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The ... Maine Federation News



Poland Spring House--MFWC Convention Headquarters

Program Helps

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Official Call for the Annual Convention

Poland Spring House, Poland Spring, May 17, 18, 19, 1955

Convention Theme: "Understanding Progress Through Correct Interpretation of a Clubwoman's Responsibility"

The Sixty-Third Annual Convention of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs will convene Tuesday afternoon, May 17 at 1:30 o'clock in the Poland Spring House Ballroom.

The Annual Convention of the Junior Membership of the MFWC will convene at 10:30 A. M. May 17.

Mrs. M. Frank Goggins of Auburn, Director of District 11 is serving as General Convention Chairman.

The registration fee will be \$1.50 for the entire convention or \$1.00 for a day or part thereof.

Reservations should be made directly with the Poland Spring House where the special convention rates per day, American plan are:

\$14.00 per person, for double occupancy of twin bedded room with bath.

\$14.00 per person for twin bedded room with connecting bath, or single room with connecting bath.

\$18.00 for single occupancy of private room with bath.

\$12.00 per person for rooms with hot and cold running water.

These rates include all meals and the use of all recreational facilities, except golf, at the Poland Spring House. Those not registered at the Hotel, should make meal reservations directly with the Hotel. Special rates for meals only, are: Breakfast \$2.24; Luncheon \$3.36; Banquet \$4.48. These prices include tax and gratuity.

Officers, District Directors, and Chairmen will report on the work of this administration and business will be conducted at each session. Nominations and election of officers for 1955-57 will be on Wednesday with the report of the Tellers and presentation of newly elected officers on Thursday.

Moments of Remembrance, a memorial service is being arranged for Wednesday noon at the Poland Spring Chapel, and members are reminded to send names of members who have passed away during the past year to the Federation Necrologist, Mrs. Dorothy Johnston, 83 Randall Ave., Ocean Park.

Those wishing to present Resolutions should send them to the Chairman, Mrs. LeRoy Folsom Norridge-wock, by April 25th.

On Tuesday afternoon a panel "Juniors Learn Their Responsibility" will be presented, with Miss Florence Matthew, Chairman of Junior Membership serving as Moderator.

At the Banquet session Tuesday evening, District Directors and Club Presidents will be honored. The Banquet speaker will be Dr. Robert P. Shaw, Associate Professor Business and Economics, University of Maine, who has chosen as his subject "Financing the Consumer". During the evening it will be our pleasure to hear the Musical "I Hear America Singing", presented by the L. M. R. Trio of Kezar Falls.

On Wednesday, the Federation is presenting the following speakers: Miss Eleanor P. Powers, Director of Special Education; Edwin G. Walker, Former Recorder of the Biddeford Municipal Court; Martin Adler, Author, Lecturer, and an expert on European Affairs; Mrs. Gilbert F. Loeb, Chairman of the American Home Department, GFWC; Dr. Arthur DeBra, Director Community Relations, Motion Picture Association of America, Inc. In the evening a Motion Picture will be shown. Past Presidents and Department and Division Chairmen will be honored at the Banquet session.

Classes in Parliamentary Law, and Public Speaking will be held on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Mrs. J. Marden DeShon will conduct the Parliamentary Law class, and Professor Brooks Quimby of Bates College will conduct the class in Public Speaking.

Please study the proposed change in the MFWC By-Laws and the recommendation and resolutions presented by the G. F. W. C. These are appended to the call.

Data sheets are enclosed with this call, for club presidents. Please fill out and return to Mrs. Lewis Hartford. This is necessary whether or not you elect officers this year.

The Official Call with Credential cards is sent to every Federated Club in Maine. Delegates' cards must be signed by either a club president or the club secretary. All club women whether delegates or not, are cordially invited to attend these sessions. The success of a convention depends upon your attendance.

IOLA HULBERT PLOUFF
President

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The PRESIDENT'S

Dear Clubwomen of Maine,

Once again we can smell Spring in the air! Snow melting, rivulets of water in the sides of the highways, flowers poking their heads above ground, and the purple haze in the distance of hundreds of tiny buds on the Elms, Maples, Oaks, all saying "what a lovely miracle is Spring".

As I write this last message to you (not an easy assignment) I am thinking of another Spring, the Spring of 1953, when I took office as your President. To have served you these two years has been a responsibility, but a rewarding and rich experience for me. It is most difficult to express the warm appreciation and affection and pride I feel for the Clubwomen of Maine, and I will always think of the Federation as "my Federation".

There may be a note of nostalgia creep in as I write this last message to you, because I am thinking of the many times I have visited with you through the medium of the News, the many visits to your clubs, and the courtesies paid me. From my heart I thank you for your enthusiastic cooperation and loyalty in carrying out the broad aims of our program. Your response in word, deed, spirit has given me the confidence I needed in the task of leadership. It is good to know these two years, we have worked and learned and played together.

From the beginning of this administration emphasis has been placed on Education and Religion, believing it is through these mediums that we lay the cornerstone in strong American Homes, resulting in a successful and dedicated Nation. The club questionnaires were simplified this year, and to date 95% have been returned. From these reports we know that during the past two years at least 7,000 clubwomen visited schools, and as



MRS. NORMAN FAY PLOUFF

a result of these visits, and adult education courses, dental, eye and welfare clinics have been established, and various types of nursing service sponsored. 160 clubs sponsored Youth Projects including that of Driver Education and Bicycle Clinics. 1500 clubwomen with their families, this one year attended Church on American Home Sunday, and at least 600 clubwomen teach Sunday School.

Our Federation extended aid to Ecuador, Korea, Greece, Formosa, Germany and Japan. We have helped support Greek, French, German, English and Korean Children. I was delighted with the response to the Restoration of Independence Hall Project. In nearly every bulletin from the division chairmen of the G. F. W. C., the Federation has been mentioned for the excellent type of work it is doing. Many more statistics will be given at the annual convention at Poland Spring, but your President is proud of the record. It is you who have made possible our addition to the fine heritage that is ours.

MESSAGE

When you read this letter, it will be time for the annual convention to be held at the Poland Spring House, May 17, 18, 19, and the inauguration of a new administration in the Maine Federation. Plan to attend, the program promises to be good. Come and receive inspiration for work ahead, and renew friendships. Please study, and discuss the proposed change in By-laws, recommendations and resolutions appended to the official call, and come to the convention prepared to talk and vote.

I pledge my full support to the new president of the Federation and her administration. I will be looking forward to seeing you at Poland Spring, and once again many many thanks for electing me to serve as your President.

Cordially,

Iola Hulbert Plouff

YOUR OPINION COUNTS! Ten Ways to Strengthen Your Government

1. Be alert!
2. Develop sound principles.
3. Keep informed on world development.
4. Pray for those who represent you.
5. Encourage others to vote.
6. Make your voice heard!
7. Let editors and broadcasters know where you stand.
8. Work through your organizations.
9. Encourage more with talent and high ideals to take up career work in our State Department.
10. Be willing to undergo hardship. Expect to pay a price for making your voice heard.

Christopher News Notes

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing." Edmund Burke

PRIDE SCHOOL

The outstanding program of the Excelsior Literary, Westbrook, is one that we had planned when we compiled our year book. It was an informal talk by Mrs. Anne Pride of the "Pride Training School for Retarded Children", in South Portland. She told us how and why she and her husband conceived the idea of the school; the help they received, the obstacles that have been surmounted and those that face them. She described the almost hopeless condition of the children when they first started, the wonderful, almost miraculous things that a devoted and able staff have accomplished, and the almost inconceivable pride and happiness in their accomplishments that these children have. She showed colored slides as she talked.

It is a wonderful and dedicated work and leaves you with no words to express a heart full of sympathy, awe, and admiration.

(Mrs.) Agnes Hawkes

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Programs

CASTINE WOMAN'S CLUB OUR MOST IMPORTANT PROJECT,

PAST OR PRESENT

The chief interest of the Castine Woman's Club has been in the welfare of young people.

In its early days the Club started the custom of giving donations annually to the grade and high schools for prizes in public speaking contests and for special essays. This cooperation with the schools continues. The latest example of practical interest was financial help given by the Club during the current year, making it possible for the High School to buy a sewing machine for extra curricular work.

Each year the Club gives money to the schools and to the children's corner of the library for additional books.

A few years ago the Club sponsored a group of Camp Fire Girls. There is now a fine group of Girl Scouts. The present Girl Scout Leaders and Council Members are all Castine Woman's Club members. Two girl scouts were sent to summer camp in 1954 with funds donated by the Club. Financial aid has also been given to the Castine Boy Scouts.

Through cooperation of the two stores in Castine which sell comic magazines, local censure of sex and crime comics is made at the retail merchant level.

Urged on by the necessity of increasing the funds in the Club treasury, the first of Castine's Open Homes Day was planned during the presidency of Mrs. Harrison Small in 1950. If it were a success the Club members hoped to be able to expand their services.

It took real enthusiasm to open our homes to the public. It took long hours of preparation to find authentic old costumes for hostesses, to plan the advertising, to serve tea on the historic Common, to display objects of local historic interest. (Continued on Page 16)

The Travel Club, Portland, had a meeting on child welfare, with Mrs. Anne Pride as speaker. Like several other clubs, this club has taken the Pride Training School for retarded children as its year's project.

Program

By Mrs. Allen F. Garner

2nd Vice Pres. M. F. W. C.

The coming of Spring means many things to many people but to clubwomen, it means that the club year is ending and preparation must be made for plans and programs for the next year. Much of the success of your club depends upon the quality of the program that you develop this Spring.

Program planners should keep in mind always that the objective of their club is not only entertainment and sociability but adult education as well. Every club meeting should give each member something worthwhile to take home and it should be pleasing to her as well, so that she will want to come again next time. The most important thing is to have good, vital, interesting and timely programs that will give your club members information on many subjects and will give them inspiration to be better mothers, homemakers and citizens.

The following program pointers are suggested to assist your program committee in planning the club's programs for the coming year.

September: Public Affairs

1. Citizenship Day—September 17.
"The Constitution and what it means to me".

Speakers: President of High School Student Organization. A foreign-born American Citizen.

2. Safety—"Living Happily Ever After"

Speaker: Traffic Officer—Maine State Police.

Films: Aetna Life Affiliated Companies.

3. Status of Women—"Why I ran for Office"

Speaker: A Woman Legislator.

October: International Affairs

1. United Nations Day—October 24
Material available GFWC Headquarters, Washington, D. C.

Dept. of Public Information, U. N. New York 17, N. Y.

2. "Unto the Least of These"

Discussion of International Projects.

Speakers: Korea — UNICEF (write U. N.) CARE, 660 First Ave., New York 16, N. Y.

and Projects

Planning

3. Films available on all Latin-American Countries:

Pan-American World Airways, Hotel Statler, Boston, Mass.

TWA—60 East 42nd. St., New York, N. Y.

November: Education

1. National Education Week—Reception for local teachers

Speakers: Local Educator

"Importance of Public Schools and Special Needs in School System in local Community.

2. Children's Book Week

Speaker or panel—"A Day in the Local Library"

3. What about Guidance?

Career Day for local school pupils.

Speakers: Teacher, Nurse, Doctor, Minister, etc.

December: Fine Arts

1. Christmas Party or Program for Underprivileged Children.

2. Music—Choral Music

Music of the Church (GFWC Program)

3. Film—"Against the Tide"

Moody Bible Institute, Room 503 Schaff Building 15th and Race St., Philadelphia 2, Penn.

January: American Home

1. Family Finance—Ben Franklin Day—January 17.

Institute of Life Insurance, 488 Madison Ave., N. Y. 22, N. Y.

Film—"What Makes Us Tick"—12 minutes.

N. Y. Stock Exchange, New York City, N. Y.

2. "What Youth Expects from the Ideal Home"

Speakers: Teen-ager—Mother—Minister.

3. Home Crafts

Exhibits of Hobbies, Crafts, or Antiques.

February—Community Service

1. Brother-Hood Week.

Symposium—Inter-faith Clergy. Programs on Lincoln or Washington.

2. "What this Community Needs"

"How We Can All Work Together"

Speakers: Representatives from Men's Service Clubs. Representative from P. T. A. Representative from Church Agency. Representative from Welfare Agency.

3. Public Health and Welfare.

Speakers: Welfare Institutions. Health Program

Film: "The Meaning of Mental Health. National Association of Mental Health, 13 E. 37th St., N. Y.

March: Conservation

1. "Come into your Forests"—County Agent or Game Warden.

2. "Keep Maine Green"—Write State House, Augusta.

3. Maine's Minerals—Mineralogist.

April: Youth Conservation

1. Importance of Youth and Group Activities.

Speakers: Recreational Director Representatives of Youth Groups (Scouts, 4-H, etc.)

2. "Are we letting our Youth Down"

Speakers: Probation Officer; Judge of Municipal Court.

WESTBROOK WOMAN'S CLUB

Twenty-nine members of the Westbrook Woman's Club visited the State Legislature at Augusta in March, having luncheon at the Worster House in Hallowell and tea at the Blaine Mansion.

The Club has just completed a contest which has resulted in a 60 percent boost in attendance. The losers will entertain the winners at a Galloping Breakfast.

At the midwinter luncheon of the club, each member was urged to wear a hat representing the name of a song. The result was most amusing and in some cases very artistic. Pictures of these hats were placed in the Associated Press pool for papers the country over to use. Some song titles were "Look Sharp", "Winter Wonderland," "Rag Mop", "Tea for Two" and "Buttons and Bows."

The Westbrook Woman's Club has voted to give a scholarship to the Maine Medical Center School of Nursing for a member of this year's high school graduating class.

OBKOE CLUB

Members of the Obkoe Club, Portland had a number of programs about famous women. One interesting movie and travelogue was given by Mrs. Henning Thomsen, who visited in Europe last summer. This club has taken Pride's Training School as its project for the year

THE ART OF PROGRAM PLANNING

"Program Planning" is the title of an arresting pamphlet prepared by Mrs. Theodore S. Chapman, President, G. F. W. C.

"The success of any club, large or small, rural or urban, depends primarily upon two elements—good leadership and good program," Mrs. Chapman says.

"Program planners should keep in mind always that the objective of their club is not entertainment nor social activities, but adult education—that their aim is to raise the sights of club members and to give them what they should have while they also give them what they want. This is by no means a paradox. The great majority of our members are eager for the information and inspiration of good programs, and a skillful program chairman can embellish even the heaviest programs with many kinds of devices—films, exhibits, decorations, refreshments, costumes, etc., which will please the most 'entertainment-minded' member. Every club meeting should give every member something worthwhile to take home, should have some real worth and meaning!

"The day of members preparing and presenting lengthy 'papers' or 'lessons' has passed. Even the smallest club should organize discussions and invite 'outside' speakers, many of whom are available without cost. The day of 'sewing circles' and purely 'literary' groups has passed, as has the day of entertainment or 'lecture' clubs which provide for no member participation. Federated clubs must be adult education and action groups to justify their existence in these important times.

"So also has passed the day of clubs depending solely upon their own members for programs. Every community, however small has persons outside the club who have much they will willingly contribute to the club programs—and the larger town, maybe a college town, is not so far away as it used to be!

"The day of 'meeting to meeting' program planning has passed. The only way to produce an adequate program is to plan it as a whole,

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and raised \$100 by selling Christmas and Easter ribbons, a rummage sale, and sunshine and gloomy banks.

Semper Fidelis Club

Our club sponsored a benefit fashion show which promises to be one of the highlights of the spring season.

Fashion stores participated in carrying out the theme which was a "window shopping tour". In the first part, spring suits and coats were shown and in the second, an array of summer sports clothes and cotton dresses.

Proceeds will be spent on the club's welfare projects.

Serving on the general committee with Gloria Carpenter were Jean Doughty, Florence Blaisdell, Dorothy Roode, Marjorie Hitchings and Joyce McDonald.

The Carpo Club, Guilford

The Carpo Club, Guilford, has raised money with a rummage sale and a food sale to purchase a Scott Air Pak for the local fire department. The cost was about \$170.

The effect of comic books was discussed during a March meeting, and a book report on "Seduction of the Innocent" was given. The club voted to buy this book so each member can read it, and then it will be donated to the public library.

In February a Husbands' Nite was held and in May a Mothers' Nite banquet is scheduled.

Camden Junior Woman's Club

We look at the time
We see drawing near
As a women's club
In our second year.
We've found this season
Interesting as last
Know more about all
Than did in the past.
In Driver Training
We take so much pride
Knowing it makes roads
Much safer to ride.
Our WOMEN'S EXCHANGE
Now a children's store
Profits to charity
The same as before.
Enjoyed the speakers
We had when we met
Some of the subjects
We'll never forget.
Look forward to fall
when club starts again
We Junior Women
In our Camden, Maine.

Barbara F. Dyer

Junior

Junior Chairman's Message

As I write this, my last message to you as Chairman of Junior Membership, it is with various emotions—gratitude for the opportunity of serving in this capacity, (relief that it is nearly behind me), delight for the new friends I have made, and much appreciation for the interest and cooperation of Junior Clubwomen and the work we have accomplished.

Maine's 245 Juniors have given approximately \$650 for philanthropic purposes, and have served 2900 volunteer hours. Several clubs had activities toward removing objectionable comic books from their newsstands, and much work has been done in many departments of the Federation. Local projects have been various, ranging from the purchase of equipment for firemen and driver training, to scholarships and welfare funds. A report will be given by each Junior Club president at the annual convention.

At this writing, the TV set for the Augusta State Hospital has been ordered and it is hoped that by publication time, the set will have been presented.

Rockland Junior Women's Club

Our project committee Mrs. Grover Roberson and Mrs. Charles Bicknell planned a "Clean Up" the Comic Books" survey. Miss Florence Matthew, State Jr. Chairman was our special guest at the Dec. meeting.

Club members took diapers which were given to Miss Eliza Steele of the Rockland Nursing Association and current magazines were sent to the Veteran's Hospital at Togus. A basket of fruit was presented to the Rockland Home for Aged Women in February. A truckload of obscene comic books was collected and burned on Feb. 26.

On April 12 a joint meeting will be held with the Camden and Damariscotta Junior Women's Clubs in the Farnsworth Museum with special guest, Mrs. Stephen Patrick, District Director.

Mrs. Donald Calderwood, Pres.



FLORENCE MATTHEW

If you Juniors support your next chairman as adequately as you have me, you will be serving her well.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to all the members of the Maine Federation who have so ably guided me during the past two years, and especially to Mrs. Plouff, whose advice and kindness have been invaluable.

Florence Matthew, Chairman
Junior Membership

WASSOOKEAG LITERARY CLUB

The Wassookeag Literary Club of Dexter has taken a great deal of satisfaction in the fact that we've participated quite successfully in the objectives for the Junior Membership set up by our junior chairman, Florence Matthew.

Although we've not yet reached our goal of 5000 stamps for Wounded Veterans, they are being collected regularly. A contribution was sent to Togus plus a 33 1/3 record.

A Care package has been sent and also a kitchen shower was given for Zante, Greece. We've several girls in our group with foreign pen pals. A contribution was made to the Penny Art Fund. Our youth conservation project is nearing completion.

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OBJECTIVES—Junior Membership Maine Federation of Women's Clubs 1954 - 1955

I. PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIVISION

A. Stamps for Wounded Veterans (5000 from each club).

II. VETERANS AFFAIRS DIVISION

A. Contribution for Togus (financial).

B. 33 1/3 speed records for Tonus—Popular or Western. (One or more from each club.)

III. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

A. One care package from each club.

B. One or more foreign pens in each club.

C. One of the following projects:

(a) G. Y. A.

(b) Kitchen utensils for Zente, Greece.

(c) Meals for Millions Foundation, Inc.

IV. FINE ARTS DEPARTMENTS

A. Contribute to the Penny Art Fund.

V. YOUTH CONSERVATION

A. Activities toward getting the crime and sex comics off the newsstands.

VI. MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION

A. Send current magazines to one of our mental health hospitals.

VII. GERONTOLOGY DIVISION

A. Have some project or entertainment for aged persons.

VIII. LIBRARY DIVISION

A. Place a subscription to the Maine Federation News in your local library.

B. Place a subscription to the General Federation Clubwoman in your local library.

C. Contribute to the Bookmobile.

When the **Molasto Club of Dover-Foxcroft** had its eighth annual banquet, a theme of "Linen and Lace" was carried out through table decorations and corsages. The members participated in a program called "Name That Tune" which was much enjoyed.

When the club entertained the Mocutoc and Junior Cosmopolitan Clubs for "Gentlemen's Night", the senior class at Foxcroft Academy served an oyster stew supper. Dr.

Sub-Deb Club Activities

With the addition of thirteen new members last fall after school began the Sub-Deb quota of thirty girls was filled. Now it is getting toward graduation time again and the Senior girls are busy with essays, college boards, interviews and all the activities that are associated with being a Senior. I shall be sorry as usual to lose my Senior girls as it has been a pleasure to work with them and some of them have been club members for three years and those girls I have grown to know and have become fond of them. And now for a brief list of their activities:

They have contributed financially to, Cerebral Palsy, Red Cross, Care, Community Chest, Polio, the Bookmobile, TV set for the Augusta State Hospital, Thanksgiving basket for a needy family and to the Carnival and Canteen funds at Togus. Also the Penny Art Fund. They have given time to:

Working on Canteen (Red Cross) at our local hospital during blood bank, selling TB seals at our local post office during the drive, addressed envelopes for the YMCA campaign, collected magazines for the Bangor State Hospital, worked on the Community Chest drive, the Cerebral Palsy telethon, taught Sunday school and sung in their church choirs.

They won first prize, a beautiful cup given by the Bangor Merchant's Bureau, for their float that they trimmed for the annual Christmas parade. It was called Santa's Workshop.

With the two Hi-Y groups of the city and the Queen City Club they put on a dance, the proceeds going toward the expenses of a foreign exchange student.

The high school girls you might have seen at the mid-winter conference were Sub-Debs and Queen City girls. They enjoyed acting as pages at the conference and it gave them a splendid opportunity to learn more about club work.

This about concludes their activities that you might wish to report on, but they do have social affairs too, such as the annual Alumni banquet held each year during the Christmas holidays, the formal dance held in February and a house party at the end of each school year.

I almost forgot to say that the president of the club, Miss Peggyann Bean was given the good citizenship award by the D A R for Bangor High school. This makes four times the president of Sub-Debs has received this honor.

Mrs. Lawrence H. Warren,
Advisor

Twin Village Junior Woman's Club

The Twin Village Junior Woman's Club is proud to announce that it has completed all "Objectives" and requirements of the "100% Club" as outlined by the Junior Chairman at the beginning of the club year.

The local Heart Fund Drive was under the direction of this Club. A house to house canvass was made on a Sunday afternoon, and the quota was exceeded by nearly 49%.

An "Operation Bookswap" is planned to collect objectionable comics in exchange for a better type of comics. The Bookswap is being made possible through the cooperation of other organizations, which are contributing financially for the purchase of the exchange

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Roswell P. Bates, Orono, talked on "Foreign Affairs" and gave a brief review of the Maine budget.

STAMP NEWS

Just a few final words about stamps. To date I have received 11,092 stamps from Maine Juniors. Clubs represented in this total are Twin Village Junior Woman's Club (who, by the way, are leading with the most stamps submitted per member), Fairfield, Rockland, Camden, Carpo and the Sub Debs of Bangor. Please remember there is still time to complete your quota before the club year ends in May.

I do wish to take this opportunity to thank all Juniors for the cooperation they have given me both last year and this. Without the help and interest of all clubs no project can be successful.

Please continue to save stamps. The need will go on as long as there are disabled veterans in our hospitals.

Beverly H. Miller
Stamp Chairman of
Junior Membership

G. F. W. C. NOTES

Recently we wrote you about the old Victorian Mansion that houses the General Federation of Women's Clubs, at 1734 N Street, N. W., in Washington. This block on N Street is a quiet, one-way, tree-shaded street. The Federation has such neighbors as the National Presbyterian Church, which President and Mrs. Eisenhower attend. The Federation of Churches is an across-the-street neighbor, as is Science Service which has as one of its interests the search for talented youngsters with a scientific bent. The Bankers' Association of the District Columbia is just down the way. The Girl Scout Headquarters for the District of Columbia is almost next door, and the American Penwomen are on the corner. So you see we are in good company. Our huge American flag is hung each morning over the main entrance to our lovely Headquarters.

We want to try, if we can, to make those of you who have not visited Headquarters see what goes on beyond its shining windows, (for the Federation windows are kept sparkling clean.)

Probably, as you go in, you will be shown to the drawing room floor. You may find one of Mrs. Chapman's press conferences going on there, or possibly there is a meeting of some club in the District of Columbia Federation of Women's Clubs. Often a French Club, a member of the Federation, is in session.

You must take time to look in at the dining room; perhaps it is being prepared for the service of refreshments for the club meeting going on in the drawing room.

This room is distinguished at any time. Its silver services are gifts of many clubs and state federations. Visiting clubwomen from all over the country stop to admire the handsome covered dishes and a large tray for hors d'oeuvres. They like the hammered punch bowl and handsome coffee urns. The thought of keeping all this silver gleaming might cross your mind. The household staff at 1734 N Street uses ten pounds of silver polish a year.

In many ways the headquarters building is a treasure house of gifts from all over the country. There

are paintings and many pieces of handsome furniture which enhance the beauty of the rooms.

On the third floor you find a staff worker opening first class mail. So much comes in over the week end that it takes one worker almost all day Monday to open, sort and deliver it to the proper offices. The Federation receives an average of 1500 letters a week. Mail directed to Mrs. Chapman's desk is beginning to be full of acceptances from prominent and very busy men and women who will address the Philadelphia Convention. Some letters contain dues which are very much needed. Hundreds of others go to the Research and Program Office, which occupies the Library. Here Mrs. Reuben P. Sleicher and Mrs. Franklin F. Russell deal with each request, each question in a thorough manner. They have the reputation of finding the information and material for about ninety-nine percent of the clubwomen who appeal to GFWC Headquarters for help. Here, too, in the Research Office more than 100,000 program pamphlets have been processed for distribution during this administration.

The President's Office is on this floor—a sunny south room—reflecting the personality of its occupant. Her aides are down the hall, making appointments, receiving plans, telephoning for plane reservations as she keeps appointments in Panama, or in Berlin—or Hometown, U. S. A.

There are other offices you should see; that of the Executive Director, Mrs. Stephen J. Nicholas, who has as her responsibility to keep her hand in on every phase of the work of the Federation.

You will find the Finance Office, in charge of Miss Caroline Galvin, a busy place on any day. When the Call for the Convention goes out it will add to its routine work the task of taking registrations for the Convention. The Finance Office has always to make the money stretch to cover the needs.

On the ground floor back of the telephone room, Ray Kaldenbach and his assistants have mimeographed 290,900 pages of material in this administration and 101,290 pages of Multilith material.

Next door is the "Annex." The forthcoming issue of the Clubwoman is being put together in the Editorial Offices there. The GFWC Clubwoman has a "new look" that is very becoming. It is now a magazine that has come of age—and one no clubwoman should be without if she is serious about furthering the Federation's program in her community. (If you don't get it—send to Mary Taylor, Editor, for a sample copy. She will convince you.)

Right now she has her desk piled high with incoming reports on the Federation's campaign against objectionable comics. Mrs. Walter Magee's Blueprint for Action is bearing fruit.

Upstairs there are two more sources of real excitement—one is the Community Achievement Contest, under the co-sponsorship of the GFWC and the Sears Roebuck Foundation. Ruth Gay is the one who will clarify for you any points you may have in regard to this contest which offers prizes amounting to \$60,000. Is your club entered?

Mrs. Irma W. Rennie's desk in the next office contains such data as "What to take to the Philadelphia Convention in the way of luggage so you can ship most of it home when you take the plane to Geneva" (for the first GFWC International Convention to be held outside of continental United States.) She has approximately 300 reservations for the Geneva Convention and European Trip.

If you come to 1734 N and stay for a little while—long enough to talk to some of these people—you will go home knowing they are at work in behalf of the Federation all of the time. They hope you will visit them and become an interpreter of "Federation" in your club and in your community. The Federation does not underestimate the power of Clubwomen in the America of 1955.

Sympathy is expressed to Mrs. Oscar Ahlgren, whose husband died of a heart attack, February 13, while he and Mrs. Ahlgren were vacationing in Miami Beach, Florida. Mrs. Ahlgren is the immediate past president of the G. F. W. C.

Let's Work for Our Community and Win a Prize, Too!

Mrs. Hollis Ingalls, Community Service Chairman

As we are all aware, the General Federation of Women's Clubs has announced the third Community Service Contest for all Clubwomen in every State and Country where there are Clubs. Here is a wonderful opportunity for you to work in your own Community, whether a crossroads or a metropolitan center, to make a better place in which to live and help make a better Country.

Mrs. Theodore Chapman, General Federation President, reminds us that Community Service is one of the two principal objectives of our Organization, and to justify the existence of your Club, it must do something for others. This contest is offered to Clubs as an aid to their continuing work for their communities. Every Community is in need of something—many need a great many things—to bring them nearer to the ideals of what they should be. Groups of every sort are urged to participate in this program, whether a Study group, a Cultural group, or a Mothers' Club.

No one group or individual can know what is best for a particular community, therefore emphasis is placed on your recruiting other groups or organizations to unite with you, in this improvement contest. Remember to include representatives from all—farmers, business men, labor, youth, church, etc. Choose projects only after you have carefully considered the funda-

mental needs of the community and the resources available. A good project with participation by all, will not only make your Community a better, more beautiful, more healthful, more law-abiding, more prosperous, safer, and more God like community, but it will also be an experience of Democracy in Action—giving all citizens a sense of belonging. It will also help them toward a kind of understanding which will keep us from National conflict and devastating War. Just as charity begins at home — so Democracy begins in our local communities!

The Sears Roebuck Foundation is cooperating with the Federation by offering substantial cash prizes to be awarded on the State, National and International levels. Prizes totaling \$60,000 are being offered (One Club may win up to \$10,000) and we know that these prizes are large enough and numerous enough to give every Woman's Club a real incentive and a reasonable chance to win. This Contest opened January 1, 1955 and will close March 1, 1956. Your project may be one started during the 54-55 Club year, or it may be a continuation of one started previous to this. It may be an Improvement project related to a neighborhood, a city or town, or it may be County-wide. Any Club is eligible to compete, individually or in joint entry with 2 or more Clubs in the

Community.

Projects for this Contest should benefit the Community as a whole—improve its appearance, supply added conveniences, advance its civic spirit, or give enlarged opportunity to its people. The following fields of work are suggested to help you in choosing your project:

Conservation activities and Facilities; Cultural activities and Facilities; Schools; Health; Youth; Citizenship; Government, Safety; Recreation; Welfare; Civil Defense

As soon as a Club decides to enter the Contest, duplicate entry blanks should be filled out and signed,—one for the General Federation, and one for our State President or Community Chairman. No final date for submitting entries has been set, for many clubs may wish to enter when they start their new club year in the fall, but do get your entry in at the earliest possible date!

As your State Community Service Chairman, I will be very happy to assist any Club in securing needed information on procedure, entry and rules for this Contest in which everyone is a winner. Whether you receive a cash award or not, your Club and your Community will be winners in helping to bring "God's Kingdom on earth as it is in Heaven".

Mrs. Hollis Ingalls
Community Service
Chairman

A GOOD CLUB MEMBER

Investigates the purpose, policy and pattern of the club before applying for membership.
Pays dues promptly, and accepts responsibility of membership.
Attends regularly, arriving at meetings on time, leaving the rear seats for late comers.
Gives courteous attention to presiding officer and program.
Is not too critical when the program is a disappointment to her.
Remembers that her club dues pay big returns on money invested.
Weighs carefully the pros and cons of any controversial matter confronting the club.
Upholds majority opinion but respects the right of the minority.
Supports all club projects.

Contributes her talent when she can help her club.
Accepts office only when she is qualified to do so.
Fills the office to which she is elected—or resigns.
Learns to make a good report by stating accurate information briefly.
Does not offend her audience by taking more than her allotted time on the program.
Is loyal to her club, and attempts to change the pattern only through democratic methods.
Is slow to advocate radical changes, which in all probability have been tried and found unsuccessful.
Is loyal to all officers of the club.
Is helpful and tolerant with the inexperienced.
Attends business meetings regularly.
Attends Federation Meetings.
Knows that Federation exerts an influence and achieves results which can not be realized by any single club.

Dexter Club Observes 75th Birthday



Left to right: Mrs. Harold Mountain of the executive board; Mrs. Hartwell Daley, secretary; Mrs. Hans Shurman, executive board; Mrs. H. L. Haskell, program chairman; and Mrs. Donald Brown, vice president.

"NOT MERELY FOR OURSELVES ALONE", THE MOTTO of the Dexter Woman's Literary Club, tells a great deal about the organization in a few words. This Motto was chosen when the club first formed in 1880, and could well be the reason why it has grown and flourished over the past 75 years.

The club pioneered the forming of the State Federation of Woman's Clubs. The Maine Federation being the first organized in the United States. The Dexter Woman's Literary Club became a part of the Federation in 1892 and is a charter member.

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Tibbetts was the first official President of the Club and the charter members: Miss Olive Abbott, Mrs. Frances A. Bradbury, Mrs. Ellen Clough, Mrs. Abby Chandler Corey, Mrs. Sarah Curtis, Mrs. Georgia Dole, Mrs. Ella Eldridge, Mrs. Ellen Eldridge, Miss Alice Foss, Mrs. Elizabeth Horton, Mrs. Lydia Jackson, Mrs. Annie Knight, Mrs. Ann Merrill, Miss Annie Patterson, Mrs. Ella Cleaves Sallee, Mrs. Agnes Sawyer, Mrs. Edith Sprague, Mrs. Eliza-

beth Tibbetts, and Miss Lucia Ella Weymouth.

After pioneering for a State Federation of Woman's Clubs, the Dexter group did not "sit back" as it were . . . but went on with its fine work and through the years has had chosen from its ranks, three State Federation Presidents . . . Mrs. Elizabeth Plummer, Mrs. Carrie Brewster and Mrs. Iola Plouff who is now State president.

So it is understandable, that the Dexter Woman's Literary Club is planning the celebration of its Diamond Anniversary with great pride.

A banquet was held at the Blethen House in Dover-Foxcroft on May 5th to commemorate the event. Invitations will be sent to the General Federation President, State Federation President, her executive Board, The Past Presidents of the State Federation, District Directors and the members of the Wassookeag Junior Literary Club members.

Mrs. Susanne M. Haines, past president holding seniority, cut the birthday cake.

Mrs. Erma Bentley, with the aid of Mrs. Haines, Mrs. Susan Hale

and Mrs. Blanche N. Atkins have compiled the history of the club for the past 75 years, the highlights of which were given at the banquet.

The planning committee comprises of Mrs. Audree Champeon, pres., Mrs. Helen Brown, Vice Pres., Mrs. Virginia Daley, sec., Mrs. Joyce Crosby, treas., Mrs. Madelyn Haskell, Program chrm., Mrs. Ruth Shurman, Mrs. Mabel Mountain, and Mrs. Elizabeth Larsen of the executive Board.

The Decorating committee had as chairman, Miss Marion Henderson aided by Mrs. Isabelle Hopkins, Mrs. Shirley Luce and Mrs. Myrtle Hall.

Mrs. Ethelyn Ramsey was chairman of the hospitality committee, Mrs. Emma Howard and Mrs. Jane Bryant served with her.

There is another Woman's Club in Maine to celebrate their 75th anniversary . . . it is the Auburn Art Club, which will commemorate its 75th birthday in April. The Dexter Woman's Literary Club and the Auburn Art Club are the first clubs in Maine to hold this distinction and are among the very few in the country to do so.



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President's Luncheon: Seated, left to right, Mrs. Edmund S. Muskie, Miss Margaret S. Lawton, and Mrs. Ervin A. Center. Standing are Mrs. William H. Berry, Mrs. M. Frank Goggins, and the four students who presented the afternoon's program: Miss Janice Tufts, Grant Reynolds, Robert L. Harlow and Miss H. Kay McLin.

President's Luncheon at WLU, Lewiston-Auburn

Mrs. Edmund S. Muskie, attractive wife of Maine's Governor, was honor guest at the annual President's Luncheon of the Woman's Literary Union, held Thursday afternoon at the Auburn clubhouse with more than 100 women in attendance. Accompanying Mrs. Muskie were Mrs. Herbert G. Espy, wife of Maine's Commissioner of Education, and Mrs. Catherine Rines, social secretary to Mrs. Muskie.

Miss Margaret S. Lawton, WLU president, had arranged the afternoon's program, which consisted of a debate by members of Bates College Debating Council on "Resolved, that the United States should extend diplomatic recognition to the Communist Government of China".

Other special guests were Mrs. William H. Berry of Gorham, director of District 12, Mrs. M. Frank Goggins, Auburn, director of District 11, and Mrs. Ervin A. Center of Steep Falls, first vice president of the MFWC.

Birthday Party



Mrs. Georgia Durgin was given a birthday party by the Ladies' Magazine Reading Club of Kezar Falls on her 90th birthday. She is a charter member of the club.

The churches and their organizations joined with the club in making it a very happy occasion for Mrs. Durgin. She received a purse of money, many other gifts and flowers. Her response to her friends was given in a charming manner, evidencing a keen sense of humor.

Club

The Bridgton Literary Club has had speakers for their programs ranging all the way from Mr. Perry Hayden, Superintendent of the Souht Windham, Maine, Reformatory for Men, to Miss Ava Merrill, schoolgirl, who was a delegate to Girls Nation in Washington, D. C. The Club has had three programs directly connected with books: one on "Books for Christmas Giving", a second covering the wives of the Presidents, and a third speaker on the "Writings of William Faulkner". A very delightful Christmas program was the contrasting of the old-fashioned Christmas and how we celebrate Christmas nowadays. An excellent program on European cooking was another feature of the year with a gigantic tasting party delighting everyone. We have only been able to hold one discussion meeting this year and that was on "Juvenile Delinquency — Causes and Cures". Discussion meetings seemed to be favorites with a great many of the club members. We have been fortunate enough to have a silversmith speak to us on his craft and that wonderful program was conducted by Mr. James Hamlin of New York City and North Bridgton, Maine. This spring was the appropriate time for a program on "Flower Arranging" and a great number was present for this fine meeting. At this meeting, holders of lucky numbers were given the beautiful corsages made at the meeting.

The Club is to be hostess to another woman's club in the near future and at that time they will all be conducted on a "Tour of Britain". This program is to be done by the members themselves by touring the different countries of the United Kingdom, having a color-sound film and appropriate refreshments following. In order to accomplish this meeting, we have been in contact with two women's clubs in Britain and in contact with two women's clubs in Britain and newspapers, magazines, and letters have been sent to the Club. This should certainly give us a clearer insight into the way of life of our sisters across the sea.

Doings

Auburn Art Club Notes 75th Anniversary

Mrs. Daniel L. Stetson was re-elected president of the Auburn Art Club at its annual luncheon meeting at the Elm Hotel, April 11, when the 75th anniversary of the club was observed.

Other officers for the coming year are Mrs. William Cox, vice president; Mrs. Daniel A. Barrell, secretary; Mrs. Elmer Campbell, treasurer; Mrs. Horace J. Cook, Mrs. George T. Bain and Mrs. Sam E. Conner, directors.

At the anniversary celebration, Miss Georgiana Lunt discussed the history of the club from 1880 to 1955. She pointed out that the organization was the first women's club of the community and the oldest federated women's club in the state.

Organized under the leadership of Mrs. Hettie Bearce Hochdauer on March 20, 1880, the club had as its original purpose the improvement of the mind through study of the fine arts. The membership, now limited to 45, has since added social and civic affairs to its educational program.

Charter members were Mrs. T. H. Rich, Mrs. R. C. Jewett, Mrs. Dana Goff, Mrs. F. L. Dingley, Mrs. E. A. Little, Mrs. W. W. Bolster, Sr., Mrs. A. M. Pulsifer, Mrs. J. R. Learned, Miss Frances Little, Mrs. M. C. Percival, Mrs. W. M. Chamberlain, Mrs. H. B. Pulsifer and Mrs. Hochdauer.

A scroll from the GFWC was presented to the club "in recognition and appreciation of distinguished service to the community and the nation."

Attending the anniversary celebration were 39 members and one guest. Bouquets of pink cut flowers and individual birthday cakes, each centered with a tiny candle, decorated the luncheon table.

In the club are one daughter and three granddaughters of original members. In the membership of 45 are also six daughters of later members.

Woman's Club of Gorham

Observes Fifth

"Good Citizenship" Day

The Woman's club of Gorham observed its fifth "Good Citizenship" day April 7th.

The "Good Citizenship" day was founded by Mrs. William H. Berry, past president of the club who was in charge of the program.

The project consists of seventh grade pupils of the schools of Gorham writing a theme on the subject, "What Good Citizenship means to Me". A record number of entries were received this year, and the judging committee found it difficult to choose the winning theme.

However, the theme of Miss Sarah Smearer of Frederick Robie school was chosen and as a guest of the club, read her theme to the club members present. Her theme is as follows:

"WHAT GOOD CITIZENSHIP MEANS TO ME"

Good Citizenship is a way of life not a subject to be learned. Most of us try to live as good citizens and we succeed to the degree that we

understand the duties of citizenship as well as our rights.

Surely if I live in a country whose protection and privileges I enjoy, it should be understood that I would be a true citizen and that I would be loyal to my country.

A good American citizen is loyal and patriotic. He is courageous, fair and intelligent.

I owe to my country's government a true understanding of its organizations, its works and problems.

Co-operation with others makes possible everything we do today. A good American citizen should know his country's history and understand the laws which the government makes for him, so that he won't get into any trouble by not obeying those laws.

Laws are the rules made by our government for the people to regulate their actions and are not made to disobey. In our wonderful country we have freedom of speech,

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Ammonconglin Literary Club

The Ammonconglin Literary Club, organized in 1892 and federated in 1893, is the oldest literary club in Westbrook and one of the oldest clubs in the State. The founder and first president, Mrs. Emeline Jackson, was a woman of high ideals whose whole life had been passed along educational lines.

The object of the club is the mutual improvement of its members in literature, science, art and current events. Aside from the regular course of study, the Club has undertaken several worthwhile projects.

About 54 years ago the Club became interested in the Maine Home for Boys, furnished a room to be known as the Ammonconglin Literary Club Room and has ever since contributed annually towards its maintenance.

Nearly 20 years ago the Club decided to furnish a children's room in the Walker Memorial Library.

The room which was most suitable for the children was the men's room. In order to carry out our project and meet Library regulations, we first had to make a new room for the men, including a new outside entrance. After this was done, we were free to commence our work in the children's room. Murals on canvas, the subjects being nursery rhymes, were painted by art students of the Westbrook schools under the supervision of Mr. Ansel Sterling, Art Supervisor. In November, 1943, we held open house in the newly decorated rooms.

We consider this children's room as our major project and constantly contribute to its needs. Our donations have consisted of the following: an American flag; victrola and records; money for books; projector, films and screen; children's tables and chairs and expenses necessary for the upkeep of the room.

Club Projects

(Continued)

CASTINE

est in the Wilson Museum, and to win the cooperation of the entire town, that of the men as well as the women, to plan for the expected friendly invasion of the town. When the big day was over the Woman's Club members felt that the effort, so well directed by Mrs. Norman Doudiet, had been very much worth while. The sum realized gave start to plans for a scholarship fund.

The Castine Woman's Club Educational Fund was established in May 1952 and the second Open Homes Day was organized to help finance the project. From this Fund a \$150.00 scholarship may be awarded annually on the basis of high character, outstanding qualities of leadership and citizenship in school and community, scholarship and financial need, to a resident of the town of Castine in his or her senior year of high or preparatory school, and who has made definite plans for entering college.

The second Open Homes Day was held in August 1952. In addition to the beautiful old homes, an added attraction that day was an exhibition of art and handicraft of Castine. A good sum of money was realized and added to the Club treasury, making it possible to offer and award scholarships to high and preparatory school graduates who had been accepted for admission to college. The first Award of \$150 was made in 1953; the second in 1954. Much of the success of the drive for the Scholarship Fund is due to the earnest efforts of Mrs. Arthur Fairley, president of the Club from 1952 to 1954.

In the summer of 1953 the Scholarship Fund was increased by money realized from our Antique Doll and Hobby Show. A notable exhibit was the doll show. Many of the dolls, and most of the doll furniture had been treasured by several generations of local families, or club members. The same was true of the exhibits of old china, glass, furniture, pewter, wearing apparel, engravings and photographs of by-gone days. Examples of the work of local artists linked the present talent of Castine to that of the past. A corner of the exhibition hall showing hooked rugs was high-lighted by a demonstration of

"hooking" as done in Castine today. In another corner a club member who is a skillful weaver was working at her loom, surrounded by many beautiful handwoven articles. Only a cause dear to the hearts of the people of Castine could have induced everyone to exhibit their personal treasures.

In February of this year a large card party was held at the home of the President, Mrs. William W. Warlick, for the benefit of the Scholarship Fund. Not only was the occasion a most enjoyable one but a substantial amount was raised.

The Castine Club's interest in Youth extends beyond the local confines of Castine. Provision is made in our budget for practically all the state institutions in Maine which solicit our aid. The Club regularly sends Christmas gifts to children under county welfare, and boxes of children's clothing have been sent to Korea and Germany.

The appeal of the "Save the Children Federation" of New York City led to the adoption by the Club of a Greek child. In November 1952 it was voted to raise by voluntary contribution eight dollars a month to sponsor a Greek girl, then six years old. Her widowed mother had also a son nine years old. The little girl had defective leg muscles due to malnutrition. Since then, in addition to the \$96.00 per year, club members have sent three boxes of clothing, food, and toys at Christmas time. Last Christmas an additional special collection of twenty-nine dollars was sent. Little Devora and her mother write very gratefully to Mrs. Frederick B. Dodge, Chairman of the Greek Child Fund.

Program Chairmen: The March issue of The Clubwoman has many, many ideas for club programs. Ask your president for her copy if you don't have your own. General Federation Headquarters will also send you a leaflet listing material available there. (Address: 1734 N St., N. W., Washington 6, D. C.)

"QUOTES"

Happiness means love felt, but it remains incomplete unless it culminates in service, which means love expressed . . . H. R. Gench.

Love your enemies and you will have none . . . Tolstoi.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP

freedom of the press, freedom from want. Government is the combination of laws, customs and offices that carry on business.

In making the laws, the legislative department makes the laws; the executive department puts them into effect; the judicial department interprets their meaning and deals with those who disobey them.

Citizenship is a wonderful thing and most people are becoming better citizens of the United States of America.

We in the United States should have respect for our families, love our country and be loyal to it.

Sarah Smearer

Age 12

Frederick Robie School

Sarah is the second girl to receive the plaque awarded by the club since the beginning of the project. Honorable mention was given to Patricia Ann Lewis of Gorham and Donald Kreiton of White Rock School.

Special guests at the meeting were Mrs. George Smearer, mother of Sarah, and Mrs. Fulton W. Blake, District Director of District 13, Maine Federation of Women's clubs.

PROGRAM PLANNING

well in advance of the first meeting, with a theme running throughout the entire club year. However, ample opportunity for flexibility should be allowed because of our rapidly changing times and the need for timely programs.

"As the walls of our homes have expanded to include our community, so the boundaries of our clubs should include the community in program planning as well as in civic action.

"It is important that all clubs include controversial subjects in their programs and to be sure to have both sides equally presented even though your club or the Federation has taken a stand on one side. Remember, also that we are no longer a non-partisan organization we are a bi-partisan organization. This is no 'politics'—it is Citizenship."

As we must account for every idle word, so we must for every idle silence . . . Benjamin Franklin

What They Wanted to Know

Mrs. J. Marden DeShon,
Parliamentarian

Question—Should a recording secretary collect dues from the members?

Answer—The duties of officers are usually stated in the bylaws of a club or organization and in most instances state that "The treasurer of an organization is always custodian of its funds, and generally receives such funds and disburses them on the order of the club (by a vote) or order from the board or executive committee." In every case there should be some authority for the disbursement.

Question—What action is taken on the report of a nominating committee?

Answer—No action. This is a list of name to be voted on as officers for an ensuing year. The list is passed to the president who thanks the committee and asks if there are other nominations, for each office, from the floor.

Question—If bylaws say the secretary shall be instructed to cast the ballot for the election of officers is that sufficient?

Answer—It would appear in such an instance that what is meant is instruction from the assembly by a unanimous vote to that effect, since the mere instruction by the presiding officer is not sufficient.

Question—Is it proper to have a motion to adjourn a meeting before the program is given?

Answer—A presiding officer may adjourn the business meeting if she wishes; however, the program is a part of the meeting and should be recorded in the minutes. Incidentally parliamentarians are saying more and more that a meeting may be adjourned by general consent. Instead of a motion the officer would say "If there is no objection the meeting is adjourned." After all, who votes "No" on a motion to adjourn?

Question—Does an officer make a motion for the adoption of a resolution or recommendation she herself has presented?

Answer—In no case does an officer make or indicate a motion relating to anything in her own report.

Question—When should a presiding officer stand and when sit?

Answer—The presiding officer is supposed to stand when opening a meeting, when formally addressing the assembly, putting motions to vote and declaring a meeting adjourned. Not when asking for or during the reading of reports by

officers or committee chairman. A good rule to follow "Only one person standing at a time."

Question—When do bylaws go into effect?

Answer—Immediately upon their adoption unless by previous agreement or by a schedule adopted while the bylaws are under discussion specifying a later time. The same of course applies to any amendment to a bylaw.

A morning class in Parliamentary Procedure will be held at Poland Spring.

CINEMA GUIDE, *HIGHLY RECOMMENDED PICTURES

***EAST OF EDEN** WARNER ELIA KAZAN
DRAMA ADULT

The final third of John Steinbeck's novel is the basis of this gripping drama of disturbed people. It is realistic, somber, and cries out for more love and security for the young in any home. Superb direction, and off-angle photography lend to the picture's mood. Its title comes from Genesis: "Then Cain left the presence of the Eternal to stay in Nod (Wanderland), east of Eden." It tells the story of Adam Trask and his two sons, who believe their mother dead. The unloved boy Cal (Cain), and the favored boy Aron (Abel), are reaching manhood in 1917. It is set in California. Burl Ives, Raymond Massey, and Julie Harris are the more familiar names in the cast. Top honors go to a new actor James Dean, who plays Cal with great sympathy and ability.

***THE GLASS SLIPPER** MGM CHARLES WALTERS MODERN FAIRY TALE FAMILY

Cinderella is given a 20th century treatment against the German countryside of the 18th century. Beautiful ballets are featured throughout. Leslie Caron is our Ella, bringing us the flavor of her work in LILI. It is done with a satiric twist of fun and fantasy. You'll love it!

***THE BLACKBOARD JUNGLE** MGM DRAMA
RICHARD BROOKS ADULT

This searing portrayal of the goings-on in a trade school in New York City is taken from Evan Hunter's novel that created a flurry of excitement recently. Excellent acting on the part of many "unknown" teenagers adds to the authentic quality of the film, and establishes this in spite of its shocking indictments. We wish they had given us more of the homes these young hoodlums come from, as a background for judgment and correction. Investigation assures us that there is substantial truth of such conditions. It is starred to bring it to ADULT attention, for we should know about this stark situation.

Junior Journal (Continued)

WASSOKEAG

The club sent a subscription to the "Pathfinder" to our mental hospital in Bangor.

At Christmas time, the gals made sprays for the doors of a convalescent home. At this time we also sent a complete home cooked dinner to a needy family.

A subscription to the "Maine Federation News" and the "General Federation Clubwoman" was placed in our local library during library month.

Our programs this year have been both enlightening and entertaining. At the beginning of our club year, we held a point meeting with clubs from Guilford and Fairfield and had as speaker, Florence Matthew. At a later date an interesting talk was given by a foreign exchange student from the University of Maine. The editor of our local paper who recently traveled abroad, also spoke to us.

We took advantage of the M. F. W. C. art collection at a February meeting. We've had a hobby night, music night and mock town meeting planned and carried out entirely by members.

We've made donations to over fifteen philanthropic purposes, both of monetary and material value.

We've discovered food sales to be the most profitable means of raising funds.

Within our group are Den Mothers, brownie and girl scout leaders, a Sunday school teacher, many who serve in the Ground Observer Corps and others who have assisted in various drives and charitable benefits.

We've reinstated two members and initiated three new members this year.

All in all, we feel we've had a successful and beneficial year and are proud to be a member of the Junior Membership of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs.

Jane Reed, President

TWIN VILLAGE

books. Local dealers have been contacted and asked to stock only approved comics.

Approximately 7000 stamps have been collected for the Wounded Veterans Project.

The annual meeting at which the sponsoring Senior Club is invited was held in February. The interest and support of the Seniors this year is very gratifying. Speaker at this meeting was a Baptist minister who spoke on Panama, the land wherein he lived for several years. Aside from his subject, he said that we should exercise our effort to keep people out of our state institutions and should strike at the

cause rather than the cure.

Another recent outstanding speaker was the Superintendent of Schools, whose topic was "Characteristics of Children at Different Levels."

In March, the Twin Village Club was honored by having as guests the State Federation President, Mrs. Norman Fay Plouff, and Director of District 9, Mrs. Stephen Patrick.

One of the most active and fruitful years of its organization has been experienced by this club during 1954-55.

Florence Matthew
Publicity Chairman

JUNIOR HONOR SCORE CARD FOR 100% CLUBS

Questions 1 through 6 worth 10 points each; questions 7 through 14 worth 5 points each.

Points

1. Did you invite as guest speaker, a State or District officer or chairman? (Joint meetings will count.)
2. Did you donate 5000 stamps for the Wounded Veterans' project?
3. Did you participate in at least two of the projects listed in the "Objectives" under the International Affairs Department? (Please list.)
4. Did you have a delegate to the Mid-Winter Conference in Bangor?
5. Has your Club membership increased this year?
6. Have you had activities toward removing obscene Comics from your community? (State what has been done.)
7. Did you keep a Scrap Book?
8. Did you send your Club Year Book to your Junior Chairman?
9. Did you participate in one of the projects listed on the "Objectives" under the Veterans Affairs Division? (Explain which ones..)
10. Did you contribute to the Penny Art Fund?
11. Did you subscribe to the Maine Federation News?
12. Did you contribute to the Bookmobile?
13. Did you contribute to at least two local drives and/or charities? (Red Cross, Cancer, etc.)
14. Did you return this Honor Score Card to your Junior Chairman before April 1st?

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Mrs. Norman Fay Plouff, and Mrs. Irving Boston of Kennebunkport are attending the first International Convention of the G. F. W. C. to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, May 29-June 1st. Mrs. Milo B. Clarke of Ellsworth, plans to attend one session, while touring Europe.

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Mrs. Bert MacKenzie is transportation chairman for the annual convention of the G. F. W. C. to be held in Philadelphia, and the following have signed to go with her by bus: Mrs. John Authier, Biddeford; Mrs. Ralph Bowers, Waterville; Mrs. Howard Carroll, Fairfield; Mrs. James Cook, Damariscotta; Mrs. Ervin A. Center, Steep Falls; Mrs. Clarence Crosby, Dexter; Mrs. LeRoy Folsom, Norridgewock; Mrs. William B. Hilton, Anson; Mrs. Sadie Jewell, Orono; Mrs. Harold Mountain, Dexter; Mrs. Donald Maxfield, Guilford; Mrs. Freeman Sampson, Orono; Mrs. Wallace Ripley, Damariscotta; Mrs. Walter Taylor, Norridgewock.

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If your club has more than 35 members, an attractive lady will visit your club "for free", and present a program, titled "The Magic Suitcase"? Write to Mr. Ross Fearon, Tidewater Oil Co., Portland, Maine, for a date.

We have to our credit another very successful American Home Day? Our sincere thanks are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Paul for providing such a beautiful setting for our program, and for the delightful slides, and lecture. To Mary Gordon, TWA and Marceline Marquis, we say thank you for your share in making our American Home Day outstanding.

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A reception was held at Headquarters on March 3, commemorating the anniversary of the granting of the charter to the General Federation of Women's Clubs? A pamphlet, "Years of Achievement 1890-1955" may be had for the asking. Write to G. F. W. C. headquarters.

A GOOD PRESIDENT

- Conducts a meeting, does not dominate it.
 - Knows Parliamentary Law and uses it.
 - Knows the rules of club procedure, and applies them so skillfully that they are not obvious to the audience.
 - Exact obedience to the by-laws, and permits necessary changes to be only by proper methods.
 - Trains herself to think quickly, to speak simply and audibly.
 - Cultivates poise, realizing that the club reflects the attitude of the chair.
 - Is courteous to all exacting courtesy in return.
 - Is young enough to understand the viewpoint of Junior club women—old enough and wise enough to preside with dignity.
 - Is friendly, tactful, magnetic, sincere, and well groomed.
 - Has a sense of humor, and a ready appreciation of work well done.
 - Develops a sense of balance, learning to put first things first.
 - Tries to meet the demands of her office, and guide the progress of her club, but travels with the group, never too far in advance.
 - Begins and closes her meetings on time.
 - Does not keep club speakers waiting.
 - Answers correspondence promptly.
 - Does not pay her social obligations with club appointments.
 - Selects chairmen and delegates because of their fitness for the job, and acquaints them with their duties and obligations.
 - Discourages cliques and inspires cooperation.
 - Becomes acquainted with new members and sees that each one is given some job and made to feel a part of the club.
 - Continues worthwhile work begun by her predecessor, thus preserving continuity of effort.
 - Exchanges courtesies with other clubs and represents her club creditably in local affairs.
 - Attends district meetings, State and G. F. W. C. meetings when possible.
 - Invites Federation officers to her club and gives them an opportunity to take part in program.
 - Knows that a successful Federation is a successful club multiplied many times.
- A GOOD PRESIDENT IS, FIRST OF ALL, A GOOD MEMBER.**

-- Introducing --

When you introduce a speaker you've a special job to do,

But before you start your speaking let me give a hint or two.

The speaker has a message that he really wants to tell And perhaps he knows his subject and can give it very well.

Don't try to tell in detail all the history of his race. Don't try to glamorize him 'til he hardly knows his place.

Don't put him on a pedestal. His feet are made of clay He'd rather just be introduced so he can have his say. Don't go so deep into his talk that he will say, "That's fine."

My talk's been given. Thank you all. I'll come some other time."

Do make your introduction short and the audience and the speaker then will give their thanks to you.

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Books for Clubwomen

STATUS OF WOMEN'S DIVISION

Miss Hortense York—Division Chairman

A Primer of Study for Status of Women

Women Suffrage and Politics—Catt and Shuler. On loan from Headquarters.

Understanding Politics—Louise M. Young. On loan from Headquarters.

How to Go Into Politics—Hugh D. Scott.

Organization Notes for Political Leaders. Free from Headquarters. Courtesy of Women's Division, Democratic National Committee.

So You Want to Be a Politician. Free from Headquarters. Courtesy of Women's Division, Republican National Committee.

A Political Handbook for Women—Eve Garrett. On loan from Headquarters.

Women in High Level Positions—Sara A. Whitehurst. On loan from Headquarters.

Ladies of Courage—Eleanor Roosevelt and Lorena Hickock. Secured from Library or Bookstore.

Woman with a Sword—Hollister Noble.

The Lady of Arlington—Harnett Thomas Keene.

Angels and Amazons—Inez H. Irwin.

What the United Nations is Doing for the Status of Women. Department of Public Information, United Nations, Lake Success, New York, Price 15c.

Guide to Foreign Information Sources. Foreign Commerce Dep't., Chamber of Commerce of U. S., Washington 6, D. C. (alphabetical list of those countries maintaining an embassy or legation in Washington, D. C.)

The following bulletins and pamphlets available from Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. Summary of State Labor Laws for Women, 1953, D-66, free.

1954 Handbook on Women Workers, Bulletin No. 255, Price 30c.

Status of Women in the United States, 1953, Bulletin 249, Price 15c.

Older Women as Office Workers, Bulletin 248, — 25c. Entry and Re-entry of the Older Woman in the Labor Market, Mimeo D-69, free.

Women in Higher Level Positions, Bulletin No. 236, 1950, Price 25c.

Bibliography on Employment Problems of Older Women, D-70, Price 35c.

MRS. LILLIAN PATTEE

Chairman Garden's Division
Through the Garden Gate

Spring is coming, and Mrs. Chester E. Martin of Atlanta, Georgia, Chairman of the Gardens Division of the G. F. W. C. has issued a fascinating bulletin, called "Around the World with Flowers". I suggest you use this bulletin for a program for your club.

NEW BOOKS

Reviewed by Mrs. Marion Stubbs, State Librarian

Camping characters on Casco Bay

by Katherine F. Berry

Summer visitors life in the early and later 1900s near the New Meadows River.

America's music by Gilbert Chase

The origin and growth of all the music from the psalms of the Pilgrims, and the tribal music of the Indians to the rise of jazz and experiments in symphonic and operatic mediums.

Gordon of Khartoum by Lord Elton

The extraordinary story of General Charles George Gordon.

The white desert by John Glaever

Official account of the Norwegian-British-Swedish Antarctic Expedition told vividly and enriched with photographs and maps.

Bent's fort by David Lavender

A finely written account of the adobe empire that shaped the destiny of the American Southwest.

Wandering minstrels we: the story of Gilbert and Sullivan by Sigmund Lavine

A most intimate, amusing and readable book.

Our first ladies by Jane and Burt McConnell

From Martha Washington to Mamie Eisenhower we find intimate portraits of the wives of the presidents.

All in one day by Hilda Libby Ives

Most of this volume concerns the experiences gained by the author in her home state, Maine. She also, however, tells some of her deeply moving experiences in India, the Holy Land and with the Quakers in postwar Germany.

Exploring Mars by Robert S. Richardson

In an informative and fascinating manner a well-known astronomer prepares us for what we may discover by presenting the known facts and some interesting speculations.

Jean Sibelius: a master and his work

by Nils-Eric Ringbom

Besides a general survey and analysis of the development of the composer's music there is also an account of his life.

Haiti: the black republic by Selden Rodman

Mr. Rodman has spent much time in the country and is said by Haitians themselves to be the foreign author most attuned to the life of their people. The book has fine illustrations.

How to plan the rural church program

by Calvin Schnucker

Emphasis is placed not on the church itself but on the people which the church can serve.

Science milestones, Science Digest

Here are the dramatic stories of many men and one woman who made scientific history.

Talking It Over

Have you ever considered the power of your place in life as a woman, and especially as a homemaker? In the Christopher News Notes for May, 1955, is an article on "The Power of the Homemaker", which will be of interest to all.

The article points out that there were 400,000 divorces in 1954, with an estimated million or more children cheated of the love, inspiration and guidance of both parents.

Among the positive and constructive steps that can be taken to slow this trend, perhaps the most effective move is to keep reminding the wives and mothers of America to make their voices heard and their influence for good felt in a more articulate way. Here are some ways suggested in the article:

1. **Realize you have a divine mission to perform as wife and mother.** You are a co-worker with the Almighty. You are a homemaker, not "just a housewife."

2. **Make your home a center of love and joy.** You in your own special way have the power, the ability, the duty, plus the grace to cheer and inspire your husband and children. With patient perseverance coupled with prayerful dependence upon God you will find yourself able to discipline and get results that could never be achieved by being frustrated, fault-finding and generally disagreeable.

3. **Keep the family ever-conscious of spiritual ideals.** The wife and mother sets the tone of the home. Encourage the custom of having the entire family together at meals as often as practical. Begin and end meals with grace. Include a time in the daily schedule for family prayers and the reading of a short selection from the Bible or some spiritual book.

4. **Sanctify your household duties.** If a sense of faith, hope and charity pervades everything you do; if even the most menial tasks—dishwashing, making beds, dusting—are regarded as holy, purposeful acts in raising a family, they lose that deadly, dull monotony that makes housework a drudgery instead of a labor of love.

5. **Inspire both husband and children to bring the love and truth of Christ into the market place.** If

circumstances prevent them from being in careers with a vital purpose, keep them ever conscious of the important contribution they can make individually by participating in political affairs, registering and voting, especially in primaries, attending labor meetings and other organizations to which they belong, as well as to make their voices heard in policy shaping.

6. **Show an active interest in good government,** the strengthening of your schools, the betterment of entertainment and literature, and the raising and maintenance of high standards in other fields that have an influence on your home and family. Your efforts in these directions will safeguard the well-being of both your children and generations to come. Always remember, however, that household duties come first.

7. **Encourage your family and friends to be discriminating** in what they read in newspapers, magazines and books and in what they see and hear over radio and television . . . If more people would encourage good magazine articles, good movies, good radio and television entertainment, it would help to discourage those who are spreading evil.

8. **Make it a habit to write letters or postcards of your likes and dislikes** to your representatives in government, newspapers, movie companies, radio and television sponsors. A well thought-out, constructive note one lady sent a network resulted in changing its whole policy regarding a program she felt

needed improvement. Keep 25 or 50 postcards handy, so you can write without delay. Putting it off to the next day may mean not doing it at all.

Be sure to send a note of approval when a good job has been done. This does more to bring about good results than a bucketful of complaints.

9. **Pray always.** Pray for those near and dear to you. Pray for public officials, for your children's teachers, for your neighbors, business associates, for your enemies.

Remember that Christ said: "The harvest indeed is great, but the labourers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He send forth labourers into His harvest." (Luke 10:2)

Wouldn't it be wonderful if a brief prayer you uttered while doing the laundry was instrumental in stimulating even one person with high ideals and ability to fill one of the 100,000 vacancies among teachers?

Yes, by prayer and by work, you—the wife, the mother, the homemaker—can do far more than you imagine . . . yes, you can change the world from the sanctuary of your home.

The sympathy of Maine Clubwomen goes out to Mrs. Ervin Center, first vice president, MFWC, and to Mrs. George Kendall, president of the York Woman's Club, each of whom lost their husband in April.



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The American Home: Our Heritage and Our Responsibility

ENRICHED FAMILY LIFE

Mrs. Gilbert F. Loebs of Waterville, Maine, Chairman of the Home Department of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, has issued ten suggestions for enriching family life, as follows:

1. Have fun together at home—home should be a place to have a good time; where members of the family can enjoy each other; play games together; listen to a special radio broadcast or watch a TV program; sing together.
2. Celebrate special days—Birthdays, Anniversaries, Holidays.
3. Share experiences—family togetherness grows as we share our everyday occurrences. Do you have a Family Council?
4. Have fun together outside—movie night; shopping tour; fishing trip.
5. Work together—any work done together brings rare fellowship.
6. Understand each other—Dad may be cross because of business worries. Mother is concerned about late hours because she cares so much. When we try to understand, we can help each other.
7. Have friends in for informal get-togethers. This gives a glow to everyday living and opens the windows of the home to all the world.
8. Go to Church together—This will strengthen home life, foster courage, provide uplift, quiet taut nerves.
9. Worship Together—Let's give thanks every day. "For what we are about to receive, dear Lord, make us truly thankful. Grant us Thy guidance through the affairs of the day, and at its close, Thy peace. Amen."
10. Give sacrificially—Share your blessings with the needy. This is a service to the Lord Himself.

(Quoted in part from the pamphlet, "Enriching Family Life," distributed by National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., 79 East Adams Street, Chicago 3, Illinois. 3c each, \$2.00 per 100)

NOTE: In a recent bulletin, Mrs. Loebs made several suggestions for programs, one, on the role of women in the modern world; and two, men as family members. The latter shows the father's role in everyday living. These would be good programs for panel discussion.

Among the projects which Mrs. Loebs lists for 1955- 1956 are the observance of American Home Week, November 21-27, and the observance of Let's Worship Together Sunday, on November 27th.

Women's pages of newspapers are always interested in home programs, so talk this over with your favorite local women's page editor and see how she will help you to dramatize it.



Clubwomen gathered at a meeting held at the home of Mrs. Fulton Blake, director of district 13: Left to right, Mrs. Nelson Grace, chairman of Gerontology, North Limington; Mrs. Vera Rowe, president of Research Club, Limerick; Mrs. Marguerite Hayes, first vice president of Research Club, Limerick; and Mrs. Myrtle Audibert, president of Olympian Club, Kennebunkport.

HEMOCRAFTERS

There will be a national hooked and braided rug contest at the Eastern States Exposition this summer? Rug entries will be received from April 1, to August 15. For information write to Mrs. Ione F. Winans, Director of Home Department, Eastern States Exposition, West Springfield, Mass.

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A 1955 Nationwide Crochet Contest, open to all crocheters, offers prize money as well as three all-expense trips to New York City? Write to National Needlecraft Bureau, Inc., 430 Park Ave., New York 22, N. Y.

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