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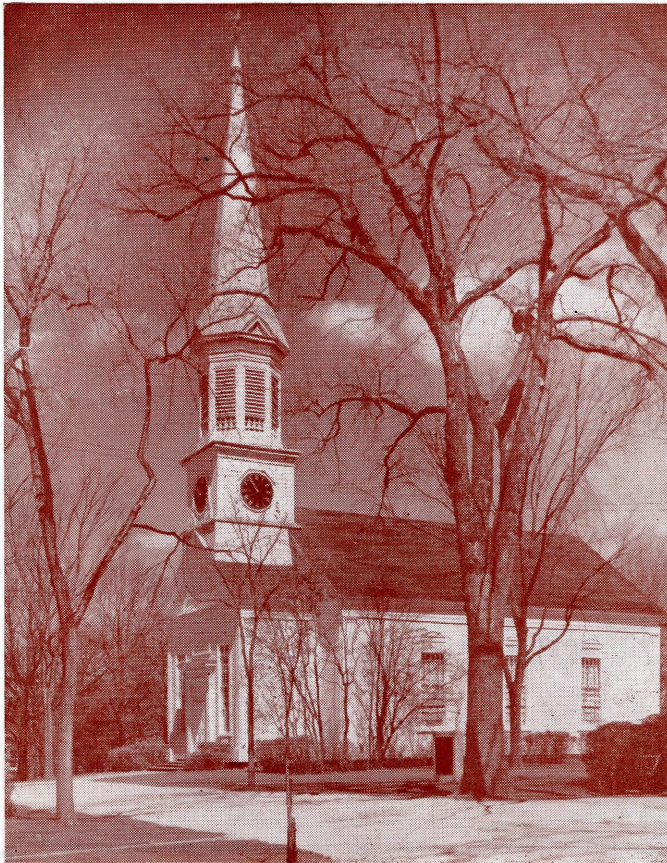
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The President's Message

Dear Clubwomen of Maine,

As this letter reaches you the club season is well under way. Clubwomen all over the state are busy working on the specific projects of their own clubs, particular interests in their own community, and at the same time endeavoring to do their share to help in the joint efforts of the Federation. As I write this I have already visited several of your clubs, heard of your plans, felt your enthusiasm. Club yearbooks and programs have come to me from many more of you. I am so grateful to you for sending these to me. They too speak of your plans and activities.

Our chairmen of state departments, divisions, and committees have been busy long before this planning and outlining programs and projects for you to follow in order that, pulling together, we may do all in our power to preserve our American way of life and to bring order and stability to a chaotic world.

Since our delightful meeting at Poland Spring last June your president has attended a very informative finance forum on the Economic Policy for Freedom arranged by the General Federation aided by the Ohio Federation, and held on the campus of Mt. Union College



MRS. W. B. CUSHMAN

in Alliance, Ohio. This refresher course in Economics brought to us again the necessity for individual responsibility, the responsibility for keeping our homes and our nation economically strong. Mrs. Houghton, our General Federation President, gave us a poem to remember. I shall pass it along to you:

I am not everyone; I am someone,
I can't do everything; but I can do something.

And what I can do, I ought to do;
What I ought to do, by the Grace of God, I will do.

In September, I attended the New New England Conference of State Federations of Women's Clubs, at the Hotel Griswold in Groton, Connecticut. The theme of this Conference was "New England—Time, the Present", and again economics was stressed as several speakers considered the industrial situation in New England.

During this Thanksgiving season may we rededicate our efforts to preserving those freedoms for which those who worshipped on the early Thanksgivings in our country, sacrificed so much. Let us resolve that, individually, we shall work to keep our nation strong; that, individually, we shall practice the spiritual truths that were our heritage.

My best wishes to you all,
Doris L. Cushman

What a glorious homage we shall pay the dead of the Great War when we can call November 11 World Peace Day . . . Helen Keller in 1938.

Prize Winning Essays

The results of the essay contest, "A Maine Character", were announced by Mrs. Harold Gleason, chairman of the Fine Arts Department, at the spring Conference at Poland Spring. Winners who received books as prizes, were Bernice Bassett Wyman, first; Doris Ricker Marston, second; Alice McGouldrick and Ruth Higgins, tied for third. Judges were Harold Gleason, Louise Dickinson Rich and Mary Ellen Chase.

"Grammie"

Bernice Bassett Wyman

Seven tall young men and nearly as many girls were calling her "Grammie" when I first knew her, despite her protests at the label. Grammie was the center of her own particular solar system about whom revolved the activities of the four families whose heads were her children. Be assured that statement implies neither domination nor autocracy, for her circle was composed of strong-minded individualists, else how could there have been those delightful family arguments she so enjoyed?

Married at seventeen, she had then assumed an outward semblance of dignity befitting the wife of a farmer some years older than herself. Within, however, the marriage ceremony had wrought small transformation in the irrepressible young spirit who, thus early deprived of further formal education, was determined that nothing should prevent her being free to learn, to laugh and to live.

Many times her heretical actions must have shocked the sensibilities of that country community of Central Maine, for it was both Victorian and Quaker. There was the time, for example, when she appeared at a dance although her imminent confinement was plainly apparent!

When her children came, this remarkable woman's ambition drove her to add yet another task to the many crowded into the interminable day of a farmer's wife: that these children should enjoy more than the bare requirements of food, shelter and clothing, she turned out

great cheeses, sweet and wholesome, for the local market.

She has left for us a word-picture of those years: a child or two playing about the kitchen, the current baby in the cradle rocked by the foot of the young mother as her fingers make swift work of paring apples for the daily pie, and her eyes focus on a book propped upon an easel of her own ingenious workmanship. Her text-book was for the Chautauqua Reading Circle course, to which study she applied herself over a period of years and was awarded upon its completion a certificate of merit.

One day an opportunity came to meet the authors whose writings had become familiar to her. A reception was to be given in Boston in recognition of those men of that golden age of literature who lived in the environs of the city. Perhaps her invitation came by virtue of her successful completion of her correspondence study; maybe she had entree in some other way. At any rate the important day came when she drove her horse and buggy to the Waterville station and set out on "the cars" for Boston, having made adequate provision for her family during her absence.

The story of her journey and her thorough absorption of every detail of the time spent in the presence of those great figures—Hawthorne, Longfellow, Emerson, Whittier, Lowell, is worth the telling were I able to do it justice. This experience was to remain the high spot in her life.

How Grammie learned stenography to become an efficient secretary in order that her children might be college-trained; how she filled responsible positions in diversified fields at an age when most women wish leisure; and how to the very end she "fenned" for herself with help from no one—deserve a more skillful pen than mine.

Never did she slump in body or mind—her naturally regal appearance was enhanced by immaculate grooming, straight posture, and by the ever-present black velvet neckband. Her clothes might have

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Robert Peter Tristram Coffin

Doris Ricker Marston

Anyone who still has an idea that writing poetry is effeminate need only meet Robert Peter Tristram Coffin to change his mind.

Broad of shoulder, strong of arm, Bob Coffin is bred of farming and seafaring folk and his writings probe deep into the roots of human experience among he-men. Lusty at times, there are yet a simplicity and delicacy of mood which proves again that the strongest men are often the gentlest.

Bob Coffin would be the first to tell you that he is what his parents and the coast of Maine have made him. He loved his mother and worshiped his father. To him his father was always a hero. For one thing, James Coffin realized that there was something "different" about this son and he allowed him to sit up as late as he wished after school and the day's chores to write in the ledger resting beside the oil lamp. Today Maine's most prolific writer writes best in the late night hours when familiar sounds have stilled.

With a poet's inward eye he recalls at will sights and sounds and emotions and recreates them for others' delight. In mid-fifties, he runs again, a brown-legged boy on Paradise Island, tasting wild apples, which unlike the tame ones, "bite back", rowing with his father from the mainland and gasping when the spray of a lusty Atlantic slaps his face, bending his back to the chores every Maine farm boy used to know.

A father, he makes other fathers, and mothers, too, know again the tenderness felt when a boy takes to wings for his country's sake. Because he uses every-day words, he reaches many who never liked poetry before.

He writes prose that sings and illustrates it with drawings forceful and sensitive. When he portrays Maine as a paradise, passing lightly over its faults, we forgive him for using poetic license, and underneath our grumblings, we agree with him.

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District Directors ❖ Safety ❖ Civil Defense

Dear Club Women,

When last I saw you, we were looking forward to the joy of summer, and now all too soon summer has passed, leaving us with many pleasant memories, but with the promises of fall, and the beginning of a new club year.

Once again it is my pleasure to greet you as a member of the Executive Board of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs, serving in the capacity of First Vice President, and Dean of District Directors. Thirteen very capable clubwomen are serving the Federation as Directors. It was my pleasure to meet with them in Augusta on August 23rd, when their duties and plans for District meetings were discussed. The schedule for the meetings, including those already held, follows: District 1—October 29, Mars Hill—Miss Hortense York, Director; District 2—October 31, Newport—Mrs. Austin Barrett, Director; District 3—October 30, Guilford—Mrs. Donald Maxfield, Director; District 4—Nov. 28 Skowhegan—Mrs. John Fogerty, Director; District 10—Nov. 2, Gardiner—Mrs. Harry Grover, Director; District 7 6,—Nov. 5, Jonesport—Mrs. Frank Batson, Director; District 8—Nov. 6, Southwest Harbor—Mrs. Milton Norwood, Director; District 9—Nov. 7, Damariscotta—Mrs. Wallace A. Ripley, Director; District 11—Nov. 13, Lewiston—Mrs. Aubrey Snowe, Director; District 5, 6—Nov. 14, Norway—Mrs. Albert Stearns, Director, Mrs. Alice Lake, Director; District 12, 13—Nov. 27, Portland—Mrs. Walter Bachelder, Mrs. Alden C. Phillips.



MRS. NORMAN F. PLOUFF

Interesting programs are being arranged, and club women are urged to attend. Members of the Executive Board will be present to greet you.

Please invite your District Director to visit your club. She serves as liaison officer, bringing to you material from General Federation of Women's Clubs, messages from your State President, program suggestions from Department Chairmen, thus bringing clubs and our State and National Organizations closer together.

On September 6 and 7 I attended the Twenty Fourth Annual Maine State Safety Conference, held at the Marshall House, York Harbor.

Miss Marion E. Martin served as Conference Chairman, Thursday morning, Mrs. Edith Durrell, Safety Chairman, Maine Federation of Women's Clubs, made a fine presiding officer at the Home Safety conference. I was pleased to see several from our organization present. Paul Jones, Director of Public Information for The National Safety Council, Chicago, Ill., Richard Mansur, Chemist, Division of Sanitary Engineering Hygiene Section, Maine Department of Health and Welfare, Augusta, Maine; and Alice Mills, Executive Director, Women's Division, National Safety Council, Chicago, Illinois left us the thought that we must "think first, last longer". Brigadier General Spaulding Bisbee, Director of Civil Defense and Public Safety, State of Maine spoke on the subject "What to Do in Case of Attack". May I urge each club to appoint a Civil Defense Chairman, and each clubwoman to study pamphlets "Survival Under Atomic Attack", and "What you Should Know About Biological Warfare". Both may be obtained from the office of Spaulding Bisbee in Augusta. Civil Defense is everybody's business! On October 9th, I represented the Federation at the Civil Defense meeting in Augusta, and attended the Herald Tribune Forum in New York on the 22nd.

Best wishes for a very successful club year,

Iola Hulbert Plouff
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Communist tyranny has driven hundreds of thousands of Estonians, Latvians, and Lithuanians to seek freedom outside their enslaved homeland. We, women and mothers of the Baltics States—Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania—who have escaped from the communist territories are thankful and consider ourselves fortunate to be among you in this free and Christian country. From deep within our hearts we wish you strength and future progress to the greatest degree for the fight of freedom, love, and human rights.

Since we left our home-countries in September 1944 we have fought an ideological war against the Communist menace and for the liberation of our dear countries from Communist domination. Most of our mothers are thousands of miles away from us and we even do not know where they are. Many of our Estonian, Latvian, and Lithuanian women to save the lives of their beloved ones have thrown themselves into the bloody paws of Bolshevism, sacrificing their lives for the freedom of their children. You might know that millions of our women and mothers—just as charming, loving, and caring as you—are in concentration camps in Siberia, hungry and cold, somewhere in the northern continent, dying from thirst and hunger in the remote districts of the Soviet Union, having been brutally separated from their husbands or even children. To take the child away from its mother for economic or

political reasons is a most frightful and disgusting offense. But the crime of the Communist is so dreadful it is difficult for people on this side of the Iron Curtain to believe and understand.

We are in possession of proved evidence that the Estonians, Latvians, and Lithuanians behind the Iron Curtain have lost their human rights, they have no personal freedom and the most terrible and unbelievable genocide which started in 1940 during the first Soviet occupation of our countries is still perpetrated in Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania. Hundreds of thousands of our fellow-countrymen were deported to the tundras of Siberia on June 14, 1941, and mass deportations are carried on since. With renewed rage our people are persecuted, spiritual leaders and priests arrested and exiled, and the churches are being used as dance halls, warehouses and barns.

We small nations has always stood for peace, but for a just, true, and righteous peace. We are convinced that there will be no real peace in the world while half of the world remains enslaved by one totalitarian power.

We, Estonian, Latvian, and Lithuanian women in the free world are asking you to support our struggle for human rights for those whom we had to leave behind. We beg you to support our struggle for the liberation of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, our fight for freedom and rights in the whole world.

We are asking you to remember our nations at your meetings, gatherings, the press, and radio. We do not want to be a forgotten page in the book of world's history, and the Atlantic Charter the Charter of the United Nations, and the Declaration of Human Rights be an empty promise. We stake all our hopes on the United Nations and America and are convinced that the united efforts of the women of the free world will help us to restore the independence of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania and other formerly democratic countries at present behind the Iron Curtain.

June 14th, the most tragic day in our recent history, is still wrapped in deep mourning. And (on this day) we beg you free citizens of the United States and of all free countries to offer a prayer to God with us for our countries and countrymen that He will return to us and give us the same happiness as all free people enjoy in the Western hemisphere.

DO HELP US AND GOD WILL BLESS YOU!

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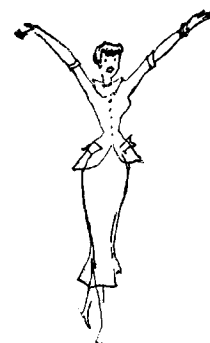
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A GFWC Campaign and Honor Roll

By Stella Scurlock

Youth Conservation Director

The General Federation of Women's Clubs announces a nationwide campaign to stamp out narcotic addiction among youth.

An increasing number of teenagers, our children, in towns as well as in cities, are using marijuana—reefers, they call them; and in many places they are being debauched by even more dangerous drugs. Youth who use narcotics are already in touch with the underworld, for they can buy it only there, and at so high a price that they finally sink to any depth—thievery, peddling dope, or prostitution, in order to satisfy the ever-increasing craving.

This is a campaign of adult vigilance to protect youth against the seemingly innocent beginning of the habit, and to cure them of the most terrible evil that can befall them. Our campaign works on two fronts:

(1) To shut off the sources of supply by amending the laws to increase the penalties for peddling, and by strengthening the agencies and police squads that enforce the narcotic laws; and

(2) To cure the addicts, especially the young ones, and to get all the addicts out of circulation. Dope is a communicable disease. Each addict causes perhaps four other persons to become addicts, and these four draw in sixteen, and so on until the situation pyramids out of control.

This campaign calls for every one of the 15,000 federated women's clubs to work with the city

health, welfare and school officials, the police, the courts and the city council, for a city ordinance to quarantine addicts in a controlled ward in an appropriate city, county, state or federal hospital. The names of the clubs and of the cities passing an ordinance with such a plan will be placed on a scroll.

Quarantining for small pox was difficult 50 years ago. Narcotic addiction, being more dangerous, is even more difficult. As with other sick people, special medical, psychological and welfare services are necessary to identify the disease, to find the causes and to carry on the cure in such a way the young patient feels helped rather than threatened. For this treatment it is wise to keep the young patients as close to home as possible.

The Honor Roll clubs will work also on a plan for the rehabilitation of the young people as they are cured, and the reformation of the environment that caused their addiction. The addicts need sympathetic and skilled help in making the emotional, social, and occupational adjustments.

The General Federation of Women's Clubs alerts clubwomen.

1. Locally, to work for

(a) Surveys to know where there is traffic in marijuana and other narcotics in your community. Do this with police, courts, doctors, pharmacists, teachers, social welfare agencies and youth themselves; and also with federal narcotic agents in your territory

(b) Education of parents and teachers (not of students) regard-

ing the narcotic traffic and the effects of the drug. Alert but do not alarm the citizens.

(c) A County or City Ordinance Requiring Addicts be Quarantined in controlled wards just as small-pox patients are. Doing this places your club on the Honor Roll.

(d) A rehabilitation program that includes the environment and job opportunities.

(e) Hospital beds in controlled wards for narcotic addicts in city, county, state or federal hospital where local patients can be sent for care and cure

(f) Use of experts in identifying and treating addiction.

(g) An adequate narcotic squad on the police force. In small towns secure officials who are informed and alert regarding illicit narcotic traffic.

2. State-wide, to work for

(a) Beds and appropriate care in controlled wards for narcotic addicts in State hospitals.

(b) Amendment to the State Narcotic Drug Act to specify more severe penalties for narcotic peddlers.

(c) Adequate narcotic enforcement agency under the State government.

3. Nationally, to work for

(a) A strong bill that will specify penalties for peddlers of narcotics, especially to minors.

(b) Adequate appropriations for agents in the U. S. Bureau of Narcotics.

(c) A law to refuse passports to

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Mrs. Milo B. Clarke, Ellsworth, second vice president and dean of department chairmen, has compiled a splendid set of worksheets giving objectives of each department of work. She urges clubs to USE the program plans and suggestions of chairmen, who have spent a long time preparing these for you. Do not hesitate to write them for further plans and material on a specific subject.

Mrs. Clarke asks program committees to consider the continuity of club programs and to realize that there is need for all chairmen to work together in the all-over objectives of an administration, on the local, district and state levels.

It is a privilege for clubs to work closely with the General Federation program, which has been prepared by experts in every field. There is no type of program a club could want that the General Federation cannot supply. It's there for the asking!

Although there won't be room in this first issue of the NEWS to mention every department of work, those which stress work for the immediate attention of clubs are included here.

The welfare of youth is always of vital concern to clubwomen and so it is of special interest that 34 clubs have entered the Build Freedom with Youth contest, according to Mrs. Clarence M. Crosby, Kennebunk, chairman of this project.

These include Lubec Woman's Club, Ogunquit Woman's Club, What-So-Ever Club of Princeton, Newport Woman's Club, Ellsworth Woman's Club and the Ellsworth Literature Club, Waterville Woman's Club, Jonesport Literary Club, York Woman's Club and Woman's League of York, Prospect Harbor Woman's Club, '21 Club and L. M. R. Club of Kezar Falls, Ursula Peniman Club of Machias, Wasscokeag Literary Club of Dexter, Hancock Woman's Club, Grand Lake Stream Woman's Club, Advance Club of Dixfield, Fryeburg Woman's Library Club, Springvale Woman's Club, Yarmouth Woman's Club, Woman's Literary Union of Portland, Friends-in-Council of Camden, Woodland Woman's Club, Junior Cosmopolitan Club of Dover-Foxcroft, Women's Educational and Industrial Union of Saco, Rockland Junior Women's Club, Acadian Community Women's Club of

Winter Harbor, Wiltona Club of Wilton, Kennebec-Side Club of Hinckley, Princeton Woman's Club, Penobscot Woman's Club of Old Town and Winterport Woman's Club.

All of these clubs cannot win the award, but whatever is done to promote discussion and solution of youth problems will bring rich rewards to their communities.

Mrs. Crosby says, "Each club must prepare a project report and have it ready to submit to the judges (who will be named later) by Feb. 15, 1952. Clubs, please keep up your work on your projects. One of you will receive \$200 and have a chance to win, \$10,000 or \$3,000 or \$2,000. The youth of our state are important individuals and any way, no matter how small, we can help them we must. It is necessary to teach and show them how wonderful a democracy is."

Mrs. Roy Stinchfield, Farmington, has chosen for the theme of the Department of Defense and Economic Security, "Peace Through Strength". To promote a program which will help build and maintain the strength necessary to defend freedom in the world and to win a lasting peace, she suggests that clubwomen—

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Mrs. Roy E. Heywood, Portland, press and publicity chairman, has announced a scrapbook contest, awards for the winners of which will be made at the MFWC meeting in June. The book is to be not larger than 10 x 12 with identification of club and town, and to contain club publicity for the year, through local paper, bulletins, Federation News. The publicity is to be in chronological order with name and date of paper, number of inches marked on each page and totaled in the back of the book.

To obtain good publicity, Mrs. Heywood suggests that you—

1. Interpret the work of your club in such a manner that it EARNs the interest and cooperation of the general public; 2. Interpret the work of your club so that its enthusiasm inspires the members of your club; 3. Interpret the work which shows the picture of the individual club working as an integral part of com-

munity life while it contributes in effort that is state-wide, national and international in its scope. She advises clubs to watch for picture value in club activities.

Mrs. Hazel C. Lord, Portland, legislative chairman, is asking clubs to send her suggestions for legislative action or study. She says, "What does your club believe we need? When we realize how important government is to our own homes, our children and our very lives, we will all want to do all we can to make it better, be it ever so little." She recommends the study of the Narcotic Provision as suggested by the GFWC. Because it is a non-legislative year, she suggests a study program on state problems, including the direct primary law, extension of library service, four-year term for governor, electoral college, federal aid to education and the status of the Hoover report.

Mrs. Alice McGouldrick, Dixfield, chairman of the Council of International Clubs, is heartily endorsing the two crusades to be con-

ducted by the General Federation this year, and is urging every club in Maine to send at least one package and more if possible: 1 "CARE FOR KOREA" packages or money to be sent to 20 Broad St., New York, 5, N. Y., between November 12 and Thanksgiving. (Aim is at least \$100 a club, obtained by asking individuals and other organizations in the community to contribute.) 2. Clubs are asked to continue with German Youth Assistance by sending yard goods, wool, cotton, crocheting and knitting needles to the General Clay Fund for GYA, Fort Myer, Va. She says, "May we further create a spirit of friendliness and understanding with women across the seas by means of an exchange of letters."

Mrs. Thurston W. Cudhea, Milo, chairman of Youth Conservation, reports that her committee will shortly have two recordings of Mrs. Hiram Cole Houghton's 15-minute broadcast on the Narcotic Control

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ANNUAL REPORT

During the past few years, Maine has shown marked improvement in subscriptions to the General Federation Clubwoman. With the changes in office personnel in Washington, all states have been urged to bring subscriptions this season to a higher point of efficiency. Therefore, all State Presidents, who typify the stronghold of our State Federation, were impressed to give a warm response to the direct call for more subscriptions to the General Federation Clubwoman.

The results have been gratifying, with 117 subscriptions received previous to May 1, followed by 24 since, a total to date of 141. Also, Maine has the complete gratification of one club of 20 members in this state who last year, as this, have subscribed 100 percent of its members to the General Federation Clubwoman. All honor to Phi Beta of Portland.

Thus let all Maine clubwomen follow this lead, making the year 1951 the banner year for bigger and better achievement in State and General Federation policies.

Josephine P. Skolfield
Chairman for Maine of the
General Federation Club-
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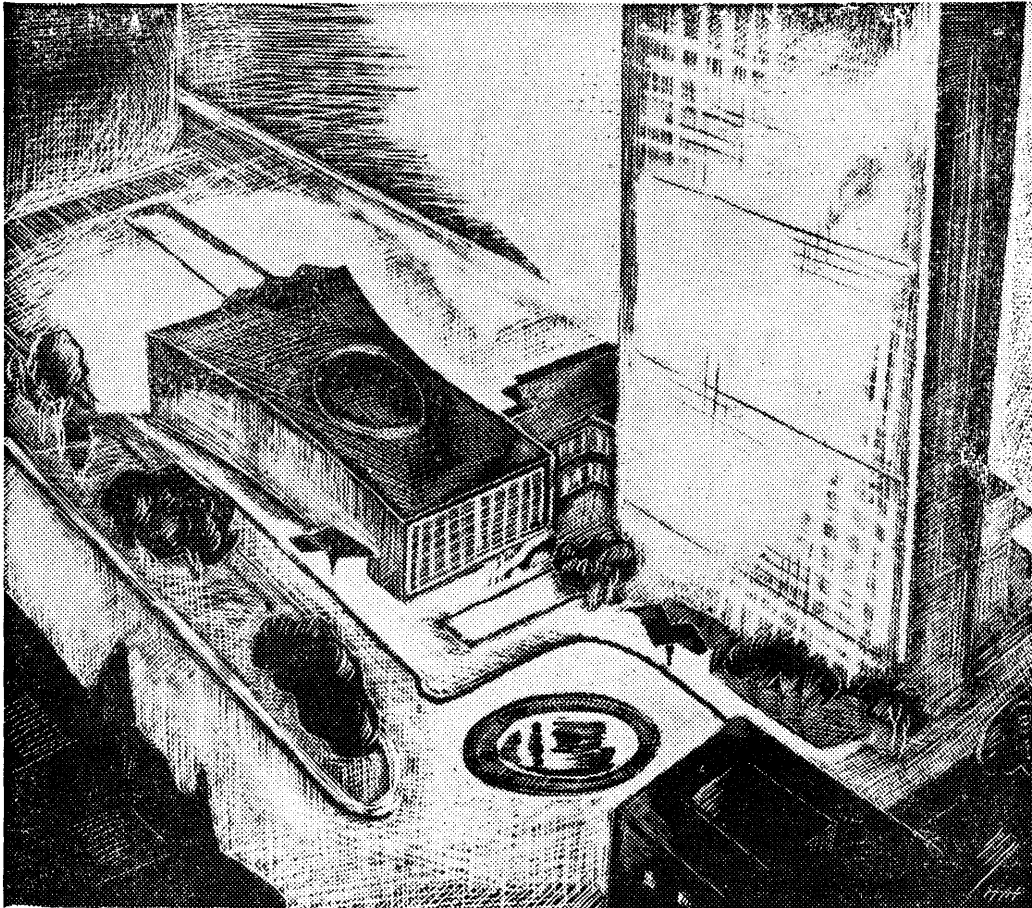
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THE NEXT TWO YEARS WILL see the completion of the "peace capital" of the United Nations in the form shown in this artist's sketch. The meeting hall area, still under construction, can be seen at the left of the almost completed office tower. The entire six-block headquarters site will be landscaped and the buildings will be surrounded by green parks.

Six years have passed since the United Nations began operations as history's largest and most powerful international organization. Whether or not the first five years are the hardest, U. N.'s record today shows that since October 24, 1945, the world organization has weathered storms of international disagreement. It has successfully initiated world-wide economic and social programs and has scored political successes. Although United Nations Day has passed its fifth birthday, we pay tribute to the United Nations.

A symbol of the spirit of the United Nations is its modern, glass, steel and concrete permanent headquarters, which towers over New York's East Side far above the low structures of an earlier era. Many units of the U. N. staff are already working in the world headquarters' 39-story office building and by early next year U. N.'s international civil service will occupy all of its offices. And, meanwhile, the great auditorium and meeting halls in which the countries of the world will determine their collective destiny is rapidly rising nearby.

The address of U. N.'s new headquarters—United Nations, New York—will replace the Lake Success dateline which has headed the important news produced by U. N. during the last four years. What news the world can expect from United Nations, New York, is more than anyone can predict. But it is certain that in U. N.'s seventh year—its first in its "peace capital"—the problem of establishing permanent peace will always be foremost.



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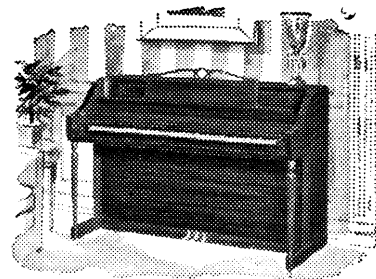
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JUNIOR

Greetings To The Junior Clubwomen of Maine

From the President of the Maine Federation of Women's Club.

In inaugurating this Junior Page in our Maine Federation News we hope that it will be a stimulating source of inspiration not only to the Junior women but to Senior Clubwomen as well. Junior clubs individually have, in most instances, played a vital part in the life of the community, working on various drives and raising funds for hospitals, libraries, recreational programs, etc. The programs and projects of the Federation Departments have also received your active support.

We hope that as you share your experiences and your accomplishments through this page and as you meet together, Federation, both State and General, will have a new and greater meaning for you, as you widen your perspective and realize the scope of accomplishment through shared responsibility.

The enthusiasm and vitality of the Juniors coupled with the greater experience and knowledge of the Senior members makes a well-rounded Federation family. My best wishes to you all for a club year of inspiration and service.

Doris L. Cushman

From the State President of the Junior Clubs.

I am happy to be given this opportunity to greet you as your chosen Junior Chairman of Maine Clubs.

There are many Junior Club members in Maine and I am proud to be one of them. I know there must be other young women who would enjoy being a Junior, so let's increase our membership or organize another Junior club in our town or city.

You will be proud to know that the Juniors of Maine were represented at the New England Conference in Connecticut this year. Do you know it was the first time in five years that Maine Juniors were represented?

I hope all of you will make an effort to be present at the Mid-winter Conference at Augusta so that I may meet each of you and discuss your own club activities.

Please feel free to write to me at any time.

Lois G. Hartford



BETTY M. BEACH

From your Junior Page Editor.

Hello, Juniors! This is the first issue of the News with a page all our own. Let's make it interesting and representative of all our Junior Clubs.

This page is an outgrowth of the Junior Club luncheon and business session held July 18 at the Lancey House, Pittsfield, to which all Junior clubs were invited to send delegates and participate actively in the proceedings. Peryl Thompson tells about it in her report on this page. We thank Mrs. Cushman and Lois Hartford for their greetings to us.

Each club is hereby invited to appoint someone to send in to me news and items of interest for this page. See that your club is mentioned in the next issue (January).

After October 27 my new name and address will be

Mrs. John M. Kinney
St. George Road
Thomaston, Maine

Betty M. Beach
Editor

Editorial Points

The General Federation of Women's Clubs is sponsoring a campaign November 12 to furnish CARE packages to alleviate suffering in Korea. Please let me know if your club sends a package and we'll give you special recognition. Let's see what a fine record the Juniors can make.

Do you have any Coming Events to list on our page?

The Wassookeag Literary Club, Dexter, won first prize with their float in the Fourth of July parade. We wish we had room to show a photograph of it. What has your club been doing lately?

The Fairfield Junior Women are just bursting with enthusiasm this year. They started the first meeting of the year, Sept. 11, with a

wonderful covered dish supper. Yearbooks were presented as favors at each plate. They were very attractive, too. After the business meeting, a mock wedding was presented for my benefit and greater intelligence concerning the marriage procedure. Needless to say I learned plenty. It is too bad the TV cameras couldn't have been present to film that awful sequence. We loved every minute of it and howled with laughter. If anyone wants to borrow a program, try this one.

The Junior Cosmopolitan Club, Dover-Foxcroft, has subscribed 100 percent to the News! What other Junior clubs will equal this record? (Remember you get 25 percent off!)

JOURNAL

First Junior Clubs Day

A Junior Clubs Day was held July 18, 1951, at the Lancey House, Pittsfield, with Mrs. W. Bradford Cushman, president of the MFWC, opening the meeting. Delegates of Junior clubs introduced themselves. Of the 15 Junior Clubs, the following nine were represented: Molasto Club and Mocutoc Club, Dover-Foxcroft; Fairfield Junior Woman's Club; Sub-Deb Club, Bangor; Carpo Club, Guilford; Twin Village Junior Woman's Club, Damariscotta-Newcastle; Junior Cosmopolitan Club, Dover-Foxcroft; Wassookeag Literary Club, Dexter; and Mother's Club Junior Division, Winthrop. Each delegate gave a short resume of the activities of her club and various problems confronting the clubs were discussed.

The meeting was turned over to Mrs. Norman Fay Plouff, first vice-president of the MFWC, and a Junior chairman, Mrs. Lewis Hartford, Dexter, and secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Lawrence Thompson, Winthrop, were elected.

Miss Betty Beach agreed to be editor of the Junior Page in the Federation News.

Mrs. Hartford took the chair and it was voted to adjourn until after luncheon. When the meeting was again called to order by Mrs. Hartford, it was voted to assess each Junior club \$5 so our new state chairman could attend the New England Conference in Connecticut September 9-11.

Mrs. Peggy Anderson then brought up the subject of a project for the Junior clubs. She told about the Maine School for the Deaf in Portland, and a motion was made and unanimously passed that the Junior clubs finance the gift of a television set which would be installed in the school at Christmas time. It was suggested that each club sponsor a food sale and turn the proceeds over to this project. A committee composed of Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Kay Libby and Mrs. Eleanor Chandler, all of Dover-Foxcroft, was appointed by the chairman.

That the Juniors have at least half a day at the Midwinter Conference was suggested. A motion was made and voted that a luncheon afternoon meeting be held January 11.

Various matters concerning Girl Scouts, programs, etc., were brought up.

A bylaw of the Federation which states that a member missing three consecutive meetings without good reason is automatically dropped, was brought to the Junior's attention, and also that charter lists and honorary lists should be kept by all Junior clubs.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30. I believe that everyone benefited considerably from the meeting and our thanks go to the officers of the MFWC who made it possible.

Peryl Thompson,
State Junior Club Secretary

Heart to Heart

How can you feel compassion,
How can you learn to grow,
If life is all of laughter,
And ill-winds never blow?
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That we become a part,
Of God's adroit creation,
And meet man heart to heart.

Jane Gerow Olson,
Biddeford

What is "Allied Youth?"

Club women in state and local women's clubs have taken a vital interest in establishing Allied Youth in their high schools. Young people are being interested in a movement that points out "it's smarter not to drink". Allied Youth's approach is positive. It does not preach; it does not work for prohibition; it believes that young people are entitled to know the facts concerning alcohol and make up their own minds; it certainly helps in making choices under social pressure; and it succeeds far beyond the expectation of adults who have anything to do with starting it. It becomes oftentimes the most popular organization in the school. Full information will be sent if postage is sent to Allied Youth, Inc., 1709 M St., NW, Washington 6, D. C.

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Excerpt from speech of Attorney Beatrice Hancock Mullaney of Fall River, Massachusetts, former Assistant Attorney General for the Commonwealth, before the afternoon meeting at the State Convention, Poland Springs, June 7, 1951.

Whether we examine the International Theater, scrutinize the National Scene, or merely cast our eyes on affairs in our own communities, we find the same lack of fundamental morality in each instance. The doctrine of expediency is often plain dishonesty. Nationally we find leaders too willing to do the popular thing instead of the right thing. We find those who should be above reproach ignoring and even excusing graft, corruption, and what (in days of sturdier American ideals) would have been called treason. If our national morality is to be judged by our divorce rates, our juvenile delinquency statistics, our Hollywood

credo, then every American woman should hang her head in shame. We are successful in various economic, professional and social fields. The reports of this Convention of the works of charity performed, of completed civic endeavors, of clean-up campaigns, of stacking libraries with books, all show that we are successful in so many endeavors; yet when we consider the basic morality that is missing in International relations, in high political places, and in our own personal lives, we realize that we are failing in a field where we should be most successful.

If we are willing to stand up and be counted as Children of God who put the right first, as it should be first, then we should be concerned about this lack of morality and immediately start doing something about it. You ask me how. In re-

turn I ask you what good is a voice that is for the right if that voice is mute. My challenge to you is TO MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

Your voice may provide the inspiration for others who deplore the lowering of standards of morality in all phases of life, but who need and seek leadership. Every woman is the center of a sphere of influence, whether it is in her home, her classroom, her profession, or her community. She does not need to get any additional laws passed, nor does she need any recognition of her equality with man in order to exercise her influence. But if every woman in America saw to it that she used her influence for the strict observance of high standards of morality, what a tremendous difference we would soon find in our communities, in our nation, and in the world.

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Charter Granted for First ESO Chapter in Maine

Jessie Philbrick

The Epsilon Sigma Omicron Division of the Education Department of the General Federation of Women's Clubs is an honorary educational sorority for clubwomen who desire to continue their education through planned reading, after their conventional schooling is over, and who seek direction in their study. It is officially recognized by state universities, colleges and state libraries and the standards are those set by the United States Office of Education.

This home reading plan of the GFWC was founded in 1928 by Mrs. Quincey Myers, Adult Education Chairman of the Indiana Federation of Women's clubs, to stimulate home reading and a desire for knowledge through personal effort. Linking the home study courses with a state university gives club women the assurance of real value in educational development.

In 1948 Mrs. Kenneth Sills of Brunswick became State Chairman of ESO in Maine. Through her pioneering efforts the Extension Division of the University of Maine became the administrative agency through which ESO functioned. Mrs. Freeman Philbrick of Fort Fairfield became the first club woman to be granted membership in ESO in Maine and in 1950 she was appointed State Chairman of the work.

During the past year a splendid advance has been made through the whole hearted co-operation of Mrs. Grace Bagley, Director for District No. 1. At the National Convention of GFWC in Houston, Texas a charter was granted for an ESO Chapter for Maine with all members coming from District No. 1. Through a coincidence this charter will be the thirteenth granted by the National Federation and the chapter has

thirteen members. Following are the names: Mrs. Grace S. Bagley, Island Falls; Mrs. Lyda Banton, Island Falls; Mrs. Mary J. Berry, Island Falls; Irene Olsen Bradford, Patten; Mrs. Anna Greenlaw, Island Falls; Mrs. Madelyn Hews, Patten; Mrs. Marion M. Hulbert, Island Falls; Miss Dorothy J. Lewis, Island Falls; Mrs. Jessie Philbrick, Fort Fairfield; Mrs. Virginia Martin, Island Falls; Mrs. Laura Scribner, Patten; Mrs. Florence Tupper, Patten; Mrs. Alma Yule, Fort Fairfield.

Mrs. Bagley, the new chairman, will be pleased to send out literature in regard to ESO to any interested members of MFWC.

Women are not interested in thinking about philosophy. They are interested in **living**. They **care** . . . Men like to talk about doing things. Women do them. Victor Scalise (Speaker at Poland Springs)

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DEPARTMENT CHAIRMEN

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program. Club presidents and Youth Conservation chairmen may borrow these records by writing either Mrs. W. Bradford Cushman or Mrs. Cudhea, whichever address is nearer. The only cost is postage each way. Mrs. Cudhea urges that each club appoint a chairman for this important committee immediately and send her the name. A list of the district YC chairmen will be published in the January issue of the NEWS.

Mrs. Warren Peterson, Saco, chairman of International Relations recommends that clubs observe Human Rights Day on Dec. 10, and that they support continued communications between America and other countries through "Voice of America" (government), "Crusade for Freedom" (radio stations in Europe contributed by Americans through annual campaign) and "Radios for Iran" (GFWC project to provide radios in that troubled country so people may hear America speak.)

Mrs. Allen W. Gillette, Pownal, chairman of Fine Arts, has outlined some interesting projects for this department. She is especially eager to have clubs establish classes in hobby painting and drawing for both children and adults, and suggests that clubs work toward getting an art supervisor for every Maine school. Meanwhile, schools which have little art could be supplied with easels, brushes, paints, etc.

Contests in this department include

1. "World Friendship Through Art", sponsored by GFWC. Clubs will submit paintings or drawings based on the American way of life, contributed by children or youth under 18 years. All paintings will be judged at state level first and then the five winning ones will be sent to General Federation Headquarters no later than Dec. 1, 1951. Advisors to the young people must emphasize the purpose of the contest which is the development of good will among people of the world and an understanding of each other's way of life. These paintings or drawing will be exhibited abroad.
2. Short story contest, GFWC, rules for which may be found in The Clubwoman.
3. Sponsoring a poetry contest in the secondary schools of the state. Subject: Maine's Historical Background, open to members of the senior classes, not to exceed 2,000 words.

When man feels kindly toward man, wars will be eliminated. Selfishness and greed dominate the world today. Women must set the example in their homes and communities if we are to survive. Many believe women can do it. May God give us the strength and the wisdom in this atomic age to see our Christian duty and to cooperate with those of other religions who believe in the unity of God, to save our world from destruction.

— Mrs. John L. Whitehurst

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Aging was not destined to be the dreary liquidation we make of it. Not so with Bernard Baruch, more potent at 80 in our political life than he ever was at an earlier age. Not so with John Dewey at 90, still our most agile-minded philosopher. Alvin Johnson, educator (quoted from *Pathfinder*)

4. Sponsoring a poetry contest in the secondary schools of the state, open to members of the junior classes only, nature lyric, 16 line limit.
5. Participation in a state-wide poetry contest, details and rules to be forwarded to each District Director.

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Mrs. Merle Mitchell, the former very capable chairman of the Council of International Clubs, has been very ill at her Kittery home?

Mrs. W. Bradford Cushman and Mr. Cushman are grandparents? The baby is James Alan Bauer, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Bauer (Carolyn Cushman).

Mrs. Welthy Honsinger Fisher, a member of the Woman's League of York, has written a book which would be a grand present to give your minister's wife for Christmas? It is called "A Handbook for Ministers' Wives."

Mrs. Linwood Durrell, South Portland, chairman of the Safety Committee, brought honor to the Maine Federation when she was asked to preside at the Home Safety section of the Maine Safety Conference?

Mrs. Philip Corey, editor of the Federation Column in the Portland

Sunday Telegram, is eager to have news of outstanding club projects? Her address is 13 Fairmount St., Portland.

Mrs. Charles C. Knowlton, Ellsworth, obtained over \$100 worth of advertising for this issue of the NEWS? Although she is no longer district director, she is continuing to support the Federation actively. Thank you, Mary!

A photograph of the Auburn clubhouse of the Woman's Literary Union of Androscoggin County appeared on the cover of the September Clubwoman?

Since Roxbury, Mass., school officials have urged pupils to paint classroom windows with murals, few windows have been broken? Apparently young people won't destroy what they have created themselves.

A program of youth action called The Call to Christian Youth is underway in Maine under the leadership of John Simmons. The program is sponsored by the Maine Council of Churches, whose chairman is Rev. Orville Lozier, Portland.

Mrs. Louise Darcy, Biddeford, won first prize among more than 100 entrants in the first Poetry Day contest? Mrs. Rosemary Clifford Trott, Freeport, is state chairman.

The Westbrook Woman's Club is sponsoring a ten-week class in parliamentary procedure? Mrs. Marden DeShon, Portland, parliamentarian of the MFWC, is instructor.

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Peggy Rhoads

Philadelphia, Penna.

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by Eleanor M. Young

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Steve Mather of the National Parks

by Robert Shankland

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A Nation of nations

by Louis Adamic

A fascinating account of the part played by all races and nationalities in the making of our country.

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by Agnes Newton Keith

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22—THANKSGIVING DAY (First national celebration 1789)

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DECEMBER

7—Pearl Harbor Day

10—Human Rights Day

22—Landing of Pilgrims, 1620

25—CHRISTMAS DAY

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CORRECTION

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ABOUT THE COVER

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GRAMMIE

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been everted and remodelled, often they were unmistakably home-made, but she wore them "with an air." She was queen and a simple farm woman rolled into one fascinating whole.

Her mind at eighty-five was retentive of anecdotes with which to regale her callers, for her outlook on life was then as youthful as it had ever been; her opinions on current affairs as keen. And when at last, her turn came to lay down the tools of her craft, we could see her indomitable spirit still fighting for mastery; and it was then her daughter remarked: "Death is the first thing that has ever conquered Mother!"

(The third prize essays will be printed in the January issue.)

High school students will soon be seeing a movie that shows how drugs can wreck their lives? It is being made by Encyclopedia Britannica Films, Inc., and plays 22 minutes.

R. P. T. COFFIN

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To know Bob Coffin at his best, we must listen as he tells story after story, in a manner quite inimitable, or as he talks about the poetic value of common experiences—twirling his sandy moustache (Is it like his father's?) or brushing back his curly hair or with one hand rolling a cigarette. (This last never fails to fascinate and those who are used to it watch with keen enjoyment as newcomers fall under the spell.) Completely to appreciate his poetry, we must hear him read it with that rise and fall of cadence that echoes the beat of the waves on the shore and the sigh of the wind through tall pines.

Many a writer has come to Maine and become impregnated with its atmosphere. Bob Coffin can go anywhere and not lose Maine at all. Thousands of out-of-staters have read his books and longed to become Mainers; doubtless many of them have. Rugged, gentle, a master of his crafts, Bob Coffin is a product of Maine and we State-of-Mainers are proud he is.

HONOR ROLL

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persons associated with illicit narcotic sales, to prevent their visiting other countries to make arrangements for smuggling narcotics into this country.

4. Internationally

The United Nations Narcotics Commission has agreed on the principle to limit production of opium to the world medical needs. That agreement is being considered by the Economic and Social Council now meeting in Geneva, with the recommendation that they call a narcotic conference to put the protocol into effect.

We women must protect youth from destruction by narcotics, and root out the causes of addiction. We shall work to shut off the supply of drugs, and to shut off the "box office." We shall cure the addict, and return him to usefulness in the community.

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Federation's "CARE for KOREA" Campaign Needs All-Out Support

To orphaned children and refugee women huddled in heatless tents and shanties, warm clothing and nourishing food will mean the difference between life and death this winter

That is the grim reminder every Maine Club-woman is asked to realize as the date approaches for the General Federation's **CARE-FOR-KOREA** Campaign, which opens November 12 and will continue through Thanksgiving Day, November 22.

Mrs. Hiram Cole Houghton, President of the General Federation, and Mrs. John L. Whitehurst, Chairman of the Council of International Clubs, have issued a joint appeal to every State, District and Club to get behind this "magnificent effort of mercy" by doing everything possible to raise funds for the campaign, which was voted at the Houston convention.

All-out support is vital if the drive is to reach its goal of raising \$1,500,000—enough to provide 150,000 CARE packages of food, clothing textiles, underwear, knitting wool, and blankets for destitute South Korean orphans, women and other civilian war victims, the Federation leaders emphasized.

Through CARE and the United Nations Civil Assistance Command Teams, the packages will be delivered in the name of the General Federation of Women's Clubs before Christmas. Thus they will help prevent the tremendous death toll suffered by countless women and children last winter, while they express the compassion and good-will that are so much a part of America's two great holidays.

Pointing out that at least three million persons in South Korea are in desperate need of "food . . . clothing . . . shelter and hope", Mrs. Houghton and Mrs. Whitehurst declared:

"We have sent our sons and our arms to keep Korea free. We have kept it free . . . but today millions of innocent civilians are lost, hungry and alone. Nothing less than tremendous, decisive success will do to meet so gigantic a need."

Every unit has been asked to appoint a Chairman of the Council of International Clubs or a Campaign Chairman to head local solicitations. They are asked to enlist the other organizations in each community as co-sponsors of fund-raising benefits, and to inform every individual—through the local press, radio and platform—that his contribution is needed. Campaign kits, information and suggestions are being distributed by the Federation. The Advertising Council, which aids CARE'S work, is backing the campaign by arranging free time and space on national radio and television networks and in all national publications.

All funds will be sent to CARE's New York City headquarters, for immediate dispatch of the parcels. The CARE program for Korea has been endorsed by President Truman, the State Department's Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid and General Ridgway.

LOOKING BACKWARD



Remember the Historical Sketches compiled by **Georgia Pulsifer Porter** in 1925? How many of our readers have a copy of this book, published while **Florence Waugh Danforth** was president of the Maine Federation?

Mrs. Julia Howe, president of the Massachusetts Federation, gave the address at the first annual meeting of the Maine Federation, held at Skowhegan in October, 1893. Her daughter, **Mrs. Laura E. Richards** of Gardiner read from her manuscript, "Jim of Hellas." **Mrs. Caroline Swan**, Gardiner, and **Miss Julia Harris May**, Auburn, read original poems. **Mrs.**

Helen Coffin Beedy spoke on "Woman as a Factor in the World's History."

Mrs. Hannibal Hamlin gave the opening address at the October, 1897, meeting held in Bangor. The Educational Committee's report was more spicy than usual, full of suggestions of work to be done, urging women to be active for the union of towns for the superintendence group system and an increase of summer schools.

To stimulate interest in local history, the Lewiston Journal Company offered \$500 prize in a contest open to all members of the Federation in 1915.

Special exercises marked the observation of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Maine Federation at Frye Hall, Portland, October 10, 1917. **Miss Deborah Morton**, president of the Portland Literary Union, presided.

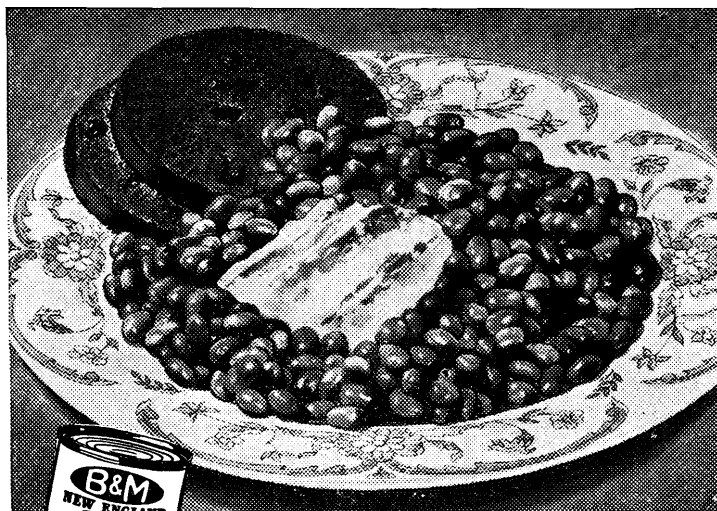
Two prominent club women drove a distance of 40 or 50 miles in a truck to attend the 1933 Conference of District 4. Guess who they were? The **Browns—Edith Pratt and Maybelle H!**

Across The Editor's Desk

As we have gathered together the material for this issue of the NEWS, we have been impressed by the many needs of our country and of our world. Life can be a pretty serious business and we realize that the time when a club could meet with concern only for its own pleasure is a thing of the past. There is work for everyone from the teen-ager right up through the Juniors to Great Grandma.

It is no longer the accepted procedure for women who are growing old to sit by the hearth dreaming of the past. Grandma can still be found helping with the mending and the cooking, to relieve a harassed mother, but more and more often she has a place of her own in the community. She renews her interest in P. T. A. (which she had dropped with a sigh of relief when the last child graduated from high school) and runs for the School Board, gives wise counsel in the women's club, and helps with Girl Scout cookie sales, writes books and baby sits so daughter can be a Brownie leader, sews for the hospital and addresses envelopes for the Christmas Seal campaign. When she **wants** to sit by the fire, she does, but it is no longer because she is expected to do so!

Younger women—too busy now with children and home and community work—may look longingly at that quiet seat by the hearth, but in their hearts they realize there will come a day when they will need something to do and they are planning for it now, so that in the later years they will still lead a contented, useful life, instead of living in the past. The world needs all of us!



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Programs and Projects

"What is the difference between a program and a project?" is a question which sometimes occurs to clubwomen. A program is the planned activity of each meeting, usually based on a theme which gives continuity throughout the year. A project is an activity carried out for the good of the community and it may be completed at one meeting, or continued throughout a period of time, usually outside the club meeting but sometimes within it. Most clubs have "pet" projects which they carry out year after year, such as the work done for the Home for the Aged by the Houlton Woman's Club and for the Children's Room of the Walker Memorial Library by the Ammonconglin Club of Westbrook. Some projects take money alone, but the projects which bring the most satisfaction are those which require each member of a club to give of herself. On this page we bring you ideas for both programs and projects. If your club has an especially good one, share it with other clubs here.

The Travel Club of Portland had an intriguing theme for last year's programs: **"The Woman of Today."** At individual meetings there were discussions: "As a Citizen," "In the American Home," "In Education," "In the Arts," "In Public Welfare," and "In International Relations."

One of the projects of the Methuen Club, Rockland, is to **clothe a high school girl** from freshman through senior year. This club has a daughter—the Rockland Woman's Club—and a granddaughter—the Junior Woman's Club!

Not only in the Augusta area, but elsewhere, clubs are sending money to the **State School for Girls**, Hallowell, to provide musical enjoyment through records, sheet music and tickets for Community Concerts.

Has your club asked for the Kit of Program Builders? GFWC will send it. Be sure to tell the size of your club.

The Sacony Clubwoman's Service advertised in the General Federation Clubwoman, offers a very interesting **Fashion Program** free of charge.

Dr. Margaret Simpson, director of mental hygiene, State Department of Health and Welfare, gave a most helpful talk on **"An Intelligent Approach to Middle Age"** at a spring meeting of the Jefferson Woman's Club.

The beauty, interest and variety of the club year books make them a pleasure to read! Nov. 6 the Wiltona Club of Wilton entertained the Tyngtown Club of Wilton and the husbands of all members, with Miss Marion Martin, state commissioner of labor and industry, as speaker.

The Tyngtown Club's programs on **"International Friendship"** for

the second half of the year include a talk on Guatemala, "Fancy Foods from Far Away Places", "England—The Story of Wedgwood" (with and exhibition of Wedgwood china), "International Events of World Wide Interest," "Marriage Customs Around the World", "Recent U. N. Developments", "Music from Many Lands," "Friendship Letters from Abroad" (with an exhibit of scrapbooks on France.)

Because the Mount Desert Library is THE project of the Woman's Literary Club of that town, its theme for this year is based on the library and includes such subjects as "Children's Books in the Mt. Desert Library", "The Poetry Shelf", "Problems of a Librarian," "Making the Library Room More Attractive," "The Library and the School."

On the very impressive list of important speakers who are scheduled to appear before members of the Thursday Club, Biddeford, is **Scotty of Alcoholics Anonymous.**

"Family Living Today" is the theme of the Woman's Club of Gorham, and this is being carried out through "Homes Across the Sea", "Safety in the Home," "Women in Civil Defense" and other pertinent subjects.

A hilarious afternoon is promised Nov. 26 when members of the Monday Club of Boothbay Harbor respond to the roll call, "How I Have Changed", and exhibit a childhood photograph. Subject for the program will be "These Changing Years—Gay Nineties to 1951."

Members of the Riverside Woman's Club of Kittery, York Woman's Club and Ogunquit Woman's Club and the teachers of these towns will be guests of the Woman's League of York, Inc., Nov. 12 when

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Mrs. Evelyn Feaslee of Augusta will give a demonstration of **finger painting**. (More and more often clubs are inviting sister clubs to share outstanding programs with them.)

Several clubs in the state give Christmas presents of books to school or town library. Why not bring children's books as gifts for the tree at club Christmas parties, instead of the gimcracks usually brought for membership exchange at this time?

What is YOUR club doing?



(Courtesy of Maine Publicity Bureau)

Thanksgiving Day

Lydia Maria Child

Over the river and through the wood,
To grandfather's house we go;
The horse knows the way
To carry the sleigh
Through the white and drifted snow.

Over the river and through the wood,
Trot fast, my dapple-gray!
Spring over the ground
Like a hunting hound!
For this is Thanksgiving Day.

Over the river and through the wood,
Now grandmother's cap I spy!
Hurrah for the fun!
Is the pudding done?
Hurrah for the pumpkin pie!

