrs. Luella Sheldon, who spent several weeks abroad, gave a vivid description of her trip and the extremely interesting places she was privileged to visit.

Miss Anna Coughlin, a teacher in Rockland High School, gave a very instructive talk on "Contemporary American Literature."

Just preceding the opening of the club season, Mrs. Ella Grimes invited the members to her cottage at Crescent Beach, where she gave a splendid talk on her extensive travels in the Old Country. Quantities of souvenirs and pictures helped to make the travel vivid to the listeners. Rev. Mr. Rounds of Rockland gave an in-

Mrs. Sills is Keen Over International Affairs In Club And Church Circles

Wife of Bowdoin College President Active in International Relations

When Mrs. Kenneth C. M. Sills of Brunswick was made chairman of the international relations activities in the Maine Federation, she brought to this work a profound interest in this matter. For she was in accord with the ideals of the World Unity Conference held abroad last summer and stood ready to promote this cause within Maine so far as she could.

So it came about that when the national committee on the cause and cure of war, which brought out its ideals in a conference at Washington, D. C., last winter, was seeking a chairman in Maine, Mrs. J. T. Skolfield of Portland, president of the Maine Federation, promptly recommended Mrs. Sills. It was appropriate that as chairman in the Federation for international relations she would be the one to be chairman for Maine for the other organization.

This makes Mrs. Sills one of the key women in the State, in these matters.

After calling together a committee meeting from various organizations in Maine, Mrs. Sills reported a plan for a series of conferences to be held in October at Portland, Bangor, Waterville, Houlton and Calais. There will be able speakers and an exposition of the Kellogg plan for international adjustments.

Mrs. Sills also has State-wide interests within the Episcopal church

where she has given no little time and service. She is now president of the diocesan organization of women and will be a delegate, representing this auxiliary, to the triennial sessions in Washington, D. C., in October, when President Sills of Bowdoin will go as a delegate from the church here in Maine.

It is also her privilege to be a member of the new Business and Professional Women's Club formed in Brunswick last spring. This comes about through her professional service as a teacher of Greek for the last three years in the high school. She is thoroughly versed in the classics and an ardent advocate of their value in the public schools. In fact, she is chairman of the classics division of the Maine Teachers' Association.

A graduate of Wellesley in 1911, Mrs. Sills is active in the Maine Wellesley Club and belongs to the College Club in Portland.

In Brunswick Mrs. Sills maintains a civic interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of the town; and her home is a center of social life and hospitality, which includes not only many distinguished guests, who come here in connection with the college work, but also the students themselves. To the latter the Sills home usually becomes endeared because its home life is available to them in the happiest way.

teresting talk on "Some Everyday Psychology." Mrs. Maude Clark Gay of Waldoboro, representative to the legislature from Lincoln County, gave a splendid talk on "Woman Citizen."

At the annual guest day meeting, Hon. William Tudor Gardiner, of Gardiner, spoke on "Maine Activities." Poems by Mrs. Beulah Oxtan, a former club member, were read. The club boasts considerable musical talent which lends to the enjoyment of the programs.

The club voted to endorse the "McNary-Woodruff" and "McSweeney-McNary" bills. The club president, Mrs. Blodgett, was made a member of the State Conservation Committee, assigned to the division of birds, game and flowers. An afternoon devoted to "Forestry" proved interesting. Members responded to Mrs. Ruth Ellingwood's original poem asking for voluntary contributions to the "Endowment Fund" with the suggested 36 cents each. An electrical demonstration on the Hot Point range was sponsored by the club for the benefit of members and friends.

Stamps were bought by the members for Maine Daughters for Home for Aged Women. Five dollars was given as an essay reward on Community Service; \$5 to Good Samaritan Home in Bangor; \$5 to the Forest Conservation Committee; \$5 to the Public Library; \$5 to Old Knox Church in Thomaston. The club closed a prosperous season April 6th, with a luncheon at the Knox Hotel, Thomaston. For the next year's study they have chosen, "The World in which we live."

CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN AWARDS ARE DUE ON NOVEMBER 1

Mrs. Leila P. Kingston of Bangor, chairman for conservation, says that various Maine centers were active in the clean-up campaign. Reports were due Mrs. Edna Hutchins, chairman of the jury of judges, by July 31st. But awards will not be made until Nov. 1st. Bangor Chamber of Commerce claimed this year's the best campaign of the kind it ever had.

Clubs, Like Folks, Should Have "Growing Hearts"

Are Maine Clubs Practical? Read What They Are Doing

Besides cash donations and funds raised for charities and causes, Maine clubs have expressed their practical nature in many civic and philanthropic services. They have supported the Scholarship Fund and the Endowment Fund, as matters of both duty and privilege.

They have assisted town libraries and the schools in varied ways. They have opened new clubhouses, with a certain democratic hospitality. They have aided churches without number. They have provided lectures open to their townspeople which would not otherwise have brought inspiration and entertainment to their communities. They have encouraged and planted gardens and set out beautifying trees. They have created scholarships for home pupils. They have fostered music careers. They have built cemetery fences and conducted clean-up campaigns to the decided improvement of their civic centers. They have done hospital service, looked out for sick children, supported baby and other clinics and been the mainstay of "reliefs" for this and that institution.

A swift glimpse of some of the more striking cash donations is here given.

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Notable is the record of the Cosmopolitan Club of Dover-Foxcroft, with the \$158.72 from Christmas Seals and \$145 invested in health bonds.

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Castine's total is a handsome \$300.

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Madison Sorosis speaks at \$214, Damariscotta and Newcastle in royal terms of \$1200, the Tyngtown Club at Wilton, with \$98.34, the Webhannet at Kennebunk at \$196.

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Look at York Village giving away \$1,025. Houlton takes care of \$125 for such ends. Pine Needle at Island Falls speaks in the \$144 class.

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Rumford Study talks about \$150, the Skowhegan Woman's Club at \$125.

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In another group that is highly creditable the gifts amount to \$50, or more, the Augusta Current Events making it \$67 last season; and the Ellsworth Woman's Club, \$50.

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Nor do these clubs and these figures, which make an impressive grand total, by any means comprise all the Maine clubwomen are doing in these ways. Many have not been heard from this year. They are typical.

Waterville Woman's Club has done some outstanding work, with \$332.20 given to the Woman's Association, and other charities, as told in another column.

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Corinna Literary Club has made \$92.20 in contributions the last season. Young women have taken an interest being drawn by the appeal to promote culture and to give service.

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The Athena Club in Dover-Foxcroft reports \$20 in gifts and community contributions. One of the best features of the season was a talk on "The Business of Being a Woman" by Mrs. Annie Peakes Kenney of national fame.

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Gifts of books and reading-lamps for library formed part of the service of the Mechanic Falls Study Club. A \$5 health bond was bought, the State Endowment Fund received \$10 and the Franconia Notch Fund \$10.

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Although the Past and Present Club of Fairfield has only 14 members it turned over \$45.75 in community and other gifts. Younger women have not yet felt the appeal of club work here. Parliamentary drill is stressed in the program of last season, though subject matter is varied and progressive in theme.

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The Outlook Club at Hartland has bought a health bond, placed two reference books on art in the public library, and given a picture to be hung in the new Hartland Academy building. They find the younger women have now shown an interest in club work, as older ones have. One feature that came nearest to being in touch with the community was planting a tree on the Academy grounds, with appropriate exercises, in which both the school and clubwomen joined.

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Sangerville women, through its "Town Beautiful" committee, is doing some unusual service work, as indicated in the special club report in this issue.

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Current Events Club at Augusta spent \$52 on community contributions and other gifts, last season.

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Kingtown Club of Kingfield has devoted \$6 to prizes in schools for Kindness to Animals Week; \$6.48 to the State Endowment Fund; \$1 for the Home for Aged People at Augusta. No reason is known just why the younger women do not take more interest in club work. A notable event



MRS. WINIFRED D. GRAVES
Of Northeast Harbor, Chairman of
Literature and Library Extension
of Fine Arts Department

CLUB LEADER IS MRS. GRAVES OF NORTHEAST HARBOR

Mrs. Graves is active in church work of St. Mary's by the Sea Episcopal church, being a Sunday School teacher and director of the Girls' Friendly Society.

She has given much of her time to club work both in the women's club of Northeast Harbor as president, and as vice-president of the Mt. Desert Island Federation.

For two years she has been director of the Neighborhood House and also is one of the charter members of the Legion Auxiliary.

of last season was a guest day talk by State Nutrition Worker, Miss Frances Nason.

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Total charity gifts and community contributions of the Katahdin Club at Island Falls amounted to \$86.47. The club gave a play, sponsored two lectures, furnished milk for nutrition classes, helped finance music in the schools, furnished a sewing machine for the domestic arts room and gave two cash prizes for greatest improvement in penmanship among high school pupils during the last school year. The younger club members are much interested in obtaining funds to carry on club work.

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Besides \$16 contributed to various organizations in Clinton, the Arcana Club has sent gifts and clothing where they were happily received. Club work appeals to the
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The Real Riches of Any Club Is Its Personnel

A Glimpse At Home With Maine Federation Treasurer



MRS. ALICE S. BUTLER,
Farmington

"I can hardly say I have a hobby," declares Mrs. Alice S. Butler of Farmington, Treasurer of the Federation. "There are so many interesting, lovely things to see and do in life and so little time to see and do them, that it is impossible to remain long enough with any one for it to become a hobby, before it must be left and another engages the attention."

But through all these flittings, as they may be called, remain with me two outstanding interests that never vary, women's clubs and the political education of women. Women can do so much good through politics if they will only take an intelligent interest.

"Newspapers and magazines devoted to current history and events I enjoy. Biography and travels give me greater pleasure than novels. In music the orchestral is satisfying."

"For recreation I enjoy a game of

bridge, maybe more for the friendly meeting than for the game itself.

"Motoring is always a delight. I never tire of it. There are so many charming old roads and remote places to investigate. Speed on such roads? No! It is views we are seeking, not speed. My son and I often spend an afternoon wandering (for our speed is such it could hardly be called motoring) over these old cross-roads. What wonderful, beautiful views we see, as these old roads wind over and around the hills! The abandoned houses we come across! We wonder about their past and the joys and sorrows that have been experienced by the people who have lived in them! Certainly an opportunity for the imagination. Traveling both in my own and in other countries is my greatest recreation."

"I am hoping for a time of leisure when I will be able to study art. I have wandered through the art galleries of this country and of Europe with my daughter, who has made quite an extensive study of the subject, so have had an introduction and am anticipating a better acquaintance."

"At present the duties as treasurer of the Federation take much of my time. It is a pleasure, for I feel that through it I am being of service to women. I confess I did feel somewhat disheartened when I read what Mrs. Reynolds, treasurer of the National Federation, wrote, 'That with the possible exception of the tax collector and old Charon himself there is no more unpopular person than a treasurer.' If your treasurer seems a little over-urgent to the clubs for their dues, it must be remembered that bills have to be paid and it is the club's dues that pay them. But occasionally comes a kindly note and sometimes a club program with the dues. Then your treasurer is cheered and goes about with a song in her heart, for she knows that at least those clubs do not feel as Mrs. Reynolds portrays."

"Club work is a joy and satisfaction, but back of it all, for it to be so, must be the closer duties of the care of the home and the family."

PAN-AMERICAN LECTURE AND LITERATURE HELPS

As deep sympathy goes out to Mrs. John H. Huddilston of Orono, over the recent loss of her only daughter, a bride of a few weeks, the Maine Federation is finding her faithful to her duties. As chairman for the Pan-American scholarship, she asks one program in the year touching on this, suggests Dr. Roy M. Peterson of University of Maine, as an authoritative lecturer available on demand, and offers the following books for reading and reference:

"Problems in Pan-Americanism," by Dr. S. G. Inman. (Doran.) Dr. Inman also frequently writes for the N. Y. Times Current History Magazine.

"History of the Cuban Republic," by Charles Chapman.

"Mexico," by Carleton Beals (Huebsch).

"Green Mansions," a novel of Venezuela.

"The Purple Land," a novel of Uruguay.

"Far Away and Long Ago," a story of life in Argentina, all by W. H. Hudson.

"Home," a novel of Brazil by George A. Chamberlain.

Three articles in last year's "Saturday Evening Post" on Nicaragua, by Stinson.

"A Manifest Destiny," a novel of Nicaragua, by Smith.

"El Supremo," best of all novels of Latin-America, by Edward Lucas White.

"Black Majesty," a novel of Haiti, by H. P. Havis.

"Black Democracy," by the same author.

"Our Relations with the Nations of the Western Hemisphere," by Charles Evans Hughes (to be published this fall) will be the last word on the subject.

CARATUNK PROGRAM HAS UNIQUE BIBLE FEATURE

Caratunk Woman's Club has presented an unusual program, in which Bible quotations at each meeting have been associated with the theme of the day. Once, it was the favorite passage of each member; once on charity, when Mrs. Laura Kinney gave a talk; again, on peace, when the war was the theme; in November, on thanksgiving; in December on love; in January on wisdom and again on praise; in February on miracles, the program dealing with aviation; in February, on work; in March, on Psalm 23 and again on judgment, moving picture subjects being discussed later; in April on the resurrection and again on purity; and in May, on truth. Special greeting is given the Caratunk members, inasmuch as this little town is soon to be wiped off the map.

WHAT NINETEENTH CENTURY CLUB HAS DONE AT BANGOR

In reviewing the winter's work, it is interesting to note how much the Nineteenth Century Club of Bangor has really had that was worth while. There have been two afternoons on Current Events, both made interesting and easy to follow by the Misses Irene Cousins and Mary Robinson, teachers in Bangor High School. It has co-operated in observing Child Welfare week and Forest Conservation week, and bought a tree to be planted on Main Street. The response to the Franconia Notch appeal was splendid.

The zoning system is being talked of more or less for Bangor and Mayor John Wilson explained it to the club.

The main subject of study was the great English novelist, Dickens, and his works. Along with papers and discussions, members had the benefit of three lectures by Dean James Stevens of Orono, showing Dickens as human as his many characters.

At a social afternoon, a play founded on an episode in Pickwick Papers was given. Then, to make the afternoon unique, the club members came in costume representing characters from Dickens' works. There even was a life-like Dickens present who introduced his brain-children in their delightfully quaint costumes.

A Wise Club President Might Take Points From an Orchestra Leader

Scholarship Fund Continues Good Work

Like all progressive organizations, the Scholarship Fund of the State Federation has had sorrow mingled with joy during the past year's activities. We have been able to assist 19 worthy girls, several of whom, as usual, could not have continued their work without our aid, but in the passing of Mrs. Carrie Brewster and Mrs. Myrtle L. T. White, we have lost two valuable workers.

Mrs. Roy C. Thompson of Presque Isle, will take Mrs. White's place as a member of the Scholarship Fund Committee. Mrs. Thompson is well fitted in every way to work for this good cause and will prove a valuable asset on our Board.

Brewster Memorial Fund

The Woman's Literary Club of Dex-

ter, assisted by Governor Brewster, has already started a Memorial Fund to be known as the Carrie S. Brewster Scholarship Fund, to which they are adding from time to time. This, like the Juanita Dunbar fund, will go to help worthy students under the individual name of the established fund. So that our girls may realize to whom they are indebted for their assistance. What more fitting tribute can be paid to our fine club women who are fast slipping away from material to spiritual work, than to establish a memorial scholarship fund in their name and thereby "carry on" the work our leaders were so much interested in, when they were "one of us."

FLORENCE WAUGH DANFORTH,

Skowhegan.



MRS. BLANCHE WASS BROWN

Chairman for the Division of Home Economics, which is a branch of intensive work in club circles all over the country today, is Mrs. Blanche Wass Brown of Dover-Foxcroft. Mrs. Brown was instrumental in obtaining a place on the Federation sessions at Belgrade for presentation of this line of work by an outside speaker. She has been active in the Cosmopolitan Club at Dover, of which she is now president. This club is large and carries through an ambitious program of literary and civic work. As a reader and public speaker she has acquired more than local fame and she is active in Piscataquis county politics. She is the wife of Dr. Maurice O. Brown, a leading physician and surgeon in that county, and has a daughter, just out of high school, who is musically gifted, and a younger son.

Resolutions of Respect

Whereas, Mrs. Helen Grant Phillips passed from our midst on May 3, 1928,

Be it resolved, that the members of the Woman's Literary Club of Bar Harbor do mourn her loss as a faithful member of the club, a congenial companion and a considerate friend. The memory of her lovable, womanly qualities will be cherished by us always.

And be it further resolved, that we desire to express to her family and friends our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.

THE WOMAN'S LITERARY CLUB,

Four Hundred Waterville Women Carry On Up-to-date Program

The Waterville Woman's Club has just closed its 35th year, one of great activity and splendid achievements. It now has a membership of practically 400, each one of whom is a loyal and devoted member.

It has had 14 meetings. At six it was extremely fortunate in being able to have Dr. W. J. Wilkinson of Colby College speak on Current Politics, national and international. These lectures have been very interesting as well as of great educational value.

Philip Ricker Shorey of Portland, gave us an illustrated talk on Maine; Dr. Taylor of Colby College read a humorous paper on culture; Miss Gail Laughlin of Portland gave a stirring address on "Politics and the Home" and left no doubt that the two are close.

At our annual guest night, it was much indebted to the president, Miss Flood, for bringing Prof. Joseph E. Connor of the Emerson School of Oratory for a recital of the English play "Dover Road," which was a rare treat.

It has had various musical numbers, most of them furnished by the Coburn School of Music.

April 17th, came the annual spring picnic, one of the outstanding events. After an elaborate menu, the members listened to the reports of readings and pictures from Dickens. Each department presented one of the great English author's books in costume, including Pickwick Papers, Oliver Twist, Nicholas Nickleby, The Old Curiosity Shop, Martin Chuzzle-

wit, Dombey and Son, David Copperfield, Cricket on the Hearth, Christmas Carol, and the last a picture of Mrs. Leo Hunter's Fancy Dress de Jeune.

The club has not forgotten the various appeals made to it and has been generous in its donations to various charities. At the annual birthday party given by the Waterville Woman's Association, the club contributed \$332.20.

It is actively engaged in raising funds for the club house and this spring gave the play "Dulcy," which netted something over \$800. This, together with the amount already on hand, gives a substantial and growing fund.

There has been a wonderful spirit of co-operation and with the large membership, the club looks forward to bigger and better things.



PORTLAND SETS PACE

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its benefit. An art play by the pupils of Deering High School closed this most successful week.

To stimulate art appreciation was the incentive of your committee in holding this Art Week, and we hope next year you may see other cities and towns throughout the State establish an Art Day or even Art Week. Do not hesitate to call any member of your Art Committee for help. If we can come to you and help you we shall be very glad to,—if not, we will try and send you what help we can.

Youth's Challenge to the Club Is: "Can You Use Us?"



MRS. ELIZABETH M. CROOKER

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Crooker, who is recording secretary of the Maine Federation, comes from South Berwick and is active in club work there. She is a former teacher and retains her interest in educational matters. Her loyalty to Federation affairs and to the duties of her office has been commendable.

HOSPICE

(By Alice Lawry Gould of Auburn, who says the poem was suggested by a grove off the road to the William Ladd place in Minot, now historic in the Peace movement.)

No one could have expected us,
For we had come that way
As strangers who, all unannounced,
Had simply chanced to stray
Into the hidden woodland grove
That happy summer day.

Yet all was in such readiness,
Immaculately clean;
The birches white as white could be,
The pine trees freshly green,
And running water purling low
At foot of the ravine.

So here we rested from the heat,
And here we drank our fill
Of beauty and tranquility,
Of bird-notes, trill on trill,
While in between the limpid songs,
The stillness was more still.

And when at last we rose to go,
It seemed a little odd,
There was no host to thank for rest
Upon the mossy sod.
Then all at once we knew that we
Had been the guests of God.
(Published in the "Christian Science Monitor.")

Portland Author Gives Resume Of Her New Book

Club women will be interested in the following resume of a book recently published by Mrs. Carrie Thompson Lowell, daughter of the late Zenas Thompson of Portland.

Mrs. Lowell is a well-known literary figure in club circles in her home city, although for some time past a resident of Gorham and prominent member of the Woman's Club of that town. The author writes:

Christopher North and the Noctes Ambrosianae

I have said in the opening chapter of my book, "Christopher North and the Noctes Ambrosianae," that "To the average reader of the present generation the name of John Wilson, or of his better-known pseudonym, "Christopher North," carries little or no significance. A romantic figure in the annals of Scottish literature of the first half of the nineteenth century, he was the greatest and most prolific magazine writer of his time. His fame rests chiefly upon his contributions to Blackwood's Magazine, covering a period of more than thirty years,—from the time of its inception until within a few years of his death. The ablest men of letters of the day were his friends. In collaboration with others, but largely alone, he wrote for Blackwood's Magazine, which he fondly termed "Maga," the imaginary and now illustrious dialogues, the "Noctes Ambrosianae."

You will notice that I said, "To the AVERAGE reader of the present generation," but I might easily have said that among well-informed and widely read individuals there seems to be little recollection of John Wilson. My own acquaintance with the gentleman began at the time when I was compiling The Nature Lovers' Treasury for Dana Estes and Co. Looking for suitable material I came upon "The Recreations of Christopher North," reprinted from Blackwood's

Magazine. Here, indeed, I had found a genuine "nature lover." From the "Recreations" I turned to the "Noctes Ambrosianae" which I found to be of more than ordinary interest.

I cannot do better than to quote here from an article by Clemence Dane which appeared in the Saturday Review of Literature and which I have included in my book. The article is entitled "Bibles" and he writes as follows:

"One of my own greatest treasures is my grandfather's bible, eight small, beautifully bound volumes of Wilson's 'Noctes Ambrosianae.' Have you read them, are they buyable still, I wonder? It's a pity if they are not, for they are most rich and humorous reading, as satisfying as those other bibles, Boswell's 'Johnson' and Pepys's 'Diary.' Ambrose kept an inn and a good cook in Edinburgh just a hundred years ago. Round his table gathered, weekly, certain celebrated characters. . . Chief of the group were Professor Wilson, the Christopher North of Blackwood's Magazine; De Quincey, the Opium Eater; and James Hogg, the Ettrick Shepherd."

Becoming fascinated with these volumes I made a compilation of extracts from them which I offered to a publisher. He was interested in the subject, but wished a different presentation, with more background and more about the characters of the "Noctes." He wrote me a letter containing an outline of the sort of book he would like to publish. At the time I did not see the way to undertake the work, so threw the letter into a drawer where it remained for a dozen or more years. Occasionally I would take it out and read it, but that was as far as I got. Nevertheless, whenever an opportunity offered I collected every sort of data on the subject. Two years ago I picked up the letter, re-read it, looked through my material, and went to work. The result was "Christopher North and the Noctes Ambrosianae."

LEADERSHIP MEANS

Consecration.
Initiative.
Good judgment.
Perseverance.
Sense of humor.
Speaking ability.
Being one selected.
Ethical qualities.
Vision.
Ability to choose the right woman

for the right position.

An open mind and an understanding heart.
Loyalty.
Personal integrity and a square deal.
Sympathy.
Courtesy.
Tolerance.
Justice and friendliness.
Hard work.
Courage in the face of opposition.

Programs Should Be a Means to an End Clearly Discerned

Stirring Message From Maine-born Poet, Mrs. Edna Worthley Underwood, is Timely

(Written for the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs by
Edna Worthley Underwood, Maine poet, novelist
and translator.)

It is something of importance nowadays—an importance not local nor easily limited—when we learn that a state federation of women's clubs is about to meet. At the present moment perhaps, the meetings are more important than they have ever been, because just as the New World—the Scientific World—is dawning, foreshadowing a new world-mind, and prodigious changes not to be listed in detail, it is the women's clubs which in a great measure, treasure, preserve, and then help disseminate, that rich and ancient culture that is passing, and at the same time, these clubs prove to be most effective liaison with the new, the not yet perfectly assimilated.

I have always looked back upon the beginning of the women's club movement in our country as the beginning of another Renaissance, which in its far, fine, forceful, future developments, might be no less a general object of admiration, of reverence, than the old Italian Renaissance—with which it has similarities not yet pointed out in their fullness, which was the rebirth of art, and a kind of intellectual freshness and freedom.

This much, at least, we may state, it has been since the initiation of this movement, that women in America have written the best prose, best verse, made admirable statutes—such women as Anna Hyatt—painted canvases that have found praise in discriminating art-centers of Europe, such women painters as Mary Cassatt, Cecilia Beaux. Women—since then—in our great land, have headed banks, big hotel systems, agricultural enterprises, and railroads. They had felt the force that is in unity, and in self-discovery. It was the power of fascism, which is unity, and many efforts, many energies, directed toward good.

I saw in the west when I was young, the starting of the club movement, in many little, lonely villages of the plains. In a way, existence had become detached, isolated; the rock had worn away to crumbling sand.

At the first meeting, there came women from lonely ranches, hard-working farmers' wives; women from the edge of poor little villages. Some of them wore cotton "Mother Hubbards," the most were shabby and poorly dressed; all worked.

I shall never forget the look of joy in their eyes, at the idea so suddenly flung at them, of joining together, buying a few books, hearing a lecture now and then, or some

music. Life was drab; there was nothing for them personally.

I watched this slight, frail beginning develop. Its growth, the joy, the opening up of new vistas to them prisoned by dollars or housework, was tremendous. Then I saw the growing power of the club begin to react upon the community.

I saw them again when the first lecturers talked to them; there were rights for them—something they never dreamed of. They, too, were important in helping build a world, which was partly THEIRS! The expansion, the quick growth, the new energy flung out for good, was all but unbelievable. I saw the re-birth (Renaissance) myself; many working together as one, for the good of all.

The starting of the women's club movement in America, was the starting of the great social change that is upon us now. To the women belong the credit, which has not up to now been given to them. At that moment all the world became restless, feeling sensitively—fearing—transformation—social, political—which were just ahead, and women, because of a native responsiveness—sensitiveness—inaugurated it.

The ancient philosophies of the Orient tell us that if for only five minutes, we can wish only good for others, work for others, without the obtruding of self and the desires of self, the gain is inevitable and incalculable.

That is what women have done for centuries; worked for others; been selfless in the home. Now the time of reaping has come. Who can measure the harvest?

Three times the Nobel Prize for literature has been given to women; Bertha von Suttner, Selma Lagerlof, and two years ago to Grazia Deledda, of Rome, whom I know. And the entire world was open for choice!

And not yet has the strength wholly been tested of what this union of women may mean, because the movement even now is young.

Here in New York I read always with interest in the newspapers of my native state—Maine—what the club women are doing, with a little feeling of flattered pride, because even though I am not an active member and live in another state, still I am one of them, having had the same living conditions, the same training as a child. Although I am in exile, I am an exile who thinks very often of home.

They who were born in Maine never forget it! Please accept my cordial good wishes for your fall meeting!

ARE MAINE CLUBS PRACTICAL?

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younger women here giving them leaders with the very highest ideals with whom to work. The older clubwomen become an inspiration to the younger members. The great event of the season was uniting with the clubs of the Kennebec Union of Women's Clubs.

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Castine Woman's Club made its total contributions over \$300 the last season. Its programs were all of high order.

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The Searchlight Club at Sanford, as usual gave a \$100 scholarship to a girl graduate of the high school attending a higher institution of learning. The club has received \$2,000 in trust through the will of a member

who has passed away. This will be used for a permanent scholarship fund. The club sold \$200 worth of health seals, bought a \$10 bond, and one member collected \$400 for bonds. One girl at college is being clothed through activities of the club, this assistance making possible her continuance in her studies.

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Notable at South Berwick was the exhibit at town hall by the civics department of the Woman's Club, when articles made in that town and in the sister town of Salmon Falls, N. H., were shown. Sixty-eight firms exhibited gas ranges, woolen blankets, shoes, potato chips, home-made furniture, bird houses, mounted birds, quilts, rugs, bakery products, flowers and plants and home-cooked food. Berwick Academy orchestra played.

In the evening an elaborate revue was staged, with models from Indian Maid to modern "flapper." About 600 attended during the day and evening.

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CORINNA FINDS YOUNG WOMEN TAKE INTEREST

Corinna Literary Club, of which Annie M. Crowell was secretary, reports that club work appeals there to the younger women, especially to those interested in literary study, this being a study club. "We are now studying modern poetry. We have a social meeting each month. We meet each week. We try to assist and help in everything for the betterment of the community and give our 'bit' to the charitable calls, a total last season of \$92.20."

Club and Federation Ties Ought to Be Vital and Productive

Group Study, Expression and Action— These Epitomize Club Work - Mrs. Sippel

Personal Greetings to Maine Club Women

My dear club women:

First of all I wish to express my appreciation of your invitation to speak to the club women of Maine, through the columns of your News, and to say that I am anticipating with genuine pleasure my visit to you in September, for if I have any virtue it lies in the fact that I love people. I delight in service and if I have any ability to serve it is because the women of my state and of the nation have given me the opportunity to serve, for which I am grateful.

A gigantic task confronts us. When urged by groups who desired me to serve as the head of our great organization, I gave much serious thought to the tremendous duty and responsibility which such office involves. I am not unappreciative of the time, the thought and the effort which must be given by a leader of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. My dear club women of Maine, the best that is in me to give will be given fully and freely.

Achievement should be regarded as so much gathered headway. Victory attained should, in the final analysis, constitute the moment of opportunity. The numbers of wo-

men who have accustomed themselves to group study, group expression and group action now runs into millions and the number is steadily growing. The achievements, the victories of these groups should serve as signals for even greater accomplishment and more glorious victory. The accumulated momentum of this tendency toward concerted action creates a corresponding obligation for informed thinking and conduct.

Our achievements are but gathered headway to meet the obligations laid upon us by our increased powers and opportunities. The General Federation has a record of achievement which justifies our pride, but which gives us no warrant for pause—and we are prone to pause for congratulations and prideful preening. It is so pleasant to count our gains and caress our glories. But in these indulgencies lie great dangers, for this gathered store of accomplishment should constitute the challenge for more and better work.

Nothing is more necessary to successful achievement than a definite goal. The General Federation has a definite program which, in a word, will be dedicated to the upbuilding

and the enrichment of the community life of America through special programs offered through the major departments of work. Emphasis will be placed on the spiritual and cultural aspects of life for the individual, the community and the nation. A detailed outline of proposed activities, which has the unanimous approval of the Board of Directors, will appear in the September issue of the General Federation News and I hope and trust that each reader of this message will constitute herself a committee of one to read, digest and ponder over this program and if she has constructive criticisms or suggestions to send them to me for presentation to the Executive Board which will meet in the early fall.

And now I cannot close this message without extending to each and every clubwoman of Maine a personal and cordial invitation to visit our Headquarters—your Headquarters—in Washington, D. C. The latch-string is ever on the outside and it is said that everyone eventually comes to Washington. We want you to see and know your Headquarters, so do come!

Cordially yours,
(Mrs. John F.) BETTIE M. SIPPEL.

AN APPRECIATION

The Maine Federation of Women's Clubs which has seen much of joy, has met also with keen sorrow during the past year in what, without doubt, is an unprecedented occurrence, the passing from this life of three former presidents, Mrs. William E. Brewster of Dexter; Mrs. Etta Osgood of Seattle, Washington, and Mrs. Myrtle L. T. White of Presque Isle.

Mrs. Osgood, first president of the Maine Federation, who had great influence in shaping the policies of the new organization, was a strong personality. She died in the early spring in her adopted state, but not without a reminder that the club women of Maine still held her in their hearts. For floral remembrances were sent to her at different times during her last illness, not only from the Maine Federation, but, through the thoughtfulness also of Mrs. White, who was instrumental in calling the attention of the Federation to the condition of her friend. We today who enjoy the fruits of the labors of the pioneers, honor the memory of Mrs. Osgood and others.

Mrs. Brewster, who served more recently and was always with us on all Federation occasions, will be sorely missed from her accustomed place. Her loyalty and devotion to the Federation are well known.

Mrs. White, war president, was likewise universally beloved all over our State. As the news of her sudden passing from this life, during the biennial period in Texas, reached her home State, a profound sorrow settled not only over the citizens of her town, where she held many positions of trust, but over all club women of Maine. She went from us as she had lived, radiant and hopeful.

In no better way can we emulate the virtues of these great leaders than to give ourselves freely for the advancement of measures looking toward the benefit of mankind.

A most fitting tribute to their memory would be the creation of a Memorial Fund whereby all club women might testify to their appreciation for these outstanding women by definite contributions to assist the work of the Federation which they so constantly and loyally supported. They have passed on the torch to others. Let us continue to carry forward the same spirit of devotion to high ideals.

JOSEPHINE P. SKOLFIELD.

A MAINE CLUB SONG

Tune: "Carry me back to Old Virginia"

Carry me back to dear old Franklin,

There's where the women are progressing all the time,

There's where the club work is carried on with spirit,

There's where we help our president each year.

Every other week we meet in our Club House,

Where we study and have a social tea,

No time on earth do we love more sincerely,

Than our Club meeting with its motto, "Live and Learn."

CHORUS

Carry me down to our Club meeting,

There's where we greet our president so dear,

There's where our club is growing ever stronger,

There's where the club members dearly love to go.

(Written by Mrs. Ruth Bunker and contributed by Edith M. DeBeck of Franklin.)

What One Gives Means More Than What One Receives in Club Work

New England Conference Program At Swampscot, Mass. Looks Inviting

Maine club women, as well as others of the New England states, are looking forward to the annual get-together, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 24, 25 and 26, at the New Ocean House in Swampscot on the famous north shore of Massachusetts, the hostess state. All sessions of this New England Conference of State Federations of Women's Clubs, opening Monday afternoon and closing at noon Wednesday, are open to club members.

Such prominent folk as Mrs. Edward MacDowell of the Peterborough, N. H., colony, founded in memory of the noted composer, and Prof. Clarence Kennedy of Smith College, who will speak on "Opportunities for Education in Art in New England," promise unusual interest in the opening session devoted to "Fine Arts in New England."

Dallas Lore Sharpe in person will be the speaker guest at the banquet Tuesday evening, at which Mrs. Edward A. Rice of Greenfield, retiring director of the Massachusetts Federation, will preside as toast-mistress.

"New England and International Affairs" is the announced topic of Paul Harvey of New York, whose address Monday evening will be followed by a reception to the six presidents of the New England states and other distinguished guests.

Mrs. Guy E. Speare of Plymouth, N. H., presiding chairman, and Mrs. Azel A. Packard of Springfield, Mass., presiding hostess and president of the Massachusetts Federation, promise other features on the three-day program, equally alluring. They announce that reservations should be made direct with the New Ocean House.

What Did The Biennial Mean?

What of the Biennial?

Wherein did its value lie?

Was the mind and purpose of our great organization revealed in respect to any of the great problems confronting the world today?

Were definite and concrete suggestions made for immediate and much needed work by individual women and organized groups?

Was the Federation's place as the acknowledged leader in the woman movement of the world established more firmly than ever before?

The answer to all of these inquiries is YES.

Amplification of this answer is to be found in every page of this magazine.

A campaign in support of Secretary Kellogg's multilateral treaty, renouncing war among the great powers, was urged as a definite and immediate activity for every club in the Federation. Increased activity for the support of the eighteenth amendment was advised. The promotion of the welfare and hygiene of infancy and maternity was urged, as was also support of the Children's Bureau. The creation of a Federal Department of Education was emphasized.

Each and every one of the 16 resolutions adopted reflects some phase of the widespread interest and activity of the Federation along humanitarian, civic, legislative, or kindred lines. There was the reaffirmation of the strong resolution relative to flood control passed at the last council meeting; the urging of necessary legislation permitting aliens legally admitted to the United States prior to

the immigration law of 1924 to bring to this country his wife and unmarried minor children; the urging of necessary legislation to prevent private power interests from constructing dams on the waters of the international boundary line of several lakes adjoining the State of Minnesota; protest against the spoliation and threatened commercialism of Royal Gorge; and numerous other equally splendid efforts.

The Federation's reputation for conservatism, for fine balance and steadiness is one that it cherishes and clings to, but not at the expense of its obligation. It is ever alive to its duties and responsibilities as a glance over its 10-day Biennial program proves. Its deliberations touched scores of the most live and vital world, national and local topics. It has been customary in recent years, particularly since suffrage was granted, to expect radical utterances at meetings of great organizations of women, but, with a few minor exceptions, has this expectation been borne out. The Federation has been considered ultra-conservative by many, but none can claim that it is backward.

That the Federation's proved refutation of charges brought against it established it more firmly than ever before as a worthy organization, whose leaders are actuated only by the highest motives, was manifested in the unanimous support of recommendations and resolutions and in more subtle but none the less certain ways.

Truly, the Federation has "fought a good fight, it has gained much ground."—General Federation News.

CITIZENSHIP AND THE VOTE AS IT AFFECTS MAINE TODAY

In the campaign to get out the vote, this fall, the General Federation of Women's Clubs has undertaken to help by working through local groups to be organized in 1,000 or more cities and towns.

In Maine this task has been assigned to the Department of American Citizenship, of which Mrs. Ella M. Chase of Lewiston, is chairman.

To avoid partisanship, a representative republican and a representative democrat must address the first meeting; and Sept. 14th is suggested for the date. Other organizations may be asked to assist to make these a success on a big scale—real community affairs.

The object is three-fold: to interest the individual organizations to get out the vote of their own members; to provide educational forums for discussion of the issues of the campaign; and to enlist the interest of high school and college students, 7,000,000 of whom will cast their first vote this year.

THE PINE TREE STATE

When God made this fair earth
He gave to Maine the beauty-corner,
And all the wealth of all the world
He placed in love upon her.

He girt her with the shining sea
Whose laughing billows caught her
To echo back from all her hills
The music of her water.

He crowned her with majestic pines
To echo back from all her hills
On upland crags and mountains,
And jewelled her with silver lakes,
The mighty forests fountains

With all the wealth of harvest time
Her fields are overflowing,
O'er meadows, red with clover-bloom
Her sweet pine breath is blowing.

She has no place where birds do not
Awake us, with their singing;
She has no waysides, and no brooks,
Where flowers are not springing.

Had I the world at my command
I'd turn me back again
To greet the dearest place on earth—
These pine-clad hills of Maine.
—Frances Wright Turner.
Ellsworth.

Ravelings From The Club Year In Maine

Danforth Woman's Club at its annual music night enjoyed the high school orchestra, among other talent.

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One winter program by the Alpha Lyra Club at Wytopitlock was given to Coast of Maine matters and to Maine writers.

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Prof. J. N. Hart addressed the Child Study Club at Millinocket on one notable evening.

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Mrs. Eva C. Mason of Dover-Foxcroft has done much speaking among clubs, relative to illiteracy work, as has Mrs. Florence H. Pendleton of Lewiston.

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Harmony Club at Lincoln put in one whole evening on Schubert, appropriate to the anniversary being celebrated this year.

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One of Lubec Woman's Club's best attended evenings was its Valentine Social. Another program gave a talk on a member's three weeks' trip through Maine which was highly entertaining.

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At Island Falls the Pine Needle Club gave an afternoon to women writers, using pictures of them with skits about them. Another eventful afternoon was given to American philanthropists.

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Bible verses have seemed to be popular among clubs for individual responses, this season.

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Celebrating the first year Newport High has had an athletic coach, the Newport Woman's Club gave a public supper for the benefit of the athletic association, with excellent results.

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A school art exhibit brought to Houlton through the efforts of the clubwomen interested the schools and general public.

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Norway Woman's Club closed its year with 85 members. It is unusually well organized in committees for effective work. A better homes electrical demonstration was one feature.

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When the Philomathean Club of Fort Fairfield, observed library day it made a social event of it also. A large display of Navajo rugs and Charimayo rugs were on display, which had been brought home by a club member from Mexico and there were displays of views in Europe

from a collection belonging to another member, as well as other local arts and crafts work. The \$80 netted from the sale went for library books and magazines for the children's room.

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Mrs. Florence Stevens of Portland, member of the city council, has been drafted for speaking at Maine clubs, usually talking along lines of work done for health, public welfare and public buildings.

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Pierian Club of Presque Isle has chosen to study comparative culture of the English speaking races, next season.

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Lubec Woman's Club featured a two-act play and brought a male quartet from Eastport for one of their best meetings.

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Thrift talks by Mrs. Annie Peaks Kenney of Dover-Foxcroft, a General Federation committeewoman, have been enjoyed by clubs in that part of the State this year.

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Ellsworth's community club night is still the talk of the town. It went over big, thanks to the clubwomen.

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The Research Club of Limerick featured fine music at its gentlemen's night.

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Waterville Woman's Club held its guest night at Halifax Tavern with excellent talent and a speaker on foreign travel.

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All through the State the Franconia Notch appeal was cordially received and liberally assisted. The fruition of success in saving this forested area is gratifying.

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Guilford Woman's Club took the school census under direction of the civics committee.

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Dickens, with costumed characters, made a successful bid for attention in several spots over Maine.

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Wesleyan Literary Club at Clinton honored a member, Mrs. Mary E. Cain, on her 55th wedding anniversary—an unusual event.

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Bridgton Literary Club offered prizes for flower gardens this year, appealing to children to beautify the town with their own plots.

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Mrs. A. A. Kendall of Portland, completed her quarter century as parliamentarian in the Conklin Class at Portland, last winter. She was first critic of the class.

It looks as if the development of member talent in plays might be one of the delightful and worth-while trends of club work in Maine. Waterville Woman's Club staged a play under its auspices last winter.

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Caribou Literary Club had some fun when they had silhouettes drawn of each member, holding a guessing contest afterward.

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Mrs. Homer Crooker, secretary for the Maine Federation, was one of those who was most active in making successful the Live Wire Magazine edited for the Berwick Woman's Club. Each "page" made a hit. A conundrum section with local shots was particularly enjoyable.

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Lincoln County Union took keen delight in visits and talks by Miss Gail Laughton of Portland, and Mrs. Florence Waugh Danforth of Skowhegan. The youngest club in this Union is the Wiscasset, three years old, which held two parties for the benefit of the Lincoln Home. Damariscotta Mills Club aided the Home, and members performed an unusual service by acting as librarian in town. Waldoboro Club gave a Valentine festival for the Home and also raised its membership limit from 20 to 30. Bremen Patriotic Club started with 12 women who wanted a soldiers' monument, which was erected six years ago. It also gave \$1,100 toward a tomb; and its objective now is a community house. Newcastle-Damariscotta Club had eight speakers from away. Boothbay Harbor did much philanthropic work. All the clubs in this union reported doubling or trebling Red Cross membership.

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Maine's Honor List

Maine Clubs, in direct membership with the General Federation, number 22, as follows:

Augusta—Current Events Club
Study Club
Bangor—Nineteenth Century
Norumbega Club
Woman's Club
Bar Harbor—Study Club
Woman's Literary Club
Castine—Woman's Club
Eastport—Woman's Club
East Winthrop—Thursday Club
Hallowell—Current Events Club
Lubec—Woman's Club
North East Harbor—Woman's Literary Club
Oldtown—Neeburban Club
Orono—Woman's Club
Portland—Conklin Class
Presque Isle—Pierian Club
Rockland—Methebesec Club
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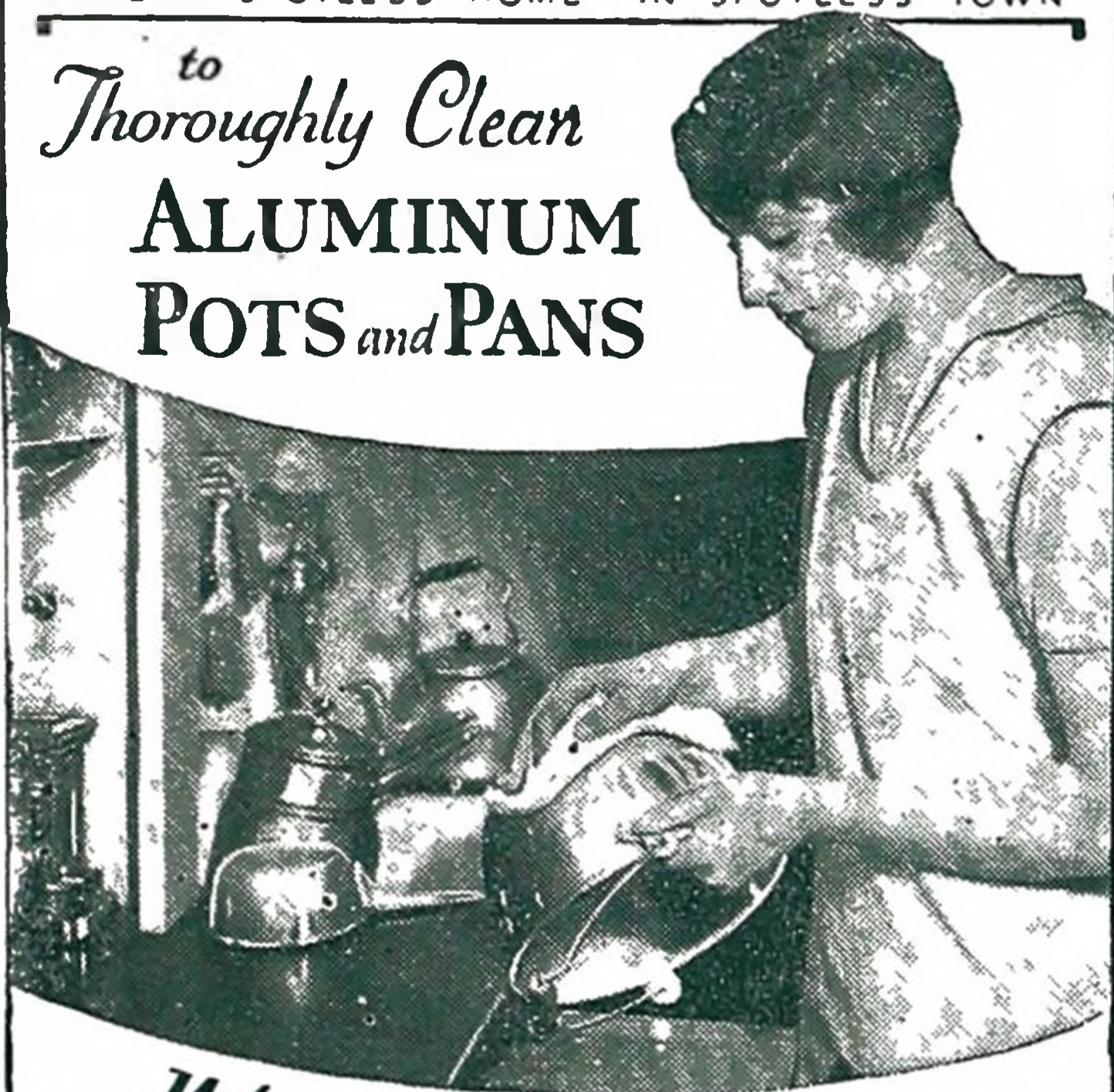
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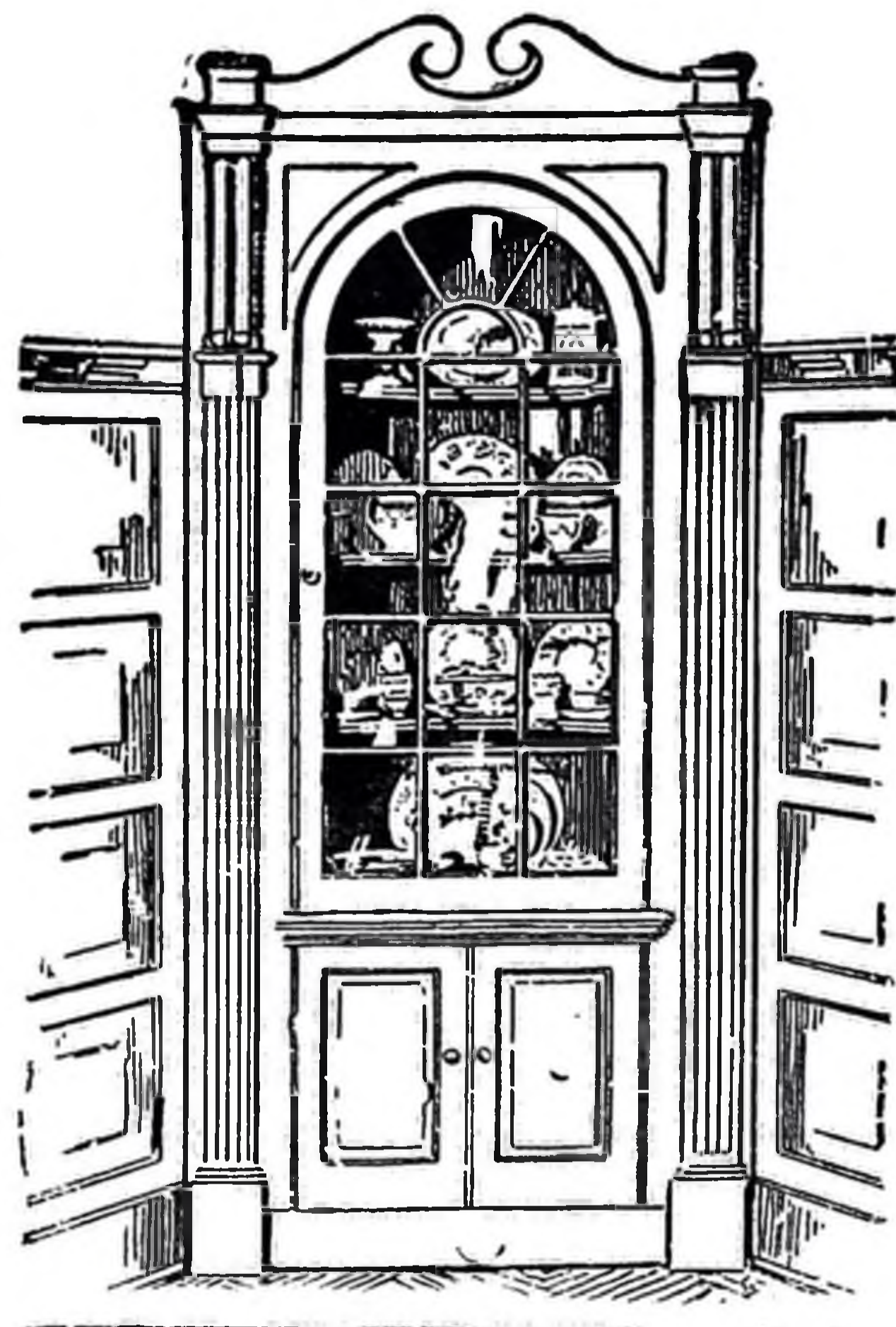
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Goals Set For Three Major Objectives To Be Gained By September First, This Year, If Everyone Helps

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

When this issue of the Maine Federation News reaches its readers, New Year's Greetings, New Year's Gifts and New Year's Resolutions, may be a thing of the past. But the opportunity of making this the best club year in history is still ours to command and carry to a finish.

As we peer across the bridge of 1929 what do we see? Much of ability, much of loyalty, much of devotion to high ideals, in the hearts of Maine Club women, with whom we hope to travel the highway of club life for another year. What, then, are our thoughts and aspirations, as we enter upon this New Year of service, and what is our vision for the future? Accomplishments of greater magnitude than ever before. With the background of a past year of faithful service, Department, Division and Committee chairmen have plans for more intensive programs and certain definite accomplishments the ensuing season as

Federation Specials

The revised program of Home Economics, sponsored by Mrs. Maurice O. Brown of Dover-Foxcroft, chairman of the Division, under the Department of the American Home.

A Citizenship Essay Contest, open to students of Maine High Schools and Colleges, featured by the General Federation of Women's Clubs in all States, and in Maine by Mrs. George M. Chase of Lewiston, as the work of the Department of American Citizenship.

Since the expansion of woman's interests beyond the four walls of home into club, community, State and national affairs, we find how closely the different departments of club work are related. No phase of the same but offers opportunities for our best endeavor.

Thru all lines of Public Welfare we find the value of co-operation with other agencies, and this year's program, previously so well outlined, should be productive of better results than ever before.

Education leads us thru avenues of conservation, raising of the illiterate to the station of the literate, educating the youth of our land thru

the Scholarship Fund, creating high standards of living thru the medium of Fine Arts. These are but the integral parts of good citizenship, the basic principles for all right-living, coupled with International Relations by which we strive to emphasize a spirit of world brotherhood, the most vital concern for the club woman of the country today.



With the State Legislature in session, the activities of our club women are more pronounced. A renewed interest is apparent in efforts to co-operate with the producers, in the interest of better motion pictures, sponsored this year by our chairman of resolutions, Mrs. R. B. Record of Auburn.

Thus we press forward and the club president of today receives her training for the public office of tomorrow; and it is the tomorrow toward which we travel, the goal for which we aim:

The three fundamentals for 1929, which can make the Maine Federation the success it deserves to be, are: First, every club a contributor to the Scholarship Fund; second, a 2,000 subscription list for the Federation News, which includes the year book number; third, a \$10,000 Endowment Fund before September first. **LESS THAN \$1.00 FROM EVERY MEMBER WILL DO ALL.**

Will you help the Officers, the Department, Division and Committee chairman who give their time in the interest of a creditable Federation, to place the same on a sound financial basis ere they lay down their tools of service in club work and leave their tenure of office to others.

Faithfully yours,

JOSEPHINE P. SKOLFIELD,
President.

CALL FOR MIDWINTER MEETING

The Midwinter meeting of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs will be held in Augusta Friday, January 25th.

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

9.50 A.M. Opening Exercises

10.15 A.M. Address of Welcome by His Excellency Wm. Tudor Gardiner, Governor of Maine Business Session and brief reports of officers, department and division chairmen

11.00 A.M. Speaker, Miss Julia K. Jaffray of New York City, from General Federation

12.30 P.M. Luncheon at the Augusta House. Tickets \$1.25, obtainable at opening session

2.00 P.M. Opening with Assembly Singing Minutes Department Reports

2.30 P.M. Speaker, Miss Schuman, National Red Cross Dietician

3.00 P.M. Speaker, Mrs. May Elliott Hobbs of Kelmscott, England. Her subject is "The Forward Movement of the Countrywoman in Public Life," a subject no student of England's political, social and economic development can afford to neglect.

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