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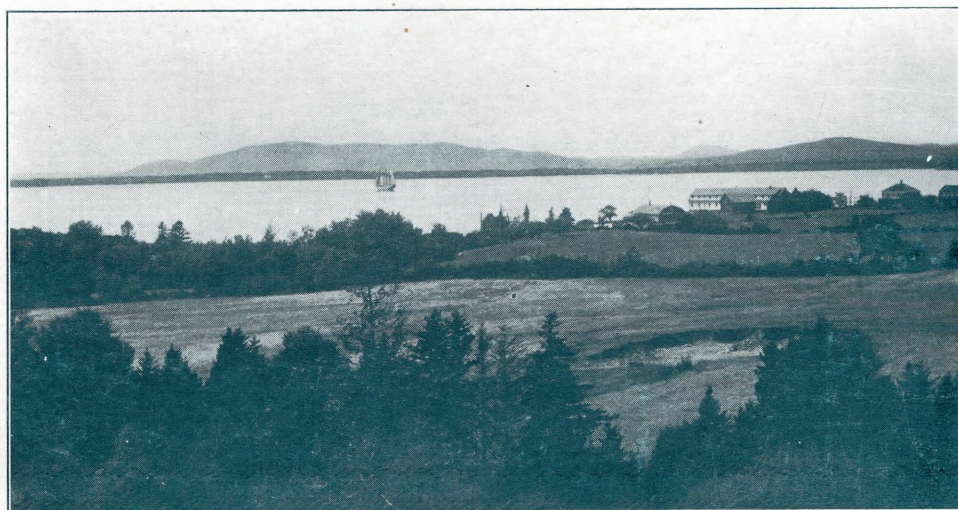
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Apathy in a Democracy

Mrs. John L. Whitehurst

"The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present. The occasion is piled high with difficulty and we must rise to the occasion. As our case is new, so we must think anew, and act anew. We must disenthrall ourselves and then we shall save our country."—Abraham Lincoln.

Our ancestors bequeathed to us the greatest ideal in all history—freedom for mankind. Yet today we have strayed far afield from the ideals and aspirations of the great men who helped in the formation of our great Democracy. Many of our people are accepting the ideas of substitutes for our present form of government. Many proposals are made but most of them have for their basic philosophy the control of individuals by the State. This is the antithesis of our form of government, and it is the antithesis of our form of religion.

The psychological war now in progress, between Russia and the world, is more than a war between people believing in different ideologies of government. It is a war between those who believe in a cold atheistic world and those who believe in a world built on a faith which establishes a moral code for its people.

We have a confused people. We have an apathetic people. Many shrug their shoulders when the word "politics" is mentioned, believing that it is something foreign to their daily lives. Many do not even go out to vote on election day, little realizing that Democracy cannot function without the full participation of its citizens.

Petty bickering and jealousy in

many organizations prevent intelligent participation in governmental affairs. The big things of life and the opportunity to help formulate policies for the future pass us by while we bicker over nonessentials.

The desire to be entertained in organized groups today is taking precedence over the study program. Fashion shows bring out the largest crowds in the women's organizations throughout the country, with card parties running a close second. If women must have a fashion show to keep up their morale, then such shows should be preceded by a program for the dissemination of information which will help them to vote more intelligently.

Women have two million more votes than men in this country, therefore they should shake off the apathy that surrounds them, quit bickering and do all in their power to preserve the form of government that has given us the highest standard of living in the world. Unless we do so, we stand to lose that great heritage we call Democracy, because those who are working to destroy it are not apathetic, they are not bickering over petty things—they are working industriously in all parts of the world, while our vision is beclouded with apathy and nonessentials.

The pioneers of this country fought valiantly to establish a form of government which has for its basic concept—religious principles. Now that form of government and those principles are being challenged by a great Colossus, which aims to end Democracy throughout the world. It cannot be preserved by simply sitting back and doing nothing. We must be on the alert. We must work to promote those programs that aim to counteract the propaganda dispensed in Europe and Asia. Who cares whether food comes to a starving man and his children from a Democracy or

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STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As your President writes this last message for the Federation News before completing her term of office, she is preparing to leave for the General Federation Convention in Florida with other Maine delegates. A report of this important international convention will be given to you at the annual meeting of the Maine Federation at Hotel Samoset, Rockland, June 28-30.

All clubwomen attending the Rockland convention are urged to come prepared to discuss the future of our official publication, the Federation News. A recommendation was made at the last convention to discontinue certain issues, with action postponed until the June meeting. Can the clubwomen of Maine keep themselves informed on the work of the Maine Federation without the use of this magazine?

The response from the clubs to the request for a twenty cents per capita donation toward the Federation's statewide project of purchasing a moving picture projector for the State School at Pownal has been most gratifying. It is hoped all donations may be received before the close of this administration in June, so the much needed machine may be purchased very soon.

As you plan your work and pro-

grams for the coming year I trust you will turn to the program suggestions of our Department Chairmen for aid. Under the guidance of their Dean of Chairmen, Mrs. Donald W. Small, second vice president, a pamphlet is being prepared for each club, and should be of invaluable aid to the president and program chairman.

"World Peace Through Study, Faith and Understanding" has been the theme of this administration. As the two-year term comes to a close, your president wishes to thank all women who assisted her in any way in carrying out this theme, and those who served as officers, chairmen and committee members.

It has been a privilege to serve you, and a happy experience that will always remain in my book of memories.

Faithfully yours,
Maude Ethelyn MacKenzie

Conference Time Is Here!
Organize Programs and
New Plans . . .
Further Federation,
Educate for Peace—
Review Past Successes,
Extend the Hand of Friendship,
Neighboring Clubwomen
Continue Progress With
Eternal Cooperation.

APATHY IN A DEMOCRACY

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a Communistic State? As the mothers in Europe leave their children on the streets in the dark of the night, lost to them forever, due to lack of food, should they feel kindly toward the Democracy across the water, whose people are living on the fat of the land? If you believe that we should help these people, do not bicker over the money the Marshall Plan will cost.

I believe that the women—the mothers of the world—can save Democracy for posterity, if they have the will to do so, but they will have to sacrifice and work.

May we soon find the courage, the inspiration, and the will to shake off the most dangerous deterrent to peace in the world today—apathy in America.

Club Presidents . . . Attention Please!

A club data sheet has been sent to your club. The data sheet should be filled exactly as you wish the information to appear in the 1949 Maine Federation Yearbook.

If your club has held an annual meeting between July 1st 1948, and the time this issue of the Maine Federation News reaches you, the data sheet should be filled at once and sent to your district director. If yours has already been sent in, that is fine and I thank you for your promptness.

If your club is to have its annual meeting and election of officers between now and July 1st, 1949, please have the data sheet filled and sent to your district director immediately following the annual meeting of your club. Make sure it gets to your director before the annual meeting of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs, which will convene at Rockland on June 28th.

At any time during the year, when a change in the officers of your club occurs, notice of such a change, together with the address of the new officer, should be sent immediately to the Federation's corresponding secretary, that the mailing list may be kept up to date.

Olive H. Folsom (Mrs. Donald)
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63 Forest Ave.
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Brotherhood in Action

by Georgia Taylor Mitchell

Had I realized the boundless scope of International Relations work, I am sure I would have said I had neither the time nor qualifications to accept the chairmanship for the Riverside Woman's Club. However, it has been one of the most challenging, educational and enjoyable things which I have undertaken and I would not have missed it for anything.

As one of the initial clubs of the Maine Federation to adopt a foreign club sister to whom we might extend moral and material aid during the dark war days, our efforts and contacts have developed to the extent that our records show that since January 1 of last year we have sent 26 parcels to eight countries and have corresponded with 16 individuals. Where we had one club member serving on our committee there are now eighteen.

I wish we could share with you the very fine letters which we receive from the various countries but with limited space we can only relay excerpts which bring out the importance of these personal contacts which has been verified by two service men residing in our area. First, by an older man who is an officer in our Merchant Marine who happened to be in the audience of a church group where I was invited to tell about our committee work, and later by a young man serving in the Navy whose wife had donated clothing for our parcels. Both had been in the areas where we send parcels and emphasized the feeling of goodwill and understanding which groups such as ours are building up by reaching some of those people whom government agencies may not even know about.

Senator Margaret Chase Smith, who was a guest speaker at one of our special International Relations meetings, felt our work worthy of mention to the Assistant Secretary of State there in Washington. We realize that this must be true of many other Maine groups.

We have had correspondence with an official, now in this country but formerly stationed in the U. S. occu-

pled sector of Berlin, who tells us how important it is that the women there have the moral support and encouragement of our groups in their self-help program by establishing additional cultural links between the German and American women, especially in times of unsettled conditions existing throughout the world as they do today. Senator Smith has assured us of her cooperation in this and all undertakings in which it is possible for her to participate. Radio broadcasts over The Voice of America was mentioned as a possibility for supplementary program material.

I am particularly interested in that group of seven German women from the U. S. zone who because of their interest in fostering democracy in Germany have arrived here to visit and observe activities in our colleges, universities, government agencies, hospitals and health centers, courts and women's organizations. What an opportunity, and we hope it proves most beneficial to them.

Now for a few excerpts from those letters. One of the most important would be, I think, the impression we are pleased to note which has been so changed of American women in some sections of Finland. To quote: "We are so glad to know American clubwomen as they really are—interested to be of help to those people, especially the women and children, where war has raged so ruthlessly, leaving them without even the bare necessities of ordinary living. That they are not seeking pleasure in a continual round of amusements and teas as the moving pictures from their country had led us to believe."

When the various crises were going on, such as the signing of the pact between Finland and Russia, and more recently the Indonesian problem in Holland, they were most anxious to explain certain facts which could not be publicized at the time which they hoped we would consider before coming to a conclusion. Also that we know how much they are depending upon American women to help in lead-

ing and paving the way for the promotion of peace.

Our first contact was in Greece, where as a result of the General Federation's suggestion of adopting a foreign club sister, Riverside Club adopted a talented young sculptress in Athens. Residing in a section where guerilla warfare was causing so much destruction, she decided to take her prized collection of sculpture and go to Argentina, where she learned from several sources that the U. S. A. offers much better opportunities, and she is anxious to try coming here.

Through people of her profession we are trying to help, but to date nothing definite has materialized. However, there is a possibility of some assistance for her if she decides to continue there in Argentina. She seems most appreciative of our friendship and the parcels which we have continued to send.

While occasionally we have included a few new garments, parcels contain for the most part good clean used clothing which people everywhere seem most grateful to receive. A few have gone to individuals, the most of whose names have been received from our district director, Miss Ruth Nowell, but a large number go through organizations and are always acknowledged.

In Finland we send to the Ladies' League of TB. War Veterans, whose president, a woman doctor, also conducts a summer colony for the children of the veterans. We also contribute articles for the various affairs held to finance the colony. At Christmas we included 28 attractively wrapped small toys which, although sent on Oct. 25, arrived two days late. While a party was arranged all the league could provide was a little candy and a cup of rice for the traditional rice pudding for each family. For the party for their forty-five veterans, many of whom will not live until another Christmas, they could provide only coffee and buns. Quite a contrast to what is done here for our service men and their families.

In England we send to two church

groups—The Women's Bright Hour of a Methodist church in Staffordshire and All Saints Episcopal in Bedford, as well as through some individual club sisters. One of the latter said she had visited in Kennebunk, asked if we knew that section, stating how beautiful she thought the coastline was in that area.

Our help to Japan goes through a local man and his wife serving as members of the American Board of Missions. They are also teaching American culture in a college there and have taken two young Japanese girls as wards who are learning of our American way of life.

While Holland is our latest contact and our parcels have not arrived, the club sister who is active in literary work, having translated some of our American books into the Dutch language, plans to write news of our activities in the weekly paper of which her husband is the editor.

Whenever I send a parcel to any of the countries I always include at sometime copies of the Maine Federation News, Reader's Digest, clippings containing accounts of our local meetings and also the Maine Federation column in the Portland Sunday Telegram written by Constance Adams Billings, who is a member of our club.

The lady in Holland marvels at the space given in our papers for accounts of women's activities. Following is some of their new projects. They helped the DP's going through Rotterdam en route to Australia by meeting them, inviting them to their clubrooms where they were served hot rolls and coffee, then mailed letters and cards going back to relatives and friends in Germany.

For expectant mothers who have not the necessary clothes to be used during their confinement, each district fills a suitcase with nice clean linens which is loaned for that period. Also a baby cot for the first few weeks at home.

As we decided to stress Youth Conservation in our Riverside Club committee work we have included more than in the past for that group. Two specific needs were filled in Finland when the two children of a doctor, critically ill with TB, could be supplied with the necessary garments to start school, and later a grandmother struggling to bring up four of her orphaned grandchildren had many of her needs supplied.

After keeping in touch with Dr. Taina Ivalo-Strang continuously, learning much of her background and that both she and her mother are members of Riverside Club. To Dr. national Clubs in this country, we decided to accept them as honorary members of Riverside Club. To Dr. Taina we sent a Maine Federation pin in recognition of her very fine Youth Conservation work there. Her mother, Mrs. Ellinor Ivalo, long identified with and being honored for her work in the Finnish League of which she is the founder, we adopted as our International Mother. And we feel that has strengthened the bond of friendship. Dr. Taina hopes to come to this country to attend a woman's physicians' conference in 1950, in which event we plan to entertain her here. We are quite touched by her mother's comment of what our assistance has meant, to quote: "My daughter's work is her whole life. She knows how cruel the war is, having lost her home and everything. Your help has meant so much to our people who have suffered terribly. She has felt your guiding sympathy through it all."

Our International Relations meeting in February included a broadcast, a United Nations lunch, decorations for which included hand-painted flags of the United Nations as place cards for the table, and suspended from the ceiling a white dove of peace carrying an American flag in its bill from which streamers in our national colors were carried to the four corners of the world, symbolizing the desire of the American people to do their part in the promotion of peace. The Rev. John Johnson of the Second Christian Church of Kittery spoke on "Mobilizing for Peace," and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Grant, whose son Robert is the missionary in Japan, showed pictures depicting his activities, also showing Japanese people wearing clothing sent by Riverside Club. They explained that one of the pair of shoes we had included would have cost the equivalent of one of the professor's salaries for three months.

Now for a bit on our committee set-up. Each member is required to contribute some article each year for a parcel, also toward the postage fees, and to write at least one letter to someone in another country. Funds are raised by personal contributions and we sponsor card parties

occasionally, usually small groups in our homes. We meet at my home to pack parcels, hear all correspondence read since there is not time for them all in full at club meetings, and to make future plans. Club members who, because of illness or by their retiring nature, cannot participate in the general activities, have shown a particular interest in this.

We have presented three radio broadcasts, original script written by the chairman, from station WHEB, Portsmouth.

We are making our second scrapbook, devoted wholly to International Relations work and containing many pictures from people in other countries, as well as other things of interest which we wish to preserve. Many people outside of our club have become interested after seeing it to the extent that they want to contribute for our parcels.

We were very pleased to have the first one to receive the award in the contest sponsored by the publicity department at the Maine Federation Convention in Bangor last May.

We realize many of the clubs in Maine are too small to undertake this on such a large scale, and we could not continue it indefinitely, but no matter how small the contribution each makes our point is to bring out the importance of this contact of friendship and goodwill among people of different nations, and that we try to get to know and understand better some of the problems and difficulties they are facing.

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WORLD COOPERATION

SARAH A. WHITEHURST, Chairman
General Federation Council of International Clubs

Mrs. J. L. B. Buck, president, GFWC, returning from a five weeks trip to Japan, Korea, China, the Philippines, and Hawaii, gives the following report on how the clubs in the General Federation can co-operate with the women of the Orient.

Japan

Children's books of all kinds are needed, including the Golden Dictionary and Golden Books published by Simon and Schuster.

Fashion magazines are greatly desired by the women, such as Vogue, Harpers Bazaar, McCalls, Woman's Home Companion, etc., etc. Please send these books to Japan after reading them.

Much needed also are books in the following fields: Education, particularly teacher training, American family life, and social welfare work.

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Korea

Mrs. Buck is very anxious to raise enough money to bring the president of the Korean Federation of Women's Clubs to our Florida convention and then make it possible for her to take a brief course in social work. About \$2,000 would be needed for this purpose. \$750 has already been donated and additional contributions from clubs or state federations would be warmly welcomed.

Important articles much needed in Korea are:
Comforters
Blankets
Clothing for children of all ages, particularly for girls of high school

age

School Supplies:

Textbooks for children

Pencils

Paper (mimeograph paper)

Notebooks

Chalk

Braille books (there are many blind people in Korea)

Braille typewriter

Books and magazines for women

Used candles—there is now very little electricity in South Korea

Packages for Korea may weigh not more than 22 pounds, and circumference not to exceed 72 inches. Send to:

Mrs. Esther Whang Park

Women's Center

11 Hoihyun Dong Street 3

Seoul, Korea

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China

We can do nothing in China until the civil war ends.

The Philippines, Manila

Contributions are needed for furnishing the Escoda Memorial Club House which Mrs. Buck helped to dedicate. The building is completed but is not yet fully paid for, nor is it furnished. Contributions may be sent to GFWC Headquarters for forwarding, or they may be sent directly to:

Mrs. Trinidad F. Legarda, President

National Federation of Women's Clubs of the Philippines

1011 R. Hidalgo

Quiapo, Manila, The Philippines

Baguio

\$200 is badly needed to start a day nursery for babies. Some money has been raised by the club, but \$200 is still needed. Contributions may be sent to:

Mrs. Praxedes, G. Ramos, President

Baguio Women's Club

Baguio City, The Philippines

Money is needed for medicine, particularly sulfa drugs. Bolts of flannel for infants' clothing are also needed. Send to:

Dr. Gloria Hizon Lopez

Baguio Health Center

Baguio City, The Philippines
Please report all contributions to GFWC Headquarters.

Hawaii

Closer contact is needed with our clubs in Hawaii, that we may know more about them and they about us. We shall hope to arrange a more active exchange of programs and materials.

The U. V. V. in Rotterdam plans an exchange depot where mothers can exchange clothing which her children have outgrown. We need a lot of things for a stock and the things you sent can be used excellently for that purpose.

We are very proud here in western Europe that the Atlantic Pact has become a fact. At a big meeting of the Labor Party Women's Guild it was decided to cooperate more and more with the women of Belgium and Luxembourg.

GEMS

Just as one hides her treasures here and there,

Lest robbers, entering, may take them all,

So Maine has countless jewels tucked away,

Amid protecting forests, dense and tall.

The sun discovers sparkling diamonds,
Opals appear in path of cool moonlight,

A topaz, amethyst or ruby gleams,
Revealed by sunset rays—a dazzling sight.

The soaring eagle knows their hiding place,

The lonesome loon announces where they are,

Though man, the great disturber, seeks them out

He cannot take them, nor deface, nor scar.

Their glamour is enhanced by passing time

The memory of such beauty will remain

Within the hearts, of all who once have seen,

By lucky chance, the inland lakes of Maine.

—Mable Rogers Holt,
Woman's Literary Union,
Portland.

Will You Buy A Dream?

Mrs. Oscar A. Ahlgren
National Women's Advisory Committee
U. S. Savings Bonds

Buy a dream? That is impossible, you say. No, it is not. Dreams can be bought and they can be bought with the safest investment in the world. It is said that women grasp opportunities better than men. The women of this great land of ours will have the opportunity to make their dreams come true starting May 16, 1949.

On that date the U. S. Treasury will open the Opportunity Drive. What does the word opportunity mean? I like to think that it means—a chance to help ourselves; to achieve something worthwhile; to make a dream come true!

Most dreams concern themselves with material values. Perhaps it is a new home, a pair of dining room draperies, a new refrigerator, a vacation, or a college education.

This country was founded upon a dream—a dream of freedom and security. Our forefathers set their eyes upon the stars but they kept their feet upon the ground. That is the secret of success. To paraphrase an old Chinese saying, "To dream and to dream alone is to climb a tree to catch a fish." Unless we provide reality behind our dreams they can never come true.

Our national economy can be only as sound and secure as the average American family. An economically insecure America, crippled by a depression, could not hope to keep the peace that has already cost so much in human life.

To prevent another war, which is the primary interest of every woman, will take all the wisdom and patient work that men and women of good will can muster. We cannot secure and enforce peace unless we are strong.

Every woman wants to be a good homemaker, a successful career woman, or both. That means being thrifty. But every woman also has a dream. No dream is impossible if we are willing to work and to sacrifice for it.

Women's organizations throughout the country are being asked to help with this Opportunity Drive. This is

what YOU can do:

1. Volunteer your services to the local Savings Bond committee at once.

2. Buy a bond and urge your friends to buy. Personal solicitation is the best way to sell bonds.

3. Have a Savings Bond speaker at your meetings and distribute material.

4. Support and endorse the Bond-a-Month and Payroll Savings Plan.

Buy Savings Bonds today! You can get your money whenever you want it, without delay. You will have peace of mind because your investment is always going up. Become a partner of Uncle Sam, cooperate to

build a prosperous and stable America, and make your dreams come true!

The Woman's Club of Guilford is very happy to endorse the candidacy of Mrs. Anne Mills of Milo for the office of Treasurer of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Mabel Johnston, President
Mildred Cunningham, Secretary

The Ellsworth Woman's Club is very happy to endorse the candidacy of Mrs. Milo B. Clarke for Recording Secretary of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs.

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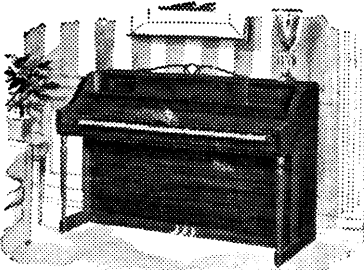
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That is the reason our GFWC has taken as its conservation theme: "Every clubwoman must know the conservation status and needs of her own community."

How can we accomplish this? Through observation, study, and better information on the natural resources in America, and how they affect our daily life and what we can do to promote conservation.

We must begin studying our own town and community. What natural resources we depend upon for our existence and livelihood. Do we find many have been depleted or are being depleted? Then we must make a study of ways and means by which they can be kept producing and can be renewed.

When we are better informed upon our national resources we should share our knowledge with others.

1. Giving talks before church societies, women's and men's organizations, business groups and all youth and children's groups.

2. Show movies and slides on conservation to all groups, including deaf groups.

3. Field trips to nearby conservation projects.

4. Invite groups to our own gardens, farms, plantations, groves, forests, etc., so they may see and have explained correct conservation methods and forest management.

5. Hold all-day conservation conferences and workshops with local conservationists speaking, and in cooperation with State Agricultural Department, U. S. Forest Service, U. S. Soil Conservation Service and state colleges.

6. Book reviews of current books on conservation, such as: *Mababar Farm* by Luis Broomfield, *Our Plundered Planet* by Fair Field Osborn, and *Road to Survival* by William Vogt.

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The American Home Club Project of the General Federation of Women's Clubs

The Orono Women's Club, the Ellsworth Women's Club and the Pierian Club of Presque Isle answered the National Federation's request for a series of pictures typical of Maine family life. These pictures will be shown throughout the United States and then abroad so that people may see us as we really are in our homes, and learn about our interests and hobbies.

I wish to express my appreciation to the families who were willing to represent Maine in these pictures of states; to the women who planned and supervised the pictures and to the clubs who financed them.

The family of Dr. Edward Dow, faculty member of the University of Maine, was the Orono Women's Club's choice. The work was under the direction of Mrs. Harold Swift, editor of the Maine Federation News and Yearbook.

Mr. and Mrs. Dow are natives of Maine. Dr. Dow was graduated from Bowdoin College in 1925. Later he received his M. A. and Ph. D. degrees from Harvard University. He began his teaching at Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, going from there to Dartmouth College, at Hanover, N. H. In 1929 he came to the University of Maine, where he has been head of the department of history and government since 1932. From 1941-1946 Mr. Dow was chairman of the State of Maine Personnel Board and from 1942-1946 he was chairman of the State Employees' Retirement System. Since 1942 he has served as a trial justice of Penobscot County. He has contributed numerous articles on government to professional journals and encyclopedias. Mr. Dow's chief hobbies are trout fishing and stamp collecting.

Mrs. Dow was graduated from Gorham State Teacher's College in 1928 and taught school before her marriage in 1930. Homemaking is now her chief occupation but she finds time for work with Girl Scouts, Brownie Scouts, two parent-teacher groups, Sunday school and church clubs. She is a member of the Orono

Woman's Club and the Woman's Alliance of the Universal Fellowship Church. Mrs. Dow enjoys reading, makes hooked and braided rugs during the winter months, and is interested in all of the hobbies of her family.

The Dows have had five children, four of whom are living. Ruth, 16, attends Orono high school and is active in orchestra, glee club, and school paper and Girl Scouts. She teaches a Sunday school class and participates in the Youth Fellowship group. Her varied hobbies include collections of stamps, buttons, postcards, and dolls. She takes violin lessons. Mary, 10, is in the fifth grade. She takes piano lessons and is a Girl Scout. She collects paper napkins and story book dolls. Jean, 9, is in the third grade. She is a Brownie Scout, takes piano lessons, and collects cards and paper dolls. The girls find many interesting things to do together, such as knitting, crocheting, and sewing for their dolls. They like to make furnishings for their doll house. David has the interests of an active four-year-old boy. All of the children like to help cook, especially in keeping the cookie jar filled.

The family as a group enjoy books, radio, lectures, and an occasional movie. They are interested in nature study, and are taming squirrels and birds which come to the bird-feeding stations outside their home. In the summer the whole family cooperates in the care of a large vegetable garden, flower gardens and grounds, in order to have time for short auto rides, picnics, trips to the seacoast, and weekend visits to their camp on a nearby lake. Camp life with its combination of shore and wooded area furnishes many interesting activities, including swimming, fishing and nature study. The children look forward to occasional visits with maternal and paternal grandparents in the southern section of the state. During the winter months the family enjoy skating, skiing and sliding. Year-round activities include birthday and holiday parties in which the children share in the preparations as

well as the participation.

Pictures represent:

1. Picking raspberries.
2. Working in the flower garden.
3. Going to church.
4. Working on hobbies—Mother

hooking rug, Dad stamp collection, Ruth sewing buttons on plate for collection, Mary counting her collection of paper napkins, Jean card collection, David playing with his truck.

5. Singing Christmas carols.
6. Singing with Ruth playing violin.

7. Snow fun.

8. Closeup of "Story Hour."

Note: The Orono Woman's Club is indebted to Prof. Joseph T. Hall, Dept. of Education, University of Maine, for many hours of time and skillful photography which produced such a fine set of slides for our project. Mrs. Henry Doten, president.

The Ellsworth Women's Club selected the family of Mr. Charles Haynes as their group in the American Home Department project. Mrs. Morton Whitcomb and Mrs. Harold Gleason planned the pictures.

All seven members of the Haynes family were born in Ellsworth, Me., of Maine ancestry which goes back to the time of lumbering when pine was king of Maine's industry. Mr. and Mrs. Haynes are leaders in community and state affairs.

Mr. Haynes' course at the University of Maine was interrupted by service in the Army of World War I, but he returned and was graduated in 1921. He has been Ellsworth's efficient city manager since 1941. He is now president of Maine's City Managers' Association and a past president of the States' Municipal Association.

Mrs. Haynes is an active member of the Ellsworth Women's Club, the American Legion, trustee of the Ellsworth Public Library, and president of the Congregational Christian Women's Fellowship of Maine. She is a past president of the Ellsworth Literature Club and a member of the Girl Scouts Troop Committee, as well as aiding all civic movements. Mrs. Haynes also finds time to serve as organist and choir director of the Ellsworth Congregational Church.

The Haynes children range in age from 9 to 25 years. The three oldest served in World War II. Two are married and three are in school.

The family home is a large rambling house which looks as though it were intended to raise a large family. As you would expect, there are always children around, for this home has always been a gathering place for Ellsworth young people.

One rarely approaches this hilltop home without hearing strains of music, for all of them sing and each one plays an instrument. Charles, the oldest, is an accomplished trombone player and toured Europe, Africa and England with an Army band during the last war. He is married and studying at the New England Conservatory of Music. His hobby is fishing.

Jerry and Robert play the trumpet and are studying at the University of Maine. Ann plays the saxophone, and Peter, the youngest, the piano.

Jerry and Ann are the athletes of the family, Jerry at basketball and track and Ann at swimming. Since leaving the service Ann has been resident nurse at Colby College, but resigned in favor of home-making.

The summers are spent at the family summer home at Shady Nook on the Union River Bay. Here swimming, tennis and salt water fishing fill the days.

Altogether they are a family typical of Maine, intelligent, industrious, happy, kindly and healthy.

Slides made consist of:

1. Family group.
2. Mrs. Haynes, chairman of American Legion supper.
3. Mrs. Haynes with her choir.
4. A songfest around the piano.

Welcome Home

After a very pleasant winter in Pennsylvania and Ohio, I am happy to be back among my friends in Maine. While I was in Barea, Ohio, my childhood home, I attended a meeting of Sorosis, an old club of honorable history. It has, I am sorry to say, a limited membership, which I believe hinders a club's growth and progress. Be that as it may, they had a fine program. One member gave a very thorough discussion of several of the season's "hits" on Broadway, with an analysis of the plot, a sketch of the chief actors, and with numerous illustrations from theatrical magazines. This was followed by an original skit by one of the members, very bright and clever. This interested me particularly because the author was the woman at

whose house I was living, a most charming woman.

Another feature of Ohio club work which appealed to me was the plan by which different departments in the State Federation held regional meetings, at which an entire day was

devoted to the work of that department, with speakers of wide reputation. One such meeting on the legislative program was held at a Cleveland hotel while I was there, and was most interesting.

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Ques. "It is necessary for me to prepare an annual president's report. There has been so much complaint that the annual reports are tiresome and dull, especially the president's. Can you suggest a form that will be helpful?"

Ans. It is regrettable that a president's annual report is not thoroughly appreciated. Many times it is true that the report is dull, but it cannot be that the club has had a dull, uninteresting year. It is more apt to be because the report is poorly prepared.

Sometimes a report sounds like a glorified calendar, or a general review of the minutes, and we sit through an agonizing period of listening to what was done on Dec., Dec., Jan., Jan., etc. Perhaps we also listen to all the personal details involved in performing the duties that were assumed on acceptance of office. This diary style of report is equally deadly and will make the members decide to stay at home on the next report day. Reports could be paragraphed as follows:

1. Goal set at the beginning of the administration. State in this paragraph what you hoped to accomplish during your term.

2. Accomplishments due the efforts of the officers, committees and membership. What the club has done for civic and cultural betterment.

3. Benefits that have accrued to the club itself and to the membership.

4. Programs. Name outstanding programs and express appreciation to all speakers and guest artists who have contributed to the success of cultural, educational and other phases of the programs.

5. Achievements attained by the personal efforts of the president.

In this paragraph it is well to give some information of the actual work of the president. This can serve as a guide for the next president and help her until she has charted her own course.

6. Appreciation to the officers, chairmen and members, and all who have helped to make the administration a success. Remember, when expressing appreciation, you are speak-

ing for the club and thanking members for their work with you in behalf of the club. Personal appreciation for what has been done for you personally should be expressed privately, or someone is sure to be hurt.

7. Summary. Tie up your premise with this closing paragraph and express good wishes for your successor, or if you are serving another year, state your hope and plans for the future year.

People are seldom interested in how many sacrifices the family has had to make because of the club, and if those sacrifices are stressed it is apt to discourage others from assuming club responsibilities. It is the history of the club that should be recorded, not the history of the individual, except as it becomes a guide to the future officers.

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The fifty-seventh annual convention of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs will open Tuesday afternoon, June 28, at 2 o'clock in the Samoset Hotel Ballroom, Rockland. There will be reports by the officers and standing committee chairmen, and a report on the Florida convention of the General Federation.

Following a reception at 6:15 p. m., the past presidents of the Federation will be honored at the banquet session, with Mrs. Marjorie Barstow Greenbie, author, of Castine, and Mrs. J. L. R. de Morinni of Wellesley, Mass., as speakers. Guests of honor will include Mrs. Charles L. Fuller of Brockton, Mass., treasurer of the General Federation.

The Department and Division Chairmen will be presented Wednesday morning following a public speaking class led by Mrs. Edward L. Warner of Rumford. Nominations for state officers will be made during the forenoon and voting will take place during the noon recess.

Following the presentation of the District Directors Wednesday afternoon a travel talk will be given by Miss Carol Lane of New York City.

The speaker of the evening, Dr. Hyla S. Watters of Wuhu General Hospital, Anhwei, China, and other guests, will be honored Wednesday evening at a reception at 6:15; banquet at 7, and an informal get-together in the lounge later in the evening.

A Club Institute will be conducted Thursday morning from 8:45 to 9:45. The forenoon program will include a talk by a member of the Alcohol Anonymous.

The MFWC officers for 1949-51 will be inducted into office before the convention closes at noon.

Convention registration fee \$1.00.

Special convention rates for accommodations and meals at The Samoset, including banquets and luncheons, but not including tips:

\$13 a day per person, two persons in a room;

\$15 a day, one person in room with bath (if available);

\$12 a day for one person in room with no bath.

Those not staying at The Samoset and desiring banquet or luncheon reservations should write Miss Ruth Emery, 163 Limerock St., Rockland, before June 27th, sending \$2.20 for luncheons and \$3.75 for banquets. This includes tips.

For rooms at Hotel Rockland or Thorndike Hotel, both in business section of Rockland at some distance from convention headquarters, make reservations direct with those hotels.

For rooms in private homes contact Mrs. Robert Burns, Old County Road, Rockland.

Rockland taxis will be available for transportation from trains and buses to the Samoset Hotel, the minimum rate being seventy-five cents; three passengers, twenty-five cents each; also, four or five passengers, twenty-five cents each.

Those wishing to present resolutions should send them to the chairman, Mrs. Maybelle H. Brown, Box 374, Waterville, by June 10.

This Official Call, with credential cards, is sent to every federated club in Maine. Any federated clubwoman, whether a delegate or not, may attend.

Hope you can join us in Rockland.

Loyally yours,

Maude Ethelyn MacKenzie,

President.

RESOLUTION TO BE CONSIDERED AT ROCKLAND CONVENTION

Resolved: That the individual clubs of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs plan two programs on the United Nations, one in the early part of the year and a second toward the last of the year, in order to know better the World's achievement toward peace.

Submitted by Cora B. Roberts, Chairman of the Dept. of Legislation.

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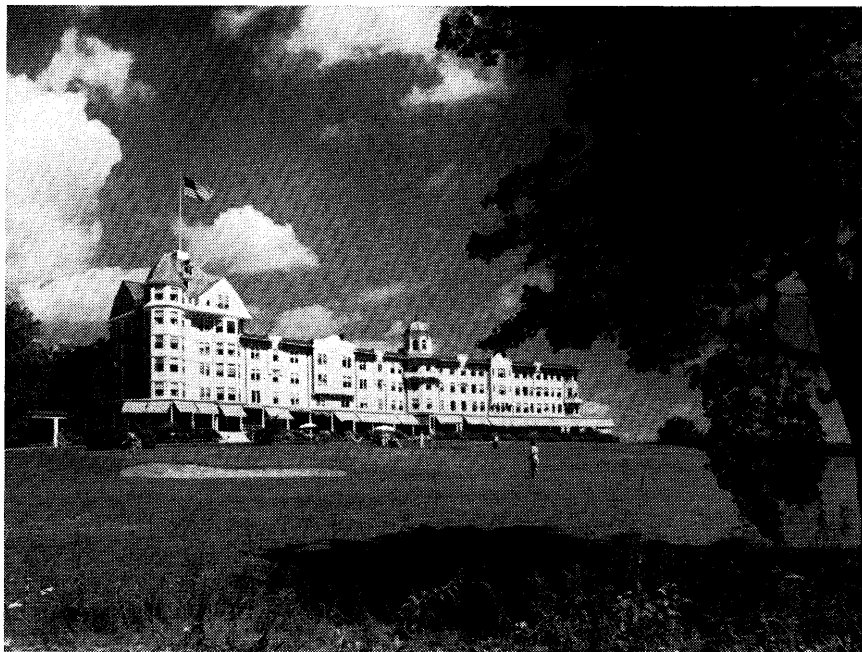
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To be a well informed member of your Federation it is necessary for you to read your Federation News and Yearbook. In its columns will be found reports of club activities, important announcements, special features and, of course, the cultural side will have its place.

In order to finance our publication much precious space has been devoted to "ads." All this could be changed and more pages be devoted to interesting and informative reading matter if our District Directors and Club Presidents would assume the responsibility of increasing our subscription list. They should see to it that old subscriptions are renewed and the constantly increasing number of new members are solicited.

With the publishing of the May issue this editor's term of office comes to a close. The responsibility has been great and while we have worked hard lack of cooperation in most of our districts has prevented us from accomplishing our aims. We

mention this fact in hope that it may stimulate a sense of personal responsibility among the members of our great organization to the end that our official organ shall not continue to be a financial burden and that we may publish a magazine of which we may be justly proud.

As managing editor many interesting and pleasant experiences have been mine. Through cards and letters I have become acquainted with many fine women in all parts of the state. This has been compensation for the many hours spent in the interests of my office.

To the small group of loyal clubwomen who worked so hard to help me solicit ads during the past two years and to the clubs that have given me their cooperation I wish to express my sincere appreciation and thanks. I earnestly request that you contact your new editor and give her the active support that you have given me.

Clubwomen, let's make the Federation News a special project during the next two years. Remember, it is your magazine—let us be informed.

Inez E. Swift, Editor.

The Bangor Woman's Club endorses the candidacy of Mrs. Norman F. Plouff for Second Vice President of the M. F. W. C.

The size of your troubles depends on whether they are coming or going.—Anon.

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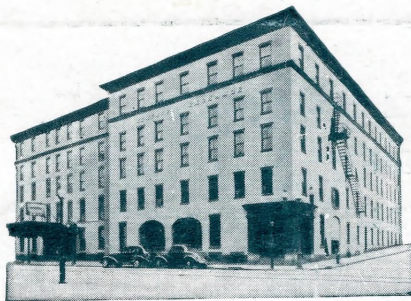
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