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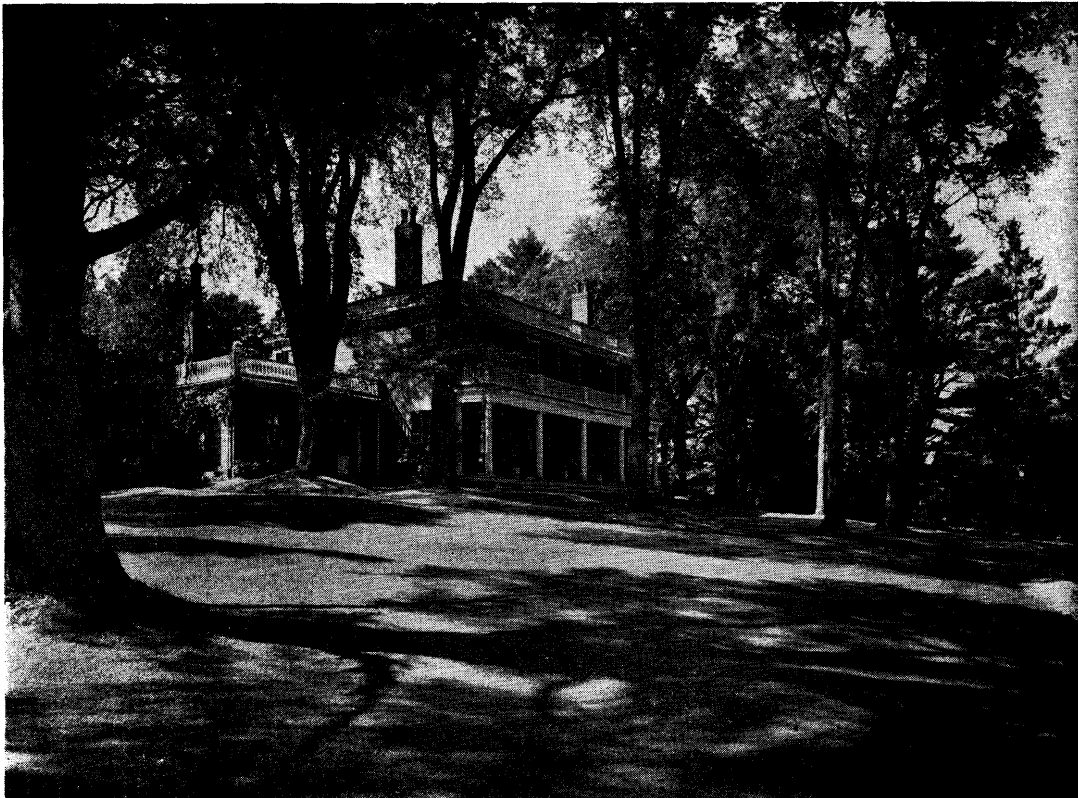
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The President's Message

Dear Clubwomen:

The year books which you have sent to me from your clubs are so interesting that I could wish to be present at all of your programs. Thank you for sending me these beautiful records of your local club achievements. May I congratulate you upon your many interests and excellent programs.

The midwinter meeting has left wonderful memories. Women's organizations cooperated to tell us of their legislative programs; the Commissioners of the various State Departments told us of the needs of our State and Professor Lawrence Pelletier of Bowdoin College explained the Sales and Income Tax for us. The Waterville ladies are due a vote of appreciation for their wonderful hospitality and help to make this meeting so outstanding.

Our next two dates to anticipate are April 3rd, American Home Day at the University of Maine and June 6, 7 and 8, when we have the Annual Convention at Poland Springs. At this Convention prominent national lecturers have been invited to speak to us, new officers will be inducted into office and this promises to be an outstanding event in the history of our Federation.

I do hope that you are reading the Clubwoman, the National magazine of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. It has so much to offer every member, personally, and yet it is a work book for every

club, suggesting materials for programs.

On February 16, a new series of Radio programs, "Maine Federation on the Air", were inaugurated in Lewiston at station W. C. O. U., under the direction of Mrs. Dorothy Morrison of Kingfield, Director of District 5. She is being assisted by Mrs. Merton N. Flanders of Lewis



MRS. GILBERT F. LOEB

ton, Chairman of the Division of Drama and Pageantry. Your President introduced the series and will speak several times in the next months when the program will be heard on the second and fourth Saturdays at 10:45 A. M.

Every club is urged to enroll in the "Building Freedom with Youth" contest. This is challenging, very necessary and the prizes are very substantial. The Traffic Safety Control contest also is very worth while and it is hoped that every club will engage in this competition.

Our Legislature is now in session and before it, is legislation which will affect our lives for years. We, as an organization, will not endorse or initiate legislation but we will support the Bills that our Federation has already indicated that it has an interest in by previous voting in Convention assembled. We wish to have the reputation for honest, sincere and wise insight into the mechanics of good government. We are only fulfilling our duty when we express our concern and interest in the Democratic processes. Won't you devote time on each of your club programs to the business of good government and study the issues which have made our Country the greatest Nation in the World.

We are embarking on a new half century with the world in an upheaval, tensions so strong that they may snap at any moment. Both individually and collectively there is a great challenge to us to make our influence strong. We must stand for those things which we think are right and those policies which will promote world understanding. To have such a

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Midwinter Conference Notes

One of the most outstanding conferences the MFWC has ever held was that at Waterville in January. Comfortably located at the American Legion Hall, the Conference opened the afternoon of January 25 with the usual Call to Order and ceremonies, including introduction of Mrs. Charles Demers, president of the Waterville Woman's Club, who was general chairman.

"The Legislative Program of my Organization" featured an explanation of the work being done by the Maine Congress Parents and Teachers Association by Mrs. Edward Birkenwald; Business and Professional Women's Clubs by Miss Mary Roche; and League of Women Voters by Mrs. Florence Peirce. Mimeographed sheets were helpful to clubwomen following the reports, since they listed the chief points made by the speakers.

Prof. Lawrence Felletier, Bowdoin College, gave an instructive talk on the tax structure of the state and emphasized a point which was later made for those who spoke at other times during the Conference: Without additional funds being provided by the Legislature through some form of taxation, the state will be unable to carry out much of the ordinary run of business, to say nothing of the progressive plans which citizens of the state are asking be adopted.

Tiny American Flags and flowers of red, white and blue decorated the banquet tables that evening. Dr. Ernest Marriner, Dean of Faculty, Colby College, chose for his subject, "Forgotten Women of the Kennebec." Delightful musical selections were sung by Mrs. Thelma Merrow Cram, Mrs. Errol T. Taylor and Mrs. Charles F. Jones, accompanied by Mrs. Charles T. Robbins. Miss Laura May Carpenter of Augusta presented a beautiful picture in her gown of crimson velvet as she read the whimsical "Quality Street" by James M. Barrie.

An excellent workshop, led by Mrs. Plouff, opened the Friday morning program. Some of the

recommendations of the department chairmen made at this meeting will be found elsewhere in the NEWS. Because the work of the departments is the life blood of our clubs, the workshop periods are of particular importance. Evidence that clubwomen realize this is shown by the fact that of late years these are always well-attended.

After opening exercises, the morning session began with an inspiring report of recommendations from the Committee on Mental Institutions, given by Mrs. Harriette Gray of Dover-Foxcroft. She urged that people stop regarding the mentally ill as criminals and consider them as they do others who are sick, without stigma.

The address on Citizenship, given by Mrs. Plouff, is reported in full in another column.

The imperative needs of the state were brought home to those present when four state commissioners outlined the needs of their department, in talks which were broadcast by the Waterville radio station. It was brought home to the audience that none of the commissioners was asking for luxury items but for equipment, legislation, services vital to the well-being of the state. Several mimeographed reports were distributed among those present and helped to clarify the statistics quoted.

Harlan A. Ladd, Commissioner of Education, outlined the contents of bills before the legislature, pointing out that nearly all of them were required to raise the educational standards of the state, especially in regard to teachers colleges and normal schools, whose buildings have been deteriorating for a number of years.

David Stevens, Commissioner of Health and Welfare, stressed the seriousness of this department's situation, with increasing loads of dependent children and recipients of old age benefits. One of the important bills before the Legislature relates to revision of the present law regarding stream pollution, providing a commission which could put "teeth" into regulation of

sewage disposal—a vital subject in Maine where summer business requires that health standards be high.

Miss Marion Martin, Commission of Labor and Industry, spoke eloquently in favor of retaining the Industrial Home Work Low. Legislation in this department depends less often on the standing of the state budget!

Norman U. Greenlaw, Commissioner of State Institutions, put the question of increased allotments directly up to the citizens, as he told the group, "You decide how much money you want to spend on institutions and it is up to me to do the best I can. You set the standards." He cited an appalling list of statistics, showing the overcrowding of state institutions, which only a program of expansion

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At the Area meetings held in November, your Dean of Department Chairmen, in reviewing the General Federation of Women's Clubs Convention held in Boston, mentioned that workshop luncheons were held each noon. Although a delegate couldn't attend all, she did make a choice and my first choice was a Citizenship Luncheon. It was at this luncheon that the nucleus of a project to be known as "100 percent voting clubs" was formed, and since has grown to adult age. One question has been asked regarding this project: "Has our Federation entered into politics?" The answer is "No"!

The Maine Federation of Women's Clubs is known as a non-partisan organization, but you and I are not non-partisan, and it is to our individual credit that we do belong to a political party. It is our political right and privilege as citizens, because a citizen is a free man, a member of a state or nation who enjoys political rights and privileges. These sacred rights and privileges were given to us on September 17, 1787, by a body of the most notable statesmen in American history, and they called those rights "The Constitution of the United States."

That significant event occurred 164 years ago, and although it is the basic law of the American people, the supreme law of this land, and no other peoples, it has been a powerful force in the lives of all the people of the world. It has been a symbol of the hope for freedom and prosperity for all people everywhere.

Your franchise as a free man is "the vote", the greatest gift Citizenship gives to you, and let us remember the vote is the foundation of our Government. We in the United States feel that inherently there should be an interest in the ballot box, and never were our civic responsibilities more important than last September or now, when our boys gave and are giving, blood and lives to preserve our freedom from Communism. How would we appear to all those

people who look to us for inspiration in our fight for freedom if we didn't exercise our prerogative — "the Ballot"?

No, we haven't entered into the field of politics, but rather deeper into the area of Citizenship, an area that is being stressed in this quarter of her administration by our President, Mrs. Gilbert Loeb.

Last August a card was sent to each club president in the Federation, asking her to urge the members of her club to vote September 15, stating the goal "100 percent voting clubs". The message said nothing of the organics of voting or for whom a member should vote. It was just a simple message urging members to vote. Even though the last election was on a local level, we exercised our free man's will and have proven that clubwomen do something besides "talk". Yes, we have talked and talked about Citizenship, and when the opportunity presented itself we went into action.

Realizing that our challenge today is "survival", let us make this pledge for the future! Neither apathy, ignorance nor complacency will keep us from the ballot box, and that this government will be a government of the people, not one-fourth, one-third, not one half, but all the people, and by so doing, you and I will have done our part to insure that our Republic will never lose its identity or we our freedom.

There are 193 clubs whose members are eligible to vote. Of these, 102 clubs reported on their vote cast. The total membership of these 102 clubs was 4,537, and the report showed that 3,896 members cast their votes in the fall election. Using these figures as a ratio, I believe we can accurately say that over 8,000 clubwomen voted on September 15, 1950.

There were 18 clubs whose members voted 100 percent. These were Miosac Club, Dover-Foxcroft; Monson Woman's Club; Alpha Reading Club, Milo; Advance Club, Dix-

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ASK THE PARLIAMENTARIAN ANOTHER

Question:

When the by-laws state that election of officers shall be by ballot, is it legal for the secretary to cast the ballot?

Answer:

This is a very timely question since the clubs of the Federation will soon be having annual meetings. The answer is "Yes" provided you have in the by-laws the authority for the secretary to do so. The following covers the situation and the parliamentarian feels that all by-laws should contain the phrase. Election shall be by ballot "provided that when there is but one nominee for each office it shall be in order to move that the secretary cast the ballot", remembering always that if such a motion is made the vote must be unanimous else the balloting must be done in the usual way. If such a motion is carried, the secretary then taking the list of names says "by order of the Club I hereby cast its ballot for the list of nominees for officers for the ensuing year."

The November issue of TRUE described the hunting season in Hancock County and mentioned the husband of **Lu Dyer**, Ellsworth, who is sheriff.

Mrs. Charles Knowlton, director of district 8, has visited many of the clubs in her district in recent weeks, including Bar Harbor, Franklin, Bucksport, Prospect Harbor, and has been a special guest at her own club, in Ellsworth, of which she is a past president.

Mrs. Dyer and **Mrs. Knowlton** are serving as chairmen for the Infantile Paralysis campaign.

Guest speaker at the Ellsworth Woman's Club, March 6, was **Mrs. Grace Dodge**, elementary supervisor of schools, who will speak about the White House Conference on Children and Youth, which she attended in December.

Among those from Hancock County who attended the midwinter meeting of the MFWC at Water-

ville were **Mrs. Knowlton**, **Mrs. Dyer**, district chairman of Youth Conservation, **Mrs. Milo Clarke**, recording secretary of the MFWC, **Mrs. Harold Gleason**, chairman of Fine Arts, and **Mrs. Ruel Beach**, county chairman of the International Relations department.

The county must be extremely proud of **Mrs. Clarke**, whose reports of the doings of the MFWC meetings are models of excellence. **Mrs. Clarke** is most enthusiastic about her work as a guide in the famous Black Mansion during the summer months.

ABOUT THE COVER

Black Mansion, Ellsworth, stands in dignity among its stately trees and beautiful gardens. The photograph has been lent to the NEWS by the Maine Publicity Bureau, publishers of Pine Cone Magazine.

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Greetings To Hancock County!

Bar Harbor, Acadia National Park, Bluehill, Castine, Cadillac Mountain—all these names are famous not only in Maine but throughout the United States, but how many know all these places are in Hancock County?

In this issue we pay tribute to the reknown county and especially to Ellsworth, whose merchants are giving splendid cooperation to the women's clubs of the town and to the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs.

Ellsworth is the home of one of the best known and most beautiful historical homes in the state: The Black House, which remains completely furnished and equipped just as it was used by members of the Black family for three generations. In 1928 Woodlawn, as the estate was then known, was given to the public by Mr. George Nixon Black, grandson of John Black, the original owner. Since then it has been administered by the Hancock County Trustees of Public Reservations.

The house is built of red brick, said to have come by sea from Philadelphia and tradition says that it took skilled workmen from Boston three years to complete it. Sloping lawns and magnificent elms surround the mansion. Its architecture includes one of the most beautiful circular staircases in the country. Among the treasures of the Black House are pieces of period furniture of famous design, a rare volume of Massachusetts Colonial Laws, a waist coat that belonged to George Washington, china and glass of

ancient and lovely molds. An old Dutch chair with high winged back and a hinged seat that can be lengthened into a couch is one of two or three known specimens in the United States. Flower gardens, towering horsechestnut trees, a hemlock-shaded driveway enhance the beauty of the estate. All-in-all, a trip to Ellsworth to see the Black House would be most worth while. Don't forget to patronize the merchants who are advertising in this issue of the NEWS while you are there!

Ellsworth is known among clubwomen for the women who make this their home. Mrs. Milo Clarke, present secretary of the MFWC, will be a candidate for second vice-president at the Federation's annual meeting. Mrs. Harold Gleason, chairman of the Federation's Fine Arts Department, is proving a most able worker. She has prepared a program on Ballads which was most successfully received in her clubs. (While we are talking about literature, we must remind clubwomen that Mr. Gleason is a very well-known poet who is helping his wife with the judging of the various literary contests.)

Probably few clubs in the state have ever tackled such a large project as the one Hancock County women's clubs carry out each Christmas season under the leadership of Mrs. Norman Dyer, district Youth Conservation chairman. Gifts and money are contributed by the county women and distributed among

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The American Automobile Association has issued a leaflet telling how to **tape bicycles for night traffic protection**. Copies may be obtained by writing Mr. Arlyn E. Barnard, Maine AA, Falmouth Hotel, Portland. (Have you decided to enter the GFWC Traffic Safety Contest?)

Mrs. Edwin Troland, GF chairman of the **Public Education** division, in a leaflet entitled "Public Education—Keystone of Democracy", suggests ways in which communities can help solve some of the problems in this field. In the leaflet is a reading list.

"Mental Health is Everybody's Business" is the title of the booklet

published for the Mental Health division of the Welfare Department of the GFWC. Mrs. J. Burlin Johnson, GF chairman, gives a definition worth repeating: "Mental health means being interested in the world around you and a willingness to learn something new. It means giving love, understanding and guidance to others, and the development of attitudes of patience and tolerance in all human relationships."

She points out that many social problems today are related to mental ill health in the world: delinquency, crime, alcoholism and divorce. "Mental hospitals all over our nation report great need for nurses who have had post-graduate training in psychiatric nursing. State Federations and individual clubs are asked to support this project by con-

tributing a \$500 scholarship to send a graduate nurse to Norton Memorial Infirmary in Louisville, Ky. Detailed information may be obtained at GF Headquarters. This program has also been expanded to include the presentation of a gift or loan scholarship to nurses who prefer to take such training within their own states, if such facilities are available. Write to Mrs. Clarence Little, state chairman, Bar Harbor, for further information. Because it has been learned that many of the mental health problems of the "65-and-over" age group could be prevented or alleviated if opportunity were given them to lead more active lives suited to their abilities, the National Institute of Mental Health of the Public Health Service, FSA, has suggested the development of community programs for older people. Occupational and recreational activities, teaching of skills and the friendly association of volunteer clubwomen can help to make the lives of these older people happier and more satisfying. This is an important community service. Cooperate with Mrs. Roy Sinclair, state chairman of Gerontology on this program.

If you'd like reports of how **moving pictures** are judged, write to Joint Estimates of Current Motion Pictures, 28 West 44th St., New York 18.

Mrs. William B. Fowler, GF chairman of Welfare, has prepared a very easy-to-understand plan for **Building Better Communities**. Write for it and use it in your Build Freedom With Youth Contest.

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We have asked Miss Marion Martin, Commissioner of Labor and Industry, and former director of women's activities for the Republican National Committee, to share with us some suggestions for "good manners" while we are entertaining guests who are to be featured in woman's club programs. The information contained in these notes is invaluable. The article should become a part of every program chairman's kit and passed along from one chairman to another.

Securing the Speaker

Do, in the original invitation, give the information as to the date, hour, place of meeting, occasion and approximate attendance as well as type of meeting i. e., whether it is a mixed audience, women's club, working women, church women, or what.

Do let them know what the financial arrangements may be. If

the club will assume necessary travel expenses and/or an honorarium, give the facts. If it is unable to assume any obligations whatsoever, have no hesitancy in stating that the club is not in a position to assume any financial obligation but that they would appreciate the speaker coming to them as a public service.

Once the invitation has been accepted, make arrangements for overnight arrangements where this is indicated; then write immediately to the guest speaker, expressing your delight and satisfaction in his coming and telling him explicitly where the reservations or arrangements have been made. It is also helpful to give him information as to plane, train and bus schedules and state what routes one would take in coming by motor. This, of course, is unnecessary when the speaker comes from the immediate vicinity, but this in-

formation is a must for any out of State guest speaker.

If you have made arrangements such as a press conference, radio interview, or any additional entertainment aside from the meeting, do let the guest know so that he will be prepared for the occasion.

When The Guest Arrives

When the guest arrives, meet him at the train or other terminal point. This committee should not be the whole club that stands around a cold depot waiting for a late train to arrive but should be not over two or three. If the station is one that has redcap service, you should arrange for a redcap to pick up the guest's luggage. If the station is not that type, it is helpful to have one of the welcoming committee a man so that he may carry the luggage. There is nothing more embarrassing than to have a group

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A splendid booklet on ways in which clubwomen can aid **World Cooperation** may be obtained from Mrs. John L. Whitehurst, GF chairman of the Council of International Clubs. This lists many groups in other countries who need help, with information for sending packages, etc.

Mrs. Merle Mitchell, state chairman of this Council, announces that tentative plans are being considered for having both letter and project union meetings in various sections of the state in May. She says very fine reports are being received on sending parcels to needy friends in other lands, but that the Riverside Club of Kittery is the only one so far to report in answer to the appeal for books for the library for the Indian Institute of Psychiatry and Mental Hygiene, sponsored by the American Women's Club of Bombay, India. She is eager to hear if other clubs have responded.

Mrs. Fulton Blake, MF chairman of **Junior Clubs**, is eager to increase

the number of junior clubs in the state and suggests that senior club members survey the community to see if young women would welcome a club for their age group. Sub-Juniors are successful in several states. Maine has one in Bangor, which has proven its value to the community many times. These are girls of high school age. A very fine leaflet on the Junior Club program is available.

There is no end to the work being done for Togus by Maine clubwomen. Even when the club year is over, some clubs are sending boxes to the veterans, under the direction of Mrs. Thelma Cram, state chairman of Veterans division. Here is the list: District 1, January; District 2, February; District 3, March; District 4, April; District 5, 6, May; District 7, June; District 8, July; District 9, August; District 11, September; District 12, October; District 13, November; and District 10, December. All gifts are to be mailed direct to Mr. Thomas Clarke, Chief of Special Service, Togus, Maine. Checks for Canteen books should be made out to Veterans Canteen Service.

Mrs. Cram lists gift suggestions: Canteen books, beano games and prizes, writing material, stamps, candy, gum, cigarettes, pipes, tobacco, socks, ties, handkerchiefs, birthday gifts wrapped with contents marked on outside of the package, toilet articles, cribbage boards, playing cards and afghans.

Mrs. Cram also suggests that the State School for Girls at Hallowell would be most appreciative of money for music. Checks should be mailed to Miss Charmian Hurd, Musical Director. Other gifts suggested are second hand shoe skates, toilet articles, sweaters, mittens, socks, subscriptions to good magazines, records.

Every department in the GFWC has pledged support to the Mothercraft Division in the Department of American Home, under the direction of Mrs. Bilse Robinson. Programs and suggestions may be obtained from GF Headquarters. The mother study groups, baby sitters and visiting mothers are among the topics of interest. (Could your club sponsor a baby sitting class to train girls for this service and then set up a "baby sitting bureau"?)

Citizens who fail to exercise their prerogative to select able leaders for their city, county, state and national governments are not only breaking faith with those American men and women pioneers who built this great nation, but they are failing their children—and the generations to come . . . Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker

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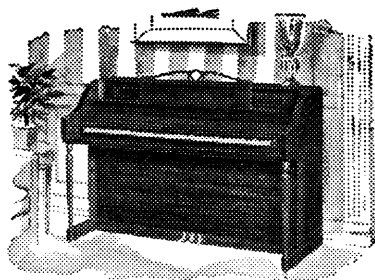
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Youth Is Ready To Help White House Conference Findings Reveal

Doris R. Marston

That young people are capable, willing and ready to do their part in community service if they are given the opportunity was conclusively proven at the Midcentury White House Conference on Children and Youth, which was attended by 29 men and women of Maine the first week in December, 1950. The 500 young people between 15 and 25 who attended the Conference—including Richard Flynn of Hallowell and Nancy Caston of Presque Isle—brought freshness of viewpoint, intelligent ideas and boundless enthusiasm. The 5,000 adults who attended the Conference learned that young people of today have their feet on the ground and yet they still believe that nothing is impossible to those willing to work for what they want to accomplish. They realize that soon the welfare of the country and perhaps of the world will be their responsibility and they are seeking information and experience with which to approach the problems they must face.

The recommendations and findings of the over-sized Conference fill too many pages for more than a brief resume of the facts here. The central concern of the Conference was to set up standards which would provide every child with a healthy personality. It was agreed that children and young people must be prepared for the future far better than we have been prepared for our present-day responsibilities. We must bring them the best opportunities for healthy growth, spiritually, physically, mentally and emotionally. None of these attributes can be separated, for the child is a whole being, and he needs faith in God, a strong body, an intelligent mind, and emotional security to be a healthy citizen of the universe.

The child we must protect and direct, but the young people—yes, beginning in Junior High School—we must work WITH as well as FOR. We must welcome them as co-partners in the work for betterment of the community, even insist on their joining us. Many of them are better informed than we are and with few exceptions they have ideas worth listening to and acting upon. As Dr. Burton Taylor, chairman of the Maine Governor's Committee on the Midcentury White House Conference, has said, "It is not a question of future generations being prepared to face crises, but a question of today's youth facing crises with us, side by side."

We found that Maine stands lower than other New England states and far behind many other states in providing needed services for youth. For instance, Maine stands in the lowest third and all other New England states in the upper third in providing psychiatric assistance to children. The answer is that the state government must raise more money to provide these services, even if every one of us must make sacrifices as yet undreamed of. Dr. Benjamin Spock warned, "If we fail this generation of children, it will take more than a century to make up lost ground and perhaps then it will be too late."

It was the concern of the Conference to learn how states are to know what children need and what can be done to help state and community services meet adequate standards. The best way recommended is to establish a State Commission on Children and Youth—a number of states have already taken this step—with a paid executive director. Activities of such a Commission include research as

to needs and services, review of legislation and appropriations, appraisal of services, act as a clearing house to screen requests, formulation of proposals for action, encouragement of local action, giving advisory service to public and private agencies, coordinating state and local services and interpreting services to the public.

Much of this can be done on a voluntary basis, just as we women in our clubs have long been doing, but without a professional person to direct the work, there will not be the needed impetus and coordination. You know what has been accomplished through our women's clubs since the appointment of Miss Stella Scurlock as a professional director of Youth Conservation for the General Federation of Women's Clubs. We need this type of assistance in Maine.

Until this action is taken by the state Legislature, each community must go as far as it can by itself or in cooperation with the county Committee on Children and Youth. Each community needs to do everything possible, even at a sacrifice of time and money, to ensure its children the opportunity for healthy growth. It should use its youth and young adults in full cooperation with its older citizens. Only by so doing can the recommendations of the Midcentury White House Conference be realized.

We wish we had space to report in full the splendid "Our Heritage of Freedom" program given for the Pine Needle Club, Island Falls, by the Citizenship chairman, Mrs. Jennie Harding, and some of her high school students. An exhibit of work completed by the Problems of Democracy students in the high school included posters, pictures and booklets. After reviewing the steps taken by our forefathers to bring us freedom, she introduced girls who presented two playlets and gave brief readings. Copies of one, "Nine Promises of a Good Citizen", were distributed to club members. Two short moving pictures, "Our Bill of Rights" and "Americans All", were shown.

With Youth ❖ GFWC

Pledge To Children by the Midcentury White House Conference on Children and Youth

in Plenary Session, December 7, 1950

TO YOU, our children, who hold within you our most cherished hopes, we, the members of the Midcentury White House Conference on Children and Youth, relying on your full response, make this pledge:

From your earliest infancy we give you our love, so that you may grow with trust in yourself and in others.

We will recognize your worth as a person and we will help you to strengthen your sense of belonging.

We will respect your right to be yourself and at the same time help you to understand the rights of others, so that you may experience cooperative living.

We will help you to develop initiative and imagination, so that you may have the opportunity freely to create.

We will encourage your curiosity and your pride in workmanship, so that you may have the satisfaction that comes from achievement.

We will provide the conditions for wholesome play that

will add to your learning, to your social experience, and to your happiness.

We will illustrate by precept and example the value of integrity and the importance of moral courage.

We will encourage you always to seek the truth.

We will provide you with all opportunities to develop your own faith in God.

We will open the way for you to enjoy the arts and to use them for deepening your understanding of life.

We will work to rid ourselves of prejudices and discrimination, so that together we may achieve a truly democratic society.

We will work to lift the standard of living and to improve our economic practices, so that you may have the material basis for a full life.

We will provide you with rewarding educational opportunities, so that you may develop your talents and contribute to a better world.

We will protect you against exploitation and undue hazards and help you grow in health and strength.

We will work to conserve and improve family life and, as needed, to provide foster care according to your inherent rights.

We will intensify our search for new knowledge in order to guide you more effectively as you develop your potentialities.

As you grow from child to youth to adult, establishing a family life of your own and accepting larger social responsibilities, we will work with you to improve conditions for all children and youth.

Aware that these promises to you cannot be fully met in a world at war, we ask you to join us in a firm dedication to the building of a world society based on freedom, justice and mutual respect.

SO MAY YOU grow in joy, in faith in God and in man, and in those qualities of vision and of the spirit that will sustain us all and give us new hope for the future.

Let's Build Freedom With Youth and Earn A Cash Prize, Too!

Partly as an outgrowth of the Midcentury White House Conference's recommendation that "progressive opportunities should be provided youth to participate vitally in community activities and planning in order that they may have the preparation and experience for leadership and community service," the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the Kroger Company are sponsoring a contest, "Build Freedom With Youth". Nation-wide prizes of \$10,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000 are augmented by a \$200 prize for each state which enters at least five clubs by May 1. Reports on pro-

jects accomplished, on which the awards will be based, are due March 1, 1952. Full details are in the pamphlet sent to every club president by Mrs. K. L. Kleinpell, GFWC Youth Conservation chairman, and Miss Stella Scurlock, director.

What Projects May Be Included?

Any activity needed to better youth services, so long as youth groups are invited to share both planning and carrying out of the program. The Iuka, Miss., club of 17 members which won the sweepstakes in the Build a Better Community Contest

selected one activity from each of the suggested programs.

Miss Scurlock suggests the following and will send you ideas for many more: A permanent community Council for Youth, composed of young people, representatives of welfare, health, educational and recreation agencies, of youth-serving organizations, to make an inventory of conditions and needs of youth, plan for best use of agencies and services now available, and plan ways of answering the most important unmet needs. Develop recreation centers where youth help plan for small

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The right to have fun and friends, even to be romantic; to have hobbies, to be interested in politics, to enjoy harmless gossip, and to be a normal human person.

The right to have the help of one's family and friends, in being interesting to that family and their friends.

The right to have professional help and advice whenever necessary.

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While these rights are inherent, still they must be earned. The rights of man—life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness—are inherent but they must be fought for in every age of man.

**OLD AGE IS NOT A PENALTY. IT IS
AN ACHIEVEMENT.**

Indiana State Board of Health

Hancock County

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the boys and girls of the county who are under the care of the state Welfare department. Many of them would find little in their Christmas stocking if it were not for this activity.

Mrs. Charles Knowlton, director of this district, is one of the town's outstanding citizens, also. The wife of a doctor, and mother of a young nurse, Mrs. Knowlton helps with many town and county charitable activities. Incidentally, the Knowlton home is filled with numerous rare and beautiful art treasures, visible proof of the Knowltons' hobby.

Mrs. Reuel Beach is a district chairman of the Maine Federation Council of International Clubs, for letter writing, and Mrs. George Rodick is the projects chairman. It is no mere coincidence that Mrs. Rodick is president of the Ellsworth Woman's Club this year and the other women mentioned are past presidents!

Any in Maine?

Corruption of law enforcement officers is rampant in many American communities today on a scale that makes the corruption of prohibition days look like kindergarten play . . . Sen. Estes Kefauver (D.-Tenn.)

MUSIC! MUSIC! MUSIC!

Mrs. Marion P. Louisfell, state music chairman, reports that the program of this department, as planned by Mrs. Joseph M. Perkins, GFWC chairman, includes the following aims:

1. We will lend our influence to stressing religious music in the family home by: A. The Hymn of the Month in each State Magazine; B. Family singing around the piano; C. Family listening to hymn records and religious music on the phonograph; D. "A hymn book in every family."

2. We will see that each state is represented with a music scholarship during the season of 1951, thus encouraging youth. One scholarship is being offered to each state at Egyptian Music Camp at Du-Quin, Ill. Mr. A. T. Atwood, director says, "We are again offering a one-week scholarship through the Federation to each state that would like to participate. The Music chairman of each state will award the scholarship to the outstanding high school musician. The Egyptian Camp will pay \$25 tuition and either the student selected or the State Federation will pay the \$5 registration fee. Please urge the music chairman to select an outstanding vocalist, band or orchestra member. We do not encourage the selection of piano students as the camp does not offer a major in piano."

3. We will endeavor to make National Music Week in each state serve as an antidote for fear and as a stimulant for courage.

HYMNS of the MONTH

March — Welcome Happy Morning

April — Crown Him with Many Crowns

May — When Morning Gilds the Sky

Why not make these a part of the opening of every club?

Remember The Scrapbook Contest!

Districts may select the country which they want to represent.

Committee for each district—Director, Letter-writing and Projects Chairmen—to make all arrangements with local clubs. Their names are listed in the December News.

We suggest that local clubs keep scrapbooks containing pictures, letters, newspaper and magazine articles which are in any way connected with our Council for International Clubs work. Ask your friends with whom you correspond to send something for your book. You will want articles about their country and women's activities.

A loose leaf book which has leaves 12" x 12" is a good size.

In the districts which have 15 or more clubs, each local club may submit four pages, those districts with less than 15 clubs, eight pages. These must be sent to your district committee by May 15.

A brief summary of the customs of the people, women's activities, etc., and what your clubs have done for them will be given at the June Convention, if possible by someone who has been there, for each of the countries with which we have had contact.

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A tea or luncheon will be a part of the program, for which we hope everybody who can will wear a costume representing some country in which they are interested.

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Mrs. Merle Mitchell

Women and Industry



Executive Board MFWC at Keyes Fiber

Those members of the Executive Board who wondered why a chairman of Industry had been appointed for the MFWC were considerably enlightened when they made a tour of the Keyes Fiber Company in Waterville the morning of January 25. The finishing touches to a new educational concept became complete when the group—after a delicious luncheon at which they were guests of Keyes officials—heard Mr. W. E. Parsons, vice president and general manager of the company, and Mr. Ralph Cutting, treasurer, outline the ways small industries grow and become of benefit to the community and to employees.

Miss Betty Beach, MFWC chairman of Industry, was especially honored at the Industry luncheon. Pink tulips and snapdragons as centerpieces and pink roses in boutonniere vases at each place added beauty to a morning of great interest.

At the workshop meeting of the Midwinter Conference the following morning, Miss Beach brought to clubwomen a message of importance and we are printing it in full.

We urge all clubs, large and small, to plan a program on Industry this coming year. Ask for co-operation of some industry in your town and become acquainted with the problems and benefits industry brings to all America.

What Industry Means To Us

Betty Beach

The particular objective of the industry program is to stress knowledge of this most vital part of our everyday living; to keep before the women awareness of the importance of industry. We need to remind ourselves that without industry we could neither have nor support our churches, schools and colleges, health institutions or our American homes. It furnishes the mechanical and material means on which we base our high standard of living. We look to it in our hope for peace.

I am directly employed in industry. In fact, I have been excused from my job for a few minutes to bring you this message.

Industry is the background of our Democracy. Private enterprise is the backbone of our capitalistic system. In order to preserve our American way of life we must understand the factors that have developed it. Industry has been recognized as one of these factors. We must be ever on our guard to protect what we know is good.

Big business has expanded to the point where it controls a great deal of American living. Labor has be-

come a power to challenge and offset the control of big business. You as consumers have the final say because what you decide to buy determines the distribution of the market. Your buying or saving power controls our economy. Your confidence and continued support encourages our production. Organized clubwomen are gradually being recognized as a powerful deciding force whose interests must be awakened.

A study of industry should include the three phases management, labor and consumer. We are all consumers. In our High Schools and Colleges of today courses are being taught called Consumer Education or in other words teaching how and what to buy. If you wish to check up on a product the **Consumer's Guide** may be found in most libraries and some offices. New products must be brought to our attention. We must be taught what they are for and a desire for them must be created in us by concentrated advertising. Many, many programs may be planned in studying this phase.

Labor is more difficult. All working people are involved in this. The labor unions should be studied carefully since their problems sometimes become national emergencies. How many of you have already forgotten that the railroads of this country are still under government control because of last year's wage dispute.

There are many people today still working under conditions that would appall you, even in your own home town. Only public opinion or a labor union can change this. Organized labor has achieved miracles but has yet a long way to go.

The importance of the union shop can be illustrated by the fact that with less than twenty hours remaining to stay in business the eighty-first Congress voted to amend the Railway Labor Act to permit the union shop. This was a marvelous vote of confidence in labor by the Congress of the United States.

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Books For Clubwomen

Mrs. Marion B. Stubbs, State Librarian, suggests the following books and reminds clubwomen that the services of the State Library are available at all times. All that is required is payment of return postage on books borrowed. She invites you to visit the Library at the State House, Augusta.

Let's Read for Pleasure

A Town that went to sea by Aubigne Lermond Packard. The story of Thomaston, Maine, and the Georges Valley area.

The Living Year by Richard Headstrom. The book contains twelve chapters, each telling of the variety of life that may be seen and heard in the world of nature each month of the year.

Fire upon the earth by Norman F. Langford. The story of the growth of the Church from a few disciples to its present millions of adherents, for senior-young people. A dramatic and colorful presentation and very readable.

Chrysanthemums for pleasure by Ernest L. and Aleita H. Scott. Everything that one could possibly know about chrysanthemums from their origin to their latest insect enemies is in this interesting book.

The Hinge of Fate by Winston Churchill. In his fourth volume of the Second World War series Mr. Churchill tells his story of the most critical period of the war.

Philadelphia Quaker; Hannah Whitall Smith, edited by Logan Pearsall Smith. The letters of a remarkable woman, edited by her son, cover her life from girlhood to old age. Besides zest and humor, there are sense and wisdom.

Abby Aldrich Rockefeller by Mary Ellen Chase. Pictures the charming wife of John D. Rockefeller and her deep awareness of the great responsibilities inherent in the possession of great wealth.

Let's Learn Something New

Youth programs for special occasions by Ruth Schroeder. Each of these religious programs is complete from instrumental prelude to closing prayer. There are sixteen for special days—New Year's, Bible Sunday, Thanksgiving, etc. Eight are on special themes, such as the Meaning of Christian Discipleship, Life Vocations; six are for outdoor worship; and five for candlelight services.

Community health organization by Ira Vaughan Hiscock. Health officers, public health nurses, teachers of public health and students of social welfare and community organization in general, will find the latest edition of this standard work extremely useful and worthwhile.

Speak for yourself by Jessica Somers Driver. A self-help manual on the essentials of reading aloud and speaking, developed from the author's experience in lecturing, reading in public and teaching.

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of women tugging at the baggage and huffing and puffing on their way to the car or taxi.

Do take the guest immediately to his hotel or provide a room where he can be entertained. Then allow him an opportunity to freshen up and, if an overnight trip has been made by the guest on a train, allow sufficient time for a shower before beginning the day's schedule.

If the speaker is one who is arriving just previous to the meeting and leaving immediately afterward so that a hotel room for the night is not indicated, do arrange to have a room set aside for him so that he may leave his wraps and have a place where he may draw a deep breath by himself. Don't usher your speaker into the cloakroom that the guests at the meeting are using but give him an opportunity to be by himself and wash his hands without an audience.

Protocol

If your guest speaker, or among your guests, is a Governor, Senator or other elected official, do regard protocol. The Governor

always sits on the right of the President or toastmaster; the only exception being when he is accompanied by his wife, then his wife sits on the right and the Governor on the left. When the Governor is present, the speaker sits at the left of the President or toastmaster but on other occasions the speaker sits at the right. There should be no exception to this deference to the Chief Executive. In addition to this seating arrangement, whenever the Governor enters the room everyone should stand until he is seated or indicates that he wishes the audience to be seated.

Even though everyone in the room grew up with the Governor and knows him on a first name basis, the President or toastmaster and all others should refer to him as Governor Payne or His Excellency, never by his first name except in personal conversation.

Introductions

Wisecracking and negative introductions should be cause for excommunication at least; possibly shooting at sunrise. Long introductions are an anathema and unnecessary. The toastmaster who really radiates happiness and cordiality is the ideal.

A very special don't is to have a toastmaster and President always bobbing up and leaving the table in order to make some last minute arrangement or to visit with someone in some other part of the room. Neither should he be fumbling with notes and otherwise betraying his nervousness. He should help carry on the conversational ball so that the invited guest is not either left sitting like a bump on a log or made to carry the conversational ball entirely. There is no worse thoughtlessness than for a guest speaker to have a nervous President on one side and a frantic toastmaster on the other, either silently rehearsing what he intends to say when it comes his time to speak or chatting personalities and letting the speaker know that all is not well within the group. The guest speaker is not interested in the feuding and fussing that may have taken place within the meetings!

When the speech is over, thank the speaker publicly and then get on with the business whether it is adjournment or whatever the arrangements may be.

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Mrs. Helen MacFarlane read the history of the club which she had written, quoting parts of a five year history written by the late Mrs. Henry Nash. Wearing costumes of 25 years ago, Mrs. MacLaren, Miss Bella Frazier and Mrs. Bertha Harris sang.

A candlelighting ceremony for the past presidents was an impressive part of the afternoon. Eleven charter members were present and these were presented with winter corsages. Tea was served at the close of the meeting, which had been planned by Mrs. Barbara Cost, chairman, Mrs. MacFarlane, Mrs. Mary Marston and Mrs. Sarah Bradford.

Gethsemane Today?

Today people read in Matthew these words from the tragic last hours of Jesus:

"Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.

"And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will but as thou wilt.

"And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?"

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A woman who gives her life to others was discussing this with friends. She said: People read that and say to themselves, "If I had been with Jesus, I would have prayed with him, I would not have gone to sleep."

Then prove it now, she went on. The Christ which Jesus came to express needs your prayers as much as ever they were needed in Gethsemane. Boys are suffering in Korea as the Master suffered in that garden of tragedy. Agony is ahead for the whole world unless we can bring about the triumph of Good, which is Intelligence and Love, and prevent World War III.

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Will you not give one hour a day to prayer, believing prayer? Faith that this prayer can bring God's law of peace into operation in human affairs . . . We have muddled and muddled. Unless our affairs are governed by a wisdom we have not shown up to now, there is no hope. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally . . . and it shall be given him . . .

"Can ye not watch with me one hour?"

Can we not set aside an hour a day to pray as he asks us to pray for the triumph over falsehood, of Love over hate, of trust over fear, of order over confusion, of service over tyranny, in the hearts of all men everywhere, in Moscow and Peiping, as well as in Washington and London and Paris?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO BERWICK WOMAN'S CLUB

Berwick Woman's Club, South Berwick, observed its fiftieth anniversary January 2 at the Community House. Mrs. Allen Garner, Director of District 13, was an honored guest, together with past presidents and charter members.

Mrs. Arthur Cram, Jr., president, gave the address of welcome. Highlights of the program were a brief message by Mrs. Garner, a paper prepared by Mrs. John Burleigh, a charter member, past president and honorary president of the club since 1931, and read by her daughter, Mrs. James Bixler, on the

If all Christians everywhere would do this, "believing", we could expect a mighty miracle. Have we not already seen minor miracles, such as Mons, Dunquerque and the Battle of Britain? A saving of our cause when there seemed no hope? Let us seek that mighty miracle.

On that day He asked one hour of His disciples.

He asks one hour of us this day. Let us give it to Him this day and every day.

Singly and in groups, let us pray.

By Henry Wellman in
Memphis Press - Scimitar

founding and earlier days of the Club; a paper on past presidents given by Mrs. Roy Goodwin; past programs by Mrs. Elmer Perkins; past projects by Mrs. Ruel Rideout; and a most impressive memorial service conducted by Mrs. Albert Maddox. These were all past presidents taking part.

A group of vocal selections were sung by John Conroy and a group of French Horn solos by James Funkhouser, both of Durham. Letters of congratulations from charter members and past presidents unable to attend were read by Mrs. Frank Flynn, a past president. A letter was read from one charter member. Miss Jane Sewall, who is 101 years old and another letter received was from Mrs. Amelia Bowman, past president, who is in Norway. Corsages were presented all honored guests by the president.

The dining room was beautifully decorated by Mrs. Thomas Reid. The president's table was most attractive with a centerpiece of yellow flowers, tall white candles, an exquisite tablecloth of Italian cutwork and crystal glassware banded with gold. An anniversary cake decorated in green and gold and cut by the president was the outstanding feature of the afternoon's refreshments.



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can meet, and pointed out that even the anticipated budget submitted in the fall was proving inadequate between rising prices and increasing need of institutional care.

All-in-all, the four speakers left those who heard them with a deep sense of responsibility to do all they could to secure appropriations and legislation which would enable the commissioners to carry out their recommended programs. Mrs. Loeb suggested that clubs discuss these matters at greater length and write local legislators their opinions. It is not too late!

Senator James Reed gave an interesting outline of his conception of a good probation system, declaring that Maine needed a state-wide probation system. What he is attempting for Kennebec County, other counties could follow.

After a report on the White House Conference on Children and Youth, given by Mrs. Philip Marston and reported in another column, Rev. Kenneth Garrison of Waterville gave the keynote address: "The Keys of the Kingdom". "Many are interested in going to heaven," he said, "but few are interested in bringing heaven here." The "keys" he gave as "Know thyself", which means intellectual maturity; "Accept thyself", which means emotional maturity; "Forget thyself in service"; and "Improve thyself."

Dr. Margaret R. Simpson, director of the division of mental health, Department of Health and Welfare, thanked the clubwomen for their cooperation in filling out the survey sent out through the

MFWC by Mrs. Clarence Little, chairman of the division of mental health, MFWC, and Dr. Simpson. Among the recommendations she made were that more towns should have family relations councils. She told of the value of play therapy as shown by the work of the clinics in Portland and Lewiston. The findings of the survey are available to clubs and will be mailed if a request is sent to Dr. Simpson's office in Augusta. Dr. Simpson asked that clubs help her to publicize National Mental Health Week, May 2-8, the slogan for which will be "Build Mental Health: Our Children's Birthright, Our Nation's Strength." She also announced that her division hoped later in the year to have a mental health institute for teachers.

Miss Helen Hansen, special assistant in the State Civil Defense and Public Safety, outlined ways in which women could help with the civil defense program. (Each club is asked to appoint a civil defense chairman.) Details of this may be obtained by writing Miss Hansen.

CLUB CHANGES

Mrs. Frank B. W. Welch, 12 Walker St., Portland 4, is the new president of the Gorham Dames.

Mrs. Irving Southard is now president of the Kenduskeag Study Club.

New officers of the Village Improvement Society, Norridgewock are Mrs. Mary Jewett, president; Mrs. Dorothy Alford, first vice president; Mrs. Blanche Folsom, second vice president; and Miss Mabel B. Wilson, secretary.

The Zephyrus Club of Guilford has voted to become a Senior Woman's Club.

Active Citizens

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field; Maude E. Kingsley Club, East Machias; Current Events Club, Milbridge; Rockland Woman's Club; Arcana Club, Clinton; Winthrop Woman's Club; Progressive Club, Lisbon; Wyonegonic Club, Harrison; Travel Club, Portland; Arts and Crafts Club, Steep Falls; Ammonconglin Literary Club, Westbrook; Current Events Club, Westbrook; Old Town Woman's Club; Springvale Woman's Club; and Ladies Magazine and Reading Club, Kezar Falls.

Five clubs reported 100 percent voting except for members too ill to go to the polls. They were the Tuesday Club, Pittsfield; Travelers Club, Belfast; Jefferson Woman's Club; Gorham Dames, Portland; and Freeport Woman's Club.

Special mention should be made of the districts where a majority of clubs made reports: District 2, with 20 clubs, sent reports from 17; District 3, with 16 clubs, reported on 14; District 5 reported three out of five clubs; and District 11, with 25 clubs, reported on 21. District 12, with five 100 percent clubs, receives top honors.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all those who had a part in this project. I realize it took time to contact all members of a club, but I think you will agree with me it was worth the effort.

(Certificates were presented to the clubs mentioned above.)

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Build Freedom

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children, the aged and for the family as well as for themselves. Hold recreation training institutes for parents, youth and youth leaders. Plan neighborhood parties and such specific projects as repairing toys for needy children. Work with 18-25 year olds for a "sophisticated" recreation club where alcoholic beverages are not expected. Help youth to develop with their parents, **family nights at home** and **family councils**.

Look through the classifications listed in the orange pamphlet telling about the contest and select at least one project under each heading—not alone as a club, but with the cooperation of representatives from each youth group in town, or representatives from each class in junior and senior high schools, or in large cities representatives from each school itself. In small towns, the same young people will be both representatives of youth groups and of the school. Remember that 15 points are given for the amount of cooperation you receive from other civic organizations. Also, remember that more than one woman's club in a town may join in a combined project.

Mrs. Ruth B. Gay is the national contest chairman. Maine's chairman is Mrs. C. N. Crosby, Kennebunk.

Send the enrollment blanks off immediately and may the best club win!

GOING TO POLAND SPRING?

Make your reservations for Poland Spring for the June Convention soon.

President's Message

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peace we must have a strong United States. To keep and build up the strength of our country we must, I believe, recognize some basic facts which are well expressed by an unknown author. I quote: You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift.

You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.

You cannot help small men by tearing big men down.

You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich.

You cannot lift the wage earner by pulling the wage payer down.

You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than your income.

You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred.

You cannot establish sound social security on borrowed money.

You cannot build character and courage by taking away a man's initiative and independence.

You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves.

"We search the world for truth, we cull

The good, the pure, the beautiful, From graven stone and written scroll,

From the old flower fields of the soul.

And, weary seekers for the best, We come back laden from our quest,

To find that all the sages said Is in the Book our mothers read."

John Greenleaf Whittier

With every good wish to each one of you,

Cordially,

Ruth Flanders Loeb

Women and Industry

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One great difficulty in studying labor is lack of proper information. Newspapers record the violence or sensation because that is news. Basic issues are discussed in many periodicals and such articles should be brought before the group.

Management is the life and vigor of industry. Management has the vision to plan the product, produce and market it. Their laboratories are continually improving it. Management includes men of great courage and farsightedness who have made us foremost among nations in production. They should not be curbed in their advance to produce abundantly at low cost. Literature may be obtained to provide many interesting histories of the men in management and production.

Too many of our clubwomen know industry as a word or name only, without realizing its true import. It is suggested that clubs arrange tours of plants and factories; that they invite representatives of industry to speak at their meetings.

The easiest way to learn what really goes on and how it does is to see for ourselves, to hear the men and women in responsible positions speak and to ask them questions.

Mrs. Bert MacKenzie, junior past president, MFWC, who has been quite seriously ill, was able to attend the sessions of the midwinter conference at Waterville, and was surprised at the banquet with a birthday cake.

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Across The Editor's Desk

History has been made in the past ten months as the Senate Crime Committee has uncovered almost unbelievable corruption in every section of the country. We have been reading their findings in the newspapers, but it was not until those of us in southern Maine were privileged to view the proceedings on television that we have realized completely the import of the work of this committee. Hundreds of us have joined the rest of the country in the neglect of work. Business has slumped and theaters have been almost deserted as millions have watched in fascination the procession of crooks and of politicians and law enforcement officials, honest and otherwise, who have unfolded a horrible picture.

The saddest part of that picture is that organized crime has been helped on its way by many of the average citizens of the United States—those who during prohibition knowingly defied the law by patron-

izing speakeasies and those who now knowingly break the law by gambling—the same people who seldom break the law in any other way; but that one way is enough to give power to the underworld. Included among these average people are men who should be above average: the law-enforcement officials of the nation.

That these facts have been uncovered is a healthy sign and a hopeful one. People have been aroused everywhere. Many who previously winked an eye at minor infractions of the law are realizing that no breaking of the law is really a minor offense. At last democracy is beginning to work, with a high interest of the people in everything pertaining to government. It is our hope and prayer that this interest will be kept high and that a new era of honesty in service and holiness of purpose will inspire our youth to go and do better.

Will You Be There?

For the first time in many years the General Federation is sponsoring a special train permitting members to travel together to Houston, Texas, for the annual convention. The group will travel from Chicago to Houston and return on the special train, with new stream-lined coaches and sleeping cars, and a private dining car. Trains from various parts of the country will connect with the "Special" in Chicago and Kansas City.

The Convention will convene in the beautiful Shamrock Hotel, Houston, at 6:30 P. M. Monday, May 14, and close with the evening session, Friday, May 18. Sightseeing trips and special church services will be planned for delegates arriving early. Mrs. J. Howard Hodge and the Texas Federation are planning a Western Breakfast, with cowboys, bands, and Western songs, for Saturday morning, May 19.

Please make hotel reservations early.

The GFWC Board, International Delegates and Junior Clubwomen will arrive in Houston not later than Sunday, May 13, as the pre-convention group meetings and the Junior sessions start early Monday morning. All Juniors will be housed at the Rice Hotel (which is Junior Headquarters) unless they designate otherwise. The Board and International Delegates will be housed at the Shamrock unless they request otherwise.

The Convention program will be keyed to the needs of the hour. The international situation and National Defense will be given significant emphasis. The finest speakers in these fields and other areas of Federation interest will be presented. Every delegate will be asked to contribute to the formulating of future policies and procedures of the General Federation. The Fine Arts and entertainment so necessary to relieve tensions will have their place in the program.

Candidates for office in the General Federation for the term, 1952-54 will be formally presented at the Convention by the respective State Presidents with two-minute endorsement speeches.

DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL

Have you bought your seals from Pine Tree Society?

3—**American Home Day**, University of Maine, Orono

6—Adm. Robert Peary reached North Pole, 1909

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23—First public showing of motion pictures in New York, 1896

24—Library of Congress founded, 1800

MAY

National Boys and Girls Week

8—V-E Day

13—Mother's Day

20—**I Am An American Day**

30—Memorial Day

JUNE

6, 7, 8—**Annual Convention at Poland Spring**

14—Flag Day

A delightful Post-Convention tour will leave Houston by air for Mexico and Guatemala, Saturday afternoon, May 19, and return via Monterrey.

The Official Call will give club presidents information as to the Convention program and include proposed revisions to the By-Laws and resolutions to be presented to the delegates. Please read these to your club members. Discuss the revisions and resolutions with them so that your delegates may present the thinking of your club at the Convention.

Mrs. Hiram Cole Houghton says, "Let's make this 1951 GFWC Convention a significant contribution to our nation in this time of crisis."

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Programs and Projects

It is nearly time to begin planning club programs for another year. We hope every program committee will have in its kit of suggestions the January 1951 issue of the GF Clubwoman. Not only will program committees find help in ideas for programs but in the very fundamentals of program planning itself. Each committee will also want to order the free Program Kit offered by the GFWC. Each issue of the NEWS has special program suggestions. Many clubs have folders of program ideas which are passed along with names of speakers, addresses, suggested themes, from committee to committee.

Mrs. Frank Roberts, Westbrook, outlined the objectives of the Hoover Commission at a meeting of the Farmington Monday Club. At another meeting, Mrs. Dorothy Whitechurch, Kingfield, gowned in Mexican costume, showed colored slides of pictures taken on a trip to Mexico and Western U. S. She had on display a collection of Mexican ornaments.

Make full use of the art, wood-carving and doll collections maintained by the MFWC under the direction of Mrs. Harold Gleason, Ellsworth. All the charge required are transportation costs one way. Mrs. Gleason reports that a water color by a young Surry artist, Shelburne P. Whitney, has been added to the art collection.

If you are interested in refined British women who have lost their homes and now live in a Rest Home, send little gifts of tea, candy, jam, crackers, syrup or sugar to Mr. David Wood, Dene Park, Tonbridge, Kent, Eng.

The Girl Scout troop sponsored by the Ogunquit Woman's Club recently completed a course in home nursing by giving two playlets for club members, after which the girls received their badges in an impressive ceremony.

Youth and Your Community was the program theme of a recent meeting of the Excelsior Literary Club of Westbrook.

The Progressive Club of Lisbon entertained the seventh and eighth grades of the grammar school at an annual February event of long standing. Mrs. Antoinette Peverley, president, gave the group a sum of money from the club's youth fund. The boys and girls presented a review of the operetta, "Sliding Down a Moonbeam".

Albert Chambon, consul of France, was the guest speaker at one of the meetings of the Thursday Club, Biddeford. M. Chambon talked about the people and customs of France.

The Yarmouth Woman's Club is one of the clubs sponsoring an essay contest. The winners spent a day in Augusta as the guests of the club.

Among the clubs studying other countries are the Lubec Woman's Club, which had a program on Japan, and the Kingtown Literary Club, Kingfield, which had one on India. The York Woman's Club has spent the whole club year studying Alaska and Hawaii.

An International Luncheon was one of the highlights of the year for members of the Woman's League of York. Food, served buffet style, included dishes from Hungary, Sweden, Italy, Holland, Germany, and one was Jewish. A Swedish smorgasbord delighted everyone. Place cards were tiny replicas of flags of various countries. Special guests were Mrs. Ervin Center, chairman of International Relations, Mrs. Merle Mitchell, chairman of the Council of International Clubs, Mrs. Allen Garner, Director of District 13, and Mrs. Avis Caston, who afterward spoke to the large audience about her trip to Europe.

Dr. Harold Pooler, superintendent of the Bangor State Hospital, spoke on Mental Hygiene at the Bangor Home Culture Club. (When you plan your programs, canvas your own town for instructive and inspiring speakers. You may be surprised!)

Herta Jung, a German exchange student, has been made an honorary member of the Bangor Sub-Deb Club. The club has also adopted a marine, who is serving in the Korean area, a former high school student who has no close relatives. The girls send him letter and packages.

One club or several clubs in a town might like to conduct a workshop on youth. Ask qualified people to speak at various work-

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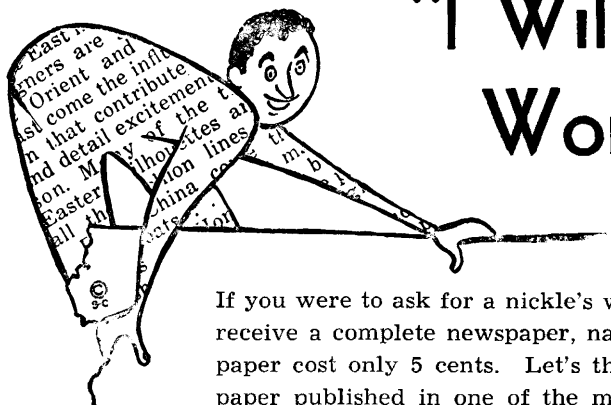
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shops which might be on family life, education, health services, recreation, correctional and protective services. At a general session, reports of the section chairmen are given and a prominent person gives a key address.

Would you like to send a box of candy bars overseas to the children of Korea or other country? Give a talent show and charge two five-cent candy bars for admission!

A program called "The Christmas Story" is available from the GFWC Fine Arts Department, Mrs. Gustav Ketterer, chairman. This consists of colored slides which are reproductions of famous paintings from the National Art Gallery in Washington, accompanied by an interesting story to be read while the slides are shown. This program is appropriate for any season of the year.

The What-So-Ever Club of Princeton does "what-so-ever we see to be done" and their activities include the purchase of the Princeton War Memorial, sunshine boxes for shut-ins and flowering plants at Easter, and large donations to church, schools, youth work and all charities.



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