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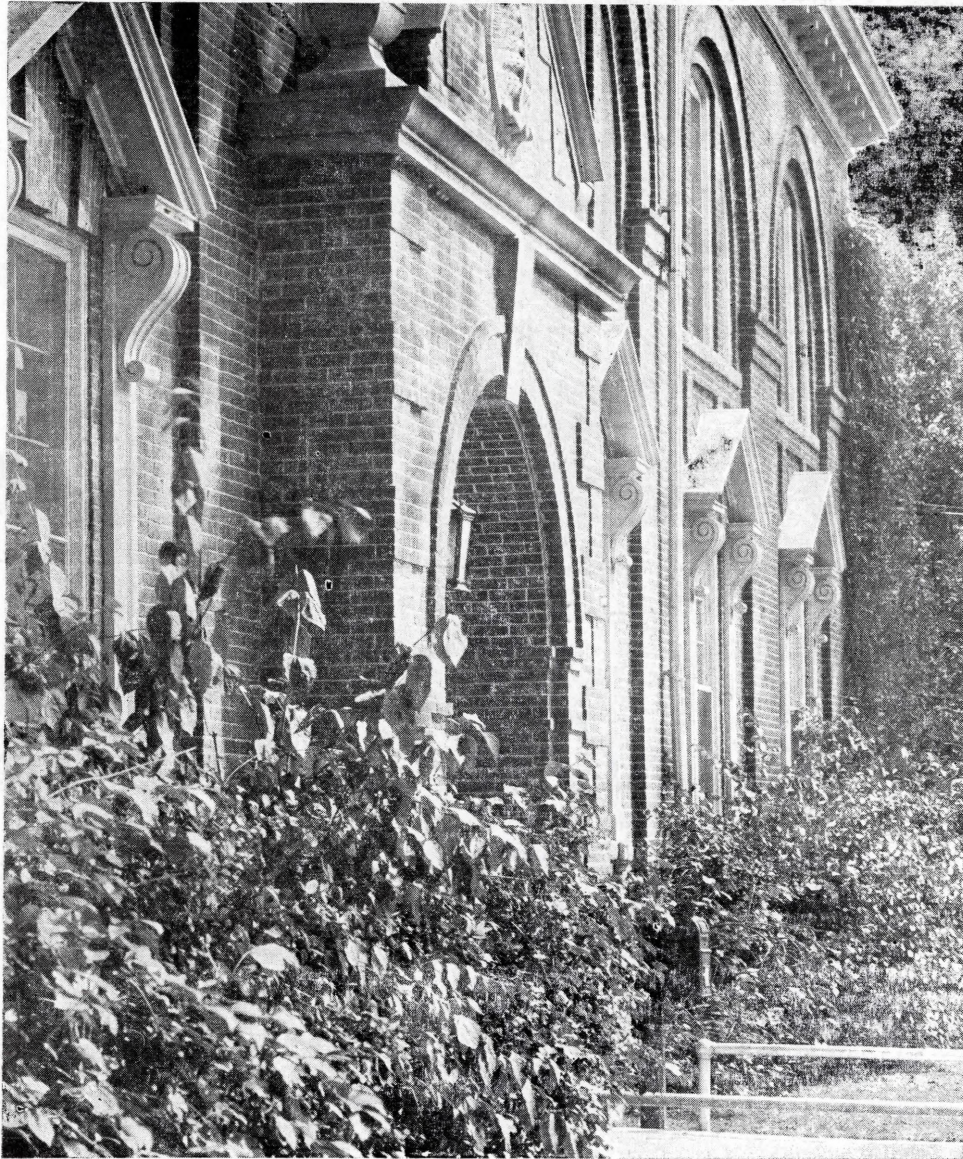
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Let's Have A Family Council!

by Violet Snedegar,
GFWC Junior Chairman,
Family Council Program

"Mother, I can't keep the minutes. My watch is broken", was nine year old Bill's response when elected secretary at the first meeting of our weekly Family Council. I wish you could see those minutes, written out and then carefully copied in the secretary's book, which bears the names and ages of the six Snedegars. An early entry about whining is noted; also agreements about bedtime and washing without complaining; and that a scowling face is taken to the owner's room until it becomes "presentable". Agreements about allowances, budgets, the use of time (including mother's time with the neighbors), the meanings of the holidays, gifts for different occasions, and family standards are frequent entries, as:

"February 18, 1952. The Snedegar Family Council met before the fire. While we were talking, I popped corn. Daddy read about "Be ye kind one to another". We talked about always speaking nice to our family and friends. We should never yell at each other. We should never say "Shut up". It is not courteous. We must always be kind to the ones we love the most. The ones who live here.

Bill Snedegar, Secretary."

The GFWC has a program for promoting **family unity** and for **learning democracy**—and that program is a **FAMILY COUNCIL IN EVERY CLUBWOMAN'S HOME**.

The culture and standards of our communities and nation have their roots in our homes; and it is in strengthening our homes that you and I as clubwomen, do our chief work in strengthening American democracy. For that reason every club is asked to stress this Family Council Program, and every clubwoman with children be-



VIOLET SNEDEGAR

tween the ages of 4 and 18 is asked to take part in it by establishing a Family Council in her own home. To stimulate such a program we have planned a contest on Family Councils. This is the way it works:

A State Certificate will be awarded by the GFWC through the State Junior Leader to a winning federated club, on the basis of,

(1) the highest percentage of club members having children ages 4-18 who carry on a weekly council meeting in their own families. (Counts 25%).

(2) The strengthening of family unity as indicated by a **FAMILY COUNCIL MINUTE BOOK** (or the **LOG** of your Family Ship) having no less than 20 weekly entries. (Counts 75%).

No club is eligible for recognition unless 1/3 of the club members having children ages 4-18 organize a council for family planning.

The club reports of the families that organized councils and the winning **FAMILY COUNCIL LOG**, or **MINUTE BOOK**, in each club, must reach the State Junior Leader by March 20, 1953. Each State

winning report and winning Family Council Minute Book (or Log) must reach Mrs. Nunley Snedegar, Elkins, West Virginia, not later than April 1, 1953.

Those are the State contest rules—but "How do we carry on a Family Council"? You will probably find, as we did, that getting the consent of the man of the home, and getting started are the biggest hurdles, but once started no member will ever want it discontinued.*

A Family Council is an organized, weekly meeting of the family for the purpose of planning together the fun, work and standards of the family. The officers are elected—a parent usually serving as president and a child as secretary. Children love rituals, tradition and formality, so have a pattern of order in the meeting. Business meetings include plans for family recreation, listing and dividing the work of the home and the household budget, and for determining family standards and conduct in the home, the school and in coming events. This is the time too, for family devotion, for making things together and for reading together. Yes, and for fun and refreshments, planned by each member of the family in turn. Mrs. Gilbreth (mother of "Cheaper by the Dozen") says that "all members of the family are on equal footing in their right to express any opinion, and to present any subject that interests them". She suggests having the youngest speak first on a subject, and that each stands when addressing the chair. She reminds us that parents take only their share in the meeting, and that importance is given, not to the age, but to the experience and knowledge and feeling about the subject at hand. Decisions are made jointly on the basis of our religious or our family standards.

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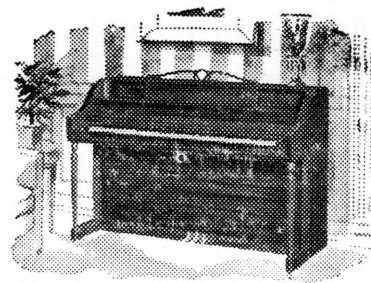
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Midwinter Conference

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The Mid-Winter Conference of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs was held January 14-15, 1953 in the Ball-Room at the Eastland Hotel, Portland. Mrs. Bradford Cushman, our President, called the meeting to order and presided over all sessions. Mr. Merrill Luthe, Chairman of the Portland City Council, welcomed enthusiastically the members of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs to Portland. Mrs. Norman Fay Plouff, 1st. Vice-President, graciously responded.

Mrs. Ervin A. Center, 2nd Vice-President, presented the Department Chairmen who gave some worthwhile suggestions for club programs in a panel, "Patterns for Club Programs."

Mrs. Ottavia Schiavoni, Portland, was the guest speaker of the afternoon. Her subject was "Older Adults and Leisure Time Activities." Mrs. Schiavoni has worked in Settlement Houses in cities throughout the country and is, at present, working with the older citizens in Portland. As this work pertains to a relatively new division in the Department of Welfare, Gerontology, it was most interesting to us to learn the many ways that we can help our older citizens be happy in their leisure or retired time of life.

Six Maine Club Women attended conventions and forums in other states as representatives of our Federation and the following reported on these meetings: Mrs. Frank Payne, New England Conference at York Harbor; Mrs. Lewis Hartford, Junior Chairman at the General Federation of Women's Clubs Board meeting in Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Cushman, G. F. W. C. Board Meeting; Mrs. Allen Garner, New York Herald-Tribune Forum; Mrs. Norman Fay Plouff, G. F. W. C. Educational Meeting at the N. Y. Times Building, NYC.; Mrs. Ernest Tupper, Educational Work-Shop in Cambridge, Mass.

Mrs. Gilbert F. Loebs, spoke in her usual enthusiastic way about

the G. F. W. C. Convention to be held this year in Washington, D. C. in May. There has been a fine program arranged and Mrs. Loebs is making plans that all Maine clubwomen may travel to Washington together. Contact Mrs. Gilbert F. Loebs, 43 Burleigh St., Waterville, if you are interested in joining the Maine Delegation on an inexpensive vacation.

One of the high-lights of this year's conference was the tour to the S. D. Warren Co. paper plant at Cumberland Mills. Preceding the opening session, we were the invited guests of the company and were personally conducted through one of the largest paper mills in the U. S. Mr. John Milliken, Director of Personnel, greeted us. After the tour through the plant we were guests at a delightful buffet luncheon in the club-house. Mr. Milliken spoke to us at this time on ways that the clubwomen can aid the paper industry. It proved to be an educational and thrilling experience for the 60 Maine clubwomen who took advantage of the tour.

A Banquet was held at 7:00 P. M. Wednesday Evening. Honored guests were our new Governor and his Lady, Mrs. Cross. Hon. Burton M. Cross greeted the clubwomen of Maine and talked briefly on the affairs of the State. The Ladies Magazine Reading Club Trio of Kezar Falls delightfully entertained us with vocal selections. Dr. Milton M. McGorrill, Orono, addressed the group on "What's Right With the World." Dr. McGorrill, as always, proved to be an inspiring speaker. He told us that the way to a peaceful brotherhood throughout the world is to realize that all men are created equal and must be treated as such.

Thursday Morning, the panel conducted by the Department Chairman was continued and other members spoke on "Patterns for Club Programs."

Mrs. Philip V. Corey, Chairman of the Special Committee to visit the State Penal Institutions, gave a thorough and comprehensive re-

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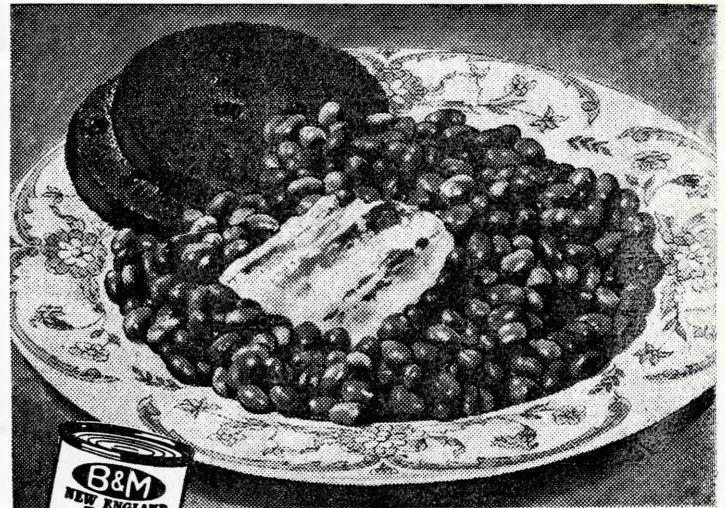


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JUNIOR LEAGUE**Amicus Club—Corinna**

We opened our year with a Halloween costume party with games and prizes.

We also held a book party at which members' costumes represented titles of books. A very interesting review was given by one of our members, Marguerite Smith.

We have had our Girl State Delegate as a speaker at a meeting.

In December we entertained our husbands at a pot luck supper with Rev. Charles Dartnell as speaker on the origin of Christmas carols. This was followed by group singing of carols.

Lois Hartford was guest one night, speaking to us on the by-laws being drawn up for juniors.

In January we had a music night in the form of "music around the world" with music and costumes appropriate for different countries.

In January we assisted the American Legion in the polio drive.

Virginia Wintle, Correspondent
Carpo Club—Guilford

December 4 we held a covered-

Editorial Points

A hearty welcome to the Amicus Club of Corinna for their initial appearance in the pages of the Junior Journal. May we hear from them again and often.

The story, from the past write-ups in the Junior Journal, chosen to appear in the General Federation Clubwoman, will be in the March issue. Ask your club president to be sure to write to the General Federation Headquarters for her complimentary subscription (address is last issue of this magazine) so that you can read it.

The next deadline for news for this page will be March 25th. Please note this and try to have your club mentioned. Do you know that the Carpo Club of Guilford has made every issue so far? Congratulations, Carpo Club! Perhaps your club has a special story that would be of interest to everyone. Can't you share it with us?

Don't forget to save your stamps for the wounded. Ask your state Junior chairman for the address.

Be sure to watch for the meeting which will be scheduled to form new by-laws for Juniors in the state of Maine. Urge your president and a delegate to be sure to attend.

Betty Kinney, Editor
St. George Road
Thomaston, Maine

dish supper in the community club-rooms. Each girl brought a covered-dish, any kind she wanted. We really had a good variety. Afterward we played Dub's Bridge. Everybody had loads of fun. We also held a Christmas party in December at the Grange hall.

Rev. Richard Byrd spoke to us

**MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
JUNIOR SESSION**

On January 14 the Juniors met in session, called to order by Junior Chairman, Lois Hartford. This was followed by The Club Collect. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and the treasurer's report was given.

The Junior project, Stamps for Wounded Veterans, was discussed and the Junior chairman urged every club to send in all that they have.

A report of the Washington, D. C. Board Meeting was given by the Junior Chairman.

By-laws for the Junior clubs in the state of Maine were presented by the Junior chairman. After a discussion the group in attendance agreed not to accept the by-laws as written. The suggestion was made that the presidents and one delegate from each club meet to draw up a new set of by-laws. It was decided to have as officers a junior chairman, vice-chairman, secretary-treasurer, and editor.

After repeating the Junior Club Pledge the business meeting was adjourned. Dr. Kupelian, Pownal head, was introduced and told of his work. The group enjoyed his remarks.

Following this session the delegates toured the Maine School for the Deaf in Portland for which the Juniors purchased a television set last year. Several older girls in the school served coffee and cookies to the Juniors in a very capable manner. The tour through the school proved a very fine experience for all in attendance.

Harriet Moen,

State Junior Secretary-Treasurer

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DID YOU KNOW THAT—

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First prize winner to Get-Out-The-Vote Contest was the Leota Club, Englewood, Colo. (\$500 to spend!) All 48 states participated in the program. The best scrapbook report was sent in by the Woman's Club of Mound, Minn. **MANY WOMEN VOTED FOR THE FIRST TIME** in November, 1952.

The NEWS has each month many ideas for Programs and Projects which will be useful to your program committee in planning next year's meetings?

AUGUSTA CLUB**Celebrates Sixtieth Anniversary**

The Augusta Woman's Club, formerly the Current Events Club, and a charter club of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs, celebrated its sixtieth anniversary in November by honoring members of long standing and past presidents, at the Green Street Methodist Church parlors.

Mrs. Carroll D. Cosseboom, president of the club, presided. Mrs. Lovett G. Fraser, a past president, compiled an interesting history of the club, which was narrated by Miss Laura M. Carpenter. Miss Olive E. Dana, the first vice president, was the founder of the club, and Mrs. Anna Sargent Hunt was elected the first president November 1, 1892. Mrs. H. L. Sherburne of Augusta, the only living charter member, was unable to attend. Ten of the club's past presidents received pins. Corsages were given Mrs. J. Arthur Savage and Mrs. B. H. Newman, members for 40 years and Mrs. Ralph Brown and Mrs. Fred S. Rand, members for 30 years. A special guest was Mrs. Leroy B. Folsom of Norridgewock,

HERE AND THERE

Four very special guests were honored at the Federation Day program held February 20 by the Woman's Literary Union, Portland. All members of the WLU for 50 years or more, they were Mrs. George F. Black, Mrs. Charles F. Flagg, Mrs. Merton A. Lane and Miss Alice P. Whitney. Also honored was Mrs. Edward L. Dame, who was secretary of the building committee for Frye Hall in 1916. Mrs. Flagg was chairman of the committee, and these two are the only living committee members.

Mrs. Jessie Philbrick, International Relations chairman of the Philomathian Club, Fort Fairfield, is spending the winter in California. On her return trip she plans to attend the General Federation Convention in Washington, D. C.

past state president and past New England Regional president.

Congratulations from the Federation to the Augusta Woman's Club!

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- IN PORTLAND — The Portland Press Herald - Evening Express - Sunday Telegram
- IN AUGUSTA — The Kennebec Journal
- IN WATERVILLE — The Waterville Sentinel

"The Poetry of Earth is Never Dead"

(Keats)

The Garden Division is stressing Americanism through projects. I would like to encourage the club women of Maine to consider the following:

1. Because of the importance of food production all over the world today, if possible grow a vegetable garden of your own, and preserve the surplus.

2. If no other way, plant vegetables among the flowers. Flowers always enhance the beauty of a vegetable garden.

3. Have nothing in your garden that you do not know to be useful or believe to be beautiful, giving time and space only to the best varieties of vegetables or flowers.

4. Create a community project to encourage children's interest in gardens. Let them plant, do a little cultivating and gather their products. Allow them to sell the vegetables they have raised.

5. Make gardening a community project. Encourage friends and neighbors to raise vegetables for their own use. It is a good hobby.

6. Cooperate with the school in any garden projects. Promote exhibits of vegetables or flowers in the community or schools.

7. Study plant diseases and learn the habits of harmful insects and bugs to combat their destruction of your plants. Consult your nearest Agricultural College for advice.

8. Trade bulbs, roots and plants with your friends and neighbors.

9. Help beautify your city. Keep your own yard beautiful. Encour-

Give for the Vets Carnival!

Let's do our part in the annual summer Carnival at Togus to give the Veterans a little pleasure. Each state organization represented on the V. A. V. S. Committee has a booth and we would like the MFWC to do its share.

The booth is simple, with a game like Pitch Till You Win, and prizes for the winners. All must be winners to make the veterans happy, so we need lots of prizes! Your part is to help furnish the prizes, which we would like to make Canteen Books. These cost \$1 each.

FEDERATION HISTORY IS NOW READY

The history of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs from 1923 to 1949, written by Mrs. Charles Flagg, is now available, at \$1.50 per copy.

Check or money order, payable to MFWC, sent to Mrs. W. B. Cushman, 11 Belmont St., Portland, will assure you of a copy.

age your city council to see that all vacant lots are kept mown and clean; that highway and train entrances to your city, and grounds around your airport, are clean and beautified. Cooperate with the various civic organizations in maintaining attractive public parks and picnic grounds.

10. Encourage the adoption of hardy and showy flower, shrub or tree suitable to your climate and locality, such as lilac, peony, iris, rose, dahlia, mountain ash, and plant your town full of them. These may be obtained by the thousands at reduced prices for community plantings if ordered early enough.

Marguerite H. Hamlin
Garden Div. Chairman

If each club will send a contribution to me, I will know whether we can go ahead with the plans. We will need about \$200 for this project. How much can we count on YOUR club for?

Please do not confuse this appeal with the regular one made to each district. This is extra. Send your contributions to Mrs. Lovett Fraser, chairman, Veterans Division, 10 Page St., Augusta, before June 1. Amounts received will be announced in the NEWS.

MFWC Pins

Are you wearing a Maine Federation Pin? If not, wouldn't you like to have one? Pins are now available in three styles: Regular Federation Pin for club members—\$1.80, tax included; Federation Pin with "J" guard for Junior club women—\$2.50, tax included; Federation Pin with gavel attached for presidents and past presidents—\$2.50, tax included.

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Program for American Home Day

March 31, American Home Day—that is the date to circle on your calendar. As usual it will be held during Farm and Home Week, March 30 to April 2, at the University of Maine. Our program will be in the Little Theatre with the Orono Woman's Club in charge of registration at 9 A. M.

At 9:30 A. M. the meeting will open with welcome and greetings by Mrs. Bradford Cushman, president of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs. The Club Collect and Flag Salute will follow.

Our national theme of Americanism reminds us that grandmother's possessions are one of our greatest heritages, and many of us cherish those that we have. It is only natural that a topic relating to our heritage should be included on our program this year. Mrs. George Merrill, Dover-Foxcroft, Maine, chairman of the newly created division of antiques, will present "Antique-Itis." She and her assistants will explain the value, give ideas on collections, display old glass, and demonstrate modern uses of our prized heirlooms. Mrs. Merrill herself has a large collection of antiques in her home and has studied a great deal on the subject. She is experienced in the art of collecting and will give everyone much information on antiques.

The second speaker on our American Home Day is Mrs. Clarence Cook Little, of Bar Harbor, Maine. She is Public Relations officer of the Jackson Memorial Laboratory in Bar Harbor, Maine. Her subject is "Your Gains from Research Laboratories." Mrs. Little will give first-hand information on how the studies carried on in laboratories can be translated to treating human diseases. Mrs. Little is well known by many members of the Maine Federation of Wo-

men's Clubs. She has been a president of the Bar Harbor Literary Club and for many years was chairman of the Federation's Mental Hygiene Committee.

Luncheon (\$1.15) for members of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs will be held at noon in the basement of Estabrooke Hall. Reservations should be made in advance by writing or calling Mrs. George E. Lord, Orono, Maine.

Luncheon completes our own program, but all are free to attend any of the varied lectures during the afternoon. At 1:30 p. m. a nationally known speaker will give an address on public affairs (name to be announced).

Miss Kathleen Cannell, of Boston, and formerly of Paris, will speak on "Fashions from Paris to Main Street." Miss Cannell has been Paris fashion editor for the New York Times, has written articles for Harper's Bazaar, conducted programs for both French and American women and is author of a book on fashions. She will have information on how styles are created, having worked with many of the famous Paris designers. No one will want to miss this outstanding fashion lecturer.

No day is complete without a social function. Directly following Miss Cannell's talk, Mrs. Hauck, wife of the University president, has invited all women to tea at the President's house. Everyone who has attended Farm and Home Week in the past knows how delightful an occasion this is. A grand opportunity to meet old friends and become acquainted with new ones.

Make plans to attend, mail reservations early, and enjoy American Home Day, March 31.

ACTION TAKEN AT MID-WINTER CONFERENCE Recommendations of the Committee on Correctional Institutions

1. In the light of some of our findings while serving on committee, and the firm conviction that the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs can be of service, we recommend that the Committee on Correctional Institutions be made a standing committee. (Motion sec-

onded and carried)

2. In order to further inform ourselves at first hand on the problems confronting our State Correctional Institutions, and to help us clarify our thinking on the subject of juvenile courts and an expanded probation system in Maine, we recommend that a full symposium be conducted on these subjects at the annual meeting in June by persons duly qualified to

speak on all sides—for and against. (Motion seconded and carried)

Endorsement of the Book-Mobile Program

It was voted that the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs go on record as endorsing the Book-Mobile program and that a letter be written to Mrs. Marion Stubbs, State Librarian, of the endorsement. (Motion seconded and carried)



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MRS. W. B. CUSHMAN

MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

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port on the committee's visit to the Women's Reformatory at Skowhegan, the State School for Girls at Hallowell, the Men's Reformatory at South Windham, the State School for Boys at South Portland. The committee found that the institutions are well-managed and the personnel is excellent. Any need of necessary equipment is due to lack of State Funds. The Women's Reformatory, the State School for Girls, and the State School for Boys are in great need of second-hand books to replenish their libraries. It is hoped that the clubs of Maine will find a way to meet this need. By vote of the assembly this committee on Correctional Institutions will be made a Standing Committee of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs.

At noon, we were guests of the Woman's Literary Union at their Clubhouse for a delightful coffee. Mrs. Glenna McGinnis, Food Editor of Woman's Day, New York, addressed us at this time on "Less Work and More Living."

Mrs. Virginia Chase Perkins was the Thursday afternoon speaker. Mrs. Perkins is a native of Blue Hill and at the present time is a teacher and writer living in Connecticut. Mrs. Perkins was an enthusiastic speaker on the rights of women and told us that the part that women play in the world is of great importance to the future.

The President's Message

Dear Clubwomen of Maine,

I always feel the handicap, somehow, of writing to you more than a month before the letter can reach you. One opportunity for service which is uppermost in my thoughts now will have passed when you read this. The second chance to help in the German Youth Assistance program has been met with the usual enthusiastic response of Maine clubwomen in such projects, I feel sure. Even more important than supplying the great need for materials for clothing in this instance, I believe, is the tremendous opportunity for creating better understanding and good will toward the United States. Under this program, sponsored by the U. S. Armed Forces for the re-orientation of German Youth, these girls between the ages of 14 and 25 (those, you see, who were so strongly influenced by Hitler and Nazism) come together to make this material up into clothing, and here meet with Americans and

learn much about us and our way of life.

The questionnaire which has been sent to each club president will have been filled out and sent through the district directors to me and to the various chairmen, to serve as the basis of our reports, the accounting of the activities of Maine clubwomen for us to send on to the General Federation. We feel that this type of report should be successful in that it should remind you of many things which your club does, the many "drives" which you assist, the many programs which you have which fit into the over-all program, but which may not have been reported heretofore. Thus, all of us may share in the knowledge and appreciation of worthwhile efforts as we have a more complete picture of the activities and accomplishments of our Maine Federation of Women's Clubs.

There is still time to send a box of books (used but in good condition) to the Women's Reformatory at Skowhegan, records and/or record players to the State School for Boys in South Portland, and also to contribute to the fund to buy a special list of books desired for the younger girls at the State School for Girls at Hallowell. This school would also appreciate very much receiving good used books but this fund I mention is for the list referred to at Midwinter Conference. We thought through wholesale buying it might be possible to provide more of the books. With only 24 books on the list, just a small contribution might make it possible for us to supply the lot. Send contributions to me in Portland. If you prefer to present a book separately the list may be found on Page 13 of this issue.

Don't let the questionnaire complete your activities. Additional details sent to your District Director will be included in our state reports at Hotel Samoset in June. Keep those dates in mind too—June 16, 17, 18, for the annual state convention.

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Mrs. Fulton Blake awarded certificates to 44 clubs for 100% participation in the "Get out the Vote" campaign. This was an increase of 19 clubs in the contest of 2 years ago. May the voting women in Maine increase, so that in 1955 we will be able to report 100% in all federated clubs in Maine.

Miss Sylvia MacKenzie, Westbrook High School student, entertained delightfully with vocal solos. Mrs. Austin Durgin read "Name of Old Glory" by James Whitcomb Riley, which was in keeping with the theme of the conference, "Preservation of Our American Heritage—A Pattern for Freedom's Future".

The committee on Registration reported that there were 230 in attendance. The program was well arranged and greatly enjoyed by all. Many thanks go to Mrs. William Berry and her committees for a pleasant and happy conference; to Mrs. Cushman for another successful and inspiring meeting under her excellent guidance.

Eleanor S. Garner
Recording Secretary

100 percent Voting Clubs

Advance Club, Dixfield
Ammonconglin Literary Club,
Westbrook
Andover Friday Club, Andover
Athena Club, Dover-Foxcroft
Bar Harbor Woman's Literary Club
Bar Harbor Woman's Study Club
Browning Reading Club, Norway
Caribou Literary Club, Caribou
Christian Valley Literary Club,
Rumford Center
Cosmopolitan Club, Dover-Foxcroft
Current Events Club, Hallowell
Current Events Club, Millbridge
Danforth Woman's Club, Danforth
Dexter Woman's Club, Dexter
Dexter Woman's Literary Club,
Dexter
Ellsworth Literature Club, Ellsworth

Ellsworth Woman's Club, Ellsworth
Fortnightly Club, Round Pond
Fryeburg Woman's Literary Club,
Fryeburg
Gorham Woman's Club, Gorham
Katahdin Club, Island Falls
Kittery Woman's Club, Kittery
Ladies Magazine and Reading
Club, Kezar Falls
Miosac Club, Dover-Foxcroft
Monday Club, Boothbay Harbor
Monday Club, Farmington
Molasto Club, Dover-Foxcroft
Molunkus Valley Woman's Club,
Sherman Mills
Mars Hill Activity Club, Mars Hill
Newcastle-Damariscotta Woman's
Club
New Idea Club, Milo
Obkoe Club, Portland
Outlook Club, Hartland

Patten Woman's Club, Patten
Phi Beta Club, Portland
Rumford Study Club, Rumford
Scarborough Civic League, Scarborough
Seal Harbor Woman's Literary
Club, Seal Harbor
Searchlight Club, Sanford
Seekers Club, Portland
Social Club, Caribou
Steep Falls Arts and Crafts Club,
Steep Falls
Thursday Club, Limington
Travel Club, Portland
Travelers Club, Belfast
"21" Club, Kezar Falls
Twin Village Junior Woman's Club
Damariscotta
Tyngtown Club, Wilton
Wassookeag Literary Club, Dexter
York Woman's Club, York Beach

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

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Club work and club membership offers such an opportunity for greater friendships, broader horizons of understanding and interests, for self improvement fields through many fields of adult education, and most especially, for service. We know through our club experiences what a group, working together, can accomplish. Are you at the same time making the effort to share these opportunities? Too often in our own interest and enthusiasm, I am afraid, we forget that our own experiences could and should be shared, our efforts and our accomplishments strengthened and increased.

20 new clubs in each state, and 10 new members in every club, is the goal set us by the General Federation. Whether you take new and younger members into your club or whether you help to start a Junior group depends to a great extent on the community, but do let us try to be farsighted enough to realize that much community activity will some day need other supporters. Let's share our privileges and responsibilities now, and at the same time, look to the future. Some of the clubs which we regret to see giving up their active position in their communities could have greater continuity of accomplishments had the lead-

ers had the vision and the inclination to share their membership privileges. Growth in numbers helps toward growth of accomplishment in purpose.

March 31 is the date this year for Maine clubwomen to assemble at the University of Maine for the annual American Home Day. Started back in 1929 as Home Economics Day this event comes annually on Tuesday of Farm and Home Week. Reading a report of the first such day back in 1929 we learn that over 200 clubwomen attended. Last year our attendance was excellent with representatives from about every district of our state. Mrs. George Lord, chairman of the American Home Department, MFWC, promises a fine program on topics of special interest to us as home-makers.

Extremely reasonable accommodations for over night and meals can be obtained at the college for those living too far away to make the trip in a day. The sociability thus afforded to meet with others of our clubwomen as well as the opportunity to attend the special opening session of Farm and Home Week should be an added inducement for many to attend. Let's make this early spring trip a Federation habit.

Cordially yours,

Doris L. Cushman

JUNIORS

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January 8 on the Methodist, Baptist, Jewish and Catholic religions. He compared the customs and likenesses of each faith and was very interesting.

At the last meeting we voted \$5 to the YMCA drive, a contribution to the Penny Art Fund and held a white elephant sale which netted \$10 for the March of Dimes.

Viola Mithee, Correspondent

Twin-Village Junior Woman's Club—Damariscotta

During January a supper was held which provided us with some badly needed working capital. Several girls helped out at a Friday night party at our local recreation center also.

One of our speakers for the month showed colored slides of the Maritime Provinces; the other was our local newspaper editor.

On Sunday afternoon, January 25th, we furnished and served refreshments in the recreation room of the neuropsychiatric wards at the Veterans Hospitals at Togus. Some of the members also assisted with the musical entertainment during the same afternoon. There is nothing more satisfying than to bring enjoyment to these veterans who have done so much for us.

Florence Matthew, Correspondent

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BOOKS for CLUBWOMEN

State Librarian

with Comments by Mrs. Marion Stubbs,

The Story of Buckingham Palace

by Marguerite D. Peacocke

Years of painstaking research, combined with lively, informal writing, have produced a warm, human, and authentic narrative.

The Amazing Amazon by Willard Price

The author has explored Amazonia by foot, air-plane, river boat and dugout and has had plenty of adventure himself. No less exciting, however, are his tales of others explorers, in the past and the present. His look to the future stirs the imagination.

We Chose The Islands by Sir Arthur Grimble

From his first post as cadet officer in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Protectorate the author progressed steadily until he became Governor General of all the islands. The book begins with his arrival at Ocean Island accompanied by his bride, and it covers six years. A vivid and lively tale.

The Big Change: America Transforms Itself

by Frederick Lewis Allen

A book of wit and common sense that explains how we live differently from the horse and buggy days—and why.

The Lost Churches of China

by Leonard M. Outerbridge

Five times in 1300 years great waves of missionary activity succeeded in planting Christianity in China, only to lose out every time. Dr. Outerbridge believes that these losses were not accidental, but were caused by glaring mistakes repeatedly made. He points the way to correcting past mistakes and recapturing the lost ground.

The Revolt of American Women by Oliver Jensen

A text and picture book of the astonishing changes which have overtaken women in America in the last hundred years. More than four hundred and fifty rare and remarkable photographs illustrate this graphic story.

Decorating with House Plants by Ruth Gannon

How to select plants which will do well under varying conditions and how to keep specimens fresh and healthy is described in full. Photographs, some in full color, illustrate popular and practical indoor growing plants and the many ways by which a home can be decorated by them.

Galileo; First Observer of Marvellous Things

by Elma Ehrlich Levinger

A thrilling history of the scientist who first proved that the earth revolved around the sun. His work in physics, his inventions and astronomical discoveries are depicted with skill.

Treen, or Small Woodware Throughout the Ages

by Edward H. Pimto

Spoons, bowls, combs, snuff boxes, knives and forks, cups—these are a few of the many small objects in wood described and illustrated. Invaluable to the collector, **Treen** is no less important as the first book to illustrate, systematize and describe one of the most beautiful and least appreciated of the minor arts of Europe.

(A mimeographed list of the books recently added to the state library is available upon request.)

CHALLENGE

Mildred R. Howland in The Atlantic Monthly

(Reprinted by Permission)

How shall we teach A child to reach Beyond himself and touch The stars, We who have stooped so much?	How shall we say To him, "The way Of life is through the gate Of love," We who have learned to hate?
How shall we tell A child to dwell With honor, live and die For truth, We who have lived a lie?	How shall we dare To teach him prayer And turn him toward the way Of faith, We who no longer pray?

MORE ABOUT GET-OUT-THE-VOTE

Only one Federated club voted 100 percent in all three elections—primary, state and national: The Mars Hill Activity Club!

The Caribou Literary Club with a membership of 40 contacted 600 people. The report says, "478 people contacted by our members actually voted. This number is accurate and was checked in the following manner. A committee of three in two-hour shifts worked all day outside the polls and checked the names we had contacted from our lists. During the afternoon a calling committee rechecked until 478 of the original 600 had voted. Of this number 50 were new voters we had asked to register. Two pep sessions were held at club meetings and in cooperation with our Chamber of Commerce a 'ride-to-the-polls' and 'baby sitter' program was carried out."

Can YOUR Club Send ONE of these Books to the State School for Girls, Hallowell?

Elephant Toast	T. Morris Longsteth
Far and Few	David McCord.
The Funny Fixes of Fogle Family Gertrude Crampton	
New Illustrated Just So Stories	Rudyard Kipling
Fun in American Folk Rhymes	Ray Wood
Great Composers	Warren Freeman
The Treasure Trove of the Sun	M. Prishvim
The Mystery of Burnt Hill	Keith Robertson
The Port of Missing Men	Rene Prud, hommeaux
The South Sea Shilling	Eric Swenson
Smokey, the Well-Loved Kitten	Alice Goudy
The Talking Cat	N. S. Carlson
The Secret of the Andes	Ann Nolan Clark
It's Fun to Know Why	Julius Schwartz
Lightning and Thunder	Herbert Zim
One Morning in Maine	R. McCloskey
Looking for Something	Ann Clark
Lost Dog Jerry	Tom Robinson
Up a Crooked River	May McNeer
The News is Good	M. McSwigan
Puss in Boots	Chas. Scribner's Sons
Moccasin Trail	Eloise McGraw
The Twelve Days of Christmas	Harper Bros.
Ask Dr. Christmas	Edith Dorian

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Family Council

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"But when do you find TIME when all the family can get together?" A FAMILY COUNCIL is a regular engagement NOT to be broken. Father's business, mother's engagements and Junior's activities cannot be so important as the preservation of close family ties.

Reading together is an important part of the family council for in the reading of good stories the family is close together in ideas, in emotion, and even physically. All of us now grown look back upon the happy times in our youth as the times that the family read together, had fun together, and planned together. That shared happiness was the root of your own good citizenship in the family and now in your community and the nation. Give this to your children, too.

*For help read my article, "A Family Council in Every Home" in the GFWC CLUBWOMAN, April 1952 (copy free), and "Living With Our Children", Chapt 16 by Lillian Gilbreth.

TALKING IT OVER



Your editor is learning that it is a wonderful thing to have two Cub Scouts in the family. Add to that a Girl Scout and a Boy Scout, and "spare time" becomes a laughable term! That is, if you work at it as hard as we do.

We have helped to make a train car out of a big carton, to plan a cowboy outfit and locate a hobby horse, to make two nature notebooks of leaves and bark gathered

in the woods while the boys hiked with Daddy, and to search for pictures of planes and horses and other means of transportation for scrapbooks, and we've attended a Pack meeting this month. Now we are doing publicity for the whole troop, Cubs and Scouts included! And we've practiced signaling with big brother, coached a program for the Girl Scouts, gone on a couple of family excursions, and chauffeured sundry boys and girls hither and yon. Add to that planning monthly programs for PTA and teaching Sunday School, planning this issue of the NEWS and writing a few miscellaneous articles, and the total is about as rewarding an experience as we can imagine.

If your family hasn't been on an excursion TOGETHER lately, plan one to celebrate the coming of Spring. It need only be a trip to see how doughnuts or ice cream are made, but it could be a trip to a museum, or a family night at the movies.

Grow with your children or they will grow without you!

Doris Ricker Marston

JUNIORS

Fairfield Junior Woman's Club

We held a Christmas party for the Girl Scouts at the Methodist Church. Miss Norma Lee Collins, Miss Maine of 1951, of Caribou and Farmington State Teachers College was guest reader giving "The Littlest Angel".

The Scouts sang carols and gifts were exchanged from an attractive tree. Refreshments were served.

The business meeting followed and it was voted to collect cancelled commemorative stamps for veterans. Members agreed to take stamps to the next meeting.

Rockland Junior Woman's Club

We joined with the Eastern Star and Kiwanis Club in presenting a Christmas party for one hundred needy children. We gave a handkerchief, pencil and box of crack-jacks as gifts from the tree to each child, as our part.

Our club president and two other members attended the Junior session of the Mid-Winter Conference at Portland. They reported a most interesting and informative day.

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PROGRAMS and PROJECTS

IN ART

Mark Twain once said, "Don't part with your illusions—when they are gone you may still exist but you will have ceased to live". Creative arts help us to keep our most vital interest in life alive. Our daily columnist, Hal Boyle, put it in a simpler way when he was talking of our modern weariness in kinds of entertainment, "There is as much genuine satisfaction in painting a picture yourself no matter how it turns out as in trudging through a gallery of old masters."

To help us to be a participant as well as a spectator in the arts we urge you to enter some of the contests offered by GF which develop the creative in us all. Here are a few. Anyone interested can send for details from GFWC.

In drama, citations will be made for best letter on "What my State is Doing to Make Our Citizens Theater Conscious."

In Literature awards for best human interest stories dealing with American way of life.

In music, one for the best songs expressing goals and ideals of GFWC and one for the best setting for Mary Stewart's Collect.

For a different program there are helps for a program on music of American Indians and suggestions for one on Painters of American Indians and Frontier life. It is a live subject now in the magazines too.

Play reading is again popular. A charming hobby is ballad singing to a guitar or banjo or piano. Collecting and trading ballads is fascinating.

This department is hoping most of all that you will help in promoting the art contest for children. Now is the time of year teachers have the best opportunity to help. Art supervisors should be contacted and principals of buildings. Give them a copy of rules. As you perhaps remember a drawing or painting of American flag is the theme for younger children and a poster contest expressing Americanism is the project for older children. Copies of rules available from chairman.

Arlaine Gillette
Chmn. Fine Arts

AMERICAN INDIAN

In February, the Philomathian Club, Fort Fairfield, enjoyed a very fine program on "The American Indian", prepared by Mrs. Norma Dorsey. Much research and study had been done and there was special emphasis on the situation of Maine Indians today. The pending Maine legislative action was also analyzed and discussed.

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Note the Guilford Juniors' Program Jan. 8 (Page 12)



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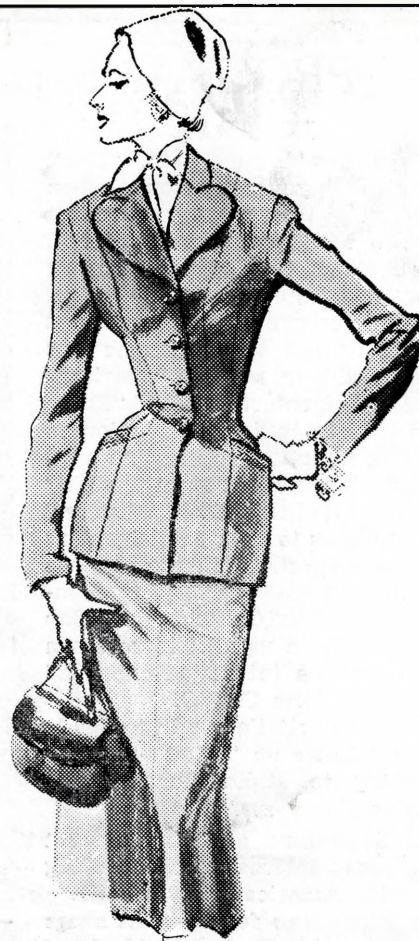
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