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Dear Maine Clubwomen:

As I write this March is coming in "like a lion" in my section of Maine but I do not mind for I know that Spring will soon be showing her smiling face. I am still thinking of our most successful Mid-Winter Meeting in Augusta and how pleasant it was to see so many of you again.

Many have written that it was a fine convention and I have been so happy to hear from you and to know that you felt it worthwhile.

The resolutions that were passed were a wonderful example of the thinking of our organization. It has been most gratifying to learn that many of you wrote our delegation in Washington of the feeling in regards to Pay TV, the legislation sponsored by Representative Hale against erection of Bill Boards on our highways; favor of the Humane Slaughter Bill. I have had letters from our delegation thanking us for the action taken. Representative Hale wrote that he was having our resolution printed in the Congressional Record.

I have been gratified by the splendid reports sent in by the club presidents and the reports of the Department and Division Chairmen. These reports, while a task for the clubs gives us a true picture of the wonderful work you are doing on the local level.

It does not seem possible that two years have gone by so swiftly and that our annual convention in Portland, June 17, 18, 19, 1958, we will have a new administration. We have many fine and capable women in the Maine Federation to whom we must look for the leadership of our organization. A candidate must be endorsed by her club for an office..... I will be most happy to learn from clubs the candidate whom they wish to nominate. Please write me giving name, office aspired, background and offices held in

club or state, before April 15th, that I may announce the names of the candidates in my next Newsletter in May.

I know that you are all busy finishing up your year's work and my every good wish goes out to you.....I hope to see many of you at the American Home Day, April 1st, or our annual convention in June. Until then

Faithfully,

Eleanor Syphers Garner

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#### EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION

I am sure that you are as proud as I over the results of last year's membership drive for Educational TV in Maine. Over 3,000 clubwomen gave \$1.00 for this much needed project. The ETV Association is grateful to the MFWC for its contribution. This Fall a series of musical programs geared for use in the public schools will be presented over 4 television stations. More money will be needed.....You will be asked by the Directors to again join this Association. I sincerely hope that you will be as generous as last year. Mrs. Plouff, Dexter, will again collect the money for us to turn over to ETV. Please give this your consideration and ask your club members to give voluntarily for support of this project.

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#### MRS. MACKENZIE'S OPEN HOUSE

Mrs. Bert A. MacKenzie, 269 Main Street, Orono, will hold Open House for the members of the Maine Federation attending the American Home Day at the U. of M. on April 1st. The hours are 3:00-5:00 p.m. on March 31st.

## AMERICAN HOME DAY

On April 1, 1958, we will again observe our Annual American Home Day at the University of Maine during Farm and Home Week.

Mrs. Robert Thaxter, American Home Chairman, has planned a very interesting program for all clubwomen in Maine.

9:00 A.M. Little Theatre, U. of M.  
Greetings: Mrs. Allen F. Garner,  
President, M. F. W. C.

"What You Can Do With Your Food Dollar": Mrs. Lucy Shieve,  
Consumer Marketing Agent, U.S.  
Agricultural Service, Portland.

10:00 A.M.  
"Pep Up Your Home With Color"  
Mrs. George Hersom, Gardens  
Division, M.F.W.C. - Interior  
Decorator, Camden.

11:00 A.M.  
Fashion Review of District  
Finalists, Maine Section, G.F.W.C.  
Vogue Fashion Contest-Mrs. William  
H. Berry, 1st Vice President,  
M.F.W.C. Commentator.

12:00 P.M.  
Luncheon - Estabrook Hall  
Price - \$1.25.

Please poll your club members and write Mrs. Thaxter, 159 Fountain Street, Bangor, the approximate number who plan to attend. No need to send money or names just the number -- but let Mrs. Thaxter know not later than March 27, 1958.

## BUS FOR DETROIT

The General Federation Convention will be held in Detroit, June 2-7, 1958..... Maine is supporting Mrs. Dexter O. Arnold, New Hampshire, for the office of 3rd Vice President in the G.F.W.C. Mrs. Arnold needs your vote in order to win. Plans are being made to charter a bus for Maine Clubwomen. The price will be approximately \$85 for transportation and 7 nights hotel rooms. If interested in going, please contact Mrs. Donald Maxfield, Guilford, or Mrs. William Berry, Gorham, for more information.

## SPECIAL G.F.W.C. PROJECT

Mrs. Prout, our G.F.W.C. President, has recently returned from a trip to the Middle East. She was greatly touched by her visits to the refugee camps. She is asking that clubwomen help to alleviate the pitiful situations in some of these camps. The need for clothing is great. The G.F.W.C. is asking clubs to send voluntary gifts of new yard goods suitable for women's and children's clothing. Cotton and linen would be acceptable.... Cotton flannel for babies diapers is needed. Clubs may, if they prefer, give a cash donation. Gifts should be sent to G.F.W.C. Headquarters, 1734 N Street, N.W., Washington 6, D. C. So many of our Maine Clubs gave so generously to the Care for Hungary Project last year, it is hoped that they may find it possible to again give freely to help these unfortunate people.

## MEALS FOR MILLIONS PROGRAM

"Until you have heard a mother tell how the father died of starvation leaving four little ones, you cannot know what it means to be honestly grateful for food." . . . . . This is the Meals for Millions story repeated over and over again. For what are people grateful when they write letters like this? They are thanking you for a meal that costs Americans 3 cents. Last year Maine clubs donating to this program were 20. In the first six months of the present club year, 22 clubs have sent gifts. For clubs interested in sponsoring the 3¢ meal program, information, share-bank stickers, and food samples may be obtained by writing Mrs. Hazel Hopkins, Club Projects, Meals for Millions Foundation, 115 W 7th St., Los Angeles, California.

## PROGRAM CHAIRMEN

A very interesting and informative booklet has been prepared by the University of Tennessee Extension entitled "Literary New England." It is a fine basis for literary club programs. Other similar booklets have been prepared for other sections of the country. They can be obtained for 50¢ from the University of Tennessee, Division of Extension, Box 8540, University Station Knoxville, Tenn.

## RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS WEEK

Governor Muskie has been asked to proclaim Holy Week as Religious Emphasis Week. Through a request of your Religions of the World Chairman, Governor Muskie issued such a proclamation last year. The Proclamation was read from church pulpits. If you would care for a copy of this Proclamation to use in your own Communities, write Mrs. Lyndon Bickford, 3 Greenwood Street, Waterville, or write me at Kezar Falls.

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### VOTING CERTIFICATES

This year is election year in Maine. I hope that all clubwomen will be alerted to use the greatest right of our citizenship - casting our ballot for the person we think best suited for the office.

In 1956, 92 clubs voted 100% in the elections. What will the record be for 1958?

Certificates will be issued to those clubs voting 100% in the Primary in June and/or the state election in September.

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### I DIDN'T HAVE TIME

I got up early one morning  
And rushed right into the day;  
I had so much to accomplish  
That I didn't have time to pray.  
Problems just tumbling about,  
And heavier came each task;  
Why doesn't God help me, I wondered.  
He answered, "You didn't ask."  
I wanted to see joy and beauty  
But the day toiled on, grey and bleak.  
I wondered why God didn't show me,  
He said, "But you didn't seek."  
I tried to come into God's presence;  
I used all my keys to the lock  
God gently and lovingly chided,  
"My child, you didn't knock."  
I woke up early this morning  
And paused before entering the day.  
I had so much to accomplish  
That I had to take time to pray.

## LOOK - LISTEN TV POLL

Mrs. L. Leslie MacIver has sent me a most gratifying report of the participation in the TV Poll conducted last month. 1150 cards were sent back covering 225 programs. The upstate clubs did a fine job in responding to this poll and more participation from the larger cities this year. General Federation was particularly interested in what was the best children's program. "Lassie" came in first - with "Disneyland" a close second. Other programs most viewed were: Bold Journey, Perry Como, Climax, Voice of Firestone, Father Knows Best, Matinee Theater, Name that Tune, Omnibus, Playhouse 90, Dinah Shore Chevy Show, Telephone Time, Wagon Train, Lawrence Welk (by far the largest number), Wide Wide World and the News-Douglas Edwards, Brinkley and Huntley, John Daley. Commercials particularly criticized were: Anacin, Anti-histamines, Carter's Little Liver Pills and mostly at news time after dinner when people are not interested in this type of commercial. I think we will find both better programs and better commercials in next year's TV set-up, due to the interest of clubwomen all over the country in voicing their opinions.

Mrs. MacIver would like the unused cards. If any club member has some, please return to her.

### GFWC MAINTENANCE FUND

Last year all clubs received a request from General Federation for money for maintenance of our beautiful club house in Washington. Many of you responded so that I was able to report \$90 at the Convention in North Carolina. I was very much pleased to report that amount although it was far from 100% as had been requested by Mrs. Hubbard, Headquarters Maintenance Chairman. I would like to be able to report better this year. As your club year is closing, possibly you will find that you have an extra dollar or two that you would be pleased to give towards the maintenance of your and my National Headquarters.

Please send money direct to GFWC Headquarters, 1734 N. Street, N. W. Washington 6, D. C.

## CONTESTS

### ART CONTEST

The MFWC announces that an Art Award for the encouragement of painting and recognition of student achievement in creative painting will be given again this year. \$100 cash award will be paid to the art school of a student's choice, after the completion of the first semester in the school. All students in grade 12 enrolled in any public, private or parochial school in Maine are eligible.

The subject is THE MAINE I KNOW and may be submitted in oil, water-color, tempera, gouche casein or mixed media.

Applications and information concerning this art award may be obtained from the Art Chairman, Mrs. Raymond Oakes, 185 Edwards St., Portland. All entries must be received not later than April 15, 1958.

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### HALLMARK ART CONTEST

Sponsored by Hallmark Cards Inc. and the General Federation of Women's Clubs

**AWARDS:** Three scholarships to any art school or college - \$100, \$200 and \$400. The winning painting described in the item above will be sent as Maine's entry in this contest.

Rules and entry forms may be obtained from Mrs. Oakes.

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### EXTENSION

Certificates will be awarded all clubs which have increased their membership by three above the number listed in the 1957 Federation Year Book.

\$5.00 will be awarded the club with the greatest percentage gain. These awards will be presented at the June Convention.

## SCRAP BOOKS

**SIZE:** 10" x 12".

**IDENTIFICATION:** Club and Town.

**INTERPRETATION:** Federation work and projects in local papers or bulletins; local club news.

**PICTURES:** Excellence of pictures as they pertain to Federation work.

**ORDER:** Publicity in chronological order. Name, date and number of inches marked on each page and totaled at back of book.

**BOOKS WILL BE JUDGED AS FOLLOWS:**

**PUBLICITY 50%** - Federation work and local club activities taken from papers.

**ARRANGEMENT 25%** - Order of events and attractiveness of arrangement.

**DURABILITY 10%** - Lasting value - the book should be one that will remain a history of the club.

**LEGIBILITY 10%** - of items, pictures and interpretation of events.

**COVER 5%** - Should have hard cover - not paper.

**PRIZES:** Group 1 - Clubs with 100 or more members.....Group 2 - Clubs with less than 100 members.....Group 3 - Junior Clubs.

**DATE FOR SUBMISSION:** Scrap Book should be sent or brought to annual meeting, Eastland Hotel, Portland, by June 17, 1958.

### CLUB HISTORIES

Mrs. Frank McGouldrick, Dixfield, is the new Historian (Club Histories) of the Maine Federation. Please send your club history to her. Many clubs need to bring their history up-to-date.

Certificates will be awarded at the June Convention to those clubs which do bring their histories up-to-date and sent to Mrs. McGouldrick by May 1, 1958.

### FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

Please send the \$1.00 for your subscription to the Newsletter and Year Book to Mrs. Harry Merrifield, Kezar Falls if you have not paid for your subscription. It will be necessary to send bills to those delinquent clubs. This necessitates extra postage for your Federation. Please send your money as soon as possible.