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# The ... Maine Federation News

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MRS. GILBERT F. LOEBS

May  
1951

*... In This Issue ...*

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Convention Notes  
Man's First Need



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# Our Year-Round Vacation Land

Winter months filled with constant activity at home and in our clubs leave us ready for a change of pace as summer approaches. At first we'll be satisfied to loaf as much as possible. Before too long, however, a feeling of restlessness will warn us that life is too short to spend in aimless activity, even in summer.

Maine is famous for its arts and crafts and one of the most famous centers in the Massachusetts House Workshop at Lincolnville. Its summer craft program is of great advantage to the state and well worth visiting. Perhaps it will inspire us to create articles of beauty for our homes!

Weekends, when our husbands are free to join in family fun, let's take short trips to see what neighboring counties have to interest us. Remember to take a copy of the NEWS and patronize the hotels, restaurants and shops which cooperate with the Federation! Fort Western in Augusta, the Old Gaol in York, Sarah Orne Jewett's home in South Berwick, Harriet Beecher Stowe's home in Brunswick—history

and literature can be brought to life for all of us through visits to such shrines as these.

Industrial plants are located in every section of Maine and most of them welcome visitors. What better way to acquaint ourselves and our youngsters with our economic way of life than to learn how Maine products are manufactured!

Our children need hobbies and so do we. All of us can't go away to camp but we can bring the activities of the camp to the home and study nature, learn woodcraft skills, have family dramatics, make scrapbooks, teach our daughters to knit or sew or cook, keep a log of our walks, start that braided rug we've talked about for years, and play TOGETHER. This is a golden opportunity and Maine is just the state to help us make this the best summer of all.

The Maine Publicity Bureau, 3 St. John Street, Portland, will give suggestions for all kinds of trips. Let's join the Maine Automobile Association and make use of their friendly service. Let's have fun!

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## CONGRATULATIONS!

Mrs. Norman Fay Plouff wishes to announce that the Moosehead Lake Woman's Club of Greenville voted 100 percent on September 15.

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### The Latch-String is Out

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# The Maine Federation News

Published by the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs

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## The President's Message

This is the last message of my two year administration which I will write to you. My heart is full of gratitude for the friendships we have formed and I am thrilled with the cooperation and loyalty with which we have been able to work together for Youth Conservation, Mental Health and Citizenship and the other GREAT issues of Federation work. I relinquish this office, challenged to greater service for the women of our State and Nation and happy to place the well being of this organization in such capable hands.

Our clubs have counted the achievements of this years and I am delighted and proud of the magnificent work which you have done. The response to the "Build Freedom With Youth" contest is excellent, and those who have entered are contributing materially to Youth Conservation.

As you read this message, I will be representing you in Houston, Texas at the glamorous Shamrock Hotel from May 14-19 at the Annual Convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. You will receive a full report of this event at your Annual Convention in June. Your President has been invited to speak at the Annual Convention of the Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs on May 24th and on that date she will speak at Fayette College at Lexington. On May 29th, at the Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs

Annual meeting, held in Chicago, your President will be presented and has been invited to be a guest at Hotel Sherman.

The opportunities for Maine Club Women in the future are limitless and as we build for tomorrow by meeting our responsibilities bravely and enjoying our privileges humbly, I would like to say to each one of you.

### TOAST TO A CLUBWOMAN

By Agnes Carr

She reaches for a steady, shining star  
Of beauty, that brings grace unto the world;  
She walks wherever need and duty are,  
Her banner, Service, ever is unfurled.  
Her heart is kind, her mind is keen and bright,  
She lays a clear, straight path through troubled days;  
Her leadership is always toward the right,  
To her, we lift a song of honest praise.

I shall look forward to seeing you at Poland Springs June 6, 7 and 8. My letter to you and the Program is printed in this issue of the magazine.

It is with a spirit of love for you that I conclude my administration. I shall hope that our paths may meet many times again and that I may be remembered as:

"One who never turned his back but marched breast forward,  
Never doubted clouds would break,  
Never dreamed, though right were worsted, wrong would triumph,  
Held we fall to rise, are baffled to fight better,  
Sleep to wake."—Robert Browning

Affectionately

Ruth Flanders Loebs

## Adult Educational Opportunities

Among several opportunities for the educational enrichment of adult life during the summer months, is the new summer term at Colby College. The term consists of two sessions of six weeks each, the first from June 25 to August 4, the second from August 6 to September 15. Among the courses which will be of interest to adults are Personal Finance, Contemporary Literature, Problems in U. S. History, Meteorology, Social Work, Religion in Modern Life, Landscape Painting, Aerial Photography, Contemporary Social Philosophy, Child Psychology, and Races and Minority Groups. For further information and catalogue, inquiry should be addressed to Dean Ernest C. Marriner, Colby College, Waterville.

# Know Your Enemy

Graham Patterson

The free peoples of the world are engaged in a bitter struggle with their arch enemy—communism. Even if the Korean "incident" is localized, the fight will continue for many years; the Communists have admitted that their war with the democracies must be and will be never-ending. They believe that democracy must be destroyed if communism is to survive.

Obviously, then, it is important for free peoples to know their avowed enemy, to understand communism, to recognize the difference between their present freedom and the way of life communism would force upon them.

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**Communism** is more than a political belief; it is a form of fanaticism. It is an evil doctrine, against all our concepts of life. It is atheistic, and opposes all forms of religion.

Communism claims it works for the benefit of all the people, yet it

does not trust those it claims to help. Did you ever hear of a Communist regime voted in by the people in a really free election? Under communism, there is no choice. You vote for it—or else.

Democracy holds the individual as all-important and the master of the state. Communism considers the individual the **servant** of the state; the state is all-important. Yet under communism the state is a small group of **individuals**, the bureaucrats who—usually by violence—have gained control of the Party.

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In a **democracy**, you enjoy freedom of speech, thought, worship, and opportunity. Under communism, you do as you are told, you even think and speak as you are told; you work where you are told, and for as little as the group of bureaucrats at the top decide you should be paid. If you don't like

such a way of life and are foolish enough to say so, you are "purged"; you end up in a labor camp, prison—or a cemetery.

Democracy dignifies man as God's masterpiece; communism disavows God, and man is a robot. No man, woman or child is permitted any individual ambition, any personal hope, any private plans. Communism demands everyone's soul, mind and body—without question, without mercy, without appeal.

Under democracy, the people elect to office those they consider best fitted; if they prove incompetent, the people themselves vote them out and elect others in their place. Under communism, there is no hope of change; the Party is considered incapable of error. It gains control of the state by violence and keeps control by violence. Communism has pledged itself to the overthrow of every other form of government in the world—by

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## Puss N' Boots

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## Fifty-Ninth Annual Convention Official Call

Dear Clubwomen:

The Fifty-Ninth Annual Convention of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs will be held at the Poland Spring House, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, June 6, 7 and 8, 1951. The conference will convene at 2:00 P. M. Wednesday afternoon, June 6, in the ball room of the Poland Spring House. At this time, after the reports of the officers, a program "A CURE FOR CLUB DOLDRUMS" will be presented. Miss Florence Jenkins, President of the Maine Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs and Mrs. Edwin Troland, Chairman of the Division of Public Education, General Federation of Women's Clubs, will be guest speakers.

The banquet the evening of June 6, will honor club presidents and Past State Presidents of the Federation. After the banquet, the assembly will adjourn to the ball

room where Mrs. Troland will speak on International Relations and Dr. Charles Phillips, President of Bates College, will speak on "Leaders For Tomorrow."

The Thursday morning session will come to order at 8:45 A. M. Besides reports the Reverend Victor Scalise of the Calvary Baptist Church, Lowell, Mass., will address the group on "Women Are Unpredictable." Nominations for State Officers will be heard at this session and voting will take place at the noon recess. The International Relations luncheon, June 7, will feature foreign costumes and a menu of foreign recipes. A Panel of foreign students will highlight this luncheon. Your Federation is fortunate in having as an afternoon speaker Mrs. Beatrice Hancock Mullaney, Fall River, Mass. The banquet that evening will be a Calendar Dinner. Mrs. George Jaqua of Indiana, Chairman of

Safety of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and Mrs. Agnes Beaton of Washington, Director of Women's Division, Automotive Safety Foundation, will be guest speakers.

The final session Friday morning will feature a breakfast meeting; an address by Mrs. Elizabeth Cowles, Assistant Director Women's Activities, National Manufacturing Association and business concluding the session of the convention.

There will be orchestra selections at luncheon and banquet sessions by the hotel orchestra. Mrs. Marion Louisfell will have charge of the music for the convention and will feature several soloists. There will be favors for the banquets.

Make your reservations for this meeting directly with the Poland

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# WARD'S

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## Let's Go To Houston!

### Gen Fed of Women's Club—Release

Two thousand community leaders will advance on Houston, Texas, for the convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, May 14-19, at the Shamrock Hotel.

Mrs. Hiram Cole Houghton, the President, will keynote the convention theme, "A New Birth of Freedom," at the opening business session, Tuesday, May 15.

One of the featured programs will be the National Defense Forum on the evening of May 15, when General Omar N. Bradley, Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff, Department of Defense, will speak on Military Defense; Nelson A. Rockefeller, Chairman International Development Advisory Board, will speak on Economic Defense; and the Honorable Millard Caldwell, Administrator, Federal Civil Defense Administration, will speak on Civil Defense.

The General Federation of Women's Clubs is planning to throw a silken curtain in front of the Iron Curtain, which they believe will penetrate it. This will be done through the new "Radios for Iran" project, which will be presented by Mrs. William Dick Spurborg of New York. The plan will be announced through a presentation of a Voice of America broadcast to Iran under the direction of Bartow H. Underhill, Deputy Director, Private Enterprise Corporation, Department of State.

Other program highlights are as follows:

Mrs. Alben W. Barkley will be guest of honor at a special Junior program on May 16. On the same day, Samuel Goldwyn, motion picture producer, will speak at the Motion Picture luncheon and a number of screen stars will be present.

Kathleen Norris, noted author, will speak for the Youth Conservation Committee at the afternoon session. A panel discussion on Conservation of Natural Resources will have as participants, a stockman, Farring Carpenter, and a conservationist, Arthur H. Carhart, with the Honorable Leslie A. Miller, former Governor of Wyoming as moderator.

International delegates will be featured on May 17 and His Excellency, Senor Don J. Rafael Orea-

The Connecticut State Federation of Women's Clubs will be hostess to the New England Conference of State Federations of Women's Clubs at the Griswold Hotel, Eastern Point, Groton, Conn., September 11-13 for its 42nd annual meeting, and the biennial election of officers, beginning at 2:30 on Tuesday, September 11.

Around the theme of this conference, "New England: Time—The Present", a program is being planned by the Connecticut women, which includes speakers of national reputation, such as Hon. John D. Lodge, Governor of Connecticut, Walter H. Wheeler, president of the New England Council, the Hon. Brien McMahon, U. S. Senator from Connecticut, Philip Cummings, nationally known commentator on world events, and Mrs. Hiram C. Houghton, General Federation president.

A tea will be held for the visiting delegates at Connecticut College for Women in New London on Tuesday afternoon, and a side trip to the U. S. Coast Guard Academy is also being planned as a post-conference attraction on Thursday afternoon.

Special hotel rates are \$14 per day per person two in a room, or \$16 per day per person, single room, including all meals. For those not planning to stay at the

muno, Ambassador from Costa Rica, and the Honorable Walter H. Judd, Congressman from Minnesota, will speak in the evening.

On Friday morning, in addition to regular convention business, a model Finance Forum will be presented with Roscoe C. Ingalls, Association of Stock Exchange Firms; Mrs. Marion Stevens Eberly, Institute of Life Insurance; and Dr. William A. Irwin, American Bankers Association, as speakers.

At the closing session Friday evening, speakers will be William Chapman Foster, Administrator, Economic Cooperation Administration; the Honorable Perle Mesta, U. S. Minister to Luxembourg; and Erwin D. Canham, Editor, *Christian Science Monitor*.

Following the convention, Mrs. Houghton will lead a party of clubwomen on a good will tour to Mexico and Guatemala.

## And To Groton!

hotel, the price for luncheon will be \$3 and for dinner, \$5. Send room and meal reservations directly to the hotel manager, Mr. Morton A. Mencher, Griswold Hotel, Eastern Point, Groton, Conn., before September 1.

All are cordially invited to attend the autumn meeting of the Connecticut State Federation Tuesday at 11 a. m., continuing through luncheon.

### Two-Day Seminar

Do you want to go "back to college" with Mrs. Hiram Cole Houghton and other club women? All clubwomen are invited to Mount Union College, Alliance, Ohio, for a two-day seminar, June 13 and 14, on the theme "Economic Policy for Freedom", to be conducted by the GFWC, with the Ohio Federation acting as hostess, under the direction of Mrs. Osborne C. Dodson, state chairman of Economics and Industry.

Top business and economic speakers will add to our economic knowledge. The only expense will be transportation plus \$3.75 a day for room and board in the college dormitories and cafeteria. No registration fee. Registration forms may be obtained from Mrs. Dodson, Bentleyville Road, RFD 5, Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

The Scriptures require more than a simple admission and feeble acceptance of the truths they present; they require a living faith, that so incorporates their lessons into our lives that these truths become the motive-power of every act . . . Mary Baker Eddy

Oliver Wendell Holmes, having been at an afternoon tea, authoritatively defined such functions for all time as "Giggle, gabble, gobble, and git."

Live prayer unceasingly. That will open new gates for you, new opportunities will come to you, and new power to use them. The one eager to serve is quickly recognized . . . Fulton Oursler

A large part of America's steam comes, perhaps, from the cheerful boiling of the melting pot . . . Editorial Pointers, Boston Globe

## "Good Manners" In Entertaining

Miss Marion Martin, the only woman Commissioner of Industry and Labor in the United States, at our request has taken time to write some "do's and don'ts" for entertaining guest speakers and others featured in club programs. Since Miss Martin as director of women's activities for the Republican National Committee traveled and made speeches all over the country, she is especially well-qualified to discuss this important subject.

In the February-March issue of the NEWS, Miss Martin discussed explaining the meeting to the guest, meeting the guest on arrival, protocol, introductions. Part II continues:

### Program Planning

Now a special admonition. If you have invited the speaker to speak on a particular subject for a definite length of time, do not arrange the rest of your program so that it is inconsistent or incongruous with the topic. Music should be geared to the type of speech required. For instance, if it is to be a speech on gardens, music such as "To a Wild Rose" and other classical or semi-classical music of that type is appropriate. Don't have a brass band playing "The Stars and Stripes Forever". On the other hand, if he is to talk on current economic or political problems, don't have sentimental music that sends the audience mentally out in the garden picking flowers. The music can set the tone of your meeting just as much as the speakers can.

Don't sandwich in all the local high school talent even though that would bring the fond mothers to the meeting to see them perform. There is nothing more discouraging to a speaker than to have the first two or three rows in the audience filled up by performers and their parents who, immediately after their part in the program, get up and leave the room so that the front rows are empty when the speaker is introduced.

Always remember that your guest speaker is human. Don't therefore, try any unusual approaches that you yourself would not enjoy. He has a sense of humor but he also wants to be equal to the occasion. For instance, don't put your guest in the position of a person that I know who was presented with a cornucopia fully three and a half feet long, filled with fruit and vegetables so that it weighed at least twenty-five pounds. The description that this particular

speaker gives of her difficulties in trying to cope with such a gift, beggars description.

Eut bear in mind that cornucopias are not presented daily and they take a bit of technique to handle. The same applies to other types of gifts. All types are all right provided there is a table on which to place them and the guest is not left holding pounds of weight while smiling politely for the photograph. If the gifts are bulky or heavy, do arrange to mail them to the guest after the meeting.

Don't present unusual headgear such as laurel wreaths for the brow, sombreros, Indian headdresses or other such paraphernalia previous to the speech. They are all right after the speech is over but previous to that they may be so unbecoming that they detract from the speaker's comfort and ease and also cause the audience to concentrate on the headaddress rather than on the speaker.

If the speaker is one who has been in the community before, help protect him from the people who come up and say "Guess who?" Have someone with him who can call each person, as they come up, by name and thereby assist the speaker in recalling the names of those he has met before. Slaying is too good for the "guess who" people. The nicest courtesy that can be extended to anyone is to have people go up and say what their name is and state that they recall the speaker's previous visit to the community so happily. Don't get in a huff if the speaker does not remember your name. After all, he is only human and after being on a strenuous schedule and meeting hundreds of people, it is not unusual to find him in a position where he could not call his own mother by name if she stepped up unexpectedly.

### What Not To Do

The most horrible example that I can cite you is a case where the local committee took me in tow at 4:30 in the morning and didn't leave me one moment to myself until 11:30 at night. Even when it came time to dress in a formal dress for the banquet, there were about twelve people in my room sitting on my bed, the baggage rack and on the window sills. I finally gathered my dress and toilet articles up to go into the bathroom and two of them perched in there on the bath tub while I hustled out of one gown and into another. I wrote my young nephew a description of the ordeal at the end of the stay in that state and his reply was that, after all, "Sally Rand was paid for doing a strip tease."

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## How Many Remember?

I have before me a book called, "Report of the State Superintendent of Public Schools of the State of Maine for the School Year Ending June 30, 1900. Published by the Kennebec Journal Print, Augusta, 1901."

Imagine my surprise to find on page 159 the inclusion of a report on **FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS!** The first paragraph reads, "The department takes pleasure in giving below an outline of the work done by the women's clubs of this State in improving the public schools. The report was prepared by Mrs. Frank B. Clark of Portland, chairman of the education committee of this organization. The federation has placed the entire State in its debt by the service it has rendered, the interest it has aroused, and the spirit of sympathy and kindly feeling which it has developed."

Leaflets had been printed in 1899 calling attention of club women to the following:—Traveling Libraries, School Savings Banks, Town and Village Improvement, School Room Decorations, Music and Nature Study, Speaking in the Public Schools, and Cooperation of parents and teachers with the work of the Federation.

The chairman found with few exceptions, a great deal of interest in the topics. She was surprised to find many clubs devoting one afternoon a week to education. The traveling libraries were very popular and club women were given

credit for the forty that had been around the state.

The chairman hoped to find more school savings banks the next year. One club of 60 members is reported as having furnished several electric lights (in the schools, probably) cared for a small park and getting ready to erect a soldiers' monument to be dedicated the next Memorial Day! Some clubs were offering prizes for excellence in recitations, discussions, etc. in various schools. Members of another club visit schools often and there was a report of one club reporting remarkable work done for the children in unincorporated townships. Finally, there was a club that has an educational committee which visits the schools every month and the chairman wished that there were more clubs with a like spirit! The chairman felt that with all the work the clubs had done in the schools the parents and teachers have a better understanding than ever before and that the home and school are nearer together in consequence.

The undersigned was very delighted with Mrs. Clark's report. She recalls reading somewhere that in the mid-nineties the founders of the National Congress of Parents & Teachers approached the G. F. W. C. asking it to include the work for children in the program, but G. F. W. C., being primarily then an organization interested in adult women's activities, was not interested, tho many individual women took an active part in or-

ganizing PTA's in their own areas. It is a tribute, then, to the Maine Federation that back in those days women of Maine were doing such an excellent job for the children in our public schools that the superintendent of schools included the report in his own.

The superintendent of schools in 1900 was W. W. Stetson. His report was To Governor Llewellyn Powers, and the Honorable Executive Council.

I hope you enjoy my report of Mrs. Clark's report half as much as I enjoyed Mrs. Clark's report!

E. Frances Smith (Mrs. Jos. I.)  
District Director, District No. 11

### KNOW YOUR ENEMY

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violence. Yet, would violence be necessary if communism really were the Utopia it claims to be? Wouldn't people willingly vote for such a system? Would the millions of suffering Russians, slaving under the Communist yoke, vote in a free election to keep the Kremlin crowd in power?

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Small wonder that the Communists maintain their "Iron Curtain": the real reason for its existence is to prevent the people from learning the truth about the high living standards and freedoms enjoyed by the American people. The Russian would soon learn what a sham communism is. And in his rage he might use on his masters their own greatest weapon—violence.

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## What's Doing

**Mrs. Philip Corey**, past president of the MFWC, and her family have left their beautiful Damariscotta home "as is" for their return during the summer months and moved to Portland, where they have bought and furnished a home at 13 Fairmount St.

**Mrs. Paul Morin** has moved with her family to Washington, where her husband will continue with his work in oral surgery. They will return to their Saco home for the summer months. Mrs. Morin's fine contributions as legislative chairman for the MFWC will be greatly missed.

**Mrs. Woodbury Burd**, a member of the Riverside Woman's Club, Kittery, is becoming increasingly successful as a feature writer.

By a pupil exchange program, better education is now possible for the boys and girls of Norway and South Paris. Under this plan, Norway boys attend industrial shop courses in South Paris while the boys of the latter town take agricultural courses in Norway. Girls of the two towns share home economics teachers. Details of the plan are given in the Portland Press-Herald of Jan. 26, 1951.

Hollis Ingalls, superintendent of Bingham public schools and husband of the Director of District 4, has received one of the "finest gifts ever made to the town": the offer of the Allen Quimby Veneer Co., to furnish the remaining six rooms in the new elementary school building free of charge.

**Mrs. Frank Payne**, Director of District 12, has moved to 175 Mason St., Cumberland Mills.

The Hancock County Recreation Council has started a series, "Folk and Square Dances". So far 30 members have learned to "call" square dances.

## OFFICIAL CALL

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Spring House. Beginning with the banquet, the evening of June 6, the price per day is

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- \$15.00 per day, per person for single room with bath.
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- \$18.00 per day per person for double rooms with single occupancy.

Congratulations to two friends of the MFWC: Wallace E. Parsons, who has been elected president of the Keyes Fibre Company, and Ralph H. Cutting, former treasurer, who succeeds Mr. Parsons as vice-president and general manager.

These prices include all meals and use of all of the facilities of the Poland Spring House.

Lunch will be \$3.00 and Banquets \$4.00 for transients.

Registration fee will be \$1.50 for whole session or \$.50 for Wednesday afternoon and Friday morning sessions, \$1.00 for Thursday's sessions.

General Conference Chairman is Mrs. Ralph Haskell, Hotel Road, Auburn.

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# Ladies: Your Candidates For Office!

It gives us great pleasure to re-introduce here outstanding women in the MFWC whose clubs have announced their candidacy for office for the coming year : : : : :

PRESIDENT



MRS. W. B. CUSHMAN

Mrs. W. Bradford Cushman of Portland is being sponsored by the Woman's Literary Union as a candidate for the office of president.

Mrs. Cushman has had wide experience in club work. She served as president of the W. L. U., the largest women's club in the state, with a membership of over 1,000 members, and has been associated in all its interests and activities. She has served the State Federation as chairman of the Department of Fine Arts, as recording secretary and as first vice-president.

She has been active in other organizations, having held offices on the executive committees of Portland College Club, Pathfinders (FTA) of Deering High School, Women's Association of Williston Church, Williston Guild, and Elizabeth Wadsworth Chapter, D.A.R. She also served the last two named as president and regent respectively, and served the D.A.R. as a state chairman.

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FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT



MRS. NORMAN F. PLOUFF

Mrs. Norman Fay Plouff of Dexter is being sponsored by the Dexter Woman's Literary Club as a candidate for the office of first vice-president.

Now second vice-president, Mrs. Plouff has served the State Federation as director of District 2, and treasurer. She is a past president of the Dexter Woman's Literary Club and Onawa Literary Union.

She has served as regent of Rebecca Weston Chapter, D.A.R. Mrs. Plouff is a member of the Dexter Methodist Church, a member of the Official Board and Finance Committee of the latter, a member of Wassookeag Chapter, O. E. S., a trustee of the Dexter Plummer Memorial Hospital, a director of the Y. M. C. A. Central District, financial chairman of the Natarswi Fund for Dexter Girl Scouts, a member of the Dexter P. T. A. and of the Dexter Town Committee.

Mrs. Plouff has served her community and state in various civic (Continued on Page Fifteen)

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT



MRS. MILO CLARKE

The Ellsworth Woman's Club and the Ellsworth Literature Club are sponsoring Mrs. Milo B. Clarke of that town for the office of second vice-president.

Mrs. Clarke is recording secretary of the State Federation and formerly served the Federation as director of District 8 and chairman of Club Extension.

She studied at business school after graduation from high school and did secretarial work for two years before her marriage. Mr. Clarke owns and operates a store in Ellsworth. They have one son.

Three years Hancock County Commander of the Field Army for Cancer Control, Mrs. Clarke is a past president and secretary of the Ellsworth Woman's Club, a past president of the Literature Club, past president and treasurer of the Congregational Guild of Ellsworth. She has also served as county director for the Pine Tree Society for Crippled Children.

## RECORDING SECRETARY



MRS. ALLEN GARNER

Mrs. Allen F. Garner is being sponsored by the Ladies Magazine and Reading Club and the 21 Club of Kezar Falls for the office of recording secretary.

Mrs. Garner was educated in the schools of Cornish and was graduated from Gorham State Teachers College.

She has served as president of the 21 Club, vice-president and secretary of the L. M. R. C., president of the York County Union and is at present serving the Federation as director of District 13.

Mrs. Garner is very active in the civic, educational and religious activities of Kezar Falls. She is a member of the Methodist Church and has served two years as president of the Women's Society of Christian Service. Mrs. Garner has been a teacher and secretary in the Church School for 15 years. She is a vice-president of the Kezar Falls Library Association, an active member of the Band Mothers' Club of Porter High School and the Kezar Falls P. T. A. She is serving her second term as a member of the School Committee. She has taken an active part in numerous drives for the Red Cross, March of Dimes and Pine Tree Society for Crippled Children.

Mr. Garner is connected with the Kezar Falls Woolen Co., and they have two children: William, a senior in high school, and Ruth, a freshman.

## TREASURER



MRS. CHARLES W. MILLS

Mrs. Charles W. Mills, present treasurer of the State Federation, is endorsed by the New Idea Club of Milo, as a candidate for re-election.

Mrs. Mills has served as president of the New Idea Club, necrologist for the State Federation, Director of District 3, American Home Chairman, Chairman of the Finance Committee.

## Fine Arts Festival

Four days of workshops, demonstrations and programs in all the fine arts will make the GFWC's Fine Arts Festival Sept. 4-7 in Estes Park, Colo., an outstanding event. The tentative program includes informal concerts, choral groups, painting, arts and crafts for and by clubwomen, a visit to an art studio, literature composition with comment and criticism by professionals, drama by clubwomen, plus a grand surprise program the evening of the 7th.

Headquarters will be the Stanley Hotel, Estes Park, with accommodations at \$11 a day American Plan. The registration fee for the entire Festival will be only \$5.

Further information may be obtained from Mrs. Harold Gleason, Ellsworth.

## Looking Backward



The first directors' meeting of the Maine Federation was held in Augusta Feb. 27, 1893. The Current Events Club, Augusta, entertained the delegates, and Mrs. Anna Sargent Hunt, president, introduced her club with as much pride as a mother would present her daughter. At this time 27 clubs were federated.

Chosen to attend the General Federation meeting in Denver in June, 1898, were Mrs. Clark, Portland, Mrs. Jennings, Farmington, Mrs. Stickney, Bangor, and Mrs. William P. Frye, Lewiston.

Mrs. Florence Collins Porter, president of the Maine Federation in 1899-1901, who shortly afterward moved to California, was the first woman to be a presidential elector. She made the first speech to second the nomination of Calvin Coolidge as a candidate for President of the United States at the Cleveland Convention of 1924.

Miss Louise Coburn of Skowhegan has been appointed Park Commissioner of her town . . . The Northern of March, 1905. (Miss Coburn was for a number of years chairman of the Forestry Committee of the Maine Federation.)

Mrs. George F. French was the Federation's first chairman of Civics.

At the 1910 Federation meeting in Skowhegan, several women attended the reception in shirt waists, their traveling cases having gone astray.

Miss Lucia Connor of Fairfield announced at Waterville that her "committee had accomplished its work", the Legislature of 1899 having passed a law establishing the State Traveling Libraries.

The Year Book for 1912 was the first to contain the Collect for Club Women.



## To Help You

Mrs. Alfred S. Griffiths, GF regional chairman of **Conservation**, says that there is nothing more important than water. Consequently, the primary objective of every conservation chairman and club should be the maintenance and planting of forests on the watersheds. Everyone should also work with authorities to overcome pollution in rivers.

Mrs. Allan F. Gillis, Milo, chairman of the Division of **Gardens**, Department of American Home, has a splendid list of suggestions for ways in which garden-minded clubwomen can help beautify the community. A number of books on gardening are available at GF Headquarters. (Write for this information for use in the new contest.)

The MFWC chairman of Child Welfare, Mrs. James McKenzie, announces that the General Federation has sent her information about the newly-established John Tracy Clinic, "the purpose of which

is to find, to encourage, and to help educate deaf and hard-of-hearing children, together with their parents, with particular emphasis on the parents and the pre-school child." She says that the Clinic conducts a correspondence course for parents of children up to six years of age without charge. Information may be obtained by writing the Clinic at 924 West 37th St., Los Angeles, 7, Calif.

The National Association of Manufacturers has some excellent material for use in **Citizenship** programs, according to Mrs. Arthur Gilmour, MF chairman. Write Mrs.

Helen Livingston, Associate Director of Community Programs, NAM, 14 West 49th St., New York 20, for a free kit of this material. **Our Heritage** a 10 minute talk suitable for delivery at club meetings, may be obtained on loan from the GFWC.

To give you a better understanding of the basic program of work of the GF an enlightening pamphlet has been printed. Ask for it.

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The key to these problems, to life itself, is God. He is man's first need—his final goal. Religion, the bond that binds man to God is the golden arch that leads to happiness. Destroy it and chaos will result.

My hope for the future of this nation is predicated upon the faith in God which is nurtured in the home. No outside influence of a constructive nature can overcome the lack of a guiding light in the home. If the trend toward crime is to be met, the spark of this light must be the knowledge of God and its fuel must be the understanding of Him and His works.

Parents must awaken to the realization that the family is the first

great training school in behavior or misbehavior. Children develop a sense of right and wrong—they are not born with it. The home becomes for them their first classroom and parents serve as their first teachers for the inspirational education of youth.

Through the medium of the home, the child must learn to appreciate the necessity for discipline and the need for law and order to guide the conduct of people in society. He must absorb lessons of good citizenship and recognize that he has the responsibility to take his place as a citizen of the United States.

Above all, he must be taught a love and a knowledge of God. If these qualities are exemplified and taught in the family circle, the child will be fortified with a character that will be a forceful antidote against temptation.

Our nation is sadly in need of a rebirth of the simple life—a return to the days when God was a part of each household, when families

arose in the morning with a prayer on their lips and ended the day by placing themselves in His care. We should revive the beautiful practice of offering thanksgiving at meals and bring back to the family circle the moments when father or mother unfolded the beautiful lessons of the Bible to eager, young listeners.

Let us return to the faith of our fathers and reap once again the harvest of God's blessings.

J. Edgar Hoover  
in the Pueblo (Colo.) Chieftain

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## Be A Good Member Get A Member

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Attend regularly and arrive at meeting on time. Give courteous attention to presiding officer and program.

Be not too critical of others and of the program. Weigh carefully any subject up before the club.

Support club projects and help when possible.

Be loyal to the club and to its officers.

Be helpful and tolerant of the inexperienced.

Remember that the work of a single club is important in the large membership.

2. Know your Federation better.

What the Federation does: stimulates intellectual growth, develops leadership, cultivates many varied interests, furthers friendship, good will, understanding, fosters cooperation, trains for participation in civic affairs and has a powerful influence in the world today. Needs your support. Have printed copies of the Constitution and By-laws for every one and read them at least once a year.

Know the Collect better and use it more in meetings.

Know your officers and, officers, know your members better.

Have a Federation speaker on club programs and at district or county meetings, not just all entertainment.

3. Tell others about your Federation.

How your club has helped you.

How Federation has helped others.

How it can be a power of influence in community and country today.

4. Get other members in your club and new clubs whenever possible. Also get Junior clubs.

5. Select a worthwhile project in your club and in your districts. Explain it to all members and WORK at it.

6. Have an income beside regular dues. Counties and districts should have a registration fee of some kind. Also help on mileage for a speaker.

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Mrs. Hiram C. Houghton, president of the GFWC, is urging that every club encourage daily prayers in the home for the United Nations, and that when clubs meet they hold a few moments of prayer for the success of this organization, which is the only hope for world peace.

There is nothing more important for the public weal than to form and train youth in wisdom and virtue. Wise and good men are, in my opinion, the strength of a state, far more than riches and arms.

—Benjamin Franklin

**GOOD MANNERS**

(Continued from Page Seven)

will pick him up and escort him to the train and bid him farewell. Also, if there is any special entertainment that you care to offer him on a personal basis, do so but don't press it. It may be that the one thing that the speaker would like would be a nap or he may have friends in the community and would prefer telephoning them to going out to see the city hall. Don't force him to sightsee unless he indicates an interest in it.

Once he has left town, do write and thank him for the speech even though you didn't like it and enclose any newspaper publicity which has mentioned his name. Be sure to write on the clipping the name of the paper from which it was clipped and the date of the edition.

**MRS. CUSHMAN**

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Mrs. Cushman has devoted much time to civic affairs in Portland, having served on the Budget Committee and the Board of the Community Chest, on committees and Board of the Council of Social Agencies, and she is at present a member of the Board of the District Nursing Association.

A graduate of Simmons College, she was a teacher at Lasell Junior College. Mr. Cushman is general agent in Maine for the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. They have three daughters.

**MRS. PLOUFF**

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projects, including assistant chairman for the "Crusade for Freedom", and a member of the Governor's Committee for Investigation of Mental Institutions.

A graduate of the New Hampshire State Teachers' College, she also attended Boston University and Clark University. Mr. Plouff is Vice President and Treasurer of Fay and Scott Co.

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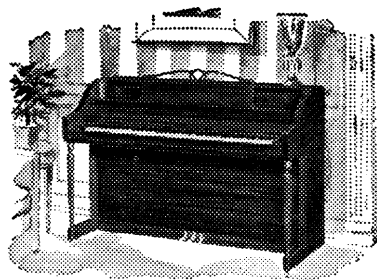
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### GOOD MEMBER

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#### 7. Plan your programs ahead of meetings.

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A Federation panel discussion.

A quiz on how to promote better programs.

A question and answer period on something pertaining to club interest.

A "party-line conversation" reporting the District or any Convention. This can be both fun and very inspirational.

Have a "conference" between county or district leader and a strong Federation speaker, discussing the good points of their projects in the interest of closer co-operation among women. Have various projects discussed.

Have a "do you know" period, emphasizing Parliamentary questions and answers. But keep a copy of Rules of Order handy.

Could have a "Past President Review" and not pick out the best things that happened then but bad ones and how they can be remedied.

Esther E. Kenyon

Mid-West Division Chairman

General Federation Extension Committee

He who works with his hands is a laborer. He who works with his hands and his head is a craftsman. He who works with his hands and his head and his heart is an artist. —Father Mathew Record

The happiness of your life depends upon the quality of your thoughts. —Marcus Aurelius

### Dates To Remember

#### MAY

##### National Boys and Girls Week

2- 8—National Mental Health Week

(Dr. Margaret Simpson has asked the MFWC to help her publicize this.)

8 —V-E Day

13 —Mother's Day

14-18—GFWC Convention at the Shamrock Hotel, Houston, Texas

15 —U. S. Department of Agriculture established in 1862

20 —I Am An American Day

21 —Founding of American Red Cross in 1881

30 —Memorial Day

#### JUNE

3 —Children's Day

6, 7, 8—Annual Convention at Poland Spring

10 —Father's Day

14 —Flag Day

18 —Susan B. Anthony fined for voting in 1873

26 —50 nations signed the United Nations Charter in 1945

#### JULY

4 —Independence Day

#### SEPTEMBER

3 —Labor Day

11-13—N. E. Conference of State Federations, Groton, Conn.

#### OCTOBER

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- Calculated risk by Clark
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- Story of mountains by Lane
- Informal adult education by Knowles
- Rural economy of New England by Black
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- You're human, too! Streeseaman
- Early American copper, tin and brass by Kauffman
- Lore of our land pictured in glass by Lindsey
- These sought a country by Latourette
- Jane Mecom, the favorite sister of Benjamin Franklin by Van Doren

Sir Walter Raleigh, captain and adventurer by Trease  
Mrs. Arthur Gilmour, chairman of Public Affairs, suggests these books for use in our public schools, "excellent for young people":

Our Careers as Citizens by W. M. Richards and Bliss Seeley

Citizenship by Stanley Johnson and W. M. Alexander

The American Way by Southworth and Southworth

Effective Citizenship by Millard S. Darling and B. B. Greenberg

Building Citizenship by R. O. Hughes

The Life and Work of a Citizen by Howard C. Hill

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## Across The Editor's Desk

For many, the club year is drawing to a close and plans for another year are being started. This is the period of evaluation. We are asking ourselves: Did our members learn many new ideas this year? Was our club instrumental in doing at least one thing for community betterment? For state betterment? For promoting world understanding? With better planning, could we have accomplished more in the time allotted to club meetings? Could our club become a power for good if more of us cared? Are we too well satisfied with doing a little in a world where much needs to be done?

Those of us who are working with youth have learned to our sorrow that in most cases the problems that arise are not caused by young people but by the serious apathy which has beset those of the older generation. Young people are willing to learn. They want to help the community. One young girl attending a youth council meeting said, "There are lots of things I'd like to do, but my mother laughs at me." Another reported, "My family sets down so many laws for me but they don't live up to any law themselves." A third declared, "We kids would like to help clean up the streets around our town, but I bet no grown ups would turn out to work with us; they never do." A young man pointed out, "Who does do things around this town? It's always the same few grown ups who care. What's the matter with folks, anyhow?"

I was reminded of incidents of the past. The day a woman asked to be a Girl Scout leader said, "I should say not. I send my daughters to Scouts to get rid of them." The many, many parents days and school open house days when a handful of mothers and maybe one father would appear. (Why don't grandparents take an interest if mothers have to stay with small children?) The youth meeting when of

15 young people who had asked an adult to attend with them, only two had been successful in getting one to come. The times at club meetings when no one volunteered to help on community projects which were proposed. ("I'm so busy with my bridge club which meets at my house tomorrow, and the church society meets next week. I just have to have time to myself." "I'm getting too old to take much responsibility; let the young women do it." "I know I should, but even with just George and me, it takes about all my time to keep the house clean.")

I was reminded of times when club programs of educational value have been given in numerous clubs and a quarter of the club membership came and then in contrast, the times big club teas or a luncheon would attract two-thirds of the members. ("Feed 'em and they'll come".) What about food for the soul and the mind?

It is true we have problems and we crave a time when we can feel free of them, a time when we can laugh. We like to be amused. Every club needs to have a few programs for relaxation. The time when clubs can afford to spend many hours in entertainment is gone, however, and club women who usually come for the lighter programs should feel obligated to appear at meetings of an educational or inspirational nature, also. No one can keep in good health on a diet of cake!

There can be no doubt that apathy is the most serious ailment of the present older generation. It has been acknowledged as such by members of the Maine White House Conference on Children and Youth.

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