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Thru The Editor's Window

My original intention in asking for names of club members over 80 years of age was to individually write about them and their clubs. Alas, there are too many to get information together for this issue and so I turned my mind to the idea of inaugurating a brief history of women's clubs in general, and in a later issue, of Maine in particular. Wishing to know more about my subject I asked the Librarian at Colby if he had any books on women, particularly on women in club work, that might aid me. A half hour later he appeared with all the books he could carry—12 huge volumes! My idea did not look so good then, —but the printer's deadline was two weeks away and so simply and briefly I will offer the following, gleaned as I quickly fingered the leaves of these books.

In "Women Are Here To Stay" by Agnes Rogers (reviewed in the last Federation News), Miss Rogers calls Women the Durable Sex. They take criticism and opposition widely. In return they are expected to be perfect mothers, perfect wives and homemakers, and to keep up to date on all public affairs, books, art, etc. From early history woman has had ups and downs, some eras and countries placing her on a pedestal and others degrading and brutally treating her. Through all those centuries of which time and space will not permit even a brief review here, she has gradually achieved her present place in the civilized world. In the late 80's here in America, she was ready for the forming of what became the basis of our modern Federation of Women's Clubs.

In the early 50's groups of women formed for various purposes. In some towns it was for permission to attend colleges such as Brown, Columbia, Harvard and others, where they had heretofore been barred. Other groups stressed the Consumer's League, the militant W.C.T.U., while still others gathered for the study of Shakespeare and/or written works of the day. An Englishman, looking us over about this time is quoted in Elizabeth McCracken's "The Women of America" as saying "the most American thing in all America is the American women's club."

The early clubs were of two kinds—the cultural variety, with intellectual improvement its main object, and those which were formed for community betterment in its various aspects.

Some, like Laurel Hill Club, (Mass.) grew out of the need for improvement in the village and town, and soon turned the places of neglect into spots of beauty. Others, like The Cozy Club of Bridgeport, Conn., was composed of learned women seeking to share and to advance culture in the community. Inez Irwin says in her very interesting book "Angels and Amazons", "the woman of forty and fifty with her new tastes and new leisure must have felt something lacking in her life when the war (Civil) ended. The Woman's Club came to fill that vacuum." She adds later, "He who laughs at the American women's clubs in those early, groping days is laughing at the American advance toward civilization."

During the sixties and seventies
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MRS. GILBERT F. LOEBBS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The present club year is drawing to a close and I am happy to say that your constant support of our two Club projects this year, Youth Conservation and Mental Health, has been a source of gratification to me. I can never adequately express my deep appreciation to you. These projects must be promoted in the coming year with more Youth Councils and more service to mentally defective children. We will also stress Citizenship and Legislation. May we continue our good works in the coming year "to the glory" of our Federation, for with these works our own vision is broadened and our influence felt throughout the state.

We are about to meet at our Annual Convention in Portland—when we will be privileged to hear prominent speakers. Doctor Frank Stockdale of New York, Mrs. Dorothy Bonny of Washington, President of Pro-America, and the officers of General Federation, including Mrs. Hiram Houghton, incoming president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, will make this convention one of the most outstanding in recent years.

The President's Page

Do study the amendments and resolutions appended to your Call. Universal Membership was explained in the December issue of Federation News. The amendment concerning the rise in State dues deserves much study. Your State Federation is on the threshold of becoming the biggest and most effective organization for women in the state. Its programs are outstanding. In order to maintain a steady progress toward more representation in state affairs, more complete and constant contact with member clubs and more efficient organizational work—more financial support

must be given. Maine has the lowest per capita dues in the country with the exception of one or two states who have less territory and fewer clubs. The addition to the state dues is meagre compared to the benefit which will be reflected in club work.

Plan now to attend our Annual State Convention. The inspiration gained and renewing and making friendships will make this experience very worthwhile.

With deep appreciation to you for your wonderful cooperation.

Cordially,
Ruth Flanders Loebbs

Mrs Wilbur C. Lunt

Mrs. Wilbur C. Lunt, President of Waterville Woman's Club, died at a Waterville Hospital, March 7, at 65 years of age.

The daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Charles W. Bradlee, a former pastor of the Waterville Methodist Church, she received her early schooling in Biddeford and later in Boston.

She was a past worthy matron of Martha Washington Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and a past grand chaplain of the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star.

At the time of her death she was serving as necrologist of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs, and she was a delegate to the MFWC midwinter conference in Augusta in January.

She was a past president of the Bangor Woman's Club, a member of the Woman's Literary Union of Portland, of the Nobar Club of Bangor and an active member in the Arts and Crafts and Current Events Departments of the Waterville Woman's Club.

She was serving as a director of the board of trustees of Sunset Home in Waterville and a member of the Silence Hayden Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, as well as several social clubs of Waterville.

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE

The Mid-Century White House Conference on Children and Youth will be held during the week of December 3, 1950. Its purpose is "to consider how we can develop in children the mental, emotional and spiritual qualities essential to individual happiness and to responsible citizenship, and what physical, economic, and social conditions are deemed necessary to this development."

This task is a great one and will require full cooperation from all the citizens of Maine. Prior to the Conference we must survey existing services to youth, attempt to correlate them, and discover the major needs now unfilled. Following the Conference, there will be the all-important work of putting to use the knowledge that has been acquired and integrated on federal, state and local levels.

The Maine Welfare Association and many other organizations have already extended offers of cooperation in this endeavor, but the greatest need will be for the full and continuing participation of our citizens at the community level.

Burton W. Taylor
In "Maine Welfare Associations"
Feb. 1950

GFWC CONVENTION—1950

PLACE—Boston, Mass.

DATES—May 29-June 3, 1950

CONVENTION HALL—Mechanics Building

HEADQUARTERS HOTEL—Hotel Statler

JUNIOR HEADQUARTERS—Hotel Touraine

Hotel Reservations should be made at once, and they must be made on the official application blank. Copies of the blank have been mailed to the president of every per capita paying club.

SEE YOU IN BOSTON?

We will see you in Boston May 29-June 3, when the annual convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs brings together the representatives of more than 5,000,000 women around the world?

On the agenda will be the election of officers for the next two years, resolutions dealing with vital world and domestic problems, revisions affecting both the General Federation and the State Federations, and other things of inspirational and educational value to all clubwomen.

**GENERAL FEDERATION
AWARD**

In recognition of its work for the benefit of the physically handicapped, the General Federation of Women's Clubs has been awarded a Certificate for Distinguished Service by the President's Committee on National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week.

Presentation was made by Robert Ramspeck, vice chairman of the committee, to Mrs. J. L. Blair Buck, GFWC president, at the organization's headquarters, 1734 N Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., on Friday, February 25, at 4 P.M.

The award was made in the presence of a number of distinguished leaders of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, including Mrs. Hiram C. Houghton of Red Oak, Iowa, first vice presi-

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Official Call to Annual Convention

HOTEL EASTLAND, PORTLAND, MAINE

May 17, 18 and 19, 1950

Registration and Reservations.

1. Advance registration for the convention may be made this year by mail. This will save time for the delegates. Send name and name of club and if a delegate, indicate on application. Promptly mail registration fee of \$1.50 with application to headquarters. A receipt will be sent to you.

2. Delegates who send the \$1.50 fee to Waterville Headquarters and register by mail may claim their credentials at a special registration desk at the Hotel Eastland, Wednesday, May 17, until noon, Friday, May 19.

3. Delegates and visitors who have not registered by mail may register at Hotel Eastland.

4. Reservations for the two banquets and luncheon may be made in advance at Waterville headquarters, by sending a check for same. Banquets will be \$2.75 each and Fine Arts Luncheon \$2.00.

Hotel Information

Hotel Eastland is Convention Headquarters. Please make room reservations with Hotel Eastland or through Portland Chamber of Commerce.

MEETINGS, EVENTS and PROGRAM**MAY 17—**

11:00A.M. Executive Board Meeting and Luncheon, President's Room.

1:30P.M. Business Session, Ballroom.

4:00P.M. Informal Reception and Tea, Sunroom for delegates, visitors and guests.

7:00P.M. International Relations Banquet; Speaker, Mrs. Kamela Asirvathan of India. International Relations Committee will be honored. Moving picture, "The Road to Freedom." District Directors and Department Chairmen will be guests at dinner.

MAY 18—

8:30A.M. Workshops for Youth Conservation, American Home and Public Welfare. Notice Room assignments on program.

9:45A.M. Business Session. Panel of Department Chairmen.

Mrs. Theodore Chapman, Chairman of Education, General Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. Pratt is coming from Washington State and Mrs. Chapman from Illinois for our convention.

1:45P.M. Mrs. Frank Pratt, Chairman of American Home, General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Panel, The Hoover Commission.

3:00P.M. Junior Club Meetings. Sight seeing Tours will be arranged.

7:00P.M. State of Maine Banquet. Preceded by a Reception for General Federation Officers and Past Presidents. Speaker, Mrs. Dorothy Bonny of Washington State, President of Pro-America. Favors presented by Maine Development Commission.

MAY 19—

8:30A.M. Workshops for Education and Legislation.

9:45A.M. Business Session. Presentation of Mrs. Hiram C. Houghton, First Vice President and Incoming President of General Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. Houghton is flying to Portland from Iowa for this meeting.

Speaker, Dr. Frank Stockdale, New York.

1:15P.M. Fine Arts Luncheon. Presentation of Prizes for poetry contest by Mrs. Harold Gleason.

Speaker, Mrs. Hiram C. Houghton, Iowa. "Our Heritage and Our Challenge."

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

From Mrs. John L. Whitehurst,
Chairman General Federation,
Council International Clubs—
come the following two articles.

WORLD COOPERATION

Women from all parts of the world are asking—How can we be free? How can we even live in our homes as free persons, like the women of America?

The women of the General Federation of Women's Clubs have listened to these questions and they have sponsored a letter writing project and at present women from every state in the U.S.A. are writing to women throughout the world. This program has so stimulated the women in other countries that over five million women from abroad have affiliated with the Federation.

The General Federation is also sponsoring a "Little Marshall Plan." Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs has sent over a \$100,000 worth of food and clothing abroad. The Mass. Federation of Women's Clubs sent over 4,000 CARE packages. The Texas Federation is sponsoring its second good will tour to Latin America, where they left 15 scholarships for education in this country. Texas also sent \$10,000 worth of food to Europe. The North Carolina Federation sent \$55,000 to the "Crusade for Children." The Indiana Federation sent over \$20,000 worth of food and clothing abroad. The Michigan Federation raised \$15,000 for the Japanese women. The New York Federation sent \$14,000 worth of food and clothing to Holland. The Florida Federation sent thousands of dollars worth of food and clothing abroad and sponsored a good will tour to Jamaica. All states have cooperated.

Clubs in the U.S.A. have adopted cities and supplied entire communities.

VIGILANCE THE WATCHWORD OF DEMOCRACY

Democracy is essentially a government of the people, by the people, for the people. Its success depends upon the active participation of its citizens in governmental affairs.

Democracy in the U.S.A. is not perfect, but it has provided our citizens with more freedom, more of the so-called luxuries of life, better education, better housing than any other form of government known to man.

Communism is the antithesis of Democracy. Its thesis was put forth by Marx and Engels nearly a century ago. It is Utopian and although it preaches equality, there is no evidence that it has been successful in developing equality.

In order to preserve Democracy we must shake off apathy; become more active in party politics; learn what Communism and Democracy really provide for the people. If you believe in Democracy, then sell it. Do not sit idly by playing bridge, looking at fashion shows, attending cocktail parties, except as a diversion after citizenship responsibilities have been taken care of.

We must be vigilant so that we do not become a part of a Communist front, and more important—that we do not lose our Democracy altogether.

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From Mrs. Ambrose Diehl, Chairman International Relations Department comes the following:

UNITED NATIONS RESUME

The General Assembly—called "the conscience of mankind" by President Romulo—adjourned its sessions on December 10. After much soul-searching, many decisions were reached—many tragic disagreements were laid bare. Clearly the conscience of mankind cannot rest. The struggle for in-

ternational understanding must go on. For the sake of peace, freedom, national honor and human dignity, world opinion MUST be mobilized, to insist upon fulfillment of the goals and obligations of the United Nations Charter.

Among the major actions taken were the following: Continuation of the UN Special Committee on the Balkans was approved and member nations were asked to impose an arms embargo against Albania and Bulgaria until the unlawful assistance of these states to Greek guerrillas ceases. The question of the former Italian colonies was disposed of by providing for the independence of Libya in 1952, setting up a ten year Italian trusteeship over Somaliland to be followed by independence, and establishing a UN Commission to determine the wishes of the people of Eritrea.

An international guard force of 300 to service UN Missions was authorized; the Security Council was asked to reconsider the membership application of Austria, Ceylon, Finland, Ireland, Italy, Jordan, the Republic of Korea, Portugal and Nepal; and the "Big Five" were urged to refrain from the use of the veto in considering membership applications.

A resolution was approved calling upon the 6 permanent members of the UN Atomic Energy Commission to continue their consultations and to examine new proposals for atomic control.

Extending the Rule of Law.

This last session of the General Assembly was remarkable for its efforts to widen the scope of International Law.

United Nations became legally responsible for carrying out the provisions of a convention for the suppression of the traffic in obscene publications, worked out by the League of Nations. The ad hoc committee on statelessness, now drafting a convention on the (Continued on Page 23)

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LEGISLATION

From the January 1950 issue of "Backlog for Action" the following items are quoted:

SLOW MOTION

Failure of the United States Senate to act on liberalizing legislation for the admission of Displaced Persons which was passed by the House last spring, has had its repercussions in several quarters.

In the first place, the International Refugee Organization has been forced to extend its existence from June 30, 1950, when it was scheduled to wind up its activities, to the end of 1950. This means an addition to the IRO budget of about \$55,000,000 of which the United States' share will be about \$25,000,000.

Even with this extended deadline there is some doubt as to whether the job can be completed. The United States commission handling the displaced persons program for this country estimates that unless some of the discriminatory provisions of the present DP legislation are eliminated, the United States would not even be able to take in the 205,000 persons authorized in the 1948 DP Act. (The proposed new legislation would allow upwards of 400,000 persons to enter.) For instance, the commission has been laboring under the restriction that 40% of those admitted must be Balts, but Balts make up only about 19% of the total DP population! In November the number of Displaced Persons admitted to the United States dropped by 50% in recent months prior to that about 16,000 had been admitted per month.

OUR SHARE?

The United States was slow in meeting the DP resettlement problems. For a long time many other countries acted far more generously and effectively. During the past year the U.S. had begun to approximate its fair share. It

would be tragic if this country again fell back in the ranks.

At present the U.S. ranks highest in the total number of DP's received from IRO for re-settlement (U.S. 119,000, Israel 114,000, United Kingdom 83,000, Australia 81,000 and Canada 72,000). However, in terms of percentage of population this country rates way down the scale.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD MEASURES PASSED IN 1949

The Trade Agreements Act has been extended until June 30, 1951 without the restrictions imposed on the program in 1948.

In March Congress authorized the continuation of the Economic Cooperation Administration. The actual appropriations were not voted until September.

The North Atlantic Defense Pact was ratified.

Military Aid

A total of \$1,314,010,000 has been authorized for foreign military aid for the year ending June 30.

The UN Building Loan was appropriated and amendments to the UN Participation Act passed.

Other international legislation passed at the 1949 session of Congress were ratification of the Charter of Organization of American States, ratification of the International Wheat Agreement, a \$100,000,000 loan to Israel and \$16,000,000 for UN aid to Palestine refugees.

STRENGTHENING THE UNITED NATIONS

A wide variety of resolutions have been introduced into Congress concerning the machinery of the United Nations. The Foreign Affairs Committee is planning to hold public hearings on these resolutions very soon. These include several suggestions for amending the United Nations Charter. Another approach is found in a resolution pointing out ways in which the United Nations is being or can be strengthened within the framework of the present charter.

Hoover Commission

POST OFFICE BLOCKADE

Foes of reorganization are laying a blockade in the path of two important postal reforms: (1) Taking the Post Office out of politics; and (2) Giving it a modern financial system. These measures have been delayed almost a year.

In February 1949, the bipartisan Commission on Organization submitted its unanimous report on the Post Office to Congress. Bills were introduced in both Houses by mid-June.

In July 1949, President Truman submitted a strong message to Congress asking for these reforms. The Administration bills, S. 2212 (House Companion Bill H. R. 5775) and S. 2213, bills prepared by the Administration, were introduced. Shortly thereafter, the Citizens Committee for the Hoover report gave its wholehearted support to these two far-reaching bills. Despite the support of the Administration and of the Citizens Committee, **no Hearings have been held over the past six months.**

HAMMER THESE POINTS HOME

(1) Since 1836 there has been little fundamental change in the Postal organization.

(2) Eighty percent of mail sorting could be done mechanically.

(3) 10,000 Post Office vehicles average over 15 years in age.

(4) It still costs 2½ cents to print and deliver a penny postcard. Eighty-five percent of all postcards are used for business purposes.

Strong undercover opposition to the improvement of Post Office accounting methods is forming within the Government. Citizens must encourage Congress to take the lead in carrying out the recommendations of President Truman and the Hoover Commission.

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General News

MFWC POETRY CONTEST

JUDGES 1950

ROBERT P. T. COFFIN—Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me. Author of "Collected Poems" as well as other volumes of verse, essays, biographies and two novels, "Red Sky in the Morning" and "John Dawn."

DAVID McCORD—Lowell Lecturer at Harvard College and author of several volumes of verse and essays. He published an anthology of American and British verse called "What Cheer".

HAROLD WILLARD GLEASON—whose verse has been published in many nationally known magazines and periodicals; winner of the Lloyd McKim Garrison Poetry prize at Harvard and former officer and official critic of the Hartford (Conn.) Poetry Club.

Go with mean people, and you think life is mean. Then read Plutarch, and the world is a proud place, peopled with men of positive quality, with heroes and demigods standing around us, who will not let us sleep. They address the imagination; only poetry inspires poetry. They become the organic culture of the time.

Emerson

Poetry

WOODS AT NIGHT

Eerie gleams the stump where red squirrels burrow;
A bar of burnished silver, the birch log shines;
A fox barks sharp in a rock-heaped hollow;
Swift wings flit among the pines;

Brittle twigs crackle as small paws patter,
Pad upon the brown spills, rustle fern-fronds dry;
Something stirs a spruce bough—dew gems glitter,
Flashing in the moonlight as they fly;

Sullen crash and crunch where a far bulk blunders—
Vast moose tramping through brush-thatched brake;
Shrill hoots an owl... What witchery, the wonders
Of hours when the forest shadows wake!

Harold Willard Gleason
In the Christian Science Monitor

PRECEPTOR

"(Shakespeare... had been in his early days a schoolmaster in the country."—Audrey)
So he taught school... and did he try
To throw some light on x and y,
Or, haply, to expatiate
On subject, object, predicate?

Or, more ambitious, did he seek
To share "small Latin and less Greek?"

So he taught school... Perhaps 'tis true...

One thing is sure: he little knew,
His Stratford classroom left behind,

He still should tutor all mankind!

Harold William Gleason
In the Saturday Evening Post

FIRST TUX

This was an epoch... Forever putting by
The dancing school blue serge of junior high
(For fourteen year old freshmen good enough)

He donned the braid-striped pants devoid of cuff;

The snowy shirt its pleats his secret pride,

The neat black bow (with Dad's assistance tied),

The figured-satin, fancy-buttoned vest,

Slipped on the jacket Mother held; thus dressed,

Feeling—as frankly he confesses since—

Something between a penguin and a prince!

Harold Willard Gleason
In the Washington Evening Star

If you have an hour to spare,
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Youth Conservation Report

The following has been taken from the report of our able State Youth Conservation Chairman, Mrs. Philip Marston:

Although Maine's Governor appointed the chairman of the Maine Conference on Children and Youth only Jan. 1950, the state chairman has been urging clubs to start community councils or to cooperate with existing councils ever since the White House Conference Committee was appointed. An article on the "why and how" of community councils was published in the December 1949 Maine Federation News.

More than a year ago the chairman spoke to the Governor about organizing the state council and offered the department's cooperation. She sent the Governor material from the General Federation, and when he did appoint a state chairman, Dr. Burton Taylor of Brunswick, she sent him material also. The chairman held a conference with Dr. Taylor immediately after his appointment and offered her cooperation and the facilities of the department in both organizing a committee and beginning the work. She has given Dr. Taylor a list of the state groups working for youth, because it was presumably the only place such a list has been compiled.

There are councils that work for the welfare of youth in many Maine cities and towns, but most of them work for youth in only one or two phases. The towns that have community councils organized, according to reports received, include Milo, Island Falls, Prospect Harbor, Mexico, Presque Isle, Norridgewock, Guilford, Yarmouth and Skowhegan. One county—Hancock, has a council. Numerous towns have recreation councils and public health associations.

There are thirteen districts in Maine and there is a district chairman of Youth Conservation for each district. We have achieved 100 percent cooperation on this. Each chairman is appointed

by the district director, sometimes with the suggestion of the state chairman, who has her eye out for especially good workers in this field. The state chairman sends material, information and requests for information (such as reports), to the district chairman, who write their local YC chairmen about once a month. In this, also, the state department has received excellent cooperation.

In November 1949, the president and two vice presidents of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs, the state chairman of Youth Conservation and Miss Stella Scurlock, director of the Youth Conservation program, for the General Federation, held ten district meetings, covering all the clubs of the state. Although the officers discussed club business, the emphasis of the meetings was on Youth Conservation.

At each meeting the district chairman of Youth Conservation was asked to select a panel of local Youth Conservation chairmen or of others interested in the welfare of youth. This panel also included the district and state chairmen. Each was given a list of questions to be used as suggestions, but many asked other questions about the program and the clubwomen in the audience also asked questions. These were answered by Miss Scurlock.

The results of these meetings have been far-reaching, indeed. While clubs were doing much for the youth of the state, the impetus of the Youth Conservation discussions has helped many women to know what more they could do and their activity is being felt throughout the state. For instance, the work being done in Milo is a direct result of the inspiration and help these women received at their district meeting.

An exhibit of Youth Conservation material with much free literature was on display at each meeting, which meant that women could read more about the pro-

gram at their leisure and take material to women who could not attend.

In preparation for these meetings, a questionnaire designed to help women to learn about the youth problems in their community was sent to each club in the state. In many instances, the information received was of great assistance in planning for the district meetings, since it helped the state chairman and Miss Scurlock to know the special needs of the area. Moreover, the questionnaire will be of value to the various state departments and to the State Council on Children and Youth.

PARTICIPATION OF YOUTH CITIZENSHIP

The Sub-Deb Club of Bangor, sponsored by the Norumbega Club, has been active for the past ten years. It was federated in December 1947. This club, of which Mrs. Elva Warren is advisor, has a quota of 30 girls, who are required to give at least ten hours of community service in each school year. The club contributes financially to most of the charity drives and with the help of the Beta-Hi-Y boys gave a Christmas party to 60 underprivileged children. They sponsor meetings with other junior clubs of the high school, which sometimes include such a program as a talk on boy-girl relations.

In preparation for a project to give youth more participation in the community, the Dixfield Advance Club held a panel discussion, including young people, on "What the town expects of its young people and what they expect of the townspeople."

A Senior High School boy was the guest speaker at a Boothbay Harbor Women's Club meeting, coming to discuss the approaching election. The High School pupils offered to baby sit, so mothers could go to the polls.

The York Woman's Club and the Woman's League of York, Inc., participate in the Recreation Council (which is in the process

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Citizenship

The goal of the General Federation of Women's Clubs for 1950 is every member of a federated club a registered and voting citizen in National, State and Local Elections.

The theme for the year: "Through a united democracy build together tomorrow's world."

We are asking that every club devote one or a part of several meetings to the securing of the active interest of its members in registering and voting. 1950 is an election year.

Program suggestions: a check on the membership regarding the percentage voting in local, state and national elections; discussion of voting requirements; review of what state and local offices are elective and the requirements of each office; discussion of the citizen's stake in the quality of public officials.

Club programs may be built around existing conditions in city, county and state governments, as well as information on national questions. Explanation of voting procedures and their importance will prove an interesting program. Too many people are not interested in government because they have never taken time to learn about it. Let us increase our efforts to enlighten people and instill in them a faith in our democracy.

The goal is over forty-seven million women, informed and aware, casting their ballots to tell the nation and the world that freedom and democracy are very much alive in the United States of America.

In cooperation with the American Heritage Foundation in its objective to help raise the level of active citizenship in our country a study group movement is suggested in each community to examine and restate, in terms of today's needs, the "Ideals of our American Heritage and the Rights and Responsibilities of American Citizenship."

—By Mrs. Arthur Gilmour—Chairman American Citizenship Department

DRAMATIZING OUR HOLIDAYS

Holidays can be an effective means of calling attention to the need of raising the level of active, personal citizenship.

With the help of newspapers, radio, magazines and special programs our clubs can make our holidays a definite force for active membership.

MEMORIAL DAY

How can each of us best resolve to pay tribute to our honored and heroic dead? How can we best be sure that they shall not have died in vain?

Memorial Day, or Decoration Day, began in 1868 when General John A. Logan, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, issued an order calling upon all posts of the Grand Army to hold memorial services and decorate the graves of their dead comrades. General Logan said that coming generations should not forget as a people the cost of a free and undivided Republic.

Memorial Day is an appropriate occasion for the dedication of memorials in cemeteries, city parks and elsewhere. Let us hang flags in tribute from our homes and public buildings.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

On July 4th, 1776 the Continental Congress approved the great document which is the cornerstone of American liberty, the Declaration of Independence.

Firecrackers, parades, bands, picnics, laughing children—these are some of the things we associate with Independence Day. This day should be alive with some of such signs of joy, but we should go beyond this and inquire what all this shouting is about and why we are celebrating.

On Independence Day, we Americans should be grateful because the day dramatically reminds us that we are really free. This is a day of joyful gratitude,

but also one of solemn rededication to our duties as good American citizens.

Let us examine the eloquent words of the Declaration of Independence—"All men are created equal."

"They are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." "To secure these rights governments are instituted among men deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

A study could be made of the history of the colonies and the spirit of those days, and how the Declaration of Independence was the outcome of a long train of circumstances, a climax of many decades of thought, discussion and experience by many men.

LABOR DAY

Labor Day is an occasion for emphasizing labor's achievements, and also its responsibilities.

We know that we have the highest standard of living in the world, more conveniences and luxuries, more schools, churches, libraries, hospitals, newspapers and radio stations. We have these advantages because we have freedom. We live in a country where workers are free, with unlimited and equal opportunity for all, free to organize and free to bargain, a system of free enterprise.

Labor and management alike have an active part to play as good citizens.

This is the first country in the world to give tribute to labor by establishing a public holiday by law. This year 1950, is the 68th anniversary of Labor Day.

It is because we are free men, labor and management, that we as a nation have enjoyed such high material and cultural advantages. Free labor is always more productive than slave labor.

The United States Department of Labor has made a study which shows that American labor and

genius, working under our system of free enterprise and individual freedom, have a remarkable record in comparison with that of other countries. A report of these figures will be sent on request.

THE RIGHTS OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN

VOTING—

An inherent right of American citizenship:

(U. S. Constitution, 15th Amendment)

(U. S. Constitution, 19th Amendment)

The right to vote—to vote in secret and to have your vote count—is a great right. Through people chosen by you and others like you all laws are made. No man, regardless of his station in life, wields more power than you in the voting booth.

You can also vote by not voting, for by staying away from the polls you can help a self-seeking minority make the wrong decision. When you reach voting age you become a member of the ruling class—the one and only ruling class of this country.

Use this power to vote.

In our State of Maine if you are over twenty-one years of age, you have the right to vote.

Be sure that you are registered. Get your family to vote.

Go to work on your friends and neighbors. Get them to vote.

Remind the folks you know in the shop and office about the state law which permits time off to vote.

You have not done your duty merely by voting in national elections every four years. There are also congressional elections, state elections, city elections and local elections of various kinds.

Failure of enough people to vote at party primaries and at these “in-between” elections is the main reason why the wrong people often get into office. Keep yourself alerted to public notice of EVERY election in your community.

THREE WAYS TO VOTE

You can vote for (1) Party,

(2) Issues, (3) People.

If the total party program, as expressed in its platform, appeals to you as being best for the country, it is sound to vote a straight ticket for the people pledged to put that program into effect.

If a single issue seems to you more important than anything else, it is sound to vote for persons who support your view of that issue, regardless of party.

If the ability of an individual to judge each issue fairly and to keep the interests of the people uppermost appeals to you, it is sound to vote for that individual, regardless of party or any particular issue.

HOW ARE YOU TO KNOW THE CANDIDATES AND ISSUES?

The answer is that you cannot be fully informed on all the candidates and issues on which you are asked to vote—do the best you can.

It is better to vote on the basis of party allegiance and your own feelings than not to vote at all. Your knowledge and convictions whatever they are, will be combined with the knowledge and convictions of many other people. As a group they will count.

Start in with your town, your township or your ward. Here you have a chance to learn something about the people you are voting for, even to know them personally. Honest, capable officials at this level are the very foundation of our national strength.

Try to know something about the candidates for the Senate. There are two of them, each with a term of six years.

You live in a certain Congressional District of this state. Do you know the number of your district? Do you know the Representative from your district who represents you in Congress? Do you know what he stands for and what his record is? Watch in the papers how he votes on important issues. See if his ideas check with yours. A Representative from your district is elected every two years.

WHO ARE ALL THOSE PEOPLE IN THE POLLING PLACE?

They are judges, clerks and watchers.

Two or more election JUDGES, at least one from each party, pass on the eligibility of voters and are responsible for the counting of the ballots.

Two or more CLERKS selected on the same basis check registrations and check off each voter as he votes.

POLL WATCHERS have no official status but do have the right to challenge any voter if they have reason to believe he is trying to vote illegally. They may be accredited representatives of parties, of candidates or of citizen's organizations.

IN CASE OF ABSENCE OR ILLNESS

If you, a qualified voter, expect to be absent from your county on election day, you may apply to the Election Commissioner for an absentee ballot in advance. After you have marked this ballot and have had the accompanying affidavit signed, mail it to the Election Commission for delivery to your precinct on election day.

Our forefathers rode for weeks through mud and storm to vote for the Declaration that made us free. All we have to do is to go to the nearest polling place to cast the votes that help preserve our freedom.

TRIAL BY JURY

The right of a speedy and public trial by an impartial jury of the State and District with witnesses and assistance of counsel for defense.

(U.S. Constitution, Article III, Section 2)

(U.S. Constitution, 6th Amendment)

The obligation to serve on a jury is the reverse side of the right of trial by jury. Jury duty is a chance to have a front-row view of how our democratic justice is administered. There a citizen will gain a new realization of that system of pleas, rules of evidence, objections, legal briefs and arguments—all of which give time
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General Award

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dent; Mrs. Oscar A. Ahlgren, Whiting, Indiana, second vice president; Mrs. John L. Whitehurst, Baltimore, Maryland, honorary president; Mrs. Gertrude Harris, Atlanta, Georgia, president of the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs; and Mrs. John J. Kirk, Gallup, New Mexico, GFWC chairman of Indian Welfare.

In presenting the award Mrs. Ramspeck called attention to the work done by the State Federations which comprise the General Federation of Women's Clubs, for the welfare of the physically handicapped. Projects include occupational therapy, workshops, clinics, recreation centers, sale of blind-made goods, aid to crippled children, and special emphasis on NEPH Week.

THRU THE EDITOR'S WINDOW

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the club movement gained in strength and speed, and by the early eighties was attracting considerable attention. By 1890 an estimated ninety clubs had been formed. In April, 1890, the Federation of Women's Clubs had its first assembly with 63 delegates from 17 states. Charlotte Emerson Brown of Chicago Woman's Club was the first president and the present name of GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS was adopted. In 1894 the Convention reported a membership of 350 clubs and four state federations.

Today it has 197 clubs with a

membership of over 10,000 women. The women represented in the list below can, and I hope will, tell us much of the early life of various Maine clubs and their accomplishments. The history of club work in the state is of interest to us all. Its story will be given in an early issue of the NEWS.

We salute the women in the following groups. Age is indicated where known, but ALL of them are over 80. Most of them are charter members. To them we must give much credit for the accomplishments of their clubs. More power to them!

**CURRENT EVENTS CLUB
MILLBRIDGE****Honorary—**

Mrs. Alma L. Foster, age 95
Mrs. Carrie N. Brown, age 82, charter
Mrs. Gertrude S. Wyman, age 80

Active—

Mrs. Carrie Small, age 85, charter
Mrs. Frances S. Sawyer, age 82
SCARBOROUGH
CIVIC LEAGUE

Active—

Miss Lida Libby, age 83
Mrs. Francis Cook, age 86, charter
Mrs. Lillian Johnson, age 84, charter
Miss Carrie Maxwell, age 85
NEWCASTLE- DAMARISCOTTA
WOMAN'S CLUB

Honorary—

Harriette Gay, Myra Rand,
Annie Parsons

Active—

Augusta Page, Abbie Hall, Amy
Albie Erskine, Lillian Web-

ber, Mrs. Edward Denny, Sr.,
Mrs. Albenia Darling
NORUMBEGA CLUB

Honorary—

Mrs. Carrie M. Ripley, age 82
WOODLAND WOMAN'S CLUB

Active—

Mrs. May MacIninch, charter
EXCELSIOR LITERARY CLUB

Active—

Mrs. Ruetta Hawkes, age 83, charter
Mrs. Minnie Bragdon, age 81, charter
WINTHROP LITERARY CLUB

Honorary—

Mrs. Mary McElroy, Mrs. Alice
Penniman, Mrs. Harriett Wil-
liams, Mrs. Marion Gilmore, Mrs.
Catherine Hegarty

LADIES MAGAZINE AND
READING CLUB, KEZAR FALLS

Honorary—

Mrs. Jeanie Chapman, age 82, charter
Mrs. Georgia Durgin, age 85, charter
Mrs. Bessie L. Stanley, age 85
Mrs. Lilla Gentleman, age 81, charter
Mrs. Evelyn Devereaux, age 82, charter

Active—

Miss May Pierce, age 80, charter
YARMOUTH WOMAN'S CLUB

Active—

Mrs. Ellen Seabury Mitchell
age 91
Mrs. Edward E. Proctor, age 80
LITERARY CLUB
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Mrs. Helen Patrick Winship
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Butter Pecan Pie

(makes 2 pies)

½ cup butter, creamed with
1 lb. light brown sugar
Into this beat 6 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
3 tablespoons cream

Pour into unbaked pie shells.
Sprinkle with 1 cup broken pecans.

Bake first 10 minutes in hot oven. Bake 20 minutes longer or until done in moderate oven. Cool and serve topped with whipped cream.

Mrs. Stanley Cain
Clintona Art Club

Hot Milk Sponge Cake

1 cup sugar
2 eggs
1 cup flour
½ cup milk
2 teaspoonfuls baking powder
1 tablespoon butter
1 teaspoonful vanilla or other flavoring

Boil milk and butter. Mix sugar and eggs until light. Add flour and mix again until smooth and lastly add hot milk, butter and flavor. Bake either in loaf or layer cake. Use plain or ice. This is a very nice cake and one of my standbys.

Ina T. Fuller
Pittsfield Tuesday Club

Frozen Lemon Pie

3 eggs
½ cup sugar
2 lemons (rind and juice)
1 cup cream or evap. milk

Put yolks, sugar, grated rind and lemon juice in the sauce pan. Let come to a boil, stirring constantly. Beat egg whites to stand in peaks, pour sugar mixture into egg white.

Whip cream or evaporated milk (latter preferred, thoroughly chilled.) Pour into egg and sugar mixture.

Put into freezing trays which have been lined with crushed vanilla wafers or graham crackers. Place in freezing compartment at medium temperature. Do not stir.

Mrs. Frank C. Worcester
Winterport Woman's Club

Crispy Cookies

1 cup butter
1 cup brown sugar
1 cup white sugar
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups pastry flour
½ teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon salt
2 cups rolled oats
1 cup cereal (Wheaties)
1 cup cocoanut

Cream sugar and butter. Add eggs without beating, then vanilla. Add flour sifted with baking powder, salt, and soda. Then other ingredients. Form about size of walnut. Place on buttered pan, allowing room for spreading. Flatten slightly with fork dipped in cold water. Bake at 375°.

Mrs. Ralph Corson
Solon Woman's Club

Mocha Drop Cakes

½ cup butter
1 cup brown sugar
2 eggs
1½ cups flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
½ cup strong coffee
vanilla
1 cup nuts

Mabel W. Johnston
Woman's Club of Guilford

Small Cucumber Pickles

1 gallon vinegar
2 teaspoons Saccharin powder
½ cup mustard
½ cup salt
½ to ¼ tablespoons pickling spice

Mix thoroughly. Put small green cucumbers in container and cover with mixture.

Lottie F. Heald
Solon Woman's Club

Potsfield Pickles

3 pints green tomatoes
3 pints ripe tomatoes
3 pints cabbage
3 onions
2 red peppers
2 bunches celery

Chop and sprinkle with ½ cup salt. Let stand over night. Strain all.

3 pints vinegar
3 pints sugar
½ teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon cloves

Cook slowly about 2 hours. Chop cabbage and celery. Put rest through food chopper.

Mrs. Ralph Corson
Solon Woman's Club

Cranberry Muffins

Beat 1 egg
Cream with it ¼ cup sugar
2 teaspoons butter
1 cup cranberry sauce
1 teaspoon milk
2 cups flour in which has been sifted 4 teaspoons baking powder.

Bake 30 minutes in hot oven.

Edna Boynton
Solon Woman's Club

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BOOKS



HALF SLAVE, HALF FREE

By Hallett Abend

Reviewed by Ernest C. Marriner

Most men and all women are pretty well fed up on books about war and rumors of war. We have heard quite enough on that subject for one generation, for all the older members of Maine's many women's clubs have lived through two terrible wars.

Nevertheless, if we are sensible people, we will not, ostrich-like, hide our heads in the sand. We must face the facts that endanger civilization and make the unspeakable horrors of a third World War a grim possibility.

We have traveled far since those optimistic days when Wendell Willkie wrote about "One World." The comity and peaceful progress contemplated for the United Nations has turned from ardent hope to cynical despair. Even Walter Lippman's "One World of Diversity" seems no longer possible. Not only the aims and purposes, but the ruthless techniques of Russian Communism are so far removed from American democracy that any permanent reconciliation becomes more unlikely with each passing month. Can the world today, any better than the American republic of Abraham Lincoln's time, continue to exist half slave and half free?

Hallett Abend, for fifteen years the noted Far-Eastern correspondent of the New York Times, has written ten books on the Orient. His name often appears under an article in the Saturday Evening Post or the Reader's Digest. He has a record for "predictions of things to come" that puts Drew Pearson far in the shade. In 1931 he predicted the Japanese seizure of Manchuria; in 1937 he warned Chiang Kai-shek that the Japs planned an all-out invasion of all

China; and as early as Aug. 1941, he actually placed bets that the Japs would attack the United States before Christmas.

Mr. Abend has had first hand association with both Russian and Chinese communists. He knows there can be no lasting compromise with communism. His book is a warning that we must not drift into war as we did in 1917 and 1941. He strongly contends that we must very soon, together with all the genuine democracies of the earth, be prepared to issue and back up a ringing declaration that the world can no longer exist half slave, half free.

Paradoxical as it may at first appear, Mr. Abend insists that such an ultimatum would mean peace, not war. This brief review does not afford space to give his recommendations and his detailed support of them. The reader will find them clearly and forcefully set forth in the book.

Chapters especially worth reading are those on "What Are Human Rights?", "Not A Peaceful Ocean", and "Where the Plagues Start." In these and other chapters Mr. Abend has marshalled the bitter, unassailable facts. The reader can only be convinced that bringing communism and democracy together is harder than mixing oil and water.

Mr. Abend ends his book with these challenging words: "Neither nations nor individuals ever prosper lastingly by compromising with what they know to be evil. Time is short. The day of great decision is almost upon us; for it has become obvious that the world cannot much longer exist in peace, half slave, half free."

The Power in the People

From "Program Notes"

by Felix Morley (D. Van Nostrand Co., New York, \$3.50)

"Liberty is from God and men must develop their liberty from within," says Felix Morley, in an excellently thought out book on the development and significance of our great Republic. He points

out the crossroads where we now stand, one way leading to a continuance and ever greater development of the Republic in which men have believed, and the other way, demonstrated many times, being simply the rule of the unrestricted majority which inevitably passes into the rule of the one. This latter pattern is recurrent in history, the rule of the one, of the few, of the many, each destroyed in turn because there is in them all an unvarying evil, the lust for power. As Mr. Morley reiterates, we must choose the way opened up for us by the men who wrote our Constitution and the Bill of Rights. In short, he says, "The State can stabilize the condition of freedom and that is its sole excuse for being." That is the way we must keep it. It will clarify your thinking to read this book. Do.

From Headquarters comes the following announcement:

The General Federation of Women's Clubs, in cooperation with the Palmer Foundation, has sponsored the publication of a book on character education for pre-school age children, according to an announcement by Mrs. J. L. Blair Buck, GFWC president.

The book, "Parents' Responsibility in Character Development," presents in story form the experiences of Mr. and Mrs. Jones parents of four children, as they learn to be good parents, realizing that they must try to be the kind of people they want their children to become.

Each chapter deals with a particular problem of character development in the lives of the four children who form the Jones family: nine-months-old Jimmy; Susie, two and one-half; David, five; and Nancy 14. The reaction of each child to the others, under the guidance of loving parents, tells the story of steady growth of both parents and children. The stories serve as a pattern for all parents sincerely interested in rear-

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Citizenship

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and opportunity for the truth to prevail beyond the shadow of any reasonable doubt. Jury duty gives you a new insight into the reasons for the many happenings in the courtroom which cannot fail to send you home a better citizen.

Twelve states still exclude women from jury service. We women of Maine are fortunate to be able to use our influence here.

OUR LAWS

Our laws may be made in one way—and one way only—by the people through their elected representatives; not by one man, or a few men or by any appointed group.

(U.S. Constitution, Article 1, Section 8)

(U.S. Constitution, Article 6)

A good citizen cooperates with the law. His attitude toward a law which he regards as unfair, unreasonable and out of step with the times, is that of working to get it changed—but obeying it while it is on the books.

A good citizen cooperates with the law. No man in this country is so big that he is above the law, and none so insignificant that he cannot look to the law for protection.

A good citizen cooperates with the law. The simplest law of all, perhaps, is the traffic light. When it is green it is supposed to protect you against the other driver. When it is red it is supposed to protect the other person from you.

You cannot make men good by law, but the hope of law and order is grounded in the reverence of a majority of the people for justice.

TAXATION

The right of taxation WITH representation—taxes determined by the people we elect to office.

(U.S. Constitution, Article 1, Sections 7, 8, 9)

(U.S. Constitution, 16th Amendment)

Taxes are the tried and proved method of procuring a regular and adequate supply of revenue to

provide the conveniences, improvements, and protection which all of us need and none of us can pay for by himself.

Taxation makes possible the public schools, public libraries, public parks, public fire department and public everything from the street light on the corner to the lighthouse at sea. Taxation paves the street in front of your house, builds highways across the country, keeps police cars cruising the streets, maintains an army, a navy, an air force and the F.B.I. Taxation provides our county agent for the farmers, and sends consuls and ambassadors to protect our citizens and interests in foreign lands.

Taxes are levied on four levels of government; federal, state, county and municipal. To become a law a tax must be voted upon and passed by the elected representatives of the people.

Taxes represent the cost of our government doing business. They are determined by the people we elect to office—and we hold them accountable to us.

THE RIGHT TO DECLARE WAR

Congress only shall have the power to declare war and raise and support the armed forces.

(U.S. Constitution, Article 1, Section 8)

(U.S. Constitution, 2nd Amendment)

In America the power to declare war is not given to any one man—not to our generals and admirals—not to the President and his cabinet. It is given only to our elected representatives, the Congress of the United States.

In 1776—we won freedom

In 1812—we held freedom

In 1861—we preserved the Union

In 1898—we strengthened freedom

In 1917—our freedom was threatened and saved

In 1941—again our freedom was attacked and saved

It is the duty of every good citizen to work for peace but to accept his responsibilities in time of war and to respect the flag.

The most fervent hope in every American heart is that the difference between nations may be settled peacefully in the future.

EQUALITY

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal."

(Declaration of Independence)

Religious tolerance, abolishment of slavery—suffrage—privileges of life, liberty and ownership of property.

(U.S. Constitution, 1st, 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments)

Our laws protect every person without regard to race, religion, intelligence, skill, property or social background.

We as citizens have far to go in eliminating intolerance and group prejudice, to have the spirit of trying to understand the other person and judging others as people not as classes.

"Do unto others as you would that they do unto you."

When this great law spreads through our neighborhood, countryside, city and state—throughout the country and the world—it will be our one hope of world peace.

"This is the land where hate should die

No fends of faith, no spleen of race,

No darkly brooding fear should try

Beneath our flag to find a place."

PUBLIC EDUCATION

Established by Massachusetts School Law in 1647.

Now every state in the United States has a compulsory education law and non-sectarian, state-controlled schools, open free and equally to all. Today the federal government is helping to pay for the education of millions of World War II veterans.

A good citizen should keep our system of education strong. The schools are yours, you pay for them. There is much you can do to improve them. It has been said that America fears no enemy but ignorance.

If any club desires a set of
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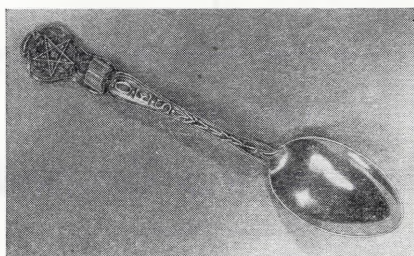
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Citizenship

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questions for a school survey in your community, your citizenship chairman will be glad to supply you with it.

LIVING AND WORKING TOGETHER

The earliest community pledge was written and signed by the Pilgrims on the "Mayflower" on their way to America.

(The Mayflower Compact)

A good citizen should find time for at least one community activity. It may be the Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts, the 4-H Club, the Red Cross, the Future Farmers of America, the Community Chest, the Campfire Girls, slum clearance, a new park, a public swimming pool or merely your family helping another family.

The spirit which motivates these groups is what makes one community so much better to live in than another town the same size that does not have that spirit.

OUR HOMES

"And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock." (Matthew VII, 25)

Our country is just a lot of families. Citizenship should be taught at the mother's knee and in the nursery. In the family are cradled the virtues that enable good families to add to a great nation; standards of conduct, respect for the rights and property of others, loyalty, health, tolerance, cooperation, self reliance, good breeding and a sense of the fitness of things.

Whether in a crowded rooming house or on a farm, men and women of intelligence and good will who maintain a family successfully are performing one of the greatest acts of good citizenship.

A more active, personal citizenship is the most effective way to preserve the freedoms that are our American Heritage.

The nine objectives are summarized in the "Nine Promises of a Good Citizen," and only to the ex-

tent that the American people translate these promises into positive action, will these objectives be achieved.

1. I will vote at all elections. I will inform myself on candidates and issues and will use my influence to see that honest and capable officials are elected. I will accept public office when I can serve my community or my country thereby.
2. I will serve on a jury when asked.
3. I will respect and obey the laws. I will assist public officials in preventing crime and the courts in giving evidence.
4. I will pay my taxes understandingly.
5. I will work for peace but will accept my responsibilities in time of war and will respect the Flag.
6. I will avoid any group prejudice, based on class, race or religion.
7. I will do everything I can to improve the schools in my own community.
8. I will try to make my community a better place in which to live.
9. I will practice and teach the principles of good citizenship right in my own home.

International Relations

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international status of refugees, adopted an article which would protect refugees from expulsion from one territory into another, where their life or freedom would be threatened.

ATLANTIC ALLIES

Defense strategy of the Atlantic Allies was formally approved by President Truman in January and cleared the way for a billion dollar flow of American weapons to help re-arm Western Europe. The intent of the rearmament of Western Europe is to make that area strong enough to discourage any Soviet attack or to resist it if it occurs. None of the countries receiving American arms can use them for purposes other than the defense of the North Atlantic

area unless the United States agrees. This prohibits the employment of these arms by a European power in its colonial territories.

Current Events Club

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Mrs. Nettie J. Wentworth

WYONEGONIC CLUB HARRISON**Active—**

Mrs. Gertrude Blake, charter

If this list can be added to in the next few weeks I would appreciate it very much. Very soon a letter will go out to each of them asking for information on the early history of our club work in the state and their particular part in it down through the years.

Your Editor

Youth Conservation

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of becoming a Community Council.) Sitting on the Council are representatives of every youth group in the community. If these are too shy to volunteer their opinions, they are asked for them. Other similar councils in the state also invite young people to participate.

In the fall of 1948, the Woman's City Club of Calais voted to sponsor a weekly recreation evening at the new school gymnasium. Under the guidance of the director, the young people elected officers and committees and chose the name "Club 52." The club has become so much a part of the town that it was invited to enter a float in the International Jubilee parade. The young people make the rules and help with all activities, including clean up.

Gleanings

My business is not to remake myself,
But to make the absolute best of
what God made.

Robert Browning

Harder to learn than algebra, trig., or calculus, is to learn how to make the most of life before the most of life is gone.

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Major emphasis of the book is the child's basic need for security which is satisfied by the knowledge of his parents' complete love. As the doctor tells Mrs. Jones, "Children seem to stand almost anything as long as they feel that they are loved."

"Parents' responsibility in Character Development" is based on material developed at a workshop held during the summer of 1949 at Washington State College, at Pullman, Washington, by the Division of Social Sciences and the Family Life and Living Division of the College Extension Service. The authors are Olive John Morgan, Ph. D., Director, Psychological Clinic, Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia; Wallis Beasley, Ph. D., Acting Chairman, Department of Sociology, Washington State College; Louise Arey Esterer, M. A., formerly State Supervisor of Special Education, Michigan's Department of Public Instruction, Lansing; Loren Belknap, M. A., Instructor, Department of Sociology, Washington State College.

The Palmer Foundation is a philanthropy of C. E. Palmer, publisher of the Texarkana Gazette and Daily News and other newspapers in Arkansas, and his wife, Bettie M. Palmer, for the study of character education in the public schools of the United States.

Mrs. Frank J. Pratt, Jr., directed the entire program.

Turning to look backwards, you may miss something better, coming.

The proud have no true friends. In prosperity they know nobody; in adversity nobody knows them.

Every good thing has its price, and always there is something you must give up to get it.

The secret of patience is doing something else in the meantime.

REQUEST

The members of the Hellenic-American Women's Clubs in Athens, Greece, desire warm clothing, soap, pencils, school supplies, note books, crayons, simple picture books with animals and English text for their welfare project with Greek children. Knitting wool is also requested.

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RECENT APPOINTMENTS

To International Relations Committee:

Mrs. Wallace Ripley, Damariscotta

Mrs. Bertha Barton, Newport
To State Committee for White House Conference for Youth, 1950, from Maine Federation of Women's Clubs:

Mrs. Philip Marston, Chairman
Youth Conservation

Mrs. Frances Smith, PTA Past

President, District Director
To State Tax Revision Committee

"Little Hoover Committee"

Chairman sub-committee on
study of State Government:
Mrs. Gilbert F. Loeb

To State Chairman Library Division, Maine Federation of Women's Clubs:

Mrs. A. P. Wyman, Waterville, Maine

ATTENTION

An Article "Women in Industry," by Miss Martin in the February issue of the Federation News covered in detail the "Her Own Business" program. The president of many of our groups will be asked to set up car tool information centers for the statewide clinic to be held at the University of Maine on May 27. This has my whole-hearted support and I would greatly appreciate your cooperation.

R. F. L.

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