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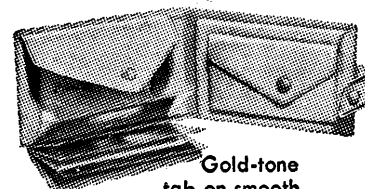
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Maine's Youth Are Its Future



Stella Scurlock

Dear Maine Clubwoman,

Youth Conservation work in the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs has been my delight since I came into the GFWC. Doris Marston, as your Youth Conservation leader then, was a national leader also, writing the four page article on youth recreation program for the April 1948 GFWC CLUBWOMAN which is even yet our handbook. She kept in touch with every club in Maine. Now Isabel Cudhea, at your Youth Conservation helm, is giving equally strong leadership, I can tell from the letters and requests that come to us at national headquarters.

BUILD FREEDOM WITH YOUTH, our youth-adult partnership program which 3 Maine clubs have demonstrated for you, has just begun. Doris Marston wrote that already their club has done more since the contest closed than all the time before. We think that the idea is contagious, and that every Maine club will have that valuable program next year.

For NEXT YEAR we are urging every club to

1. Take youth into PARTNERSHIP in some plan and action for the community.
2. Enlist every club member with a family to develop a FAMILY COUNCIL and a FAMILY PLAY NIGHT.
3. Set up a YOUTH EMPLOYMENT program for this summer—to give youth employment and proper protection in that employment.
4. Plan, with youth, a RECREATION program for the whole town, and give youth responsibility in helping carry it out.
5. Protect yourselves and your summer visitors by getting a state law through your 1953 assembly requiring that NARCOTIC PEDDLERS BE IMPRISONED for long terms and that ADDICTS BE QUARANTINED.

My joy in the Maine Federation will follow you down the years.

Sincerely,

Stella Scurlock, Director
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The President's Message



MRS. W. B. CUSHMAN

Dear Maine Clubwomen,

As I write this I realize that this is my last "News" letter for this year, which means that one year of this administration is nearly over. Our clubs individually and collectively have accomplished many worthwhile things. You have seen the needs in your towns and you have united the efforts of your clubwomen toward meeting those needs. Many outside requests

for help have come and with your good-neighbor philosophy you have extended your aid—Care-for-Korea, German Youth Assistance, Books for Japan, Radios for Iran, not to mention the packages, letters, and money sent to a great variety of other places equally worthy of our help. Along with this you have continued your aid in support of the numerous health and institutional drives in our own State. No matter how small our part, through participating, by extending our sympathy and enlarging our own interests, we are trying to build a better world.

As President of the Maine Federation, it was my privilege to represent you at a reception honoring Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands. This delightful affair was held in General Federation Headquarters where the drawing room, dining room, and entrance halls were beautifully bedecked with spring flowers. A group from the U. S. Marine Band in their bright red jackets furnished music, but the cynosure of all eyes was Queen Juliana. While protocol, of course, demanded formality, the genuine friendliness in her greeting and her handclasp (she shook hands with each of us regardless of royal custom) typified her directness, her honesty, and depth of character which were

noted in all reports of her public addresses while in this country. Her presence at a reception given by clubwomen is an outstanding example of our program for better understanding of other peoples and other nations. Her friendly reception of our Federation group which visited Europe in 1950, and her great interest in the activities of federated clubwomen, made possible this reciprocal entertainment, no doubt.

Our American Home Day at the University of Maine on April 1 was very well attended and many expressed appreciation for the interesting program, varied in subject matter but each pertaining directly to our homes, ourselves, and our families. At luncheon we had the pleasure of announcing the winning clubs in the Build Freedom With Youth Contest and of presenting the check for \$200 and the Certificates of Achievement to representatives of the winning clubs. As this issue of the News is devoted particularly to Youth, detailed accounts of the various projects of the Contest will be found elsewhere. We hope to have the Contest Reports of all clubs which participated on display at our Convention at Belgrade Lakes. The efforts and accomplishments of

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BETTY KINNEY

EDITORIAL POINTS

Perhaps you've read about an interesting program or project which your Club would like to try that has been mentioned in the Junior Journal. Just drop a note to the club correspondent who told about the project or I will give you her address if necessary.

This is program planning time of year for the club season next Fall. Does your Club choose a theme to carry through the whole year? The General Federation has a wonderful program outline called "Our American Heritage". If you should adopt such a study program, special evenings on old glass or antiques, American History, or beginnings of your own home town with reminiscences of famous local people would enlarge on your theme.

Several girls could be assigned to each month and they would know what the topic would be 'way ahead. Then they could engage a speaker or line up a paper or two and bring your club study program new life. Speak to your program chairman about this and get all you can from your club year.

There are other good subjects such as Foreign Countries; like France, China, India, Korea, or England. Movies, music, literature, etc., as well as exhibits can be arranged around these countries. You could even study several countries with everyone bringing something for an exhibit at each meeting.

Maybe it would be fun to start with the good old U. S. A. and "Our American Heritage". Program planning on a special chosen

The largest attendance ever in the history of Farm and Home Week was quite apparent to all who tried to obtain a seat to hear the excellent speakers from March 31 to April 3 at the University of Maine campus.

Tuesday, April 1st the Maine Federation held a special program in the Little Theatre. Great interest was expressed in the life cycle of an income as told by Mr. Leonard S. Moore of the Merrill Trust Company, Bangor, Maine.

He said it was absolutely necessary for everyone to regularly lay aside a certain sum, no matter how small, as savings. These savings can then be put to work for us as investments. Once you are started on a regular program you are building an estate. The disposition of this estate become of prime importance since everyone has some amount.

Mr. Moore earnestly stressed the idea of savings. You must have reserve funds in a liquid state so that they may be applied to emergencies. He stated that your liquid cash reserves should not be less than one month's income. Adequate provision for emergencies includes insurance: health, life and accident. Insurance can be considered savings as well as reserves. U. S. Savings Bonds were highly recommended.

Everyone must make a will to protect the disposition of their estate. If they do not do so the courts will advise the distribution of the estate according to the intestate laws of the State of Maine subject to the latest revision which is July 1951. He stated that any Will made before the Revenue Act of 1948 is already out of date. Estate planning is a continuous process and should be periodically re-

viewed. He will send anyone a folder explaining the Intestate Laws governing disposition of an estate without a Will upon receipt of your name and address. He stressed that Joint Ownership is not a substitute for a Will.

theme really pays off with club interest through the year. We have so much to learn and appreciate about our own land, especially now when everything we regard as our own right is under attack. If we can build ourselves into better citizens through study and knowledge, let's get busy.

Junior

Your Income, Fashion Notes and Farm and Home Week

viewed. He will send anyone a folder explaining the Intestate Laws governing disposition of an estate without a Will upon receipt of your name and address. He stressed that Joint Ownership is not a substitute for a Will.

Later Tuesday morning, Muriel Cox took us along the "Road to Fashion". She stated that fabrics make fashions. Scientific research is continually developing miracle fabrics. Although wool is the staple fibre, new synthetics like orlon and decron, or combinations with wool are much better. Nylon and rayon are very popular with silk pongee a summer favorite.

Spring and Summer 1952 will feature crispness, sheerness and a three dimensional quality obtained by nubby and looping fabrics. This surface treatment as in shantung weaves is all important. Cottons will be popular with even denim costing as much as silk.

Colors will be paler and smarter. Silk coats, coat dresses, iridescent fabrics and thick and thin weaves really dressy.

Curves are all important with greatest attention to the waistline. It must be small and neat. Skirts will be full to emphasize the mid-rift. Long gloves are to be worn with short sleeves.

Hats may be square, tipped or worn over one ear. Change them around or add a polka dot or striped scarf with your bright hat.

Hair will be short and simple with a brushed up effect. The pale elegant colors will not lend themselves to a heavy sun tan so there will be more cover this summer. Shoes to be very bare.

Later to find seating space to hear Ida Jean Kain, columnist on "Middle Age Can Be Youthful" was impossible. However we did learn that the greatest attack on overweight is to determine its cause. She said emotional disturbance, boredom or loneliness, or even extra good cooking could be the cause.

Fine subjects by capable speakers made attendance at Farm and Home Week well-spent time with plenty of food for thought.

Journal

Junior League

Mocutoc Club of Dover-Foxcroft

Our club was organized and federated in 1950. The name Mocutoc means "make our Club useful to our community". This is also our motto. We meet every first and third Thursdays from September to May. The Molasto Club sponsored our Club which started with 10 members and now has 17. Mrs. Barbara Merrill has been our president for the two years.

Last year we spent most of our time getting used to Federation ways but we did send a girl to Scout Camp, had a booth at the V. F. W. Fair for the benefit of Foxcroft Academy Band uniforms and sent gifts to Hollowell and Togus. We have had the Movie Guide for our town paper for two years and plan to continue it.

This year we presented a play and earned \$200 towards furnishing a room at the new Foxcroft Academy. We earned \$30 and took up a silver collection towards the TV set for the Maine School for the Deaf, the Junior Club project. We have sent gifts to the Augusta State Hospital and given donations to Heart, Cancer, Polio and Red Cross drives. On March first we are having a Bottle drive for Foxcroft Academy.

Shirley Annis,
Corresponding Secretary

Carpo Club of Guilford

A covered-dish supper was the highlight of our first April meeting and a baking contest at the second. Have you ever held a baking contest? We planned a Mother's night for May first.

Elizabeth Herring,
Correspondent

Mothers Club of Winthrop

We plan to sponsor sodium fluoride treatments for the second graders and three-year olds. We have appealed to other clubs in Winthrop for financial aid. We held a Valentine Dance and are planning to hold a Fair in the summer.

Phyllis Thompson,
State Sec.-Treas.

Fairfield Junior Womans Club

Have you tried a Gentlemen's night? We served weiners and hamburgers roasted outdoors. The boys seemed to enjoy themselves.

A couple who had lived in Palestine provided the program showing slides and discussing conditions there. Pieces of handwork done by Moslem women were examined.

We sold Christmas Wrapping making a profit of \$20. We also put on a Supper and cleared \$20.88.

Our most important special project is trying to unite the Federated Clubs of Fairfield into one large Woman's Club. We feel that better joint programs may be held without losing our own club individuality. We held a special forum at which all clubs were present and had state officers as guest speakers. Many obstacles will have to be overcome before this project is fulfilled.

Polly Moore,
Correspondent

Rockland Junior Womans Club

The crippled children will benefit from the Style Show and Card Party held April second for this worthy cause and netting \$222.50. There were sixty tables in play at the American Legion home which had been donated by the Post and

the Affair was considered a great success.

Models were local girls including Junior Clubwomen and several children of the members. Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy Crane, Jr., of Senter-Crane Company supplied the Fashions and directed the Show. Flowers and lighting were both donated by local Concerns.

Prizes were plants for individual table winners with special door prizes also.

Edith Levensaler,
Correspondent

Twin Village Junior Womans Club —Damariscotta

The annual Guest Night and Joint Meeting with the Rockland Junior Womans Club was held April 19.

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Let's Take Off Our Moral Blinders!

by Peter Nelson

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(Continued from March Issue)

Listen to the proprietor of an expensive Eastern restaurant: "Each night my place is filled to capacity. Well-to-do people eat here. But between the customers and my help, I lose a young fortune every year. The customers take silverware, even dishes. The employees take slabs of bacon, pounds of butter, expensive cuts of steaks, and other foods. Once I put detectives at the doors, but the customers were so indignant, they threatened to boycott the place. When the workers found out they almost went on strike."

Go from industry to industry, town to town, state to state. You find that business pays a staggering \$220,000,000 annually for insurance, watchmen, and other protective services—to guard against professional and "amateur" criminals. You begin to see also the little rips in the fabric of our vaunted morality. They grow and

spread. The clear image of our national decency becomes smudged.

In the West, a new ornament for an automobile comes out, and youngsters begin to pry them loose to put on their bicycles. In the East, New Yorkers laugh at the disappearance of the city's street-corner trash baskets. But think a moment: is a situation involving the theft of private and public property really so funny?

We Americans are a self-indulgent people. We chuckle about thing like that—until a group of basketball players ("clean, decent boys") are ensnared in one of the most sordid sports scandals of all time. We laugh—until a boy who began stealing auto ornaments winds up on trial for stealing a car.

It's all a big joke—until our own sons and daughters are forced to pay the price for our own blindness, for the easy immoral values we have, all unknowingly, foisted on them.

Take Ed Nicholson, a buyer in a large department store. Ed is

past 40, tall, gray-haired—the kind of man you would call "distinguished." And, in his way, Ed is distinguished. He is an officer in the Parent-Teacher Association. He is vice-chairman of his civic group, and he likes to read "good" books. Once, his friends talked of nominating him for councilman on a local reform ticket.

A few weeks ago, Ed came home and set a large package down on the dining-room table. His wife couldn't help notice how his eyes shone as he gazed at it.

"What's in it, dear?" she asked.

"Wait till you see!" he exulted. He tore off the wrappings and revealed a handsome mantel clock, set in the rich mahogany of a ship's wheel. "Ed," his wife breathed, "it's lovely. But is must have cost a fortune. Can we afford it?"

"We certainly can. It didn't cost us a cent. I took it from the stockroom. It's got a scratch somewhere on the base and it has been laying around for months. So we might as well put it to good use." Nicholson virtually glowed with pride over his achievement.

"Golly, dad," said 12-year old Tommy, "that was clever. It's sure a keen clock."

"The word is 'surely'," Nicholson corrected him. "But it is keen."

Ed Nicholson, who would probably knock you down if you called him a thief, thus permitted himself to become part of an all pervading atmosphere of moral decay. By bringing home an expensive clock that was "just laying around," he denied the virtue inherent in the uniquely American credo that "you work for what you get and get what you work for."

To his son Tommy, Ed was saying, as though he spoke the words: "There's nothing wrong with my taking this clock; nothing wrong with keeping towels from a hotel room; nothing wrong with taking stamps home from the office; nothing wrong with cheating on your income tax."

Maybe Tommy won't ever reach into his mother's purse for a quart-

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er to go to the movies; maybe he won't climb a fence and steal a ripe watermelon; maybe he won't slyly pocket a piece of penny candy at the corner store; maybe he won't swipe a toy from the Five and Ten. But if he does any of these things, his course will have been charted. He will have had an example set for him right in his home.

Perhaps if the example came from only one direction, the problem would not be so acute, the results not so deadly. But Tommy Nicholson has heard of many more acts which just border the dark edges of dishonesty. When he gets older he will hear of shrewd political "deals" which reek of upder world corruption. He will learn the meaning of words like payoff, gravy train, pork barrel, five per center. And he will learn that these words don't apply to criminals.

They will be written and spoken about men who have maneuvered their way into your city government and mine, into state and Federal government offices. They will be written about the men who often make the laws, men who have presumed to set the pattern of our do's and don'ts.

And there can be no doubt that all of these factors will shape Tommy's attitudes towards the law, just as they have shaped the attitudes of many of us.

It's no wonder that, in such an atmosphere, young athletes—certainly not criminals—conspire to throw basketball games so that gamblers can make a killing. It's no wonder that officials in government and industry—witness the recent RFC scandals—conspire to make mutually profitable "arrangements." It's no wonder that certain respectable businessmen for-sake honor and enter into lucrative enterprises with outright racketeers.

Each time such actions take place, we have further torn our ethical fabric. Unfortunately, more and more people are taking the path to "easy money" and more and more people are impressed with this "something for nothing" way of thinking.

This "El Dorado" complex has persisted throughout U. S. history. It stems from the earliest adventurers who came here seeking streets paved with gold and jewels.

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Watch Freedom Stations Rise!

BRICK BY BRICK

What goes into the building of a Radio Free Europe station? Bricks, cables, magnetic tape, records, coaxial cable, beacons—literally hundreds of items, large and small. So each member, each organization as a unit, has here the opportunity to buy a piece of a freedom station . . . and watch that freedom station rise! A member may buy a dozen bricks or a thousand. Your organization as a whole may set as its goal the purchase of a tower beacon, a microphone or a loud speaker.

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\$4	studio light relays	\$650	a large tower beacon
\$5	switch box	\$4,300	a tower (four needed per transmitter) and so on up to
\$9	hand phone		
\$12	pays operating cost of 1-minute talk over a freedom station	\$184,600	for one transmitter (exclusive of studio building)

Calling All Women!

. . . politics is not simply a matter of voting for one politician against another; it means the preservation of the family; it means participating in decisions which protect life and property and the social tradition of a people . . . There are millions of American women who have avoided politics . . . If a million of them become articulate, they will alter the face of American politics. Their force can be legion . . . George E. Sokolsky.



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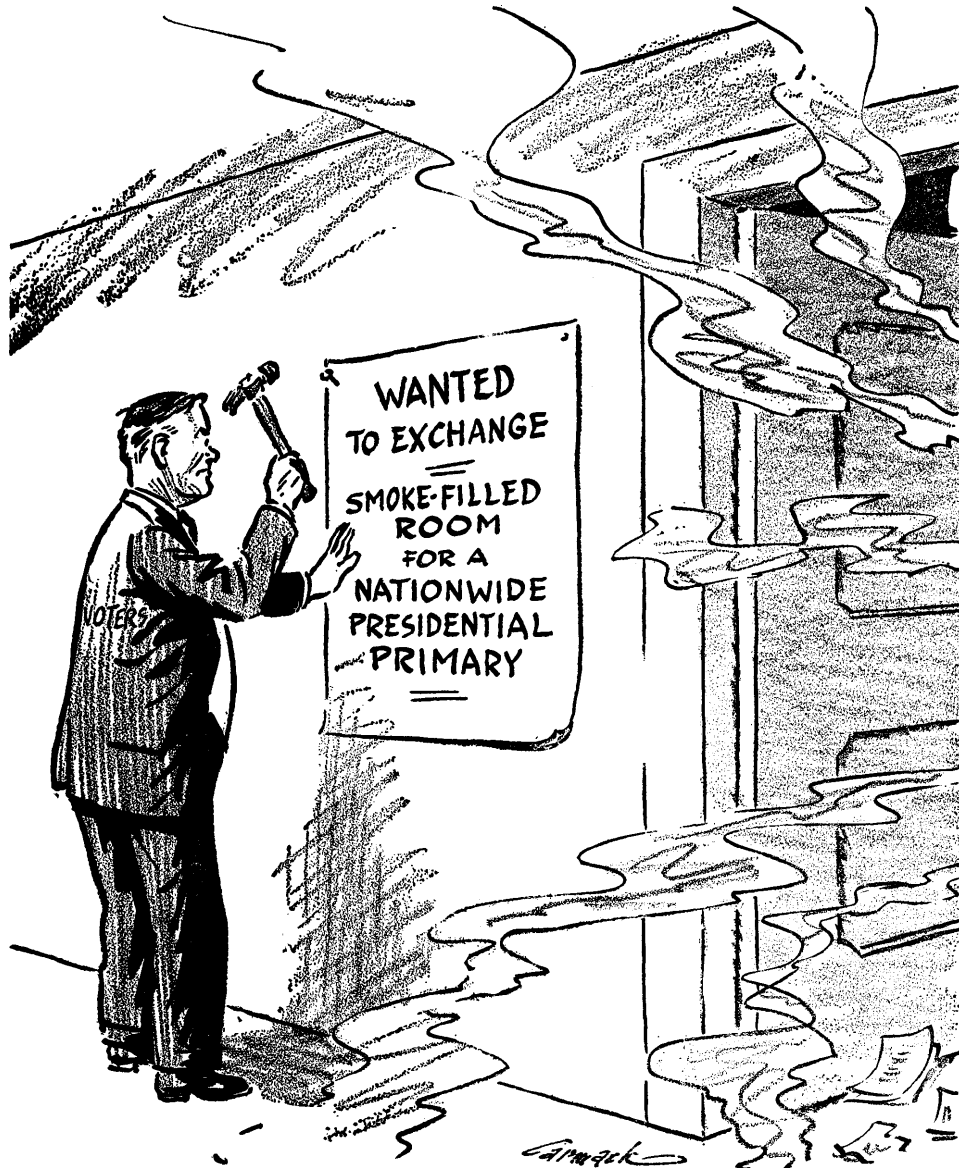
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Calling All Maine Citizens!

This year the Citizenship Division of the Public Affairs Department places SPECIAL emphasis on the "Get Out The Vote" campaign. From a current issue of an international magazine, sponsored by a well known civic male organization, the slogan "Get Out and Vote" is inadequate in its true meaning — "Get Out and Vote INTELLIGENTLY" is a better interpretation of Citizenry.

This being both State and National election year, your chairman urges **intelligent participating citizenship** through careful study of the candidates and issues—local, state and national.

The importance of action in primary elections should be stressed. This thought coincides with the words, written by Mrs. John R. Davis, Citizenship Chairman of the General Federation of Womens'

Clubs, in a recent publication of "The Clubwoman" — As a good citizen, it is essential that you participate in the **primary election**. It is there that the standard bearers of YOUR party are chosen, as well as the committee members."

We definitely need the very best of our men and women in all public offices from the community level up.

A recent nation-wide survey revealed that less than half of the young people, who have reached voting age since the last election, expect to vote. Through the efforts of our clubs we could improve this situation within our own state. These efforts need not be costly or strenuous—rather that each club should feel and be responsible in seeing that **every eligible voter**, in its neighborhood, uses HIS voting privilege—both at primary and final elections!

We hope that everyone will observe CITIZENSHIP DAY the third Sunday in May.

Realizing that most clubs include Citizenship as a part of their programs, we hope that many clubs will encourage the study of this subject in our public schools. Essay contests, workshops, panel discussions and such, provide civic stimulation for our youth. Sponsorship and guidance of these activities may mean **much** toward the future development and improvement of our Country's democratic standards. The good fortune of being a citizen of the United States of America, under Constitutional Rights, must be preserved and advanced in every way possible. Maine clubwomen **can** meet this challenge.

YOU can start being a better citizen **RIGHT NOW!**

Mrs. Fulton Willard Blake

The Next Six Months Will Decide A Bill of Rights for Aging Persons

The next six months before Election Day may be the most important months of your and your children's lives—maybe even of the history of the nation. It is a crucial period when you should vividly and actively remember that "Government is YOUR Business."

Yes, **your** business! Good government starts with you—the citizen. You have an obligation before God and country to fulfill your responsibility as a voter. That means you have it in your power to make or break your country.

Don't underestimate the good that you can do. Your country needs **your** support right now, more than ever before. But you, **personally and individually**, must decide for yourself what **you** will do to strengthen America.

Every move we have made for the past seven years has proven the almost unbelievable power for active good in the rank and file of the American people. If ten million Americans at the grass roots can be stirred up in the next six months to the point where each feels a **personal responsibility** toward his country, they may well bring peace to our nation—and the world . . . Christopher News Notes.

The right to grow old. The emphasis is on grow. Aging is growth. We should not be old except as we grow old.

The right to be treated as a person and a grownup at that. Years bring experience and experience is an essential ingredient of wisdom.

The right to a future. We can't live in the past. We must live in the future.

The right to say about our life in that future. The right to work, to play, to plan, to produce as we are able, to continue to live and be a part of life.

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

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

The right to have professional help and advice whenever necessary.

The right of opportunity to earn and cherish these rights and to live happily and usefully until the end.

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

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

(From Indiana State Board of Health)

Maine Is Building Freedom

The announcement of the winners in the "Build Freedom with Youth Contest" was made on April first by Mrs. Cushman at the American Home Day luncheon. The Women's Clubs of York were the winners of the \$200.00 State prize; the second place winner was Winterport Woman's Club; third place Woodland Womans Club; fourth place Advance Club of Dixfield; and fifth place The Junior Cosmopolitan Club of Dover-Foxcroft. My heartiest congratulations go to these clubs.

We were fortunate in securing three fine judges. They are all active in different types of youth work and therefore, were able to evaluate the work which our clubs had been doing. They were Chairman, Mr. Norman J. Temple, State Y. M. C. A., Waterville, Miss Ruth Daniels, Recreation Supervisor, City of Portland, and Mr. Arlyn E. Barnard, Executive Secretary, A. A. A. in Portland.

At the beginning of the contest thirty clubs entered. This was most inspiring to me as state contest chairman, and made me feel that a large number of our clubs realized the need for helping the youth in our communities. Fifteen of these clubs finished the contest and presented excellent material. No matter how small a project was it represented a great deal of work and whether your club finished or not I am certain you are glad that you made an attempt to do something.

The prize winning club's folder was sent to Washington, D. C. where we hope it will receive one of the national prizes. The remaining entries were sent to Teacher's College in New York where the Institute of Adult Education will evaluate them.

Thank you all for your fine cooperation and work. It will prove to everyone that Maine is really interested in helping their youth.

Ruth Crosby, chairman

Although it would be impossible to give here a complete report of the work which has been done in the state during the contest, we will try to share with you the marvellous accomplishments of clubwomen and youth and the other organizations of the various communities. Emphasis has been placed not only on the projects selected but on the way young people have helped and on the way others in the community have responded to the suggested program. Every town would have liked to win the \$200, and York was indeed pleased to have the money to continue its work with youth; but the real winners are those who have found that anything can be accomplished in a town when enough people CARE ENOUGH.

YORK - First Prize

To start off the contest, the clubs sponsored an essay-poster contest. The four winners were taken to Augusta for the day, meeting the Governor and other officials, sightseeing, attending a tea at Blaine Mansion, having dinner at The Augusta House, and, in their own words, "having the most wonderful day of our lives."

Ideas for projects to be carried out were taken from the essays on "How we can make York a better community".

Next, a Youth Council was organized, with five representatives from each grade from the seventh through the twelfth, and 20 adult advisors. Socials, square dances and other activities were carried out by this group. Also, projects were outlined here and various organizations in the town asked to carry them out. For instance, a baby sitters' course was suggested and the Wesleyan Guild of the Methodist Church, composed of young mothers, was asked to sponsor it. Two members of the Guild, two members of the Woman's clubs and two members of the Youth Council made the plans and the course has been given to 30 junior and senior high school girls. After seven lessons and a written examination, a certificate was given each girl. An employment agency has been set up under the direction of a shut-in, to include not only the names of the certified baby

sitters but high school boys and other girls who need summer employment.

Other projects suggested by the young people and carried out by various organizations with the cooperation of the women's clubs and youth, have been a bicycle safety campaign, a youth center at York Beach and another one just getting underway at York Village, two art classes (York has no art teacher), a library in the York Beach center, a leadership training program, (both adults and high school youth enrolled) Sunday afternoon moving pictures and a rifle club sponsored by the VFW.

WINTERPORT—SECOND PLACE

Our program of Building Freedom With Youth developed into four distinct projects.

1. A series of Square Dance parties for all young people of the town was sponsored. A professional instructor in square dancing was procured by the club from the University of Maine. All work in preparation for the parties, making of tickets, decorating, advertising, was shared by the young people and club members working together. An important part of this project was the series of talks on good manners and right conduct which preceded each party. The young people responded enthusiastically. Besides learning the fundamentals of square dancing, they developed greatly in poise, personal appearance and social conduct.

2. A most worthwhile project was developed by the Welfare Committee of the club. This project consisted of collecting good used clothing, mending and repairing it at a club sewing bee, and distributing the garments to underprivileged children and adults. Shoes and overshoes were also provided any child in need. Club members knit many pairs of mittens for distribution to school children. The aim of club members in this work was to see that every needy child was provided with warm clothing, shoes and overshoes. Interest was shared by many groups and individuals in town. The local dry cleaning establishment gladly cooperated by cleaning soiled garments free of

With It's Youth

charge. To date 30 children and many adults have received donations.

3. The third project of the club was to sponsor and support in great measure the formation of a Recreational Council which at present provides a supervised social and recreational program for young people.

4. To encourage in young people higher and better ideals of conduct, an award will be made by the club at graduation time to a student or students who in the opinion of his teachers and classmates is "most honorable and upright, most unselfish and considerate toward others and who has shown a desire to establish the highest and best ideals of conduct."

WOODLAND—THIRD PLACE

Teen-Town was organized in 1951 and continued until spring. Meeting places were varied, due to the fact that Woodland does not have a Youth Recreation Center. We used Auxiliary room, American Legion and I. O. O. F. Hall. A canteen was carried on by various youths and proceeds from candy, gum, etc., was given to treasurer. Late in the spring of 1951, the Build Freedom with Youth contest was discussed and Mrs. Bernard Seamans received the appointment as chairman.

Every organization (12) in town was asked to send a delegate to form a planning board. As a result a group of 12 young people met in the Town Building. Usual officers were elected for the Woodland Youth Council, projects discussed and at the next meeting they decided on lettering or numbering of every house in town, purchasing three safety signs, two for the school and one for a "bad corner", and voted to place the luminous tape on every bicycle in town.

We are fortunate in having a state trooper in our town and he gave an interesting talk on Safety at our second meeting and then encouraged us to have the state safety pictures shown.

We had a grand New Year's party—over 80 present. The young people conducted the Heart Fund Drive in town. We held a Valentine party. By that time we had

enrollment of 93 members, each paying 15¢ for admission to the club activities for the year.

The new Go Slow and Bad Corner signs have arrived but we are waiting for warmer weather before setting them out. The St. Croix Paper Co. has ordered our house numbers (848) and they will soon be placed on the houses under adult supervision. The American Legion have donated luminous tape and no doubt by the time this reaches press the tape will have been placed on the bicycles.

The Woman's Club carried out the mock demonstration of carrying blood plasma to Old Town. The pilot of the plane was one of our young club members.

Plans were made early in January for a Talent Show. We solicited merchants and interested citizens for our gifts. So many were donated that we decided to make it a non-competitive show and every entrant received a gift or money. Along with this show we featured an Easter Fashion Parade, 10 girls, all but one members of the club, doing the modeling for 44 different outfits, all furnished by a specialty shop in town. This was a huge success. Our spacious gym was filled to capacity and gate receipts were \$154, so now we're sure of funds to pay for the bill for the house letters.

State Trooper Carson showed the safety films at school during February, to children in the afternoon and the adults in the evening. We're hoping that from this activity driver education will be placed in the Woodland schools.

HALLOWE'EN IN DIXFIELD—FOURTH PLACE

In Dixfield Hallowe'en pranks were becoming a matter of concern and were building up unhappy and unwholesome tensions. Clearly there was an opportunity for young people instead of rousing irritations to help make a general good time and celebration. So the Advance Club chose for its project under the Build Freedom with Youth Contest a Community Hallowe'en.

In early October we began with a good deal of informal groundwork among the young people and

members of organizations; all seemed to welcome the idea, and at the two Committee meetings at which the young people were represented we worked out our plans: a big parade in costume with floats after dusk through the streets to our ball ground, a big bonfire, and then adjournment to three parties,—with refreshments of course—movies for the small children, games and stunts for the intermediates, a dance with orchestra for young people and young-elders, prizes for window-painting, costumes, and floats.

The co-operation we received really surprised us—from Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, school teachers and classes, Odd Fellows and Grange who contributed their Halls, veterans and Fire Company who worked with the boys on the parade, and really all the organizations in town who helped with details. The costumes and floats promoted fun and sociability, and so did the parties shared by young and old. Even the police officer had nothing to report but a good time.

Our success we reckoned in terms of sharing of plans and details by young and old, bringing together people who came to know one another better, the lift of spirit that comes in working together for the whole community, and references to "Next year—"

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Tag Day

Last April, 25 girl scouts assisted the club in holding a tag day for the benefit of the cancer fund. This tag day proved to be very successful, over \$125. being realized toward our goal. We will, no doubt, make this an annual part of our cancer drive.

Chest X-rays

Our general chairman, Mrs. Wilbur Rice, contacted the State Bureau of Health at Augusta, in an attempt to bring the Chest X-ray mobile unit to our town. They have assured us that they will be glad to have us sponsor this project, but just how soon this may be accomplished, has not been determined as yet.

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HERE AND THERE

Mrs. Erwin Center, Public Affairs chairman, and Mrs. Fulton Blake, chairman of Citizenship, will participate in a **radio broadcast May 12 (Monday)** at 9:15 A. M. on WGAN, when "Points and Pointers with Russ and Jane" will feature a MFWC citizenship program.

Our president, Mrs. W. Bradford Cushman, attended the reception for Queen Juliana of The Netherlands, given by Mrs. Hiram Cole Houghton at General Federation Headquarters, Washington, D. C., Special guests were members of the Board and heads of national women's organizations.

Mrs. Avis Caston of Kezar Falls sailed April 2 for an eight-week tour of Spain, Germany, France and England. She was honored at a bon voyage tea March 30 at the home of Mrs. Neil Hamilton.

Remember the New England Conference September 16-18 at the Marshall House, York Harbor, which is under the same management as usual.

Gov. Frederick G. Payne has appointed Miss Jean Lois Bangs chairman of "The Governor's Coordinating Council on Children and Youth." Miss Bangs, who was a delegate from Maine to the White House Conference on Children and Youth, was formerly connected with the State Department of Health and Welfare.

Mrs. Harry Walton of Lubec fell on the ice January 18 and broke her hip. She has been confined to her room from that time until April 21. Good wishes for a complete recovery, Mrs. Walton!

A Children's Bill of Responsibilities

To God, My Country, My Parents and Myself—
Grow in character and ability as I grow in size.
Be honest with myself and others in what I say and do.
Learn and practice my religion.
Honor my parents, my elders and my teachers.
Develop high moral principles and the courage to live by them.
Strive for health in body, mind and spirit.
Respect the rights of others.
Set a good example so that others may enjoy and profit by my company.
Give honest effort to my work.
Regard my education as preparation for the future.
Obey our laws so that we may live more happily together.
Preserve and strengthen our American way of life and government.

(New York State Youth Commission)

Child Heroes Wanted

Do you know any child heroes? The U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce, Tulsa, Okla., is looking for and planning to honor America's child heroes. The national president, Lee Price, Jr., will welcome nominations.

N. E. Conference Promises Fine Program

The Maine Federation of Women's Clubs will be hostess to the New England Conference of State Federation of Women's Clubs for its 43rd annual meeting. This conference, which comes to Maine only once in 6 years, will be held this year at the Marshall House, York Harbor, on September 16, 17, 18, 1952.

The object of the conference is to consider matters of vital importance to New England with a view to cooperative work. With this in mind, Miss Margaret Howison, Milford, N. H., President of the conference, has chosen "Know thyself, and know thy country," as the theme for this year's conference.

A fine program is being planned for your enjoyment. There will be educational and inspiring speakers, beautiful music and plenty of time to get acquainted with other club-women. Some of the high-lights will be a "State of Maine" day, featuring Maine talent, a Bates Fashion Show, and a grand opportunity to meet our next President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Mrs. Oscar Alhgren of Indiana, who will be an honored guest.

This will be a splendid opportunity for Maine clubwomen to discuss current problems with the clubwomen of New England. They have similar problems to overcome as we do. Our heavy schedules will be lightened in a few weeks and we can begin to plan for next year's club work. Please think about the conference that is coming to Maine in September and make plans to join us at the Marshall House for an ideal vacation and help Maine make this New England Conference one never to be forgotten.

Special rates for the conference are:

- \$13.50 per person per day, American plan, for double occupancy of twin bedded room with private bath
- \$15 Single room, private bath
- \$12.50 per person per day, rooms with connecting bath
- \$12 per day, Single room with running water
- \$11.50 per person per day, Double room with running water.

History of Art Film Strips

An added program of the GFWC Division of Art, in the form of 30 film strips entitled "The History of Art" is the generous gift of Mr. Herbert Budek of Hackensack, N. J. Each series contains 40 pictures and can be secured separately on loan from Headquarters. A 35 mm film strip projector is required. The titles of the various series, each of which includes several film strips and their accompanying lectures, are I—Ancient Art; II—History of Art from Constantine to about 1400; III—History of Art from about 1400 to about 1800; IV—History of Art from about 1800 to the Present; V—General Art Appreciation. Included in this series is a program entitled "The History of Costume from the Year 1000 until 1900" with 38 pictures and lecture script.

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New Mexico; a pageant of three peoples by Erna Ferguson.

"Indian," "Spanish," and "Gringo" are the three sections into which the author divides this affectionate and satisfying story of her native state.

The new way to better hearing through hearing re-education by Victor L. Browd, M. D.

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Eye-witness accounts of perilous adventures from the days of wooden galleons to modern times.

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- 4-10—Youth Week
- 8—VE Day 1945
- 11—Mother's Day
- 12—"Clean-up Week"—Governor's Proclamation
- 12-17—GFWC Convention, Minneapolis, Minn.
- 18—Citizenship Sunday
- 30—Memorial Day

JUNE

- 1—Children's Sunday
- 8—Father's Day
- 14—Flag Day
- 17-19—MFWC Sixtieth Annual Convention at the Belgrade Hotel, Belgrade, Maine

SEPTEMBER

- 16-18—N. E. Conference at The Marshall House, York Harbor

OCTOBER

- 10—Deadline for November issue of the NEWS

Keep interested in people, especially young people—keep astride of the times, and you'll never grow old . . . Ethel Barrymore, reprinted from Pathfinder.

Adventures in two worlds by A. J. Cronin.

This—Dr. Cronin's first book of non-fiction—is a skillful fusion of his experiences in the fields of medicine and literature.

The enemy within by Raymond J. deJaegher and Irene Corbally Kuhn.

Herbert Hoover says of this book "Here is the reality of Communism in action in all its naked horror. I recommend it to my fellow Americans who want to see and know, in close-up, the demonic force now loose in our world."

Hearth in the snow by Laura Buchan and Jerry Allen.

The true story of a young couple's unusual adventure in an Alaskan coastal town where they took on the jobs of teacher and radio operator under the Alaskan Native Service.

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Background Conference on International Relations Feb. 3-8, 1952 in D. C.

Report of

Mrs. Milton W. Weymouth
of Saco and Old Orchard

Dear Mrs. Cushman:

It gives me much pleasure to write you that as a guest of Mrs. Frederick Beggs, National Chairman of International Relations for the General Federation of Women's Clubs, I was able to register, as a member from Maine, at a Conference held in Washington, D. C. February 3-8. Attended by state chairmen and designated as a Background Conference to promote Paths to Security and Freedom, it was a wonderful opportunity to gain a better understanding of measures taken to overcome forces which threaten our liberty.

The first program I attended was held Wed., Feb. 6, in the conference room in the ECA Building, when Mr. Harland Cleveland, Director for Western Europe, Mutual Security Agency, and Dr. Fitzgerald, assistant to Averill Harriman and an authority on Point 4 Program, lectured. During a two hour program we learned that the major objective of the "Point 4" which replaced the Marshall Plan, is to build economic and military strength in European countries, and establish economic strength and productive stability in Asia—including medical, agricultural and administrative aid). Pointed and significant were the questions asked by chairmen during the lecture, and I am forwarding notes which I took to Mrs. Peterson, Maine International Relations chairman. The luncheon period was also discussion period and at 2:30 the meeting was moved to the new Interior Building so that we could see and hear Mrs. Beggs broadcast messages of our support and good will to foreign countries. A tea, which was to be held at the British Embassy at 4 P. M., was cancelled due to the death of King George of England. Being unable to attend meetings at the Canadian Chancery and Pan American Union on Thursday, I did plan to attend meetings at the Pentagon on Friday for an appraisal of our positions in Europe and Asia—and to the Senate dining room for luncheon and conference with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. The luncheon was cancelled but

I was invited for lunch in the Senate dining room, and was pleased to have that experience, and to accept passes to any meeting of Congress during my visit in D. C. from the Hon. Margaret Chase Smith.

On February 25, as guest of Mrs. Stuart E. Womeldorph, I attended a meeting of the D. C. Federation at the beautiful 2400 Hotel, on 16th Street, and took the liberty of extending greetings from the President and members of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs. The morning session was given over to Mrs. Leslie Wright, General Federation Liaison officer who substituted for the National President, Mrs. Houghton, who was ill. Mrs. Wright told of the South American Goodwill Tour taken in January by National officers, and she advocated asking clubs of the General Federation to pass a resolution to have Spanish taught in all public schools in America. Several Past Presidents spoke briefly as did Mrs. Howard, Legislative chairman. We were all invited to attend the annual spring luncheon at the Shoreham Hotel April 24, when special guests will be Mrs. Truman, Mrs. Barkley and Mrs. Vinson. Luncheon discussion, still at the 2400 Hotel was followed by a business session, and I was much interested to note that the problems of the D. C. Federation were much like those of the Maine Federation of which I am so honored to be a member.

Iris R. Weymouth

(Mrs. Weymouth is a past president of the E. and I Union in Saco)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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each club will be of great interest to us all and should serve as inspiration and suggestion for similar activities in other localities.

Plans are well under way for the Annual Convention to be held at the Belgrade Hotel, Belgrade Lakes, June 17, 18, and 19. Dr. Kenneth McFarland, educator and lecturer, from Topeka, Kansas, who was so enthusiastically received at the General Federation Convention at Houston, will appear on our program the first evening. Other speakers on timely subjects, progress reports, music as well as time planned for relaxation and enjoyment of this beautiful spot in Maine in the middle of June will, we hope, make our sixtieth convention one to be remembered. Chairmen of Departments, Divisions, and Committees are already at work on plans and suggestions for next year's programs. Consultation periods are being planned for Belgrade and we hope that club presidents, program chairmen, and club chairmen for the various committees will take advantage of this opportunity to talk over plans and get suggestions for carrying on their work.

I hope that each of you is facing your responsibility as a citizen, that you are registered, that you are preparing to vote, and that you are urging those with whom you come in contact to do likewise. At the last presidential election in 1948 only about half the people of voting age cast a vote. Every election in your town, your county, your state, and your nation affects you. Our government will function wisely only if we, the people, act wisely, and we can do that only by voting conscientiously and intelligently in every election, including the Primary. Study the issues, the qualifications of the candidates, be informed, and Vote. Every vote counts whether it is used or not. Let us not lose our freedom by default.

Yours sincerely,

Doris L. Cushman

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MORAL BLINDERS

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In the days of the frontier, fortunes were made and lost overnight. The California gold rush and the Klondike stampede embellished the "get-rich-quick" ideology. Land and stock speculations, the public-lottery craze of the 1820's and 1830's, all played their part in creating a countertheme to our normal American values. Today, such factors as the fabulous radio giveaways, \$100,000 prize contest, Irish sweepstakes, gambling—all help sustain this easy-money philosophy.

Traditionally, we express shock at these attitudes. Yet millions of us fall into the trap they create. As columnist Walter Lippmann once wrote: "The high level of lawlessness in America is maintained by the fact that Americans desire to do so many things which they also desire to prohibit."

And this penetrating observation sharply spotlights the terrible conflict which besets us. On the one hand, we are a highly moral people and set ideal standards for ourselves. On the other hand, we not only suffer from one of the world's highest crime rates, but millions of us are infected with the "noncriminal criminal" complex which we blithely condone in our own lives and in those of our friends.

We even have a certain grudging admiration for the "fixer," for the "influence-peddler," for the "man who gets away with murder," it is the "unexpectedly crooked," as a columnist has put it, that shocks us. The basketball scandals rocked America because they occurred in a relatively sacred realm. The Teapot Dome scandal rocked America because a group of politicians

brazenly filled their pockets with funds from the public till.

Now we hear about further scandals in government, about fixers in Washington, about the Kefauver hearings which exposed fraud and corruption in politics. These events are "investigated." They make front-page stories for a while—and then they die down.

Out of them, however, there comes no resounding call to moral arms. There is no vast popular stirring to "turn the rascals out." We have grown flabby and easy-going about our values.

Yet we must fight this decay, not only all around us but within ourselves. We must fight the "something-of-nothing" moral disease which breeds both the "noncriminal criminals" and the criminals. We must all embark on a vast ethical crusade—a crusade which must begin at home and spread as far as the infection of immorality has gone.

We don't have to wear permanent halos to be a force for good. All of us, in our families, in our schools, in our work, in our churches, should begin now—today—to take more pride in ourselves, to demand decency and honor in our own conduct and in that of others.

This is one of the most vital crusades for our time—a crusade which holds a promise of honor and well-being for ourselves, for our children, and for our nation. Can we—can you—meet this challenge?

CARE-FOR-KOREA

We much regret that a typographical error occurred in the report of the "CARE for Korea" campaign. Several of the Districts were completely omitted, and District Six, which contributed \$110, was given credit for only \$50.

Following is the record to date:

District	Amount
One	\$ 133.00
Two	453.55
Three	316.32
Four	175.00
Five	40.00
Six	110.00
Seven	270.02
Eight	427.00
Nine	414.71
Ten	176.38
Eleven	50.00
Twelve	480.00
Thirteen	562.00
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Maine Radio and Press Women Organize

A meeting of interest to many Maine clubwomen was that during which the Maine press and radio women were organized as an affiliation of the New England Women's Press Association. It was held at Augusta April 12.

Officers elected were Miss Charlotte Michaud, Lewiston, president; Miss Ruth Henderson, Augusta, vice president; Mrs. Marion Whoolley, Auburn and Rangeley, secretary; Mrs. Agnes Gibbs, Portland, treasurer; and Miss Frances Hapgood, Portland, membership chairman. These five will form the executive committee, which is to appoint 10 area representatives to be located at advantageous spots in the state; study committees for the improvement of social and women's pages of newspapers, and radio program; an education committee to help those wishing to enter fields of press and radio writing; and prepare to award citations for outstanding writing for press and radio by Maine women at the next annual meeting.

Membership is open to all Maine women writers for press and radio, either now active or formerly so, and the first 100 will be charter members. At the time we go to press 65 membership cards have been issued.

The Portland Press Club has invited the Maine Press and Radio Women to visit its club headquarters at Portland. Admission will be gained by showing membership card.

It takes courage to be kind and friendly, and it takes courage to be sincere, honest and loyal. It is not easy for grown-ups, but it is much more difficult for the girls to be true to their ideals when it is not appreciated . . . Silvi Visapaa, Chairman of World Committee, Girl Scouts of America.

Fact is, I never saw anything anywhere that looked like the state of Maine to me. Nothing as good . . . Pfc Alfred Roger McLaughlin, Lewiston, Me.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

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April 7 at the Clubrooms in Damariscotta. There were 19 Rockland Juniors present as well as two guests. Mrs. Helen Ripley, District Director was also present. After the business meeting a musical program featuring piano and violin was enjoyed. Rev. Cecil Witham accompanied by Mrs. Witham showed slides of their trip to Europe with detailed explanations. Refreshments were served from a buffet table.

Anna Gallant,
Correspondent

Across The Editor's Desk

How long is it since the children you know have read "Swiss Family Robinson", "Black Beauty", "The Little Princess", and other of the children's classics which were everyday fare to you? William Sloane speaking on "The Inner World of Books" at Farm and Home Week, University of Maine, pointed out that Adams, Jefferson and others of our forefathers had read most of the world's great books (many of them in the original language) long before they grew up. He made us realize that we are faced with a serious situation in an age when boys and girls seldom read for pleasure and when many of them grow up without the rich background of literature which brings a sense of wonder, of curiosity, of delight and almost reverence.

What can we do to enrich our children's lives and those of other children? As individuals we can bring back reading aloud in the family group, reading not the mediocre comics or ordinary story, but the true classics which are not in the school curriculum. We can arouse others to the reality of the problem. We can reread old favorites ourselves. As clubwomen, we can give prizes of good books for scholastic excellence or for other types of contests. We can give copies of the classics to the school library. We can ask school and town librarians to have exhibits of the books which are considered "best for children".

Mr. Sloane told us that man spends much of his time alone with himself, "which means that you are

your own best or worst company." How important, then, that our children have the best in literature as a model for speech and action and ideal! How important that they see the best in moving pictures and television (which public opinion can change for the better) and hear the best in music and radio. How important that our schools should be awake to this problem and offer more of the classic literature than they are doing at the present time.

"It is good for man to be at odds with his environment", said Mr. Sloane. "Nothing worth having is won without struggle. It does one good to be partially maladjusted. The disciplines of patience and the rigor of life—not sitting in front of a television or movie screen—are what make a child a man." How important, then, that a child should read about the great struggles of history and literature, rather than of Superman and the "easy" road of crime!

This New York publisher declared that he found it harder and harder to hire anyone to work for his publishing house who understood the beauty and meaning and fascination of the English language. Can a child find these in the literature of today? Sometimes, yes, but the truly great language on which all the good of today is based is that of the classics.

Let's see that our children become familiar with the fine books of the past and they will be able to sift the good literature from the bad as they grow up. Let's go back to being a more literate country!

I call a complete and generous education that which fits a man to perform justly, skillfully and magnanimously all the offices, both private and public, of peace and war. —John Milton.

If the blind put their hand in God's, they find their way through the dark more surely than those who see but have not faith or purpose. —Helen Keller

Character may be manifested in the great moments, but it is made in the small one . . . Phillips Brooks.

He climbs the highest who lifts another up . . . Adams

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BUILD FREEDOM

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Canteen for Servicemen

Mrs. David Barker is our Civil Defense Chairman. She attends all meetings of the local Health Council, which is endeavoring to set up a canteen for the servicemen who are stationed at the Radar Station in Charleston. The club voted to act as hostesses when needed and to help financially.

Purchase of Stage Curtains

Last Spring, the pupils of the new grammar school, consisting of the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades, had a school fair and raised about \$270., which fund was set aside as a start on their stage curtains. This fact was brought to the attention of the Junior Cosmopolitan Club and we decided to take this project on. The complete stage curtains consists of the front curtains, the cyclorama and the track. The estimated cost is about \$1200. These have been ordered and will be installed in April. Although we will not have them completely paid for this year, we feel that our goal has been attained, in that the students will have their curtains for their graduation this June. Several of the club girls attended the graduation last June and the consensus was that the lack of stage curtains detracted very much from the effectiveness of the exercises. Our aim now will be to finish paying for them within one year if possible. We are already "hatching" up some new money making schemes for this summer and early Fall in order to accomplish this purpose.

Three meetings have been held with the Superintendent of Schools, the School Board and a committee from the club relative to selecting the color and material of the curtains and planning the purchase in general. Of course the money making schemes have involved a lot of time and work on the part of all the club members. Exactly how many young people and teachers have participated in our club projects would be impossible for me to say.

To help raise the funds for the purchase of the curtains, several money making projects have already been completed.

A book, food and rummage sale has been held.

Advertising matter has been sold

to local business men. These ads are printed on 24 card table tops to be sold locally by the club.

In cooperation with the School Music Supervisor, an operetta "Robin Hood" was presented to the public on Wednesday, March 12th. The youth of the school sold tickets and helped out in other ways. A HI-Y group made the posters for us. The club girls and the mothers of the participants in the operetta made the costumes. Our club, with the help of the pupils in cutting trees, attended to the props. Many meetings were held with the music supervisor and the teachers to iron out the problems arising. Not only was this a good money making scheme, but was educational for the children as well. There was a cast of about 50 pupils in the operetta.

Career Day

Our final project under the Build Freedom with Youth contest was a Career Day, which we sponsored for the 218 students of Foxcroft Academy. Our first step in planning this project was to contact the principal of the Academy. With his approval and cooperation, we started actual work in January. A committee of three girls from the club met twice with the nine members of the Student council and their advisor to make arrangements for this event. The biggest problem was finding a suitable date, since the Academy was in the process of moving from its present site to their new building. After much discussion, February 8 was selected as the date.

American Home Builds Freedom

The American home is the bulwark of freedom, on which all youth programs are based.

The program and projects of this department are based on the five points outlined by Mrs. Hiram Cole Houghton as the goals of the American Home:

1. Economically sound.
2. Physically beautiful.
3. Socially responsible.
4. Mentally stimulating.
5. Spiritually strong.

Among the projects suggested by Mrs. George E. Lord, the chairman,

1. Every club woman with her family attend church regularly.
2. "Family Date Night" in every family.

Each student in the school made a list of the vocations in which he was most interested. From these lists, the sixteen most popular were chosen. The club committee was responsible for obtaining people to represent these various fields. We were able to secure some excellent speakers.

Members of the academy faculty assisted and the student council introduced the speakers. The Junior Cosmopolitan Club was represented by Mrs. Wilbur Rice and Mrs. Donald Brown.

This Career Day was very well received by the students and the faculty and was acclaimed as very successful.

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Let's Continue to Build Freedom and Youth Conservation Forwards Freedom

The Youth Conservation Committee has had a busy and profitable year. District Youth Conservation Chairmen have done a wonderful job in promoting the Youth Conservation program, and many local clubs have appointed a Youth Conservation Chairman, one district 100%.

I have been thrilled by the many wonderful letters from local and District Chairmen asking for literature, and suggestions. Your Youth Conservation Committee has endeavored to supply all these requests, either by sending the materials, or advising the chairmen to send to GFWC Headquarters in Washington.

Many and varied original Youth Conservation activities have been reported, including a Library Fund, a Children's Room at the local Library, sponsoring Scouts, Youth centers, the Build Freedom with Youth Contest, school milk projects, Christmas gifts to needy children, General Clay Fund, school bands, playground equipment, sound equipment for schools, Child Health Conferences, and Clinics.

Interest in the "Narcotics" program has been high. Fifty-six clubs have received the GFWC literature on this subject, and 11 have reported programs in their clubs on this subject. Sixteen have used the recordings and I continue to get requests. In one town, five clubs worked together with PTA, town officials and pastors etc., in a survey to study the problem of Narcotics Control. Work has really just begun, however. Your Youth Conservation Committee hopes to help promote further survey and study into the narcotics problem, and help every club to spearhead a movement in its locality to pass a narcotics ordinance which will best suit that locality. We have laid the ground work, and we must not slacken our efforts until we have prepared our community to meet and overcome the evil of narcotics peddling if it should appear.

I have been privileged to take part in a panel discussion at our

So many clubs have reported activities in the Youth Conservation field this past year that we are not going to have space to tell about all of them. If your club is not represented, do write us so we may report additional club action in the November issue.

Mrs. W. Bradford Cushman tells us that one of her daughters works with a Senior Girl Scout troop in Indiana. These girls found a splendid way to carry out the "trick or treat" idea last Hallowe'en. They went from door to door asking for sewing supplies to send overseas. This is a fine idea which Maine clubwomen can pass along to their own girls.

Remember: A program stimulates action and the project follows! The Houlton Woman's Club had a program on **"The Emotional Problems of the Adolescent."**

The Methebesec Club, Rockland, **clothes a needy girl** all through her four years of high school. (Note the Winterport project.)

Several clubs, including the Pine Needle Club, Island Falls, helped the **high school library**.

The Molasto Club, Dover-Foxcroft, bought **playground equipment** and **sound equipment** for two schools. The Guilford Woman's Club bought a **tape recorder** and other equipment for the school.

The Woman's Literary Club, Mars Hill, helped **buy a piano** for the high school, **sponsors Cub Scouts** and helps to operate a **skating rink** for children. (Lots of clubs sponsor Girl Scouts, but not so many help with the boys!)

The Junior Cosmopolitan Club, Dover-Foxcroft, have conducted **Child Health Clinics** in cooperation with the State Bureau of Health, sent a **Girl Scout to camp for two weeks**, helped the American Legion Auxiliary in a drive to **provide band uniforms**. All the Dover-Foxcroft clubs cooperate in a **better movies campaign**.

The Sangerville Woman's Club sponsors a **children's reading hour** at the Library.

The Union Woman's Club sponsored an essay contest on **Traffic**

County Teachers' Convention—"Teaching Democracy in Our Schools"—and I spent a happy and inspiring week as Dean of Women at a church camp for Senior High School students.

It has been a gratifying and enriching experience to have served on the Youth Conservation Committee. The material from GFWC has been of invaluable assistance, and I appreciate greatly the encouragement and inspiration I have received from Miss Scurlock.

Isabel C. Cudhea

Safety and cooperated with the local PTA in a **narcotics** program, with Dr. Paul Jones, psychiatrist, as guest speaker.

In Old Town five clubs worked together with the PTA, town officials and ministers, and others, in a survey to study the problem of **narcotics** addiction among youth.

The Junior Woman's Club, Rockland, placed **signs on streets where children coast**.

The Ayuda Club, Milo, **provides needy children with milk** and have a library fund to **buy children's equipment for the library**.

A number of clubs, including the Woman's Club of Yarmouth, have voted to **send a girl to Girls' State**. Usually, the girl gives a report of her week's experience at a club meeting. The Yarmouth club also sent a plant to Pownal School at Easter. **The dramatics club** of the North Yarmouth Academy presented a play at one meeting.

The Yarmouth Woman's Club this past winter has sponsored an unusual series of **forums on public affairs**, conducted by the head of the English Department of the Academy, with **participation by Academy students**. All meetings were open to the public without charge and aroused a great deal of community interest.

The work carried out by the Woman's Literary Union of Portland for youth deserves a complete column, but must be told more briefly here. The WLU invited 20 girls from seven public and two private high schools to become student members of the club for one year with all privileges without cost. This group together with the club's Youth Participation Committee planned and carried out a survey of available scholarships to schools of higher learning in New England and neighboring states, made an attractive and informative scrapbook containing

Plan Programs and Projects For Youth

New Program on Youth Conservation

There are no words to express our enthusiasm for the splendid new leaflet, "A Dozen Club Programs on Youth Conservation", which has just been prepared by Miss Stella Scurlock. Beginning in September, the monthly headings are "Democracy Begins in the Family", "The Family That Plays Together Stays Together", "The Family Acts It Out and Talks It Over", "The Family That Prays Together Stays Together", "Be Friends to Youth", "Do We Know and Use Our Community Service for Youth?" "What Would Make Ours a Better Town to Live In?" "Jobs for Youth—At Home and Pay", "Where Do Our Youth Play?" "Good Schools Do Not Just Happen", "Youth's Diet of Radio, TV, Movies and Literature Is Our Job, Too", "Protecting Youth Against Marijuana and Other Dope." Available at General Federation Headquarters, 1734 N Street NW, Washington 6, D. C., the leaflet includes suggestions for further reading, most of them obtainable from the Youth Conservation office, and outlines a program for 12 club meetings.

The April, 1952, CLUBWOMAN appeals to us as the best Youth Conservation issue ever published. It is just filled with ideas for club programs and projects. Single copies are 15¢ and they may be obtained from GFWC Headquarters.

their findings. Sixty schools were studied. The scrapbook will be kept in the Reference Room of the Portland Public library. The WLU is offering two scholarships as a part of this project, through which girls who might not otherwise do so will have an opportunity for higher learning.

The Twin Village Junior Woman's Club, Damariscotta, heard State Trooper Ray Orcutt, Bath, discuss the new school bus and signal laws, the value of drivers' training courses in the schools, and

WHAT DO YOU LIKE?

RADIO QUESTIONNAIRE

By MRS. FRED L. MORRISON

Chairman, Radio Committee, MFWC

Radio has long been the "Woman's Home Companion." As she goes about daily duties, radio is company, consolation and entertainment. In Maine areas where TV is available, it is also becoming a part of the home scene.

What do you like about radio and TV? Dislike? Would like to see changed? Your radio chairman would like to know. She would like to give you a composite picture of Maine clubwomen as radio listeners and evaluaters at convention time—also accumulate worthwhile information.

Your GFWC radio chairman, Mrs. James M. Northup, make a very astute and realistic statement in her new Radio and Television handbook. "The finest kind of censorship is the personal kind—if you don't like it—turn it off—and refuse to buy the products of the sponsor."

Please fill out the following form and send it to Mrs. Fred L. Morrison, Kingfield, Maine. If you have TV, fill out the same questions as numbered on a separate sheet of paper.

Speak your mind. You may sign or not sign the questionnaire as you please. Send them in as soon as possible.

LIKES

1. My favorite daytime program is
2. My favorite evening program is
3. My favorite news commentator is
4. I think the finest program is
5. My favorite musician or musical program is

DISLIKES

6. The things I dislike most about radio are (list in order)
 - a. b.
 - c. d.
7. I would like to see the following types of program off the air:
8. My pet hate among programs is

SUGGESTIONS

9. We should have more of the following types of programs:
10. Present programs could be improved by

(Use additional paper if needed)

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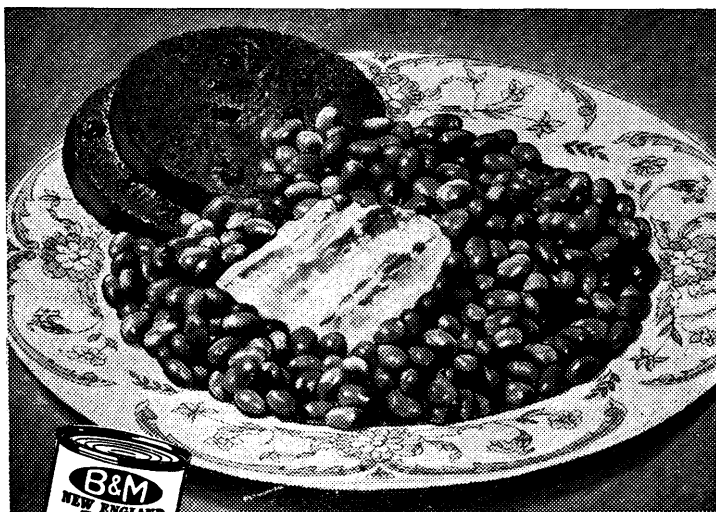
answer many questions concerning traffic.

The Junior Clubwomen of Kentucky have a project that Maine women might pattern after. They sponsor the children in the Beulah Heights Mountain Orphanage. Each of the 47 children in the home has a Junior Club as a guardian. Each child is sent clothing as needed, a gift at Hallowe'en, a box at Christmas, a remembrance on Valentine Day and Easter, with birthdays a special event.

Program Chairmen: Remember

the Program Service of the GFWC has a special program kit, which is yours for the asking. When you write for it, state the size of your club. Also, the General Federation library and the various departments of work can furnish material for EVERY kind of program. Every issue of the GF Clubwoman and of the News has program suggestions.

Will all clubs which entered the Traffic Safety contest send us an outline of your activities for the November issue of the News?



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