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The President's Message

Dear Clubwomen,

The outstanding report of results in the Care-for-Korea Campaign shows that Maine women were not found wanting, that all were eager to add their efforts and their contributions to make life a bit more endurable for the women and children in Korea. Great credit is due to Mrs. Alice McGouldrick for her ceaseless efforts in making this campaign a success. But to each of the clubs in Maine sincere thanks for your interest and generosity. This effort, I think, exemplifies the value of Federation. Though each club is working for some particular and local interest, each making an individual contribution in its community, when something comes along which needs the wholehearted support of everyone the challenge is met and each extends itself to do its share as best it can to achieve a greater good. You who were in Augusta know how thrilling it was to hear Mrs. McGouldrick give the report of contributions reported up to that time. It was gratifying to realize how each club had had a share, and added to this the exciting surprises when one after another small club or small community was reported to have made an unbelievably large contribution for



MRS. W. B. CUSHMAN

its size. And to top it all off, the two young men who sat through our entire sessions handling the microphones refused to accept their gratuities from the Federation for their services, asking that this be added to the sum being contributed to Korea. Such was the enthusiasm and interest arous-

ed by the report of our energetic chairman. Contributions keep coming in. The final report I have at this writing is \$3,525.35.

A short time ago each club received a letter from the Office of Defense Mobilization in Washington enlisting the cooperation of clubwomen for the purpose of creating a better understanding of the necessity of the Defense program. Through its Community Forums Division factual material goes out weekly. We are told, "Defense Mobilization spells the difference between insecurity and relative security in the world, between fear and confidence, between the inevitability of global war and a real hope that war can be averted". By knowing what is being done to increase military production, what is being done to make the most of our resources of manpower, whether defense workers have proper housing, how critical materials are being used, women can be of great help. To the women in large measure also goes the responsibility of maintaining a stable economy under the great threat of inflation.

Several clubs in Maine already have requested and are receiving this informative material. This is
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Mid-Winter Conference

Theme: Home-Makers and Citizens:

A DUAL RESPONSIBILITY

Gladys Pennell Bachelder
(Director of District 12)

Our President, Mrs. W. Bradford Cushman, called the Conference to order and introduced the Hon. Richard B. Sanborn, Mayor of Augusta, who welcomed the members of the MFWC. Mrs. Cushman then presented our first vice-president, Mrs. Norman Fay Plouff, who gave the response. The Department Chairmen were introduced by our second vice-president, Mrs. Milo B. Clarke.

The economist, Mr. Marion J. Wise, Jr., was the speaker Thursday afternoon. His subject was "Your Money Is What You Make It". He used a pair of movable scales and symbols on a "flannel board" as he talked. One side of the scale was labeled "Value of Money" and the other "Price of Goods." By adding more weight to the "Goods" side of the scale in the form of increased production,

the "Prices of Goods" dropped and "The Value of Money" went up. Conversely, when he added more money in the form of personal and government deficit spending, the "Value of Money" went down and the "Prices of Goods" on the opposite scale went up. Then he showed how continuous unbalanced government budgets had pushed Prices up and forced Money down, until the dollar is worth today only a little more than half its value in 1939.

When you add dollars and don't add goods you have Inflation. Our government is going to spend \$85,000,000,000 this coming year and much of this money will have to be borrowed. Mr. Wise asked "What kind of a dollar do we want?" He said we could curb inflation by spending our money and paying as we go; by supporting those people in public office who believe we should be more economical and by banning government waste.

Six of our Maine clubwomen, Mrs. Gilbert Loebbs, Mrs. Lewis Hartford, Mrs. Ernest Tupper, Mrs. Plouff, Mrs. Allen Garner, MFWC recording secretary, and Mrs. Cushman, reported on conventions and forums they have attended this past year. These meetings were held at Mt. Union College, Alliance, Ohio, in Washington, D. C., New York City and Boston.

After the business had been transacted, the session adjourned and we went to the Blaine House, where our Governor's wife, Mrs. Frederick G. Payne, entertained members and guests at tea.

At six-thirty there was a reception at the Augusta House for Past Presidents of the Federation. The Past Presidents and the District Directors were presented at the banquet which followed the reception.

Norman Fickett, a marimba soloist and a student at Portland Lincoln Junior High School, gave a recital which was thoroughly enjoyed.

Dr. and Mrs. Edward K. Morse were special guests. Dr. Morse was the ship surgeon in 1947 when the Bowdoin went to Greenland under the leadership of the famous explorer, Donald B. MacMillan. Mrs. Morse is the former Helga Knudsen, daughter of the late District Governor of Greenland. They now live in Camden. Dr. Morse gave a very interesting illustrated lecture, "Greenland and the Polar Eskimos."

Friday morning Dean Mark R. Shibbes spoke in "Education for Our Times." He said our type of political education is on trial. The next ten years will determine our existence or disappearance in this coming century.

The whole world is moving into an industrial age, a machine age, and medical science is moving forward. Our economy is changing, everything passes national boundaries and we are beginning to sense and realize that we are living in a world community.

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We can have no illiterates, no prejudices, no ignorance, but a citizenry of informed, alert men and women whose feet are on the ground but whose eyes are upon the stars.

We can rededicate ourselves to the fine arts, realizing that creating is woman's greatest joy. Our poetry, drama, music and the classics will take us to the mountaintop and give life a new perspective.

We can be participating citizens in the party of our choice at the precinct level. With the knowledge that women have the clear majority of the vote, we can put the emphasis on equal responsibility rather than on equal rights.

We can look after the welfare of our people's handicapped, underprivileged and delinquent, knowing that we are our brother's keeper.

We can fight America's greatest enemy—inflation. Every woman should be an economist and an expert in home management. Mobilizing America's might brings scarcities so it behooves us to be good managers, wise buyers, saving and investing and thus proving our faith in America's economy.

We can study all pending legislation, especially those bills having to do with the welfare of women and children. We can be in constant correspondence with our Congressmen to prove we are a vital force in making and enforcing America's laws.

We can bring about a moral renaissance because the tightening of our moral fibre is a most important thing in America today. Inefficient people are put into office by good people who stay home and do not vote. Let us put our house in order.

Let us renew our faith in our freedom so that they will never be taken away from us. Taking them for granted is a dangerous condition. We can understand and appreciate our American heritage so that we may be worthy of it.

We can build as if peace were to reign for a century and prepare as though war were to come tomorrow. This means creating a

dynamic America and rearming our country so we can win any war at any time, any place. This will give us our greatest hope for everlasting peace.

Let us fill our lives with the enthusiasm and joy of living, giving of ourselves and our talents without stint. There is no place for indifference in our lives. We can be "apathy breakers."

We can eradicate socialism and communism and through enlightened public opinion, eliminate all other threats to national unity.

Twelve months are 8,760 hours or 52 weeks. What will you do with them? Let us live deep and not fast, budgeting our time and money and giving ourselves in service so that at the end of the year, if we listen carefully, we can hear the still small voice saying, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

HAND BOOK

Each District Director now has a Handbook on International Relations which should prove most helpful. Clubs may obtain them from Mrs. Frederic Beggs, Chairman International Relations GFWC 342 Que St., N. W., Washington 7. D. C.

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Junior Mid-Winter Conference

The first Junior session ever held at a Maine Federation of womens clubs conference opened Jan. 10 in the Silver Room of the Augusta House, Augusta, Maine. Lois Hartford, state junior chairman presided with nearly twenty-five juniors in attendance.

Phyllis Thompson, state secretary-treasurer read the minutes of the junior organization day held in Pittsfield last year. A balance of \$77.00 was noted in the treasurer's report after the television set for the Portland School for the Deaf was purchased. Since the set has not yet been installed it was voted to have this done immediately by the school superintendent and the bill sent to the juniors. Enough additional funds must be raised to cover the installation costs.

Delegates were present from Semper Fidelis Club of Skowhegan; Fairfield Junior Womens Club; Twin Village Club, Damariscotta; Molasto, Mocatoc, and Junior Cosmopolitan Club of Dover-Foxcroft; Wassookeag Literary Club, Dexter; Carpo Club, Guilford; Junior Division-Winthrop Mothers Club and

Rockland Junior Womens Club. Each delegate outlined the years activities planned for her club.

Lois spoke of the very informative conference she attended in Connecticut where she met juniors from all New England. She said that Mrs. Cushman had invited this convention to be held in York, Maine next year. This will give Maine juniors a chance to attend their first New England conference.

A new project was adopted, the saving of cancelled postage stamps for hospitalized veterans. Lois plans to send a bulletin with the rules to each club.

It was voted to hold a special Junior Conference this summer at Waterville. Date in August to be announced. The 1952 Maine Federation of Womens Clubs Convention will be held at the Belgrade Hotel, Belgrade Lakes, Maine in June.

The meeting closed at noon when luncheon was served to the Juniors. The group then adjourned to the House of Representatives at the Capitol Building for the senior session.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Twin Village Junior Womens Club

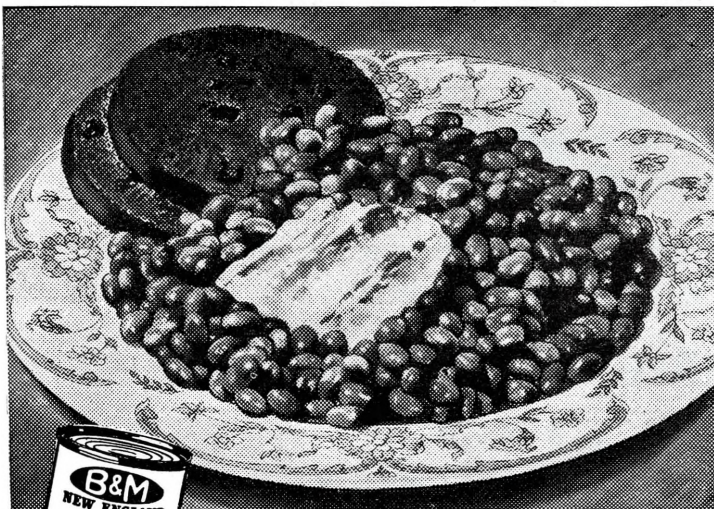
The main project of the Lincoln County Union is aiding the Lincoln Home for the Aged in Newcastle. Before Christmas our club presented a vocal program of Christmas Music followed by presentation of gifts to the residents. It was truly heart warming to be so gratefully received. One lady was so pleased with her gift of smelling salts that it almost makes the average person feel ashamed of the many demands he makes on life.

Our Club project this year is a Student Loan Fund at Lincoln Academy, Newcastle. A student may apply to our Club for assistance to help with his tuition. A loan basis was established because while giving our Club more working capital it places responsibility upon the student which is an essential factor for maturity.

Anna Gallant, Publicity Chrm

Rockland Junior Womens Club

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EDITORIAL POINTS

We had a fine session at Augusta. You should meet Lois Hartford. She is very special and our state chairman. She is planning to send out a Bulletin, which she will write each month to be in closer contact with all of us. Watch for it.

You are responding very nicely to our Junior page. If we haven't yet heard from you we'd be quite pleased to receive some news. My address is St. George Road, Thomaston, Maine. Next deadline April first.

How about a nice Style or Fashion Show write-up for our next issue? Does your Club promote one? We are interested.

Don't forget to register for the primary election when the time comes if you have changed addresses.

Spring will be here before the next issue so watch for the birds and the seed catalogues. Happy planting.

Betty Beach Kinney

Carpo Club of Guilford

The very first club to honor our chairman, Lois Hartford, was the Carpo Club. Lois was guest speaker centering her talk on the New England Conference of Women's Clubs which she attend at New Groton, Conn. She said that the organization of Junior Clubs in Maine was far behind that of other states. Refreshments were served by Eloise Hibbard and Elizabeth Herring.

Journal

Any Stamps Today?

In our Veteran's Hospitals throughout the country there are 66,000 permanently hospitalized veterans. Think of it—men who will never be able to leave these hospitals.

The Junior Clubwomen of the GFWC have as their project the Stamps for the Wounded Veterans. Stamp collecting is for these veterans not only a hobby, but an actual mental and physical therapy. The types of stamps needed are as follows:

Foreign stamps of any quantity, quality or origin.

All current denominations of U. S. stamps, (except common 1, 2 and 3¢ and Air Mail) and all commemorative stamps.

Non-current of all denominations.

Whole envelopes, folded envelopes or folded letters of the days before postage stamps.

Christmas, TB, or other seals.

Any collections of stamps.

Caution Never damage a stamp by tearing it off paper. Leave it at least ¼-inch margin when cutting it from the envelope.

The above rules are those handed down by the GFWC Jr. Chairman. Collect your stamps now and forward them to me, your Jr. Chairman. I hope that we have 100% contributions from Maine Jrs. A stamp is such a small thing to give.

I am very proud of the splendid support you gave to our first Jr. project, I know the same cooperation will be given toward our "Stamps for the Wounded" project.

It was very nice to see so many of you at the special meeting in Augusta and I am looking forward eagerly to our next meeting in June.

Lois Hartford, Chairman
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The world realizes that lasting peace cannot be built alone on political and economical arrangements. There must be intellectual and moral solidarity of mankind. Only through understanding can we work peaceably with the people of the world.

In the preamble to UNESCO's Constitution are these words: "Since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that defenses of peace must be constructed. Ignorance of each other's ways and lives has been a common cause throughout the history of mankind of that suspicion and mistrust between the people of the world through which their differences have all too often broken into war."

The work of UNESCO therefore is to promote understanding among all these peoples—to foster cooperation among nations in all efforts which seek better living standards and a fuller life. It is through education, science and culture that UNESCO is doing this.

Headquarters for UNESCO is UNESCO House in Paris, France.

UNESCO meets once each year in a different country. At its first meeting in Paris in 1946 millions of dollars worth of materials were collected by voluntary agencies, mostly in the United States, for International Educational Reconstruction. It completed the collec-

CONSUMER NOTES

1952 Politics biggest interest. National income increases. Good living for working man. Retired and fixed income groups, casualties of inflation. Excellent market now for all kinds of clothing, household equipment. Sales over, tighter market, higher prices by March. Cost of living up 5% in 1952. Foreign situation can change economic picture. Let nothing encourage scare buying or hoarding. Save against a certain deflation after inflationary period. Foods to feature: eggs, pork, canned tuna, non fat dry milk solids, cottage cheese, dried prunes, fresh oranges, raisins, honey and nuts. Egg and chicken prices down, meat shortage less acute, coffee prices will drop. Consumers hold economic balance of country in their hands. Use influence at home and in community. Elect leaders who represent your interests. Be intelligent participants in affairs which make our country the best in the world. Work for the permanent ideals of Democracy, wholesome family life, better morals and spiritual growth.

RUTH F. LOEBE

tion of 50 laboratory sets of equipment for consignment to 41 selected laboratories in five countries. Many subjects were studied to be presented at the second meeting in Mexico City.

At the Mexico meeting 100 projects were presented. The budget was raised to \$8,000,000.

The next year education had top priority. Six international seminars on problems of teacher education and child education, etc., were held in different countries.

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CIVIL DEFENSE

Dear Clubwomen of Maine,

Today I am speaking to you, not as Dean of District Directors, but as Chairman of the Division of Civil Defense.

The work of this Division started from "scratch" in September, when an Educational Program was promoted for clubwomen to develop a better understanding why there was a necessity for a Civil Defense Program. Our job is to see that there is no repetition of Hiroshima in the United States, when far more destructive bombs could be dropped on our country. Knowing that through an effective Civil Defense Program (which includes preparing ourselves for self protection, safety precautions, household safety measures, and what to do in case of attack) one will be prepared, Maine Clubwomen have tackled this challenging program with enthusiasm.

I feel certain that our members now understand the value of Civil Defense; however the Educational Program is just a beginning. We must continue the latter, and we must promote the enlistment of every member in some Volunteer Civil Defense Service. Each Club Civil Defense Chairman has received from this office a list of Volunteer Services for Maine Women.

REGISTRATION FOR CIVIL DEFENSE IS NOW OUR MAJOR PROJECT

73 clubs have appointed Civil Defense Chairman and I am proud of the fine work these clubs are accomplishing. I wish I could say we had 192 Club Chairmen. Am I hoping for too much?

I would like to call your attention to the following bibliography: "Fire Fighting for Householders" (FCDA booklet) 5 cents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.

"We Are Not Helpless", William L. Laurence, (New York Times booklet) 10 cents, New York Times 229 West 43rd Street, New York 18, N. Y.

"After A Bomb Falls", John W. M. Bunker, The Atlantic, September 1951.

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MRS. NORMAN F. PLOUFF

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

The Mars Hill Activity Club is the first in Maine to send a contribution to me for "Radios for Iran"—the project of the Department of International Relations providing radios that the people of Iran may hear the Voice of America directed to them. It is important to us that the United States have the friendship of Iran; and these radios will demonstrate, in a way that can be seen and understood, that the clubwomen of America act as well as resolve in their objectives for a better understanding among peoples of the world. How many of these radios will go out from the Maine Federation of Women's Club—or from individual clubs? \$35 buys one complete radio; and donations for any amount forwarded to me will go toward the purchase of as many radios as Maine clubwomen make possible. Or GFWC scarfs may be bought for \$3—and all above the actual cost of the scarfs goes toward the purchase of radios by the GFWC. Let us proudly wear these scarfs in recognition of the high purposes to which we are dedicated.

It has been heartwarming to learn from recent reports of the District Directors on departmental work of the generous outpouring of friendship and assistance in so many different ways among so many different peoples and organizations abroad. The objective of the Department of International Relations to develop a better know-

Chairmen Speak

Council of International Clubs

Mrs. Alice McGouldrick, state chairman of Council of International Clubs, announces that \$3,525.35 has been reported today as the amount sent from Maine clubs in the CARE FOR KOREA campaign.

District 6, Mrs. William Weston, Projects chairman, is the only one with 100% returns. The three highest amounts were Women's Literary Union, Portland, \$300, Lubec Woman's Club, \$205.02, and Woman's League of York, Inc. \$190. York County, Miss Ruth H. Nowell, Projects chairman, contributed the largest amount.

Totals by districts are 1—\$133; 2—\$437.55; 3—\$316.32; 4—\$155; 5—\$40; 6—\$50; 12—\$480; and 13—\$562.

In several towns publicity was so good that individuals and organizations outside the clubs contributed. Guilford had a tag day with Girl Scouts as solicitors. Orono Woman's Club asked for contributions through the local newspaper. Several clubs received \$1 from each member. Many who did not give to this campaign have donated generously to other projects.

All-in-all, Maine can be very proud of its contribution, which compares favorably to other states of even greater population.

ledge and appreciation of other peoples through a program of study and action has been met with statewide participation. The field of International Relations should have a place in the program of all federated clubs consistent with their activities and objectives; and there seem to be very few that do not make room for it in some way during the club year.

There seems to be less inclination, however, to follow through

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Gerontology

"Gerontology is the science of aging. With over eleven million people in the United States over 65 years of age, this problem of later maturity becomes the new American dilemma. Since old age makes the person more like what he is already, preparation for later years begins in youth. Psychologists believe that living each stage of development completely and satisfyingly enables the individual to move on easily to the next stage and to accept it fully, enjoying its satisfactions and meeting its difficulties. Life then becomes a challenge and each stage is looked forward to and met in the spirit of adventure."

A gerontology program is a **must** for everyone as it directly concerns life and happiness of every individual. For years the Gen. Federation has stressed programs of unselfish service for others. Many years ago the infant death rate was so high that our clubs answered the call to duty and did a magnificent work in pediatrics. With the changing times, we have a new problem—that of geriatrics—so we will act accordingly and go from pediatrics to geriatrics. It concerns you so let's learn to live to be one hundred years of age and like it.

Life can be divided into three phases, according to one specialist on the subject:

1. Preparation—from birth to twenty years of age.
2. Performance—from twenty years to sixty years.
3. Relinquishment—from sixty years to death.

Until recently, few people lived to enjoy life after the second period. Medical science has increased the span of life so that now twelve percent of our population is over sixty years of age. Don't wait—start early to prepare for old age. To grow old gracefully, one must keep physically fit, personally attractive and mentally alert, keep a pleasant outlook on life, and plan his work, leisure and life beyond sixty-five years. The relinquishment period teaches the most difficult lessons of life so many

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Mid-Winter Conference At Augusta

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Education is life itself and it faces uncertainties in this changing world. Are we going to expand education properly? We have just one-half the number of teachers that are needed in elementary schools. We need 100,000 teachers to take care of the children in Maine. There is no better field than that of the elementary teacher. We also need more secondary teachers. There were 700,000 in high school in 1925 and in 1951 there were 6,500,000. We need unhurried growth for our school children. They should be promoted as they develop, rather than by grades and age.

A Youth Opportunity Forum was conducted with Mr. Harold Sch-

nurle as moderator. Cony High School was represented by four seniors, Margaret Flint, Michael Salter, Cleo Staciva and Daniel Barker. Maine Industries were represented by Mr. Fred Scribner of the Bates Manufacturing Co., Mr. John Milliken of the S. D. Warren Co., Mr. Roger Sherman of the Saco-Lowell Co., and Mr. Arthur Maxwell, banking and financial circles.

The young people spoke about the fields they had chosen, the universities and colleges they planned to attend and the opportunities that were open to them in other states.

The executives tried to show that the field always looks greener in other states, but many of our exe-

cutives come to us from neighboring states.

A question and answer period followed. The executives and seniors agreed that today there is a wrong conception of work. Our slogan should be, "A day's work for a day's pay."

During our closing session Friday afternoon, there was a memorial service for our Past President, Mrs. A. E. Chittenden, who was in office 1931-1933.

Dr. Robert F. Chandler, Jr., president of the University of New Hampshire gave the last address. His subject was "Start Where You Are." He stated that we must serve in our home first, because our youth are the future of this country. Churches, schools and clubs are the foundations of every community.

It is time for women to direct, to be active and to help by living unselfish lives and to have enough strength of character to line up with the best programs. We should be proud of our heritage and of the fact that we are Americans. We have advantages and our achievements are the products of our efforts.

Our Statesman, John Foster Dulles, has hope that eventually we won't have war, that we will come together and have common ground. One-third of the world is under communistic rule and two-thirds are under democratic rule. We must have central control and get these nations united in a free world.

A choral group from the Augusta Cecilia Club sang a group of songs, which were received with much enthusiasm.

The Credential Committee reported 256 in attendance at the Conference. Mrs. Alice McGouldrick reported that \$3048.64 had been reported for CARE FOR KOREA. The Woman's Literary Union of Portland gave the largest amount of money for any individual club and District 13 gave the most for any district.

We had perfect weather in Augusta. The hostesses, ushers and pages were cordial and helpful. The officers are to be congratulated upon a well-planned and carried-out program.



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Let's Take Off Our Moral Blinders!

by Peter Nelson

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It was several weeks after the big windstorm of November, 1950. The Martins were entertaining some close friends when suddenly Harry Martin asked: "Say, George, how did you ever make out on that storm-insurance claim?"

George grinned shyly: "Well, I got a new roof, fixed that wall that was damaged last year, and—er—made a few dollars. The contractor gave me a watered bill and when the insurance company paid off—well, I kept the difference."

Another man laughed. "Pretty shrewd. Reminds me of the year a neighbor's boy snapped our little cherry tree in half. It was worth only a few dollars, but I got enough from the insurance company to landscape the whole north side of the house."

His wife, who had been listening intently, turned to him. "This is beginning to sound like your expense account, Joe."

"Expense account?" their host snorted. "You mean swindle sheet."

"Listen," Joe said ruefully, "the fellows at the office would complain that I was cramping their style if I only put down what I actually spent on my trips. Besides, that extra money comes in handy for groceries these days."

"You petty swindlers ought to be in the retail business," accountant Wofle offered. "The way some of my clients have the angles figured out, they can show that they didn't make a penny all year. And no profits—no taxes."

Everybody chuckled.

"You boys hear about those parking tickets I got fixed?" Another husband asked casually, but with a look of pride.

"Did you really do that?" someone asked eagerly.

"Sure. All I had to do was play host for a political rally at my house. The candidate said he could fix a ticket, and any other stuff like that."

Although the conversation went on for another hour, the group still hadn't exhausted their tales of quick dollars and easy virtues.

Do you know Harry Martin and his friends? Certainly you do. America has many people like them. They are everywhere—good citizens and good parents, trusted employees, officers of civic associations, generous contributors to the Community Chest. Your children play with theirs. At a baseball game, they are the people who fill the grandstands and the bleachers. When you talk about the "American people," these are the kind of people you mean.

Any one of them would be shocked and hurt if you said he was dishonest. But the self-evident truth is that they—and many other equally good Americans—have long since entered the vast shadowland of "noncriminal criminality."

These people are not thieves, pickpockets, swindlers, or arsonists. Their living does not depend on illegal acts which serve no constructive community purpose. In fact, if you told Harry Martin's friend George that insurance com-

panies lose millions of dollars annually through fraudulent claims, he would be shocked.

But when George gets the chance to make his insurance company pay for some repairs on his house, and earn a few dollars to boot, George can put on moral blinders and send virtue flying out the window.

Although the Crime Bill in America for frauds, burglaries, embezzlements, and similar crimes runs to \$7,000,000,000 annually, there can be no doubt that the petty swindles of Harry Martin's friends are astronomically higher. So much so, that an accurate estimate would be impossible.

Listen to an internal-revenue expert: "Each year, the government loses at least \$1,500,000,000 through what we charitably call 'honest mistakes' in income-tax returns. More than 14,000,000 come in with errors ranging from petty to flagrant. Yet you couldn't say that we've got 14,000,000 crooks filing returns."

Listen to a warehouse supervisor: "My men take tools, clothing, odd bits of merchandise. They'd quit if I told them they were stealing. 'From who?' they'd ask me. All they know is that they work for some big, mysterious corporation—and it's no money out of anybody's pocket."

Listen to an executive from a large Midwest department store: "Our employees take home sub-

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Here Are Our Department Chairmen

A department chairman's job requires not only an interest in club work, but a background of experience and more than average intelligence. We thought it would be interesting to know more about the women who head the work of our Federation and so we present here data about some of them. More women will be introduced to you next month.

Mrs. Ernest G. Tupper, Patten, chairman of **Education**, was born in Cherryfield and was educated at Cherryfield Academy, Eastern State Normal School and the New England Conservatory of Music, with summer sessions at Bates College and extension work and summer courses at the University of Maine. She taught schools in Maine for 20 years and has always been active in school, church, club and civic affairs. For a number of years she was trustee of the Universalist Church. Mrs. Tupper is a member and officer of the Eastern Star, past president of the PTA, member of the American Legion Auxiliary and Southern Aroostook Teachers' Club. A founder of the Patten Woman's Club, she is also a past president of this club and of the Current Events Club. She is Community Concert chairman and a charter member of Epsilon Sigma Omicron, Chapter 13, of Maine. Mr. Tupper is Superintendent of School Union 115. They have two children and five grandsons.

Mrs. Allan W. Gillette, Pownal, chairman of **Fine Arts**, was born in Westfield, Penna., and was graduated from Mansfield Teachers College, Mansfield, Penna. She taught school in Montclair, N. J., and after she married Allan W. Gillette spent 13 pleasant years at the New York Military Academy, Cornwall on the Hudson, N. Y. They vacationed in Maine for several years and liked the people and state so much they came here to live in 1944. She studied oil painting for three years. In 1947 she directed a MFWC program for the Portland district. Besides painting, her hobbies are restoring old houses, collecting antiques and garing.

Mrs. Warren E. Peterson, Saco, chairman of the **International Relations** Department, was born in Springfield, Mass., and was graduated from Deering High School, Portland, in 1926. Before graduation she worked as secretary in the legal firm of Robinson, Richardson and Leddy, and remained

with them until 1943, four years after she married Mr. Peterson. She first became interested in Federation work during the war, when she joined the Junior Obkoe Club of Portland. At that period she was also a Girl Scout leader and instructor in First Aid. She was a charter member of the League of Women Voters of Maine, serving as corresponding secretary and chairman of publications. In the summer of 1949 she was sent by the League as a delegate to the Mount Holyoke College Institute on United Nations. Other activities have included membership on the Cumberland-Falmouth Health Council, executive board of the Cumberland County Farm Bureau, Deering Lodge, OES, Portland, King Court, Order of Amaranth, Biddeford, corresponding secretary of the Webber Hospital Auxiliary, and Saco PTA. She served on the Falmouth Town Planning Board from March, 1949, until the Petersons moved to Saco in 1950. In 1947-1949 she was a member of the Federation International Relations Committee. A member of the Educational and Industrial Union, Saco, she has served on the International Committee and is now clerk.

Mrs. Alice H. McGouldrick, Dixfield, chairman of the **GFWC Council of International Clubs**, was born in Bluehill and educated in Bluehill and later studied piano and voice in Boston and New York. In 1912 she joined the Federated Philomathian Club of Fort Fairfield. Later she joined the Study Club of Bar Harbor and then the Advance Club, Dixfield, and has been president of all three clubs. Mrs. McGouldrick is proud that she has attended nearly every annual Federation meeting since 1913. She has served on the Conservation Committee and several health committees, including the Mental Hygiene Committee. As chairman of a special drive, she was instrumental in raising \$1,865 for a new moving picture projector for the Pownal State School. For three years she was director of district 6.

MORAL BLINDERS

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stantial amounts of perfumes, drugs, sports equipment, groceries, sweaters, socks, ties, shirts, pants—and there's almost nothing we can do about it even though we operate a detective service."

(This outstanding article will be concluded in the May issue).

GERONTOLOGY

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of life's lessons have to be forgotten and new ones learned.

Program of Action for Clubs and the Public

1. Change attitude about retirement and find ways to allow people to work as long as possible.
2. Study the Social Security Laws.
3. Encourage more communities, organizations or states to establish "Old Age Communities" (model town for the aged and run entirely by old people.) so they will have companionship and social participation.
5. Organize old men and old women's Christian Associations.

In the United States from 1949-1950 there was an increase of three million in the population group sixty-five years of age or more. A similar increase is reflected in the population of Maine. In 1950, 10.2% of the populace of Maine were age sixty-five or over, where as the same percentage for the United States as a whole was 8.2%. Maine has a larger proportion of this age group in its population than is true of most States in the Union.

Information taken from: Gerontology Div. Pamphlet, Mrs. John D. Roginson, Chrmn., Gen. Fed. Wom. Club, Looking forward to the later years. Federal Security Agency, Washington, D. C.

List of pamphlets for sale on Gerontology.

An ideal job for the Volunteer by Georgene E. Bowen. Price \$0.20. Director of Recreation for Phil. Older People, Philadelphia Recreation Asso., 1625 Spruce St., Phil., 3, Pa.

Salient points on organization of clubs for older people. Price \$0.15. Address as above.

Mrs. Carl A. Wingren
Chairman

USE FILMS IN CLUB PROGRAM

Do you use films as often as you could in your club programs? There are many firms where films may be obtained free of charge or at a small rental fee. Coronet Films (Coronet Building, Chicago 1, Ill.), all sorts of educational subjects, is just one of the magazines which offer this service. Industrial concerns of all kinds will lend films without cost. An index and guide for the latter may be obtained by writing Modern Talking Pictures Service, 9 Rockefeller Plaza, New York 20. The Ford Film Library, Ford Motor Co., Dearborn, Mich., has a variety of films which will be sent for nominal shipping costs.

Many universities, such as New York University, 26 Washington Square, New York 3, have a film service. Museums, such as the American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West at 79th Street, New York, have a motion picture department. Films may also be obtained from state departments, such as Forestry. Suggestions for other film sources may be found in the MFWC column in the February 10 issue of the Portland Telegram.

You have no projector? Nearly all high schools now have 16 mm projectors which they will lend for club programs. If there is no projector in your town's high school, here is a splendid project for your club!

Incidentally, many clubs offer the use of a film to the local schools for showing before it is returned. Sometimes this entails a small additional fee, but often, especially if the film can be shown the morning of club meeting day, there is no extra charge.

Because the leaders in most of our current scandals are men, we can't afford to say, "It can't happen here." Girls and women, whether rightly or wrongly, are usually charged with upholding the moral tone. Could it be that the wives, mothers, girl friends and daughters do not inquire too closely into the source of easy money?" . . . Dorothy Stratton, National Executive Director, Girl Scouts of America.

Department Chairmen Speak

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UNESCO

Illiteracy includes one half the people of the world. This for the first time has received through UNESCO world wide combating. In the natural science field work has begun on the Amazon Basin in Brazil, as well as research in the Far East, Middle East and India.

Reconstruction work on libraries and museums has been done. Art and music have been exchanged. By these means the culture of countries will become known to other countries.

What can our clubs do to further these worth while projects? The General Federation has chosen the four following projects: 1. UNESCO—Care Book Program. CARE is accepting money for the purchase of scientific and professional books for public and university libraries and technical groups in 30 countries of Europe and Asia. 2. Books for Children of Japan. English is being taught children in Japan and they need America's best children's books. 3. UNESCO Gift Coupons. A book contains ten dollars' worth of gift stamps—40 stamps which sell at 25¢ each. 4. UNESCO Fellowships—A UNESCO Fellow is a man or woman who is holding an influential position in his own country and who will later return to it. A wonderful state project.

Is there something here that your club could do? Contact your District Director.

Cora B. Roberts
UNESCO Chairman

CIVIL DEFENSE

The following recordings will be released in the immediate future: "Survival Under Atomic Attack", "Emergency Action to Save Lives", "Biological Warfare", "Women In Civil Defense".

Best wishes for the REGISTRATION OF EVERY CLUBWOMAN IN SOME CIVIL DEFENSE ACTIVITY.

Sincerely,
Iola Hulbert Plouff
First Vice President

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

state-wide on the second objective, —to develop a better understanding of United Nations. In the past two years UNESCO programs came under this department. Now it falls with the Department of Education, leaving for this department, however, the whole field of United Nations and all its other activities. Not one of us but realizes that United Nations and its purposes represent the hope of the world for peace and understanding among all nations. Our lack of interest can be as forceful in weakening that hope as our understanding and support can be strengthening. Indifference, apathy, neglect are more threatening and frightening to the ways of peace than outright opposition. Our country's position of leadership in United Nations makes it imperative that we understand its policies, foreign as well as domestic, and either back them with intelligent support or criticize them with considered judgement. Every citizen must be informed and watchful, that the policies we make are sound and far seeing. The resolutions of the GFWC are the opinion of clubwomen citizens recorded as one voice for the nation, and the world, to hear. Among them are many for the support and study of United Nations objectives and achievements.

Let us not fail these international friendships by inaction and indifference to the very resolutions and policies that will mean in the years to come whether nations shall be divided in war or united in peace.

Myrtis E. S. Peterson, Chairman
Department of International Relations, MFWC

World Peace

Lord, make me an instrument in
Your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow
love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.
St. Francis of Assisi

BULLETIN BOARD

Dorothy Houghton Scholarship

As a tribute to Mrs. Hiram C. Houghton The Dorothy Houghton Scholarship has been created and will accomplish a threefold purpose:

It will enable a worthy girl from one of the war stricken countries to come to the U. S. to study.

It will strengthen international friendship and understanding.

It will honor our federation president under whose fine leadership so much has been accomplished.

Send your contributions right away to GFWC Headquarters, 1734 N. St. Washington, D. C. so that your name may be included on the Honor Roll which will be presented to Mrs. Houghton at Minneapolis.

The clubwomen of Maine mourn the death of Mrs. John T. Skolfield, Portland, on February 14, after a short illness. Mrs. Skolfield was a past president of the Federation and Chairman of Clubwoman Extension at the time of her death.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

We have had a request for your Christmas cards. Kindly send them to Mrs. Kenneth H. Meech, 155 Klesbachstrasse, Zurich, Switzerland. Mrs. Meech is an active member of the American Woman's Club in Zurich. Here is a quote from her letter to General Federation: "We are making scrapbooks of American-made, old, used, Christmas cards for children in charity hospital wards here. As European cards are quite dreary, the cheerful bright Christmas cards from home will make quite a hit."

NOTICE

Before the May issue of the Maine Federation News reaches you many clubs will have held their annual meetings. Please fill out and mail Data slips with names of officers promptly to your District Director. Your prompt cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

PAGING WOULD-BE SPEAKERS!

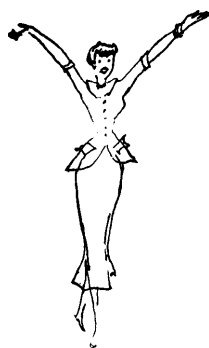
A 12-page booklet, "Take Courage, Club Speakers", may be obtained from GFWC Headquarters for 15¢. The booklet contains basic "do's and don'ts" on platform techniques which every club speaker should know.

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Did You Know That

The Maine State Prison at Thomaston now has nearly 500 inmates, so many that it has necessitated converting the schoolhouse into a dormitory? In a speech in Rockland, Warden Allan Robbins said that 70 percent of the convicts were **on relief** or came from families **on relief** at the time their crimes were committed.

A veritable goldmine of information on any phase of recreation is available through the National Recreation Association's Correspondence and Consultation Bureau? Write Miss Virginia Musselman, 315 4th Ave., New York 10, N. Y.

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?
It's through the hard-earned
lessons,
That we become a part,
Of God's adroit creation,
And meet man heart to heart.

Jane Gerow Olson,

Biddeford

President's Message

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called to your attention so that more clubs may be reminded that they may have this information simply by making a request to the Office of Defense Mobilization in Washington. An informed citizenry is a most important factor of a democracy.

We hope that clubs have taken advantage of the cooperative effort of the General Federation and the Institute of Adult Education, Teachers College, Columbia University, by answering the request to report briefly on any local cooperative project in your communities now going on or undertaken during the past five years. Through this cooperation—the Institute in the field of research, and the Federated clubs in Action—it is hoped that some conclusions will be reached to explain why some efforts succeed in one community and fail in others, how people organize to make their communities better places in which to live, how people can be challenged into active participation in civic affairs, etc. Clubwomen are actively engaged in community projects of one kind or another. Their experiences are of great value, there-

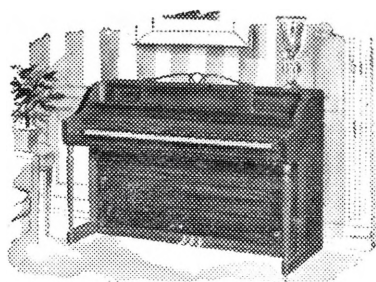
fore, in a study on community life. Reports and findings on this research will be valuable to us all as a guide in future community work.

American Home Day at the University of Maine is our next opportunity to get together as a Federation. The date is April 1st. Mrs. George Lord, chairman of our American Home Department, with the cooperation of the Farm and Home Week Committee is planning an outstanding program which should be of great interest to all clubwomen. Many of us are looking forward to going to Orono the day before, spending the night in the very comfortable dormitories, eating in the dining halls, and enjoying the socialibility and comradeship of just being together. Letters with information on registration, complete program of our American Home Day, etc. will be reaching each club very soon. Be sure you know about it because all clubwomen are cordially invited and urged to attend. So let's all make it a date—See you in Orono.

Most cordially,

Doris L. Cushman

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natural history value. Old and young will enjoy it—
in fact it is a fine book for home purchase.

THE CONQUERORS and THE MAGNIFICENT CEN-
TURY by Thomas B. Costain

These two books are the first in a series of his-
tories called The Pageant of England, and covers the
period from the Norman Conquest. The realization
that history is made by people has enabled Mr. Cos-
tain to bring to its telling a humaneness too often
lacking in historians.

NORTH WITH THE SPRING by Edwin Way Teale

Traveling with the spring Mr. and Mrs. Teale
start from the Florida Everglades go northward to
the Canadian border and eastward to the top of Mt.
Washington. A charming book.

UNDERSTANDING FEAR IN OURSELVES AND
OTHERS by Bonaro W. Overstreet

As the title indicates this book is written for the
lay reader rather than the psychiatric specialist. It
points out methods of dealing with our own fear and
ways of encouraging others toward emotional matur-
ity.

BIRTH OF A WORLD: BOLIVAR IN TERMS OF
HIS PEOPLES by Waldo Frank

Simon Bolivar, the greatest hero of Latin Amer-
ica, lives again in this dramatic story.

THE PRESIDENCY: A PICTORIAL HISTORY OF
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS FROM WASH-
INGTON TO TRUMAN by Stefan Lorant

Here are full page and small portraits, group
pictures and cartoons that show the candidates and
campaigns from 1789 through 1948.

DENMARK IS A LOVELY LAND by Hudson Strode

The author's admiration for the people, their
way of life illumines this account of Denmark's his-
tory and present day industries and politics.

MOTHER AND QUEEN, THE STORY OF QUEEN
MARY by Marion Crawford

An admiring tribute which will be read with
interest as a companion book to The Little Princesses.

THE INDIGO BUNTING, A MEMOIR OF EDNA ST.
VINCENT MILLAY by Vincent Sheean

Mr. Sheean writes a personal tribute to our Maine
born poet and attempts to analyze the place of poetry
in her life and the significance of her concern with
birds.

ABOUT THE COVER

With our cover picture of West Quoddy Head
Light, we salute Lubec, the most easterly town in the
whole United States. Quoddy Light is on the eastern-
most tip of Continental U. S., six miles from Lubec.
Lubec folks are the first in the country to feel the
rays of the rising sun. (Courtesy of Maine Publicity
Bureau.)

There is no dungeon deep enough to hide the
truth . . . Dorothy Houghton.

DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH—Girl Scout Month, Hobby Month

17—St. Patrick's Day

18—First N. E. Bank established in 1784

19—Senate rejected League of Nations, 1920

APRIL

1—American Home Day, University of Maine, Orono, Registration 9 A. M.

13-19—Clean Up Week

19—Patriots' Day

27 - May 3—Health Week

MAY

4-10—Youth Week

8—VE Day 1945

11—Mother's Day

12-17—GFWC Convention, Minneapolis, Minn.

18—Citizenship Sunday

30—Memorial Day

JUNE

1—Children's Sunday

8—Father's Day

14—Flag Day

17,18,19—MFWC Sixtieth Annual Convention at
The Belgrade Hotel, Belgrade Lakes

Annual Convention

June 17, 18, 19

Due to unforeseen circumstances, it has been necessary to change the dates of the Annual Convention to **June 17, 18, 19**. This is exactly a week later than was announced at Augusta.

PLEASE

Notify Mrs. W. Bradford Cushman if you are planning to attend the GFWC Convention at Minneapolis.

Youth Conservation

The editor of the NEWS will welcome short articles on the work done for youth in the state during the past year. If enough reports are received, the May issue will be a Youth Conservation issue.

For age is opportunity no less

Than youth itself, though in another dress,

And as the evening twilight fades away

The sky is filled with stars, invisible by day.

—Morituri Salutamus—

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

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Across The Editor's Desk

Is YOUR child a juvenile delinquent? Of course not! Parents don't think of their children as "delinquents" or even as "potential delinquents". Yet how often in club meetings do we devote time to a study of the causes of juvenile delinquency? Wouldn't it be a good idea instead to find out what makes sound, well-adjusted, happy children?

As Ruth Millett, author of the syndicated column, "We, the Women" says, "If we want to grow camellias successfully, we don't make a study of what makes unhealthy plants. We read everything we can about how to grow healthy camellias."

Let's leave the study of delinquency to the experts and learn how to "grow" normal, healthy and happy boys and girls! This is the GFWC Youth Conservation program.

There is a definite downward trend ethically and spiritually in the United States. Young people cheat and take dope, accept bribery or play under false names in basketball and other sports, destroy the property of others in the name of "fun." Parents "don't want to be bothered" and send their children off to the very moving picture or comic books which might give them the wrong ideas. They don't bother to investigate the boys and girls their youngsters chum with nor find out what they are planning to do. They fuss about hobbies that clutter up the house, when a hobby might be the very thing needed to keep a wayward son at home. They spend Sunday morning in bed or at personal pursuits and wonder why their children rebel at going to Sunday School. They often set bad examples in honesty and integrity. They let youngsters have complete freedom instead

of giving them definite responsibilities in the home.

Are these children bad? No, they are just misguided. Let's find out how to be better parents and how to help our children to be the responsible, happy healthy citizens which is their birthright.

IS THERE A COMPOSER IN YOUR FAMILY

The Maine Broadcasters Association and Broadcast Music, Inc., announce the first **Young Composers Radio Awards** offered to composers of serious music in a nation-wide contest open to students in secondary schools, colleges, and conservatories. Awards (\$500 in secondary school categories, and \$1,600 each in undergraduate and graduate groups) are to be used for further musical study within the United States.

Both vocal and instrumental compositions may be submitted; and while the age limit is 26 years (before December 31, 1952), time spent in military service may be deducted.

The term "concert music" is used in this contest to describe what is sometimes called "serious," "classical," or "good" music. The sponsors recognize that broadcasting can extend its usefulness in the encouragement and fostering of good music. In addition to the national awards, State awards (to be announced shortly) assure our young Maine composers of local interest in their work.

For further details, descriptive folders and entry blanks, address

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Programs and Projects

SAFETY

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Program kits on "Baby Sitter Safety" and "Child Safety" are available from the Home Division, National Safety Council, 425 Michigan Ave. Chicago, 11, Illinois. They contain a detailed planning guide for the development of a coordinated community program on these subjects plus specific aids for special projects and safety information. Each kit costs \$1.10.

"Targets—For Traffic Safety" is a complete kit of materials available from the National Safety Council at a cost of \$1.35.

"Safety for the Household", a 190 page booklet with illustrations giving simple methods of care and caution for home safety, also simple first aid instruction is available from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, 25, D. C. Ask for catalog No. C13.4:463, price 75 cents.

It is possible for many of the clubs in this Federation to secure speakers on Safety by contacting either—Miss Marion E. Martin, Commissioner of Labor and Industry, Vickery Hill Building, Augusta, Maine or Mr. Edward L. Lincoln, President, Maine State Safety Society, S. D. Warren Company, Cumberland Mills, Maine. We are grateful for their generosity in offering to help us.

Are you working on your Safety Scrapbooks for the Traffic Safety Contest? Both Mrs. Hiram Houghton, our General Federation President, and Mrs. George Jaqua, Safety Chairman are most anxious to have the Federation Offices filled with entries for the contest. Entries must be received before May 1, 1952. Why not make two scrapbooks and enter the Carol Lane Award, announcement of which was made in the January issue of the News and entry blanks were available at the Mid-winter Conference.

Edithe Durrell

The Warren Woman's Club is the first group in New England to adopt the **American Assembly** plan instituted at Arden House, Columbia University, by Gen. Dwight Eisenhower. Called the Little Assembly, this study unit of the club has made a direct report to the American Assembly on ten questions concerning the United States-Western Europe Relationships. The next little American Assembly in the unit of study will be held soon under the direction of Mrs. Xavier Mallett, unit president.

Deciding a single objective would provide more incentive to the club than various small contributions to many worthy causes, the Obkoe Club, Portland, has chosen **Opportunity Farm for its main project**. In the past two years the club has provided 12 chests of drawers for the boys' personal possessions. Mrs. Henning Thomsen, publicity chairman, says, "We hope that by helping to some extent each year, it will add to their comfort and sense of security, and our club members certainly have more interest and work harder with a definite goal in mind."

The Miosac Club, Dover-Foxcroft, has for its special projects this year the May Memorial Hospital fund, Girl Scouts and an Easter Seals campaign. "Unesco" is the theme for the year and this is being carried out through such programs as "Foods the Foreign Way", "Christmas the World Over", "Around the World with Music", a smorgasbord luncheon, "A Yankee Views Unesco", "Folk Art", "Fashions Continental". March 18 the club will celebrate its sixteenth birthday.

At every meeting of the Century Club, Bingham, music has an important place. April 4 the club will entertain the Girl Scouts and will feature the MFWC Carved Wood Collection, which will help the girls with their woodcraft badge.

"Maine State Parks" was one of the subjects chosen by the Waldoboro Woman's Club this year.

A Bible reading begins each program of the Shakespeare Club of Lisbon Falls. The programs of this club are devoted to the Fine Arts and include drama, literature, nature, art and crafts.

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Each member of the Webhanet Club, Kennebunk, was asked to bring a **candy bar** to send to a child overseas at one meeting. Films from the **Maine Forestry and Inland Fish and Game Departments** were featured at another meeting.

What has YOUR club been doing? What has been the best program of the year?

Has your club thought of any of these projects: providing scotchlight tape for the bicycles in your community? starting a small lending library staffed with volunteers, perhaps high school students? (Books may be obtained on loan for such a project from the Maine State Library, Augusta.) setting up a volunteer baby sitting service to aid young mothers who would like to be youth leaders? sponsoring a leadership training course for youth leaders in your community? (Write the editor of the NEWS for details.) furnishing films for showing at grammar and/or high school? buying a film strip projector and films for grammar school? (Wonderful for nature study classes!) providing games for rainy noon hours for grammar school?



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