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The President's Message

Dear Clubwomen of Maine,

During the time since I wrote my last "News" letter to you and now as you read this much has happened. The experiences of a state president are many and varied and the Fall is a particularly busy and interesting time with General Federation Board Meeting in Washington, the annual New York Herald-Tribune Forum in N. Y., the various meetings in the Districts, and the many trips within the beautiful state of Maine to visit you in your own club meetings.

As usual the General Federation Board Meeting was inspiring. There were 162 women in attendance—the state presidents, the department, division, and committee chairmen—and the meetings were held at the Hotel Statler in Washington. Mrs. Oscar A. Ahlgren of Whiting, Indiana, President of the General Federation, presided through the two all-day and evening sessions. This was entirely a work session, the various chairmen presenting their programs of work and study. Now this is all carried on under the ten departments and these programs were presented by departments, the chairman of each division participating, to present a very well defined over-all picture of the entire program. It was interesting to have these outlines presented in person by the chairmen and to know the earnest thought and eagerness put into the planning. I shall not go into detail



MRS. W. B. CUSHMAN

on the outline of work since it has all been prepared and presented in pamphlets, one for each department, and each pamphlet gives that particular program in full. Enough copies have been sent to each state chairman to pass on so that our District Directors should also be provided with the entire collection.

A new list of "Material Available at Headquarters" has been prepared and may be obtained on request to GF Headquarters, 1734 N Street, N. W., Washington 6, D. C. Department chairmen with their division chairmen made recordings while in Washington and

any of these may be purchased and used as programs for club meetings. Write for information to Mr. Leo Orso, P. O. Box 1743, Washington 13, D. C. I understand these may also be borrowed from GF.

An all day and evening meeting of state presidents was held preceding the general board sessions when details pertinent to state operation were discussed.

Only three outside speakers appeared on the three day program. At one dinner meeting Dr. Preston Bradley, pastor of the Peoples Church of Chicago, gave a most stimulating address. He stressed the importance of groups such as ours, saying that the greatest power in this world lies with those who create public opinion; that "the press, pulpit, educators and clubs all create their influence". His statements—"Democracies are not created and projected from the top down. Rather Democracies are saved from the bottom up"—emphasized again the responsibility of individuals. A Safety luncheon was the occasion when we heard the other two speakers.

Tea with Mrs. Truman at the newly decorated White House; tea at Headquarters with the 23 secretarial personnel as well as Mrs. Ahlgren and Miss Galvin, Assistant Treasurer, in their respective places of work, thus giving a "close-up" of Headquarters in action; and a buffet supper at the

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Junior Journal

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Carpenter Club — Guilford

Lois Hartford of Dexter was guest speaker in November telling of various projects which she wished carried out by the junior clubs and read the new by-laws for Junior Clubs which were being drawn up.

A donation was voted for the New England Home for Little Wanderers.

The Republican State Committeeman from Piscataqua County, Mr. E. W. Dodge, spoke one evening on government explaining the organization, town, county, state and national. This was followed by a question and answer period.

We held a rummage sale in October and a food sale in November as club projects.

We have held a Halloween party with games and stunts for which prizes were awarded and are planning a covered dish supper for December.

Viola Mithee, Correspondent Mocutoc Club — Dover-Foxcroft

This year our club is continuing last year's project of furnishing the conference room at Foxcroft Academy. So far we have held a public card party. The proceeds of \$110 will enable use to buy six chairs. We are planning to have this card party annually.

We held a mother-daughter banquet in November.

Barbara Merrill, Correspondent Molasto Club — Dover-Foxcroft

Molasto Girls participated 100 percent in the presidential election and 100 percent for the husbands too, if we can have any credit for that.

November 13 we entertained the Mocutoc Club at a covered dish supper and hobo party. Thirty hobos were present and in rare form, which they particularly demonstrated when it came to eating salads and chop suey with knives.

On December 10-11 we are presented "Arsenic and Old Lace", a period play at Central Hall.

Ruth S. Hayes, Correspondent Twin-Village Jr. Woman's Club — Damariscotta

We have purchased two lamps for the maternity room at the Miles Memorial Hospital this year. Our annual project is a cash dona-



BETTY KINNEY

tion to the nurses' student fund for the same hospital.

A Christmas program was planned for the Lincoln Home for the Aged. This included a vocal musical entertainment by club members, and individual gifts for the residents.

Speakers so far have had topics of Meteorology, Town Government and color slides of local scenes. This latter program was most interesting in that a slide of merely a dandelion depicted natural beauty that most of us overlook each day. Florence Matthew, Correspondent

Semper Fidelis Club — Skowhegan
The first fall meeting was a wonderful "get-together" — a chicken barbecue held at the Lakewood summer residence of Ruth Fox, one of our officers.

The directors' meeting was unusual in that both Mrs. Blanche Fogerty, Director District No. 4 and Mrs. Lewis Hartford, Junior Chairman, M. F. W. C. were speakers. They were so enthusiastic that it was contagious.

This month in addition to a regular meeting the club sponsored a public supper with Betty Provencher, chairman.

Mary D. Holland, Correspondent Rockland Jr. Woman's Club

Each year the three federated clubs of Rockland convene for a joint meeting with a state officer as guest and have a special program. We were hostesses in November inviting clubwomen from the surrounding towns of Warren,

EDITORIAL POINTS

Maine Juniors have been honored by the request of a story about Junior work in Maine which has appeared in the Junior Journal for the "General Federation Clubwoman." The request came from the editor of the Junior Page in The Clubwoman. Our story will appear in a couple of months so watch for it. It seems that very few states have a junior page in their state magazines, so we are pioneering again. The juniors of Arizona are the only ones to print their own state magazine.

We welcome the news from Semper Fidelis Club as this will be their first time in print in the Junior Journal.

We thank you all for your response to our appeal for news in the last issue. Let's keep it up. There are three clubs that have not sent in any notes as yet. Remember the next deadline is February First.

Our state chairman, Lois, had tea at the White House on her recent trip to Washington. Ask her about it.

Betty Kinney, Editor
St. George Road
Thomaston, Maine

Camden and Union as well as the Rockland groups.

Mrs. W. Bradford Cushman, State President, brought greetings and news of the State Federation. We heard remarks from the president of the Methebesec club and the Rockland Woman's Club. There were vocal solos by a guest artist.

The high-lite was the presentation of the play "Jane" by the noted Portland play-reader, Mrs. Dagmar Peterson. She interpreted the play in a highly amusing and lively manner.

Our sixth annual get-together closed with the serving of attractive refreshments from a beautifully appointed buffet table.

Betty Kinney, Correspondent

Aunt Het says:

I used to keep goin' when I was wore out, but I made a discovery that saved me. I found out if you don't remove dust today, it will set right there and wait for you.

Come To Portland!

Antiques are a part of our American Heritage

The new Antiques Division under the American Home Department is welcomed by many of our club members. There may be some, however, who will think that this study is frivolous, a pleasure instead of a necessity, a fad or passing fancy.

However, when we stop to think the matter over, we will discover that the roots of this democracy were nurtured in surroundings quaint, solid and beautiful. No study of our country is complete without some knowledge of these surroundings. Because the history of our people is founded on what the women put into their arts and crafts, let us see and feel and touch, if we can, the objects which are a part of the background and lives of such great Americans as Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln. To do so will inspire us in our endeavor, which is "the preservation of our American heritage."

Projects in general include:

1. Visit museums and famous historical places. (Note particularly locks, window panes and furniture.)
2. Visit reputable antique shops. Arrange group tours.
3. Study the furniture or other articles for which our state is famous.
4. Attend auctions. Country auctions are especially interesting.
5. Visit old homes where the owners will tell you about the antiques they have.
6. Get acquainted with your own state and town—its shops, its historical spots. Arrange for clubs to visit worth while places.

In order to carry out these projects the Antiques Division chairman has given these suggestions: Appoint an Antiques chairman or the American Home chairman may serve. Plan at least one meeting on Antiques like needlework, glass, furniture. "Homes of Our Forefathers."

If your programs are already made out the Antiques chairman can look for a chance to get in either for a roll call or open meeting a lesson on the subject. It is very interesting to have specimens brought and explanations made by owners. Usually a pleasant discussion follows.

Your chairman has the following typed papers to be loaned to clubs where there is difficulty in obtaining a program: Needlework, The Homes of Our Forefathers and Old Glass. These papers will be mailed for 25¢ in stamps to cover postage and typing only. Other papers will be added if interest enough is shown in the project. Suggestions will also be given on request. Write to Mrs. George H. Merrill, Dover-Foxcroft, Maine.

A NEW CONTEST

The division chairman is very eager to have many enter the Antiques Contest and winners will be given recognition state-wide as well as those in the GFWC. Awards will be given for the six best articles submitted by club members on the subject, "My Antique Collection."

Two awards will be made in each of three categories: 1. Most interesting collection described. 2. Largest collection described. 3. Most unusual collection described.

RULES

Articles must not exceed 1,000 words in length and must be accompanied by two pictures illustrating the collection. Clear snapshots will be accepted.

Articles must be typewritten, double-spaced, on one side of the sheet only. The name of the club and name and address of the author must appear at the top of each page of the manuscript.

Articles should cover the following points: 1. What stimulated the collector to begin collecting. 2. The general story of the particular articles in the collection. 3. The history of the type of antiques in the collection.

All entries should be sent to the state chairman of American Antiques before March 1, 1953. The state chairman with the assistance of two others will select two winners in each of the three categories and send them to the GFWC chairman, who in turn will select six national winners.

The award will be an antique presented by the GFWC chairman of American Antiques.

Mrs. George H. Merrill,
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The Mid-Winter Conference of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs will be held at the Eastland Hotel, Portland, Wednesday and Thursday, January 14, 15, 1953. The Conference will convene in the Eastland Ballroom at 2:15 P. M. on Wednesday. General sessions on Thursday will be at 9:40 A. M. and 2:00 P. M.

Mrs. William H. Berry, Gorham, Director of District 12, is serving as General Conference Chairman.

Through the courtesy of The S. D. Warren Co., Manufacturers of Fine Papers, Mrs. Philip Hinkley, our Federation chairman of Industry, has arranged a tour of this industry in Westbrook as a special pre-convention event on Wednesday morning for all clubwomen

registered for the Conference. Following the tour a representative of the company will address us. Refreshments will be provided at noon. Busses will leave the Eastland Hotel at 9:30 A. M. to transport those wishing to attend. Reservations for the tour must be made by January 9th with Mrs. Philip Hinkley, 84 Oakland Ave., Westbrook.

The Credentials and Registration Committee will be on duty at the Eastland from 8:30 A. M. on Wednesday morning. The registration fee will be \$1.50 for the entire Conference, \$1.00 for a single day.

Tickets for the Banquet on Wednesday evening are \$2.80 each, including tax and gratuity. Reservations should be made by sending check or money order to Mrs. William E. Congdon, 62 Jackson Street, Portland, before Jan. 12th. Governor and Mrs. Burton Cross will be our guests at the Banquet.

The Resolutions Committee would appreciate it if those contemplating presenting resolutions would send them to the chairman, Mrs. Elmer Burnham, Kittery, by January 5. This, of course, does not preclude resolutions being presented at the time of the meeting.

JUNIORS—A special session for Junior clubwomen will be held at the Eastland on Wednesday, January 14, at 11 A. M. This program will include a visit to the Maine School for the Blind in the afternoon. Juniors will join the Conference for the Banquet and the following sessions on Thursday.

There will be an inspirational address as well as other speakers on subjects pertaining to Federation work. Among them will be Mrs. Ottavio Schiavoni who has done extensive work with all age groups in New York City and who is now in Portland. She will speak to us on "Our Senior Citizens" on Wednesday afternoon. Glenna McGinnis, Food Editor for Woman's Day, will come from New York to address us on Thursday. Her subject will be "Less Work and More Living". Mrs. Dagmar Petersen will hold another "Speak-up Clinic" on Thursday at 8:30 A. M.

The Woman's Literary Union of Portland will entertain at Coffee on Thursday noon for all women attending the Conference.

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Our Hostess Club Maine's Largest

The inception of the Portland Woman's Literary Union dates back to 1889, the first federation of its kind in the world, so far as known. The group met in various halls until 1916, when, at the close of the regular program, the announcement was made that one of Portland's most respected and successful business men, Mr. George C. Frye, was making it possible for the WLU to have a club house of its own. Mr. Frye had from the first been interested in the efforts of the women themselves to raise a fund, had watched their untiring zeal, and now he generously proposed to deed to them the property Nos. 78-76 Spring Street, Portland, and the land and buildings thereon.

He also made a generous donation toward the building of a new Hall, provided the women themselves raised a considerable sum. This auditorium, when completed, with enthusiastic approval was called Frye Hall, and in this way perpetuates the memory of both Mr. Frye and his wife, Mrs. Eunice C. Frye, who has fittingly been called "The Mother of the Union".

The red brick house is of colonial architecture and has been kept to conform as nearly as practical to its original style of around 1820. Gifts for the furnishing have been received both from Mr. and Mrs. Frye, club members and interested friends.

In January when members of the Maine Federation visit us we shall be very happy to escort them through the entire building, which, we believe, should prove very interesting.

Cora B. MacLean

Democracy is not an easy way of life; in fact, it is the most difficult imaginable. The rights which a democracy holds out to us must be earned. Be careful that you don't use merely the words and the slogans of democracy . . . Be careful that it is a life you exemplify. . . . Dr. Edward C. Lindeman

Come To Portland!



Photo by Pease

The Woman's Literary Union includes in its membership 20 especially selected students from the six high schools of Portland and the vicinity. These girls elect their own officers, and carry out projects of their own choosing. They are also eligible to attend meetings of the WLU as regular members.

In the photograph, left to right: Sylvia M. MacKenzie, vice president; Nancy A. Hodgkins, corresponding secretary; Carol L. Clifford, president; Carol Ann Cobb, recording secretary; and Judith C. Huff, publicity chairman.

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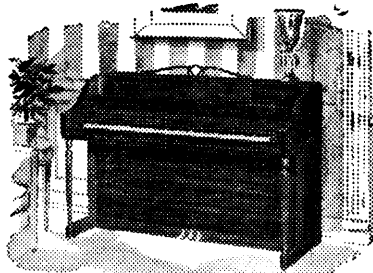
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I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the many clubwomen who made our "Get Out The Vote" campaign a success! I am especially grateful to the District Directors for their cooperation and efforts in this project.

Response has been very good so far and I hope to hear from many more clubs in the near future. As previously stated, clubs voting 100% in the last National Election will receive certificates of award at the Mid-Winter Conference, January, 1953. However, I should like to mention a few clubs, deserving special merits at this time:

The Gorham Woman's Club was the first to report their 100% vote. This was done by telephone on the eve of election and prior to the polls closing.

The Woman's Literary Union of Portland, whose membership consists of nearly 1,000, appointed a committee of 40 women to contact each member as a reminder of her voting privilege. This act was accomplished in each of the three elections, namely, Primary, State and National.

The 35 members of the Rockland Junior Women's Club introduced numerous projects to emphasize American voting but the final gesture included the contact of 137 persons by this small group.

Congratulations to these three clubs—and my regrets that I am unable to mention many other splendid programs carried on by clubs throughout the State. Statistics will prove that women increased their voting power many times in this recent election and I honestly believe that this was accomplished through the efforts of the clubwomen of America. Also, I like to think that these efforts encouraged clubwomen in other States through the old trend—"As Maine Goes, So Goes The Nation". Whether or not the persons elected were your party's choice, it is gratifying to know that WE WOMEN can and will respond to a National Request!

Elections are over for the present—"Get Out The Vote" campaign is no longer urgent for a while—but if we do not wish to defeat our purpose we must continue to be good citizens every single day.

AMERICA is a symbol of freedom in almost everything but this freedom cannot exist without a certain amount of intelligence, responsibility, tolerance and, above all, love for one another which can exist only through true religion within our hearts.

As real "honest to goodness" Citizens of the United States of America, may we strive for these qualities that will enable us to bring, once again "PEACE ON EARTH AND GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN".

Virginia Blake (Mrs. Fulton Willard Blake)
Citizenship Chairman, M. F. W. C.

Please Help

Send to the NEWS your club items of interest. Everyone likes to know what you are doing. Remember the deadline for sending material to the News is the tenth of February and April.

Be sure to appoint a live-wire chairman to get subscriptions for the NEWS and start work NOW! Send subscriptions to Mrs. Frank Merrick, 26 Clifford St., Cumberland Mills, Me.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE

One of the goals set by our new president, Mrs. Oscar A. Ahlgren, is the regeneration of fundamental spiritual values in democracy. I consider it a great privilege to have been selected as the Religion Chairman for this State. I cannot think of a better season in which to present some of the possibilities in this program to you. Only God could have thought of Christmas. "Man-made pageants pass and fade but God works in slower and more secret ways. He blows no trumpet, he rings no bell. He begins within, seeking His ends by quiet growth and by strange power men call weakness, a wisdom often mistaken for folly. Man has one answer to every problem—**FORCE**; but that is not the way of God. He did not send an army to conquer the world; He sent a babe to make a woman cry. The divine method is different. Instead of noise and parade there was

The crowded Inn
The mother and a babe
No cradle, just a manger
A man stunned by wonder
A wandering star.

Such wisdom bends the knee. Such beauty breaks the heart—and mends it. It is a scene to sanctify the world as if to teach us that God enters the life of man by lowly doors By such faith men are truly wise knowing that no hope is too high, no dream too holy to be fulfilled."

Some of the ways in which we, as club members, can carry on the spirit of Christmas through the year might be:

1. Open all club meetings with prayer and (or) Bible readings. An excellent list of suitable Bible readings may be obtained from the Americanism Department, Mrs. John L. Whitehurst, Chairman, 1734 N Street, N. W., Washington 6, D. C.
2. Study the basic concepts of the faith which agrees on the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man then, and only then, can democracy be the dynamic force that all of us believe it to be. For without these two concepts burning in the hearts of men, democracy would never have been born.
3. Stress the great importance of spiritual development in **every day living**. Our religious life and habits can never be confined to one day a week and one hour on that day! Some of the ways we can develop our daily religious life are:

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APPRECIATION

Great credit should go to the members of all clubs affiliated with the GFWC for their enthusiastic response to the Get-Out-the-Vote program. We appreciate their cooperation.

Mildred C. Ahlgren
Sara A. Whitehurst

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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National Association of Motion Picture Industry headquarters followed by a preview of the exciting and beautiful technicolor picture, "The Plymouth Adventure", comprised our social activity.

The Washington meetings were followed in New York by the Herald Tribune Forum, a half day Conference at United Nations with representative speakers and also some time at a General Assembly session, an all-day Education Conference and luncheon as guests of the New York Times, and a State Presidents Conference and "Coffee" at the Institute of International Education. I shall have to omit details as to these now but I shall bring them to you as I visit your clubs. As much as possible will be reported at the mid-winter conference in Portland.

The national election is over. Wonderful reports are coming in as to Get-Out-the-Vote activity by you clubwomen, and nation wide reports that for the first time women outnumbered men on the vot-

ing registers show that these efforts were not in vain. Women are no longer a potential power but an active group alert to their responsibilities as citizens.

Your club yearbooks are received with deep appreciation. I hoped to write personal notes of appreciation upon receipt of each and was well started on this plan of action. An ever increasing number arriving, however, made this impossible so I shall have to use this letter as a means of conveying my gratitude to each club which has sent. I look these programs over with great interest and I want to congratulate you on your cooperation in planning so many programs in line with our federation work. Some show the artistic skill of club members in the preparation of their covers and I wish that all clubs which have yearbooks with individual and hand-done covers would so report to Mrs. Allan W. Gillette, Pownal, our Federation Art chairman.

Efforts are being made to prepare a very comprehensive questionnaire for clubs to fill out to

report their activities and accomplishments. Please give conscientious thought to including every phase of club work and interest so that we may have a true and complete picture of Maine Federation activity. Some explanation and discussion concerning this is planned for our Portland conference so you will hear more then.

I look forward to seeing many of you January 14 and 15.

Most sincerely,

Doris L. Cushman

FAMILY COUNCILS

What is a Family Council? In a future issue will be printed a description of such a council, under the byline of the GFWC chairman. Watch for it!

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A SPECIAL MESSAGE

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- A. DAILY Bible readings and meditation.
 - B. STUDY of one of the many available books on the life of prayer as a guide to strengthening our own prayer habits.
 - C. FAMILY prayers including family grace at meals, with each member of the family participating.
 - D. WORSHIP in the church of one's choice is the obligation of every person who acknowledges God and is the rewarding experience of service to God. Such worship is even more dynamic when WHOLE families worship together.
4. Plan your programs with an awareness of the great religious feast days so that such programs may give spiritual strength and moral encouragement to your membership; ie., a Christmas program should be based on the fact that God broke into history not Santa Claus . . . a Holy Week meeting should prepare everyone for Easter, etc.

These are only a few of the ways in which we can give voice and strength to the spiritual values which are the basis of life. Without them no form of government can be a power to mold men. Lastly, may I say, whatever our activities, whatever our program it will all fall by the wayside unless each and every clubwoman gives herself to God and lives the life that His WILL dictates for her.

With every good and warm wish for the blessing of the coming Holy Season, believe me, always ready to help you in any way in planning for the development of a truly spiritual atmosphere in your several clubs.

Olodine J. Earnhardt, chairman
(Mrs. Joseph B. Earnhardt)
Religion Division, Americanism Dept.

Winners in 1951-52 MFWC contests include the following:

Scrapbook Contest

- 1st prize—Westbrook Woman's Club
2nd prize—Newport Woman's Club
Honorable Mention—Caribou Woman's Literary Union

Poetry Contest

1. Best hokku (Japanese Atmosphere Poem)
1st prize—Mrs. Priscilla P. Shumacher,
Waterville Woman's Club
2nd prize—Mrs. Bertha Snell,
Waterville Poetry Club
2. Best Lyric on nature
1st prize—Mrs. Bernice B. Wyman,
Waterville Woman's Club
2nd prize—Mrs. Marion P. Kierstead
Bucksport October Club
Honorable Mention—Mrs. William Cole,
Newport W. C.
Mrs. Ruth Manter,
Mt. Desert W. C.

High School Essay Contest

For the best essay submitted by a Senior in the secondary schools of Maine based on Maine's historical background

- 1st prize—Miss Christine Gilley, So. West Harbor
2nd prize—Miss Nadine Folger, Wilton

Contest for School Children to promote Americanism

The Fine Arts department of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs is sponsoring an Art Contest to promote love of country and respect for our flag. We hope that in the planning of the drawing, discussions about the flag and patriotic ideas for posters, enthusiasm for our way of life will be increased. We suggest that each community appoint a committee with perhaps the Americanism chairman as chairman of this committee. This group will contact their local schools and plan their promotion ideas for each community. We are having two contests, because we feel it will better accommodate age groups.

Flag Contest

Eligibility: Children of public, private or parochial schools in grades one through four.

Subject: Drawing or painting of an American flag with a four line rhyme to accompany it. The rhyme must be original and have for its subject matter ideas concerning the flag. Drawing of the flag can be of the flag in motion (flying over schools, parades, etc.) or of the flag without motion.

Poster Contest

Eligibility: Children in grades five through eight.

Subject: Posters must be based on slogan ideas that will encourage patriotism and Americanism. Historical or modern ideas in the drawings will be acceptable.

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TALKING IT OVER

Shortly after this issue of the NEWS reaches the homes of the clubwomen of Maine, the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs will convene for its mid-winter convention at Portland. Many women who could attend will not because they think such affairs are "dry" and uninteresting. Others will come to Portland with the intention of skipping many of the meetings, using the time for shopping and other personal activities, and attending only the programs which feature entertainment.

Both these groups of women are cheating themselves! To be a good clubwoman requires that one understand club and Federation work. It is at the state conventions that the goals and ideals of club work are explained. At no other time in the club year can such complete inspiration and understanding be found as during those hours when clubwomen from all over the state meet with a common and consecrated purpose to share their views and to renew their enthusiasm for work in the town, the state and the nation. The most joyous part of each convention is the reunion with other gracious, intelligent clubwomen who share one's interests.

Let's come to Portland in a spirit of willingness-to-learn and of dedication.

Let's have fun—yes, lots of it!—but let's be ready to take part in the serious moments during which the "big" things of the Federation are outlined.



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2. Do not "play hookey" even for an hour.
3. Sit in space reserved for your district.
4. Be quiet and attentive.
5. Take part in discussions and conferences.
6. Have a notebook and pencil ready.
7. Use both freely for interesting data.
8. Meet officers, distinguished guests and speakers.
9. Express gratitude to those responsible for your well being and entertainment.
10. Show a friendly helpful spirit to other delegates.
11. Stay until the close of meetings.
12. You are representing the group; you must report to it, and you will wish to make this report worthwhile.

—Illinois Clubwoman—

MEMO TO CLUB PRESIDENTS

Send a copy of your club yearbook to General Federation Headquarters and to State President and your District Director. Also the NEWS needs such books.

General Federation Headquarters announces that each club president must send her own name to Headquarters (1734 N. St. N. W., Washington 6, D. C.) in order to receive her complimentary copy of the CLUBWOMAN.

Send names of your chairmen to corresponding chairmen of State and District. State chairmen are listed in the Year Book.

YEAR BOOK CHANGES

President of Friends-in-Council, Camden

Mrs. William Caswell, P. O. Box 366, Camden

Secretary of Fine Tree Literary Club, Fairfield

Mrs. Katherine R. Ballantine, 59 High St., Fairfield.

Secretary of The Hour Club, Fairfield

Mrs. V. S. Odlin, 257 Main St., Fairfield

President of Ogunquit Woman's Club

Mrs. Elinor W. Smith

President of Springvale Woman's Club

Mrs. Clarence E. Hartley, 208 Main St., Springvale

ART CONTEST

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Basic rules for both contests:

Size: Not to exceed sixteen by twenty inches.

Mediums: Crayon, ink, pencil, oil, water-color or tempera.

Drawings must be original and free hand.

Contest ends April 1st, 1953.

Judges: Each club will appoint judges for the local contests and will select best flag drawing and best poster.

The Executive board of MFWC will appoint judges for the state winners.

Awards: We suggest that each club give prizes locally and MFWC will give prizes for final contest.

Exhibition: We strongly encourage local exhibition of entries. We feel windows full of flags and patriotic posters during Americanism Week would be very helpful. Our department will exhibit winning entries. Place will be announced later.

Entries will be sent to Mrs. Allan Gillette

Pine Grove School, Falmouth Foreside, Me.

PROGRAMS and PROJECTS

A program given by the Woman's Literary Union, Portland last fall showed a tremendous amount of imagination and insight into the minds of children. "A program for children" was held, with the idea of sharing the Club with members' own children and grandchildren, so that they may know where their mother spends the afternoon when she says, 'I am going to the Woman's Literary Union this afternoon.' The day was a great success. Children from the Portland School for the Deaf were special guests. Walter H. Brent, widely known New England live animal lecturer and showman, presented live tamed animals, including a skunk, monkeys, raccoon, opossum, bear, red fox, snakes, etc. Many of the children went up on the stage to pat and hold the animals, including a ten-foot boa constrictor. Each child was given lollipops and a box of animal crackers following the program. Mrs. C. William Petersen, chairman of the program committee, arranged this special party." (The WLU has a special publicity chairman. Does YOUR club? And if so, why not suggest she send news notes to the NEWS?)

The Portland Woman's Literary Union, under the direction of the Council of International Clubs, is fast collecting sewing articles for the General Clay Fund for German Youth. Receptacles have been placed in the reception hall of Frye Hall for contributions.

Mrs. Mildred Schrupf, food expert columnist for the Bangor Daily News, was guest speaker at a November meeting of the Houlton Woman's Club. At each meeting a clubmember offers "a thought for the day", so opening each program with inspiration.

An increasing number of Maine Clubs are sponsoring girls at Girls' State, and as a result these clubs have been having some inspiring and stimulating meetings during which the girls gave reports of their experiences. Cost? Approximately \$50, including transportation.

The Yarmouth Woman's Club gave a reception to the teachers of their town. Even if the PTA gives such a reception, there are many clubwomen who do not belong to

that organization. (Suggestion: DON'T have an "educational" program for their entertainment. Teachers like to laugh, too.)

The Thursday Club, Biddeford, heard Sumner T. Pike speak on "Atomic Energy and the Citizen" at the December 4 meeting.

"Youth Conservation" is the year's theme of the Maude E. Kingsley Woman's Club, East Machias. Subjects being studied are "Place of the Elementary School in Youth Conservation", Visual Aids in Elementary School, Moral and Spiritual Values, Health Program in Public Schools, Club-Sponsored Youth Activities, Girl Scouts and 4-H Clubs, Strengthening Youth for Democracy, Recreation, Youth Camps, Summary of Youth Activities in Washington County and Juvenile Delinquency as seen by the state police.

SAFETY AWARDS OF GFWC

(Continued from
November issue)

3rd The Woman's Club of Paris, Illinois, called a meeting of all organizations in the community to inform them of the need for a traffic safety program. The club promoted stricter enforcement of traffic laws, protection for school crossings on all state highways; were instrumental in having flashing signals provided for grade schools and having school zone signs erected. Because the city of

Paris was unable to finance the installation of signal lights which they estimated would cost some three thousand dollars, the Safety Committee undertook a project to obtain the funds. The club also took action to eliminate hazardous conditions on outlying highways. The committee was responsible for having large warning signs urging caution and reduced speed erected on a dangerous highway where the accident rate was exceedingly high. Since erection of signs not a single accident has signs not a single accident has been reported.

3rd The Fairbanks Woman's Club organized a traffic safety council and through it made every effort to make the people of Fairbanks safety conscious. When it was discovered that there was no jaywalking ordinance on the Fairbanks books or any laws covering pedestrian behavior in the present ordinance, the club sponsored a pedestrian protection ordinance and was instrumental in having the ordinance adopted. The club worked with the City Council, the City Attorney, and City Manager to have this corrected. Driver education courses in Fairbanks' schools were sponsored; radio broadcasts were presented. The Fairbanks Safety Council, which was organized by the Fairbanks Woman's Club, includes in its membership all civic clubs, organizations, and individuals interested in traffic safety.

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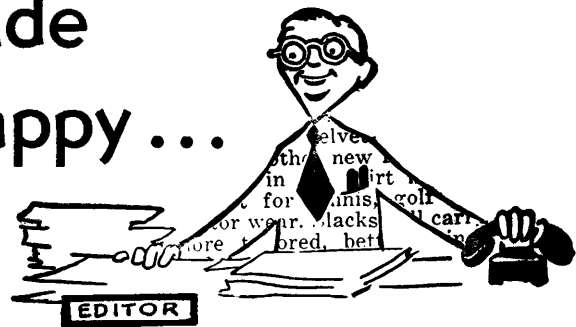
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