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Dear Maine Clubwomen:

Autumn is with us again and time to think about our work together. I am looking forward to another year of real endeavor and accomplishments. With the help and cooperation of each club and every clubwoman, great things can be done in our state during the months ahead. Whatever we achieve and build together during my administration will be credited to the united efforts of all Maine Clubwomen.

As we begin our club year I am asking each club to do three things.

1. Open each meeting with a period of devotion or the Club Collect;
2. Display the American Flag;
3. Repeat the American Creed or give the Pledge of Allegiance.

In most cases the work of the Departments and Division will continue the same as outlined in the manual last year. From time to time, if there are changes, you will be notified.

The deadline for the Community Achievement Contest has been extended to Nov. 15th. Maine does not have as many entries as I would like. I know there are many more clubs doing something for their community but are too modest to say so. Won't you hurry and get those entries in?

The GFWC Maintenance Fund will be continued again this year. At the Asheville Convention I reported Maine donated \$97.50. I hope you will all find it a pleasure to donate a small sum for the upkeep of our beautiful Club House at Headquarters - 1734 N St. N.W., Washington, D.C.

What about your membership? Is your club growing? Do you encourage and welcome all women in the community into your club? Will you open your club to new members whose fresh enthusiasm and spirit will put new life into your organization? We must reach out into our communities for new members if our Federation is to grow. There are two things that I'm asking each club to do this year. 1. Each club to increase its membership by at least two new members. 2. Organize or sponsor a new club in each District

Your many thoughts and good wishes and cards sent my way while I was ill are greatly appreciated. I wish I might have the opportunity to thank you separately. It is your kindness and thoughtfulness of me that makes serving as your President such an happy experience for me.

I hope you have enjoyed a restful summer and are ready to renew your club and Federation activities with enthusiasm. This thought I share with you.

"Dear God, how kind you are
to me,
To give me all earth's beauty
free The birds to sing through
all my life,
The flowers to bloom on roads
of strife,
A mountainside where I can
roam,
A sheltered path that leads me
home,
The sky of every shade and hue,
And then, O God, to give me
you."

Faithfully,

Eleanor Syphers Garner

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MRS. MACKENZIE ELECTED

There were 7 from the Maine Federation in attendance at the New England Conference in Sept. at the Hotel Griswold, Conn. Mrs. Bert A. MacKenzie, Past President of the MFWC, was elected to serve the New England Conference as Vice-President for the next two years. Other officers are: Mrs. Lewis C. Stevens, Worcester, Mass., President; and Mrs. Wilfred Bodine, Bellows Falls, Vt., Sec.-Treas. Those from Maine attending were: Mrs. MacKenzie, Mrs. W. Bradford Cushman, Mrs. William H. Berry, Mrs. Donald Maxfield, Miss June Small, Mrs. William Powers and Mrs. Allen F. Garner. Maine will be the hostess state in 1958. The conference will be held at the Marshall House, York Harbor, Sept. 8-9-10, 1958.

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GREEK CLUBWOMAN ENTERTAINED

Mrs. Froso Eftimiadi-Menegaki of Athens, Greece, a noted Sculptress and a member of the National Council of Greek Women, which is affiliated with our Council of International Clubs of the GFWC, made her first visit to America this year and was guest of honor at the Riverside Woman's Club International Relations Luncheon at Kittery.

Sister Froso was invited by our government as a participant in the Foreign Leader's Program of the International Educational Exchange Service of the U.S. Dept. of State, and traveled throughout the United States visiting universities, museums, and art institutes, contacting many leaders in art, architecture and sculpture.

Mrs. Merle Mitchell, Chairman of the Riverside Club's International Relations Committee has corresponded with Mrs. Eftimiadi-Menegaki for eleven years.

NEW CONTEST BY VOGUE PATTERNS

All clubs will be receiving soon the rules for the new sewing contest sponsored by the G.F.W.C. in cooperation with the Vogue Pattern Service. All clubwomen are eligible and I hope many of you whom have talent in sewing will be entering the contest. National judging will be May 1, 1958. States entries must be completed by April 1. The outfit "What a Clubwoman Should Wear" will be judged locally by March 1, and in each District by March 15.

Further details will be sent you by Mrs. Stanley Austin, Crafts Chairman, MFWC.

Mrs. W. Bradford Cushman, Past President MFWC, is Crafts Chairman in the GFWC and is in charge of this contest. We certainly would like to honor Mrs. Cushman by having a Maine entry.

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FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT-ART. DIV.
Mrs. Raymond Oakes, Chairman

The year 1957 was a good one in the Art Work of our Federation. Let us make 1958 a better one.

There will again be a \$100 Art Scholarship award to a senior high school student upon a competitive basis. Any high school senior is eligible to submit an original painting done in one of three mediums - Oil, Water Color, or Pastel. His subject may be of his own choosing with emphasis on Maine locale. It may be historical in nature, scenic or allegorical. Further details may be obtained from your art chairman. This fund is available only through your contributions to the penny art fund.

The student winning our MFWC contest is entitled to compete with winners from the other 47

states in the Hallmark Contest. Three Scholarships are awarded in this contest - \$400, \$300, and \$200.

Suggestions for the year's work:

1. Contribute 100% to Penny Art Fund.
2. Observe Art Week Nov. 2.
- A. Speaker on Art, B. Demonstration of painting or sculpture. C. Visits to Art Museums or Exhibits.
- D. Review work of old masters.
3. For a season's study or single program, Art in Religion might be used.
4. Encourage young talent in Art.
5. Encourage members to form Art Groups.

GARDENS DIVISION

The purpose of the GFWC Gardens Div. is to stimulate a knowledge of horticulture, landscape gardening, and the art of flower arrangement; to aid in the conservation of nature plants; to promote the protection of birds; and to encourage civic planting.

Several factors account for the lack of many club members participating in Federated Garden Club Activities such as: limited membership and time of meeting. Suggestions to alleviate this situation: A. Form a Garden Group within your club. B. Provide a plant or flowers for shut-ins and elderly people in your community. C. Encourage children to use litter bags and to feed the birds in the winter; provide feeding stations and keep water in bird baths during dry season. D. Purchase and maintain a live community Christmas Tree.

Questions to be asked on your Activity Report: 1. Did your club follow any of these suggestions? 2. How many members formed a Garden Group? 3. Did you provide a plant or flowers for a shut-in or elderly person?

The above suggestions have been outlined by the new Chairman of the Gardens Div., Mrs. George Hersom, 91 Chestnut Street, Camden, Maine.

CLUB PRESIDENTS: Be sure to send your club Yearbooks to the Fed. members listed in your MFWC Directory under General Information. Please send \$1 for the Directory and copies of this Newsletter to Mrs. Harry A. Merrifield, Kezar Falls, Sub. Ch.

MRS. ARNOLD, N.H., TO RUN FOR 3RD VICE-PRESIDENT, GFWC

Mrs. Dexter O. Arnold, Concord, N.H., Recording Secretary of the General Federation is a candidate for the office of 3rd Vice-Pres. in the G.F.W.C. New England has not had a Pres. since Mrs. LaFell Dickinson was President several years ago. The New England Conference is sponsoring Mrs. Arnold for this office. The six New England State Presidents are Honorary Chairmen of the Committee for Mrs. Arnold's election. Mrs. W. Bradford Cushman is the contact person for Maine.

The election will be held in Detroit in June, 1958 so it is very important for as many New Englanders as possible to be at the convention. If a substantial number wish to go by train or bus arrangements may be made to join with the N.H. or Mass. groups. Let's all start saving our money to be on hand in Detroit to vote for Mrs. Arnold.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

District 1,	Fort Fairfield,	Sept.
"	2, Bangor	"
"	3, "	"
"	4, Skowhegan,	Oct. 30
"	5, Wilton,	Oct. 22
"	6, "	" "
"	7, Jonesport,	Oct. 17
"	8, Ellsworth,	Oct. 16
"	9, Damariscotta,	Sept.
"	10, Skowhegan,	Oct. 30
"	11, Auburn,	Oct. 23
"	12, Portland,	Nov. 14
"	13, "	" "

There has been excellent attendance at the meetings already held. It is hoped that all clubwomen will want to meet with the officers and director at the meetings to be held later in Oct. and Nov. Remember this is your Federation and it can only be as strong as you, the local club makes it. So join us at your district meeting.