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EVE HUSSEY

American Home Day — April 6

April 6 has been designated as American Home Day for the MFWC, and Mrs. Eve Hussey, American Home chairman, has planned a full and interesting program. Registration will be at 9 A. M. At 9:30 the meeting will get underway with greetings from Mrs. Plouff and opening exercises.

Mrs. Harold Swift of Orono will talk on "The Art of Driftwood". Mrs. Swift is a former editor of the News. Miss Stella Scurlock of Washington, D. C., well-known to many Maine clubwomen when she was director of Youth Conservation for the General Federation, will speak on "Family Living."

Luncheon will be served at noon, and afterward the group will join the other women attending Farm and Home Week in a general assembly program. All the program for April 5 to 8 is well worth attending.

The PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Club Friends,

The mid-winter conference is in the past, but we still have the memory of the challenging address by the First Vice President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Mrs. Theodore S. Chapman, the instructive and inspirational messages brought to us by some of the outstanding speakers of this state, and didn't we have fun? I for one, will never forget the banquet session! Right now, I would like to extend to each club member a personal invitation to attend the Annual Convention of the Federation, to be held at the Marshall House, York Harbor, June 15, 16, and 17. Plans are being made to bring you fine speakers, good entertainment and much joy. It isn't too early for you to start making your plans to attend. More information later.

An orchid to the Club Presidents who sent their activity sheet to the District Directors by February 5th. You made it possible for the Department and Division Chairmen, and your President to make their reports to General Federation on time. As some Presidents didn't send their activity sheet in time for the data to be used, I don't consider the reports sent by the various Chairmen complete, but the year isn't over. Will you please go the extra mile, and before June, try to accomplish what hasn't been done up to this date? All State Officers will be making yearly reports at the State Convention, and we would like these reports to be as complete as possible. Your President has a report to make at Denver when the General Federation of Women's Clubs holds its annual convention, and she would like it to be the best.

For the Maine Federation to attain its quota towards the Inde-



MRS. NORMAN FAY PLOUFF

pendence Hall Restoration Fund, each club must donate at least \$30.00. We don't suggest you take this sum of money from the club treasury. We hope each individual citizen will wish to have an opportunity to do his share toward the Preservation of this Historic Building. The Americanism Chairman for your club should write a letter to each organization in the community telling what we are attempting to do, and urging that organization to make a donation. All contributions are acceptable, and you will not be refused I am sure. The Dexter Woman's Literary Club and the Waterville Woman's Club will have their names in the Memorial Book to be placed in Independence Hall, for these two clubs have raised \$100.00 or more. Will there be others?

Maine has some Globetrotters extraordinary! We are proud that one of our past presidents, Mrs. Gilbert F. Loebs, was selected by the General Federation of Wo-

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Maine's Junior Clubs are

Florence's Message

It was very gratifying to see so many Juniors at the Mid-Winter Conference in Augusta. There were nineteen present, representing seven of our ten clubs.

Among the important achievements at this meeting was the election as Secretary of Gloria Fanjoy of the Wassookeag Literary Club, Dexter.

We adopted as our State Junior project this year, the purchase of a TV set for the Augusta State Hospital. You will be hearing more about this later, as the situation develops.

Mrs. Plouff visited the meeting, giving us an inspiring talk. She mentioned a film "Your Permit to Drive" which may be obtained without charge from General Motors Corporation, Dept. of Public Relations, Film Division, Detroit 2, Michigan. Let us all make an attempt to get this film shown in our local high schools.

Semper Fidelis Club of Skowhegan is collecting stamps by the thousands, simply by doing some advertising and placing stamp collection boxes in prominent places. Had you thought of this idea?

Mrs. Robert Brown of Fairfield, one of our Juniors, is serving on the State Federation Board as Chairman of Family Living & Mothercraft. She is also serving as our Junior Chairman of Family Councils and will be contacting you soon—let's give her our support.

More about our Junior history—the first State Federation to recognize its Juniors was Pennsylvania in 1918. Juniors were not recognized by the General Federation until 1922. Today we have approximately 93,000 Juniors in the General Federation.

Florence Matthew, Chr.
Junior Membership

If a great thing can be done at all it can be done easily, but it is the ease with which the apple tree blossoms after long years of patient preparation . . . Anon.



FLORENCE MATTHEW

A Letter to Junior & Sub-Deb Americanism Chairmen—From Your Americanism Chairman, Phyllis H. Pillsbury

Dear Americanism Chairmen:

Here are some facts and figures of interest gathered at the mid-winter conference in Augusta:

Total number of federated clubs in Maine 186

Number of Junior clubs in Maine 8

Total amount recorded for report from all Maine federated clubs for the Restoration Fund up to Jan. 26 \$522.82

Amount recorded for report from Junior clubs (included in above amount) \$131.28

Percentage of total amount contributed with which Junior clubs are accredited up to January 26 28%

Percentage of Junior clubs that have appointed Americanism Chr. 100%

Junior Clubs who have reported working toward the \$100 goal for our national project, the Restoration of Independence Hall: 1. Camden, 2. Damariscotta — Newcastle, Fairfield.

Mrs. Plouff was present for part of our Junior meeting in Augusta—bringing her usual infectious enthusiasm and inspiring spirit to

Please Note

The State Chairman of Family Living and Mothercraft is Mrs. Robert O. Brown of Fairfield (Maine). She is a member and past president of the Fairfield Junior Women's Club. If anyone wishes information about the Family Council Contest—Please contact her at once.

each of us. She stressed the fact that rather than take their Restoration Fund contribution from the treasury, the clubs should give organizations and citizens in their communities a chance to help with donations to this patriotic project . . . (Have you written letters to the organizations in your community?)

At our Junior meeting, I suggested that it might be wise to get your Restoration Fund contributions all sent in by the end of April, so that a final report to be recorded could be given at the May meeting, as May is the month ending this project, and also the last meeting for the club year in many clubs.

Mrs. Wade, Americanism Chairman for the Senior clubs, mentioned in her report the importance of sending collected money for Restoration Fund to Mrs. Mills every month . . . every little bit adds to our monthly total.

We have one Sub-Deb Club in Maine and a Junior Club of high school girls working with our Junior Clubs. Both club presidents and a delegate from each of these clubs were present at our Junior meeting.

Here is a summary of what our clubs are doing: (in-so-far-as I have been informed)

Camden Junior Woman's Club, Americanism Chairman—Wilma Lowe

Sent letters to 53 organizations and 7 schools.

Sent \$39.00 to the Restoration Fund toward their \$100.

Sponsoring educational campaign in the schools.

Interested the Girl Scouts in collecting pennies for project at their meetings.

Presented the Americanism playlet, "My Country 'Tis of Thee I Sing" at club meeting.

Planning a Valentine food sale, proceeds to go toward project.

Keeping Busy and Having Fun

Guilford's Carpo Club, Americanism Chairman—Mrs. Donald Campbell:

Sent \$2.00 to the Restoration Fund.

Newport Junior Woman's League, Americanism Chairman — Barbara Palmer:

Planning to sponsor the educational campaign in the schools.

Planning a food sale this winter, proceeds to go toward project.

Taking silver collections in bank at meetings.

Rockland Junior Woman's Club, Americanism Chairman — Betty Economy

Distributed penny banks to 52 classrooms in Rockland-Rockport school district.

Encouraged teachers to stress Americanism in social studies and opening exercises mornings.

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Wassookeags Stage UN Party



Gay costumes of many lands marked the United Nations party of the Wassookeag Literary Club, Dexter. Front row, l. to r: Bette Higgins, Marguerite Salisbury, Jean Dudley, June Bishop, Irene Murdock, Madeline Ellms. Second row: Barbara Goulette, Beverly Batey, Dorothy Crouse, Julia Roberts, Joy Stewart, Jane Reed, Kay Nadeau, Dorothy Briggs. Back row: Elizabeth Carter, Dorothy Lagasse, Louise Swan, Mary Jewett, Charlene Mountain, Gloria Fanjoy, Aileen Chandler, Kay Dyer, Barbara Clukey, Eleanor Batchelder. —Photo by Haseltine

Members of the Pittsfield Junior Club were guests at the United Nations party staged by the Wassookeag Literary Club, Dexter. The supper table was decorated with flags of many nations. Preceding supper, Mrs. C. F. Haines read the United Nations Prayer.

Clayton Bennett, student at Dexter High School, who was sent to the UN Assembly last summer by the local Odd Fellow and Rebekah lodges, spoke on his experiences and sang two selections. Solo and duet numbers were sung by Mrs.

Clayton Chandler, Mrs. William Reed, Mrs. H. Wilson Fanjoy and Mrs. Clayton Mountain, with Mrs. Robert Mealey as accompanist. Mrs. Mountain, club president, led the club pledge.

An interesting U. N. display of some 30 dolls in native costumes was loaned by the MFWC.

Mrs. Earle Ellms was program chairman and the supper committee was composed of Mrs. Otis Roberts, Mrs. Clayton Chandler, Mrs. Sheldon Flewelling and Mrs. Omar Roberts.

TWIN VILLAGE JUNIORS

The Twin Village Jr. Woman's Club, Damariscotta, has had a busy and remunerative year thus far.

Contrary to past procedure, the Ways & Means Chairman has successfully divided the raising of necessary funds among the club members by assigning separate committees to certain months, allowing these committees their choice of ways and means. To date, committees which have already served in this capacity have sold tickets on a complete Thanksgiving Dinner (November), which was a huge success, sponsored a public supper (December), which also was most gratifying, and a Swap Party in January. The February committee planned a Forfeit

Party.

These various schemes have enabled the club to make several generous contributions to the many drives such as the March of Dimes, etc., in addition to a \$25 donation to the Lincoln Academy Building Fund (Newcastle), which was the old stamping ground for the majority of the club's members. \$94 was raised for new chinaware for the Lincoln Home for Aged in Newcastle, and members voted to raise \$100 for the Independence Hall project, over 50% of which has already been turned in.

For a small membership (20), these girls can really accomplish big things.

Eileen Gould

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4. Mrs. Gilbert F. Loebis is a member of the State Milk Board?
5. Mrs. Norman Fay Plouff is a member of the State Highway Safety Committee?

These are appointments made by the Governor.

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Give me the money that has been spent in war, and I will clothe every man, woman and child in an attire of which kings and queens would be proud. I will build a schoolhouse in every valley over the whole earth. I will crown every hillside with a place of worship consecrated to the gospel of peace . . . Charles Sumner

"Sweet Girl Graduates"

Photo: Wilson Studio

The Molasto Club of Dover-Foxcroft celebrated its seventh anniversary January 28, at the Blethen House. A graduation theme was used as the club recently became a senior group.

"Diploma" placecards and red rosebuds were at each place and all members had graduation caps. Toasts were offered to the past president, president, vice president and to the husbands.

Lobster salad and all the trimmings were enjoyed, following

which the "valedictorian", Mrs. William Allen, gave a humorous review of past activities. The Class Will, Prophecy and Gifts added to the hilarity. A past president's pin was presented to Mrs. Clifford Wiley by Mrs. Stuart Hayes, club president. The festivities closed with the singing of the Class Ode, written by Mrs. Wiley.

Serving on the committee were Mesdames Philip Annis, Charles Glover, Morton Sweetser, Max Titus and Charles Chase, Jr.



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Allied Youth Group Combats Alcoholism

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By Mrs. Carl Swanbeck
*American Home Chairman,
GFWC*

"When our young people learn the art of living together in the home, they will have little trouble in living with their fellowmen in the larger arena of life." These words of wisdom might have come from the lips of one of our great clergymen or a teacher of note but they did not. They came from a teen-ager at the recent Allied Youth convention at Buck Hill Falls, Pa.

I sat at the meeting enthralled as one youngster after another stepped onto the platform and without a single note gave wonderful talks on what Allied Youth can do and is doing for the homes and young people of America. Immediately I realized that here was a job for the American Home department—helping these young people carry on their fine work.

You may ask, as I did, "What is Allied Youth?" I wish one of the youngsters could tell you about it himself. I can pass on the facts but I cannot interpret the enthusiasm and sincerity of the youngsters.

Allied Youth is a 20-year-old organization with a program on alcohol education and alcohol-free recreation. Its work is unique for it is an organization that knows youth, speaks youth's language and wins youth's interest. Briefly its aims are these:

1. To promote recreation for young adults and teen-agers without drinking.

2. To convince young people that they can be popular and still say "NO" to drinking. (At the conference there were young TV stars, varsity football players, beauty queens, class presidents and 4H leaders—each one a popular leader who did not drink.)

3. To prove to young people that it is not smart to drink, especially while physical, emotional and nervous systems are immature.

The group is non-political and it is not a crusade or a reform movement. All faiths are represented.

Now you may wonder what we can do about this through our American Home department. Actually, there is so much we can do I hardly know where to begin. Here are a few suggestions:

1. Permit young people to come to your state conventions or conferences and tell their story. They can do it in 10 or 15 minutes. Ohio, Georgia and Massachusetts have had Allied Youth members speak.

2. Help to provide the recreation centers that these young people need to carry on their program.

3. Sponsor panel discussions with parents and young people and take up the problems of young drinkers.

4. Hold a community or town meeting on "common problems of the young adult."

5. Many state departments of education cooperate in the establishment of Allied Youth groups in the schools. Check on your state.

6. Help your school to organize an AY post. Thirty-two states have posts in schools. Texas leads with the largest number of posts.

7. Write to Allied Youth, Inc., 1709 M Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., for complete information on assisting in this great project.

8. Sponsor an essay contest on youth problems due to drinking to stimulate interest in seeking a solution.

9. Find out what kind of help young people need to organize AY posts and then follow through. These youngsters need more than your blessing, they need active help.

Don't look on this as just another project that requires financial support. More than money, these youngsters need encouragement to start a post, sponsorship by an interested organization, sustained support of their program and guidance in their activities.

To those of us concerned vitally with problems affecting the American home, the Allied Youth program is both challenging and compelling. Youth is our most important asset. We dare not waste it. Yet, we do waste it if we fail to guide it or evade our responsibility toward it.

I keep remembering the things those youngsters said:

"A home to be great takes a

mother and a father who walk and talk with God."

"I take God with me everywhere I go. Of course, I can't take him into a drinking crowd."

"The Bible must regain its place in the home if we are to have spiritual stability."

During the remaining months of this administration, let us work together in adjusting the American home so it may function in the changing social order as the place where children are taught the fundamental principles of decency, clean living and a respect for the Supreme Being.

(Reprinted from Clubwoman)



The restoration and refurbishing of Independence Hall in Philadelphia is the major project of the General Federation of Women's Clubs this year. Shown with a miniature of the hall is Mrs. Oscar A. Ahlgren, Whiting, Indiana, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. The goal of the GFWC is the raising of \$250,000. Actual work of restoration will be done with historical documentation by the National Park Service which is responsible for the administration of Independence Hall. Clubs, community groups, schools and individuals contributing \$100 or more will be listed in a permanent honor roll in Independence Hall. The project is part of the Americanism campaign of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

38th Meeting of Hancock County Women's Clubs to be held at Northeast Harbor May 8

The Thirty-eighth Annual Meeting of the Mt. Desert Island Federation and Hancock County Union of Women's Clubs will be held in the Northeast Harbor High School Auditorium on Saturday, May 8th by invitation of the Northeast Harbor Women's Literary Club, the Seal Harbor Women's Literary Club and the Mt. Desert Women's Literary Club, according to an announcement by Mrs. Charles C. Knowlton of Ellsworth, president of the Union.

Mrs. Norman Fay Plouff of Dexter, President of the M. F. W. C. will be the speaker at the morning session, her topic being — "Our Heritage—The Constitution."

Mrs. Norman Dyer—Director of District No. 8 will also report on the activities of the clubs in her district.

Mr. Allen W. Manchester of Orono who spent eight months in Ir-

an last year will be the speaker for the afternoon session. He will speak on "Conditions in Iran."

The meeting will open at 10 o'clock in the morning with a business meeting preceding the speakers. The entire program will be interspersed with musical selections and Readings.

A luncheon will be served at noon in the High School Cafeteria and Tea will be served at the close of the afternoon session by the hostess clubs.

Other officers serving the Union with Mrs. Knowlton are:

1st Vice President—Mrs. Harvey Moore—McKinley

2nd Vice President—Mrs. William Elaisdell—Franklin

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WILL YOUR CLUB WIN?

As club extension chairman it is my aim to increase the club membership in the State Federation. Two prizes are offered: \$5 for each contest. 1. To the district director reporting the largest number of new clubs, Junior or Senior, joining the Federation during the current year. 2. To the club reporting largest percentage increase of individual membership in a club already organized, during the current year. Reports must be in by May 1.

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Ellsworth Club has Novel Program

The Ellsworth Woman's Club had such a novel program in February that we think it worth telling about in the News. To present a program on "The Preservation of our American Heritage," the co-chairmen, Mrs. Milo Clark and Mrs. Byron Maddocks, used "The Woman's Club Magazine". The magazine was made out of large white heavy cardboard, hand painted by Mrs. Philip Lovell. As each page was turned in the magazine, the person or "editor" who was to talk on her specific subject was introduced with a biographical sketch by Mrs. Maddocks, as editor-in-chief.

The cover depicted various holidays and events in February. The Editorial Page was written and read by Mrs. George Parcher. (This is printed in a separate column.) Mrs. Gordon Ramsdell gave Recipes and Household Hints, Marjorie Mills style. The poetry page included poems of Harold W. Gleason, read by Mrs. Gleason. For the garden and music page, Mrs. Bernard Jellison told of "New Flowers for '54" and Miss Erva Giles sang "In My Garden" by Ida Bell Firestone. Fashion Flashes were given by Mrs. Howard Erhlenbach. The Health Page gave special emphasis to the Heart Fund Drive, the "editor" Mrs. Erma Salisbury, area Chairman of the drive for Central Hancock County. Mrs. Harris McLean, Jr.'s Book Page discussed some good reading for clubwomen.

The "magazine" was displayed afterward in the window of the local bank.

Written and read by: Mrs. George Parcher for Woman's Club Magazine Program

THE PRESERVATION OF OUR AMERICAN HERITAGE

February is the month in which we honor the birthdays of two great Americans.

The humblest citizen of our land can pay homage to their memory by reflecting upon the many blessings that are ours because of their vision and courage, and by reflecting upon the challenge confronting us today.

Our blessings in this land which extends "from sea to shining sea" and whose flag is now unfurled in the far corners of the world, are too numerous to enumerate, but the greatest of all is, of course, our freedom—freedom to go where we please, to think, to talk, to assemble and to worship as we please. This heritage is ours because those who founded this nation and each succeeding generation of Americans have worked, sacrificed and sometimes fought and died to keep it alive.

The challenge facing us today is, in essence, the preservation of our freedom or subjugation to slavery. The challenger is the Soviet Communist leaders who, having already engulfed over half the peoples of the world, are ruthlessly striving to complete the job. Communism is anti-religious; it seeks to destroy faith; it recognizes no human dignity; it would make every man a servant of the state and the state an instrument for force and terror to compel everyone to think alike. In short, it is the antithesis of everything we hold dear.

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JUNIOR PAGE

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Taking silver collections at club meetings.

Planning a tag day in Spring.

Interested Girl Scouts in helping on project.

Skowhegan's Semper Fidelis Club, Americanism Chairman—**Constance Gordon:**

Voted to raise a sum each month to send to the Restoration Fund.

Putting Americanism into practice in their own community.

Damariscotta - Newcastle's Twin Village Women's Club, Amer. Chr.—**Phyllis Billings**

Sent in \$27.37 to Restoration Fund toward their \$100.

Fairfield Junior Woman's Club, Amer. Chr.—**Phyllis Pillsbury**

Sponsoring the educational campaign in the schools.

Sent in \$75.69 toward our \$100 for the Restoration Fund.

Held a tag day during Americanism Week.

Taking silver collections at club meetings for fund.

Sent letters to organizations and churches in this district.

Planning food sale during week of Washington's birthday, proceeds to go to Restoration Fund.

Hope to present "My Country 'Tis of Thee I Sing", if there is any change in our program set-up that would present opportunity.

Dexter's Wassookeag Literary Club, Amer. Chr.—**Eleanor Labun:**

Held a United Nations party.

Sent \$6.00 to Restoration Fund.

Sponsoring educational campaign in the schools.

Taking silver collections for Fund at club meetings.

Bangor Sub-Deb Club, Amer. Chr. to be appointed by the time this is printed. Taking silver collections for Restoration Fund at meetings.

Plan to sponsor a joint affair with the Queen City Club this winter, proceeds to go to Restoration Fund.

Bangor's Queen City Club, Amer. Chr.—**Jacqueline Russell:**

Planning to sponsor a joint affair with the Sub-Deb Club to raise money for the Restoration Fund.

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Our Chairman for Maine's Junior clubs, Florence Matthews, is working hard to have the Junior

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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men's Clubs to travel to Brazil to investigate the "why of the price of coffee". We hope she will give us some of her impressions when we meet in York Harbor. We also wish Miss Ruth Nowell a "bon voyage" when she goes to Europe March 3rd with Mrs. Oscar A. Ahlgren, President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, and other clubwomen. They anticipate a fine trip visiting Women's Clubs in several countries. We hope to hear from Ruth at a later date.

Your President has been traveling too, right in the State of Maine. Since the District Conferences and Union meetings, she has visited thirty two clubs, with many more engagements accepted for the year. The luncheons, banquets, flowers, gifts, have been enjoyed, and the hospitality extended to her is appreciated.

A club data sheet will be sent to each club president before the club has its annual meeting. It is earnestly hoped that it will not be lost, or misplaced, but put carefully away until elections are held, and then filled in correctly and sent to the District Director. Too often mistakes are made on the data sheet, and because of this, the directory is wrong, thus clubs fail to get material. We trust this year

special care will be taken in selecting club officers, holding elections, filling out data sheets, and getting them to Directors on time.

American Home Day is April 6th. Each and every clubwoman is invited to attend, for this is a Federation Day. Although there isn't a registration fee, a fine program is presented for your enjoyment. Let us make the attendance this year the largest. I will be looking for you at Orono. April? Spring can't be far away. We like this piece of poetry by Susan Coolidge and wish to thank her for the use of it.

A song of sunshine through the rain

Of spring across the snow:

A balm to heal the hurts of pain,

A peace surpassing woe,

Lift up your heads, ye sorrowing ones,

And be ye glad of heart

For Calvary Day and Easter Day,
Earth's saddest day and gladdest day

Were just one day apart.

A happy Easter to you.

Loyally yours,

Iola Hulbert Plouff

EDITORIAL PAGE

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Let us then re-dedicate ourselves wholeheartedly to our responsibilities of citizenship—indifference is as great a threat to our American heritage as the most powerful foe; let us work for peace, but let us ever realize that we "can't put peace in the hearts of foreign rulers;"* let us be alert not only as to what is being taught in our schools and colleges but how it is being

clubs make a good showing in the Federation. She is doing her part—she deserves the help and co-operation of every club and its various departments. Let us in the Americanism Department be sure that we do our best to make her time, spent as our Chairman, a satisfying experience.

Let me hear good things from you—soon.

Sincerely,
Phyllis

taught; let us raise our voices as individuals and as groups to make America strong not only in a military way, but morally and spiritually as well.

In the final analysis, our belief in a higher law than the law of man is the very rock-bottom foundation of our form of government—this faith is our greatest strength, a strength our enemies both without and within do not possess.

Our President has said, "This is what I found out about religion. It gives you courage to make the decisions you must make in a crisis and then the confidence to leave the result to a higher Power."

The words of Lincoln echo down the years—"Let us have faith that right makes might; and in that faith let us dare to do our duty as we understand it."

God willing, we shall preserve our American heritage.

*Message to Union—Pres. Eisenhower—Jan. 1954.

Ripples From Quoddy

Lubec, Maine—Situated as we are in the most eastern town in the United States with our nose jutting into the Canadian Bay of Fundy, the Lubec Woman's Club is, nevertheless, keenly, aware of club programs throughout the country and is keeping in step with them. Aided by ideas gleaned from *THE CLUBWOMAN* and *THE MAINE FEDERATION NEWS*, and guidance letters from our district director, Mrs. Samuel Silverman, we have placed emphasis the past few months, and plan to do so in the future, on our American heritage, embracing in our program specific themes such as The Home, The Nation and the International picture.

Our monthly meetings are carefully planned to include interesting business sessions, guest speakers, discussions and an entertainment program. We have a capable program chairman and a music committee who present some fine entertainment which have included to date, vocal and instrumental music, humorous readings and a playlet. Our hostess of the evening presents our members and guests with a small lapel decoration significant of the program theme. The club year runs from October through May and we have observed this year: Federation Night, The American Home, Christmas and International Relations Night, and have entertained as our guests at two separate meetings, the educational department and the local clergy. Guests speakers have included our district director, a home demonstration agent, a school superintendent, two members of the clergy and a high school delegate who reported on his visit to the United Nations. Our devotional services are conducted each night by minister's wives or women Sunday school superintendents. Educationally, we have sponsored an Americanism essay contest in the grammar and high school, making awards in both groups.

I am sure that Mrs. Wilma Nissen will be delighted to know that we adopted her idea of using a little gold bell during business sessions, inscribed as she suggested.



Refreshments are served by a committee of ten, for appetites are keen down Passamaquoddy way!

Locally, our educational chairman has planned to sponsor a scholarship at the high school and to contribute yearly to the school gym fund. Our projects this year include a polio drive, the financing of bicycle tapes, the sponsoring of Cub Scouts and a girl to summer camp. Cheer baskets are sent at Christmas to members who are inactive because of age or illness.

Nationally, we have pledged one hundred dollars toward the restoration of Independence Hall. We endeavor to meet all charity requests received by mail with a small donation. One of our members has entered the National Poetry contest.

Internationally, Equador will re-

ceive a Care and educational packet; Germany a bolt of cloth; Korea a Care package; books will be sent to the Phillipines.

Our future programs will be as follows: March, Literature and Art with a member of the National Pen Women as guest speaker and a member of the Maine Poetry Fellowship Society as reader; April United Nations with a panel discussion, and a conservation program with a guest speaker from the Moosehorn Wildlife Refuge. May, Guest speaker on mental health, annual dinner and election of officers.

Belva M. Thompson, publicity chairman

Augusta Miller, president.

Patten, Maine

Dear Clubwomen:

We have just received a shipment of club president's pins @ \$2.50 each (tax included).

Are there any of your past presidents who do not have pins? If so, what a fine gesture on the part of your club to show gratitude for past service by presenting a president's pin to each of them.

We, also, have a supply of Junior pins @ \$2.50 each and member pins @ \$1.80 each. (tax inc.)

Our MFWC pins are unusually beautiful in design and so symbolic of our state and the character and dignity of our Federation that it seems reasonable to expect that very many of you will want to buy and wear them.

Please send your order to me with your check and 3 cents postage.

Cordially yours,
Mrs. Ernest G. Tupper

DID YOU KNOW THAT

Attractive informals with the Federation Seal may be obtained by sending \$1.25 to Mrs. Carroll D. Cosseboom, 57 South Chestnut Street, Augusta? For this amount of money you will receive 25 informals and 25 envelopes. A good buy and a fine way of helping the Federation to raise money for the Endowment Fund.

Mrs. Gilbert F. Loebs has notified General Federation of Women's Clubs that she is not a candidate for Third Vice-President of the General Federation?

Reverend Hartwell Daley, a speaker whom you enjoyed at the mid-winter conference, is available for speaking engagements? Address inquiries to his Dexter residence. Ask about his project to assist you to raise money for Independence Hall.

The Federation is grateful to the Eastern Corporation for the lovely lace doilies presented to each club woman who attended the mid-winter conference? Mr. John Edward Massengale, husband of our own Mrs. Massengale, Division Chairman of Industry, was responsible for this courtesy.

The Federation thanks the Johnson Wax Company for the Emeryettes given out at the mid-winter conference?

A wire from Arthur H. Charles, Secretary Maine State Grocers Association, arrived too late to be read at the conference?

The wire reads, "Congratulations to you and your organization in present coffee price action. Urgent you continue efforts in price resistance. Don't let South American invitation change your ideas on coffee resistance. We commend Federation to encourage a United Front against Communism."

Mrs. John Huddilston, Mrs. Roy E. King, Mrs. Asa Osgood Pike 2nd, are in Florida enjoying summer weather? Mrs. M. Frank Goggins has been to Florida but returned in time for the Conference. We hear many clubwomen are leaving this month.

Mid-Winter Conference

The following motions were carried at the mid-winter conference held at the Augusta House January 26, 27.

Each club discuss the change of name proposed by Dr. Peter Bowman, Superintendent at the Pownal State School, changing the name of the school to Maine Children's Center.

Mrs. Hazel Lord, Chairman of the Legislation Committee, presented the following motion: The Maine Federation of Women's Clubs instructs its Legislative Committee to prepare and present a bill to the 1955 Maine Legislature, the bill to require that all senior students in Maine High Schools take a course in the foundations of our freedom, called Problems in Democracy. The bill further to instruct the Commissioner of Education to guide the compilation of suitable text material emphasizing the foundations of the American way of life. After a brief explanation, Mrs. Lord made the following motion: I move the adoption of the motion which in effect requires ALL high school seniors to take this citizenship training and to modernize the text material. The motion was carried.

That an expanded report of the Committee on Correctional Institutions be sent to each club for further study.

A report of the Policy Committee was presented by Mrs. W. Bradford Cushman, the immediate Past President, as follows: "Due to the fact that the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs has adopted universal membership the Policy Committee is of the opinion that all federated Unions must be composed of only federated Clubs." Signed by: Eva Mason Ross, Leah Emerson, Blanche Folsom, Maude MacKenzie, Ruth Loebs, Doris Cushman, Past Presidents.

The Parliamentary skit written by Mrs. G. William Jones "Let's Do It Right" may be had by writing to the President, Mrs. Norman Fay Plouff. Please include a two cent stamp.

The Executive Committee of the General Federation has voted to withdraw from the Farm-City Conference. When the Committee voted to co-operate with the Conference they understood it was to be a Farm City Project.

Mrs. Walter Bachelder has returned from a visit to Florida.

Books from the State Library

MARION STUBBS, Librarian

New Directions

An annual which attempts to show "the fresh, the stimulating, the out-of-the way in contemporary writing." This year's volume has two unusual features—the complete novel *LE VOYAGE D'URIEN* by Andre Gide, never before published in English; and an extension anthology of prose poetry, edited by Charles Henri Ford.

The alleys of Marrakesh by Peter Mayne.

Here is a delightful account of a year's adventures among the Moors of Marrakesh.

Those of the forest by Wallace B. Grange.

Fascinating and thought provoking — probably will become a natural history classic.

The miracle of language by Charlton Laird.

A straightforward and comprehensible presentation of the story of words.

Out of these roots: the autobiography of an American woman, by Agnes E. Meyer.

An intensely interesting book by and about a fearless crusader for human rights.

Austria by Monk Gibbon.

The scenery, buildings and people of the country set against a background of its history.

Live better after fifty by Ray Giles.

Encouraging, realistic and sensible advice on all phases of "adding life to one's years."

Summer in Scotland by Ivor Brown.

The author is a Scot, born in Malaya and working in London, who returns summer after summer to his fatherland. This book portrays his wanderings through town and country with observations on Scotland; history, literature and people.

Getting acquainted with minerals by George Letchworth English.

Written expressly for the beginner and amateur collector it is in non-technical language but with technical accuracy.

Over 2,000,00 copies of well-known American books have been sold in West Germany during the last five years and sales are increasing steadily, according to U. S. officials.

Literature Division Contest

All entries for the Maine Federation contest must reach Miss Gertrude Robinson, St. Albans, by May 1, 1954. Do enter and make this a lively contest!

The American Federation of Teachers, meeting in Detroit, decided that what's wrong with our schools is "frustrated teachers". A special committee reported that teachers are leaving the profession "in droves" because: Legislatures set up standards which make it impossible for teachers "to utilize their knowledge." School boards impose silly personal restrictions. Communities follow suit with taboos of their own.

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Our Neighborhood Club (Old Town)	5.00
Tyngtown Club (Wilton)	1.00
Phi Beta Club (Portland)	1.00
York Woman's Club (York Beach)	2.00
Ladies' Magazine and Reading Club (Kezar Falls)	1.00
Newport Woman's Club	4.00
Millay Study Club (Tremont)	3.50
Advance Club (Dixfield)	2.00
Methebesec Club (Rockland)	10.00
New Idea Club (Milo)	1.00
Woman's Club of Guilford	2.00
Rockland Woman's Club	2.00
Newcastle-Damariscotta Woman's Club (3rd gift)	2.00
Friday Club (Southwest Harbor)	5.00
Patten Woman's Club	2.00
Ammonconglin Literary Club (Westbrook)	1.00

Talking It Over

The recent inquiry into the causes of juvenile delinquency in the Boston area has brought out two extremely important facts: 1. Only 2½ percent of boys and girls get into trouble, but the other 97½ percent, who carry out worth while projects in their schools and communities and lead circumspect lives, are seldom mentioned in the newspapers. 2. The sensationalism of stories about juvenile delinquents are ruining the reputation of all our youth, without in any way helping the culprits responsible. In many cases, the sensational facts are so exaggerated they bear little resemblance to the true happenings.

Your editor would like to write a story telling of the many fine boys and girls in the State of Maine who are doing so much to help their schools and communities. Will you help her by sending in stories about the youth in your community, with photographs if they are available? (Do not have photographs taken especially, for we can write later for those we can use.) We would like information about boys and girls who earn their allowances in unusual ways, or who have businesses of their own; about acts of heroism or generosity; about the quiet young people who teach in the Sunday School or help in other ways in the community; and about any others you feel are the very opposite of the so-called juvenile delinquent. Will you help to prove that the majority of our young people are fine, upstanding citizens?

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What Clubs are Doing

The Woodland Woman's Club's theme for the year is "Building of a Better America", and several programs have been given under the leadership of the Americanism chairman. One member has charge of a list of names of all boys and girls leaving town or entering service, and cards are sent to them at Christmas and on holidays, asking them to attend church, and letting them know they are not forgotten by the people of the town. A committee has been formed to beautify the town and keep it clean.

The Shakespeare Club of Cherryfield, although it is a study club, extends its activities far beyond its 20 members. At Christmas boxes of food were distributed to needy families, magazines have been sent the Philippines, and gift boxes are going to Korea and Ecuador. The group has sent a donation for the Restoration of Independence Hall, and contributed to other worthy causes. The special project of the club is the Cherryfield public library. One of their most interesting programs was a talk, illustrated by slides, given by a returned veteran.

The Jonesport Literary Club has chosen Americanism as its year's theme. The schools of the town are helping to raise \$100 for the Restoration of Independence Hall. The club is giving awards to the highest ranking boy and girl in the Senior Class. For 12 years, the club president, Mrs. Roland E. Rogers, has been chairman of the pre-school clinic and the club has assisted her with this work.

The Ursula Penniman Club of Machias began its 59th year January 8 with a meeting held at the home of Mrs. Pennell Worcester. Mrs. Samuel Silverman, District Director, spoke of Federation work, and Mrs. Earle Preble sang several English songs, in keeping with the club's theme for the year "The British Isles". Of special interest at the meeting was Miss Juliana Mansur, a native of Djakarta, Indonesia, who wore her country's costume. Miss Mansur is a primary teacher in Indonesia, coming to this country through the U. S. Institute of International Education for six months' study of our educational methods.

The Machias club is primarily a study club, but it sponsors two troops of Girl Scouts, and gives awards to the Senior and Junior boys and girls who have shown the most outstanding improvement in English for the year.

Mrs. Oscar F. Larson, President

The Princeton Woman's Club of Princeton, one of two Federated Clubs in a town of approximately 950 population, and with a limited membership of thirty has as its major project, Community Service.

Since the club's organization in 1937, a community Library has been sponsored and supported, with all necessary repairs made by the club. Donations have also been made by former residents, and financial aid is received each year from the town. It is however under the supervision of the Woman's Club.

A physical Education program for the Elementary Schools was organized under the supervision of (Over)

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eight volunteer members, assisted by one of the local pastors. Children received instructions in Callisthenics, and Folk Dancing. This program is continuing at present with one of the local teachers as instructor.

Playground equipment has been installed at the Primary and Grammar Schools. This was made possible by donations of lumber from a local concern, and volunteer work. The club purchased eight heavy chain swings, which will be kept in repair, and more equipment will be added as the need arises.

Although Princeton is located in the center of many lakes, a reasonably safe place for the children to skate has not been available. Through interest aroused in this project by the Woman's Club, a plot of land to be used as a skating rink has been offered by one of the local citizens. The Lions Club members have assumed the responsibility of constructing the rink, which is now in use.

The members of the club are enthusiastic and willing workers, and are not content to limiting their entire services to their community. They also desire to participate in promoting projects of the Federation.

The Americanism Chairman is developing a campaign, whereby the club may make a donation to the fund for the restoration of Independence Hall. This has also been extended to the schools.

The importance of Civil Defense is stressed at each meeting, by our Civil Defense Chairman.

Our program Chairman has outlined an excellent calendar for the year including speakers, and programs on the following: Education, Arts, Music, National Defense, American Home, Forums, and Public Welfare.

Club members are eagerly awaiting a report from the newly-appointed Community Welfare Committee, on possible new projects, which the club may undertake in the town.

Mrs. Clyde Legacy

Remember the Spring Convention at York Harbor, June 15-17.

Patawa Club of Bangor Starts "BANK" of Instruments



Mrs. J. Dudley Utterback, president of the Patawa Club, Bangor, Mrs. Robert Clukey, chairman of the music project committee, and Mrs. Glenn Wellman, a committee member, present a cello to Miss Marian McKenney, supervisor of music in the elementary schools of Bangor.

The Patawa Club of Bangor has undertaken a new project which will eventually form a "bank" of musical instruments for use by students in the elementary grades of the Bangor schools.

The project opened this fall with the purchase of two musical instruments, a cello and a violin, both of which are being loaned for the school year to students who otherwise would be unable to take part in the schools' music program.

Meetings held last spring with the music supervisor determined the need of such a project and

helped in choosing the instruments needed. The choice of the students to whom the instruments are being loaned was made by Miss Marion McKenney, Bangor elementary school music supervisor.

The Club hopes to add annually to the number of instruments available until a "bank" exists which will include a wide selection of instruments for school use.

Mrs. Robert Clukey, Mrs. Glenn Wellman and Mrs. Alton French form the Patawa Club committee in charge of the project.

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