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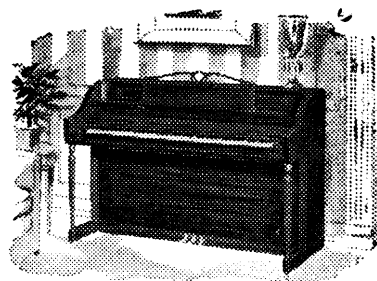
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The President's Message



MRS. W. B. CUSHMAN

Dear Clubwomen of Maine,

Once again we have started a club year. In fact, activities started early for us this year for with Maine serving as hostess to the New England Conference of State Federations of Women's Clubs at The Marshall House in York Harbor, September 16, 17, 18, more than a hundred of our women joined with other New England clubwomen for one of the largest gatherings of this group for several years.

We were so happy and privileged to have Mrs. Oscar A. Ahlgren, President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, as a guest at this Conference

and speaking to us on the subject, "The Time Has Come", she particularly emphasized Citizenship and clubwoman has been asked, I should say urged, to be our individual responsibility to get out the vote. Each responsible for getting herself and ten more people to the polls on Election Day. As I write this many club members are busy contacting as many people as possible to be sure they are registered, and our radios constantly are reminding every person to exercise this very important privilege of voting. This will probably reach you just as the results of our efforts will be known. Regardless of the outcome as far as candidates are concerned we shall hope that it may show that more people voted than ever before, for unless we exercise this privilege one day we shall lose it. The insidious forces trying to undermine our way of life are not apathetic. They will lose no opportunities. Thus to use our privileges becomes a responsibility. Privileges and responsibilities of a democracy are so closely interwoven.

At our Annual Convention at Belgrade Lakes it was announced through the Citizenship Division that Certificates of Award would be presented to those clubs who had a 100% voting record for all eligible voters in the clubs. These awards will be presented at the mid-winter meeting, which will be at the Eastland Hotel in Portland on January 14 and 15. Club presidents or Citizenship chairmen, please send your reports to Mrs. Fulton Blake, North Limington, just as soon as possible.

The desire of Mrs. Ahlgren to have clubwomen participate in a great "Crusade of Americanism" does not end with voting or getting out the vote, however. This is a program of study and action. It is a program for the individual clubwoman as well as one for the clubs. The Americanism chairman for Maine, Mrs. Ervin A. Center, has written on this subject for this

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Duss N' Boots

Dear Maine Clubwomen,

Our first responsibility these days is that of citizenship. The birthright of free Americans is the greatest any people on earth ever had. What we have in this country was won for us by those who had an abiding faith in God.

We need to remind ourselves constantly of our great heritage and I am asking each club to do three specific things:

1. Display the American flag at every meeting. If your club does not own a flag, BUY one.
2. Have the Pledge of Allegiance at every meeting.
3. Open every meeting with a period of devotion

Another responsibility we have is that of the American home. The American home once made America great, but it seems to have gone out with the horse and buggy. The American home is the foundation of our American life. We in the Federation are stressing daily Bible reading, family prayers, grace at meals and family attendance at church every Sunday.

We need to bring honesty, integrity and honor back into the American home. If we fail to practice it at home, how can we expect to get it in government.

Great men of deep faith wrote our Constitution: men of courage pioneered across our great continent: women courageously shared the sacrifice and work—

to give us the heritage we enjoy today. Every generation has loved freedom above all else in this great land of ours. But never before has the need for this awareness been greater than it is today. Unless we are heart and soul dedicated to that freedom, we will not survive—no matter how strong or productive we may be.

Sincerely,
Mildred Ahlgren
President, GFWC

Let's Be Safety Minded!

Because the activities carried out in connection with last year's traffic safety contest were so worth while, we are printing them in full, as reported by Mrs. George W. Jaqua, National Safety Chairman of the GFWC. These projects might well be adopted by Maine clubs. Let's try to bring top honors in safety to Maine this year!

TRAFFIC SAFETY CONTEST AWARDS

1st **The Galesburg (Ill.) Junior Woman's Club** made a complete survey of their city's traffic safety needs to determine the most worthwhile projects to be conducted. The three main objectives of the club's campaign were public support, public cooperation, and public education. Every organization in the city was contacted to give assistance and cooperation in conducting the traffic safety campaign. Many organizations appointed safety chairmen and presented safety programs. A safety rally and dinner was held with approximately 150 people representing some 47 organizations present. A bicycle campaign was conducted which included testing all bicycles and drivers, as well as putting Scotch-o-lite tape on all bicycles. Bicycle safety was stressed through a poster contest in schools. A drivers' school and clinic was the highlight feature of the club's activities. Approximately 125 people received driving lessons. The club conducted a second school to accommodate the public's demands. A public relations chairman was appointed to contact various industries and transportation companies to interest them in safety work. The campaign was con-

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Maine Clubwomen, Join the CRUSADE of AMERICANISM

Greetings and best wishes as we embark upon another club year!!

The theme of the new Administration in the General Federation of Women's Clubs is, "The Preservation of our American Heritage". A new Department has been created—the Department of Americanism—with emphasis on God and Country. To-day I invite you to join me in this great Crusade. It is vital, it is challenging and it is an essential "must" at this time when our country is facing the threat of Communism from without and the threat of apathy from within. We are urged to "return to the basic principles of our representative form of government, to the virtues of hard work for success, integrity in the individual and increased faith in God". This is a personal responsibility which each one of us as citizens must share.

Those of you who attended the annual Convention at Belgrade Lakes last June were stirred and challenged when Mrs. John Whitehurst, the Chairman of Americanism in the General Federation, addressed a dinner meeting. Mrs. Whitehurst has arranged a most complete selection of material for club use. In addition to the Americanism Kit, pamphlets on various topics are available for the asking at General Federation Headquarters. A list of the same appears below.

Under three main Divisions, Citizenship, Labor-Management and Moral and Spiritual Values, the Campaign has been launched. So broad is it in scope that it embraces practically all of our Departments of Work—American Home, Fine Arts, Education, Legislation, Youth Conservation, etc., etc. Already our Department of Fine Arts has sponsored two poster contests to bring the ideals of Americanism to the school children of our state.

My goal is 100% participation in this Campaign by the Maine Clubs. A lofty goal! But not too lofty with the issues at stake! Clubwomen, Let's keep America great! Let's keep America Free! Don't fail me. I'm counting on you.

Beatrice Barnard Center,
Chairman Department Americanism, MFWC

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3. Religion and Democracy. 4. Bible Readings
5. Comparative Governments
6. Political Organization in the U. S. A.
7. Status of Women in the U. S. A.
8. Promotion of Women in the U. S. A.
9. Labor and Management. 10. Forums
11. An Historical Review
12. Twenty Questions (Communism in the U.S.A.)
13. Twenty Questions (Communism and Religion)
14. Twenty Questions (Communism and Education)
15. Twenty Questions (Communism & Government)
16. Twenty Questions (Communism and Labor)
17. Twenty Questions (Spotlight on Communist Spies)

See the Programs and Projects suggested on inside back page.

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Reports of Department

AMERICAN HOME

The American Home Department has made a good showing this year despite its poor start. My appointment was late in the fall and, due to this, the individual clubs had their programs made out before the Department could make any plans or offer any suggestions. To further hinder, the National American Home plans were in their second and final year, so we could not participate as we would not be able to finish in the one year.

The one big function of the Department, of course, was held at the University of Maine during Farm and Home Week. Our special program was an address on "Personal Financial Planning" by Leonard S. Moore, assistant secretary of the Merrill Trust Company in Bangor. He cited several methods of savings, and spoke of the effects of increased living expenses and the increase in taxes upon the savings. He earnestly stressed the idea of savings for adequate provision for emergencies. He named the various savings may be accumulated. The luncheon following the morning's program was attended by 180 women. From the reservations, all but two districts were represented. I do hope these were present but not reported.

The district presidents have reported many interesting meetings held by the clubs in their sections. It is not possible to tabulate these in the divisions we have in the Department. I will mention the more important ones. Interior Decoration seems to be by far the most popular subject. Each district has had several. Some Clubs outside speakers and others were conducted by members. The second in popularity is Gardens, which includes Flower Arrangements and Christmas Decorations.

Several clubs have held meetings in the field of Religion, with their local ministers as speakers. Two of the subjects, "Is Brotherhood Possible" and "Women of the Bible" are among those reported. I think we should do more in this division, and I hope that another year there will be more to report.

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FINE ARTS

The efforts of the Fine Arts Department to increase the number and quality of programs in its fields of art, literature, music and pageantry have been amply rewarded. One district alone reported sixteen good programs. District 8 had at least one in every club. When one club added a Fine Arts Department it seemed that something of lasting value had been accomplished.

It was gratifying to hear of study classes formed for learning oil painting, country tin decoration and finger painting. Two artists gave lectures and demonstrations in clubs. An interesting arts and craft show was held in another town. The study of Latin American arts as suggested by the GFWC was pursued in some places. The beautiful Christmas slides available from GFWC were shown.

The Penny Art Fund has been faithfully increased. One district reported 100% contributions.

The many requests for program suggestions have been answered and all material on hand given out. The doll and art collections have circulated well.

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Working with the slogan "Public Affairs are Personal Affairs", this department has endeavored during the last two years to emphasize the importance of the individual and to carry out a program of positive action.

In the Citizenship Division accent was placed on widespread activity in a "Get Out the Vote Campaign" for State elections in 1950. Certificates were awarded to 17 clubs for 100% voting record.

Through the cooperation of the district directors, 38 new chairmen were added. Program suggestions were sent to all clubs and reports were requested from each. These reports included workshops, panels, Forums, speakers on taxes and government, citizen classes, schools contacted for increased study of American History, night schools for foreign born, pageants, essay contests on citizenship, ob-

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YOUTH CONSERVATION

The Youth Conservation Committee has had a busy and profitable year and I have been thrilled by the many wonderful letters from local and district chairmen asking for literature and suggestions. Your Youth Conservation Committee has endeavored to supply all these requests, either by sending materials, or advising the chairmen to send to GFWC Headquarters in Washington.

Many and varied Youth Conservation activities have been reported to me. If your particular project is not mentioned in this report, it is because I have not received any report from your club or received it too late to use. If so, I am sorry. In this brief report, it is obviously impossible to name each club and its Youth Conservation activities, so you will probably find your own projects listed, even if you do not hear your club named. At the top of the list we should put our "Build Freedom with Youth" contest in which 17 clubs participated and of which you will hear more in the report by Mrs. Crosby, State Chairman of the contest. Other activities include—Library Funds and children's reading hour, Essay on Traffic Safety contests, Scholarships, prize speaking awards, Career Days in high schools, sound equipment for schools, school bands, playground equipment, Child Health Clinics, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, school milk funds, materials for Gen. Clay Fund, clothing and Christmas gifts to needy children, gifts to Home for Crippled Children, Youth centers, and recreational centers.

Interest in the "Stop Drug Addiction Among Youth" program has been high. Fifty-six clubs have received the GFWC literature on this subject and eleven have reported programs in their clubs on this subject. Eighteen clubs have used the recordings and I continue to get requests. The Old Town clubs, especially, should be commended. The Youth Conservation chairman in District 2, Mrs. B. W. Spenser, reports that five clubs in Old Town worked together with

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COMMUNICATIONS

The Communications Department has three Divisions, Motion Picture, Press and Publicity, Radio and Television. Our objective has been to promote through these communication channels to the public the aims, work, projects of the General and State Federation, the departments, clubs and individual members activities.

One of the most important functions of the Motion Picture Division has been to build support and promote worthwhile pictures. Consult the Cinema Guide of recommended films published in the General Federation Clubwoman for list of pictures. Many clubs have used this Guide during the year. Clubs have cooperated with teachers using films on visual education class work on good Americanism, historic and patriotic films. Special matinees just for children have been reported.

The Press and Publicity Division has endeavored to acquaint the reading public a comprehensive picture of the Federation of Women's Clubs from the national, state and community standpoint.

The Federated Column appearing in the Portland Sunday Telegram October through April has brought not only to the clubwomen but the public highlights of the General and State Federation as well as club projects and accomplishments. Mrs. Philip V. Corey has edited the Column.

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COUNCIL OF INTERNATIONAL CLUBS

It gives me great pleasure to report that federated Clubs in the State of Maine have taken great interest and cooperated beautifully in the various projects conducted by the General Federation this year. Practically every Club has participated in one or more of the activities suggested.

The "CARE for Korea" campaign resulted in the sum of \$3,601.98 being forwarded to CARE, but helping the Koreans has not stopped with that amount. One Club,—the Kittery Riverside Club,—is sending packages all through the year, and the Woman's

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WELFARE

In a three minute report it is not possible to tell of the activities of specific clubs. Most clubs have given freely of their funds to Red Cross, March of Dimes, Cancer Control, Heart Fund, Opportunity Farm, Community Chests and many other organized charities.

Some clubs have had special projects for their own localities, such as the support of a home for aged people, a scholarship fund and in one case a club is raising money for a kitchen in the Municipal Building, projects that improve the welfare of many people. Togus and the State schools and hospitals have been remembered particularly on holidays and many Care Packages have been sent.

The recent increase in the life span has focused attention on the Gerontology Division, a few clubs have had programs on this important subject. We earnestly urge that more Clubs have such programs and also programs on Mental Health that we may "add life to years, not just years to life".

And may we, as club women, strive by sympathy, understanding and discipline to make our homes the foundation of a peaceful, secure nation.

Gertrude N. Emery

VETERANS DIVISION

This is only a partial report of the Veterans Service, as I have not received reports covering the year's work. I have carried out the same system as was used by the former chairman—assigning a month to each District. I have attended all but two of the V.A.V.C. Committee meetings at Togus, which are held monthly—also served as General Federation Representative at these meetings. In discussing our gifts to the men at Togus, with Mr. Thomas Clarke, Chief of Special Services, he feels that gifts of money to buy Canteen Books, is far better for the morale of the patient. This enables him to go to the Canteen and if he sees an article he wishes, may purchase it—if not may hold his canteen book until he desires to buy, where with the various articles which have come in, al-

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SAFETY

It is with a deep sense of pride in the clubwomen of Maine that I report of your accomplishments and interest in the field of Safety.

Your participation and interest in Traffic Safety is perhaps the most outstanding. My reports from the district directors tell me of club programs on highways safety, and of clubs who have sponsored safety programs in the schools, schoolboy patrol systems and who have worked for regular fire drills in the schools. Others have been instrumental in securing new traffic signs and regulations for their communities.

Many clubs working with the youth of their communities have promoted Safety through bicycle safety campaigns and have purchased scotchlight tape for these children in many areas. One club held a poster contest on Safety in their local schools. I should like to encourage clubs who are sponsoring projects in traffic safety to enter the General Federation's annual Traffic Safety Contest. Oftentimes clubs feel that their efforts are small but simple programs are frequently the best.

Home Safety has also received its share of attention and many have had campaigns for home safety. It is always well to remember that safety thinking should begin at home but not stop there.

As we all know, the work in this field can never cease if we are to reduce accidents. I know that your efforts this coming year will be even greater because of such vital needs within our own state and that of our nation.

Edithe Durrell

Chairman

EDUCATION

At the beginning of this administration, your chairman prepared a Summary which contained a valuable bibliography and many suggestions for club programs and projects in education. This we hope the clubs may continue to find of value.

Inspiration came through attendance at the First New England Education Workshop, in Boston,

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Reports of Department

DEFENSE AND ECONOMIC SECURITY

The General Federation has set up a new department of Defense and Economic Security to educate the millions of women members in sound economics. Are women aware of the great responsibility they have? They control 60 per cent of the country's wealth and are the principal spenders of its income.

Women today are faced with new and heavy responsibilities.

Inflation is declared to be America's worst enemy today and concerns everyone.

The American dollar is now worth less than at any time since the Constitution was adopted 163 years ago. Prices are on the way to becoming still higher; the dollar still cheaper.

All of us, as consumers, can affect the vitality of our defense effort by the way in which we save or spend our money.

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DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Because of the enthusiasm and interest created by Mrs. Beatrice Center, past chairman of this department, and the excellent program at the Poland Spring Convention carried through by Mrs. Center and Mrs. Georgia Mitchell, past chairman of the Council of International Clubs, there has been increasingly state-wide participation in the field of International Relations.

The two objectives set up for the years 1949-51 by Mrs. Center have been reiterated this year by your chairman: (1) to develop a better knowledge and appreciation of other peoples through a program of study and action; (2) to develop a better understanding of United Nations—and its achievements, particularly following through on GFWC resolutions on international affairs (UNESCO now comes under the Department of Education).

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LEGISLATURE

The program this year has been one of study and preparation, this being a non-legislative year.

Subjects suggested for study were published in the Maine Federation Magazine, as follows:

For Local Study:

1. Four-year term for Governor of Maine.
2. Extension of library service through bookmobiles.
3. Study of Direct Primary Law.
4. The Narcotics Law.

We selected four of the topics which the General Federation is supporting for study:

1. Statehood for Alaska.
2. Universal Military Training.
3. Federal Aid to Education.
4. Suffrage for the District of Columbia.

The clubs have been using this outline, and reports from many clubs show that they have had speakers on the above subjects.

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has done a splendid work on the Narcotics Law and is offering a resolution on revision and strengthening of that law. I feel that we should support this resolution. The present law reads as follows:

Maine Revised Statutes 1944 Chap. 125 Sec. 12. Whoever sells or gives to any child under the age of 16 years, or furnishes any such child with intoxicating liquor or narcotic drugs in any form, or encourages such child to use the same, unless prescribed by a physician or otherwise used in case of sickness, shall be deemed guilty of encouraging, causing, or contributing to the delinquency or distress of such child and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100. or by imprisonment for not more than 60 days.

Chapter 22, Treatment of Persons Suffering from Opiates (digested):

Sec. 159. Such person may be committed to the care of any hospital or physician and they may restrain said patient for his protection for a period of not more than 90 days.

Sec. 160. Before preceding restraint, a voluntary agreement in writing with person suffering to the imposition of restraint, such agreement must be witnessed by husband, wife, parent, or one of the municipal officers of city or town in which the person is a resident.

Extension of library service through bookmobiles we have supported, and we should continue to do our utmost to see this law enacted.

Through the Legislative Council we may crystallize our support of these items.

The other two items—the Direct Primary Law and the four-year term for Governor—are important, and I shall be pleased to hear from any club president of any interest which might lead to recommendations on these items.

The three items of the National Federation are already supported by them. Study was suggested so that we would know more in regard to these subjects if they again come up for discussion or reconsideration.

Hazel C. Lord

JUNIOR CLUBS

The Junior Clubs have been very active this past year. The three Junior Clubs of Dover-Foxcroft have been working for the schools of their town. The Junior Cosmopolitan Club purchased stage curtains for the new Grammar school, cost \$1200. They sponsored a Career Day for 218 students of Foxcroft Academy. They had 100% subscription to the Federation News. All members registered for Civilian Defense, and the Jr. Cosmopolitan Club placed fifth in the state for the Build Freedom with Youth contest.

The Molasto Club installed a speaker system in the new Grammar school. Books were sent to Japan and each member registered for Civilian Defense. The club held programs on Mental Health, and Fine Arts.

The Mocutoc Club of Dover is furnishing the Conference Room at the Foxcroft Academy. This club sponsors the Dental Clinic in its town, and also feature a Movie Guide each week in the local newspaper.

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Each of us needs to store within herself, ready for the stress of daily life, an oasis of inspiration. There is only one way to build up that reservoir of strength and that is by having at the beginning of the day a few moments of quiet, a few moments to talk with God, to ask His guidance, to listen for His answer.

When the man of the family has gone to work, perhaps before the children get up, or perhaps after they have left for school, we need to sit down in an easy chair with our Bible. It must not be a hurried time, even though the press of work seems very heavy. It need not be more than fifteen minutes, during which we can find in the Word of God a note of comfort, of guidance, of life-giving strength. If a longer time is possible, there will very likely be an inspirational article or book which we have set aside for just this period. With uplifting thoughts to sustain us, we can carry on even through the hardest kind of day.

All the family needs such a start for a busy day. In one house we know, the children gather for a

short prayer and sometimes before they start to school a verse or two of a hymn, and even the high school boy and girl say prayers with Mother or Father each night. However, Mother needs her quiet time in addition to whatever she shares with the family.

A dear friend once told me that she had learned to loosen the kinks brought on by a demanding day by stepping outside the house just before bedtime. She looks at the stars, listens to the wind and the night creatures, thanks God for the beauty of His universe, and goes to bed relaxed and grateful.

Let's "take time for all things" and "put first things first".

Doris Ricker Marston

PLEASE NOTE

To simplify our bookkeeping, will club presidents please instruct their treasurers to send subscription money for the Yearbook and the NEWS direct to Mrs. Frank Merrick, 26 Clifford Street, Cumberland Mills, Maine. This year only one copy of the Yearbook was sent to each club. If your club wishes both president and secretary to have the Yearbook and the year's subscription to the NEWS, will you please send an additional dollar and the proper addresses to Mrs. Merrick?



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The Safety Committee of the General Federation of Women's Clubs announces the rules for the 1953 Traffic Safety Contest and urges local federated clubs to participate in this program for reducing our nation's traffic accident rate. All member clubs in the United States and Alaska paying per capita dues to the General Federation of Women's Clubs are eligible to compete in this 1953 Traffic Safety contest. Local clubs should begin their contest activity now.

Local clubs are urged to stress programs on driver education both in the high schools and for adults; conduct traffic safety clinics; organize interclub traffic safety councils; promote projects on enforcement of traffic laws and uniformity of traffic signs, signals and markings. Other suggestions for contest activity are to be found in "A Good Traffic Safety Program For Your Community" which since its adoption in 1951 has stimulated and guided effective action in many communities.

Awards

To the club winning first-place honors—Certificate of Merit. To the Safety Chairman of the first place club—An all expense-paid trip to the annual convention in Washington, D. C. To the State Federation Safety Chairman whose state has the highest percentage of its member clubs entered in the contest—\$50 U. S. Defense Bond.

The awards will be made in Washington, D. C.

Basis for Judging

1. Aggressiveness and ingenuity in planning and conducting the club's contest program.
2. Effectiveness of club action.
3. Type, quality and quantity of publicity.

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By Lois Hartford

The New England Conference of State Federations of Woman's Clubs opened at 2:30 P. M., Tuesday, Sept. 16, 1952 at the Marshall House, York Harbor, Maine.

Mrs. Paul Plummer of Hamden, Conn. presided in the absence of Mrs. Margaret Howison, and Mrs. Schultz acted as Secretary Pro Tem.

Welcome to Maine was given by Mrs. Bradford Cushman, Maine State President, and Mrs. Allen Garner, the General Chairmna of the Conference, presented the program.

There was singing by the Woman's Literary Union Choral Group of Portland. Then Dr. Charles Phillips, President of Bates College gave the main address. "Some Present Day Myths". He said that the U. S. must build its air power "and arm the South Koreans and the Chinese Nationalists so that Russia will be forced to negotiate in good faith to end the Korean War. At the same time we must warn Russia that if she strikes elsewhere we will no longer meet her on the ground which she chooses but that our air force will strike where it will hurt her the most".

Dr. Philips said this country has "failed to develop a program which shows any promise of bringing the Korean War to a victorious end".

That evening we had a State of Maine banquet. It was baked stuffed lobster! State Senator William E. Dennett of Kittery brought greetings from Gov. Frederick G. Payne.

We returned to the ball room for the evening entertainment. There was singing by the Ladies Magazine Reading Club of Kezar Falls and Gladys Hasty Carroll, South Berwick, a noted Maine author, read excerpts from "Dunnybrook" which she called "a true story of my home community from its settlement down to the present". She traced the responsibility which Maine women and women of the country have assumed in succeeding generations.

Wednesday morning a session was held at 8:30 A. M. with Mrs. Martin DeShon, Maine Federation Parliamentarian, and Mrs. Bert MacKenzie, past Maine Federation president and Chairman Club Institutes presiding. "Your Club Problems" was the subject matter, with participation by club presidents.

The main session opened at 10:00 A. M. in the ball room with Mrs. Plummer presiding. The State Presidents panel was the main topic. "How to make our organization more effective through GFWC material" by Mrs. Douglas A. Johnston, Conn.; "Extension" by Mrs. Gerald Northrop, Vermont, and Mrs. Bradford Cushman; "Community Service" by Mrs. Robert Dale, N. H., and Mrs. William Mustard, R. I.; and "Juniors" by Mrs. Ralph Swain, Mass. Massachusetts has 52 Junior clubs.

Mrs. Gilman L. Moulton, chairman of Registration, reported N. H. 44, Vermont 11, Mass. 43, R. I. 17, Conn. 39, and Maine 95 delegates to the N. E. Conference.



LOIS HARTFORD

Directly after luncheon Bates Mfg. Co. presented a style show of all cotton fabrics.

"The Junior Chairmen Speak" was held Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Lewis Hartford presided, and Mrs. Charles Buckland, Vermont, Miss Pauline Dorais, N. H., Mrs. Gilbert Wiley, Conn., Miss Barbara Shaw, Mass., and Mrs. Francis Finn, R. I. participated. Mrs. Buckland spoke of the Penny Art Fund and the State Travel Fund. Miss Dorais reported her clubs sponsor Scouts, an All-Boy Baseball, a Bicycle Rodeo, and the clubs also sold towels made by the blind. Mrs. Wiley reported the response of her clubs for the "Stamps for the Wounded" project. Mrs. Finn reported a new Junior club with a membership of 96. This makes two Junior clubs that Rhode Island has at the present time, with a membership of 196. Miss Shaw told of her clubs working as Grey Ladies in the hospitals.

The registration committee reported Maine being represented by 103.

Wednesday evening we had the New England Conference Dinner. We gathered in the ball room again for the message of Mrs. Ahlgren. Norman Fickett of Portland played several marimba selections.

Mrs. Ahlgren, General Federation of Women's Clubs President said in part "We must return to faith in God and to live it as well as talk about it. It is the only way. The time has come for each and every one of us to evaluate our lives if this great country of ours is to survive. The threat to our republic will never come from without—it will come from within when we surrender our liberties by neglecting our responsibilities".

Our first responsibility these days is that of citizenship. Through the newly created Americanism Department, the GFWC is asking each one of its 15,000 clubs to carry out an extensive get-out-the-vote program. Each club member is asked to be responsible for getting ten persons to the polls election day. Each club is to meet at 10 A. M. Nov. 4 for a

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Highlights of Reports of Maine's

DISTRICT 1

All clubs in District No. 1 have co-operated with many local projects as well as those outlined by the Federation. Twelve clubs sent packages to Togus in January. \$133 was sent to the "Care for Korea" fund. Patten Woman's Club, Patten; Woman's Civic Club, Lime-stone; Activity Club, Mars Hill, and Woman's Literary Club, Mars Hill, sent books for the children in Japan.

The Philomathian Club in Fort Fairfield was the only club in the State of Maine donating to the Dorothy Houghton scholarship fund. Congratulations to Fort Fairfield.

The District is 100% in appointing Civil Defense Chairmen. A Civil Defense Area meeting was held in Houlton April 17th. This was the first meeting of its kind held by the Federation and the only Area meeting arranged by the Federation this club year.

Hortense York

DISTRICT 2

Throughout the District, Civil Defense Chairmen have been appointed and have co-operated with the State Chairman, Mrs. Plouff in every way possible. There are 12 members from the Patawa Club who are training at the Bangor Filter Center, while many others have donated blood.

Several clubs contributed to the General Clay Fund, one club to Radio for Iran, and all clubs were active in the International Relations project, Care for Korea. The District contributed \$453.55.

Three clubs entered the Build Freedom With Youth Contest with the Winterport Club winning Second Prize.

Mable G. Barrett

DISTRICT 3

As Director of District No. 3 it is my privilege to report the many and varied projects of my clubs. We regret the loss of one of our older and valued clubs, the Carpe Diem, of Dover-Foxcroft.

16 clubs sent gifts to Togus, Hallowell or the State Hospitals, and nearly all of these clubs sent to all three.

Ten clubs gave sums ranging from \$5 to \$50. for needy families and for children at Christmas, while the Sangerville Woman's Club sent out 25 Christmas baskets.

Freda Maxfield

DISTRICT 4

The clubs contributed \$175.00 for CARE packages. The Madison Womans' Club is making a scrap-book to send to the children's polio ward in New Delhi, India. Some clubs carry on correspondence with foreign families with mutual benefit to all. Madison Sorosis has a Library Book project. Semper Fidelis stages a large Spring Fashion Show and later uses the money to sponsor Pre-School Clinics.

Blanche F. Fogerty

DISTRICT 5

District No. 5 is 100% in appointing C. D. chairmen and in contributing to the Gen. Clay Fund. Forty dollars was contributed by four of our clubs for Care for Korea. The Wiltona Club entered the Build Freedom for Youth contest.

Nearly all of the clubs have given money to various charities, and have sent gifts to Togus. The Tyngtown Club gave generously to the Wilton Library and to the Girl Scouts. The Kingtown Club made a large contribution to the Kingfield Library and has sent three packages containing food and clothing to their "adopted family" in England. They also staged a Hallowe'en party for the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade pupils. The West Farmington Literary Club sent books to a Library in a flooded area of Kansas. The Wiltona Club acted as Santa's helpers by distributing toys, fruit, and candy to local underprivileged children at Christmas, and jointly with the Tyngtown Club, bought a doll for a child at Pownal State School.

Alice M. Lake

DISTRICT 6

This District contributed 100% to "Care for Korea" packages, the Dixfield Advance Club, having contributed the largest sum of money for this purpose. Of the two clubs entering the Youth Conservation Contest, the Dixfield Club also won a Certificate of

Achievement as a fourth place winner. All clubs have contributed to our state welfare organizations in their annual campaign for funds and have made Christmas a joyous occasion for the inmates of our state institutions by individual gifts. Two clubs, the Andover Friday Club and Rumford Searchlight, have offered a cash scholarship to the highest ranking senior.

Participation of individual club members in qualifying as a member of E. S. O. Chapter thru Extension study has been emphasized. The Andover Club has a member who will take this course and I am happy to report that the Christian Valley Club of Rumford has decided to organize a Junior Club.

Theresa R. Stearns

DISTRICT 7

The Adelaide Higgins Educational Loan Fund, recently established by the Seventh District, is a District project. Another is a camp for underprivileged girls; twenty five dollars is given by the Union each year for Arts and Crafts supplies, and the clubs send as many girls as they can.

In Safety;—The Princeton Woman's Club secured fire drills in the schools. The Woodland Woman's Club placed luminous stickers on bicycles, set markers in dangerous areas, and had safety film shown by State Police.

The Current Events Club of Milbridge, had Safety Program in the schools, secured new traffic laws for the town, and had parking signs erected.

Ethel B. Batson

DISTRICT 8

Youth Conservation holds top interest in all the clubs. This is rightly so, for the welfare of youth is of vital concern. All clubs have had programs on youth in one phase or another. Three entered the Build Freedom with Youth contest. Tickets for Community Concerts have been bought for students. Scholarships have been given. Basketball suits for grammar school students bought. A skating rink was provided in one community. High School prize speaking awards have been made. Halloween parties for children. Xmas parties for children of all ages provided. One club gave mit-

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tens to each child in the community between the ages of one to twelve years. Essay contest awards made. Girl Scout troops have been organized and sponsored. \$100.00 was given to an area High School Gym. Two other clubs helped to buy dishes for school lunch programs. Awards for best essay on Citizenship.

Meda D. Norwood

DISTRICT 9

I attended the State Conference at Augusta in January and have reported the proceedings to 6 clubs. At the Conference a speaker from the National Association of Manufacturers offered the film, *Your Money Is What You Make It*. I made arrangements to have that film for a two weeks' period and during that time it was to 11 organizations besides the Woman's Club, totalling over 400 people. The organizations to see it were the Damariscotta—Newcastle Rotary Club, the Kiwanis Club of Damariscotta and Newcastle, the Round Pond P.T.A., the students of Lincoln Academy, the grammar grade pupils in the Castner School, Damariscotta and the Franklin School, Newcastle; the Nobleboro Grange, the Men's Forum and the Congregational Club of the Second Congregational Church, Newcastle; the Mr. and Mrs. Club of the Damariscotta Baptist Church and a group of teachers who were taking a U of M Extension Course. This was in the nature of a public service.

Mrs. Wallace A. Ripley

DISTRICT 10

There are seventeen active clubs in **District 10**. I have enjoyed visiting with five of these this year. As the clubs are small they do not all have departments as outlined by General Federation but they do contribute much to the welfare of their communities. District 10 clubs contributed generously to "Care for Korea" and the Waterville Womans Club participated in "Build Freedom for Youth".

We are looking forward to another year of service in making our Home and Nation a safe place to live and play.

Evelin Grover

DISTRICT 11

Six clubs were listed in the district when I became director. Two others have been reinstated: the Mechanic Falls Study Club, in time to be included in the 1951-1952 yearbook and the Lewiston Reading Circle, in January after an absence of thirty years.

The Cosmopolitan Club of Bath paid the expenses of tonsillectomies and dental work for needy children in their community. The members sewed for the hospital, provided Christmas dinners and gifts for worthy families and gave circus tickets to underprivileged children.

Outstanding among fine programs was the W. L. U. International Relations Day observance, an all-day meeting on October 25. Four members conducted a panel discussion in the morning. One sketched the history and accomplishments of the U. N. since 1945, and the other three talked about the trouble spots of the world: Iran, Kashmir and Egypt. Three foreign students attending Maine colleges were heard in the afternoon. Two spoke of present conditions in their countries, and the other presented a group of violin selections. Throughout the club house were beautiful displays of foreign articles, loaned for the occasion. The countries represented by the displays were Israel, China, Czechoslovakia, France, Mexico and Greece.

Hazel Whitney Snowe

DISTRICT 12

A Defense Chairman has been appointed in each club. Two clubs have published books. The Maine Writer's Research Club published "Maine Indians in History and Legends" and the Westbrook Woman's Club published "Highlights of Westbrook History". The Woman's Literary Union entered the "Build Freedom with Youth" contest. Four clubs contributed to the General Clay Fund, six clubs gave money toward Radios for Iran, Ammoncongion, Excelsior Literary Club of Portland, Obkoe, Raymond Woman's Club, Woman's Club of Yarmouth and the Woman's Literary Union. Sixteen clubs collected \$477.00 for Care

for Korea. Eight clubs sent flowers and plants to Pownal for Easter. Twenty clubs sent packages to Togus.

Gladys Pennell Bachelder

DISTRICT 13

The Webhannet Club of Kennebunk offers a prize to a High School Senior showing the greatest improvement in English. Three other clubs provide Scholarships for deserving students.

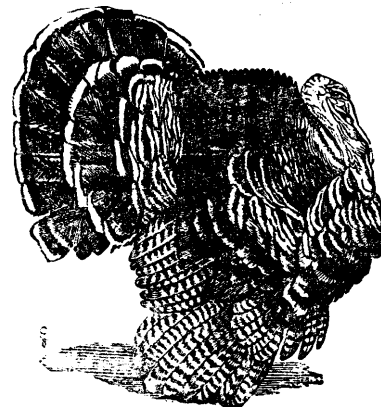
The Thursday Club of Biddeford collects canned goods at Thanksgiving and Xmas stockings from its members and these are given to the Public Health nurse for distribution. The Women's Educational and Industrial Union of Saco and the Woman's League of York are sponsoring a "Lite-a-Bike" Campaign, which means the putting of pieces of reflective tape on all children's bicycles.

The President of the Riverside Woman's Club of Kittery serves the towns of Kittery and Eliot as the Girl Scout Commissioner.

In February, the club sponsored a Birthday party for hospitalized Veterans at the Naval Base, and at their May meeting an exhibit of Home Industries was held, in which thirty-five lucrative industries were displayed.

District 13 contributed 198 books and \$10.00 used to buy books for children in Japan, and, at the Mid-Winter Conference, the District led the State in contributions to the Care for Korea project. Twelve Clubs donated to this worthy cause.

Arleen A. Phillips



Department Chairmen

JUNIORS

The Carpo Club of Guilford worked hard to get the Chest X-Ray program into their town.

The Fairfield Jr. Womans Club work hard during the year to support the Bazaar of the Kiwanians.

The Rockland Junior Woman's Club work for the local hospital. They give \$50 each year to the hospital and support the X-Ray Clinics and Baby Clinics. A special project this year was building, painting, and the distribution of signs for the protection of children while sliding. The Juniors worked with the Rockland Jaycees on this project. I believe that Rockland has the only three generation Woman's Club in Maine. The Grandmothers club, the Mothers club, and the Jr. club. They had a speaker on International Relations this year.

One of our youngest Junior Clubs, the Sub-Deb Club of Bangor, is very active in community work. Each girl gives 2 hours to community service, this in addition to their school activities is an appreciative sacrifice. Several work in the hospital serving donors at the Blood Bank.

The Amicus Club of Corinna gave a case of educational film strips to the Elementary School and purchased 2 new books for the Ceiling Projector, a previous project.

The Winthrop Junior Mothers Club has been busy getting the Sodium Fluoride Program into the town. They have collected and sent clean white cloths for Cancer dressings to Mrs. Irene Wentworth in N. H.

The Wassookeag Literary Club of Dexter has held programs on Mental Health.

We have 13 Junior clubs in Maine and all of the clubs work for their community. The Junior clubs have supported the State Junior Projects, have contributed to the Endowment Fund, and all worthy organizations.

I have found that the Jr. clubs either sponsor a Girl Scout group, a Brownie troop, or send a girl to Girls State.

Lois Hartford, Chairman

EDUCATION

and several other club conferences during the year. Through speaking engagements and voluminous correspondence, your chairman has kept in touch with club leaders, division chairmen, and district directors; and your division chairmen—in turn—have actively furthered the work of their departments.

Hight pressure methods in putting over the Books for Japan project (plus splendid cooperation from district directors, club presidents, and club members) brought wonderful results. Some clubs sent books; some sent money. The Woman's Club of South Berwick (Mrs. Arthur C. Cram, Pres.) had the outstanding record of sending 76 books from a membership of 67. And it was a real **Highlight** when the Maine Federation **WON** the Books for Japan contest and—through Mrs. Cushman—received the award at Minneapolis.

Clubs have been wonderfully responsive and cooperative, this year, and carefully detailed records of all their programs and projects in education have been prepared and filed with Mrs. Cushman, Mrs. Plouff, Mrs. Clarke, and at General Federation Headquarters in Washington. 84 clubs have reported programs in Adult Education, while some clubs sponsored classes in rug-making, ceramics, Parliamentary Law, and the Maine Writers' Research Club published a book, **Maine Indians in History and Legend**.

There has been a gratifying interest in ESO. Many clubs have requested copies of the reading list, which has recently been revised at the University of Maine, and several club women are presently earning their membership.

Only 2 programs in Character Education and 1 in Guidance have been reported.

At least 15 clubs have been active in the support of libraries in their areas, while 2 have been instrumental in establishing libraries. 1 club runs a library service for shut-ins, and many have donated money for school libraries.

Many clubs have given small scholarships to their local high schools; 20 have given cash awards, and prizes in various educational

fields. 3 contributed to the Adelaide Higgins Educational Loan Fund. The Searchlight Club of Sanford gave a \$150.00 scholarship to Thornton Academy; and our State Chairman of the Division of Scholarships and Loans reports 3 (three) new educational loans have been made—one to a foreign student.

International relations and UNESCO have been given a place on club programs, and 1 club reports a years study of UNESCO.

It has really been a **Highlight** in my life to serve the Federation, this year, and to work with the thousands of Maine women who are interested in those things which pertain to my department. I have heard of, at least, 64 programs in Public Education: and wonderful local projects—like furnishing film strips, buying cyclorama and curtains for a Grammar school, sponsoring a Career Day, sending girls to camp, establishing a reading hour for children, studying school building problems, investigating aid for the handicapped, furnishing hot lunches for underprivileged children, buying Community Concert tickets for school children, organizing a P. T. A., and donating \$100.00 to an Area High School gym—have been carried out. All of those (and many more which have been carefully tabulated in my detailed report) have been **Highlights** and we have reason to be proud of them.

A new **Schools** project (and state-wide contest) has just been started—our goals: (1) a **Schools** program on the 1952-53 calendar of every federated club in Maine; and (2) at least 5000 Maine club women **visiting schools** during the year. We feel that you will see the value of this project and we ask your cooperation in making it a success. Through it, we can—in a greater measure—"know and understand" our schools.

Let us continue to work closely with the General Federation and, at the same time, be increasingly aware of our own educational needs at local and state levels. If well informed, we shall be able to give intelligent help in meeting those needs.

Florence P. Tupper

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SECURITY

Three Finance Forums have been sponsored in Maine during the past year. In Portland Donald F. Barnes, New York, Promotion Director of the Institute of Life Insurance, discussed that type of investment. At Augusta, during the State Federation Conference, Marion J. Wise, Jr., Economist for the National Association of Manufacturers, spoke on "Your Money is What You Make It." At Orono a Finance program was held during sessions of America Home Day, when a Bangor banker talked on "Personal Finance Planning."

Mrs. Wallace Ripley, director of District 9, reports that she secured the film, "Your Money is What You Make It" and arranged to use it for two weeks. It was shown to 12 different organizations.

This film is furnished free of charge by the National Association of Manufacturers and is a graphic description of the causes of inflation and what the public can do to prevent its spread.

Mrs. Walter M. Bachelder, director of District 12, presented a fine report of activities of six clubs in her district pertaining to this department.

Women must share in the responsibility for National Defense. We must alert our club members and assist them in understanding the problems and threats to civilization, as well as to our economic security.

One of the most encouraging signs of the times is the awakening interest of women in financial matters. I am confident that a great many more finance forums will be included on club programs during the next year.

Mrs. Roy C. Stinchfield

INTERNATIONAL

111 (over half) of the clubs in Maine reported some form of activity in the field of International Relations. Of these, 39 clubs held discussion meetings or conducted study groups (2 with 6 programs each); 25 sent packages abroad (not included in projects of Council of International Clubs); 12 entertained foreign students attending Maine colleges; 2 reported hospitality to displaced persons in their community; 2 included youth participation in international affairs; 1 invited the community to share with them in their world affairs program and 13 featured in entertainment international music, art, dancing, food, costumes, etc. The majority of the clubs held at least one meeting on some phase of United Nations or foreign affairs; or became better acquainted with a foreign country.

Of outstanding interest were the three forums on World Affairs sponsored by the Woman's Club of Yarmouth to which the public was invited. "American Post-War Foreign Policy from Yalta On", "A Critical Examination of Contemporary Civilization" and "Is World Government practical?" were the topics for discussion. The Woman's Literary Union of Androscoggin County held an International Relations Day during United Nations Week. At a day long meeting three foreign students were guest speakers (one also a violinist); followed by a panel discussion on United Nations and troubled spots in the world. There were also displayed interesting articles from Israeli, China, France, Czechoslovakia, Mexico and Greece. The Woman's League of York featured "A Trip to Scandinavia" with smorgasbord luncheon, colored slides, speaker, dis-

play of native costume and exhibit of Scandinavian handicraft. Your chairman was privileged to be a guest at this delightful meeting. The Obkoe Club of Portland, a junior club with 14 members, held six study sessions on little known foreign countries; and at an evening meeting invited their husbands to hear the Bowdoin student from Viet-Nam. The Lubec Woman's Club made a United Nations flag for their meetings and loan it to other organizations for UN meetings. Undoubtedly many other held meetings of particular merit; but the reports were not complete enough to be quoted. Your chairman would be delighted to receive at any time reports or publicity of any programs that would be highlights of activity in international relations.

The Mars Hill Activity Club was the first in Maine to send contribution to your chairman for Radios for Iran, a project of this department. It is hoped that many more contributions will be received or the GFWC scarfs purchased so that the people of Iran may hear the Voice of America through the friendship and generosity of Maine clubwomen!

Your chairman has sent out to each District Director the new handbook on International Relations setting forth the purposes, policy, objectives and projects of this department. It should be invaluable in program building.

There also should soon be available excellent program material from the General Chairman of International Relations, Mrs. Frederic Beggs. She has been in Europe recently, attending the UN General Assembly in Paris. Subsequently the Department of International Relations held a Background Conference on "Paths to Security and Freedom" from February 3-8; and from February 27-March 23 a Field Seminar on Mexican-American Relations, in Mexico, called "Adventure in Understanding". It was thrilling to hear that although the Maine Federation could not send a delegate to the Background Conference at Washington, we were ably represented by a Federation member from Maine,—Mrs. Milton W. Weymouth, Sr., past president of The

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COUNCIL

Literary Union of Auburn and Lewiston conducted a big card party on March 28th, the proceeds from which are for Korea. Other Clubs are still reporting gifts and money sent to relieve the distress there.

As a large majority of the Maine Clubs do not close their Club year until well into May, it has been impossible to secure a full report on the German Youth Activity but it is a conservative statement to say that more than half of the Clubs sent cloth, sewing materials, patterns, wool, crochet cotton and other supplies. An estimate would be that about 1000 pounds of materials were sent.

Regarding scrap books, many Clubs are still working on them, and all requests sent to Maine have been taken care of. High honors go to the Woman's Literary Club of Mount Desert whose members have made **forty** small scrap books filled with colored pictures for the polio ward at Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi, India. Scrap books have also been made by several Clubs with comments and titles in German, as was requested.

Families in Greece, Germany, Holland, France and other foreign countries have received gifts of money and various items from many of our groups. At this time I can give no definite report as to the number of letters written to women in other parts of the world, but do know that many Club women in Maine are corresponding with women in foreign lands, and both getting and giving enjoyment from it. Our good friend, Mrs. Joan Wydert at the Stiff Hospital in Berlin, has received cards and gifts from many different Maine Clubs. Candles are now being sent to Osaka, Japan as suggested in Bulletin No. 127.

This has all been done generously and freely although every Club has on its agenda many local and state-wide projects. I surely do appreciate their willingness to assist in these much needed international activities. I also appreciate the helpful suggestions and encouragement given by Mrs. Whitehurst and Mrs. Butler.

Alice McGouldrick

COMMUNICATION

It is difficult to ascertain the exact news coverage during the year. Some District Directors reported publicity but did not give amount. Others made no report. Your Publicity Chairman urges each District Director to stress publicity during the next year and that club chairmen report to the District Director the specific news publicity.

Newspaper inches	13,249
Newspaper inches (pictures)	1,439 $\frac{1}{2}$
Number of pictures	186
Total newspaper inches	14,688 $\frac{1}{2}$

To create interest in the clubs a Scrap Book contest has been sponsored.

It has been said that "Radio is the Voice of the People"—"Radio is the People." These are more than slogans for there is deep seated truth in these phrases.

The Radio Division has presented programs of merit this year. Broadcasts: Citizenship, Civil Defense, Care for Korea, Conservation, Youth Programs, United Nations, and a preview of Highlights of the 60th Annual Convention Maine Federation of Women's Clubs. Eighteen 15 minute broadcasts given with many spot announcements.

We wish to express our appreciation to the Radio Stations and to the Press for their cooperation.

Your Chairman wishes to express her sincere thanks to the District Directors and all who have assisted.

To you, Madam President, my personal appreciation for your interest and assistance.

Barbara Weston Heywood

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

servance of Citizenship Day, radio talks concerning the American Way of Life, projects for youth participation with increasing emphasis on genuine Americanism. Some clubs worked in connection with other organizations such as P. T. A. and the League of Women Voters and the D. A. R. Study was made of the U. S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights, the Hoover Commission Report, and the United Nations.

This being both State and National election year, we shall again emphasize the "Get Out the Vote Campaign". Also, we are urging intelligent participating citizenship through careful study of the candidates and issues—local, state, and national. Plans are underway for the observance of Citizenship Day in May and a radio program on "Citizenship" to be broadcast in the near future with the Chairman of Public Affairs and Citizenship participating.

In the Division of Indian Affairs, the Chairman has worked on measures to integrate Indians into the rest of American population. A recent State investigation into the social and moral status of the Indians in Maine disclosed deplorable conditions and steps are being taken to improve this situation.

In the Division of Industry, a study program was promoted of management-labor and consumer—with a workshop showing the contribution of women of today in industry. At a State Meeting a tour of a large industrial plant was conducted followed by a luncheon with members of the Official Family as guests. At a more recent State Meeting a panel composed of leading industrialists and high school students highlighted one of the sessions.

In conclusion, we believe that much has been accomplished to further public affairs in the State of Maine and we look forward to an even fuller program during this election year.

Beatrice Bernard Center



VOTE NOVEMBER 4

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HOME

Meetings on Old China and Glass, Wedgewood, New Pine, Rug, Collecting Antiques, Favorite Brica-Brac, the Popular Country Painting and Arts and Crafts have had their appeal.

Only a few meetings were held on Mothercraft and Family Living. These are closely related and of vital importance today. Probably more meetings have been held but by a title that was not interpreted as of this division. The younger members would be especially interested in this topic.

One meeting which was reported more fully than others was of especial interest to me. They took the general topic of "American Home of Today." It was opened with a resume of a speech given by Dr. H. L. Smith at the convention in Hollywood, Florida. Material from the Geeral Federation was also used—"Family Living Today" and "Each Home of Today a Workshop for Building Citizens of Tomorrow." The following articles from the Better Homes and Garden magazine were used: "What the Teacher Will Never Tell You," "Who says Teasing's Funny," and "Is Your Child Glued to T.V., Radio, Movies, and Comics."

It is earnestly hoped that another year we, as a Department, will be able to function better, to assist the clubs more, and to carry out whatever plans the National Department may propose, so Maine will have a good showing.

I want to thank all who have helped in any way to carry out this program. It has been a pleasure to work with you, and I am looking forward to another year.

Mrs. George Lord

INTERNATIONAL

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Woman's Educational and Industrial Union of Saco, who was a guest of Mrs. Beggs herself.

Your Department of International Relations hopes that the 111 clubs will continue their interest in the coming year; and that the other clubs will make room in their programs for some one of the many phases in International Relations—with particular emphasis on observance of the 8th anniversary of United Nations during October, 1952.

Myrtis E. S. Peterson

YOUTH

ETA, town officials and pastors in a survey to study the problem of drug addiction among youth. It is to be hoped that other clubs will follow their example. When you have completed the survey of conditions in your town, you are then ready to consider laws suitable for your town. The GFWC offers an outline of an ordinance, but each town will want to write its own. Your Youth Conservation Committee hopes to help promote further survey and study into the narcotics problem, and help every club to spearhead a movement in its locality. We have laid the groundwork, and we must not slacken our efforts until we have prepared our community to meet and overcome the evil of narcotics peddling if it should appear.

At the beginning of the club year, I asked that each clubwoman in thinking of Youth Conservation to take as her slogan: "Youth is My Concern". In what ways can you and your club in the coming year help to further our Youth Conservation program?

What recreation facilities does your town offer Youth? Do your schools encourage hobby groups? More and more we realize that preparation for leisure time should begin in Youth.

Do you have potential youth leaders in your community, who lack the means for training? It would be a fine investment if you would send a boy or girl to scout leader's training schools and or to any of the excellent camps maintained by churches, Y. W. C. A.'s and Y. M. C. A.'s.

Find out about the American Red Cross Water Safety course, First Aid and Accident Prevention program. Could you sponsor one of these?

Please see that your clubs make use of the very excellent materials provided by the GFWC. No club can do all the things suggested, and you are not expected to. However, I am sure you will find many suggestions applicable to your own specific needs.

I consider it a rare privilege to have served on this committee with the many fine clubwomen who have contributed so much to the success of the Youth Conservation program.

Isabel C. Cudhea

ARTS

Two literature contests were successfully conducted by the chairman. The first was an essay contest for High School seniors with the subject of Maine's Historical Background. The second, a contest open to club women consisted of two parts, a nature lyric to be submitted in one and a Japanese hohku in the other. Outstanding judges were secured: Jessie Freeman, poetess, Catherine Cates, President of Maine Poetry Fellowship and Dr. Israel Newman, writer. First and second prizes were awarded in each case.

A hope that some help could be given to schools was justified with one club contributing \$100 to a High School music department and another giving an award to a worthy senior.

Innumerable musical selections were a part of programs everywhere. One club sponsored an operetta. Music for the conferences were planned by the chairman.

It has been pleasant to have willing and helpful chairmen. The many good reports sent in by District Directors were appreciated.

Mrs. Allen W. Gillette

VETERANS

though often times of no great value, are of no use to these men. So in the future we are asked to send checks made payable to the Veterans Canteen Service.

I would like especially to mention that Districts 12 and 1 are very near 100% in giving. Other Districts having reported are 13 and 3. Other gifts have been received from Districts which haven't reported as yet. I have tried to write a thank you to each club, but in case I have missed you, please accept my thanks at this time. Also I want to pass along the sincere thanks of the State School, to those clubs which have sent donations to the girls.

At the last Committee meeting at Togus, television was discussed for the patients. We may be asked for contributions of money only sometime in the future, for this project. Also the need is still great for more Gray Ladies.

Thank you all for your generous contributions and may we do more for those who have given so much for us.

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What Conservation Means

Dear Maine Clubwomen,

The General Federation of Women's Clubs, through its committee on Conservation of Natural Resources, recently announced the prize winners in the nation-wide essay contest on "Clean Waters for Our Town". Mrs. Charles E. Langley of Camden, N. J., took first honors in the contest which drew entries from 30 states and thousands of essays.

Second prize went to Mrs. W. C. Claybaugh, West Bend, Wis., and third prize was given to Mrs. Vere Richards of Seattle, Wash. Honorable mention went to Mrs. F. H. Trimble, La Junta, Col., Mrs. Jack Year-out, Wapato, Wash., and Mrs. W. C. Grimes of California, Penna.

The pollution problem is not yet solved. Domestic and industrial wastes continue to pour into our waters without treatment. The public has not been sufficiently aroused to offer more feeble protests. There are of course many exceptions but they only emphasize the need for greater public clamor against this contamination and the need for its correction. Slowly, however, the Water Pollution Control Division of the U. S. Public Health Service, cooperating with state agencies and private groups, is bringing home to the American people the shocking results that are sure to follow an increasing load of pollution.

Demands upon industry are increasing to take care of our defense effort and to supply the ever-increasing number of people in cities and towns.

In a recent publication the Public Health Service said: "Water is one of our great natural resources; without it we could not exist. Our bodies need it as much as our industries do. We drink it and are refreshed. We wash in it and are clean. We swim in it and are exhilarated. Our livestock drink it and thrive. We fish in it for sport and for profit. We build homes near it for aesthetic satisfaction. We build factories near it for the transportation routes it offers and because so many industrial processes require it. Clean water is life-giving, yet—hardly any of our nation's water sources are free of pollution."

The Federal Pollution control act of 1948 was extended until June 30, 1956, by Congress in the final days of its second session. It was due to expire next June 30.

The original Taft-Barkley Act provides federal assistance to the states for a period of five years in studying pollution problems and in assisting them in cleaning up their polluted streams. Appropriations totaling \$135,000,000 were authorized during the period, but Congress actually has provided less than \$10,000,000. In spite of the limited authority given the Public Health Service by this act and the meager funds that have been granted for its administration, the states with federal assistance have made much progress since the passage of the law in restoring streams to usefulness for recreation, fish, wild life and industry. Extension of the law reflects growing concern over the pollution evil and widespread satisfaction with the job that has been done to date by the Public Health Service.

We hope every clubwoman will make it her business to have clean water for her town or city.

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 - a. Causes of inflation in the American economy.
 - b. History of economic changes since 1939.
 - c. Voluntary controls necessary in controlling inflation.
 - d. Problems of the federal, state and local governments in controlling inflation.

Source of Material:

Office of Price Stabilization, Washington, D. C.
National Manufacturers Association, New York City, N. Y.

American Assembly, Columbia University, New York City, N. Y.

2. Development of individual responsibility for controlling the price spiral.

- a. Better market skills and preserving foods, emphasizing basic elements of a good diet.

Source of Material:

The Newer Knowledge of Nutrition, E. V. McCollum, Mac Millan Co.

Foundation of Nutrition, Mary Rose Swartz

The U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. (for lists)

3. Better management of time and money.

- a. Spending
 - b. Saving
 - c. Investment.

Source of Material:

What Every Woman Should Know About Investing.

Woman's Club Service Bureau.

16 East 41st St., N. Y. 17, N. Y.

How to Live Within Your Income

J. K. Lasser and Sylvia Porter, Simon and Schuster.

Family Budgeting

Family Welfare Association of America.

122 East 22nd Street.

New York 10, N. Y.

Money Management, Your Shopping Dollar.

Time Management for Home Makers.

Household Finance Corporation.

919 North Michigan Avenue

Chicago 11, Illinois

4. More careful purchase and care of clothing

Source of Material:

American Standards Association

70 East 45th St., N. Y. 17, N. Y.

5. Study of legislation which directly affects the consumer and write to Congressmen to promote action benefiting the consumer.

Mrs. Gilbert Loebs

GFWC Chairman

divisions: Soil and Water, Forests and Recreation, Minerals and Wild Life.

We would like to have each club appoint a chairman of Conservation at the beginning of the club year, and have one Conservation program on your club calendar. General Federation Headquarters in Washington has excellent educational material which it distributes free of charge to members clubs.

As soon as the newly appointed division chairmen prepare their programs, I shall have material available for distribution.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Carroll R. Stone

MFWC Chairman of Conservation

IN MEMORIAM

MAUDE CLARK GAY

of Waldoboro

President of the

Maine Federation of Women's Clubs 1937 - 1939

SAFETY CONTEST

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4. Cooperation of city officials and other organizations.

5. Submission of written contest report before deadline, accompanied by a scrapbook of publicity clippings, correspondence, or other exhibits.

The contest report should be typewritten and double spaced on one side of the paper only. The name of the club and the name and address of the person submitting the report should be placed in the upper right corner of the first page. Scrap books need not be elaborate but should be as complete as possible. All entries must be received in the General Federation Headquarters, 1734 N Street N. W., Washington, D. C. addressed to the Traffic Safety Contest on or before April 15, 1953.

Every club in the Federation should submit an entry in this year's Traffic Safety Contest.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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issue of the "News" so I shall leave it to her to give you the information of how and why you should each be taking an active part in this campaign.

Mrs. Ernest Tupper, chairman of Education, sent out her program and aims in the field of Public Education back in the Spring. This was to make it possible for clubs to work it into their club program schedule. Each of us can take part in this program by visiting schools at least once during this year. It is hoped that as many as five thousand clubwomen will visit some school in Maine this year. Much is being written today about schools and our educational systems. Some is propaganda, some may be true. Do not be a person ready to pass on criticism without facts. Know our schools. Please do not be numbered among those "sincere people who don't know" but who criticize, nevertheless.

With the "Preservation of our American Heritage", the aim of this Crusade of Americanism, our own Maine Federation theme, "Home-maker and Citizen—A Dual Responsibility", still can be our inspiration. Our homes can and must be the wellspring of all that is good.

Our American Home chairman has asked that we join other federated clubs everywhere in observing the week of November 22-29 as American Home Week, with Sunday, November 22, as a special "We Worship Together" Sunday. This is a particularly fitting time for such an observation—Thanksgiving week, when in the early days here in New England families took time amid toil, hardships, and sorrows, to give especial consideration to their blessings and with great faith for the future gave thanks to God.

May this holiday season be rich with blessings and close family associations for you all.

Sincerely yours,

Doris L. Cushman

JUNIOR LEAGUE

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The Ways and Means Committee had charge of the arrangements. Each girl tried to arrange three tables, as well as furnish either cup cakes or sandwiches for refreshments. Coffee was donated by a local restaurant proprietor. There were 16 girls on the Serving committee.

A donation of 75 cents was given by each card player toward the dental clinics. Expenses entailed were ads in the local paper, the fee for the hall and prizes of a plant for each table. Door prizes and one special prize were donated by seven different business concerns. This was all organized and carried out before the first regular meeting of the club year.

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brief patriotic program. The women will go out from there to pick up the people whom they have contacted before and take them to the polls. "A trained staff of baby sitters will also be available". Mrs. Ahlgren explained.

"Another responsibility we have is that of the American home. The American home once made America but it seems to have gone out with the horse and buggy. The American home is the foundation of our American life. We in the federation are stressing daily Bible readings, family prayers, grace at meals, and family attendance at church every Sunday. We need to bring honesty, integrity and honor back into the American home. If we fail to practice it at home, how can we expect to get it in government?" she asked. "Unless we are dedicated to freedom and honor above all else", Mrs. Ahlgren pointed out, "we will not survive no matter how strong or productive we become."

The General Federation of Women's Clubs, headed by Mrs. Ahlgren, represents 11,000,000 women in the United States and affiliated clubs in 40 countries.

Robert A. Whitney of New York, president of National Sales Executives, Inc., spoke also at the afternoon session on "Women's Economic Responsibility". Mr. Whitney said that the only thing to fear is that we ourselves walk into a recession. "There is nothing in the way to prosperity and continued prosperity," he said. Mr. Whitney told of a survey made by Purdue University in which the youth of the country were polled on what form of government they believed in. The survey indicated, Mr. Whitney disclosed, that 68 per cent of those polled did not believe in the present democratic form of government. It is up to the business men, leaders and the clergy to correct this apparent doubt in the minds of our youth, Mr. Whitney declared.

Thursday morning there were workshops with Mrs. DeShon and Mrs. MacKenzie. Mrs. Gilbert Loebs conducted a National Defense Panel with Mrs. G. William Jones, Vermont, Chairman Housing Division GFWC, Mrs. Wilmer Shultz of Conn., Chairman Recruitment Division GFWC, participating.

The Junior Chairman took this Thursday forenoon to meet and discuss the problems of our state. Many things were discussed and each of the Junior Chairmen felt well repaid for attending the New England Conference of 1952.

The elected president of the 1953 Conference is Mrs. Dexter Arnold. The conference will be held at Mt. Washington Hotel, Bretton Woods, N. H.

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PROGRAMS and PROJECTS

AMERICANISM

Our GFWC president, Mrs. Ahlgren, has chosen Americanism as the chief emphasis of her term. We asked our state chairman, Mrs. Ervin Center, for suggestions our clubs could carry out, and here they are:

Appoint an Americanism chairman in your club and send her name and address to Mrs. Center. If you already have a citizenship chairman and wish to retain her, simply change the name of the Department. Plan at least one meeting on Americanism. American art, music, literature and drama should be stressed. Strike some patriotic note at each club meeting.

Citizenship. Vote 100 percent in the National election Nov. 4. (This is our State Federation project for which clubs voting 100 percent in any of the three elections will be awarded a certificate of merit at the Midwinter Conference in Portland next January.)

Ask each club member to be responsible for 10 other persons going to the polls Nov. 4. This is the GFWC project, rules for which are given in the Americanism kit.

Have your Americanism chairman contact your local school superintendent or school board with the view of having Citizenship and American History emphasized in the schools.

Have your club sponsor one or both of the Poster Contests being set up by our Department of Fine Arts. Rules are being sent to each club.

Labor Management. Become better informed on Labor-Management-Consumer relations through study, speakers and forums. Plan a club tour to some industrial plant. (The tour of the Keyes Fibre Company plant taken by members of the Executive Board, meeting at Waterville, was one of the highlights of Federation history. Ed. Note.)

Spiritual and Moral Values. "Work to create a greater desire for religious activity in the home, community, state and nation." Open all club meetings with prayer.

Urge clubwomen to attend church with their families, to give

grace at meals and to have daily Bible readings in the home. (An excellent list of Bible readings is available from GFWC Headquarters.)

Emphasize the importance of the home as a social center for young people.

In the words of Mrs. Arthur Crom, National chairman of Juniors, "Think, feel, live, talk, believe and share Americanism."

SAFETY PROJECTS

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ducted on a year-round basis and received the 100 percent participation of the club members.

2nd **The Roanoke County Woman's Club** was recognized for its efforts to make every person in Roanoke County safety conscious.

Some 50 safety posters were placed monthly in filling stations, night clubs, road houses, and hotels. These posters carried a different safety slogan for each month. The club distributed some 500 safety pamphlets each month which were used in pay envelopes, at banks, placed in cars in filling stations, at civic club meetings and distributed to homes by the Welcome Wagon service. A total of 550 posters and some 6,000 pamphlets were distributed throughout the year. Members gave 12 safety talks to churches and civic clubs; sponsored 10 radio talks on safety; furnished write-ups each month for the Roanoke World News; sponsored a safety parade prior to Labor Day in which 50 units participated; made a survey of traffic courts and worked for their improvement; sponsored a bicycle Scotch-o-lite program in Roanoke city and county and provided Scotch-o-lite for 500 bicycles. The club was also instrumental in having a full-time patrol officer assigned to the county schools. (This will be concluded in the January issue.)



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