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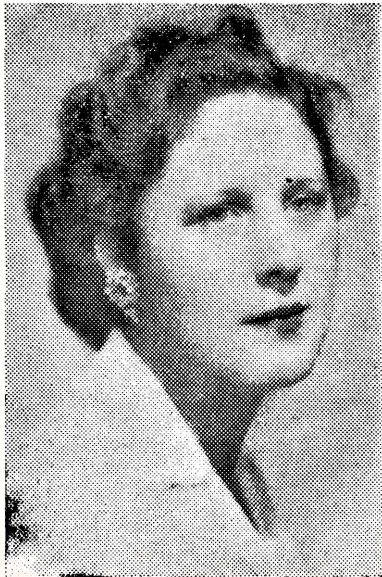
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Clubwomen,

For me, it is nearly Journey's End as your Federation president. It has been difficult for me to choose words to thank you adequately for the opportunity you have given me to serve you as your leader these past two years. The loyalty, the friendship and the affection we have shared one with the other are more precious to me than rubies. I think that better than reams of prose, the following little poem which I have written for you can best express my sentiments.

### TO MAINE CLUBWOMEN

Hail and farewell. How strange it seems,  
So much to do, so little done!  
The days have vanished like a dream  
And only modest victories won,  
Though girt with labors sun to sun.  
Remember how a mantle fell  
Upon these shoulders still untried?  
I prayed, "May it become me well  
To choose humility for pride,  
To do Thy work, with Thou my guide."  
Through war and peace the course has led

By mountain peaks and valley's stream  
And oh, how swift the hours have sped,  
Uncased by shield or sabre's seam  
The way lit only by your gleam.

Farewell the past; the future Hail!  
To you who follow in the quest  
You cannot tire, you must not fail.  
The giver, not the gift is blest.  
Give much. To God leave all the rest.

LILLIAN H. COREY,  
President

## PAN AMERICAN DAY APRIL 14

The Pan American Union seeks to enlist YOUR cooperation in making the 1947 celebration of PAN AMERICAN DAY and PAN AMERICAN WEEK more important than ever.

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## BOOKS TO ENJOY

February, though a short month, opened with a prospect of two hundred books to be published, of which one critic said only four would be seriously considered.

Our fiction group is short this time though some notable writers have contributed to the list.

Our well loved Booth Tarkington, in his novel left unfinished, "Show Piece", has again written about youngsters. Theirs was a world in which he had made himself at home. Probably, the Penrod books and "Seventeen" will linger longest in the affectionate regard of Mr. Tarkington's readers. "Show Piece" is the story of the rich boy of a small town who grows up worshipping his own image and the ultimate end.

We are glad to see that Edna Ferber, that master of short story writing, has given us "One Basket" a collection of 31 short stories—a cross section of American life—from 1913 to 1942—and reflects with integrity their author's personal slant on life and reveals her pride in the growth of America. Each story is preceded by a brief comment.

Those who enjoyed, "My Son, My Son", will read with pleasure "The Dunkerley's", by Howard Spring said to be his best since the earlier novel.

Walter D. Edmonds again gives one of his fine pictures of the west—in his "In the Hands of the Senecas," a good piece of work.

You will enjoy "Color Blind" by Margaret Halsey, author of "Some of My Friends are Soldiers" in which she tells of her experiences in a big Canteen in New York—and the problems arising in its conduct.

"Small Town", by Granville Hicks gives an account of the author's experiences in making a home in a small town in rural New York—there is a warmth and perceptiveness about Mr. Hicks approach to his neighbors that makes the book fascinating in its detail.

Two books on China claim our attention and should be widely read—"Thunder Out of China" by White and Jacoby which so well tells us why the Nationalists and Communists could not get together and why Gen. Marshall could not succeed in his attempts at conciliation. China's Destiny by Chiang Kai Shek is a work designed expressly to shape the mind of this generation of the Chinese by conveying to them Pres. Chiang's own interpretation of his mission as successor to the great Sun Yat Sen.

"Report to St. Peter" by Hendrick Van Loon, the last from his pen is but a fragment of a projected autobiography. He had written his 220th page when death wrote finis to all his work. It's a com-

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Adelaide B. Knowlton

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## MAINE STATE HOSPITALS

## Excerpts from Report

Last spring Maine clubwomen shocked by the expose of conditions in mental hospitals thru the country voted at the State Federation meeting at York Harbor in June, to take some action regarding our own State Hospitals.

A resolution was passed requesting the Governor to appoint a committee that would include as members one woman physician and at least one member of the MFWC who would be given every facility to visit unannounced our two mental hospitals and report to him.

For too long we have turned indifferent ears to the pleas for added support made by the very devoted staff and attendants for these institutions. During our visits to the hospitals we have become more and more aware of the fact that only the selfless devotion of faithful staff members and attendants has made the continued operation of the hospitals with anything like adequate care of our mentally and nervously ill possible.

Governor Hildreth and Mr. Greenleaf, Chairman of the Department of Institutional Service, were most interested and cooperative. Governor Hildreth permitting us to name our own committee to visit the hospitals. The following committee was named:

Mrs. Norman F. Plouff, Dexter.  
Mrs. Alice McGouldrick, Dixfield.  
Dr. Ruth Boring Thomas, Dover-Foxcroft.  
Dr. Milton Proctor, Portland.  
Dr. Harry Trust, Bangor.  
Hon. Leon Williams, Clifton.  
F. Davis Clark, Milo.  
Mrs. Gilbert Loeb, Waterville.  
Mrs. Harriett D. Gray, Dover-Foxcroft.

No doors in the hospitals were closed to us—we saw sickness, and suffering. We saw lacks in facilities that, lying as they do entirely at the door of us as citizens are not far short of criminal neglect, we have been again and again forced to exclaim with wonder how so much could

be done under the crowded conditions prevailing and with so little money.

Every club member is urged to lend her support to Mr. Greenleaf's Bill now pending before the Legislature.

MRS. HARRIETT D. GRAY,  
Chairman Public Welfare  
Maine Federation of Women's Clubs.

## New England Conference of State Federations of Women's Clubs

On Wednesday, February 19, Miss Margaret Howison, President of the New Hampshire Federation of Women's Clubs and 1947 Program Chairman for the New England Conference, held a very successful luncheon meeting at her charming home in Milford, N. H. The purpose of the meeting was to formulate plans for the Annual New England Conference to be held at the Forest Hills Hotel, Franconia, N. H., September 17, 18 and 19, 1947.

Officers of the New England Conference of State Federations of Women's Clubs present were, Mrs. Henry W. Hildreth of Winchester, Mass., President of the New England Conference; Mrs. Edgar A. Norwood Jr., of Milford, N. H., Publicity Chairman of the Conference and Mrs. Robert P. Peckett, Jr., of Franconia, N. H., first vice-president of the New Hampshire Federation of Women's Clubs.

They are planning to have the usual Presidents' Town Meeting. Senator Charles Tobey of Temple, N. H., and Governor Charles N. Dale of that state are to be among the distinguished speakers at the New Hampshire dinner on the night of September 17. Officers of the General Federation of Women's Clubs are to be honored at an outstanding dinner on the night of September 18. There will be fine music as well as speakers of national and international repute.

There is good train and bus service to Franconia. The Forest Hills Hotel will meet your train or bus if you notify them of the time of your arrival.

The object of the New England Conference shall be to consider matters of vital importance to New England with a view to cooperative work.

JONESPORT LITERARY CLUB  
100% SUBSCRIBERS

For a number of years prior to the 1935-36 club year, The Jonesport Literary Club subscribed 100 per cent to the "Federation News." At that time club dues were \$1.00, each member paying an extra 15c for her club calendar and 35c for the News. Collecting these separate amounts meant quite a bit of work for the secretary and president.

So, during the presidency of Mrs. Frank H. Batson, she suggested including all three items in the annual dues and was instrumental in having her idea made an amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws. Dues now being \$1.50.

For many years, therefore, our club has been a 100 per cent subscriber. Last year the subscription price was raised to \$1.00 but the club has continued its record, taking the balance due from its treasury.

SOPHIE K. DOBBIN,  
Secretary

## NEW PROGRAM MAGAZINE

AGENDA is the name of the new how-to magazine for club programmers beginning next April. It will be sent free on request to the program planner of purposeful groups led by women.

AGENDA will offer a wide selection of program ideas and plans on public affairs, cultural and practical subjects. It will be non-political, non-sectarian—a service "trade paper." Its Advisory Council is representative of women's club leadership and activity planning.

The first issue will contain important articles by well known authorities on "A Little U. N. in Your Town," UNESCO, ILO, World Trade, Women's Clubs and the Retailer. "Peace Plans Practical," the Equal Rights Amendment, the Women's Joint Congressional Committee, "Do Congressmen Listen to Women's Clubs?" special club activities in Indiana, New York and Connecticut, a Program Contest with awards, an interview with Helen Hokinson, a short-short story on race tolerance, "Who Plans Your Family Spending?" "Guides to Better Buying," and about 20 practical departments on theatre movies, educational movies, radio, books, music, new products, educational booklets, grooming, wardrobe planning, decoration, travel, babies, parenthood, home management, food, inventions; as well as 8 to 10 complete, play-by-play programs.

Beginning distribution will be limited to 30,000. There are 200,000 local groups. So get your request in early.

Each program chairman of any local member group who will be serving as such on April 15, 1947, is invited to send her name, title and address. Be sure to give also:

1. The name of club
2. National organization with which it is affiliated
3. Purpose or type of club
4. Approximate number of members
5. Approximate number of meetings a year.

Address Theresa Booth Wells, Editor of AGENDA, 205 East 42nd Street, New York 17, N. Y.

For additional information contact Miss Louise Copeland, Associate Editor, 205 East 42nd Street, New York 17 (Phone Mu 3-6500)

## MAKE RESERVATIONS EARLY

Fifty-fifth Annual Spring Convention  
Maine Federation of Women's Clubs,  
Eastland Hotel, Portland, Maine

MAY 7th, 8th, 9th, 1947

This is Election year. We know that you will wish to be on hand to vote for the candidate YOU want.

## M. F. W. C. Year Books Wanted

To complete my file of Maine Federation Year Books I need the following: 1899 to 1912; 1915 to 1921; 1927 and 1928; 1932.

I would appreciate hearing from clubwomen who have any of these year books which they are willing to add to my file.

MAUDE E. MacKENZIE,  
First Vice-President



## JUNIOR DOINGS

### TWIN VILLAGE JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB

The Twin Village Junior Woman's Club of Newcastle and Damariscotta was organized in May 1946.

At our regular meetings, which are held on the first and third Mondays of each month, we have had many interesting speakers from various walks of life—writers, painters, poets, doctors. We have also had some fine musicians to make the musical part of our program very much a treat. Our towns are very fortunate in having many talented residents.

For our first money making project, we put on a Fall Fashion Show the latter part of August, with the cooperation of the dress shops in town. This Fashion Show was conducted cabaret style with waitresses serving soft drinks and with the traditional cigarette girl on hand. It was a success, thanks to all, and we plan to make this an annual affair.

One of our outstanding programs, we feel, was "A Dream of Fair Women" presented for the entertainment of our "Mother Club". This program was, in effect, twelve tableaux of famous women with appropriate narration and a background of music. Among the tableaux were such famous women as Cleopatra, Helen of Troy, Guinevere, Evangeline and Annabelle Lee. We all feel that we gained much knowledge from preparing and presenting this set of tableaux.

Another highlight of our first year has been an exchange of programs with our older sister club, the Rockland Junior Woman's Club. Members from that Club came to Damariscotta and gave us a delightful and helpful program which included music, readings, and a brief history of their Club. At this writing we are looking forward to putting on for them, in April, our twelve tableaux.

At Christmas time we adopted a less fortunate family and presented them with gifts as well as a complete Christmas dinner.

We have attempted to organize a Girl Scout troop in our two towns, without much success. However, we are now cooperating with our local A. A. U. W. in getting this off to a good start. We realize deeply the need of organizations such as this for the youth of our community.

JEAN BATES PAGE,  
President

### SCRAPBOOK CONTEST

The Department of Press and Publicity reminds you once again that all Scrapbooks for the Contest are to be brought or sent to the Convention in Portland, May 7-9. If your club has a scrapbook of any size or material be sure to enter it. It will be of interest to members of other clubs and it may win the prize! A group of judges picked from various sections of the state will select the winners. First Prize—\$5.00. Two Honorable Mentions.

BEATRICE BARNARD CENTER,  
Chairman

## CANDIDATE



MRS. BERT A. MacKENZIE  
Candidate for President

The Orono Woman's club and the Norumbega club of Bangor are sponsoring Mrs. Bert A. MacKenzie of Orono as a candidate for the office of president of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. MacKenzie, who is now serving as first vice-president of the MFWC, has been an officer in her town, district and state woman's club organizations for the past 11 years.

After serving as president of the Orono Woman's club she was director of district No. 2, MFWC, chairman of the department of press and publicity in the Maine Federation; second vice-president and chairman of the departments of work; and is now first vice-president and chairman of the district directors.

She has also been chairman of the department of education in the New England Conference of State Federations of Women's clubs. Active in church, fraternal, social and civic activities in her home town, she is a past matron of Good Cheer chapter, O. E. S., Orono; a member of the Church of Universal Fellowship and a past president of its Women's Alliance; a sixth degree member of the grange, P. of H.; and for the past 13 years has been engaged in newspaper work.

### FAIRFIELD JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB

Our club year began in September with the following outstanding programs: Reading by Betty Ann Maheu.

The Madonna by Mrs. Marie Nye.  
A most interesting program by Mrs. Ruth Loeb.

Musical by Marion Stanley and pupils.

Easter Parade by Emery-Brown Company of Waterville, and ending with annual meeting and election of officers in May.

During the year we have lost three members and gained four, now having a membership of twenty-seven.

This spring we plan to add to our treasury by having a series of telephone bridge parties and a rummage sale.

Our major interest is still the Girl Scout troop which we sponsor. In De-

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## JUNIOR DOINGS

### GUILFORD JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB

The Guilford Junior Woman's Club has been very active this year and has been in charge of many benefits and projects.

When we began our new club year last September, we had a very successful rummage sale. Then we voted to have each member, when her birthday arrived, put a donation into the Birthday jar.

We have had many interesting programs, taking up the different departments of Art, Home, Religion, etc., but we have also had social meetings. One interesting meeting was a cookie contest. Each member made, and brought one dozen cookies which were sampled and the recipes read. A prize was given for the best recipe.

At Christmas time, instead of our annual Christmas tree and guest night, the Junior club went caroling, visiting the shut-ins, and followed it with refreshments at the club room.

This winter we had charge of the Red Cross sewing and with help from our Senior Club, we completed 14 woolen dresses.

Then came January, the busiest month of all. Our Junior club, with the Miosac Club of Dover-Foxcroft, sponsored a big drive for the Mayo Memorial Hospital so a new wing could be added to accommodate the many patients. The Goal is \$30,000 and the committees in both clubs are still working very hard. Our own club voted to donate \$200, so a big Gay Nineties Party was held as a benefit with a food auction as an added attraction. It was very successful.

Before the club year is over, will be having still another benefit so we may donate a sum of money to the Department of Music in our schools, as we have done in the past two years.

We have donated to the Salvation Army, Red Cross, New England Home for little Wanderers, the Crippled Children's Fund, and contributed to the Veterans' Boxes at Christmas time.

MRS. ORMAN FORTIER,  
President

### BOOKS TO ENJOY

(Continued)

pletely characteristic book and will delight those who have known and loved this man for the last 25 years.

A giant volume by Lucy Poate Stebins is the "Victorian Album", the lives of some of the lady novelists of the period, informing and amusing.

Biographies to be noted are Dr. Harvey Cushing by John Fulton portraying the life and experiences of one of our great surgeons. A new life of Shelley by Edmund Blunden — with many new facts about the celebrated poet and his time.

Our own part of the State is featured in a fine life of Edward Kavanagh by W. L. Lucey, S. J. which we will all read with keenest interest.

"The Lincoln Reader", a compilation from different biographies of the great Emancipator is said by Lincoln's to be the best account ever written or to be written.

ELIZABETH LANE WEBB



## CANDIDATE

**MRS. GILBERT F. LOEBS**

Candidate for First Vice-President

The Waterville Woman's Club is sponsoring Mrs. Gilbert F. Loeb of Waterville as a candidate for the office of first vice-president of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. Loeb, who is now serving as second vice-president of the M. F. W. C., has been an officer in her town, district and state woman's club organizations for the past thirteen years. A graduate of Bates College, Mrs. Loeb received her Master of Arts degree after graduate work at American Institute of Normal Methods, Lasell Seminary, Auburndale, Mass.; Boston University and Pennsylvania State College, Pa.; Both in her Master of Arts degree and work toward a doctorate she has majored in English, Psychology and Education.

Mrs. Loeb was a member of the faculty of the high schools of Norway, Maine, Wakefield, Mass., and Portland Maine, and on the music faculty of Pennsylvania State College. After serving in many capacities in the Waterville Woman's Club Mrs. Loeb was director of district No. 10, M.F.W.C., serving 22 federated clubs in Kennebec County; recording secretary of M.F.W.C. and is now second vice-president and chairman of the departments of work. Under her supervision the chairmen of the departments of work published a pamphlet "Program Suggestions" which was sent to every club in the state. Mrs. Loeb's other club work includes chairman of Nurses' Scholarship Committee, State chairman of victory gardens for Garden Federation of Maine. She is a member of the American Association of University Women; the Silence Howard Hayden Chapter, D.A.R. and the Martha Washington Chapter O.E.S.; and a charter member of Maine Women of Achievement. Mrs. Loeb is the wife of Professor Gilbert F. Loeb, director of the department of physical education and professor of health education of Colby College.

**JUNIOR DOINGS**

Fairfield Junior Woman's Club Cont'd  
cember we gave them a Christmas party.  
Another year I do hope our activities are more numerous.

**MRS. FRED A. JEWELL,**  
President

## CANDIDATE

**MRS. DONALD W. SMALL**

Candidate for Second Vice-President

Mrs. Donald W. Small of East Machias, Recording Secretary of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs, will be a candidate for Second Vice-President when that organization holds its election at a convention in Portland in May of this year. The candidacy has the endorsement of the Maud E. Kingsley Club of which Mrs. Small is serving her second non-consecutive term as President, also the Washington County Union of Federated Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Small served as Director of District No. 7 Maine Federation of Women's Clubs 1943-45. She is chairman of Youth Conservation in the New England Conference of State Federations of Women's Clubs; member of the Planning Committee for the Washington County Boys' and Girls' camp, Jacksonville; secretary of the East Machias branch of the Red Cross; Past Matron of Warren Chapter O. E. S., 131; member of the East Machias Congregational Church, past President of the Ladies Union Society and soloist of the church choir.

### Wiltona Club Adopts French Mother and Son as "Club Family"

Wilton, Feb. 15.—"Chers amis, recevez avec tous mes remerciements, ma bonne amitie" thus Lucien Eragne of Paris, France concludes his letter to the members of the Wiltona Club who have adopted him and his mother as its "club family."

At Christmas time individual members sent a box packed with the things an 11 year old boy would like, not forgetting gifts for the mother who "is always ill, in spite of which it is necessary that she work." Lucien's letter of thanks was delayed because it was vacation time and he had to wait for his English professor to translate the Wiltona letter for him.

On Tuesday, Feb. 4, the first club box was packed. Its 11 pound limit bulged slightly at the seams since it contained yarn, soap, soap powder, cookies, fruit cake, candy bars, woolen cap, mittens,

## CANDIDATE

**MRS. ERVIN A. CENTER**

Candidate for Recording Secretary

The Steep Falls Arts and Crafts Club is happy to present to the 55th Annual Spring Convention of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs the name of its president, Mrs. Ervin A. Center, as a candidate for the office of Recording Secretary. Educated at Roslyn Ladies' College and McGill University in Montreal, Mrs. Center has resided in Steep Falls for the past twenty-one years where she has been a leader in club and community work.

An indefatigable worker in whatever she undertakes, she has had the necessary background and experience in the Federation to fit her for this office. She served the clubs of the Twelfth District, (Cumberland County) as District Director from 1943-45, and since that time, as Chairman of the Department of Press and Publicity has done outstanding work. The inauguration of the Federation Column in the Portland Sunday Telegram, which is so successfully publicizing the activities of the Federated clubs of the state, is but one example of her efforts in this field.

With writing as a hobby, Mrs. Center is a member of the Maine Writers Research Club and the Scribblers Club of Portland and a former member of the Canadian Authors Association. She is at present vice-chairman of Red Cross in the Town of Standish, a member of the Dawn of Hope Chapter, O. E. S., and a member of Trinity Episcopal Church.

It is with pride that we present to you our leader, Beatrice Barnard Center, whose intimate and practical experience in, and knowledge of Federation affairs, so admirably qualifies her, we believe, for further service to the organization.

socks, thread, ties, pencils, stationery, dates, and handkerchiefs. Each of the 26 members contributed something.

This project of adopting an overseas family was presented to the clubs of her district by District Director, Mrs. Irena Farnum of Wilton. The Wiltona Club is the only club which has taken any action upon it as yet.



## CANDIDATE



**MRS. W. BRADFORD CUSHMAN**  
Candidate for Recording Secretary

The Woman's Literary Union of Portland has the honor to present the name of Mrs. W. Bradford Cushman as a candidate for Recording Secretary of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs at the Fifty-fifth Annual Convention in May, 1947.

Mrs. Cushman, whose candidacy was announced in July, is immediate past-president of The Woman's Literary Union of Portland, and has been Regent of Elizabeth Wadsworth Chapter, D.A.R., and president of Williston Guild of Williston Congregational Church. She has served as recording secretary of Williston Guild, of the Woman's Association of Williston Church, of the Portland College Club, of the Pathfinders' Club, and as corresponding secretary of The Woman's Literary Union.

She is co-chairman of the Finance Committee of the Portland College Club, and a member of the Budget Committee for the Portland Community Chest.

Mrs. Cushman is at present Chairman of the Department of Fine Arts of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs.

### THE JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB OF ROCKLAND

The Junior Women's Club of Rockland, Maine, now completing its ninth year, points to another successful and enjoyable season. Its project, maintained for several years, is to contribute a substantial sum to the District Nursing Association of Rockland, which Association does particularly valuable work through the Health Nurse in the homes, schools and clinics. The club also "adopted" a family in war devastated Greece, and during the winter sent this family a large box of woolen articles.

The club meets the first Monday of each month, generally in the homes of the members, unless a special occasion demands a larger meeting place. The programs this season were of a miscellaneous nature, proving very interesting and entertaining. Outside speakers, as well as contributions by the club members were included. A guest meeting was held in January, to which the "mother club", The Methebesec Club, was invited, as well as the Twin Village Junior Women's Club of Damariscotta.

**MRS. ELEANOR T. JOHNSON,**  
Publicity Chairman.

## CANDIDATE



**MISS ELIZABETH FOX**  
Candidate for Treasurer

Miss Elizabeth Fox is a candidate for re-election to the office of Treasurer of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs. Miss Fox has been endorsed by the Gorham Woman's Club, which she has served as treasurer, secretary and president. She is a past-treasurer of Elizabeth Wadsworth Chapter of the D.A.R.; past-treasurer of the Pine Tree Chapter of the O.E.S.; a member of the Women's Literary Union of Portland; of the Gorham Dames of Portland; and of the Maine Writers' Research Club. Miss Fox is also President of the Maine Federation of Garden Clubs, a position which she will relinquish in the near future.

### MARS HILL ACTIVITY CLUB

Last fall we sponsored a Guest Day to which were invited members of the Women's Club as well as other friends from Mars Hill and surrounding towns. Each guest was presented with a corsage. The evening's program was divided into two parts. A paper was presented on the life of Irving Berlin and was interspersed with vocal and instrumental selections from his music. Following this, Mrs. Clarence Miles, District Director, served as our speaker for the evening. A tea completed this most successful affair.

During the first part of the New Year we held a Gentlemen's Night for members of the club and their husbands. A seven o'clock supper was served and the evening spent in playing games of beano.

Each year the Activity Club sponsors a Valentine dance, an invited affair, which is one of the highlights of the social season in Mars Hill for all decorations, programs, dance band, etc., are handled most effectively. Furthermore, the dance always nets us an excellent profit.

Last fall we sponsored a Tag Day, the proceeds of which were given to the Mars Hill Playground for needed equipment. Approximately \$150.00 was earned from this activity.

We make many donations during the year to both welfare and civic organizations. One of the projects in which we are most interested and to which we contribute considerable money is the sub-primary school.

**MARY H. MacBRIDE,**  
Sec., Activity Club.

## CANDIDATE



**MRS. NORMAN FAY PLOUFF**  
Candidate for Treasurer

**CANDIDATE** — The Dexter Woman's Literary club is sponsoring as candidate for the office of treasurer of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs, Mrs. Norman F. Plouff, of Dexter. Mrs. Plouff is a teacher by profession, having before her marriage conducted experimental and demonstration work for Boston University at the John Ward school in Newton, Mass. In Dexter she has been active in war work having served as chairman of the Women's Division of Civilian Defense, and taught first aid.

She is director of Girl Scout activities and is also Dexter captain for the Maine Cancer Society Inc. A past president of the Dexter Women's Literary club, first vice president of the Onawa Union and vice regent of Rebecca Weston chapter, D.A.R., she is also a member of Wassookeag chapter, Order of Eastern Star, and a member of the Methodist church. Mrs. Plouff is now serving as director of District 2 of the Maine Federation.

### WAR VETERANS AND FINANCE AND INSURANCE

The Veterans Administration has asked the help of the General and State Federation in its forthcoming National Service Life Insurance Information Program. This special educational campaign on the advantages of National Service Life Insurance (NSLI) to veterans will be conducted from February 3 to May 3, 1947, and we hope that you will cooperate in every way you can.

The purpose of the program is to make known to veterans the benefits of NSLI and to encourage them to take advantage of the generous insurance terms offered by the U. S. Government.

Every one of the 13 Branch Offices of the Veterans Administration has been notified that the General Federation is helping in the information program. If you are near a Branch Office, please contact the Insurance Conservation Officer personally and plan with him ways in which clubwomen can assist.

## Official Call for the Fifty-fifth Annual Conference of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs, Portland, May 7, 8 and 9, 1947. Theme—"Living Is Giving"

Dear Clubwomen:

At the invitation of District 12, the Fifty-Fifth Annual Conference of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs will be held in Portland, May 7, 8 and 9. The meetings are to be held at Frye Hall, located at 78 Spring Street in Portland. General Conference Headquarters will be at the Eastland Hotel.

The first session commencing at 2:00 P. M. May 7th will feature the annual reports of officers and standing committees and an important half-hour Club Institute. The evening banquet to be held at the Eastland Hotel will honor our District Directors. Under the direction of Mrs. Bert A. MacKenzie, Chairman, they will present a skit titled, "Television Broadcast, Station M.F.W.C." The guest speaker of the evening will be Miss Elisabeth May Craig, widely known Washington columnist for the Gannett newspapers.

The sessions on May 8th at Frye Hall will begin promptly at 9 A. M. At that time Mrs. Gilbert F. Loeb, Dean of Department Chairmen, will present her various State Chairmen in a discussion using the theme "Today's Challenge to the Club Woman." Nominations for candidates for office in the Federation will then be heard. The balance of this morning session will be concerned with the President's address and a brief memorial service to mark the passing of devoted Maine clubwomen.

At noon a luncheon will be held in Lower Frye Hall honoring the past presidents of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs. Cost of this luncheon will be \$1.00.

The afternoon session convening at 2:00 P. M. will honor the City of Portland. In view of our deep interest in Youth Conservation, it will be our pleasure to hear at that time, brief first-hand accounts of the excellent work being done by several of Portland's societies working for the

welfare of children, namely the Children's Dental Clinic, Child & Family Service and The Children's Home. The concluding high-light of this session will be an address by the Rt. Rev. Oliver L. Loring, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Maine.

The President's banquet that evening will be held at the Eastland Hotel and will feature Maine's own Nasson Glee Club of 37 voices, and Mrs. William Dick Spörberg, GFWC Chairman of International Relations and a recently returned U. S. delegate to the Paris Conference of UNESCO.

The final session in Frye Hall beginning at 10:00 o'clock Friday morning will be devoted primarily to business and the inducting into office of the new slate of Federation officers for the years 1947-49.

Under the competent direction of Mrs. Edward B. Denny, the Federation's Chairman of Music, the entire conference will feature a variety of beautiful music throughout all the sessions. There will be many other delightful events to which clubwomen may look forward. The opportunity has been made possible to visit the famed Victoria Mansion, the project of the Victoria Society of Maine Women. Plans are also in the making to include a sight-seeing tour to enable out-of-town delegates to view the many historic spots in Portland. A Coffee will be tendered to Federation delegates and guests following adjournment of our convention at noon May 9th, by invitation of the Women's Literary Union.

Tickets for both banquets will be \$2.25. Banquet reservations will be honored upon receipt of check, currency or money orders addressed to the banquet chairman, Mrs. Clarence A. Holt, 547-A Congress Street, Portland, Maine.

Registration fee will be \$1.00

Make reservations for rooms directly with the Eastland Hotel. Prices are as follows:

### PER DAY

Single rooms with bath	\$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$6.00.
Twin beds with bath	\$5.50, \$6.00, \$7.00, \$8.00.
Double rooms with bath	\$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.00.
Single rooms with running water	\$2.25, \$2.50, \$2.75.
Twin beds with running water	\$4.00.
Double rooms with running water	\$3.50, \$3.75.

If after making reservations, unforeseen circumstances should arise to make cancellation necessary, kindly advise the hotel in order that your cancelled room may be assigned to someone else. A block of 200 rooms has been set aside by the Eastland Hotel for convention delegates. Should this quota be over-subscribed we feel reasonably sure that other Portland Hotels, the LaFayette, the Columbia, the Falmouth or the Graymore will be glad to accept your reservation providing it is made somewhat in advance.

For further information regarding this meeting, address your inquiries to Mrs. Frank E. Merrick, General Conference Chairman, 26 Clifford Street, Cumberland Mills, Maine.

Remember that this is an election year. We ask that you show your loyalty to the Federation by being present to vote for the candidate YOU prefer to lead our organization onward to new paths of duty and achievement.

Loyally yours,

LILLIAN H. COREY,  
President

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