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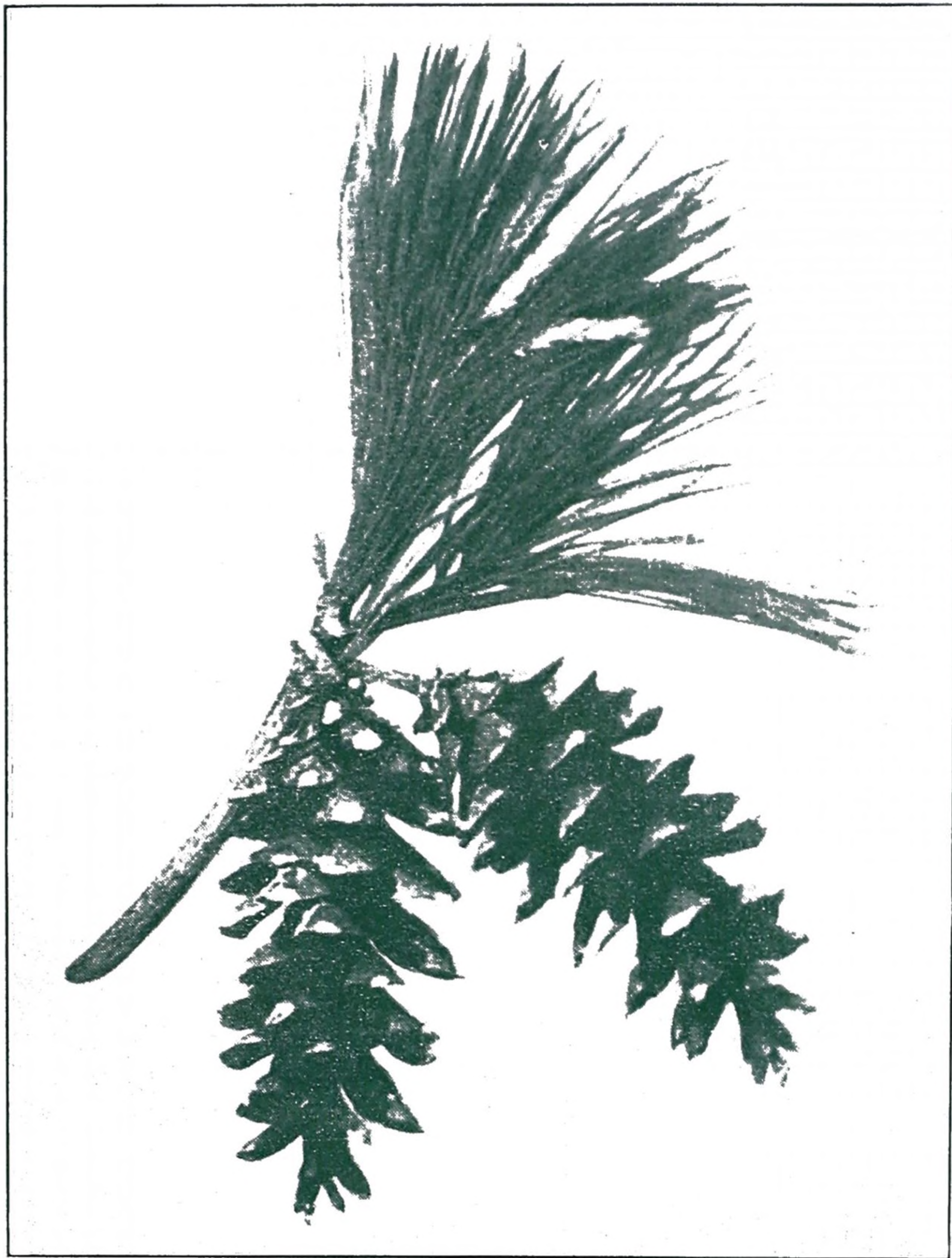
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THE CHALLENGE OF 1930

A TURNING point has been reached in the life of the club women of the State, the Nation, and the world. No longer does the path run undeviatingly towards a goal but the by-paths are many which are leading club women into all sorts of interesting endeavors and aspirations. These by-paths furnish a greater interest for a greater number of women and are outgrowths from the path that at first led only to the development of women's minds along literary lines as furnished by group discussion and later reached into community affairs with more or less hesitance but with greater success.

The year 1930 sees activities of club women confined, not alone to their homes, nor to the community, but world affairs in politics, in the home, and in lines of education, will engage their attention.

WORLD peace is no longer a visionary effort of a few idealistically-minded men, but rather an assurance that is fast becoming a reality, sponsored by the women of the world who have said, "There shall be no more war."

Only through the study of economic conditions brought about by the war, the cost to the nation in its manhood and the everlasting sorrow brought on the women of the world, has this become possible.

WOMEN'S clubs are not a dying interest, but are so vital and so important that men as well as women accept them as an integral part of the development of the country in all its phases.

Maine needs the organized effort of her club women in promoting her industrially, economically and commercially. The State would be poorer by thousands of dollars without the organized work of the club women in their respective communities.

What will your club do for the State of Maine in 1930—that is the challenge that is flung to every club and to every member in this, the opening month of another year.

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Wish of the President, Mrs. Hutchins To Clubwomen for the New Year

MY Dear Club Women of Maine:

With the dawn of a new year, I greet every club woman in Maine, hoping that you are all looking forward with every confidence to the gifts which the next twelve months have in store for you.

As we begin our club work for 1930, is it not fitting that we pause for a moment and pay tribute to the pioneer women who laid the foundation of this great organization. After thirty-eight years are we not impressed anew with the breadth of their vision and the depth of their understanding. Those loyal women have left us a rich heritage. Are we making the most of it?

History tells us that "we cannot measure the value of an event by the recognition it receives at its birth, but by the consequences that flow from it." As we look in retrospect into the years of our club life which is rich in history and achievement, we cannot help but being impressed by the phenomenal developments that have resulted through the efforts of these pioneer club women.

My hope is that the future will lead us on to still greater progress.

"Not in languorous content
Does our safety dwell
Nor within a purpose spent
Doing all things well;
But within the valiant will
Bent on doing better still.

I wish that I might be able to bring every one of the 10,000 club women of Maine into such intimate connection with the State Federation that every woman would feel it to be her very own.

Dean Swift used to say, "A fig for your bill of fare: show me your bill of company." What a "bill of company" are the women's clubs today. But there is dan-

ger of slipping back into a printed bill of fare, unless we plan a continuous "bill of company" We must constantly be doing something to increase our wealth of being, to further closer contact. There is a way as old as the Apostle Paul.

Paul failed not in frequent writing to his churches,—but he went to see them too. Conditions are the same today, nothing has taken the place of contact. For this reason the state has been divided into districts with a District Director supervising each district. We have thirteen splendid, enthusiastic club women representing our thirteen districts. They are looking to each individual club for acquaintance and encouragement.

With a greater Federation consciousness and a keener sense of individual responsibility, we shall develop a solidarity that will be practically irresistible.

It is only by carrying on in an organized way that women are today enjoying the great opportunities for service in community and state.

IT is my desire during the next two years to have each department, each division, each committee, and each club accomplish at least one piece of work to which they may point with pride. I do not expect every club to duplicate all our divisions or follow every line of work. Everybody is not interested in the same thing, but almost every body is interested in something. Choose the subjects that have a real appeal

to your community and by so doing make your club a tower for strength both for your town and Federation.

Worthy as is the gift of initiative without which nothing will be started, more infrequent is the conviction that there is a definite res-



Mrs. A. E. Chittenden
First Vice-Pres.



Mrs. Edna A. Hutchins
President



Mrs. Harry H. Burnham
Second Vice-Pres.

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Call For The Mid-Winter Meeting

THE Midwinter meeting of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs will be held in Augusta, Friday, January 31.

Sessions will convene at the State House in the hall of the House of Representatives at 9.45 A.M.

The Credential Committee will be in session at the Augusta House,

Thursday evening from 7 o'clock to 9, and at the place of meeting at 9 A.M.

There will be a meeting of the Executive Board at the Augusta House Thursday evening from 7 to 8 and a meeting of the Executive Board with the Chairman of Departments and District Directors 8 to 10.

Tentative Program For Mid-Winter Meeting

9.45 A.M. Hall of Representatives.

Presiding—Mrs. Edna A. Hutchins, President

Mrs. A. E. Chittenden, First Vice President.

Call to Order

Singing—The Maine Song

Salute to the Flag

Collect

Singing—Pines of Maine (Miss Maud Gould, Chairman of Division of Music, Directing.)

Greeting by His Excellency William Tudor Gardiner, Governor of Maine.

Response—Mrs. A. E. Chittenden, First Vice President.

Business session, reports of officers and committees.

Report of Federation Director—Mrs. John T. Skolfield.

President's Message.

Reports of Chairmen of Departments and Divisions followed by round table discussion.

12.30 Luncheon at Augusta House. Music.

Introduction of District Directors.

Address—Mr. Frank Wright, Mass. Deputy Commissioner of Education.

Unfinished Business.

Adjournment.

Proposed Amendments

MRS. Mary Perry Rich gives notice that at the proper time she will propose the following amendment to the By-Laws:

That Section 1 of Article VII be amended by adding the following to the first sentence of said section:

"Provided, however, that no club shall be required to pay more than seventy-five dollars in dues in any one year."

So that said sentence shall read as follows:

The annual dues shall be three dollars for each club having a membership of twenty or less, and fifteen cents per capita for each club having a membership of more than twenty; Provided, however, that no club shall be required to pay more than seventy-five dollars in dues in any one year.

At the Mid-winter Meeting to be held at Augusta in January, the following resolution will be proposed by Gail Laughlin:

Whereas, at the Hague, next March, at a Conference in which the United States participates, it is proposed to adopt an international code in regard to nationality, therefore,

Be it Resolved: That the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs, in convention assembled, indorse the proposal of the Nationality Committee of the Inter-American Commission of Women, which provides,

The high contracting parties agree that there shall be no distinction based on sex in their law or practice relating to nationality.

And be it further Resolved: That this Federation urges upon the representatives of the United States at said Conference to do everything in their power to secure the adoption of this proposed agreement.

On To Colorado

MAINE-Denver- Biennial- June! Magic words, every one of them and when one adds—General Federation of Women's Clubs, then the cycle is complete. If there is a club-woman anywhere who does not want to go to Denver in June to attend the Biennial, then she can not be a real club woman!

Maine will be splendidly represented, several clubwomen having already made tentative reservations, although no announcement can be made in this issue of the Federation News as who the official delegates will be. The dates are June 5 to 14 and there will be several points to interest New England club women.

Two tours are being planned for New England women, one leaving Boston, Monday, June 2 and going by the way of Worcester, Springfield, Pittsfield and Albany. A few hours will be spent in Chicago and visits made to Colorado Springs, Pike's Peak, Garden of the Gods, Cave of the winds, Seven Falls and St. Louis, following the convention. The party arrives back in Boston, Wednesday evening, June 18th.

The extension tour will cover the same route to Denver and leaving that city June 15, the party will visit Colorado Springs, Garden of the Gods, Cave of the Winds, South Cheyenne Canyon, Seven Falls, Royal Gorge, Glenwood Springs, Zion National Park, Grand Canyon of Arizona, Bryce Canyon National Park, Salt Lake City and Yellowstone National Park, arriving in Boston, Wednesday, July 2.

THE cost of the official, or shorter tour, from Boston, including all expenses except meals while in Denver, providing Pullman accommodations, ranges from \$237.60 to \$320.00. The cost of the Extension tour including all expenses except meals, providing Pullman accommodations, is \$489.50 to \$555.00.

A direct trip can be made to Denver and return at an even cheaper rate than the shorter tour, but does not provide for many side trips.

Club women considering the trip to Denver can get further information from the General Federation director for Maine, Mrs. J. T. Skolfield of Portland.

Play Janus Now and Then

Looking into the Future with the Financial Wisdom of the Past

ONE of the most picturesque figures in ancient mythology was Janus, the old door-keeper at the entrance to the New Year. Since his duties often obliged him to look two ways at once (backward toward the old, and forward toward the new) he was given two faces, one looking ahead and the other looking behind. In recognition of his important function, the first month of the year was named JANUARY for him: a time for looking both ways, into the past and into the future.

By Annie Peaks Kenny

Our modern version of this myth is summed up in the words of Patrick Henry. "We can judge of the future but by the past." And nowhere is this more true than in money matters. Without an honest and intelligent backward look, we can not hope to forecast the future in constructive fashion. Every business man knows this and practices it. And the degree of his business success depends upon the accuracy with which he judges the past, the wisdom with which he anticipates the future, and the fidelity with which he carries out that plan.

What's sauce for the gander is sauce for the goose, and for both of them together, in the problems of Family Finance. Just in proportion as we get more of business method into our household management, so will the individual home prosper and collectively the nation as well. And Family Finance (like Business Finance) demands that we play Janus now and then.

IT is high time that women awoke to their particular opportunity and responsibility in money matters. Women spend, either directly or indirectly, about ninety-five cents of every dollar in the American pay-envelope. They are the purchasing agents of the nation. Records of the Income Tax Division of the Federal Government show that today women control forty-one per cent of the individual wealth of the nation. Women now own a majority of the stock in many of our largest corporations. Women receive a majority of the estates left by both men and women. And women are the beneficiaries of the bulk of the one hundred billions of Life

Insurance in force in this country. At the same time it is unfortunately true that, of the billions of dollars lost every year in weak or fake securities, a large proportion of the loss falls on women.

These statistics were compiled by an investment house in the Middle West, and they aroused a whirl-wind of editorial comment, the country over. One writer said: "Mere man concedes that his old-time financial supremacy is threatened by woman. But, so far, nobody seems to know what the men should do about it." The real question is: "What shall the women do about it?" Individual women are awaking to their financial responsibilities, and the cumulative effect of these individuals is tremendous. But all that is as nothing to what could be achieved by the concerted action of organized women. When the club women of America once take hold of the problems of Finance in aggressive fashion, as they have attacked other problems, they will make the greatest possible contribution to national welfare and stability.

WOMEN of the Maine Federation: Let's get together on a study of the way money works, from the time we save our first penny until we invest our last dollar. No matter what the purpose for which your Club was organized, every woman in it meets every other woman on the common ground of the dollar sign. What this country today needs is a comprehensive educational program in finance. We need it in our homes. We need it in our schools. We need it in our clubs. We need it all along the line, everybody, everywhere.

Our national pay-envelope now contains a hundred billion dollars annually. This is a record in our own country and no other country has ever approximated it. Thus, more and more, is the money question entering into the daily life of each individual. More money to spend, means more need of wisdom in the spending, more sense of proportion in saving, and more foresight and prudence in conserving.

Will YOU play your part?

Is Modern New England Maintaining Her Literary Standing?

Answered by Mrs. Harry Haynes Burnham

ANSWERING the question "Is New England Maintaining Her Literary Standing?" Mrs. Harry H. Burnham of Biddeford, second vice-president of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs, and a member of the Research Committee of the New England Conference of State Federations of Women's Clubs, gave a paper at the Conference meeting at Watch Hill, R. I., which was of such wide interest to club women through Maine in the preparation of literary programs, that it has seemed wise to incorporate it in part in this issue of the News.

Two propositions, said Mrs. Burnham, must be first stated.

I. American literature as a whole has never again reached the high level of the so-called New England period, with its great names, Hawthorne, Emerson, Longfellow, Lowell and Whittier.

II. The bewildering complexity of modern life, both emotional and intellectual, has found expression through a multitude of modern writers, who have illustrated some corner of life and have widened our literary horizon with extraordinary individuality.

THOUGH Hawthorne and Emerson have left no lineal successors, there have come new, noble interpreters of the modern visions of internationalism, of brotherhood, of peace. New England may be unable to reproduce Sarah Orne Jewett and Emily Dickinson, the two principal women writers, that America has had, but Katharine Lee Bates and Edna St. Vincent Millay have kept alive the poetic vision. Robert Frost carries on the tradition of Whittier in his New England Idylls and Edwin Arlington Robinson, Maine-born, received his psychological inheritance from the land of Hawthorne. Amy Lowell, who restored the cadenced verse of the Psalms, and formulated the sane creed of the Imagists, has been a dynamic force in poetry. Gamaliel Bradford, the fore-runner of Lytton Strachey, is the father of the new art of biography, which has replaced fiction in the attention of the serious-minded reader.

IN the midst of great spiritual upheavals, like that produced by the war, the soul of man grows more introspective and finds expression in new forms and strange rhythms. The writers of our day have become broth-

ers of the world, touched by a thousand impulses and interests, moving spiritually with long circuitous currents of thought, that reach from the rising to the setting sun. Living fully in their own time, they make their workmanship conform to the noble traditions of our thought and speech and are producing work of remarkable dignity and power. Countless writers of secondary rank are enriching the soil for the masters and are producing a body of excellence equal to that of any other section of American writers.

In the fields of biography, poetry and non-fiction generally, our present New England writers held a far more important place than our active novelists. However, in the field of fiction, New England has had two or three of the greatest American novelists of our generation, Robert Grant, Alice Brown, Margaret Deland, and can claim with pride Dorothy Canfield Fisher, who is certainly in the front rank. Less widely known but deserving honorable mention for excellent work are Ben Ames Williams, Olive Higgins Prouty, William Stearns Davis, Esther Forbes, Jonathan Leonard, and Margaret Lee Runbeck. (all of whom Massachusetts claims) and most of whom have new novels this fall. Far-famed publishers, important in the literary world, include Thomas Bird Mosher of Portland, Cyrus H. K. Curtis, Edwin Ginn and Daniel C. Heath.

In harmony with the policy of our conference, the literature chairman of each state was asked to furnish a list of the contemporary authors of her state, and the cooperation of these chairmen is most gratefully acknowledged. Only ten could be chosen from the great abundance, but the full list is available for each state on request.

For all-New England, authors who are maintaining our old-time leadership are, Edwin Arlington Robinson, Poet, Edna St. Vincent Millay, interpreter of the new Feminism, Dorothy Canfield Fisher, our leading fiction writer, Gamaliel Bradford, eminent dissector of souls, Ben Ames Williams, best of the short story writers, Arthur G. Staples, essayist.

MAINE claims in addition to Robinson and Miss Millay, Wilbert Snow, Lincoln Colcord, Arthur G. Staples, Laura E. Richards,

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A Foundation Plan For The General Federation of Women's Clubs

by Mrs. John T. Skolfield, General Federation Director

AS club women, each New Year, we in reality "ring out the old" and just as eagerly "ring in the new", for new purposes and new plans are continually coming into view as the kaleidoscope pattern of life unfolds before our earnest gaze.

Many years ago it was said by a wise man, "There is nothing new under the sun", but the 1930 club woman has found a new thing,— a most intriguing proposition which gives us a chance to try our mettle to prove whether we have the business sense and ability of our male companions. Long since, the men of our families learned that the needs of today cannot be purchased with the dollar of yesterday, and different adjustments must be made to meet the demands of the hour. "Drives" are constantly in progress in every city and town for large sums of money for various causes and are often oversubscribed; and how is it done?—not by considering the full amount, but by each one doing her part. And now the club women of the Country have a chance to try their wings in the raising of the \$2,000,000.00 Foundation Fund, under the General Federation of Women's Clubs, with the States participating on a fifty-fifty basis. Every club woman in Maine has heard the news; and each day we hear that clubs are already working actively toward this end.

One half of the money raised goes to our State Treasury, which will be of great assistance in our recently enlarged State programme.

THE time has also come when the General Federation of Women's Club must have the background of a permanent fund in order to function most effectively. And why?

I. BECAUSE the General Federation in Washington has developed into a great business organization but is inadequately financed.

II. Routine work must be carried on by efficient workers if we are to keep pace with the demands of the field of work, and within other organizations.

III. As States, we make constant demands on our National Organization for literature, programme helps, etc., for which we pay ten cents per capita for a full year of service, which would indeed be humorous were it not profoundly serious.

Further, if some large piece of work is to be done, as the Survey of Illiteracy (in which we are asked by the Federal Government to participate), we are unable to give this service to the Government without embarrassment or without going outside for funds.

To quote from a former President, "No other organization of women is as inadequately financed as the General Federation and no other organization accomplishes as much." Is it not worth while to our State and Nation, more than we can estimate, to enlist without salary some of the finest thinkers and workers in the Country, and to have them, hold up high standards of living in their many communities.

As every Maine club woman is a component part of the General Federation, likewise the building in Washington is the home of all the club women of the Country, should we not then take as great pride in it, as in other structures of National importance? But in order to keep our home available to club women of the present and those who come after us we must maintain it with care to obtain the best results from our investment.

When we help to create or maintain a thing, we have an interest far reaching and compelling. As far forth as we show our allegiance to our National body, do we demonstrate our loyalty to our State Federation and proclaim our fealty to our individual club, for we are inseparably linked together. As Maine club women, we want to go on record as second to none in loyalty to our parent organization, as well as to our beloved Maine Federation of Women's Clubs.

THE sum to be raised is \$2,000,000.00 in three years, all states participating on a two dollar and a half per capita basis. All money is to be sent to the State Treasurer, Mrs. J. Marden DeShon; one-half the amount received goes to Washington, the remainder to our State Treasury. Notify your General Federation Director when funds are sent and the amount of the same. Statements will be given through the column of the "News" and at the mid-winter meeting, regarding progress of the Fund in our State.

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Constructive Criticism Needed In Motion Picture Industry

By Mrs. Royal B. Record
Chairman, Motion Picture
Department

THE motion picture industry represents an investment of two and a half billion dollars. Two hundred and thirty-five thousand people earn their daily bread in motion pictures. Every time you see a news-reel shot, 50,000,000 others are seeing a similar one. One hundred million people go to the moving picture theater weekly.

Quoting from Mrs. Thomas Winter's recent letter on "Women's Organizations and the Films"; "Already the moving picture is playing on the emotional life of 15,000,000 people a day. It has thus become one of the major elements in character building, in pleasure, in education, in national relations. With the marvellous new camera work that is being developed, with color and sound coming to the films, their appeal is going to increase.... So beside being an industry to themselves, they have become our business as women, as mothers, as citizens.

It is not enough to say, 'I don't care for the movies.' 'They do not interest me.' So large a factor in public consciousness can not be ignored or pushed aside by the cultivated and influential elements in our social fabric."

A number of pictures that are being experimented with have the illusion of great depth. In some pictures you can see 7 or 8 miles. We are going to have super features 150 feet in length and 50 to 90 feet high. Not only theatrical films of the future, but educational films as well, will be on such a magnificent scale.

A project is under way whereby children will be taken to these super-theatres, theatres seating 4,000 or more people, and be taught geography on screens 150 feet long.

Television is coming too and when it does the method of which it will be shown in the theatre and in the home will be by motion picture film rather than direct from the performer.

In Will H. Hays' book, "See and Hear", published in November, he predicts for tomorrow,—“a motion picture flashed on the screen as large as the ordinary stage, the figures moving in perspective, speaking naturally, all in the vivid colors of life.”

WITH the coming of sound into pictures we can see the man, hear his voice, hear and see him breathe and in color you see the living flesh and the thickness of figures. You can preserve every character being shown in sound pictures. Thus in sound we have created an actual reality, synthetic man.

As the theatre has scenic limitations, the talking screen offers greater scope. Screen technique has to be combined with the technique of the speaking stage. Probably the finest talking picture yet produced is Warner Bros. all-talking Vitaphone feature—"Disraeli", in which George Arliss stars, as he did on the legitimate stage. It is a sound picture combining the finest dramatic qualities of the screen with the finest dramatic qualities of the stage, preserving the consummate art of Mr. George Arliss, as a record for all time of one of the greatest actors of the present day.

Great good is going to be accomplished in improving the public's English by the example set them from the screen not only by Mr. Arliss but by others who have received training on the spoken stage.

The best types of pictures have never paid their producers. Such high class pictures as, "Chang", "Grass", "Peter Pan", "Four Feathers", "Old Ironsides" and "Rough Riders" have caused great losses at the box-office and they are considered bad pictures from the standpoint of the box-office—for the crowds do not patronize that type of picture.

IF we really wish better pictures shown we must prove it by attending such pictures. I urge you to form attendance parties.... get permission for the showing of certain

pictures such as "Disraeli" and the "Virginian" and then crowd the house so that the box-office receipts will encourage the manager to again risk the showing of a high class picture.

Many pictures of the type of the "Blue Bird" and "Peter Pan" for children's matinees, are not in the exchange. Any such picture can be obtained through Mr. Milliken, from the New York Office.

Will you let me know whenever good work is being done in your community and how?

Will you tell me when you see pictures that violate taste and ethics and give your reasons?

Will you send me constructive (not destructive) suggestions?

Will you make use of me as fast as I can accumulate material that will help you loyally? This covers ways of organizing for better adult pictures, for Junior Matinees, for knowing how and where to lay your hands on programs that will meet your needs.

What Shall My Children See?

Answered by Picture Committee

ONE of the greatest problems that women with small children have, is the selection of proper motion picture films for them to see. Seldom is there a list available, so that they may know when a picture comes to their own town, whether it is suitable or not for young people.

The list following was selected by the Motion Picture Conference Committee on the selection of Pictures for Children. Some were endorsed by part of the committee although the majority are the choice of the entire group:

Abraham Lincoln, Aesop's Fables, A Kiss for Cinderella, Alice in Wonderland, Alice of Old Vincennes, Alice Thru the Looking Glass.

Beau Brummel, Beau Geste, Behind German Lines, Black Beauty, Blue Bird, Blue Boy, Buster Keaton comedies.

Captain January, Chang, Cinder-

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Division of Roadside Beautification Created

by Florence A. Paul

With the creation of a Roadside Beautification division under the Department of Arts, the Federation takes a big step forward. We read almost every day that some state is doing this thing and Maine, true to her motto, is not only falling in line but will lead in a way to accomplish results. The personnel of the Federation Committee reaches from Kittery to Fort Kent and is made up as follows:

Miss Florence A. Paul, Chairman, York Village, Mrs. Joseph W. Simpson, York Harbor, Mrs. Edward F. Dwight, Kennebunk, Mrs. Howard Burr, Kennebunk, Mrs. Fred Marsh, Portland, Mrs. Niles Pinkham, Fort Kent, Mrs. W. R. Pattangall, Augusta, Mrs. J. H. Huddilston, Orono, Mrs. Kenneth Roberts and Mrs. Booth Tarkington, Kennebunk, honorary members.

Not only is this organization interested and working but there is also a state wide Committee sponsored by the Maine Development Association which is paying particular attention to the improvement of filling stations and roadside stands. Several of our Federation women are members of both committees. In other words, we are co-operating.

At no time has there been greater cause for encouragement for many men and women all over the state are helping in this work. At the annual meeting of the Maine Publicity Bureau held about two weeks ago, the bureau went on record as "approving the program of the Roadside Beautification Committee of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs." The Governor, his Council, and the State Highway Committee were notified of the action taken at this meeting. The Business and Professional Women's Clubs are interested and working as well as all the Garden Clubs in the state of Maine.

What is this committee planning to do? For one thing; it has planned to have a poster campaign portraying the beauty of a roadside without blemishes. Permission for this has been granted by the Commissioner of Education. Along

many roadsides in the state of Maine we find natural planting. For example; along one road in York County there are groups of daisies looking as if they had been set out by a landscape architect. It is planned to capitalize all this natural planting. We may even boast to other states who are obliged to plant that some of our planting is already done by Dame Nature. Mr. John P. Lucas, Portland, well-known tree expert through Mr. Harrie B. Coe plans to assist in tree planting and give suggestions.

We cannot though, have beautiful roadsides without the elimination of many billboards and we feel confident that this result will be realized when the advertiser sees what good advertising it is to take boards from the road. We wish particularly to mention L. H. Schlosberg Inc. of Portland, who have set a fine example in this respect and at this time we appeal to other business men in the state of Maine. We ask who will be the next to tell us that they are falling in line.

It was in a last number of the Saturday Evening Post that Kenneth Roberts wrote his "Roads of Remembrance". In no uncertain terms he brings to our minds the value in dollars and cents of an unblemished road. Can we afford, as a state, to have our roads remembered for anything except beauty? Think back for ten years and realize what has happened. Again we ask for a New Year's present—a long list of public spirited men who will say "We gladly remove our signs from the highways."

Broadcast Your Plans

Advice of Mrs. Leila P. Kingston,
Radio Chairman

PROBABLY one of the newest departures in Women's Club Work the country over is the Radio Department, whereby club women make known to the world at large, through the medium of the microphone, things that are holding their attention at that particular moment

and are of wide interest to the community at large. Maine is fortunate in having as her Radio chairman, Mrs. Leila P. Kingston of Bangor, who has in her home city, Station WLBZ which gives each week a fifteen minute period to the interests of club women.

This year's program has already started and is continuing every Tuesday at 6.30 and club women are asked by the chairman to send to her any suggestions for programs, or if they have any message which they wish to broadcast to the Federation, to feel free to write her and make the request.

MRS. Edna A. Hutchins our Federation president gave a delightful New Year's greeting to the club women, December 31; on January 7, Mrs. J. H. Huddilston, as chairman of the Department of Education, and the week of January 17 to 23, Mrs. J. Howard Field of Bangor, was in charge and her programs centered around Thrift week. On Tuesday, January 28, Miss Edith Soule was the speaker under the Department of Public Welfare. Other speakers during the season will include, Mrs. C. B. Porter of Old Town, Division Director, Mrs. Maurice O. Brown of Dover-Foxcroft of the Department of the American Home, Mrs. Fred Marsh, chairman of the Department of American Citizenship, and entertaining programs are being arranged by Mrs. W. J. Currier and Mrs. Harold Trickey, both of Bangor, who will use clubs of their own city.

Further dates and speakers for the radio program will be announced by Mrs. Kingston in the papers.

SPEAKERS' BUREAU

THE Speaker's Bureau, which filled a long felt want in club life last year, will be continued this year with Mrs. Ruth Ellingwood of Rockland as the chairman. While a list of speakers is not available at this time they can be secured from Mrs. Ellingwood, who would also appreciate having the names of available speakers sent her, so that she might get in touch with them.



Introducing the District Directors

ONE of the most important steps that has been taken by the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs is the appointment this year by Mrs. Edna A. Hutchins, of 13 directors, representing the various sections of the State. These women, outstanding in their community in club work, will foster and encourage a club spirit whereby every club may work for the welfare of the State, and will initiate a sense of duty and allegiance to the State Federation and the General Federation. Other duties include the assisting in organizing new clubs, both junior and senior, acquainting herself with the individual clubs of her district, to visit them whenever possible, and to hold district conferences when advisable.

This issue of the Federation News takes pleasure in presenting the pictures of 12 of the directors, the picture of Mrs. W. P. Hamilton of Caribou, director of the first district which includes Aroostook County, coming too late for this issue. She was formerly chairman of Home Economics in the State Federation.

By glancing at the top of the page and reading from left to right the directors greet you in the following order:

MRS. Annie B. Cole represents York County, her home being in Biddeford. She has been recording secretary of the State Federation as well as serving on various committees and is an attendant at State and New England Club conferences.

Mrs. George M. Chase of Lewiston is the director from Androscoggin and Sagadahoc Counties. She was chairman of the American Citizenship Department last year and conducted the contest on "Why Should I Vote," a Maine winner taking National honors.

Mrs. Maybelle Brown of Waterville has been chosen to represent Kennebec County. Mrs. Brown has been Federation treasurer and necrologist.

Mrs. P. P. Hill of Northeast Harbor is director for Hancock County and has been active in literature and library work for the Federation.

Mrs. W. L. Sampson of Dover-Foxcroft is one of the deans of the Federation and has been named director in Piscataquis County. She has been recording secretary in the Federation and has held other offices.

Mrs. Lloyd Morton of Farmington who will be remembered as one of the hostesses at the annual meeting of the Federation at Belgrade in 1928, represents Franklin County.

Mrs. Percival A. Bachelder of Westbrook has under her supervision Cumberland County. She has been a member of the resolutions committee, international relations, and on the motion pictures committee.

Mrs. C. B. Poole is one of the best known in the Federation, representing Piscataquis County. She is a writer and historian and has served on many committees.

In the lower right corner are the pictures of:

Mrs. H. L. Waite, who has been the club women's director for Cumberland County. Among the positions she has served are Home Economics and the Federation.

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ridgewock represents Somerset County. Her activities in the Federation have included the legislative committee and industrial committee.

Mrs. Maude Clark Gay of Waldoboro, represents three Counties, Knox, Waldo and Lincoln. She is one of the few women members of the State Legislature and has served the Federation on the endowment committee as well as being a leader in club unions.

Mrs. J. S. Sturtevant of Dixfield represents Oxford County and has been called "mother of the Union of Clubs" in that County.

Compiles History of Federation

RETIRING this year as Historian of the Maine Federation of Women's Club, Mrs. C. B. Porter of Old Town has accomplished much in the way of gathering a permanent record of the activities of the Federation which will be of inestimable value in future years.

She has completed five volumes of club histories, representing 115 clubs, which are in loose leaf covers, well marked, so that others may be added from time to time. In addition, Mrs. Porter has made two scrap books, one with newspaper clippings she had saved in 1926

and '27, with quite full reports, as given in the newspapers, of the Federation meetings in 1928. The second book is for the year 1929 and contains the newspaper accounts of public meetings and other Federation matters, as well as pictures of Federation members, which were published in the various papers of the state in 1929. In future years this will prove invaluable to club members and officers.

Five volumes of the Year Books have been bound, Mrs. Porter completing two and Miss Lucia Connor of Fairfield, the first Historian, having made up the first three volumes.

All of this material is to be passed on to the new historian, Mrs. Stella King White of Houlton. Mrs. White is a graduate of Kents Hill Seminary, a past president of the Houlton Woman's Club, one of the largest in the Federation, a member of the Houlton School committee, and the founder of the Houlton Chapter of the D. A. R. She is a very able woman and was active in the work of preparing the book, Maine Past and Present, issued recently by the Maine Writers' Research Club.

Club histories should now be sent directly to Mrs. White. While Mrs. Porter is leaving the work in capable hands, the work that she has put into the compiling of this history and the hours of time that she has willingly given that these histories may be absolutely correct, cannot be too highly appreciated by the Federation.

Publicity Chairman

MAINE Federation officials sending communications to clubs should place the name of the chairman of publicity on their list, if they desire the information given widespread attention through the State.

All having reports or addresses at the coming midwinter meeting at Augusta are requested to send advance copies or abstracts of same in advance, with release date thereon, to the publicity chairman, who is Miss Alice Frost Lord, Lewiston.



Song of the New Year

I shall search for beauty in every-
thing,
During the coming year—
Not only in a blue moth's lapis
wing,
A bird's love-note, the first green
spear
Of an eager daffodil,
But I shall search the sordid places
until
I find the loveliness that must be
there.
I shall seek beauty everywhere.
Oftentimes so surely will it be hid,
Wrapped in ugliness,
That I shall fail to notice it amid
Surroundings stark and pitiless,
Choosing instead a flower,
A slim birch tree, the twilight's or-
chid hour,
I shall seek beauty—fragil, silver
shod,
And finding it shall meet with God.
Helen Bayley Davis

THURSDAY CLUB OF
BIDDEFORD SETS PACE

THE Thursday Club of Biddeford
voted at a recent meeting to accept
the plan of the General Foundation
and to raise at least one third of
its quota during this club year, one-
half of the sum to be applied to the
state endowment. This club has a
membership of 160 and has already
raised one-third of the total amount
by a cabaret bridge, held the Tues-
day before Thanksgiving. This was
a delightful social affair and the
club has taken the merry slogan,
"Fun for the Federation Fund."

We'd Like to Hear From You.

If you have a bit of news
Send it in;
Or a joke that will amuse,
Send it in.
A story that is true,
An incident that's new,
We want to hear from you—
If you have a bit of news,
Send it in.
Never mind about the style,
If the story's worth the while,
It may help, or cause a smile—
Send it in.
The Florida Clubwoman

Building a Chapel

By Julia K. Jaffray, Secretary
Secretary, The Chapel Fund

THE Federal Industrial Institu-
tion for Women at Alderson, West
Virginia, built largely because of
the earnest efforts of the General
Federation of Women's Clubs, the
National Women's Christian Tem-
perance Union and other national
organizations of women, is com-
plete—that is with the exception
of one thing. It lacks a chapel where
the women "paying the price" may
retreat to find solitude and an un-
seen hand guiding them back to a
better place in society.

True, Congress has provided an
assembly hall where religious de-
votions are held but the peace and
serenity of a House of God is lack-
ing and those who planned the in-
stitution realize that this is the
greatest necessity in order that all
possible good may be done for those
lawbreakers.

At a conference held at the Gen-
eral Federation Headquarters in
Washington in February 1928, the
plan for the building of a chapel at
Alderson, to be the gift of the "Wo-
men of America" was born. Archi-
tects and churchmen had estimated
that a chapel which would have
facilities for worshipping in proper
fashion by all creeds, Catholic,
Jews and Protestants, alike, would
cost about \$200,000. A committee
was rapidly organized to raise the
funds for the Chapel—a Committee
composed of the official representa-
tives of 19 organizations of women,
all of which has approved the pro-
ject.

Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr.,
gave the first gift of \$2,000 to start
the work of raising the fund.

THE committee held its first
meeting at the house of Mrs. Henry
P. Davidson in New York City,
where it was reported that the fol-
lowing trustees had consented to
serve: Mrs. John G. Agar of New
York, Mrs. Emily Newell Blair of
Missouri, Mrs. John E. Friend of
Louisiana, Mrs. John M. Hanna of
Texas, Mrs. Ruth Hanna McCorm-
ick of Illinois and Mrs. Otto Witt-
penn of New Jersey; and also that
a Sponsoring Committee had been
organized of over 150 women who

had shown great enthusiasm when
the cause was presented to them.

In March 1929, Congress passed
a Bill authorizing the acceptance of
the chapel and the raising of the
funds by public subscription and
immediately the work began in ear-
nest.

On October 7th of this year, 7,500
letters had been sent out requesting
contributions, 195 donations had
been received, for a total amount of
\$9,407.

HONOR ROLL
MAINE CLUBS

THE degree of Summa Cum Laude
is being given to the clubs who
have enrolled 100 per cent of their
membership as subscribers to the
Maine Federation News. The degree
of Cum Laude is being given to the
quota clubs, that is clubs enrolling
25 per cent of their members as
subscribers.

Summa Cum Laude Clubs
for January

- Cosmopolitan Club, 50 members,
Dover-Foxcroft
- Our Neighborhood Club, 22
members, Old Town
- Searchlight Club, 25 members,
Rumford
- Every Monday Club, Farmington

Cum Laude Clubs

- Monday Club, Boothbay Harbor
- Literary Club, Corinna
- Athena Club, Dover-Foxcroft
- Hour Club, Fairfield
- Past and Present Club, Fairfield
- Wyonegonic Club, Harrison
- Outlook Club, Hartland
- Research Club, Limerick
- Woman's Literary Club,
Northeast Harbor
- Neeburban Club, Old Town
- Tuesday Club, Pittsfield
- Woman's Club, Waldoboro
- Excelsior Literary Club
Westbrook
- Woman's Club, York

Club House Opened At York Village

Since the annual meeting of the Maine Federation in Portland last September, one of the Federated clubs has come into possession of its own attractive clubhouse. The Woman's League of York, Inc., dedicated on October 29, its new and commodious clubhouse, formerly St. George's Episcopal Church at York Harbor.

The new clubhouse is 88x60. There is a spacious auditorium with a capacity of 500 people. Besides the auditorium there is a coat room, dressing room and a kitchen. During the winter months the Catholic Church is holding services in the building instead of in the summer chapel at York Harbor. Moving picture shows are also held twice a week in the building.

When completed the clubhouse will represent an investment of between \$16,000 and \$17,000. Much of the money has been raised by public subscription with Mrs. H. C. Mathews of New York, a past president, heading the list with nearly \$3,500.

The Woman's League of York was organized April 26, 1916 with 25 charter members. Today the organization has a membership of nearly 100 including quite a number of the summer colonists. It has contributed quite a sum each year to local charities including the York Hospital, Old York Improvement Society, Public Library, York Village Volunteer Fire Department, American Legion and other worthy causes.

During the summer of 1918 it was decided to adopt a village in France. The late Ambassador Herick suggested Fortenoy become the charge of the organization and clothing, \$1,500 and other articles were sent to the French village. The same year one half of the proceeds from a rummage sale was turned over to the American Fund for the French wounded.

Philanthropic work done by the League includes the purchase of an X-ray machine, gas machine and nursery for the York Hospital. It has also started the planting of maple trees along the state road from Kittery.

Present officers of the League are: president, Mrs. E. F. Davis; first vice president, Mrs. E. C. Cook; second vice president, Mrs. Fred Marshall; third vice president, Mrs. George M. Morgan of Boston; secretary, Mrs. E. C. Small; treasurer, Miss G. W. Coffin; auditor, Mrs. Howard Greenley of New York; librarian, Miss G. W. Coffin; parliamentarian, Miss Katherine Marshall; historian, Mrs. E. C. Cook; program chairman, Mrs. E. M. Cook; general chairman of Dedication, Mrs. A. McCollum.

CLUB DOINGS

Wesleyan Literary Club

Wesleyan Literary Club members attended service in a body, Sunday, November 24, at Brown Memorial M. E. Church, Clinton, in observance of "American Home Sunday". The church was decorated with club colors and the pastor, Rev. H. P. Taylor gave a fine address.

Under the auspices of the Wesleyan Literary Club of Clinton, the members of Clinton's three literary clubs, Arcana, Pine Cone and Wesleyan, together with their families and other invited guests met in Brown Memorial M. E. Church, November 5, and after a short musical program had the privilege of listening to an extremely interesting lecture on Alaska, given by E. P. Frohock, principal of Clinton High School. Mr. Frohock was for a number of years a government teacher in Alaska, and he told of things which he had personally experienced and seen. The lecture was instructive as well as interesting and much enjoyed.

Century Club, Bingham

A Bird Lecture by Mrs. Alice Harrington, Assistant State Ornithologist of Massachusetts was sponsored by the Century Club in August. This was well attended by towns people including two groups of Camp Fire Girls.

November 1st an informal reception given Bingham Teachers, a musical program and an Hawaiian lecture by Mrs. Roselle Huddilston, of Orono, Past President of the Maine Federation, was enjoyed in the Congregational Church after

which a social hour and refreshments were enjoyed in the Parish House.

JUNIOR CLUBS WHAT ARE THEY?

THE Maine Federation has had its weakest point in its lack of Junior Clubs. Just why this should be so it is hard to say. Is it the need of leadership? Surely Maine furnishes as fine and enthusiastic women, young in heart and spirit, as does any state.

It may be that club women do not know how to form a Junior group and if such is the case they would do well to follow the directions of Mrs. George Franklin West of the General Federation.

"If a club is desirous of organizing a Junior department," says Mrs. West, "have a temporary chairman appointed to make a survey of the Senior club membership along the lines outlined below:

"1. How many members have daughters or girls in whom they are interested who might form such a club?

2. How is the time of these girls occupied outside of school?

a—How much time must they give in the home?

b—Must they be employed outside the home?

c—Are they loitering about town, dancing, etc?

d—What school activities have they outside the regular work, as clubs, athletics, dramatics, etc?

e—What Girls' organizations do they belong to?

3. Is there a Girl Scout, Girl Reserve, or Camp Fire organization in the community, and is it a success? If not, why not? If organization already started, help them by backing them to the limit.

4. Most important of all, know how your members feel about working with, and for the girls.

5. Start with a small group of High School girls, or older, and grow slowly. A large group is hard to handle until it learns self-government.

6. Discuss no misundertsanding in a Junior organization before a Senior club. Give advice when asked for, in a serious, dignified way."

PUBLIC HEALTH— ITS IMPORTANCE

By Edith Soule, Chairman

THE Department of Public Health, in working out plans for the year's program, is placing emphasis on vital problems met in every community—problems in which every citizen in general and every club woman in particular should be interested.

Upon the woman falls the greatest burden of health in the home, and through this responsibility she should value health for the community. The saying that "public health is purchasable" is true, but it cannot be purchased by money alone. The human element enters very strongly into the considerations and plans for public health work.

First there must be a willingness on the part of the individual to uphold the public health principles as applied to oneself, then support of the work as applied to one's family and community. The best way to start this work is for each club woman, her family, her maid servants and her man servants, to have an annual physical examination in order to know her health standing; take steps to overcome any impairment possible, then give hearty support to any community projects which have a bearing on health.

An active health committee is a necessity in every locality and can well be sponsored by club women. This health committee or council can be a clearing house for promotion of health activities in a community. Each club should be interested in and responsible for the promotion of at least one health activity.

One of the most important steps for community protection is the employment of an efficient health officer. Club women are urged to use their influence to have appointed only the best possible person as the health custodian of the town, with a salary adequate to the needs of the position, so that the health officer may afford to do what work is necessary.

Club women should be informed about the aims and work of any

public health nursing service which may be functioning on a county-wide or local basis, and give the work hearty support.

That one may know the endeavors of the State Health Department toward the promotion and protection of health, it is urged that clubs familiarize themselves with the state laws pertaining to health. Then there should be an endeavor to have these laws enforced, especially those relating to quarantine for communicable diseases, which take a heavy toll in child life.

The prosperity of our state depends upon the health and happiness of its citizens. The foundation for this prosperity must be laid during childhood, therefore what greater service can the club women render the state than to aid in the promotion of the program for the preservation of child health and development? Never in the history of our country has there been such interest in health in general and child health in particular as there is today, with an ever increasing responsibility for the club women to carry on their part of the program. Here is a wonderful opportunity to help in putting over the splendid program being carried on under the direction of President Hoover and his White House Planning Committee, of which our Chairman of the Department of Public Welfare of the General Federation, Mrs. Saidie Orr-Dunbar, is a member.

The privilege of having even a small part in the promotion of this interesting work is most thrilling at this time, when so many forces are directing their attention to the health and development of the child of today—the man of tomorrow.

The New England Council

by Mrs. J. Marden De Shon

THE club women of Maine may rightfully feel that they have a part in the New England Council since their representatives go to the meetings as accredited delegates, and at the last session held at the Statler in November were represented on the program by one of our state

Presidents. The sessions were opened most auspiciously for the women with a luncheon given to the Federation delegates by the executive board of the Massachusetts Federation at the new Y. W. C. A. Five of the state presidents were in attendance as well as Miss Anna Cate Witherle, a past president of Maine, and the chairman and three past Chairmen of the Women's New England Conference. Mrs. Azel Packard was the official hostess, gracious and charming, and in her pleasing manner called upon several of the guests for brief remarks.

On the platform at the opening session with the six governors of the New England states was Mrs. Edith Nourse Rogers, Congresswoman from Massachusetts who brought a letter from Secretary Lamont.

The reports of the Governors showing evidence of the progress being made and various plans for state development were an interesting feature of the opening meeting.

At the state dinners held on Thursday evening greetings were exchanged and here Mrs. Rogers, herself a native of Biddeford, brought to the Maine dinners greetings from Massachusetts, being introduced by a friend of many years, A. L. T. Cummings. The speakers at the Maine dinner were his excellency Governor Gardiner, Mr. Walter S. Wyman, Judge Cleaves, Mr. Arthur G. Staples and others. Mr. Henry F. Merrill presided and introduced the various members who stressed especially the industrial development of our state.

A feature particularly pleasing to the women of Maine was the interest evidenced along the lines on which we have been working, especially for bill board restriction and regulation and road side beautification. Presented as one of the resolutions from the meeting of the Recreational Development session was the endorsement of the plan for beautifying the roadsides on our trunk line highways and approval of the suggestion that a part of the highway program shall be the removal of the scars resulting from road building.

Another interesting feature of the

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Home Department

Ready to Serve

Mrs. Maurice O. Brown, Chairman

THE work of the American Home Department of the Federation is almost entirely the work done by the various divisions. With the new divisions, making four in all, and each one under the direction of a very efficient chairman, it is no extravagant statement so say, "The Home Department is ready to serve you as never before." Each division chairman not only advises you what may be done to help the work in her line, but is also willing and eager to respond to any requests for help and advice. Use your Home Department.

It is a pleasure to announce that again this year there is to be a Federation Day at Orono when we are to be guests of our State University. The exact date is not yet decided but it will be sometime late in March.

THE morning program will consist of discussions of various phases of Home Department work and—note well—there will be an Honor Roll read, giving the names of clubs having programs promoting the interests of the work of this department. Is it unreasonable to expect that a majority of our clubs have at least one program on this line, and might with profit have many more? Surely not. For are we not essentially an organization of home-makers and as such proud of our job and eager to perfect ourselves in it? So let's have a long Honor Roll this year.

On the afternoon program there will be a subject matter speaker and a general speaker. Last year we had Mrs. Griebel, style expert from New York City, and our own Mrs. John D. Sherman. The speakers for this year have not yet been selected but will be of similar caliber.

In attending this meeting club women will be doing themselves a favor and also showing their appreciation of the courtesy extended to them by University authorities, particularly by Prof. Pearl S. Green of the Home Economics Department.

Greetings from

Mrs. O. H. Coolidge

President, N. E. C. S. F. W. C.
DEAR Club Women of Maine;

Happy New Year! Happy New Year! All through the community of New England you hear the neighborly greeting as the bells ring in the glad season, and so on the very first day of 1930, I send you my felicitations. Straight from my heart to yours go all good wishes for the best and happiest year that you have known.

Formerly we club women of New England were likened to a triangle the sides of which were the Club, the State Federation and the General Federation, but 20 years ago we became a square whose sides are interpreted by the club, the State Federation, the New England Conference, and the General Federation.

The New England sisterhood of states is closely bound by a common heritage of history and ideals—a bond strengthened through the years of growth and development. It was then fitting that the New England club women should give expression to their unity of purpose by forming the New England Conference. The year 1930 is a most important date in our family group because, it marks the coming of age of our Conference. As we approach this anniversary we cherish with love and pride the splendid record of past achievement and with courage and hope welcome the opportunity of a yet greater service, together.

Loyally yours,

Alice N. Coolidge

Objectives Of The

Department of Education

by Roselle Woodbridge Huddilston,
Chairman, Department of
Education

IN the Department of Education Mrs. Edith P. Brown of Clinton is at the head of the Division of Conservation and Gardens, Mrs. R. J. Libby of Augusta, of illiteracy, and Mrs. Florence Waugh Danforth of Skowhegan, of the Scholarship Fund. This Fund has been in the

capable hands of Mrs. Danforth for several years and so constant have been her devotion and interest that it has grown amazingly. However, faster than its growth has been the increase in the number of young women who need financial help from the Federation in order to secure their education, so Mrs. Danforth's task is still plainly before her,—to secure more and larger contributions for the Scholarship Fund. If it can be done, Mrs. Danforth will do it.

Two or three years ago the club women of the state, assisted by the State Department of Education, made a very complete survey of the number of illiterates in Maine. It would seem a pity to allow all this work to go for naught, but so it will be unless some steps are taken to teach these illiterates to read and write. Under the leadership of Mrs. R. J. Libby it is hoped that the club women of the state will take a real interest in this matter and will give time and labor to help carry the torch to their brothers and sisters. While we have as yet nothing official to report, we hope we shall have the cooperation of the State Department of Education.

To Mrs. Brown's division has been added the subject of Gardens, and we are sure her enthusiasm will communicate itself to the Federation women to such an extent that they will be more than ever interested not only in the cultivation of flowers but also of shrubs and small fruits. Mrs. Brown is anxious to have an interest taken in tree planting and in the protection and winter feeding of birds. It is hoped that several Bird Sanctuaries may be established. This Division may be of assistance in carrying out some of Governor Gardiner's ideas on conservation.

Finally, the Federation Department of Education is interested in all questions pertaining to co-operation with schools and with Parent-Teacher Associations, in the establishment of the position of Dean of Girls in High Schools, in the introduction of the principle of Sabbatical Leave for all teachers and supervisors, in the establishment and maintenance of libraries—in short, in the advancement of all educational measures in the state.

Book Chat

by Annie L. Barr

LAST winter we were reading "Elizabeth and Essex" by Strachey and last summer, "Henry the Eighth" and his wives by Francis Hackett. Now, we have a new biography of Queen Elizabeth by Katherine Anthony which gives in one volume a portrait of the queen and a comprehensive survey of European politics in the sixteenth century, the Golden Age of English literature and the period when England earned the title of "Mistress of the Seas" by the defeat of the Spanish Armada.

But some prefer American subjects to European, and to these I recommend the new biography of Daniel Webster by Allen Benson. It presents a seventy year section of United States history with character studies of the famous men of his time and discussion of public problems which were burning questions one hundred years ago.

IT is easy to predict one title which will reach the list of best sellers of non-fiction in the next six months as all who have enjoyed Richard Halliburton's first two books will be eager to read "New Worlds to Conquer" which his publishers issued in time for the Christmas season. This is another exuberant narrative of thrilling adventures which the author verifies for the incredulous reader by photographic proofs. Mr. Halliburton swims the Panama Canal, jumps into a famous lake called the Well of Death and plays he is Balboa discovering the Pacific. In the character of a convict he gets himself admitted for a brief period to the prison on Devil's Island and, as a crowning feat, he makes up as Robinson and lives for twenty-nine days on the island of Tobago. Not a dull chapter in the book.

TWO charming books of travel are "New Roads in Old Virginia" by Agnes Rothery and "Picturesque Old France" by Herbert B. Turner. In the former, the reader, starting at Alexandria is taken through Fredericksburg, Richmond, Charlottesville and Monticello along the Spotswood Trail and through

the beautiful limestone caverns of Virginia. Famous Houses are described and pictures given of the stately customs of colonial days in the Old Dominion. "Picturesque Old France" is made vivid by illustrations from photographs made by the author, who is one of the most celebrated American scenic photographers. It is a delightful journey through interesting and beautiful places off the beaten tourist track. The route leads from Le Havre through Normandy and Burgundy to the mountainous sections of France. Especially interesting is the chapter about the pre-historic cave decorations found in Southern France.

Kenneth Roberts of Kennebunk, who has had a series of articles in the Saturday evening Post on, Roadside Beautification, has published the book "Arundel", which will be special interest to the club women. This came off the press January 10, Doubleday, Doran being the publishers.

Editor's Note.

Miss Annie L. Barr, librarian at the Lewiston Public Library, is chairman of the Division of Literature, and will in each issue talk about books of interest to the club women and which are being discussed by men and women alike.

NEW ENGLAND COUNCIL

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conference was the report briefly given of the recent trip taken through New England by some twenty of the editors of periodicals issued by the McGraw-Hill Publishing Co., made, as stated by Mr. Earl Whitehorne, for the purpose of getting a picture of the situation in New England as it is today, Mr. Whitehorne bringing out the favorable and unfavorable points in the present industrial methods of the states as seen by these men, and closing his remarks by making some very definite and pertinent recommendations.

For the first time the women were represented upon the program by Miss Emily Louise Plumly, President of the Connecticut Federation of Women's Clubs, who was one of the speakers at the luncheon session which closed the meetings. Her topic was "Keeping Our Youth in New England." Miss Plumly strongly urged concerted action by the manufacturers especially, in retaining the youths in their home state and also stressed Americanization of foreign born.

It is a privilege appreciated by the Maine Federation women to be permitted to sit in these sessions where the state problems are discussed by leading men representing the agricultural, industrial and community interests of our six New England States.

The very pertinent slogan of Governor Tobey is rapidly being adopted, "Not independence but interdependence."

Club women from Maine in attendance were; Mrs. Edna A. Hutchins, Mrs. J. Marden De Shon, Mrs. Harry H. Burnham, Miss Anna C. Witherle, Mrs. Ralph O. Brewster, and Mrs. Harrie B. Coe.

CANDIDATES FOR NATIONAL OFFICE

The Massachusetts Federation of Women's Clubs is endorsing Mrs. Grace Morrison Poole of their own State for the office of first vice president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. She is a candidate for re-election. The women of Wisconsin are presenting the name of Mrs. Edward Hammett of Sheboygan, Wisconsin as a candidate for treasurer of the General Federation of Women's Clubs for the biennial period of 1930-1932. Elections will be held at the biennial in Denver, Colorado in June.

ON GROWING OLD

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A Foundation Plan For The General Federation of Women's Clubs

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California was the first State to send in her quota to Headquarters. The Castine Woman's Club of which Miss Anna Cate Witherle is President, is the first Maine Club to send in its first installment of the fall Quota. Others have already voted their full quota.

An important fact to be kept in mind is that one-third of the amount for the three years should be in the hands of the treasurer at the close of the club year, or previous to the Denver Convention in May. Now altogether, let us resolve to do our part gladly, promptly and faithfully.

If further information is desired, communicate with the Director of your District or some members of the Foundation Fund committee, all of whom are working in the interest of the same.

Josephine P. Skolfield,
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Mrs. John T. Skolfield, Chairman, Portland.

Is Modern New England Maintaining Her Literary Standard?

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Robert Herrick, Holman Day, C. A. Stephens, Hugh Pendexter, Sewall Ford, Mary Ellen Chase, and Edna Worthley Underwood, and two adopted children, Booth Tarkington and Margaret Deland.

New Hampshire adds to Robert Frost, Percy Mackaye, Winston Churchill, Francis Parkinson Keyes, Freeman Tilden, Ernest Poole, William Stearns Davis, Eleanor Hallowell Abbott, Judge Henry A. Shute, James P. Webber.

Vermont presents Dorothy C. Fisher, Sarah N. Cleghorn, Zephine Humphrey, John Spargo, Daniel Leavens Cady, Wendell Phillips Stafford, Theodora Agnes Peck, Sylvia H. Bliss, Bertha Oppenheim, Anne B. Greene.

Massachusetts mourns its recent poets, Amy Lowell and Katharine Lee Bates and rejoices in Gamaliel Bradford, Mark A. DeWolfe Howe, Robert Grant, Alice Brown, Margaret Deland, now resting on their laurels, Thornton Burgess, Dallas Lore Sharp, Ben Ames Williams, Joseph C. Lincoln Walter Prichard Eaton, Grace B. Conkling, Susan

Glaspell, and others.

Rhode Island claims Wm. H. P. Faunce, Caroline Hazard, Sarah Helen Whitman, Maude Howe Eliot.

Connecticut glories in Anna Hempstead Branch, Jessie B. Rittenhouse, Ida Tarbel, Padraic and Mary Colum, William Lyon Phelps.

Thus we see that the N. E. pattern shows the creative impulses of Maine, the inspiration of New Hampshire, the originality of Vermont, the versatility of Massachusetts, the philosophy of Rhode Island and the critical acumen of Connecticut.

Maine's list of writers of today includes; Edwin Arlington Robinson, Edna St. Vincent Millay, Wilbert Snow, Lincoln Colcord, Arthur G. Staples, Laura E. Richards, Robert Herrick, Holman Day, C. A. Stephens, Hugh Pendexter, Sewall Ford, Mary Ellen Chase, Edna Worthley Underwood, Margaret Deland and Booth Tarkington, John Clair Minot, Maude Clark Gay, Mildred Wasson, Cora Buzzell Millay, Fannie Hardy Eckstrom, Alice Frost Lord, Nathan Haskell Dole, Richard M. Hallett, Jesse Lynch Williams.

ISN'T IT THE TRUTH?

DID you ever arrange a club or convention program? Try it; but don't consult everybody for you will find that you must not—

have a pacifist lest your patriotism be questioned; you must not—

have a militarist lest you be accused of a belief in war; nor a man who has a big constructive idea lest he be a propagandist; nor

a preacher lest he be constrained and narrow; nor a rich man lest his money be tainted; nor

a poor man because he has not made good himself; nor a

newspaper man lest he be subsidized; nor a

successful author—my word! how bigoted he is; nor a

college professor who is pedagogical and opinionated; nor

an explorer who has no proof of his statements; nor

a politician who might be likely to run for president some day; nor

an artist who can paint but can't talk; nor a

musician seeking publicity; nor a judge who might make us feel un-

comfortable about law observance; nor

a welfare worker with the disquieting theory of brotherly love; nor

a professional lecturer who works for money; because—

some of your friends go to a club or a convention to be amused and soothed, not to be disturbed or aroused. We should consider the statement of the new president of Chicago University who says that "education is for the purpose of unsettling one's mind in order that one may discard shopworn theories."

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EXECUTIVE BOARD, N. E. C. S. F. W. C.

A meeting of the Executive Board of the N. E. Conference of State Federations of Women's Clubs was held at Hotel Statler, Boston, November 21st, Mrs. Omeron H. Coolidge, chairman, presiding. Officers present included Mrs. Edwin L. Pride of Massachusetts, the vice chairman, and Miss Anna Cate Witherle of Maine, secretary-treasurer. State Presidents in attendance included Mrs. Edna A. Hutchins, Maine, Mrs. Lafell Dickinson of New Hampshire, Mrs. A. A. Packard of Massachusetts, Mrs. Frank E. Peckham of Rhode Island, Miss Emily Louise Plumley of Connecticut. Three past chairmen of the conference also present included Mrs. Robert Smith of Vermont, Mrs. Harry Haynes Burnham of Maine, and Mrs. Guy E. Speare of New Hampshire.

Routine Business was transacted and plans discussed for a New England dinner at the biennial of the G. F. W. C. in Denver. Following adjournment, the Board was delightfully entertained at luncheon by the Massachusetts State Federation Council. After-dinner speeches and souvenirs were featured. The Massachusetts Council and guests attended the opening session of the New England Council together.

What Shall My Children See

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ella, Come Out of the Kitchen, Courtship of Miles Standish, Covered Wagon.

Disraeli, Divine Lady, Dorothy Vernon of Haddon Hall. Eucharistic Congress, Evangeline. Flaming Frontier, Four Feathers, Grandma's Boy, Grass. Heidi of the Alps. Iron Horse, Iron Mask. Janice Meredith, The Kid. King of Kings.

Laddie, Last of the Mohicans, Little Lord Fauntleroy, Little Minister, Little Old New York, Little Orphan Annie, Little Women, Lincoln Cycle (Benjamin Chapin's), Lost World.

Magic Garden, The Man Without a Country, Miracle, Molly Make-believe, Mons. Beaucaire, Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch.

Nell Shipman's animal stories, News reel (of historical or ecclesiastical importance), Nanook of the North, North of Hudson Bay.

Old Glory, Old Ironsides, Our Gang comedies, Out of the Inkwell cartoons.

Peter Pan, Pollyanna, Pony Express, The Prince and the Pauper.

Quality Street.

Redskin, Rin-Tin-Tin stories except "When London Sleeps", Robin Hood, Robinson Crusoe, Rough Riders.

Sea Hawk, The Seventh Heaven, Seven Swans, Simba, Snow White, Speedy.

Thief of Bagdad, Three Musketeers, Tearable David, Treasure Island.

Vanishing American, Voice of the Nightingale.

When Knighthood was in Flower.

THE FEDERATION A VITAL PART OF EVERY PROGRAM

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possibility in completing the task, and most valuable of all is the ability to actually see the work completed.

I ask every club woman to use her influence in making our Federation a more vital living part of every club program.

It is a temptation to speak specifically of each department and its division, but I ask your consideration and assistance in the endeavors being made by each chairman.

Aren't you proud of our Official Organ the Federation News? If you are not you should be. It ranks high among the other state publications, and should be a part of every up to the minute club woman. It is always encouraging to listen to words of appreciation. Show your appreciation by subscribing. Let us spur ourselves on to the higher endeavors, and as we begin a new year may we be brought to a realization of the privileges that we are enjoying by being citizens of the greatest Republic in the world and members of the greatest woman's organization in the world.

I hope I have the privilege of greeting a goodly number of you at the mid-winter meeting.

Cordially yours,

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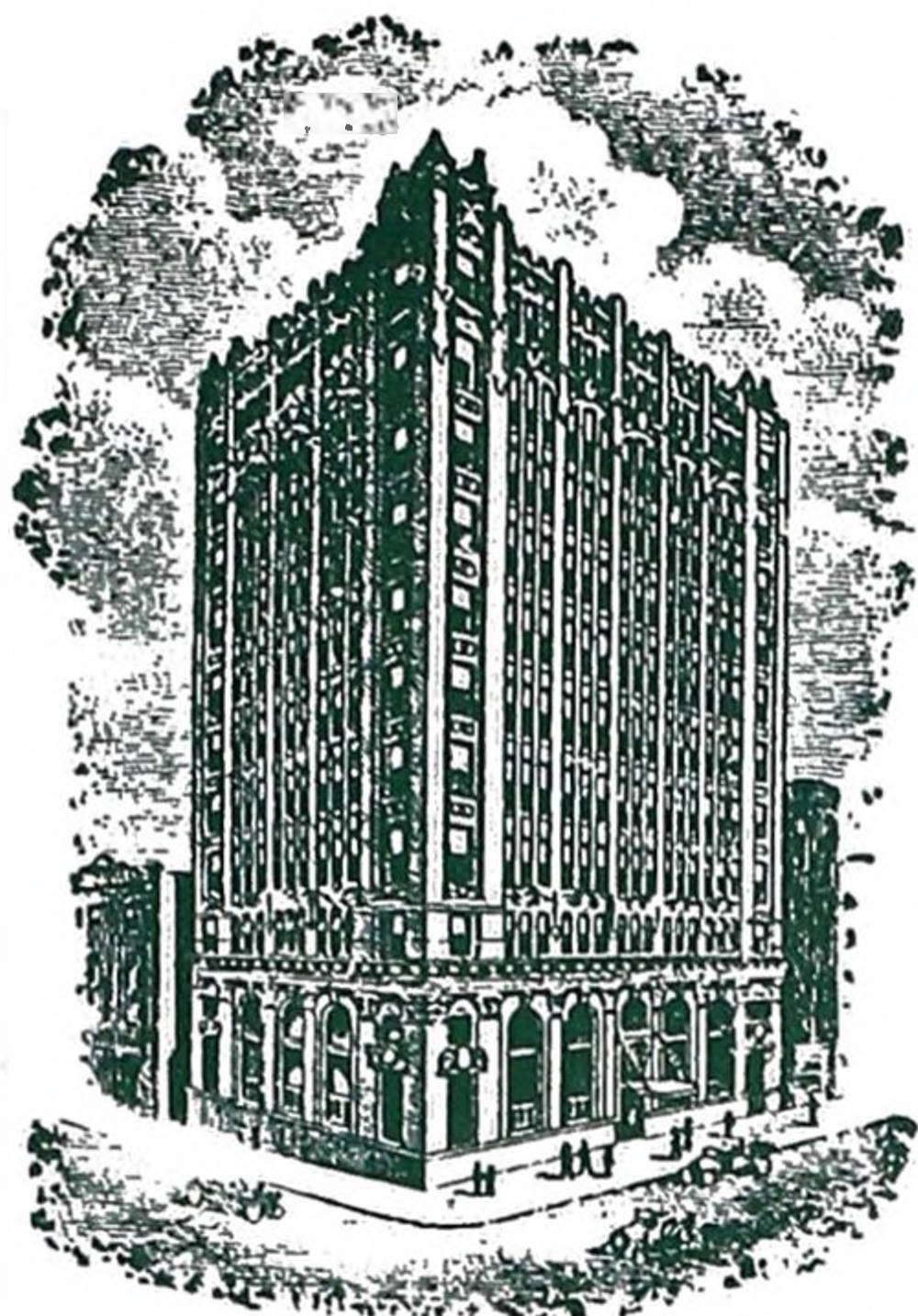
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