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WOMEN IN MAINE '75



Jeanne Beaulieu
is still "memère"



Sylvia Blanchard
is president of her union local

Labor women aren't silent anymore



Judy McAllister

Judy McAllister doesn't hesitate in speaking her mind on the job. If she feels that she or a fellow worker at Bridgton Knitting Mills isn't getting fair treatment, she ploughs ahead to get it resolved. A few years ago, she would have kept quiet.

"Women in my mill are getting quite vocal about equal rights," said McAllister, a steward in Local 533, International Ladies Garment Workers Union (ILGWU). "We aren't so afraid anymore to come out in support of ourselves."

Part of that "coming out," she acknowledged, is that more and more women have the mettle to join labor unions. The fear that they would lose their jobs if they organized is passing, McAllister said.

Sylvia Blanchard, president of Local 464, United Paper Workers International Union (UPWIU), said that working women in the Rumford area "were dead set against equal rights at first. But as we have thought about it, we know we weren't treated fairly . . . and we won't take it anymore without kicking up a fuss," she added.

Besides women in the private labor force, those in governmental and teaching jobs are also taking an active role in asserting their rights and promoting better working conditions and opportunities.

The change is very slow, but it's coming.

There are 166,700 women in Maine's total workforce of 428,400. That includes 63,000 union members, 20 percent of whom are women. The kind of jobs that women hold down are mostly low-paying, and in these jobs women make a lot less than men doing the same kind of work. The latest figures available (from the 1970 Census) show that there isn't a single occupational category where Maine women are even nearly equal to men in earnings. And in this time of anti-discriminatory federal and state laws, there should be an explanation, but there isn't one.

It is obvious, however, that unions haven't done much to protect women's rights, and women haven't made an issue of it. Otherwise, the discrepancies (see chart) wouldn't be so astounding. Otherwise, maybe some women would be a visible, forceful part of the Maine AFL-CIO hierarchy and negotiating hard bargains with management that would improve the lot of women in mills and factories across the state.



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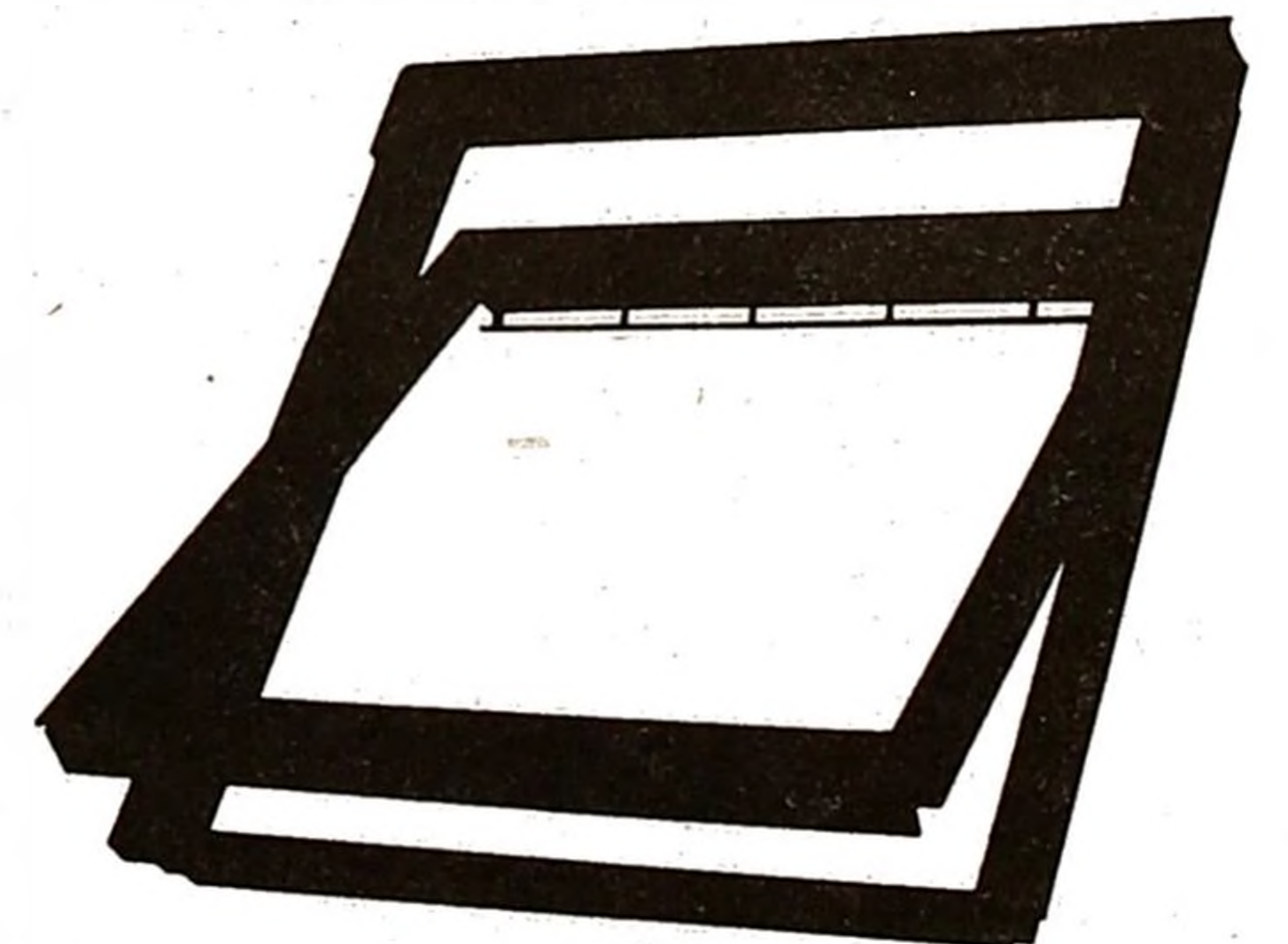
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Serious thought is being given to organizing labor women through the national Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW). CLUW is envisioned as a framework for women to take aggressive steps to make unions more responsible to the needs of women. In the public sector, serious organization of state government employees is beginning, and the Maine Teachers' Association (MTA) is starting to address itself to the needs of women.

Until women in mills, canneries, shoe shops, school-rooms and state agencies join forces, they will continue to be as devoid of representation and power as women in political life.

Women traditionally have been hard to organize because they felt they were working only for a short time to supplement family income, put kids through college, buy a car or a home. But today, with the harsh economic realities, a woman's paycheck is not just extra cash; it's as important to the family well-being as the man's. And since women are joining the workforce as full, long-term participants, they are apt to be more concerned than ever before about equal pay, equal benefits and equal opportunities.

In an interview in her Bridgton home, McAllister said that prior to the Women's Movement "There was a tendency to disregard women when better paying jobs opened up" at the Bridgton mill. But, she said, federal agencies, the national and state AFL-CIO and women's rights groups have made women aware they have legal rights they should exercise.

"When I first went to the mill, management's attitude was that a woman couldn't work on one job because it was man's work," she said. "Now we get a chance to compete like we should have always." McAllister added that "advancement opportunities have improved" and there is equal pay for equal work.

As a steward of her union, McAllister acts as a go-between the workers and management in trying to resolve problems. She would like to move into larger union jobs eventually and feels her involvement in politics is the reason she is more highly motivated into union work than most women in her mill. For women workers who are just beginning to take their place in the labor-union movement, she feels there's a great need for education to tell how to go about gaining their full rights and opportunities.

STATUS OF WOMEN IN THE WORKFORCE

Occupation	No. Males	Average Earnings	No. Females	Average Earnings	% of Male Earnings	Actual Avg. Differential Per Year
Professional-Technical	23,826	\$8,766	21,110	\$5,369	61.2%	-\$3,397
Managers & Administrators	26,945	\$8,957	5,289	\$4,642	51.8%	-\$3,668
Sales Workers	12,454	\$7,120	8,551	\$2,203	30.9%	-\$4,917
Clerical	13,491	\$6,671	37,131	\$3,554	53.2%	-\$3,117
Crafts	52,307	\$6,728	2,841	\$3,852	57.2%	-\$2,876
Operatives	36,637	\$5,617	33,352	\$3,345	59.2%	-\$2,272
Transport Equipment	14,658	\$5,875	427	\$2,870	48.8%	-\$3,005
Laborers, Except Farm	20,144	\$4,218	2,066	\$2,733	64.7%	-\$1,485
Farm Managers	4,500	\$4,542	287	\$1,677	36.9%	-\$2,865
Farm Workers	4,489	\$2,922	828	\$1,408	48.1%	-\$1,514
Service Workers	17,019	\$4,662	22,859	\$1,937	41.5%	-\$2,725
Private Household Workers	175	\$1,707	5,464	\$ 801	46.9%	-\$ 906

SOURCE: 1970 CENSUS and Advisory Council on the Status of Women for percentage and differential interpretations.

In Brunswick, Gladys Groel said women at the Health-Tex factory have become more independent and assertive in the past few years. "If the opportunities present themselves, the girls go out and get them," she said. One woman recently applied for a mechanic's job and is waiting to hear if her application was approved, Groel said.

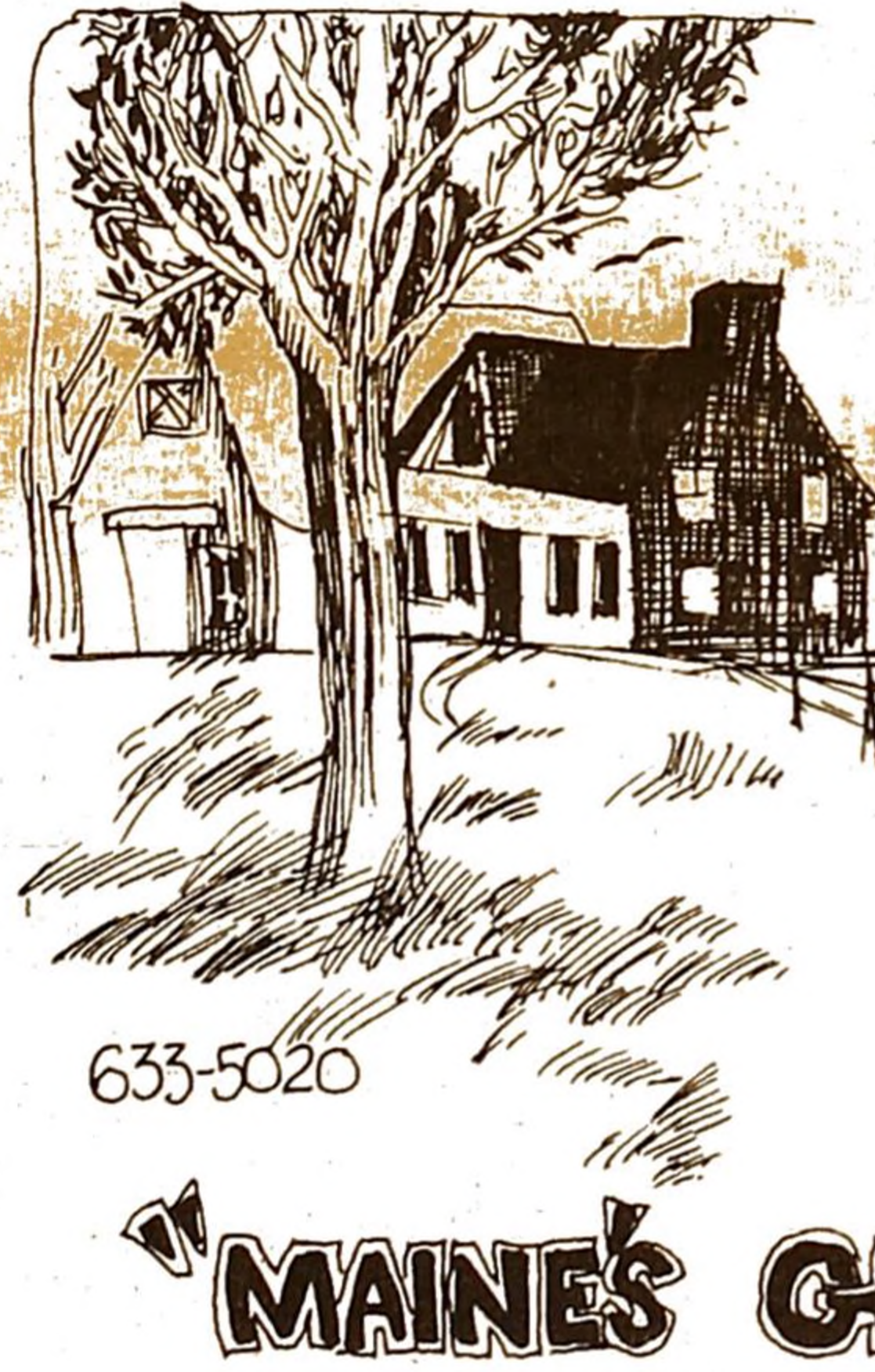
"So far management has gone along with what we want," said Groel, including equal pay.

Groel is secretary-treasurer of Local 727 of the

Amalgamated Cotton Workers Union of America (ACWUA), chairwoman for the state ACWUA, is on the Congressional district legislative committee for the union and head of the Brunswick chapter of CLUW.

Because of her involvement with CLUW, she says, Groel talks a lot about the need for day care centers for children of women laborers and better insurance benefits. "We're thinking way beyond equal pay," she said.

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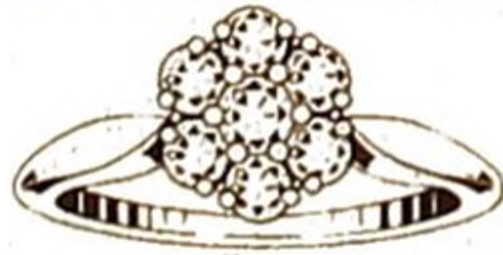
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Groel plans to have a CLUW organizational meeting soon and believes it will be the first time working women in Maine will gather to express common problems and concerns and develop action programs.

McAllister and Groel seem to have no lack of assertiveness and be supported by other like-minded women in their unions. That could account for the fairplay they say women get in their plants.

In Rumford, Sylvia Blanchard had a different story about the situation at the Diamond International Match Division mill. She said management's attitudes against women moving up into higher paying jobs stifles the motivation some women might show. "A woman was made foreman of one shift, but they didn't like her . . . said she was too friendly . . . so they laid her off last fall," said Blanchard.

Much of the work at the mill is very heavy physical work which women can't handle; so women mostly pack and sort toothpicks, tongue blades, wooden snap-ins and candy sticks. When layoffs come, she explained that women with years of seniority can't "bump off" men with less years' experience if the only job opening is loading wood or work like that. "It's unfair to us . . . but what are we to do," she questioned.

Blanchard has made one proposal — that when the mill has to layoff employees, it can be done in a way so women won't take the full brunt of the hard times. This could be done, she said, by laying off some employees in all departments, rather than sending home whole departments where women are predominant.

Blanchard is president of a union whose members are mostly men; so she realizes she stands out. Her explanation for why she was able to win the election is "I brush my teeth with gunpowder and shoot it out . . . and I guess the men knew that I mean business when I'm talking."

Her high position in the union has attracted other women to become active union members. But Blanchard said women generally still feel that their first obligation is not to the union but to that of her family.

Nearby at the Oxford Paper Company, Simone Bisson said things are a little better off for women



Sylvia Blanchard

than several years ago when they began agitating and filing court suits to gain their rights. "Women are being treated like men," she said. Bisson said the pay is equal for the same kind of jobs but that women hired last summer were the first to be laid off recently due to unfavorable economic conditions.

There are no women in the union leadership at Oxford, she said. "They don't stand a chance," Bisson added. There are only 25 women at Oxford, she said, compared to about 1400 men.

In 1967, six women filed suit against Oxford, claiming they were prevented from exercising their seniority privileges during a lay-off. The final resolution of the case, in 1969, resulted in the women getting \$35,000 in back pay for the time out of work and an opportunity to return to their jobs. Other individual and class suits have been filed since then based on similar complaints.

One of the chief resources for labor women who have problems or need information is the Bureau of Labor at the University of Maine at Orono. Karen Fisher, a labor education specialist, is working to find out the needs of women in the private workforce.

She said one of the major problems she sees of working women "is they don't have the skills to take on leadership roles. They don't go to as many union meetings as men because of household duties," she said. "Women lack confidence. Older women are afraid to change because of fear of losing their jobs, but the young ones seem to be more responsive and open to opportunities."

Fisher wants to hold a seminar for women on the role of the working women in labor organizations. The conference would focus on difficulties women face within their jobs and their labor organizations and provide them with some basic skills to handle these problems. Also the conference would seek to help the women change their image and perceptions of themselves as not being capable leaders.

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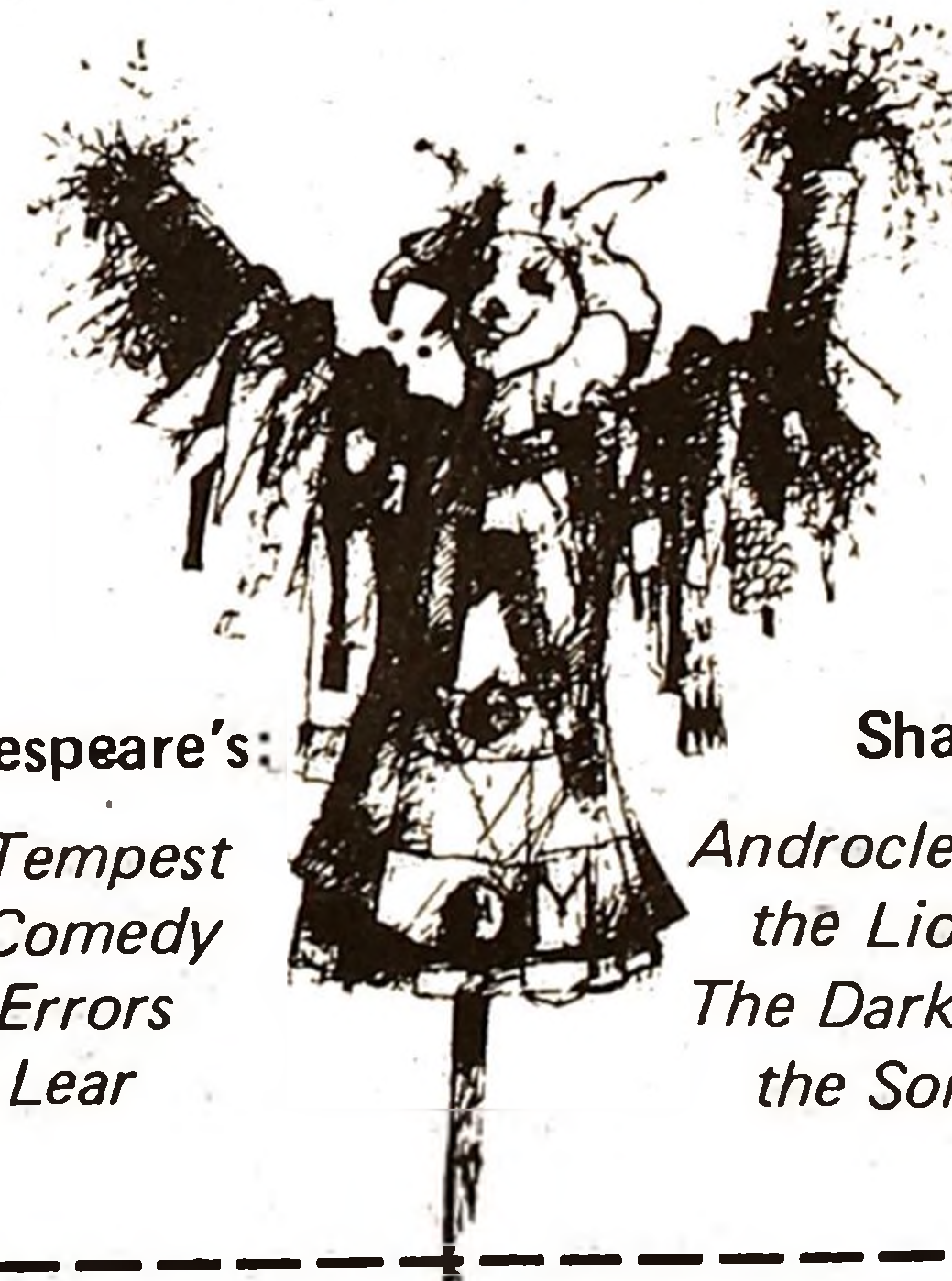
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Other kinds of workshops Fisher is trying to put together are assertiveness training, leadership training and a slide show "Women and Words," which focuses on sex discrimination through the language.



Gladys Groel

Organization of workers has been going on much longer in private industry in Maine than in the public sector, but the Maine State Employees' Association (MSEA) and Council 74 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) are starting to exert influence for their members. In the teaching field, the Maine Teachers Association (MTA) is the bargaining agent. However in these organizations too, women are very scarce at levels where decisions are made and policy determined.

Linda Dyer is the only woman field representative for MSEA. She expressed discouragement that "consciousness-raising hasn't reached women in state government to any degree. There aren't many women who call and say, I'm being discriminated against. I've seen more signs of discontent in the last couple of weeks than ever before." The reason, she believes, is that the new collective bargaining rights for state employees are prompting women to take more of an interest in their job well-being.

"It's an issue women are going to have to deal with . . . they will realize they can't rely on men at the negotiating table to represent completely their interests," she said.

Dyer said she's putting together training courses with special sessions for women dealing with career opportunities and leadership potential. As more are willing to move out and up, she said, it will create pressure to have a fairer representation of women's issues and needs at the negotiating sessions and within organizations like MSEA.

Rose Studer, who is MTA staff consultant for the Women's Caucus, said women are held back from seeking better and more responsible jobs in the teaching field because of the "whole socialization process that says it's not quite proper. Women fear trading the wife-mother syndrome for more fulfilling professions," she said.

She pointed to a \$16,000 tuition grant from the International Paper Foundation to the University of Maine at Orono that will help women get a master's degree in administrative education. "It will help. There are very few women certified to go into administration. Right now, it's a lonely world," she said.

Though teaching salaries are now equalized, in most categories there are other problems for women in education. Shirley Bissell, MTA uni-Serve director in Saco, said she has a tough time getting sick leave for pregnant women written into contracts. Women aren't moving readily into administrative positions either, she said.

The push for women to get into higher positions and seek union jobs isn't an end unto itself. Jane Weed, field representative for Council 74, AFL-CIO, said the worst problem she's had to face is that because she's a woman, there is the attitude on the part of men at the bargaining table that she's not quite qualified. "Most of it is subtle," she told *Maine Times*. "No one comes right out and says it would have been better if a man had been hired . . . but in some situations my word isn't accepted because I'm a woman. I'm not considered to have authority."

Weed said that the only way for men to change their attitude about women negotiators is if more women get into the field. "Most people have the idea that the labor negotiating business is too hard for women," she said. "But it's time women helped shape this country's economic system. One of the best places to start is with promotions, transfers, layoffs, fringe benefits and working conditions."

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UTILITIES

disconnect challenge moving along

Interim utility disconnection guidelines, issued recently by the Maine Public Utilities Commission (PUC), closely follow a document Central Maine Power (CMP) filed at a February hearing. The hearing on the cut-off practices of gas, water, telephone and electric utilities was called by the consumer organization Combat, Inc.

According to PUC staff Attorney John D. Molloy, the CMP document was the basis for minimum standards set by the utilities commission for disconnect problems. Observers at the disconnect hearing considered the utility company's document consumer-oriented by comparison to the policies of other Maine utilities.

The final decision on utility disconnection will come some time after the June first deadline set for all participants to file briefs. Said Molloy, "We want to file a definite set of procedures which will be binding. The chairman felt it would be useful to put out disconnection procedures in advance for the guidance of all parties. The interim procedures will be useful when the utilities write their final briefs."

According to a letter issued on May 6 by PUC Chairman Peter A. Bradford, the interim guidelines should be regarded as "steps to be taken before a disconnection is permitted." The letter also stated that the guidelines are considered minimal and any utility which wishes to set more lenient standards may do so.

The reason the PUC issues interim guidelines in advance of a decision is to enable the utilities affected to study and make comment on them and to suggest areas where they might have difficulty complying. Then in constructing the final decision

the PUC staff will take into account the various comments of the utilities as stated in the briefs. The guidelines cover such issues as notice of termination, payment arrangements, disputed bills, appeals, restoration of service, and deposits.

- Some of the interim procedures are as follows:
- A bill for utility service may be considered delinquent if it is not paid within 30 days after mailing.
- A utility shall give delinquency notice in the next monthly bill.
- Before utility service may be terminated for non-payment of bills, the customer must be sent a written notice at least seven days before the scheduled termination date.
- When a customer cannot pay a bill in full, the utility must continue to serve the customer if the customer pays a reasonable portion of the outstanding bill, agrees to pay the balance in installments and agrees to pay all future bills as they come due.
- The parties should take into account the customers' ability to pay and the amount of time and reasons why a debt is outstanding.
- The utility must investigate a customer dispute and if no agreement is reached must advise the customer of his right to appeal to the PUC.
- The utility may not disconnect service for non-payment of any disputed bill that has been appealed to the commission staff.
- Utilities may only disconnect service from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and not on Fridays, weekends and legal holidays.
- Utility employees disconnecting service must notify an adult occupant of the premises about what they are doing.

LEGISLATURE

minimum wage raised

The legislature, after several weeks of debate, has approved raising the state's minimum wage to \$2.30 an hour, effective 90 days after adjournment. The Senate refused to compromise with the House, which had wanted the minimum wage raised to \$2.30 immediately and to \$2.50 January 1.

The controversial issue split the legislature along party lines. The Republican-controlled Senate held that raising the wage from \$2.10 to \$2.30 after the legislature adjourns would be best for employers and employees. It adhered to its position, meaning the Senate wouldn't discuss the issue further.

Moving to the enactment stage was a bill which would give Maine Central Railroad a \$619,000 excise tax break for 1974. Rep. Richard Morton (R-Farmington) said approval of the bill means the "skillful railroad lobby won a significant victory over the taxpayers of Maine."

The legislation was introduced by Rep. Sidney Maxwell (D-Jay). It was drafted for him by railroad lobbyists. The bill permits the railroad an exemption for that income which the federal Interstate Commerce Commission restricts for use for box car improvements.

Enacted by the House and Senate was a bill to create 50 agency liquor stores across the state. The facilities would be set up in areas which do not have

easy access to state stores. They would be independently operated but would come under state control

A bill which allows weight limits of trucks to be raised was finally approved. Trucks will be allowed up to 80,000 pounds — an increasing of 8,000 pounds over the present limit. There is also a 10 percent coverage allowance for some vehicles.

Moving toward enactment was a bill calling for annual rather than biennial legislative sessions. At the last minute, an amendment was added to place time limits on the length of each session.

The Senate disagreed with the House over a bill to give youngsters who deliver newspapers a penny for each advertising supplement they carry. The issue comes up at every regular session. The upper chamber voted down the bill, while the House supported it. The matter was expected to be settled this week.

Debate continued on a bill to create a Dickey-Lincoln hydroelectric power authority. The Senate reaffirmed its opposition and sent it to the House for further discussion.

The bill is considered to be standby legislation. It would allow the state to step in and plan the proposed Dickey-Lincoln facility if the federal government refused to do so.

Signed into law by the governor was a bill calling for appointment of Superior Court clerks by the chief justice of the Maine Supreme Court.

PITTSTON

selling out?

Despite rumors to the contrary, the Pittston Company will continue hearings on their proposed \$500 million oil refinery and terminal located in Eastport. There was speculation last week that the coal and oil firm had pulled out of the project because an article in the *New York Times* quoted Pittston President Nicholas T. Camicia saying "no money of mentionable amount will be spent by Pittston" on the Eastport project.

Camicia told Pittston stockholders that if Maine's Board of Environmental Protection (BEP) approved the company's application, there is a chance the company would seek a partner to continue the project. Camicia's reasoning is based on the fact that Pittston's coal business is a far more profitable enterprise.

A spokesman for the BEP said that it would be possible for the oil company to get approval from the board and then in effect sell its permit to someone else. But the transfer of such a permit would require coming before the board again for additional approval. In the case of housing developments and such "it happens all the time" according to the spokesman, but the BEP has never dealt with the transfer of such a large project as Pittston's.

Final hearings will be held May 19 and 20.

DEVELOPMENT

no on agamenticus

The ball is now in Tony Zahn's court. The wealthy Oklahoman asked the residents of York and South Berwick whether they wanted him to build an instant city on the slopes of seaside Mount Agamenticus. Overwhelmingly, they said, "no!"

The results of last Saturday's advisory referendum were foreshadowed in last week's *York County Coast Star* in which three pages of letters to the editor ran almost unanimously in favor of keeping Mount Agamenticus "forever wild."

The vote in York on the question "should the Zahn holdings be developed" ran 1,260 against development and 273 for. In South Berwick the count was 617 against and 166 for.


On a second question, York citizens voted 1,033 to 427 in favor of buying Zahn's holdings of some 4,000 acres and maintaining it as a wildlife recreation area. South Berwick went along 526 to 241. F. Anthony Zahn had said he would not develop the land if the area's inhabitants voted against it. He also said if his plan to build up to 3,500 housing units on one of Maine's last remaining coastal wilderness areas was rejected, he would expect to sell it for a fair price to either another developer or a public or private group intending to preserve it.

(Zahn reportedly has invested \$400,000 and his total acquisition cost, according to the *York County Coast Star*, could be up to \$1.6 million.)

Officials in York and South Berwick planned a meeting to assess the vote.

Reacting to the results of the advisory referendum, Zahn told the *Portland Press Herald* early this week that he would abide by his pledge to follow the will of the people: "We're not going to try an end run. I'm going to do what I said I would do.

"I was obviously disappointed with the vote against development, but I was pleased with the vote for preservation. We've brought the issue to the people and I hope they'll do something about it and not just let it drop."



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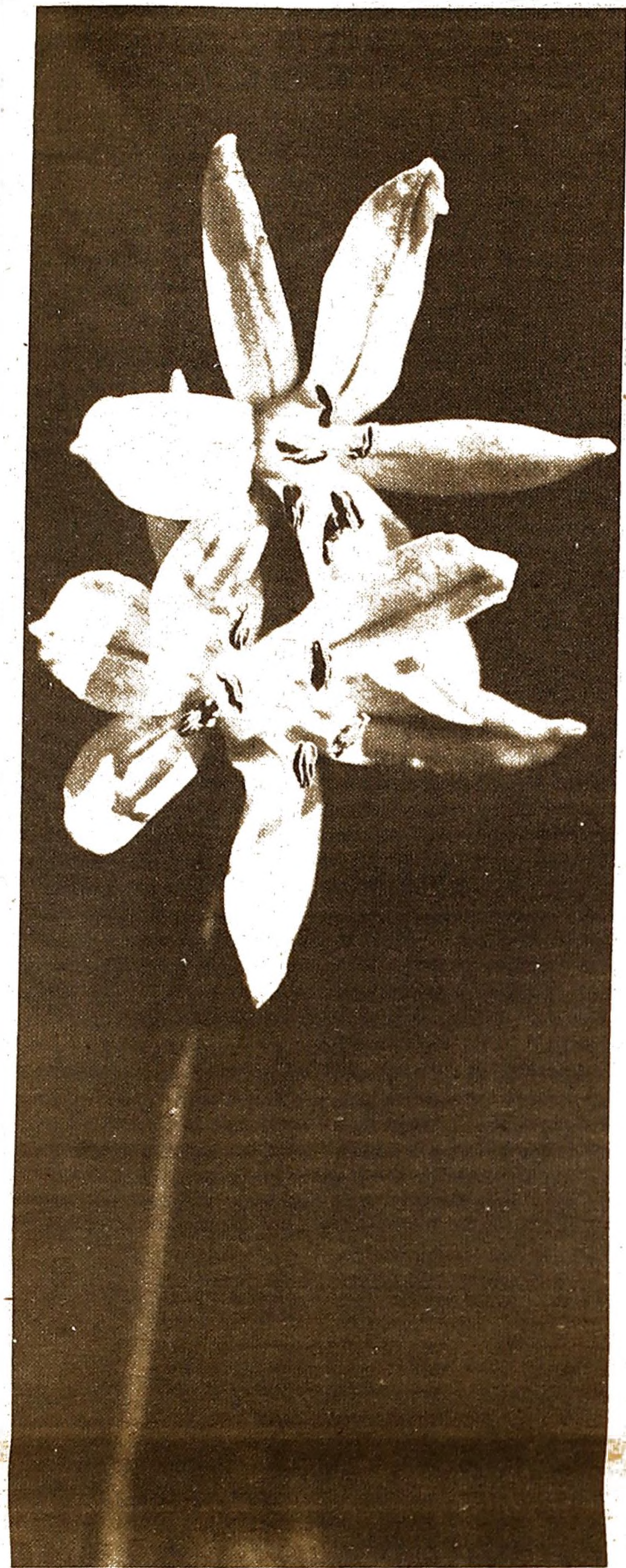


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OIL

dry well

After producing nothing but a dry well, the Mobil Oil Corporation has abandoned its search for oil and natural gas in the Bay of Fundy 28 miles east of Eastport.

C.R. Wickens, production superintendent for Mobil Oil Canada, said the crewmen aboard a semi-submersible drilling rig were told to shut down their drilling equipment after reaching a depth of 12,013 feet. Mobil has found no oil or gas at the test site since exploration began March 3.

Wickens said the company invested over \$4 million in the Fundy site. If it wants to sink another test well, Mobil will have to apply for a permit from the New Brunswick Department of Natural Resources.

UTILITIES

puc sued

New England Telephone and Telegraph Company and Central Maine Power Company are suing the Maine Public Utilities Commission because of two recent unfavorable rulings.

The telephone company was denied an interim rate hike of \$6.6 million in March. Hearings were suspended last week on their request for a \$21 million rate increase, the largest revenue request to ever come before the Maine PUC. The hearings are expected to resume when a new commissioner is approved for the now two-man utilities commission.

The complaint of Central Maine Power was in response to the PUC's April decision to grant the power company a \$9.7 million rate hike, rather than the \$12.8 requested. The power company claims that the reduced rate increase does not comply with PUC law which requires the commission "to allow a fair return upon all of the company's property used or required to be used in its service to the public within the state."

APPOINTMENTS

is the governor playing games?

The nomination of Edward Schlick to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) may have been retaliatory on the governor's part. The Executive Council had rejected Republican Sen. Minnette Cummings for the post on the ground she lacked qualifications. It made Governor James Longley mad. He reproached the all-Democratic council, suggesting partisan politics was behind their action.

Then, some are saying, he reached out for another nominee that he figured the council couldn't reject — Schlick, head of an Augusta-based public relations firm, former newspaper reporter, former executive secretary of the Democratic State Committee. Because he was a Democrat and had less qualifications than Cummings for the job, Longley appeared to be intentionally backing the council into a corner.

Prior to the announcement of Schlick's appointment, the governor had called the council to his Cabinet room to ascertain their reactions to his nominee. "He pressed us to give him our first feelings," said Carl Cianchette, chairman of the seven-member council. After a meeting several hours later, the council informed Longley in a letter that they had "serious reservations" about whether Schlick could fill the vacancy "because of his lack of qualifications."

About 20 minutes later, the governor sent back word to the council that regardless of their sentiments, he would post Schlick's name. It was as if Longley was trying to force the council to confirm an unqualified person so he could prove his charge that the real reason Cummings was rejected was partisan politics rather than lack of credentials.

The governor sent out a sharply worded public statement criticizing the council for doing exactly what he had asked them to do in expressing a reaction to Schlick. He said the council's response makes its "much heralded public hearings . . . a complete and total farce and sham on the citizens of this state." He said it was "highly inappropriate, grossly unfair and

WOMEN

jim's view

Governor James Longley has tangled with women again. Within a five-day span, the headlines in the papers read, "Longley Raps Women's Group," and "Longley Scores Militant Libbers."

First, he criticized Maine women's groups for not speaking out in support of Minnette Cummings, his choice for the Public Utilities Commission. The Republican Senate leader was rejected by the Democratic Executive Council.

Longley singled out the Maine Women's Political Caucus at a news conference. He said the caucus was "practicing some politics rather than supporting a woman." The governor didn't explain what he meant.

Later, during a speech in Cincinnati, Ohio, the governor suggested the Women's Movement was trying to downgrade the role of motherhood.

"There are many contradictions inherent in the so-called Women's Liberation movement," Longley said at Edgecliff College commencement exercises. He told the audience he supports equality. But, he added, "If such equality rests its foundation on the grave of motherhood, then that is not progress."

"What is not clear is the assumption that were equality of opportunity a reality, significantly greater numbers of women than at present would abandon the traditional maternal role in favor of the professions or other pursuits."

The governor said "militant leaders of the Women's Liberation Movement are aware of this uncertainty and apparently view it as a threat-to-their-progress-at-any-price platform."

In his prepared remarks, Longley had written, "Thus we witness sick and bitter attempts to denigrate and destroy the status of the mother role in our society." However, he thought twice about the impact of that remark and deleted it in the actual address.

Longley went on to tell the gathering that "to insure cohesion, numbers and allegiance, those who desire equality at any cost must ridicule and humiliate the domestic role until it ceases to present a desirable career alternative for women."

He said, "there must be room and opportunity in our society for the woman who chooses the arduous route to becoming a doctor. But there must be room and recognition for the woman who chooses the awesome responsibility of raising children and running a home."

not in the best interests of state government for this council to pass judgment" on Schlick.

"Here is a man in whom I have the highest professional regard, who has vast experience in the fields of research, government and business and who has excelled in each," the governor said. "Yet, without a public hearing, the council has publicly indicated that it may refuse to confirm him."

The response from the council was one of surprise, since Longley had solicited their viewpoints. The whole episode convinced the councilors that the governor was trying to embarrass them.

House Speaker John Martin (D-Eagle Lake) got into the act a few days later when he said on a television news program that Schlick doesn't qualify for the PUC job. Martin said of Schlick, "I like him very much. He's a fine individual. But I don't think he has the qualifications necessary to really do the job as a Public Utilities commissioner."

"You are talking about a very complex field of utility law," Rep. Martin said.

Though the council had informed Longley they had doubts about whether Schlick could be approved, Cianchette said this week before the public hearings on his nomination that Schlick would be fairly treated. The council is aware that failure to confirm him will further delay the important business at the commission.

Schlick, 47, is a native of Newark, N.J. He taught school in Kittery and worked as a legislative reporter for the Lewiston Daily Sun. In 1961, he became executive secretary of the Maine Democratic Party. Schlick is currently president and majority stockholder of ARCO, Inc., Foster Films, and New England Learning and Research, Inc. in Augusta.

ARCO is a public relations consulting firm which handles state contracts. The firm did the public relations for the Maine Management and Cost Survey, a study of state government efficiency headed by Longley in 1973-74.

CIVIC CENTER

rebellious towns

Yet another Cumberland County town has voted to withhold its share of the payment for the Cumberland County Civic Center.

The town of Raymond has joined Casco and 5-field in protest over the \$3.5 million bond issue authorized in a county vote that was carried by the city of Portland.

Raymond selectman Carlton Edwards said his town will withhold its portion of the county tax designated for the downtown Portland civic center "as long as we can."

"It really isn't that much," Edwards told the *Portland Press Herald*, "but it all adds up. We are just being swamped with taxes. And the people around here feel kind of bad about it."

Edwards also said, "We don't know how far we will or are prepared to go at this point. I can only say that we will hold on to the money [in escrow] as long as we can."

"It seems a little ridiculous paying for something that isn't going to do us any good in this area," he said.

County Commissioner Arthur Charles said he was unsure how the towns' refusal to help pay for the center would be handled.



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what's left for women to do?

This is the second time this paper has devoted an entire issue to women. The first was June 18, 1971, when "women's lib" was a notion almost whispered. There were few Maine women involved in the movement then. There wasn't even a NOW chapter, and most people hadn't heard of the Equal Rights Amendment. The *Maine Times* women's issue was one of the earliest outlets for discussion of women as potentially free and fully realized persons.

Since then, women individually and collectively have come a long way. There is a noticeable difference in male-female roles and relationships. There are laws on the books now forbidding sex discrimination, and the legislature ratified the ERA. A woman was appointed a judge of the District Court, a woman was named commissioner of a major state agency, and a woman thought seriously about running for governor.

Why then another women's issue if women have done so well for themselves? There are two reasons: 1) this is a benchmark to point out where we are and where we're going, and 2) to end any ideas that women have gotten what we are after — an idea held by some male legislators in particular.

Republican Rep. William Garsoe of Cumberland brought home the latter point recently at an appropriations committee hearing on a bill to provide operating funds for the Governor's Council on the Status of Women. He first questioned the need for

the committee. "We ratified the ERA . . . discrimination is no longer legal. Therefore, what is there left for you to do?" Then he went on to declare there is no more discrimination in state employment or public schools.

The reaction from the council was shock and concern. And it raised questions as to how many more legislators feel that women have had enough rewards and should be satisfied.

The most basic and immediate demands of women are equal opportunity, equal pay, equal education and a status equal to men. These are needs the legislature and the public have been hearing about for several years. But women want a lot more.

Genuine liberation won't happen until society is re-structured so women can realize all their potential. That involves institutional change and altering economic priorities. Included in these demands are child-care centers, pensions for housewives, changing the image of women in the mass media, the end to sexist textbooks, paid parent leave from jobs and a resolution to the bitter controversy over a woman's right over her own body.

All this entails hostile reactions and conflict. But the ultimate liberation of women will mean the liberation of men too. Even Mr. Garsoe.

(PA)

helping poor women

There are thousands of poor women in Maine — women living on welfare — who need something out of the Women's Movement. Something fundamental but costly. They need control of their own lives, and the only way to get control is to relieve their economic hardships through political pressure. They want the Women's Movement to organize around solid economic demands for the poor.

It's important to understand a woman's financial situation is one of the most significant factors in shaping her life. The state of Maine allows women on welfare only a pittance — about \$55 a week for a family of four. And to be sure of getting a check every month, a woman must adhere to strict Health and Welfare Department rules and is vulnerable to

harassment because of lifestyle or political persuasion. Besides the economic strain of making ends meet, a poor woman faces constant dependence from young children. There is no freedom or energy to pursue education, job training, spend time writing poetry or planning her future.

What poor women want is a substantial increase in their living allowance (now at 1969 standards) and programs developed to meet their interests and trainability. If the Women's Movement in this state is really concerned about women's rights, they can't ignore poor women's rights. And in embracing poor women, the movement could shape the kind of new power base needed to further the struggle for change.

(PA)

in defense of motherhood

On Mother's Day, Governor Longley took issue with the Women's Movement for downgrading the role of motherhood in society.

The Governor is not alone in his feelings. Many people are uncomfortable with the rhetoric of women's liberation. Young women firmly state they will never have children, demand the right to tubal ligation regardless of their age, and others campaign for 24-hour publically financed day care centers. It is difficult to understand. How can anyone not like children?

We would like to suggest that women have the most profound respect for human life and for mothering. This is not because we have special spiritual qualifications. We also recognize that many men share our concerns. But we are the ones who conceive and grow another human being within us. And we are usually the ones who nurse and nurture the family.

Outside of the home, women's work has traditionally been in this direction. We teach the young, nurse the sick, smooth the way for business executives, process food, balance accounts and do volunteer work. The thrust of our experience has been life-supportive and sensitive to the emotional needs of others.

America has always honored mothers, but neglected their values. We patiently teach our children not to lie or steal, but they quickly learn that wealth and power are what count. We teach them to value human life and not to squander resources, but American history has shown the lessons largely wasted. Maternal virtues have always occupied a gentle, sheltered

corner where men and children could refresh themselves before hurrying back to the "real" world.

We feel a certain fatigue and frustration that for all our caring and nurturing we have had so little effect on society. We are not rejecting these nurturing qualities. What we are saying is that they are worth being introduced into the mainstream of American life. We do not intend to denigrate motherhood. Instead we ask that all people show the same respect for human life that we do.

(ETC)



looking ahead

Obviously, this issue of *Maine Times* could not discuss all the areas important to women. But we will continue to write about women's concerns in future issues. Some of the coming articles will focus on prostitution, the extended family, men and divorce and high school sports. If you, our readers, have suggestions to make on their topics or others, write us at 41 Main Street, Topsham, 04086.

LETTERS

unhappy experience

to the editor:

I just finished reading your May 9 article entitled, "After a tough speech, on to a pleasant cocktail party." I find myself compelled to write to you to relate my extremely short and unhappy relationship and experiences with the Maine Press Association (MPA) or as I refer to call it, "The Chowder, Cocktail And Conversation Club."

In September of 1973 I was the unfortunate soul, being the freshman member of the staff, to be sent as a representative of the Republican Journal in Belfast to the yearly conference of the MPA, which was being held at a hotel in Ogunquit. To my view (and my wife's, whose misfortune it was to attend the meeting with me), the weekend was one big ripoff and farce. The off-season sparsely furnished rooms were outrageously priced, the food was terrible, the dishes filthy, the intelligent content of the conference missing, the alcoholics were overflowing and the late night parties, of the lampshade variety, sleep defeating.

For a former member of the Maine Press Association I can only say that Maine has a long, long way to go before it can outgrow its reputation as a refuge for over the hill journalistic alcoholics and favor-seeking hacks. I didn't know it at the time, but the only reason I was chosen to attend the meeting was the SRDTH theory or as my friend used to say, brown matter always seeks the lowest level.

All I can say is I wish you all the luck in the world if you hope to improve the Maine Press Association. You've heard of the seven labors of Hercules . . .

Chet Farrell, Jr.

Newcastle

day-care funding

to the editor:

I was delighted to find an article on Day Care in this week's *Maine Times* (5/2/72). As you indicated, day care services are facing severe funding problems, and passage of Representative Najarian's bill, LD 1013, is crucial just in order to maintain existing programs.

I would, however, like to clarify one aspect of your article:

The Part II monies mentioned, which are state seed dollars that generate three times again as much federal money, are currently funding several programs throughout the state, not just one rural day care program as implied. Because of the Part II monies, innovative day care approaches have been made possible in communities that had previously been unable to raise the local share required for federal funding under Title IV-A of the Social Security Act.

It is important for people to understand that the day care cuts you described will have a more widespread effect than on just one program. If LD 1013 does not get passed, these programs will be forced to close on July 1, and all over the state children and their parents will again be without needed services.

Thank you for your attention to day care. I hope that you will continue to express concerns related to Social Services. With the pervasive cutbacks being imposed on us, the critical issues raised by LD 1013 are only the introduction to more hard times in meeting human needs.

Sally Leahey
Family Day Care Center

Waterville

how long

to the editor:

I was amazed at the blithe spirit of Mr. Hiram Perry in "Response" in the May 2 issue. His statements that "the return of the small farm is not at hand" and that "today we'll settle for several tractors, a bathroom on both floors and a thermostat to push up when the nights get cold" were astonishing in the face of all evidence that the days of endless energy sources are nearly at an end. I was reminded of the Bill Cosby recording of "Noah's Ark." When a neighbor laughed at old Noah for constructing the Ark, Noah ominously intoned, "How long can you tread water?"

V. Albert

Augusta

SPEAKING OUT

After confronting some of the issues important to Maine women — labor, politics, business, the family, the arts — there still remains a critical one which we feel is the basis for all others. That issue is sexuality. It defines us and confines us both personally and professionally. As reporters and feminists who constantly travel around the state, we find that the popularized ideal of female sexuality is a limiting factor. No matter what credentials or experience we may present, we are viewed first as females, or “girls,” and second as journalists. It happens to other women reporters too. In other words, we are being defined by our sexuality, which means to most men “sweet,” “cute,” or “well endowed.” But the definitions are not our own.

For women to confront their own sexuality means discovering a new definition that goes beyond the shape of our genitals or our biological function. We must discard the old definition with which we have painfully lived too long that says long hair, large breasts and firm, slim hips determine our sexuality. An image perpetuated by men from Madison Avenue to Madawaska. And we must ask: is our “femaleness” really determined by the number of children trailing behind us? Or should we be reaching for something else — a definition we can form ourselves? One to teach our sisters and daughters; one that does not measure women superficially by the prevailing pop/chic fads.

The Women's Movement, with consciousness raising and literature written by women, such as *Our Bodies Ourselves*, has done a great deal to move us in the direction of discovering our sexual selves minus the external definitions imposed by society. We are overcoming our shadows and developing a strong self-concept that will enable us to achieve personal freedom and an expression of our sexuality.

Still, the metamorphosis is hard to embrace overnight. Most of us probably remember being told awkwardly by our mothers about menstruation but never getting much more information about our bodies from them. We were taught, mostly by silence, that our bodies should be hidden, guarded — if we were to remain “nice.” Masturbation was something just boys did. It wasn't presented to us as a personal experience by which we could gain sureness of what gave us pleasure and made us come alive sexually. We never looked at our vaginas and didn't think about using a mirror or looking at someone else's — a common practice in self-help clinics that have been started in recent years. So, many of us endured adolescence and have moved into our 20's, 30's and 40's being alienated from our own touch. By failing to explore our bodies, we have disregarded our sensualness, our erotic potential.

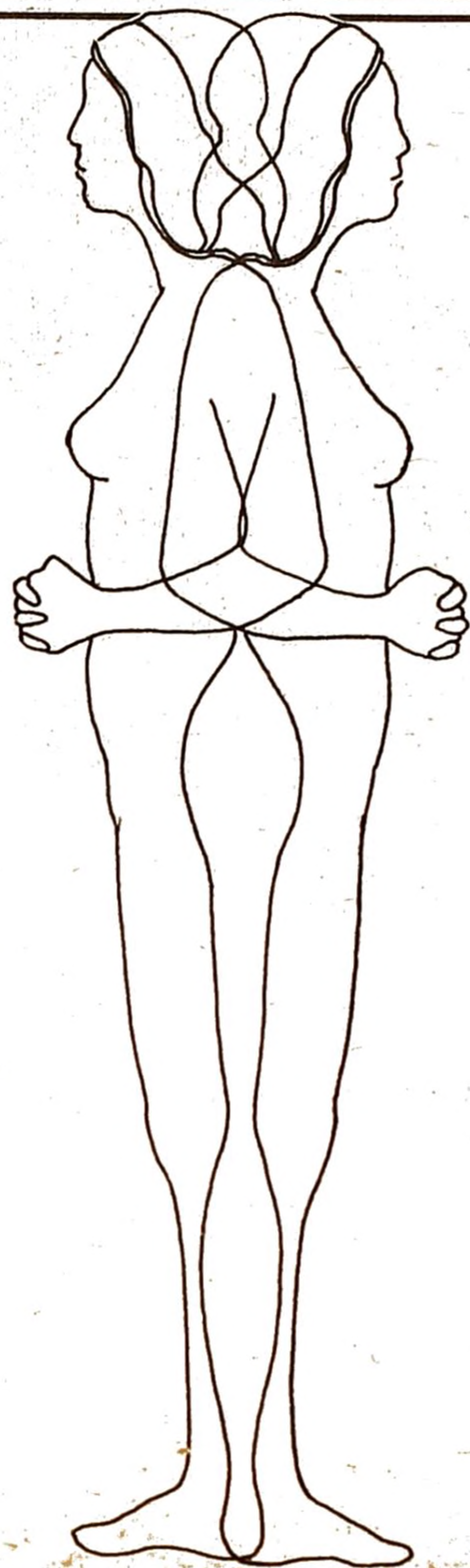
This alienation in the extreme is a form of self-hatred. Most of us grew up thinking our thighs were too thick, our hips too wide, our breasts too small, our knees too knobby. Even our body odor was quietly abhorred, and we bought gobs of sprays, creams, lotions and perfumes to cover up our own smell.

But just as the Women's Movement has punched holes in other institutions, even the practice of strict heterosexual relations, which bolsters the traditional way of viewing women sexually, is beginning to give. One of the first major indications was the discovery by men that women achieve orgasm by clitoral stimulation rather than vaginal penetration. That de-mythologizing paved the way for other Victorian, Freud-inspired, ideas of a woman's sexuality to fall by the wayside. The process raised questions and fears from men that if women had clitoral orgasms, it might lead to deep emotional relationships with other women. It has done that to some degree. But more significantly, it has opened up opportunities for women to re-define themselves and develop a new sense of their sexual selves.

Dropping the old definitions will be hard. Confronting the reality of our sex is our task alone. But it also involves helping others to move a new way. Some men (and some women) will cling tenaciously to the plastic, Playmate image of sexuality that reduces us to objects. Others prefer the “little girl” image to keep us in our place, weak, passive, lacking intelligence and capability. The “why would a sweet young thing like you want to be bothered with all those facts” attitude. An attitude we face as journalists. An attitude every female has faced but perhaps not faced up to in situations at home and work.

To confront female sexuality from a strictly woman's point of view, that is, to devise our own definitions of what it is to be a female sexual being, will necessitate seeking new standards, new criteria. Women may decide, that a whole, vibrant sexual human female comes in all shapes and sizes, all ages and colors with a variety of sexual preferences. That sexuality and power to attract may not come from jars and sprays but from a keen intelligence, a sense of humor and a perspective on and sensitivity to life. That accepting oneself totally is the preferred way of gaining control over one's life.

Shapeliness may mean not attaining Raquel Welch proportions but simply living comfortably within a healthy body, whatever its dimensions. It is possible that women of unusual physical strength will be the standard bearers. Perhaps women with creative gifts will be judged more by those gifts than by their anatomy. Self-affirmation may allow more rewarding relationships between men and women. Perhaps those



women who choose to love women won't be judged just by their sexual choice but by the whole framework of their lives.

Muriel Rykeyser said in *The Speed of Darkness*: “What would happen if one woman told the truth about her life? The world would split open.”

But before determining the truth, women must face the reality of our sexuality. It's a Brave New World for women, and it's time we rewrite it.

by Peggy Fisher and Phyllis Austin

LETTERS

caucus position

to the editor:

Phyllis Austin's article about the Executive Council's refusal to confirm the appointment of Senator Minnette Cummings to the Public Utilities Commission contains several errors which must be corrected.

Ms. Austin claims that “representatives of women's political groups” were “noticeably absent” from the public hearing. On the contrary, several members of the Board of Directors of the Maine Women's Political Caucus were present.

The Caucus did not publicly address the issues specifically related to the Public Utilities Commission because the Caucus takes no official collective position on any issues except women's issues (issues listed in a position paper endorsed at a recent meeting of the Maine Women's Political Caucus State Board of Directors). The Caucus has no officially defined position on consumer issues and, moreover, is multi-partisan. Therefore, the Maine Women's Political Caucus could not and would not withhold support from Senator Cummings either because of her party affiliation or because of her alleged position on consumer issues.

The Maine Women's Political Caucus is only one of the state-wide women's political organizations which have clearly limited objectives that should not be confused with the objectives of other organizations having very different issues of focal concern.

JoAnn M. Fritsche
Member of the Board of Directors
Maine Women's Political Caucus

people don't

to the editor:

About the Rangeley Power Company . . .

It used to be the banks and the giant corporations that forced inefficient small companies out of business. Now the job is being taken over by the state Public Utilities Commission.

Times change, but people don't. The only difference is that now they work for the government.

Joseph T. Rigo

New York City

fair rates

to the editor:

In response to your May 2 issue and other issues involving the Rangeley Power Company and the Senator Cummings nomination, I submit the following:

As a Rangeley Power Company user, I pay over 100% more than Central Maine Power users for the same amount of electricity. More frightening is the fact that Rangeley Power users are in for a rate increase of approximately 25% when the Bingham power line is completed and tied into Rangeley Power.

As a self-confessed conservative against public power and P.L. 1994 but for local control, I, as a victim of high utility rates can understand why people of this area have supported public power.

The Legislature is the one who made the laws relative to the utility industry. The role of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) is to carry out those laws. The PUC is now carrying out its function. In the past, it appeared that it was a rubber stamp for the petitioning utilities. It is the Legislature who now has the duty to correct the problem of the inequities in the rates.

Central Maine Power and the other utilities that give comparatively lower rates and still give a fair rate of return to their investors have an interest in the matter of Rangeley Power Company. People who are frustrated are apt to vote for public power in the hope of lower rates. This has proven true in the past in this area.

When Governor Longley nominates a candidate for the PUC I wonder if he fully appreciates the importance of nominating a person who has experience and knowledge not only of the utility industry but of the needs of people. Peter Bradford has gained the confidence of the people of the Rangeley area. I am convinced that without this confidence, the next vote on public power will be totally in favor of it. Also, why replace him as chairman since he has demonstrated his ability and expertise on the subject of utilities unless it is a matter of political expediency.

Your articles are a source of confidence that others care about this problem. All we are asking for is fair rates for the users and a fair rate of return for the investors.

The solution is simple. Let CMP take over Rangeley Power.

Vincent A. Drosdik

Rangeley

long and short

to the editor:

Having lived through the term-paper syndrome in high school and college, “John's Column” of May 2 brings to mind my mother's words. As a teacher of some thirty years experience, she often said that a term paper was akin to a woman's skirt: “Long enough to cover the subject, but short enough to be interesting.”

Betsy Urquhart

Augusta



Clout: the new password

Maine politics has been and still is dominated by white, middle-aged men. For the most part, women have been and still are politically passive, thereby losing out on elective office, high-ranking government jobs and party leadership posts.

But in the past four years, the Women's Movement has opened the eyes of many Maine women to political opportunities. Women are beginning to nibble away at men's political strength and are gaining power for themselves. Clout has become the password.

From the local to the state level, government is being jolted by the impact of energetic, bright women who are moving out of traditional roles as wife and mother to earn their stripes in the political arena. Even male political leaders feel that a woman running for governor today wouldn't be rejected simply because of her sex.

The reasons for Maine women's new-found comfortableness with being a politician basically are two: it's now more culturally acceptable to pursue elective or appointive office; and women's groups, such as the

Maine Women's Political Caucus, have organized to give support and guidance to women who want to run for office. These two factors have given women courage to run, and it's been contagious. Rep. Dorothy Laverty (R-Millinocket), a retired teacher, said she didn't think she would ever win a political office. "By golly, I did . . . and I found out I can stand on my own two feet."

The 1974 elections proved in Maine and elsewhere in the country that more and more women are putting their names on the ballot and are winning political power in a way unequalled in history. For instance, there are more women legislators in the House than ever before. Paralleling the election victories is what is happening with these women's identity. They are beginning to identify themselves in a political context and developing the self-esteem necessary for political leadership.

None of this is to say that women are taking over in Maine. Lois Reckitt, statewide coordinator of the National Organization for Women (NOW),

commented that if women's power was all it was said to be by opponents of the Women's Movement, "we would be in terrific shape." Women still are unbelievably scarce at the upper levels of state government where decisions are made and where they must get their training to accomplish their objectives.

There are no women on the Maine Supreme Court, the Executive Council or the Governor's Economic Advisory Committee. There are no women state commissioners, no women district attorneys, no women mayors and only one woman in the Senate. At the local level, women are vastly under-represented too. From a total of 1,789 city councilors, selectmen, aldermen, assessors, only 94 positions are held by women. In only seven of 498 municipalities do women hold a majority vote in these policy-making jobs. Within the Democratic and Republican party structures, women still mostly do the dirty work and men carry on the important party affairs.



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Despite all this, the women who are in government are becoming more effective, and it seems to be a matter of time and pushing hard until women pervade the upper crust.

Since the legislature is the central political arena in Maine, the impact of women and the movement is best analyzed there.

More women (23) are in the House than ever before and are moving into leadership roles. Rep. Mary Najarian (D-Portland) and Sen. Minnette Cummings (R-Newport) are assistant majority leaders in their chambers. Rep. Kathleen Watson Goodwin (D-Bath) is the first woman on the appropriations committee in years. It's becoming more common for women to be committee heads. Rep. Nancy Clark (D-Freeport) heads up the Business Regulation Committee; Sen. Cummings, Public Utilities Committee; Rep. Georgette Berube (D-Lewiston), Performance Audit; and Rep. Anne Boudreau (D-Portland), Election Laws. Only one woman was a committee chairperson last year — Senator Cummings.

Women also are becoming an accepted part of the lobbying establishment. There are dozens of women lobbyists this year, including agents from the Women's Political Caucus, NOW, the League of Women Voters and Maine Right-to-Life. Women are more visible on the legislative staff. Suzanne Havens just took over direction of staff, an important legislative adjunct.

Women's issues (other than the Equal Rights Amendment) are more newsworthy now. Hardly a week goes by without a women's issue on the front page of the daily newspapers instead of hidden away on the society page.

And for the first time, women are proving they are politically astute by joining ranks to fight for women's rights. Specifically, Maine Right to Life, the Caucus, NOW and other ideologically divergent groups united recently to urge the legislature to increase welfare support to women on Aid to Dependent Children and to help poor women with unborn children. This is the kind of effective strategy vital to women's self-determination, or liberation.

Most Maine women legislators don't consider themselves feminists or part of the Women's Movement. They might — just might — acknowledge the movement helped them into office indirectly through the change in attitudes about women's roles. But they do it only when pressed. However, they are sympathetic to the equal pay for equal work goal of the movement.

Generally, the 23 women represent middle-of-the-road America and are recruited from the occupation of housewife, not activist. They shy away from being aggressive — an action they still consider "unfeminine." None of the women — even the few liberals — have taken up women's issues as a cause because they feel it would be divisive. Rep. Najarian probably comes the closest to being the champion for women in the broad context of "social issues," an area long ignored by men.

STATUS OF WOMEN IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT*

	MEN	WOMEN	TOTAL	% WOMEN
Councilmen, Selectmen, Assessors, Aldermen	1,695	94	1,789	5
Planning Board Members	1,456	165	1,621	10
Managers	153	13	166	8
School Committee Members, SAD directors	1,080	372	1,452	26
Tax Collectors	224	272	496	55
Treasurers	200	296	496	60
Clerks	122	374	496	75
Voting age population (1970)	307,603	340,598	648,201	53

Source: M.R. McBreairty, Cooperative Extension Service, University of Maine, 1973.

STATUS OF WOMEN IN STATE GOVERNMENT

Legislature

NOMINATION AND RE-ELECTION SUCCESS IN THE HOUSE*

	PRIMARY CANDIDATES	PRIMARY WINNERS	ELECTED	%
Women	48	36	23	63.8
Men	346	230	128	55.6
Total	394	266	151	

* Independents Included

EFFECT OF PARTY ON NOMINATION AND RE-ELECTION SUCCESS OF WOMEN

	PRIMARY CANDIDATES	PRIMARY WINNERS	ELECTED	% WOMEN
Republican	22	16	10	62.5
Democrat	26	19	13	63.1
Total	48	35	23	

At a meeting with about half the women lawmakers, they agreed that to take on the role of a "woman gladiator" would hurt their effectiveness and probably end their political careers. Already there are so few women in the legislature, they are seen as "women," said Rep. Najarian. "We are all

working hard to get away from that pedestal kind of thing, and to keep our feminism up front isn't the way to get things done around here."

The women agreed that to become as effective as their male counterparts, they have to work harder

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to prove they are "qualified" to do the job. That means doing their homework extra carefully, establishing credibility and authority by knowing what they are talking about. Rep. Judy Kany (D-Waterville) said women have to juggle these tasks, while at the same time put up with "in a ladylike manner" the overprotective, over-courteous come-on from male legislators. And usually there are just as many chores waiting for them at home, like cooking dinner, laundry, and helping children with homework — problems from which men feel free.

One of the incentives, besides their political ambitions, to coping with these hassles is that in the last election, voters warmed to women in some districts as never before. Rep. Elizabeth Mitchell (D-Vassalboro) said, "People were so excited to see a woman running. They told me I couldn't do worse than the men . . . and I got the feeling they somehow expect miracles from women." Mitchell is a liberal Democrat from the South who opposed a retired Republican state police officer in a conservative GOP district. She won handily. If Mitchell's victory was a bellweather, the results of the next elections could be stunning.

Women's political groups are beginning to plan for the 1976 election and are developing a strategy to increase women's gains. It is clear that Maine women must cultivate their talents of organization, learn to use power and money and find ways to learn from each other. Another important aspect is to reach out to low income and working class women, which for the most part have been ignored by the Women's Movement in Maine. These women have strengths and skills, developed in the context of their lifestyles, that middle-class women lack.

In interviews with a dozen women leaders, a basic political strategy evolved if women want to increase their momentum in the next election and stabilize their power.

First, consciousness changing should take priority. Until many more women go through this process, it will be very difficult to transform society's sexist structure. Women's groups should determine where they have influence in the legislature, media, churches, schools and advertising field and use it.

Women must get involved at the local level and run for every office, such as mayor, school committee, planning board, board of selectmen, conservation commission, county and town committees of the two political parties. The more women who run, the higher percentage of winners. On the state level, women candidates should saturate races for the legislature, Congress, Governor, district attorney and refuse to let the parties seat another all-male Executive Council.

Women also must be willing to serve in Governor James Longley's administration and deluge him with their resumes for the jobs of commissioner, bureau director, board and commission members and chairpersons. Women attorneys should expect and pressure

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

<u>No. of Boards and Commissions</u>	<u>Total Membership</u>	<u>Women Members</u>	<u>Women Chairpersons</u>
132	989	195	6*

* State Board of Nursing, Committee on the Aging, Governor's Committee on Children and Youth, Human Services Council, the University of Maine Board of Trustees and the Governor's Advisory Council on the Status of Women.

Source: Governor's Advisory Council on the Status of Women

STATUS OF WOMEN IN LABOR

	<u>FEBRUARY 1975</u>	<u>FEBRUARY 1974</u>
Total Civilian Labor Force	428,400	417,000
Total Unemployed	50,300 (11.7%)	29,200 (7%)
Total Female Labor Force	166,700	162,100
Women Unemployed	21,500 (12.9%)	13,300 (8.4%)

1974 Total Unemployed - Average 6.7%

1974 Total Unemployed Women - 8.5%

WOMEN'S EARNINGS

	<u>WOMEN</u>	<u>MEN</u>
Median Earnings of Labor Force	\$3,979	\$6,841
Median Earnings of college graduates	\$4,511	\$9,176

1970 Census — 86.1% of women workers earned less than \$5,000; 63.8% earned less than \$3,000; and 51.2% less than \$2,000 per year. At the upper end of the earnings scale, only 13.9% of women earned \$5,000 a year or more, and 1.2% of women earned \$10,000 or more.

for appointments to all levels of the court system, including the Maine Supreme Court.

A coalition of women's groups is thought vital by some women leaders — an organization through which women can state what they need and want. Political divisions among women's groups often stand in the way of this concept, but at some point ideolo-

gical differences will have to take a backseat to the best interests of women. A coalition is envisioned to bring in working class women, women on welfare, lesbian-feminists and radical feminists.

Women should press for an increase in the salary of legislators so that single women, low income women, and women in the blue collar work force can finan-

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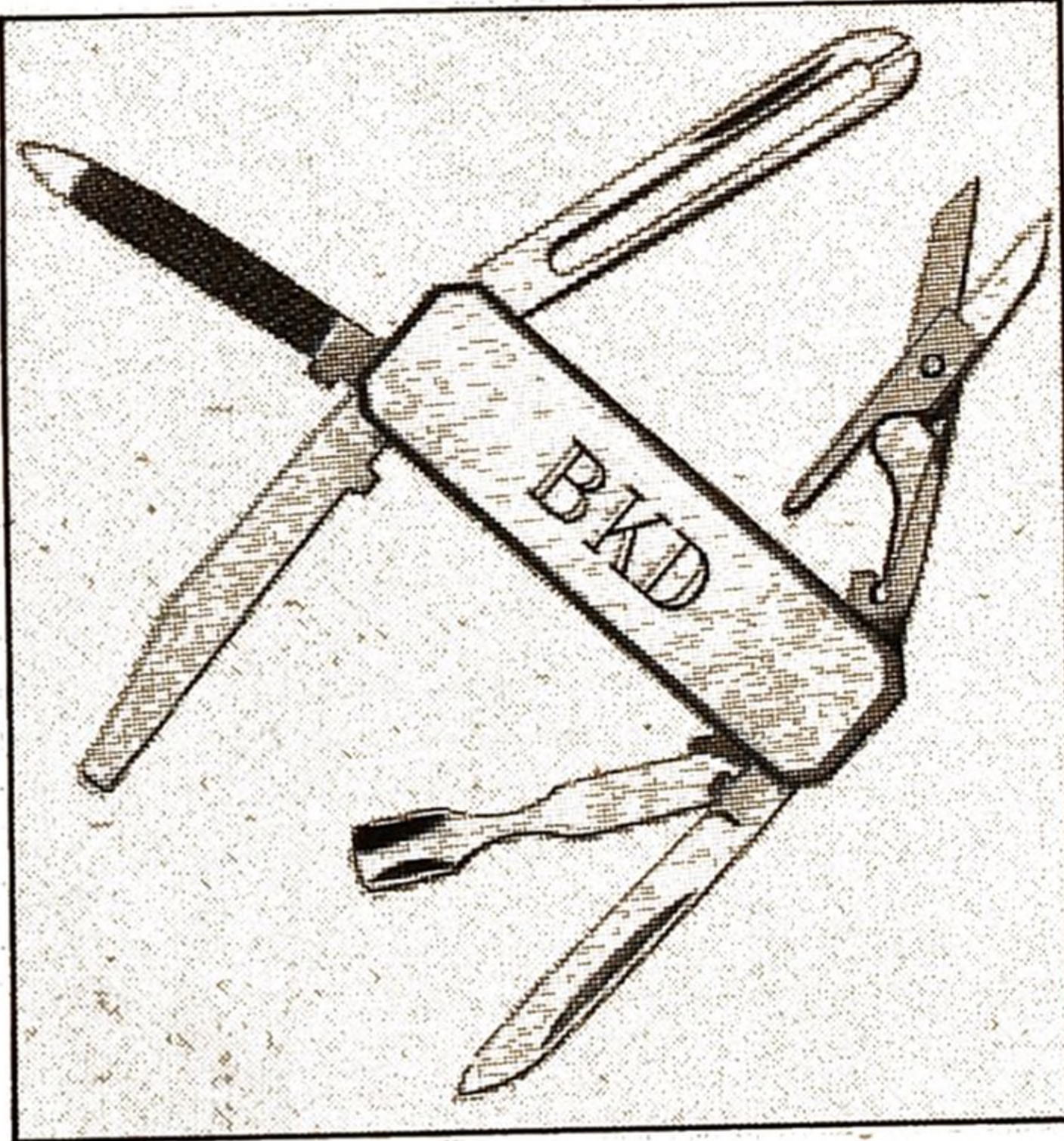


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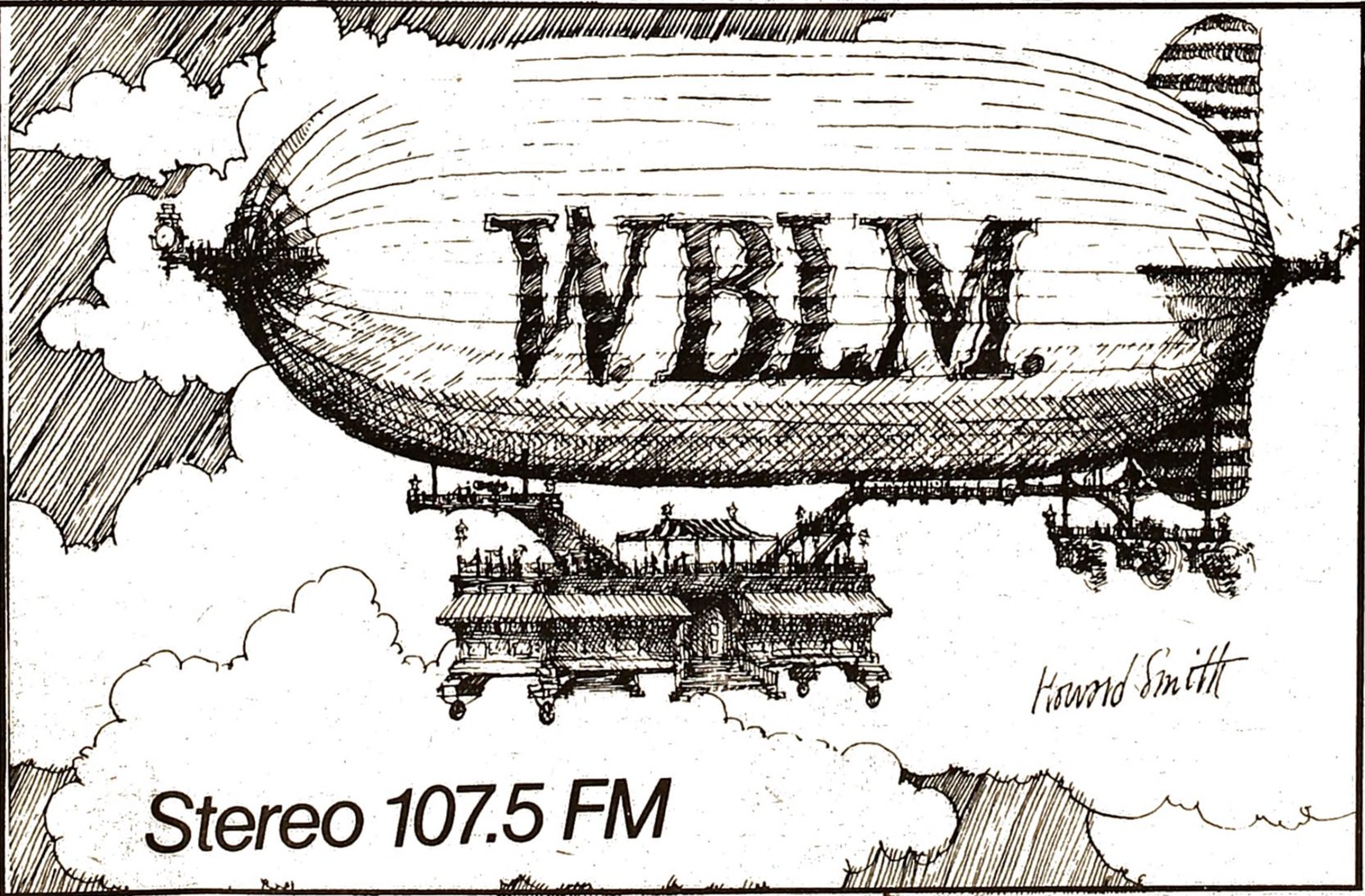


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Another important part of a political strategy is re-educating the male-dominated news media about the goals of the Women's Movement. Too often, the controversial issues, such as abortion, get front-page coverage, while many basic questions remain unexplored or pitifully portrayed by the media.

Frances Farenthold, chairwoman of the National Women's Political Caucus, came to Maine three years ago to speak to the Democratic Women. Impatient with the feeling that women must be Super-achievers to be in office, she said, tongue in cheek, "The time has come for all the unqualified blacks, unqualified Chicanos and unqualified women to join the unqualified white males who hold elective office in this country." There were a lot of women who were struck hard enough by the significance of her statement to plunge into politics. And they have passed on Farenthold's words.

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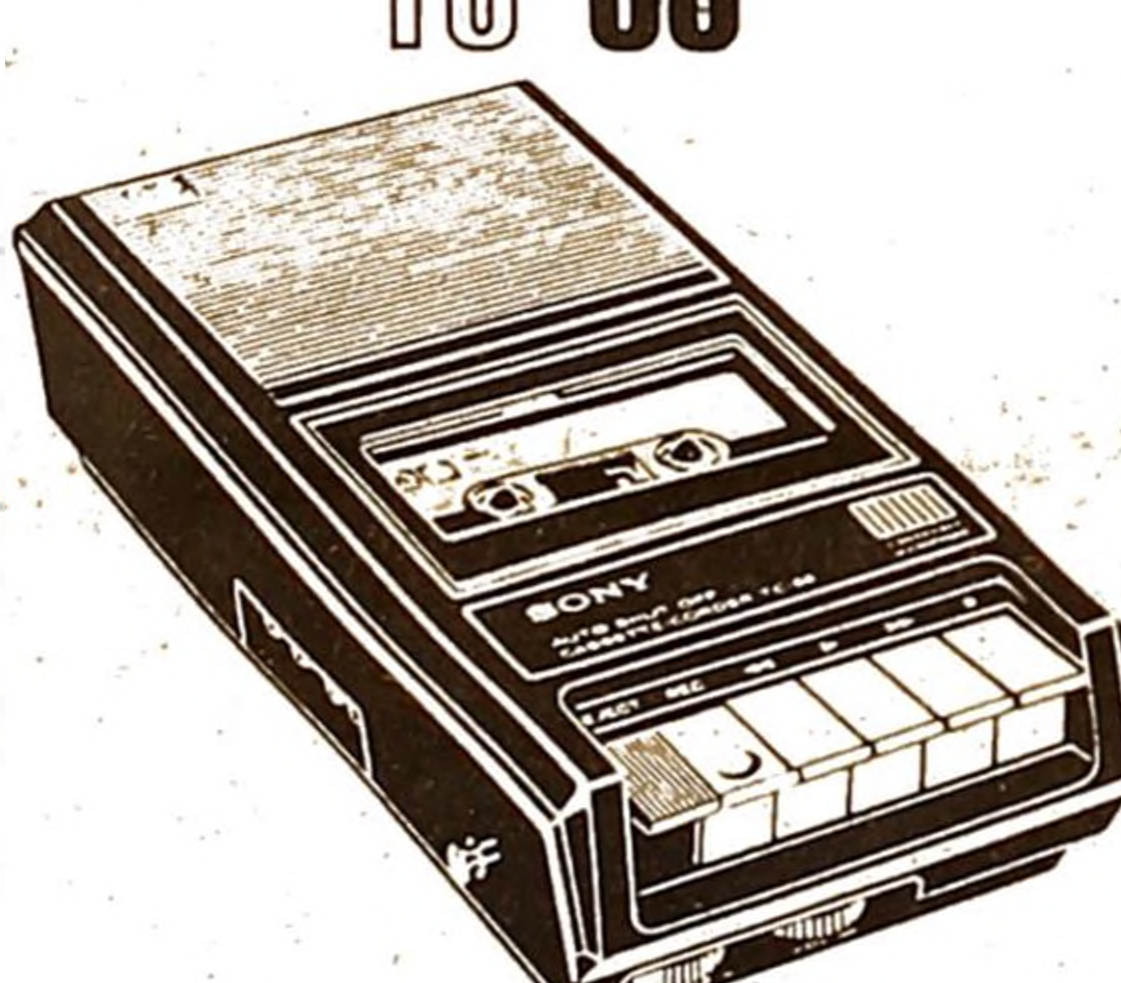
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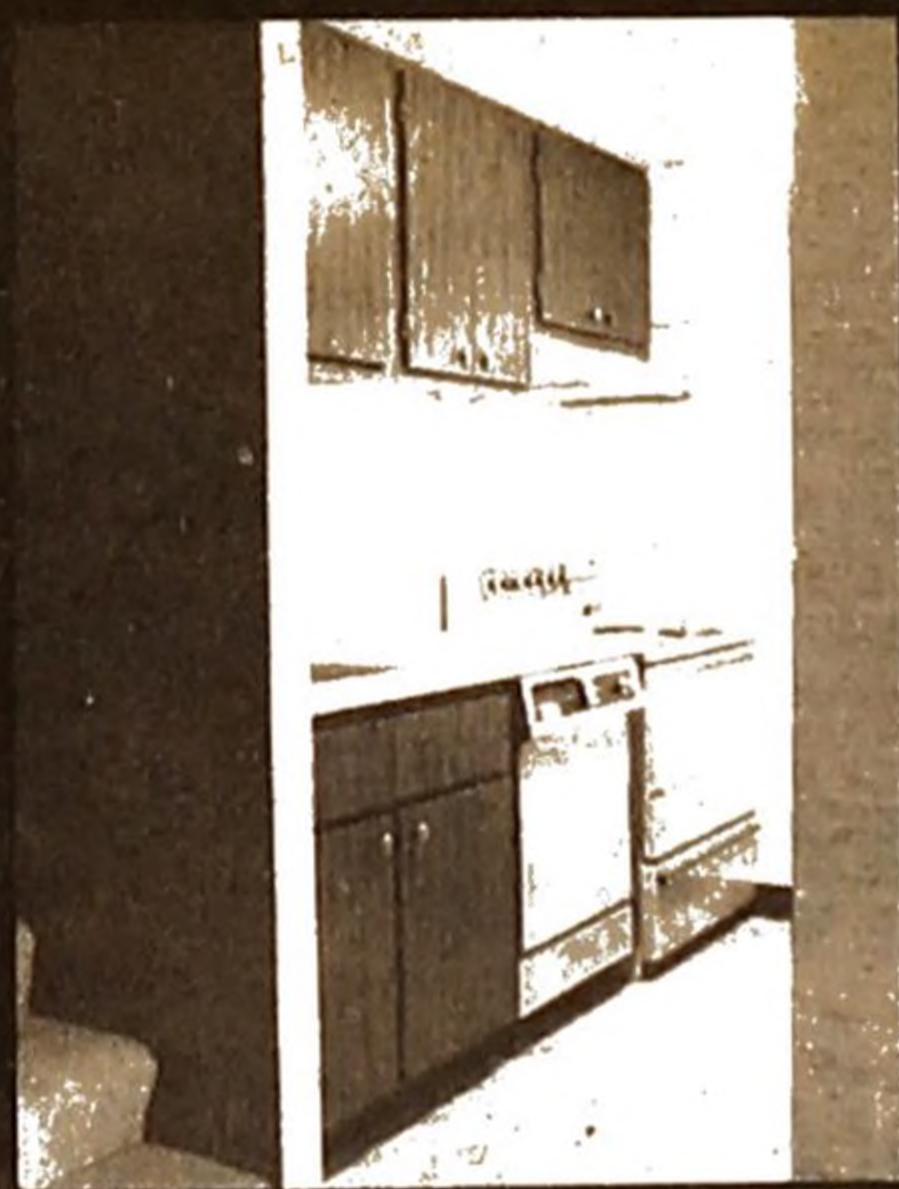



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Grandmother Jeanne Beaulieu, mother Carmen Giguere, daughter Lisa Giguere

Three women: they're French, they're related and they like each other

I am sitting rather stiffly, with three women of French heritage in a Lewiston home. We are uncomfortable at first, overly polite as we settle down to talk. The living room is comfortable, ornate and dark, the front windows covered by venetian blinds and patterned drapes. Every picture frame, ashtray, mirror, gleams.

The house sits at the top of Walnut Street, white with brick facade, and a long brick stairway flanked by a manicured lawn. Only the hilltop has single family homes. Lower Walnut is lined with multi-family, four-

story apartment buildings, whose wooden porches are stacked one over the other. The Giguere home, which I am visiting, is 10 blocks from the family restaurant "Giggs," which serves breakfast and lunch to Lewiston merchants.

I try to see the family resemblance among the three women as we begin to talk. Twenty-three year old Lisa Giguere, dark-eyed and graceful, curls her long legs into an overstuffed chair. Her mother, Carmen Giguere, 46, is small and slender, her gestures quick, her laughter easy. Carmen's mother, Jeanne Beaulieu,

75, is straight-backed and trim, her blue eyes constantly measuring me through gold-rimmed glasses. The younger women are wearing casual clothes, slacks; but Jeanne wears a black knitted suit, white silk blouse and jewelry.

It is difficult at first for the women to talk of themselves, so they talk of each other:

"She made the Dean's List at college," Carmen speaks of her daughter. Now Lisa laughs and speaks of her mother. "She always did everything. She spoiled me." Now the younger women speak of the grandmother, who lives alone and is called memere by Lisa. "She always wears a dress. She thinks old women

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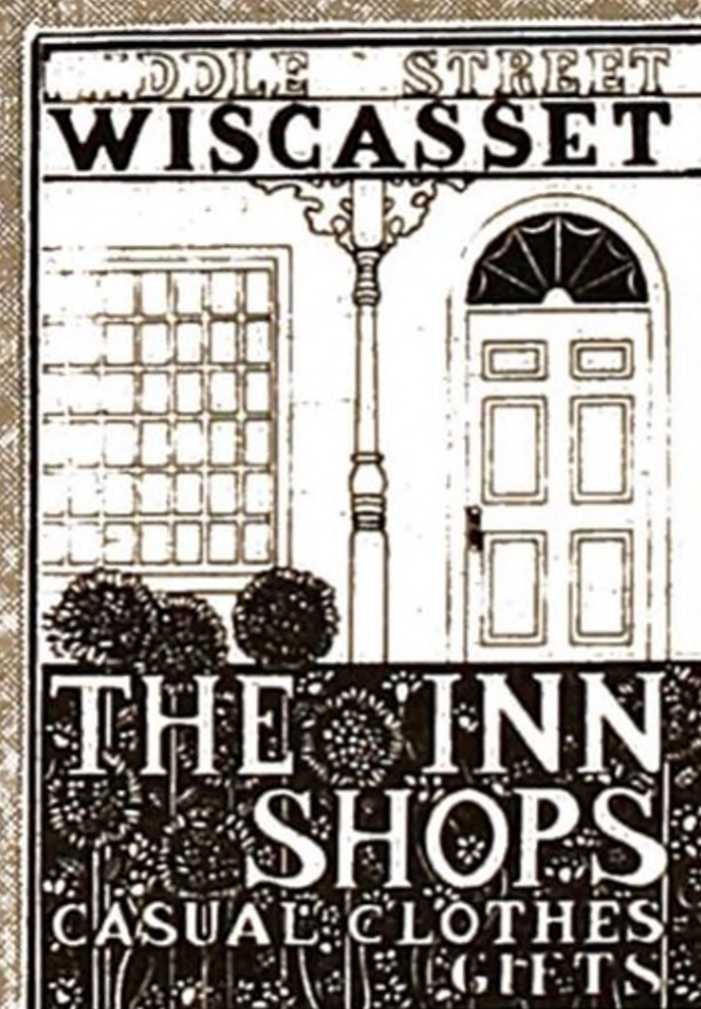
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A sociologist looks at her own community

Madeleine Giguere sits high on a big leather chair with two extra pillows — “the way my father liked it” — and smokes a cigar. She tells her whimpering puppy “go to your box” and the dog promptly jumps up on a sofa-swing. “That’s her box,” laughs Giguere.

Giguere’s sunny front room is jammed with books, plants, chairs, ashtrays and antiques. A magazine rack is bursting with periodicals: *Changing Times*, *Public Interest*, *Saturday Review*, and somewhat incongruously, *Mary Knoll*. A large plastic sculpture dominates the decor and Giguere explains that it’s one of a series of “Roger’s” figurines, each depicting different scenes. This one is called “Weighing in the Baby.” The piece was once in her father’s waiting room, years ago when he practiced medicine in the French community in Lewiston. Last fall, because of his failing health, Giguere had to put her father in a nursing home, a few blocks from her home on Webster Street.

“My father would have liked me to stay home and care for him,” she says. “I said, Daddy, I never told you that.” She tells me that her father, Dr. Eustache Giguere, graduated from Bowdoin Medical College and had his office on the corner of Cedar and Canal Streets on the edge of what is called “Little Canada.”

Madeleine Giguere is a single, professional woman, 49 years old, with a tailored appearance and a direct manner. She is also Franco-American and strongly supports efforts in recent years to bolster the Franco identity within Maine. Giguere recently was made a full professor at UMPG where she teaches sociology, specializing in a course called The Sociology of Franco-Americans (from the New England point of view).

Fascinated by numbers, Giguere did a minor demographic study while being interviewed. I asked how many Francos in recent years have entered professions. She picks up the Lewiston phonebook. “Let’s look at the lawyers.” For a few minutes she’s lost in counting French surnames in the yellow pages under attorneys. “11,” she says. Then she finds the total number of attorneys to be 72. “11 out of 72,” she nods as if the results con-

firmed her suspicion. In a moment she’s counting the physicians. She finds 18 doctors with French surnames out of 112 in the phonebook. (Sixty percent of the Lewiston population is of French descent.)

There were even fewer Franco professionals when Giguere was growing up and she considers herself the recipient of a unique heritage. “I was sent to public schools because my mother thought they were better schools.” There was no problem with English because both parents were fluently bilingual. “They could write essays in either language they knew it so well.” Her mother had learned English from her own mother who had worked as an interpreter in one of the Lewiston mills at age nine.

Giguere graduated from the College of New Rochelle and received a master’s degree in economics from Fordham. Says Giguere, “I wrote a master’s thesis on the sardine industry in Maine.” She is only short her dissertation in the doctoral program at Columbia University. Her dissertation was going to be a demographic study of the changing marriage age in Quebec. Giguere muses, then says she thinks it lost some appeal as she got older and was happily single. She has decided in recent years not to complete her dissertation.

Teaching, Franco studies, and more recently, women’s rights, have provided Giguere with a full life. She took a sabbatical last spring and developed a French population social and economic profile for the state of Maine.

In 1971, Giguere began her equal rights activities during the UMPG women’s struggle for equal salaries. “I wrote up a questionnaire and sent it to all women, kitchen workers, everyone on both campuses. From that came an organizational committee which led to the first Affirmative Action Committee.” Giguere was the first director of the UMPG Affirmative Action Committee. Now, she sits on the Governor’s Advisory Council on the Status of Women.

From her work in women’s rights at UMPG came another project close to her heart. A professional glance at UMPG employees’ names indicated

to Giguere that Francos, both men and women, were few in number on the university payroll. “I wrote a six page letter to the Chancellor about the lack of professional employees with French surnames on all campuses,” she smiles. His reply? “He sent an innocuous answer.”

I ask what her relatives think of her efforts on behalf of women and Francos. “The college age kids think it’s great.” She pauses. “My father thought it is a good thing — it’s unusual — Franco-Americans don’t want to rock the boat.”

Giguere retains her ties with the Catholic Church, and in Lewiston, Mass is still said in French. But her religious beliefs are moderate to liberal for her generation of Francos. “Everything is in flux,” she says. “There is room for a lot of different ideas within the church.”

There is barely a trace of French discernible in her speech, but Giguere bristles at the idea she is not a proud Franco. She is encouraged by such things as the Centre d’Heritage Franco American located in Auburn, and the renewed interest of some Maine college students in their Franco background. “You cannot run away from your background. You have to come to terms with it.”

Giguere says the thing that broke the cultural bond for the French in Maine was World War II, when Francos found themselves greatly outnumbered by English speaking comrades. “The men were in an English speaking society,” she says. “They had to learn. When they came home they said my children are not going to speak French, they are going to speak English.”

Because of economic and social assimilation, Francos are gradually leaving their tightknit communities — 2/3 of Maine’s French language population is located in southern Maine — and Giguere believes that cultural identity may be the only bond left between Francos. “I’m quite sure the language is going,” she states. “I think the emphasis has got to turn to culture.” Laughing she points northward, “You know it’s right there [Canada].”

by Peggy Fisher

don’t look good in pants,” says Carmen. “She still shovels snow,” says Lisa. “And washes and simonizes her car.” “In a dress?” I say. “Yes,” they agree, while Jeanne Beaulieu smiles shyly at me.

Jeanne speaks only to Carmen and Lisa, and only in French. “My father didn’t think she needed to know English,” says Carmen. Carmen translates my questions into French and then translates her mother’s answers into English for me. I note that Jeanne understands much of the conversation we are having. “She understands but can’t speak,” says Carmen.

The younger women tell me that French customs play very little role in their present lives. The grandmother likes to remember going to the St. John’s

Day (St. Jean-Baptiste) picnic and reading the local French newspaper, *Le Messager* (now defunct).

But there is one tie the Giguere family clings to, perhaps the only remaining link holding the rapidly assimilating Franco community together in Maine, the French language. At the Giguere’s it is a topic of controversy. Carmen does not think she speaks English very well, her French accent bothers her. “I wish I could get rid of it,” she says. But she assures me she is not ashamed to be French and speak French. “That’s what I tell Paul.” Paul is Carmen’s son, Lisa’s brother, and a student at MIT. “I tell Paul it’s good to know two languages, for business,” says Carmen.

Carmen and Lisa tell me that Paul gets upset with

the family’s French which they speak at home. “We don’t speak good French,” says Carmen. “All three women learned French as infants, before they learned English.” “Paul says we say one sentence in French and one in English,” Carmen and Lisa laugh. “We do!” says Lisa. Carmen continues, “Paul used to tell us, speak French or English, not half and half.” Now all three women laugh and I join them.

Lisa, a college graduate, has a different problem. Her English is perfect, no trace of accent. But as a third generation Franco, she wishes her French were more fluent. She would like to read novels in French, such as the one she just bought in translation by Colette. “And I’d love to read Simone de Beauvoir in French. You lose so much in translation.”

Other than the inability to read French literature, the family’s French does not bother Lisa. She enjoys telling the story of a Franco-American friend of hers in Europe, who, whenever he couldn’t think of the correct French word for something, would use an English word with a French pronunciation. She laughs and says his European friends never said anything because they weren’t sure whether his way of speaking was considered better or worse than theirs.

Traditionally, Franco-Americans are Catholic, and all three women call themselves practicing Catholics. Jeanne, the grandmother, is a Canadian by birth and is the only one who attended parochial schools solely. Jeanne came to Lewiston in 1922 as the bride of Willie Beaulieu. They settled in an apartment where all six of Jeanne’s children were born. Although the babies were born at home, Carmen tells me that her mother was attended by a doctor. As was the religious custom, Jeanne’s two sons both have the first name of Joseph, while the four daughters have the first name Marie. Carmen, as well as her sisters and brothers, is called by her middle name.

Jeanne’s family was her life and she devoted all her time and energy to them. “She used to sew all our clothes,” says Carmen. “And cook? She would make a pot of soup every day. Then we’d have meat and vegetables and cake.” I ask what kind of meat. “Pork pies, meat pies . . . she would bake one cake every day.” Carmen shakes her head. “She made beans every Saturday and homemade pies. If you don’t call that work, what is?” Jeanne has her hands folded while her daughter tells the story. She watches me while I listen and write.

“Every Sunday we went out to take a ride,” says Carmen. “My mother loved to ride.” I ask if Jeanne ever learned to drive. Carmen nods, “At age 41.” There is a problem now facing the Giguere’s about grandmother’s driving. She will have to be retested

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this year according to law because she is 75. But Carmen says her mother, who is in excellent mental and physical shape, is afraid because the driving test is conducted only in English now. Carmen says they are impatient at the motor vehicle bureau with anyone who speaks French.

Carmen Giguere attended parochial grade schools but graduated from Lewiston High School. She still remembers the language problem she had when she entered public junior high from her Catholic grade school. "They put all the kids from parochial school [where only French was spoken] in the lowest group," she recalls. "They didn't say that, but I knew it." I asked her if she spoke any English when she entered junior high. Carmen sighs heavily. "I could write it, I could read it, and I could understand it, because we studied it at parochial school. But I could not speak it, because there had been no one at home or school who spoke it."

Married at 21, Carmen concentrated for almost 25 years on her household and children. "To me," she says, "the women should be doing the women's work. But if a woman works full time and a man works full time, then they should share." Carmen does the book-keeping for the family restaurant and loves it. "I should have done it long ago," she says. She tells me that staying home all day can get women into a "rut." But although she says her husband will help around the house now and then, she still considers her home her major job.

Lisa studied at local parochial schools, then graduated from Lewiston High School and UMO. She is a reporter at the Lewiston Evening Journal and likes it. In the evening she takes a journalism course at UMPG. Lisa tells me she'll probably never marry. Carmen nods, "That's her life." But Lisa adds, "I'd like to have a child . . . have one and adopt one." Carmen reacts, "That's news to me."

Carmen listens to her daughter talk and then says, "To me, if you love somebody — not like — I think you want to get married. Otherwise you might lose them. To me you get married once, it's for life." Lisa agrees, and that's why she doesn't want to marry. "It's a lifetime commitment." I ask Lisa how she would view her role if she ever changed her mind and married. "If I got married I would continue working. I'd expect my husband to share the housework . . ."

While we are speaking of marriage and children, I want to broach some touchy subjects. Finally, I say to Carmen, the most open of the three, "How do you feel about birth control and abortion?" (Lisa, protective of her family, is taping our conversation. I have no tape. Later, parting as friends, she will offer me the tape for my story.) Carmen struggles for the right words. "I am not . . . for abortion at all . . . but birth control is a matter of conscience between husband and wife." Lisa says, "The emphasis should be on birth control . . . I'm not really against abortion . . . but there's no excuse to get pregnant now that there's birth control."

To Carmen I say, "Would you ask your mother?" There is a quick exchange in French. Carmen looks

at me. "She says she wanted to have all six of her children." It is clear the subject is closed.

I ask Lisa what she thinks about the Women's Movement and she tells me that a recent trip to hear Gloria Steinem speak was her first encounter with it. She says she was profoundly affected by Steinem's speech. "She talked about changing society, about changing our institutions . . . it really got to me. I never thought about it that way before."

Lisa says she grew up in a neighborhood of boys and never played dolls. "But she did not become a tomboy," interjects Carmen. "She is still very feminine." Lisa recalls how she hated the portrayal of females in television shows she watched as a child. "Oh Flash Gordon . . . I remember how incompetent the women always were in those television shows."



Grandmother Jeanne Beaulieu

Lisa and her mother are avid movie fans and go every time the show changes. "I see every film twice," says Lisa. Carmen says that as a child she ran errands to earn movie money and went four or five times a week. Often they bring Jeanne, then Carmen must sit beside her mother and explain the dialogue in French.

Recently, all three women saw *Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore*. Lisa loved it, the two older women did not although they admired the acting. Carmen

makes a face, waves her arms and tries to explain. "It was so . . . so . . . violent," she says. "Every man was violent to her [Ellen Burstyn, the star]." Although I have not seen the film, I suggest that maybe the plot was supposed to show her attracted only to violent men. "I think some women bring that out in men," says Carmen, nodding.

I ask Carmen how her mother liked it. Carmen translates her mother's reaction: she did not like the way people talked, the way they lived. Lisa had been quiet but now tells us one of the reasons she loved the film. She describes a remarkably touching scene showing a strong friendship between two women. "These two women," she begins, "They were both waitresses, sitting on chairs, talking . . . you could sense their closeness, you could see the friendship . . . it was so refreshing. You just don't get scenes like that in modern cinema. I think it moved me because it was so unusual to see that — women aren't supposed to be friends . . ."

I ask the three of them what they have in common besides blood ties and language. Carmen and Lisa love music, Jeanne, not so much. Carmen's current favorite singer is Neil Diamond, and she shows me two recent albums. "'I Am, I Said' . . . I love that," she says. Lisa loves blues, soul, classical: Muddy Waters, Billie Holiday, Aretha Franklin.

"Ah," says Carmen. "We all like to save our money." The three women nod and smile. "We save for big things," says Lisa. "We skimp on little things and save for bigger things." Lisa worked and saved when she first got out of college long enough to pay for a five month visit to Europe (four months in London, one in France). Both younger women agree that their saving habits were inherited from Jeanne.

They often buy on sale, except for clothing. "If something comes up like a wedding and you need something nice, you don't wait for a sale," says Carmen. All three women are immaculately groomed. I recall a friend telling me that when she drove through Quebec Province that even the French farm wives in the fields were carefully groomed. I ask how important looks and clothing are for women today. Carmen says, "I think everyone should take pride in how they look." Lisa adds, "I think both men and women have an obligation to look nice." We talk some about the differences between casual dress and sloppiness, when suddenly Jeanne startles me, saying, "I don't like wigs." The younger women smile. "Sometimes she will say something in English." Lisa points to her grandmother's abundant cap of soft grey hair.

There is an enviable closeness between generations, perhaps due to their Franco heritage, speaking the familiar French at home, facing the world with English. The younger women Lisa and Carmen speak their French to each other but are obviously comfortable in an Anglo culture. Only Jeanne Beaulieu, widowed, living alone in a ten-room apartment, remains fully French, speaking the mother tongue and remembering now and then the Canadian village of St. Julien where she was born. by Peggy Fisher

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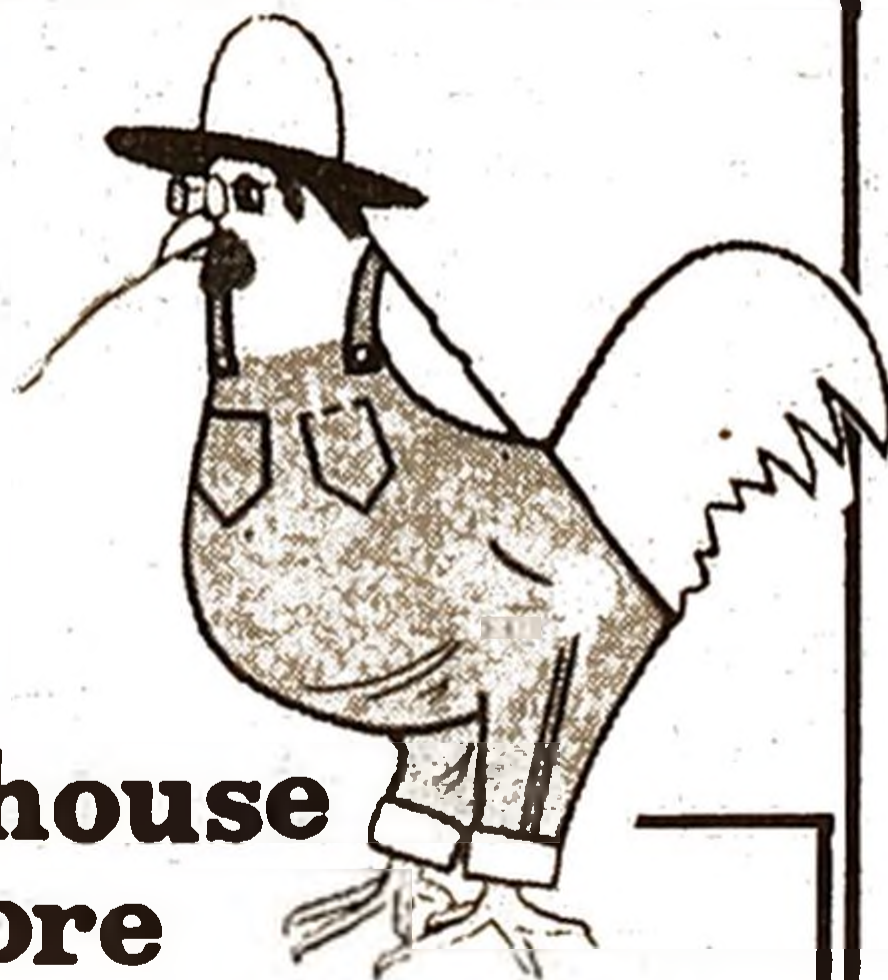
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The reasons Maine women have chosen to open their own businesses vary as much as do the catchy, creative names they've selected: Needlepoint, A Likely Story, The Root Seller, Style and Aplomb.

Some, like Nora in *A Doll's House*, realized there's much more to life than the home and family and so took a business on their shoulders.

Others are widows left with nothing but a small insurance payment: they invested it in a business that would have to support them the rest of their days. In still other cases, fathers used money saved for college educations to instead help their daughters create a shop and a future.

For all the diversity, women business owners in Maine agree on one point: opening and operating a business have changed them. They've learned, expanded, grown, becomes less docile, begun to like themselves a lot more than they ever had. And they've faced discrimination.

"The children were out of the house more than they were in it, and I'd gone the route of charity work," said Paula Kagan of her reason for founding Needlepoint in Bangor.

"Most women look for something to fulfill them once the children start leaving, and we are only Mrs. So-And-So. We all feel we have something to offer, and we want to. I found my milieu is teaching [needlepoint], and the business is fun.

"This is a change for me. I always felt if the husband is out, the wife stays home. My husband now has more respect for me. And I have sympathy for his business problems. Our lives had gotten so divergent, this gives us a common ground."

After her husband passed away, Joan Buck decided to "go for broke" and move her small yarn shop from her home to larger headquarters, the Searsport Yarn Shop. With four children, she finds that balancing home and business makes time her most valuable commodity. Having purchased a second shop, the Yarn Bin in Glen Cove, Buck said, "I enjoy being alone now since I am with people all the time. I was at home today, and cleaning was delightful. What is a chore to others is a thrill to me — but not seven days a week.

"I am a more positive person now. I have no one to take a decision upstairs to."

Sharon Boulter, who at 27 has saved her own money to open The Ice Cream Lady in Portland, admits, "At times, I think, 'Where are the days I put on a pretty dress, went to work [as a cocktail waitress], went home, and went to a party?' Now I feel a lot more responsible. . . I enjoy a challenge, and I hadn't had a professional challenge for a long time. I feel satisfied even to get to choose the color of paint for my shop instead of only choosing between a twist and an olive for a martini."

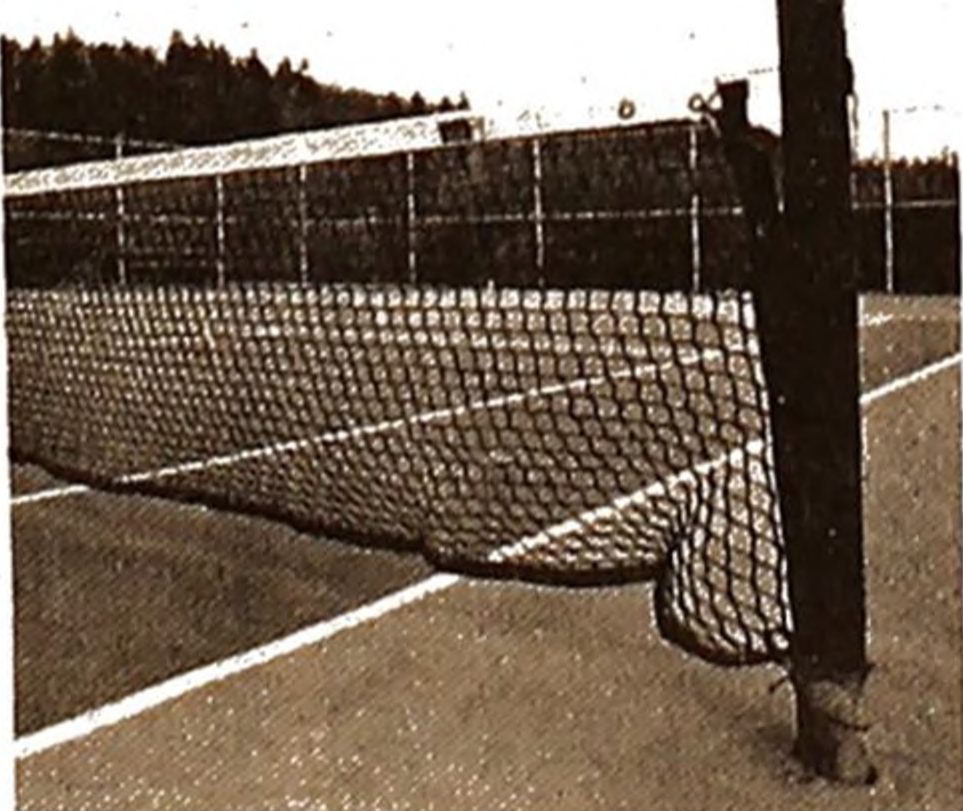
Even before opening the Portland children's book store A Likely Story last October, co-owner Judy Delogu realized, "I had to push myself to be aggressive. You're assaulted with things to do: decisions, decisions. It's hard for us to push ourselves, but men do. Women are not used to it. At first I was so wishy-washy, and I had no reserve of confidence to draw on."

Delogu and her partner, Holly Farrally-Plourde, both have young children — four and three respectively,

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the youngest child being two years old. Yet Farrally-Plourde found, "The decisions here were heavy. All these years, I never really made a decision. You have the ultimate responsibility in a business, and then you have to stare at it if you make a mistake."

Both women had attended the same consciousness raising group and one day discovered they were "on the same wave length."

"I really wanted a store," Farrally-Plourde said.

Unfamiliar with the business world, they went through step by sometimes painful but always challenging step, from enrolling a young daughter in day care to finding a building and signing a lease written in terms they couldn't digest. They bought windows and doors,



Holly Farrally-Plourde, *A Likely Story*

built a bathroom, painted, remodelled. And they took their first buying and information gathering trip to New York, where everyone they met advised them not to open a children's book shop in Portland.

The two persevered.

They learned to put pressure on the landlord when necessary — like when the toilet froze last winter — and to refuse the damaged merchandise that life-long habit told them to accept, sell at a discount, and lose money on. They also met discrimination, even in a landlord who still hasn't addressed them by name.

When the telephone was installed, for instance, they were charged a \$75 deposit because, New England Tel and Tel said, they had no credit.

"It didn't count that we had 20 years combined credit: the phones were in our husbands' names," Farrally-Plourde said. They appealed to the Public Utilities Commission, and the deposit was finally lowered to \$50, more than many pay, she added. Power

cost them \$50 also. When they asked about changing their home utilities to their names instead of their husbands', they were told that wouldn't help them.

"The main stumbling block is not being able to do a lot myself, physically and because I lack knowledge," said Boulter, who is doing considerable remodelling and work herself at The Ice Cream Lady.

"My biggest difficulty is tending not to be hard enough, shrinking when two plumbers give me estimates and not knowing how to tell one of them 'no.' It was difficult to bargain over the lease though I'm not a wishy-washy person. I just don't know the protocol of dealing with landlords."

Eva Horton, school teacher for 10 years and mother for 19, has been amazed at reaction to a woman business owner. When she flew to her native Norway in November of 1972 to inquire about importing Jotul stoves, the Scandinavian company was eager to let her sell them. "But I was firm that I wanted to be the exclusive importer in this country. It was March of 1973 before they would sign on the dotted line. They did not take me seriously. I immediately sent for samples, and they arrived in November, a full year after I had started."

One of the largest shippers into the Portland harbor and importer for more than 450 dealerships, Kristia Associates has "grown like Jack's bean stalks," said the now successful Horton.

The first hurdle in starting any business is capital. Obtaining it too often is a minor miracle for women. As a result, all but one of some 25 women interviewed had financed their businesses by circuitous routes designed to avoid going to a bank for a business loan.

In the Exchange Street area of Portland, where a large number of shops are owned by women, many husbands set wives up in business, and some left an inheritance that allowed the women to open a shop. In a very few cases, working women saved their money and started a business on a shoestring.

Throughout the state, the same stories are echoed: the family helped, or the woman chose a business she could start with virtually no investment, like Leslie Lea's FATHOM, a computer programming business that cost her only one typewriter to begin.

Lea was forewarned about discrimination by her experience with Mastercharge, a credit card she had needed for business trips including air fare. Initially, she was rejected because her husband had a card. She noticed a man could list his wife's income as "supplemental," but she couldn't include her husband's. American Express turned her down and then sent her husband an application. "Why did all the men I worked with make the same salary I did and have American Express?" she wondered.

Jane Sawyer, who opened Design Cotton in Portland on March 3, obtained a bank loan for a "large portion of my starting capital. My husband's reputation did it. He's in real estate, and he has good credit. My husband said that I needed the money, and the bank gave it to me."

One northern Maine woman had to seek a short-term business loan after running a successful operation for several years. "I was turned down at the bank unless I got my husband's signature: I was so hurt and humiliated. I'm not a woman's libber, but I was ready to burn my bra on the spot. If it had been a man, would they have required the wife to be a co-signer?" She pled anonymity because she plans to follow up: "I'm not going to let this thing drop."

Women's Training and Resources Center in Portland was funded and founded on a shareholder basis by

three women. But by May of 1973, co-owner Ko Kimmel wanted to expand and so approached a bank for a business development loan. The resulting time, travel, and frustration weave a fascinating story of discrimination against women business owners.

Kimmel went to the Office of Minority Business Enterprise only to find that women were not among the "socially and economically disadvantaged" people the office was supposed to help. Women's Training and Resources challenged that claim, wrote then President Richard Nixon (no reply), and finally obtained help in "developing a financial package."

Armed with a 45-page proposal, which Portland banks admitted was "impressive," Kimmel was turned down by two banks, which made her eligible to go to the Small Business Administration (SBA) in Massachusetts. An SBA official later came to Augusta to meet with Kimmel and state officials. "They alluded to the type of thing you see women do, traditional things like running beauty shops," Kimmel said; however, she was developing programs and services to help and train women advancing in the business world. She had to appeal to the district level of SBA in Augusta.



Sharon Boulter, *Ice Cream Lady*

A total of six months after she began her search, Kimmel received a loan for one-quarter the amount she had sought. First she, her husband, and her shareholders had to sign a note. Then the Kimmels had to put a mortgage on their house to cover the note.

"If we had known that, we could have gotten the money on a second mortgage from a bank and saved five months," Kimmel said. But like at least a few Maine women business owners, Kimmel had wanted

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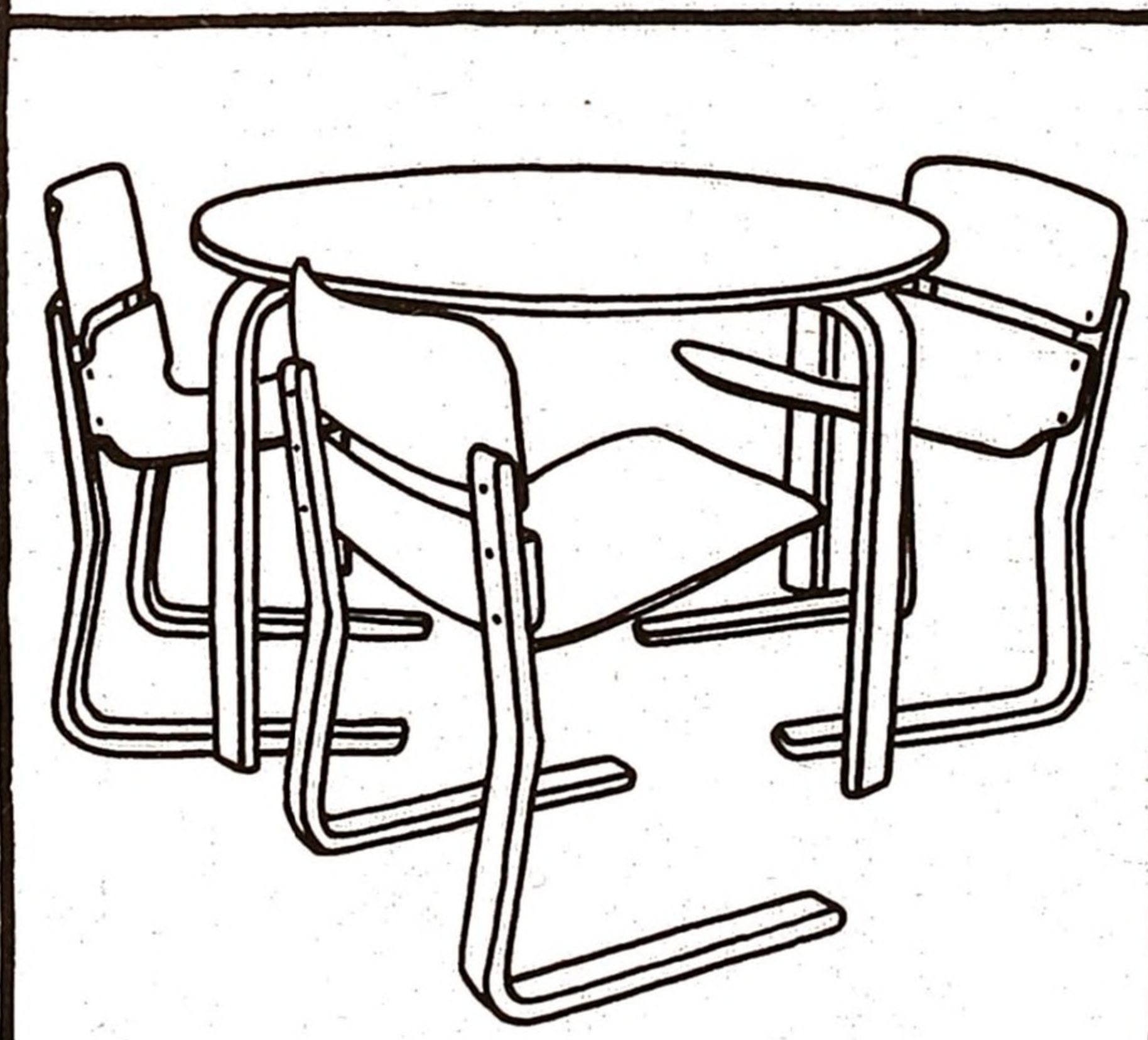
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Statistics from SBA printouts indicate Kimmel's only .886 percent of the loans grants nationally went to women. In fiscal 1973, the percentage fell to .368 for less than one-fifth of one percent of the total dollars lent. Fiscal 1974 jumped to seven percent of the loans representing less than five percent of the nearly \$2 billion awarded.

As far as she knows, Kimmel is the only Maine woman who belongs to the newly formed Association of Women Business Owners, Inc. (For information, write the president, Denise Cavanaugh, 100 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.)

When Olive Simonds founded her own collection agency, Credit Service Co. in Portland, she used money she had saved and money from the sale of her late husband's collection agency. Today, four years later, she feels it would have been smarter to take out a loan and begin to establish a good credit rating. As past president of the North Eastern Collectors Assn., she is the only woman in the association to own her own agency and just this month coordinated a regional conference for more than 100 of her professional peers.

Though a number of women business owners in Maine say, if not stress, that they don't need to turn a business profit in order to live, they would like to make at least a little money. That's success in the business world. Only by making money will they be taken seriously, many feel.

In most cases, running in the black requires a solid, almost Spartan, three years of long hours, hard work, devotion, learning, lean living, and worry. Maine women business owners usually begin showing a profit, taking home a salary, or banking savings regularly for the first time within three to four years of opening.

Buck said her two yarn shops were money-makers the day she started them. Boulder hopes her ice cream shop will provide for her "minimal" needs almost at once and expects she could take a part-time cocktail waitress job in the evening if it doesn't. She plans to seek a loan as her shop grows, she said, not because she'll need the cash but because she wants to establish credit for the future.

Women, it seems, often find people don't take them or their businesses seriously. (Salesmen appear to be the unprejudiced exception, perhaps only in order to make a sale.) Women are accused of dabbling in a hobby. And the attitude, background, and even style of some women business owners do imply just that.

The sign on the front of The Port Store in Portland, a carefully stocked combination of shop and art gallery, reads "Open 12-5." Owner Betty Heller said, "I don't like teas. But I'll work for good causes, like fighting oil pollution . . . This is a substitute thing that evolved," when she moved to Maine and felt a bit isolated.

A jewelry and pottery maker, Heller was asked to join two other craftswomen and open a shop to sell their wares. (Increasingly, women are banding together to offer Maine craftswomen a consignment or other sales outlet — the Women's Exchange in Portland, The Front Room in Camden, and The Storehouse in Gorham, for example.) When the other two women dropped out, Heller's husband said, "Are we going to have a store or not?" So off the Hellers went on a buying trip. Like some other business owners, Heller might never have started or kept the shop going if her husband hadn't suggested it.

It's not the business end of this I enjoy, it's the creative part," Heller said.



The Paper Patch, Nancy Blethen

Ellen Higgins founded The Market Place, Inc., as a corporation. Coming from a wealthy family, she asked her relatives to be shareholders. (A family member already owned the building where she leases her Portland shop, a convenience true of more than one woman-owned Maine business.) "This business is not a big money-maker: that's not why I opened it," Higgins said. "I enjoy shop snooping and fine things. I always thought it would be interesting to have a shop."

Women who own businesses often find that their parents, spouses' business friends, sometimes even husbands themselves can measure success only at the bank. Yet women must overcome so many obstacles within society, even within themselves, that they feel the opening of the shop itself is all the accomplishment they want or need.

When 18-year-old Wendy Bell acquired authorization to sell fine Martin guitars, "I felt pretty proud." Since she plans to make a living through her Northern Kingdom Folk Music Shop in Camden, she can't afford to be content with that achievement. She's seeking business by giving guitar lessons and selling second-hand instruments. And she spends spare time in the studio-shop composing music, her hobby and love for the past six years, and thinks the added responsibility of the shop will encourage her to have more songs copyrighted and sent to a publisher.

Bell was born in a new generation; it's probably been less difficult for her to find the confidence she needs to open a business. Women have been more equal during much of her life.

For the older woman, it takes even more gumption. The women who do start businesses often share certain background and traits: independence, love of challenge,

enthusiasm, self-reliance, a father who had high expectations of his daughter, a mother with a Ph.D. or professional skills, and frequently the view that both women and men are people first and foremost. One woman summed up her own qualities as "having a masculine mind."

But society, particularly in Maine, hasn't come all that far. Women business owners often run into discrimination and are made to feel guilty as they try to balance on a tightrope with home on one side and company on the other.

The strains have shown on more than one family when the women, starting small, began to be increasingly serious about her growing business. Horton, after 15 months of importing Jotul stoves said, "Until last month, all I wanted to do is slow down and tone down, to get my family into sync with my business. It won't work."

"It's okay for daddy to go back to work at night, but not mommy. The man I lived with for 20 years can't accept that a woman must do the same things as a man in business. If someone comes into town, taking him out for a drink is not a date."

"I was looked at as a dumb broad and flirt at fire-place meetings. I wanted to pick peoples' heads about business, and they said, 'Let's buckle down to business another time.' My joking was misunderstood. [Later] it was different. They'd found out I run a business and am serious. There was an aura of respect around me."

"But I always have a strike against me . . .

"I'm sure I will stay married until the day I die, but it's hard for [my husband] to accept and for my friends to accept. There were many adverse effects because the business grew so fast: it was cultural shock to my family and me. I went through a period when I felt sorry for myself. Here I was stuck with a business. But the ultimate outcome will be positive. It's a shock we all have to adjust to. The three children suffered a loss of not having mommy around, but they feel better for it, like having a tooth that hurts pulled. I assure women, if they fear their families will always resent it when they open a business, they will not."

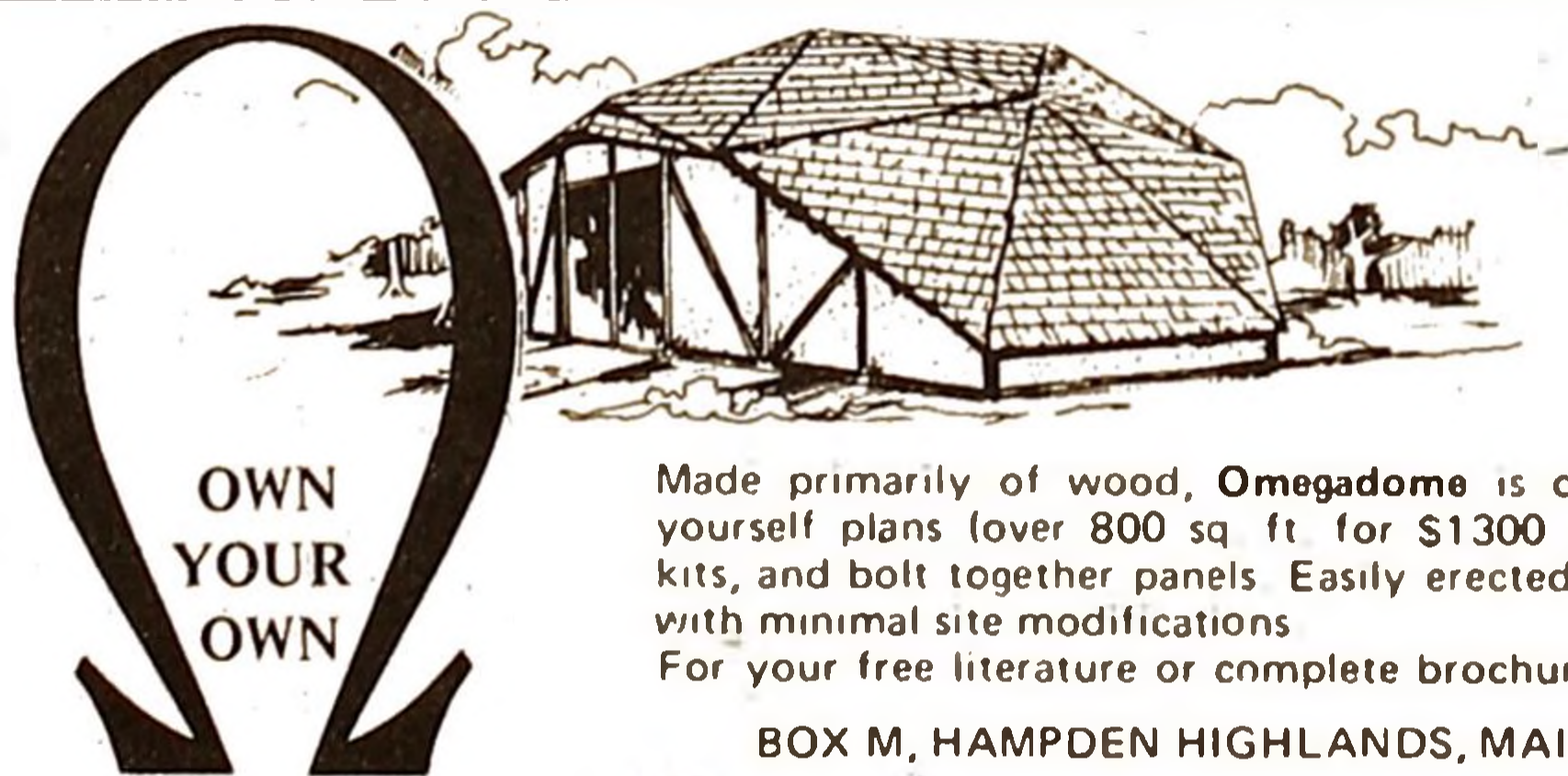
Family priorities and roles shift. As a once-meek wife explained, "My husband was thinking about moving, and I said, 'No, we have to stay.' I have a business now."

"My husband's commitments are becoming more flexible," book store owner Delogu said. Her partner Farrally-Plourde added, "My husband became an effective parent . . . He now is a doer with the children."

"The children like it," Delogu finds. "I think they're proud. I have an identity. And the children have responsibilities assigned to them. Now I feel I have it all: children, husband, and my store."

"Do you know what my seven-year-old said the other day?" Farrally-Plourde asked. "She said she doesn't want to have children and get married when she grows up. She wants her own book store. She knows I'm happy. I'm a much happier person, not living off my husband's trip all the time. He gave me a few jibes at first. But now he thinks my work is as important as his. This is something I could do forever. I really like myself more now."

by Lynne Langley

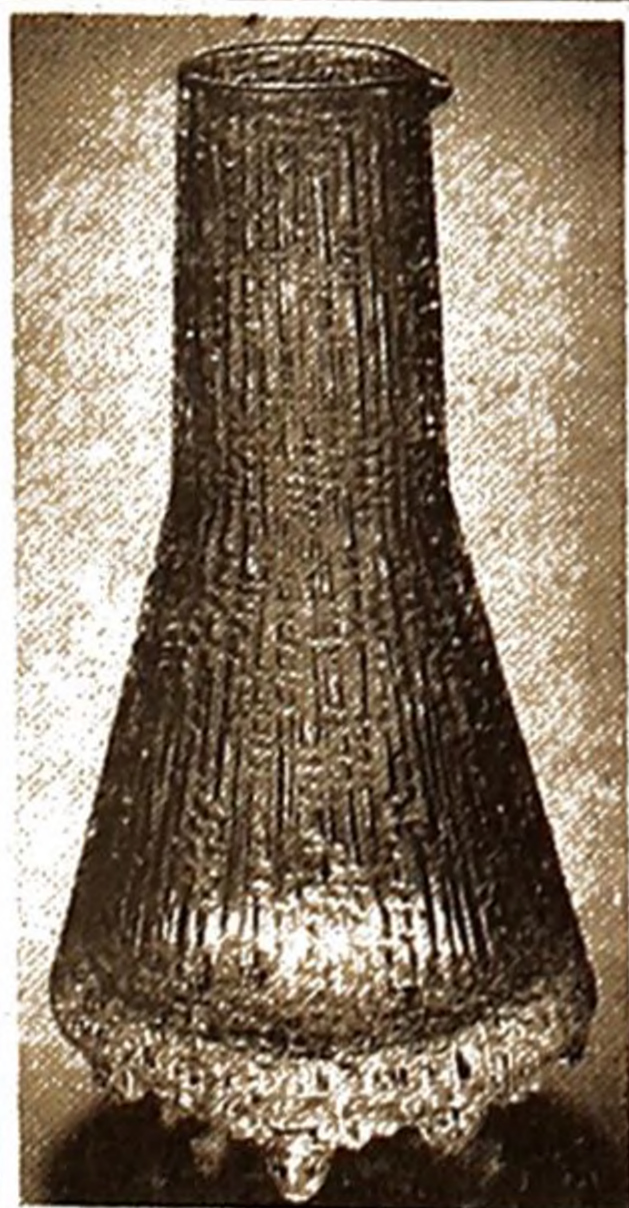


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The Trial of Anne Hutchinson 1648

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gasping in the snare,
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sat in pews along the wall
while men debated whether grace
or the covenant of works
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Anne was banished into time,
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for men to pay the cost.
Some of them have yet to learn
the women never lost.

Anne Hazelwood-Brady

Miriam Dyak, 29, of Brunswick, teaches a creative writing course at the YWCA in Portland. She has had poems anthologized in *Rising Tides* and *No More Masks*. Her work has also appeared in numerous literary and feminist publications.

Deborah Boe, 24, a junior at Bowdoin College, had poems published in *Loose*, and numerous other journals. Carol Baker Hansen, a music department at Bowdoin College, has appeared in *The New Yorker* and *The American Scholar*.

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Lee Sharkey

Slowing Down

caterpillar is precision
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a tiny rippling movement
fur and jet beads and marching feet
my two wheels wobble to one side
just missing the road
is so close I can see
gray and white like patchwork where
some man grown tender despite himself
has mended his small world with tar
lacking a needle and thread
to string his faith on

haze softens siols and trees
sunlight like fine ocean spray
soaks the air around us
visible and brilliant
as gold dust in sand
hang the ultimate atoms

Miriam Dyak

The Constellations

We are two friends gathered here
under the constellations. (The albino bear
moves ponderously against a black silk scarf.)
But what will we do with our hands?

All these years you have possessed
an unfamiliar body. (Orion carries
his white geese away with him.) When we
were only children our parents did not
know us. (Cassiopea looks vacantly
into the milk colored glass.)

Now there are sounds in the grass,
insects with creamy wings looking at the stars.
Your foolish hands have found their way
to me. I touch also your unimaginable hair
reflecting the moon, and your skin
which is warm. Our white faces emerge
wet and new as if they had been in the sea.

Deborah Boe

A Poem Of The Farmer To His Wife

When the sun has not yet risen, and darkness

permeates still the familiar objects that live with us here
and the pale geese are restless in their yard
walking brokenly out of their sleep
and a rose rim is in the mountains

my Jane goes unclothed down the stairs.
Her breasts are the only whiteness I remember.

Deborah Boe

Bonded

We removed fifty brass screws
stripped canvas to skeleton canoe
and laid the gunnels down
like long thin modern s's.
We scraped away the painted years
green, white and battle gray
until we got down eventually
to brass tacks and two women
rebuilding from raw wood
a slim-skinned, silent boat
that puts upon the waters
nothing but its weight.

Anne Hazelwood-Brady

at Bowdoin College, has
eby's Review, Hanging
mall publications,
f Newcastle, works in the
n College. Her poetry
Massachusetts Review,

Lee Sharkey, 30, lives in Solon where she has 64
eight-line poems forthcoming from her electric press.

Anne Hazelwood-Brady is the author of four books
of poetry has been published in several quarterlies.
She has most recently been included in *We Become
New*, an anthology of contemporary American women
poets. Hazelwood-Brady, 50, lives in Arundel.

PROFILES

In the course of finding the eight women who are profiled in this section, *Maine Times* learned of many candidates: a beaver trapper in West Forks; a forester working for Georgia-Pacific Corp. in Woodland; a postal service worker who has reached the highest level held by women in the post office system in Maine; a couple of constables; a team of female fire-

fighters in Washington County; the first woman to join the 262nd Engineer Battalion of the Maine Army National Guard; and the first woman to serve as a Maine State Prison officer. Some we tried to track down and couldn't.

There are many women making changes, big and small, in Maine. Those featured below are just a few.

by Lucy Martin

eight unusual women

1 MURIEL STILPHEN

"I took this job as a joke."

"Muriel is tough," a cousin said. "She had complete charge of 35 head of cattle on her father's farm."

Now, at 38, Muriel Stilphen runs the Bremen Clam Company, owned by the Portland Clam Company, a few miles from Damariscotta. She stands one-quarter inch under six feet. Her twin sister is five-feet-two. A long black rubber apron and black gum boots magnify her stature.

For all her "toughness" and bigness, she is an accessible, genial, even gentle person. "I took this job as a joke," she admits in a husky, unmistakably authentic Maine accent. "I was on vacation from Jay Brush Corporation in Brunswick. I jokingly said I'd come down and work a couple of weeks. It was kind of a challenge."

That was three years ago. One appealing factor was the rent-free house beside the clam shop. "We didn't have a place other than a 22-foot Winnebago." The setup looked good to her and her husband Arthur, "a beautiful cook" and former Navy man who overslept the day the submarine *Thresher* left port; it was subsequently lost at sea. She married at 33 and acquired three stepchildren, now in their early 20's.

In 1955, at the age of 17, Muriel Stilphen started work as a spinner at the Worumbo Mill in Lisbon Falls. For nine and a half years "I made good," she recalls.

She then worked at Jay Brush in the wood shop and tumbling department, painting brush handles, tumbling them in a big drum, repainting them, drying them in a 180-degree oven, varnishing them, putting them back in the oven . . . "It was a good job," she says regretfully. "It was five days a week, with weekends

[off], paid holidays, security. In three months time they had seven men on the job and none of them could do the work as fast. Hot work? Yes. But I can stand the heat better than the cold. In a good week's time I could put out anywhere from 230,000 handles or better." An average order called for 10,000 to 20,000.

By contrast, the clam shop permits little free time. Summer is the busiest season. There isn't even time to hunt and Bremen is good deer country. "I get up at 5, I'm in the shop by 6. By the time I'm done, it's 7 or 8 o'clock. Sometimes 10 or 11. There's paper work to be done. I'm not one that'll stop and eat supper. I gotta clean the place up. When I stop and eat, I'm done."

In the course of a day, 15 to 21 bushels of clams are shucked, "depending on how fast my crew works. My best girl is the one in orange up there," she says, gesturing to Madeline, grey head bent over her shucking knife. "She does 10 to 12 gallons a day with good big clams."

A sign near the red phone in the office says, "I'm the boss around here." What kind of boss is she?

Belinda, a young woman with straw-colored hair, rolls her eyes and gestures broadly with her hands: "She's got a heart as big as gold. She's easy to work for."

"To me, she's an A-1 boss," Madeline says. "In fact, I call her mother." Madeline could be mistaken for Muriel's mother.

"She's got patience," Cheryl volunteers.

The house cluttered with cats and kittens, the yard strung with dogs are reminders of the Lisbon Falls farm with its cattle and pigs. "I kind of miss that life." She draws out a photo of "my pride and joy, Peggy," an Ayrshire cow. "Father give her to me when she was born. She was a beautiful milker. Come 5 o'clock, just stick a pail under her."

Other than visiting Massachusetts with her husband



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a few times, Muriel Stilphen remembers leaving Maine only once. "We took our class trip in 1954 to Washington. What I liked most was seeing the Amish in Pennsylvania." The hard, physical work in the field with hand tools, "no modern stuff," appealed to her. The people were durable.

"I told the bus driver he could leave me down there."

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2 KO KIMMEL

"The disproportionate number of women who feel uncomfortable taking a visible role is incredible."

Ko Kimmel, born in Russia, came to Portland 25 years ago with her parents as a "displaced persons" family.

"I have always been interested in business," the 33-year-old president and co-founder of Women's Training and Resources Corporation (WTRC) says. "With the support of the Armenian community, my family came to the United States in 1949 and got set up in business." Her mother, who lived through the Stalin period in Russia and had Ko Kimmel's sister along the road of retreat during World War II, now runs a rooming house on Cumberland Avenue.

As graduate students, the two sisters set up a dress shop in Bar Harbor, which they operated for five summers. "At 21, I was one of the youngest women to buy a building on my own. Banks at that time weren't that receptive to women." They still aren't, she adds.

She counseled students at Ohio University while working on a masters degree; worked in Kansas City at "a straight business job in retailing ladies accessories;" and, as associate dean of students at the University of Maine, Portland-Gorham, several years ago, "ran the housing and food service operation as a business."

She has also been involved in the Governor's Council on the Status of Women and the Women's Equity Action League.

Following an embroilment at the University of Maine over unequal pay, Ko Kimmel incorporated the private, profit-making Women's Training and Resources Corporation in 1972. It is now one of the oldest female-owned firms in the country, servicing women in a consulting capacity, training them through the "Breaking Barriers Through Speech" program to assume greater responsibility in their careers. Workshops take her all over the country.

It is a competitive field, Ko Kimmel points out, but while there are many conferences and talk sessions about teaching women to assume more visible leadership roles, "there is very little being done in the application of communications skills." WTRC programs give women an opportunity to practice speech making, the art of negotiating, interviewing, being interviewed. "That's why we're moving rather well. We're making money, so our stuff is practical."

Ko Kimmel further defines WTRC's objective as

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"the socialization of women. We say, 'We're going to equip you for the system as it is — once you're in, you can decide for yourself.' The disproportionate number of women who feel uncomfortable taking a visible role," she adds, "is incredible."

A woman on her toes. Self-assured. Meticulous in dress, precise in expression. Businesslike and poised, but not stiff. Ko Kimmel thinks response to WTRC has been more favorable than to other agencies because it is a private business. It dispenses with the stigma of women as volunteers, as non-competitive workers. "I do see myself as an entrepreneur. I have no hangups with capitalism, except I see some real abuses going on."

When she was 23 or 24, Ko Kimmel took 45 hours of flying lessons; single prop Cessna 150s. She co-piloted from Ohio to Kansas, dodging hail stones all the way. "It was the most physically exciting thing I've done in my life. I did it because I wanted to fly — for the experience's sake. A lot of people in this country have a hangup about absolutely finishing everything they start. I just wanted to be able to get into a plane and take off and tour the countryside. And I did."

4 MABEL DENNISON



GEORGE DENNISON PHOTO

"I like babies most, children next, and adults least of all."

Mabel Dennison's life is inseparable from the lives of children. Her husband George, a writer, "says it's a natural vocation for me," she confesses with a shy, slow smile. The day after the birth of their third child Michael, at home, she resumed canning peaches. "I really care about natural childbirth and nursing, and I've always felt fine right away, and hungry."

The Dennisons live in Temple, not far from Farmington, in a hilltop house overlooking the fertile valley of the Sandy River.

Born in 1932, Mabel Dennison attended Brearley School, an independent girls school in New York where her mother taught history and home economics; studied English literature at Radcliffe; took teacher training courses at Columbia University; and earned an M.A. degree in childhood education. Yet she seems remarkably uninterested in these aspects of her personal history, which anyone else might point to as milestones. They seem extraneous to her "real" life. In fact, when she is asked about herself, the conversation invariably focuses on children.

In the early 60's, she taught at the elementary level in New York public schools, "but I couldn't control the classes and was fired. I thought it was all right for the children to look out the window."

In 1962, she began teaching at a free school in Rockland County started by a person who had worked at Summerhill School in England a year. Three years later, she and several other people, including her future husband and Susan Goodman, daughter of writer Paul Goodman, opened the First Street School in New York City, about which George Dennison writes in *The Lives of Children*.

Because she didn't want to charge the students tuition, "I raised the money privately and we couldn't get funded to continue." Money from her family kept the school going for two years, after which the Dennisons moved to Maine. "It was a modest little school."

They started the Sandy River School in Temple when Susie, now nine, needed it. There are now 20 children in attendance, eight from indigenous families, the rest "transplanted."

The Sandy River School reflects Mabel Dennison's priorities: flexibility, variety and a structure based on the needs and limitations of the children. There is no restriction on speech. "Children are allowed to talk and it's about whatever's going on, whatever interests them. Speech is so important to higher learning, and to have it controlled in elementary school is a handicap at the start."

Mabel Dennison's temperament suits her for the apparent chaos of an open school. She answers the shrillest demand with unshakable patience.

It must be true: "I like babies most, children next, and adults least of all."

3 CHARLOTTE PARKS

"I'm not interesting, but this work I'm doing is."

"It's heartbreaking work," Charlotte Parks says of animal welfare. She's been doing it since 1942.

Her accent is thick Bostonese. Her manner: formal, gracious. The look from her seamed face: thoughtful, penetrating, attentive. She has the demeanor of a potentially formidable opponent. "I'm not interesting, but this work I'm doing is."

Charlotte Parks studied psychiatric social work at Smith College to prepare her for working with children at the Judge Baker Foundation in Boston. But during World War II, her husband took over a ship yard in Maine to build mine-sweepers. She remembers well what the transition from Boston, a city of "impressive animal shelters," to rural Maine was like. Because there were no centers where she lives (York), she became involved in animal welfare.

"I was struck with the animal suffering I saw all around me. I saw livestock left out in the coldest weather with no shelter. I saw pigs actually blue with cold. I saw dogs chained outside, for days at a time, with no food or water. I saw dogs and cats caught in traps that children had set out and then forgotten or ignored."

Since starting the Animal Welfare Society, which runs an animal shelter in Kennebunk, Charlotte Parks has raised her sights to statewide legislation and protection. She worked hard for three years to help establish the Animal Welfare Division within the Maine Department of Agriculture and is now on its board. At 78, she tirelessly makes the 210-mile round trip to Augusta for the monthly meeting.

She started working for animal welfare (always on a volunteer basis; she has never had a paid job) with the realization that "there are many, many persons concerned with helping people, to every single one concerned with animal suffering." And too often the concern for animals was slanted by an exploitative interest on the part of human beings: state departments of agriculture, for instance, looked out for the health of animals from a consumer's standpoint. Due in large part of her efforts, Maine is one of only two states to

set up a special department to consider the rights of animals independently from human interests.

Charlotte Parks' commitment to animal welfare comes across as her life, her whole life. She seems uninterested in talking about anything else. The women's movement? Conflicts she has felt in her own life? "I don't think we were so aware of those things as we are today. In those days when I was growing up, women didn't have jobs other than marriage, unless they were very advanced . . . I can't say I ever had any difficulty because of my sex, but that might be because of the work I was involved in." Women's concern for animals and children is taken for granted.

Of her own life and the direction it has taken, she says musingly, "I'm a great believer in chance. I think chance plays a great part in our lives. I don't remember making any real decisions. Things just happened."



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5 ABBY ZIMET



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"It's the doing that will convince people."

Abby Zimet, 26, spent the winter cutting and trucking pulp wood in East Madison and Athens with her chain saw and pulp truck.

"It can be pleasant if everything's just right, but," she adds wryly, "everything's just right only one percent of the time. But I really dig using my body and it's really satisfying to see that truck pulling out fully loaded."

A Sarah Lawrence graduate who specialized in literature and was "interested in law," Abby Zimet left the city four years ago. She was involved in community organizing and in bringing urban working class kids to the country.

"It was the first time I got into physical stuff. A lot of carpentry, working in the woods, gardening. I felt really powerful. I really appreciate having the physical strength along with the mental. I remember feeling really joyous . . ."

She had premeditated, deliberate reasons for doing woods work. "There are very few ways to make a living up here. One is woods work. It's a ridiculous way for anyone to make a living, especially a woman. But it's definitely a challenge." She points out, however, "I definitely went into it as a mental trip, not economic, because there are other things I could do. This is like a double reverse whammy macho trip, you know."

Part of her motive for taking to the woods was to prove a point: that women can do tough work traditionally classified for men only. She believes that the more physically inept women feel, the more psychologically dependent they remain.

Of the women's movement, she calls it "a failing that it's associated with the middle class. But it's my whole frame of reference. I think it's important in all aspects, but the mental part is especially important" — changing people's consciousness. She looks forward to the day when she can walk into Darling's Auto Parts and buy something without being asked, "Which one does he want?"

She grimaces, reliving the experience. "Who is he?"

She thinks of living in Maine "indefinitely," or as "a home base you could leave and come back to." Her woods cabin has been ransacked and vandalized twice this winter, with only half the stolen property recovered, a sobering experience which may curtail her pulpwood cutting. But she isn't defeated. "I'm hoping to build a house this summer."

Whatever she does, Abby Zimet will be making a forceful statement about the validity of the women's movement, not by saying women can do "a man's job," but by doing it. "It's the doing that will convince people."

6 FRAN HAPGOOD



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"I found out if you don't stand up and do what you want, nobody is going to make you."

"The boss said, 'I think you have the disposition for this job' — because I like people." J. Frances Hapgood, 67, popular editor of the Portland Press Herald Clearing House column for 27 years, has been described as resourceful and dedicated. She is also warm, outgoing and genuinely interested in people.

"I really did love my job," she says two years after retiring. In fact, she still does the column four days a week "because I wanted to keep the contact with the people."

From the start, the column was more than a vehicle for swapping stray pieces of yarn or recipes. When Fran Hapgood took over in 1957, it became a place to meet people, find volunteer workers for special projects or social organizations, track down books needed for historical research, or exchange garden plants. It became a place to share with others.

From the community created by the column a Friendship Club was started; the Medicine Chest contained a list of sick or hospitalized people to whom wellwishers could send cards; and the annual picnic, started by readers themselves in 1959 and now orchestrated at Thomas Pt. Beach each August by "Ye Ed," as she styles herself, draws all kinds of people. "It's not an old folks picnic," she stresses. The auction, hobbies show, rock bands, and square dancing are for everyone.

Despite retirement, the pace of Fran Hapgood's life is just as hectic as before. As a Lieutenant Colonel in the Civil Air Patrol, she's taking a political science course from the Air Force (which gave her an Exceptional Service Award for her work as information officer for the Maine Wing of the Air Patrol).

Years of activity in organized labor landed her a "plum of an assignment" in 1958 as the first woman chosen by the U.S. State Department and Office of International Labor in Washington, D.C., to conduct a tour — she headed up a team of Mexican women industrial workers, touring the country for six weeks from Atlantic City to Nashville, Detroit, and Los Angeles.

Between 1954 and 1973 she was secretary of the Portland Newspaper Guild. For 15 years she was the only woman on the Maine State Federated Labor Council. She was one of five women who organized the Maine Press and TV Women in 1953.

"I always felt it would be fun to be a reporter, but when I was young I was very naive and shy. Somebody said, 'I can't imagine you being a reporter.' That squelched me right there. But as time went on, I found out if you don't stand up and do what you want, nobody is going to make you."

She first started working nights for the Press Herald, eventually leaving a better paying job with Mobil Oil which she'd had for 20 years. A co-worker told her, "My God, Fran, you've got courage. I'll be stuck here with these figures the rest of my life!"

She votes Independent; describes herself as "a conservative person. I do a great deal of thinking about something before I make a change."

Of the newspaper business she says, "It keeps you young. You've got to adapt every single day. You have to have an open mind. It's a fun business, really it is, in spite of the pressures and disappointments. I have a selfish outlook; whenever you meet somebody, you've gained something from that meeting."

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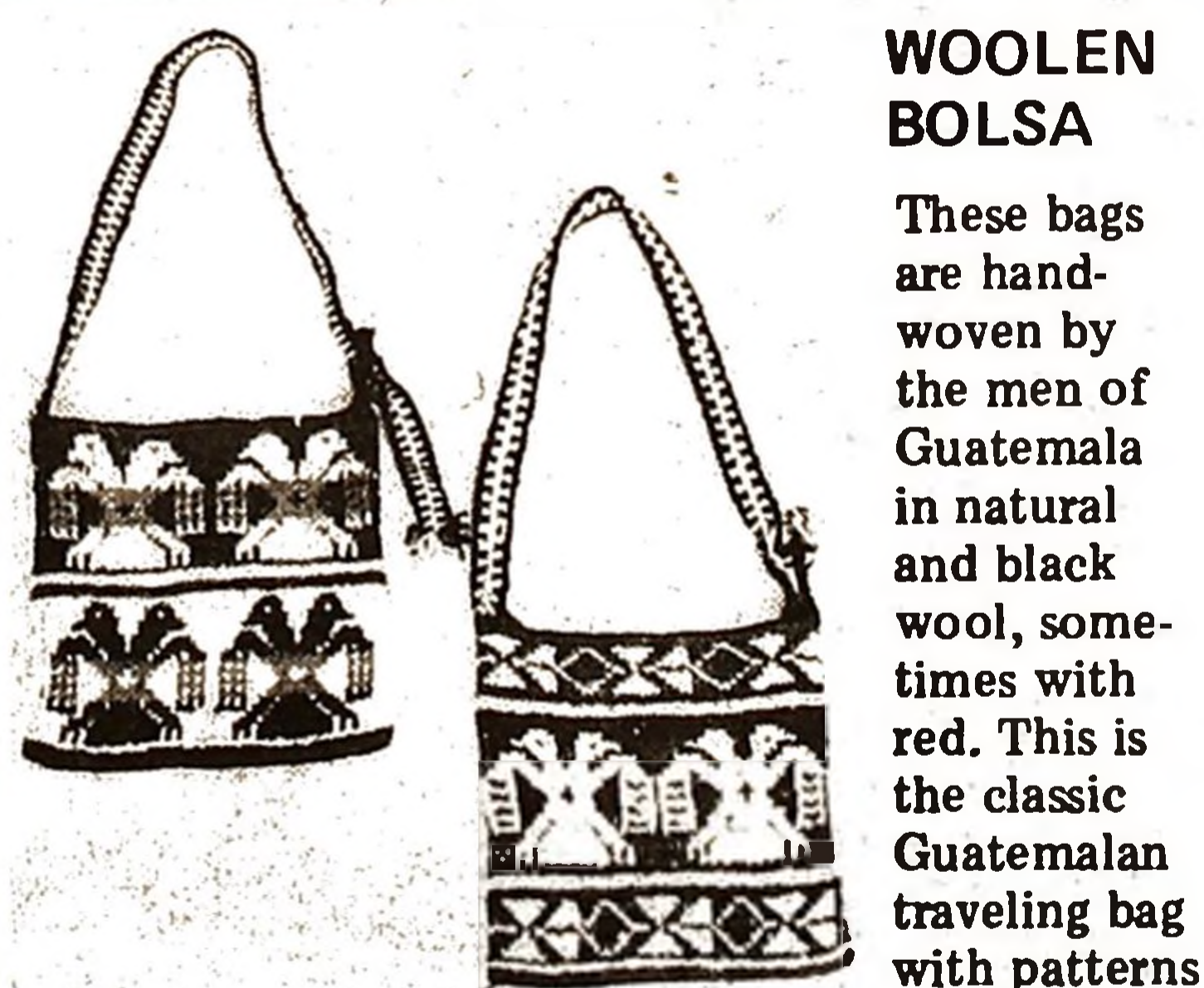


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7 KATHLEEN WEED



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"I had no reason to say no, so I went."

Kathleen Weed, a Methodist minister in Readfield, comes from Avon, a small western Maine community she describes as having "no post office, no school, absolutely nothing."

When she was five, her father left home. "My mother saw we were brought up in the church."

When she was 16 "a deaconess visited the church and the things she did just fascinated me. Because of her I started telling stories to children in church and started teaching. When I went to Boston University in 1936, I had an idea I'd go into Christian education."

She finished one year in liberal arts before lean times and no money kept her home, and in 1938 she was offered an appointment in a little East Livermore church. "You mean to preach?" she remembers asking. "I had no reason to say no, so I went. How's that for a back door?"

In 1940, she began taking the Conference Course of Study for Methodist ministers while bearing the responsibilities of a full parish. She never married: "I got missed."

Completing college credits was a 19-year process. She returned to B.U. in 1956. "That's when women were given full clergy rights in the Methodist Church, which meant we could be full members of the annual conference, with a guaranteed appointment and minimum salary. Prior to that, we were [simply] approved supplies. I had served in a church 18 years before women could have full rights."

A remarkably modest, self-contained person, Kathleen Weed, at 57, suggests she is not analytical about her life and work. She says she has "never been disturbed about the male terminology of scripture," not even the New Testament dictum, "Let women keep silence in the Church." It makes her smile. Perhaps that was the attitude of the day, but the passage refers to "a specific problem in a specific church."

She returned recently from a conference of all ordained Methodist women clergy in Nashville, the "event of the century." She calls it "a first and maybe the last, because we don't want to be separated out from clergymen. There are a few who are gung-ho for women, but if you've been around as long as I have, that doesn't get you anywhere . . . I don't particularly like to be singled out as woman clergy."

Perseverance in doing the work you feel you must do — that is the key, she believes. "One 80-year-old lady at the conference had 50 years in the ministry. The bishop refused [to ordain her] for years and years. She kept right on, though. She would pass it off and say she was ordained of God. She represents the struggle of women to be fully accepted."

"I know one woman who was appointed to a church and they didn't want her. They wouldn't even give her the key to the parsonage. I don't know how long she stuck it out. I've always had the feeling a woman had to earn her own way, but so does a man, really."

"In Maine, we just don't have those problems. We've had a lot of women ministers in Maine" over the years, she reflects, although "there aren't too many of us now. Some of us feel lonely."

Kathleen Weed has worked quietly during her 36 years with congregations in East Livermore, East Boothbay, Friendship and Readfield.

"I'm not particularly a social action person, or a bandwagon person, so that probably makes me awfully dull. I preach more on personal growth, on Christian life, and community. I'm sold on the idea of the church as a living, working community . . . There was a time in the early sixties I suddenly became aware that the church was more than maintaining an organization in good running condition and that it had to be more — an organism. People had to be more than pew sitters." An analytical Bible study group began helping people put up storm windows, helping the elderly, and people living alone. She got a "whole new lease on life."

"I love my work . . . Maybe that's why I can't be objective about it."

8 MEREDITH HERZOG

"Why would you play anything if you wouldn't play to win?"

As *Maine Times* has moved in the last seven years, so has 25-year-old Meredith "Gidget" Herzog, to the point where her job as head of the production department (her own creation) is one of the most highly paid at the paper.

A Lewiston native, she left her job in the IBM room at the Bath-Brunswick *Times-Record*, tried business school ("a farce," she says, because it was too easy to get all A's), and came to work as a typesetter for *Maine Times* soon after it was established in 1968.

It wasn't long before she was learning pasteup. And when the regular layout person went on vacation, leaving her to design two issues, she got a "taste of responsibility" that didn't go away. For someone who had worked during high school, become head cashier at Mammoth Mart while working nights and going to school in the day, it wasn't surprising she wanted more work when she joined *Maine Times*. More work "required lots of overtime," she says, and increasing responsibility. The pace was demanding — her car was always the first to arrive in the morning, the last to leave at night.

"I just like to keep busy. I'd just rather be busy and be good at what I'm doing . . . than be a social butterfly."

Finally, when the layout person, who also was an artist, left and publisher Peter Cox made plans to hire someone else, Gidget asked for the job . . . on a six months trial basis. Today, she has expanded that job into a separate department: production. She's responsible for organizing ads, arranging editorial copy, and photographs — in short, designing the paper.

A certain playfulness about Gidget may have given her her nickname, but that playfulness seems to belie her determination, need for hard work, and an acquired, still emerging ability to assert herself. Where did she get these traits?

"The first time we did the women's issue (MT, 6/18/71) it didn't make sense to me. All her life my mother has been on her own. She brought up five kids by herself, so I saw her do things a man was supposed to do. I never felt I had to fight because I'm a woman. I only felt I had to fight because I'm

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me . . . I can understand equal pay, but I can't relate to it."

She can, however, drive a shrewd, if not hardnosed bargain. Like the Bentwood hatrack, supposed to be worth \$200, which stood in editor John Cole's office. "I wanted it and said I'd do a \$50 typing project for him in exchange for it. He said, 'Er . . . I don't know if I want to do that,' " but after a quick consultation with his wife Jean, he agreed. "I went home with the hatrack before he could change his mind."

There is "a lot of free lance work — that's one thing I've gained out of the job," and the frenzy of getting out the weekly *Maine Times* still means plenty of work; but the formerly long hours have been reduced by a tight schedule to three full working days, leaving Thursday and Friday "fairly open. We're faster now because I have an organized set-up." With more free time, Gidget began playing tennis last summer and tries to play nearly every day. People like publisher Cox, who plays "mostly to enjoy himself, he doesn't like competition," mystify her.

"I can't imagine going out for anything unless you expect to win. Why would you play anything if you wouldn't play to win?"

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- Do you consider yourself part of the Women's Movement? If not, why?

- Are you a feminist? a radical feminist?

- Do you belong to any women's groups, such as consciousness raising groups or politically-oriented groups?

- Are you involved in lobbying for women's issues in the legislature?

- Do you belong to volunteer groups? Which ones?

- Do you help raise funds for women's groups?

- Women on the whole are poor fundraisers compared to men. How would you change this situation?

- Would you work on a fundraising campaign for women candidates or for the Maine Women's Political Caucus?

- If your child brought home a textbook you considered sexist, would you protest to school officials?

- Are you employed outside the home?

- Would you return to work and be a secretary?

- Would you like to work outside the home if the opportunity presented itself?

- If the only way you could get a certain job would be to take less salary than a man would be offered, would you take it? Why?

- Do you have a college-vocational-or street education?
How do you use it?

- Match these women and their jobs.

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| 1. Merry Ring | _____ Professor of law at the University of Maine |
| 2. Marge Murphy | _____ State coordinator of National Organization for Women |
| 3. Judy Potter | _____ Chairwoman of university board of trustees |
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| 15. Terry Ann Lunt-Aucoin | _____ Chairwoman of Governor's Advisory Council on Status of Women |
| 16. Ward Murphy | _____ Feminist poet |
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Periodicals show the diversity of feminism

The diversity of the Women's Movement is reflected in the wide variety of newspapers, newsletters, journals and quarterlies that women are publishing in Maine and throughout the country. These periodicals are links between women. They are the marketplace for exchanging political news, advancing feminist social and economic philosophy and exploring new lifestyles.

In this state, the move to develop a literate women's consciousness began about two and a half years ago at the time of the first women's conference in Bath. A women's newsletter was published for awhile by some Bangor women and later led to the emergence of the *Freewomen's Herald*. The *Herald*, published every two months, is the only statewide newspaper aimed at women. It has become an important forum for discussion of women's issues, such as abortion and child care.

As the Women's Movement has spread, the information ties have been strengthened by almost-monthly newsletter from the Maine National Organization for Women and the Maine Women's Political Caucus.

A women's quarterly is being planned now to provide a different kind of outlet — one that explores philosophically the social, political and economic changes going on. And women are buying a press so writers without professional credentials will be able to speak through their poetry and fiction about the way their lives are changing.

Many of the periodicals listed below serve particular constituencies — women in politics, women committed to country living or union workers. Others are more general, encompassing a broad range of women's issues. They are all worth reading and subscribing to.



Maine Women's Publications

Freewomen's Herald, 1 year subscription, \$4. Published every two months. Write Freewomen's Herald, Box 488, Brunswick, Maine 04011.

Gay Task Force Newsletter, 1 year subscription, \$2. Published monthly. Write M.G.T.F.N., Box 4542, Portland, Maine 04112.

Maine NOW Newsletter. Published monthly. Lois Reckitt, 49 Myrtle St., South Portland, Maine 04106.

Maine Women's Political Caucus, Newsletter. Published monthly or bimonthly. Susan Saunders, Wolf's Neck Road, Freeport, Maine 04032.

Women Now. An educational and career guidance for women. Published by the Equal Opportunity Office, University of Maine, Orono 04473.

Gynergy. A new collection of women's writings. Linda Monko, Fernald Hall, UMO, Orono 04473.

Balancing Act. A new collection of women's poetry. \$2.50. Box 7355, Downtown Station, Portland.

Woman Power. Report from management consultants detailing all aspects of efforts to fight sex discrimination. Monthly, \$37. Betsy Hogan Associates, 222 Rawson Road, Brookline, Mass. 02146.

Women Today. Short reports on activities of various national women's groups, current legislation and appointments in Washington that affect women. Biweekly, \$15. Today Publications and News Service, National Press Building, Washington, D.C. 20004.

Newsletters are also published by the national office of the National Organization for Women and the National Women's Political Caucus. For information write NOW, 1957 East 73rd St., Chicago, Ill. 60649; NWPC, Suite 603, 1302 18th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

New Moon: An Anthology of Maine Women Poets, due for publication in November, is being printed in broadside form on a hand press. People interested in helping with the printing should contact Miriam Dyak at 725-2784, Brunswick.



National Women's Publications

Amazon Quarterly. A lesbian-feminist arts journal. Published quarterly. \$4. 554 Valle Vista, Oakland, Ca. 94610.

Aphra. A literary journal named for Aphra Behn, the first woman to earn her living by writing. Short stories, book discussions, drawings. Quarterly, \$4.50. P.O. Box 893, Ansonia Station, New York, N.Y. 10029.

Black Maria. Includes articles, historical pieces, short stories, plays, poetry. Quarterly, \$3.50. P.O. Box 230, River Forest, Ill. 60305.

The Feminist Art Journal. Contemporary art scene, art history and art politics. Quarterly, \$4. 41 Montgomery Place, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11215.

Country Women. A feminist country survival manual. Monthly, \$7. Box 51, Albion, Ca. 95410.

The Second Wave. Extensively explores all areas of women's lives; reviews, stories and graphics. Quarterly, \$3. Box 344, Cambridge A., Cambridge, Mass. 02139.

Up From Under. A magazine that has articles on

unionizing, women on welfare, middle-aged women and graphics. Published three times a year, \$3 for 5 issues. 339 Lafayette St., New York, N.Y. 10012.

Women's Rights Law Reporter. Articles on sex discrimination in employment, women in labor unions, case summaries. Semiannually, \$15 for 6 issues. 180 University Ave., Newark, N.J. 07102.

Quest. A quarterly exposing feminist political analysis and ideological development. \$7 one year subscription. Dept. S., P.O. Box 8843, Washington, D.C. 20003.

Prime Time. Talks about the liberation of women in the prime of life. 168 W. 86th St., Apartment 9-A, New York, N.Y. 10024.



Newspapers

The Changing Woman. Deals mainly with political issues, also personal experiences, media reviews. Semi-monthly, \$5. Mary Peer Beal, editor. 705 S.E. 46th Ave., Portland, Oregon 97215.

The Feminist Voice. Articles on women and their bodies, a news column, poetry. Monthly, \$3. P.O. Box 11144, 227 E. Ontario, Chicago, Ill. 60611.

Majority Report. Reviews, news shorts, a "Molly Muckraker" column, a feminist director. Monthly, \$3. Box 431, Planetarium Station, New York, N.Y. 10024.

Mother Lode. Articles on women in prison, a critique of the family, medical treatment of women, self-help, lesbian mothers. Quarterly, \$1.50. P.O. Box 40213, San Francisco, Ca. 94140.

Off Our Backs. Coverage on such issues as abortion, organizing by black government workers, women prisoners in South Vietnam, plus how-to-articles on sitting through boring meetings, buying a used car. Published monthly, \$5. Room 1013, 1346 Connecticut Ave., Washington, D.C. 20036.

Union WAGE. Articles on equal rights, equal pay and equal opportunity. Published by women trade-unionists. Bimonthly, \$2. 2137 Oregon St., Berkeley, Ca. 94705.



Newsletters

The Federation Alert. Publication of the Federation of Organizations for Professional Women, an umbrella group formed to obtain political and economic clout for women. Published periodically, 4818 Drummond Ave., Washington, D.C. 20015.

The Spokeswoman. National news of the Women's Movement and a job opportunity feature. Monthly, \$7. 5464 South Shore Drive, Chicago, Ill. 60615.

WEAL Washington Report. A women's Equity Action League newsletter that reports on progress on specific bills and legislation of interest to women. Quarterly, \$5. 538 National Press Building, Washington, D.C. 20004.

The Woman Activist. Reports on legislation concerning feminists. Published monthly, \$5. 2310 Barbour Road, Falls Church, Va. 22043.



Alliance of Women Artists

The concept of women's art centers is being perpetuated in Portland by the Alliance of Women Artists.

In a studio loft at 60 York Street, behind the Inn Crowd North restaurant, members are offered space to work, meet and utilize the group's growing collection of books on art and women.

The Alliance was formed to foster women's confidence in expression in a field where men still dominate artistic trends. It encourages women working in the arts or those interested in supporting the art community to visit their studio.

The Alliance is planning a Bicentennial exhibition of women artists, community workshops, open lectures and drawing and painting classes. There will be an open house on May 18 from 1 - 4 p.m.

For further information, call Penny Rich at 767-2577; Barbaraellen Koch, 773-0859; or Karin Marchetti at 774-8489.



Maine Women's Quarterly

The idea for a women's quarterly journal originated several months ago with women who believe there is a pressing need to do something more than foster their vision of a different world. They decided on a quarterly as a vehicle to promote an understanding of the world we live in today and to point women in a new direction.

The quarterly would try to aid women in transition from consciousness-raising to a new consciousness. It would hope to encourage women who have never written to express their changing thoughts and feelings and examine what these changes mean — socially, politically and economically.

Women who are researchers, photographers, writers, editors, or have had experience with layout, marketing and fundraising are needed to help with getting the quarterly off the ground.

Contact Terry Ann Lunt-Aucoin for more information, 289-2326.



A Women's Press

The Maine Alliance of Writers and Publishers is hoping to buy a press later this year so women writers will be able to publish their works. The Maine Arts and Humanities Commission is trying to get federal funds to finance the purchase, but the alliance is also looking for private donations.

For further information, call Agnes Bushell, 774-8211.

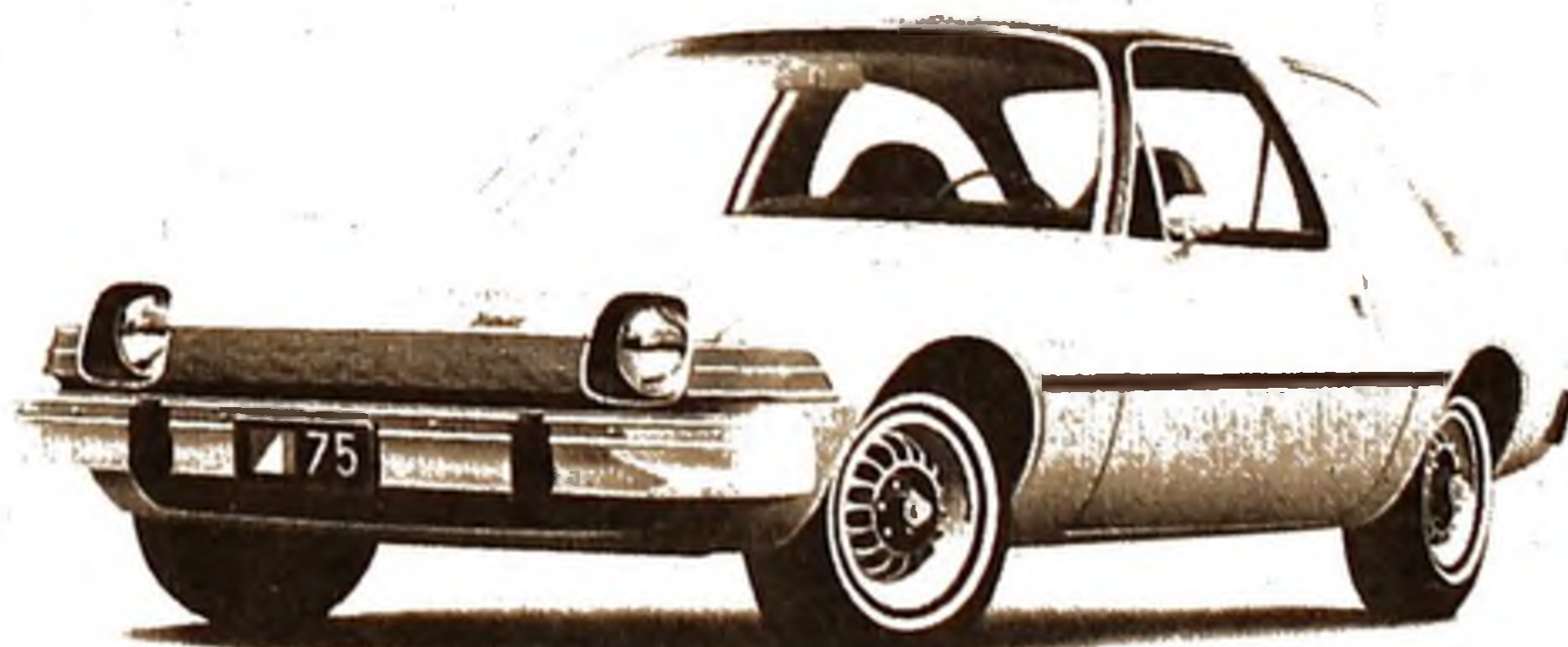
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CALENDAR

OPENINGS

Portland. The Port Store Plus Gallery at 376 Fore Street is exhibiting the new works of William Manning through May 31. Hours are 5 to 9 daily.

Durham. The Durham Art Association's Annual Member Exhibit will take place from May 23 through 26 at the St. Thomas More Student Center on Madbury Road. Hours are Monday from 10 to 4 and Tuesday through Saturday from 12 to 8.

Portland. The 65th Annual Portland School of Art Student Exhibition will hold a public preview on May 16 from 8 to 9 p.m. at the Portland Museum of Art at 111 High St. The Calderwood Consort will perform an hour program of Renaissance music following the preview. The six-piece consort will play dances and songs by French, German, English and Italian composers of the 14th and 15th centuries. The art exhibit will continue through June 1, with some of the student works for sale.

Lewiston. An exhibition of paintings and prints by Denny Winters will open at the Bates College Treat

Gallery on May 18 at 3 p.m. The exhibit will continue through June 9. Hours are Monday through Friday from 1 to 5 and 7 to 8; Sundays from 2 to 5.

DANCE

Waterville. The University Dancers from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, whose international performances earned them an invitation in 1973 to appear at the Seventh International Congress on Physical Education and Sport for Girls and Women in Iran, will appear on May 16 at 8 p.m. in Runnals Union at Colby College. Tickets will be available at the door.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Harpwell and Lewiston. A Contra Dance with Dudley Laufman and members of the Canterbury Country Orchestra will be held on May 18 at 2 p.m. in the Chase Hall Lounge of Bates College in Lewiston and the same day at 8 p.m. in the Harpswell Center Improvement Association Hall (near Bailey's Store) in Harpswell Center. Everyone is welcome.

Portland. The Alliance of Women Artists is holding an Open House on May 18 from 1 to 4 p.m. at their studio at 60 York Street (across the street from the rear entrance of the Inn Crowd Restaurant). The Open House is to introduce the community to the Alliance and encourage women working in the visual arts to join the group. Members' work will be on display. Everyone is invited. For further information, call Penny Rich at 767-2577.

Portland. The Waynflete School will hold its Spring Fling Fair on May 17 from 10 til 4 at the school grounds at 360 Spring Street. Highlights of the day include games, booths, pony rides, concessions and entertainment for children. A bazaar and plant, food and rummage sales will also be held.

Portland. In conjunction with National Nursing Home Week, an open house will be held through May 18 from 10 to 8 p.m. at 13 Charles Street by National Medical Care of Portland. The public is welcome.

The National Women's Political Caucus Convention will be held in Boston from June 26 through 29 with participation with women interested and involved in the political process. For registration information, call Barbara McGough at 781-5610.

WORKSHOPS

Portland. *What Eve Didn't Know — A Celebration of Women* is the subject of a day-long series of exhibitions and speakers on opportunities for women, to be held in Alexander Hall at Westbrook College on May 17. Speakers will lecture on such topics as Women in Media, Female Financial Responsibility, Education Opportunities for the Returning Woman, and Political Opportunities for Women. For further information, call Dorothy Healy at Westbrook College at 797-7261.

Orono. Three-day workshops on developing communication skills for state and local government personnel will take place in Portland and Bangor on June 2-4 and in Rockport on June 9-11. Films and small discussion groups will be used to explore communication patterns and deal with such topics as resistance to change and improving feedback skills. For information and registration forms, write the Bureau of Public Administration, 162 College Avenue, University of Maine at Orono, Orono 04473.

Bangor. *Speaking Out on Mental Health* is the subject of a conference on May 20 from 1 to 8 p.m. in the Student Union Building of Bangor Community College. The program will give consumers in Penobscot, Piscataquis, Hancock and Washington counties a voice on the subject of mental health services in eastern Maine. For reservations and information, call 947-0366. Child care and dinner will be provided.

THEATRE

Rockport. The Rockport Theater Ensemble will present *A Thousand Clowns* at the Rockport Opera House on May 16 - 18 at 8 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$2.

ETCETERA

The second issue of *Furrows*, a magazine prepared by Mt. View School students in Unity and patterned after the national magazine *Foxfire*, is now available on newsstands. The publication, which contains stories and photographs of local history, customs, folklore and personalities, is highlighted by articles on ice fishing, dogsleds and toboggans, *The Memories of a Station Agent*, and *Railroad Through the Farm*. *Furrows* is part of the National Humanities Faculty project in School Administrative District 3.

Sarah Orne Jewett's *The Tory Lover*, the story of Old Berwick during the American Revolution and Jewett's last major piece of writing (1901), will be reprinted by the New Hampshire Publishing Company's New England History Press, which specializes in historical reprints. Hardbound copies of this reproduction will be available in September at the pre-publication price of \$10 (post-publication \$15) from the Old Berwick Historical Society. For a copy, send your check to Mrs. Linwood Chick, 16 Young Street, South Berwick, Maine 03908 before June 1. List your name as you would like it in the sponsor list in the book's appendix.

HEARINGS

Augusta. The final phase in streamlining the processing of applications before the Board of Environmental Protection will take place in a public hearing on May 20 from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. in Room 106 of the Augusta National Guard Armory. Changes being considered would affect procedures at public hearings, the handling of all applications, and issuance of permits under Maine's Great Ponds Act.

CONCERTS

Hebron. A weekend Folk Festival will take place at Hebron Academy on May 16 and 17, featuring folklorists Bill and Gene Bonyun, bluegrass musicians Robert and Rebecca MacCall and folk and classical musicians John and Marguerite McLaren. Workshops on guitar, dulcimer, folklore, folk dance and poetry are scheduled from 1:30 to 4 on Saturday afternoon. Registration will be held from 12:30 to 1 at Sturtevant Hall. Concerts will be held on Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Hebron Baptist Church on campus and on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the Gymnasium. Tickets will be available at the door. For further information, call 966-2941 or 966-2545.

Newcastle. A concert and dance entitled *Blues to Bluegrass*, featuring four local bands, will be held at Lincoln Academy's Old Gym on May 18 from 3 to 8 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students at the door.

Augusta. The Portland Symphony Orchestra will present a pops concert on May 17 at 8:30 p.m. at the Augusta Armory. Works by Dvorak, Strauss, Sousa and Joplin; selections from the rock opera *Jesus Christ Superstar* and music from Broadway musicals will highlight the program. Tickets are on sale for both table and balcony seats at the Forum-A office of the University of Maine at Augusta (622-7131, ext. 212). Full tables of eight or ten may also be reserved. Table seats are \$5, balcony are \$3. Beverages will be extra.

FLICKS

Bar Harbor. *The Best of the New Cinema*, a Janus collection of shorts by foreign and American directors, will be shown at the College of the Atlantic on May 25 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$1 at the door.

COURSES

Portland. The Portland Museum of Art and the YWCA are sponsoring a series of summer art classes for children at the YWCA on Spring Street. Two four-week sessions will be offered — from June 24 through July 17 and from July 29 through August 21. For further information and registration forms, contact Beverly Joyce at the YWCA at 772-1906.

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Correction:

Bath-Brunswick Times-Record publisher Cam Niven was incorrectly referred to in last week's *Maine Times* as president of the Maine Press Association.

The line should have read past MPA president. Niven said he has not been president of the MPA for ten years. The organization's current president is Daniel DeRepentigny of the *Boothbay Register*. Niven, who called *Maine Times* to make the correction, said he believes the MPA should be strictly self-supporting and not include as associate members representatives of industry and state government.

The story on the MPA also incorrectly named Carol Sutton's paper. It is the *Louisville Courier Journal*.

Correction:

Dr. Aaron Greenwald, a Bangor dentist, was misquoted in the *Maine Times* May 2 issue. What he actually said to the legislative appropriations committee about dental health was, "I won't bother you with endless statistics, but all you have to do is look around you at the mouths of your constituents and the need is immediately apparent. Having lived in other states and traveled extensively in the western hemisphere, I am appalled by the condition of mouths in our great state of Maine."

As for the Maine Dental Association's opposition to the bills being reviewed, Greenwald said: "They're

not really opposing very strongly — they're sitting on their hands. They strived for 100 years but have little to show for their efforts."

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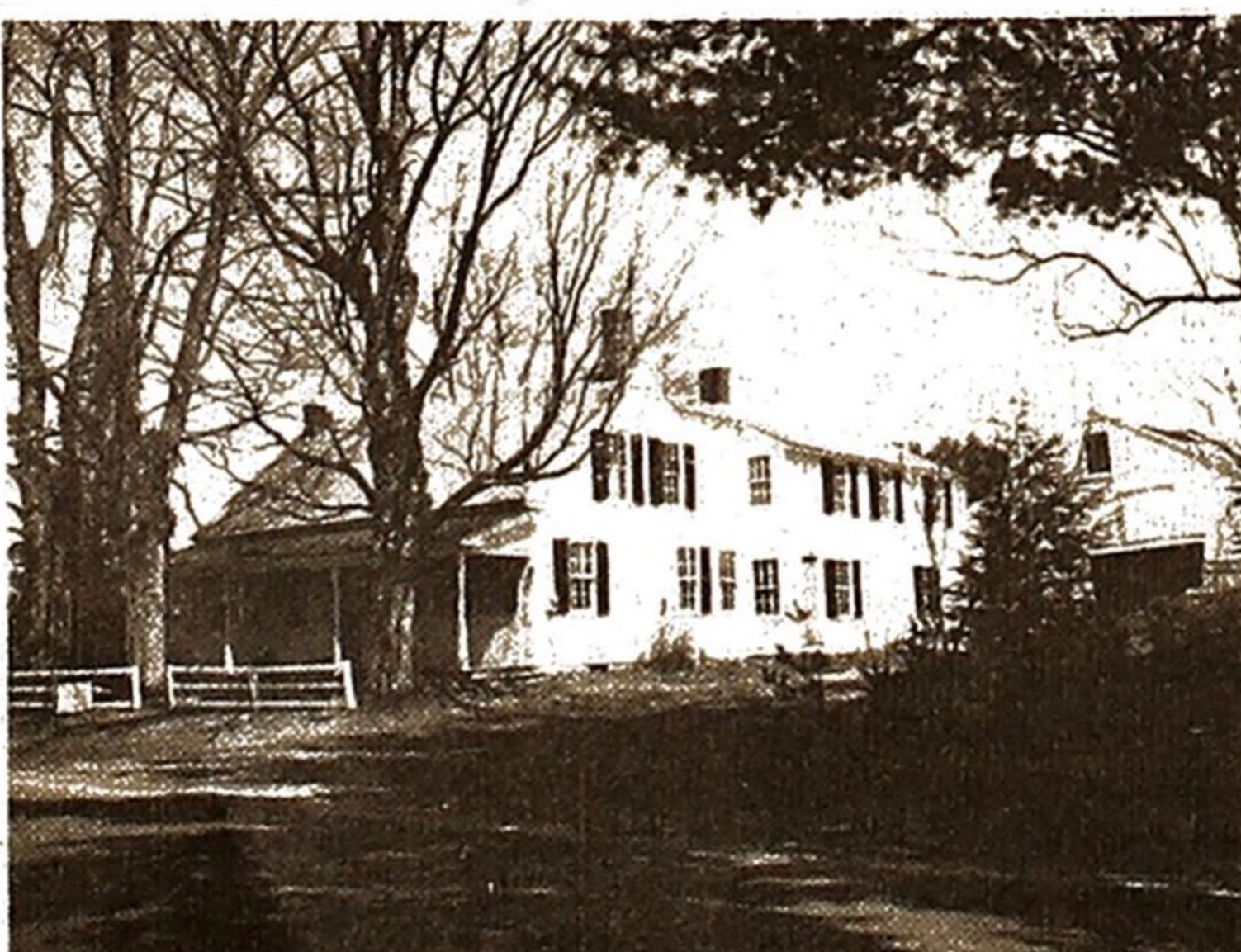


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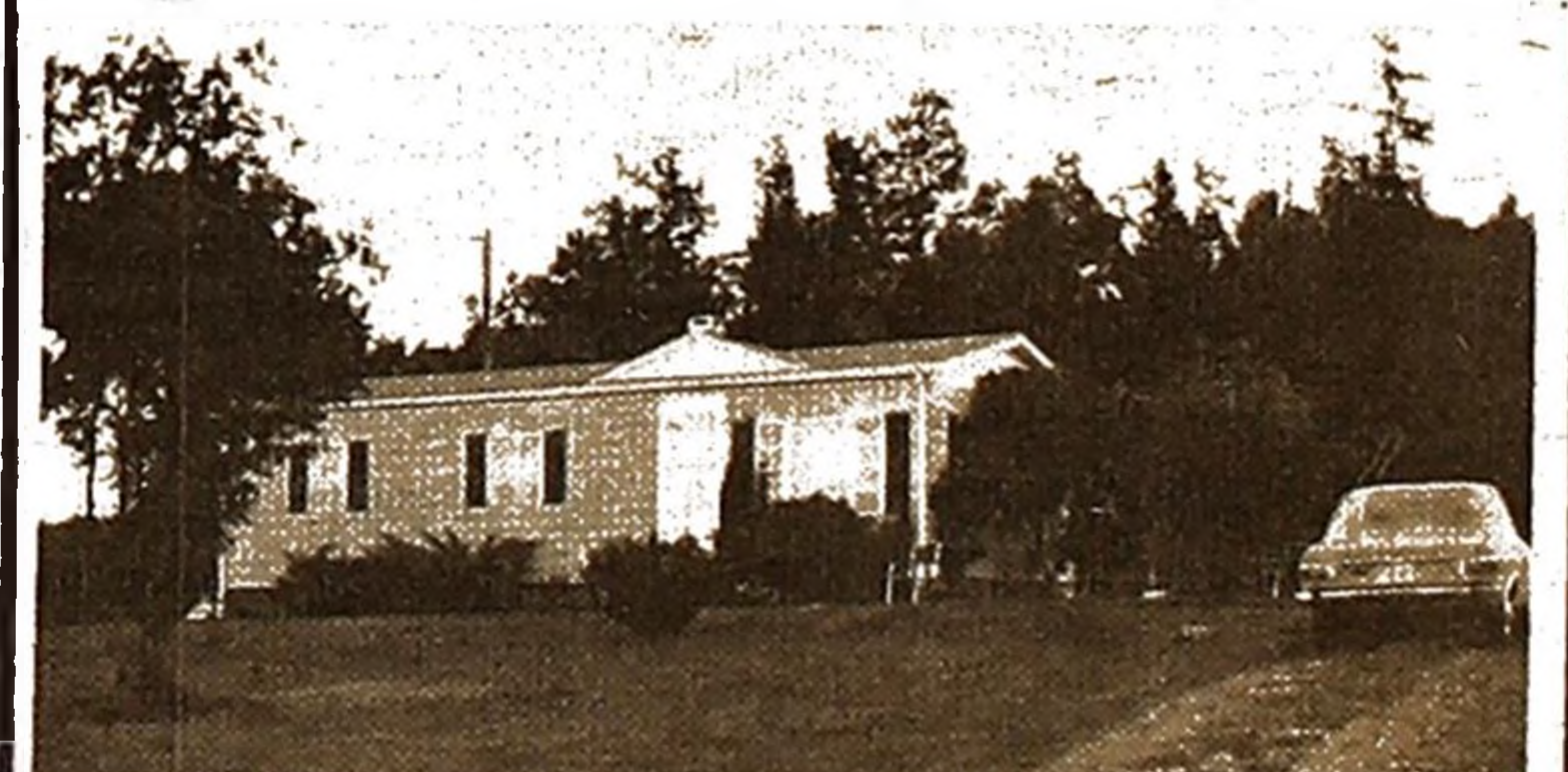
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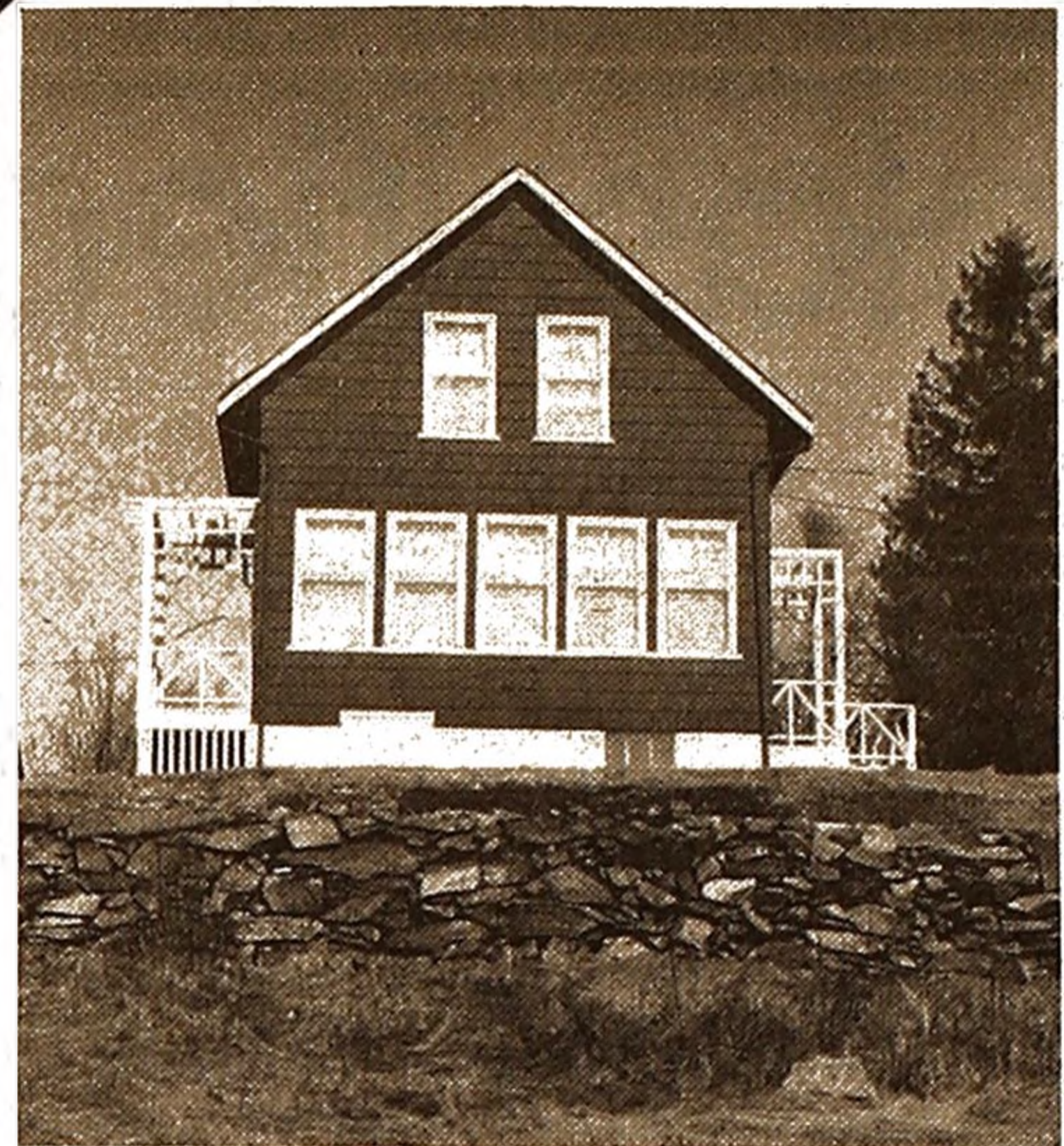
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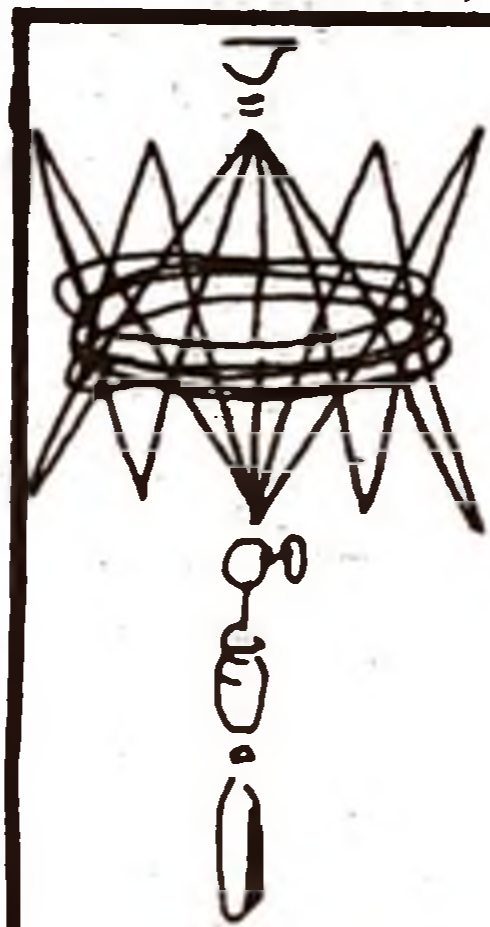
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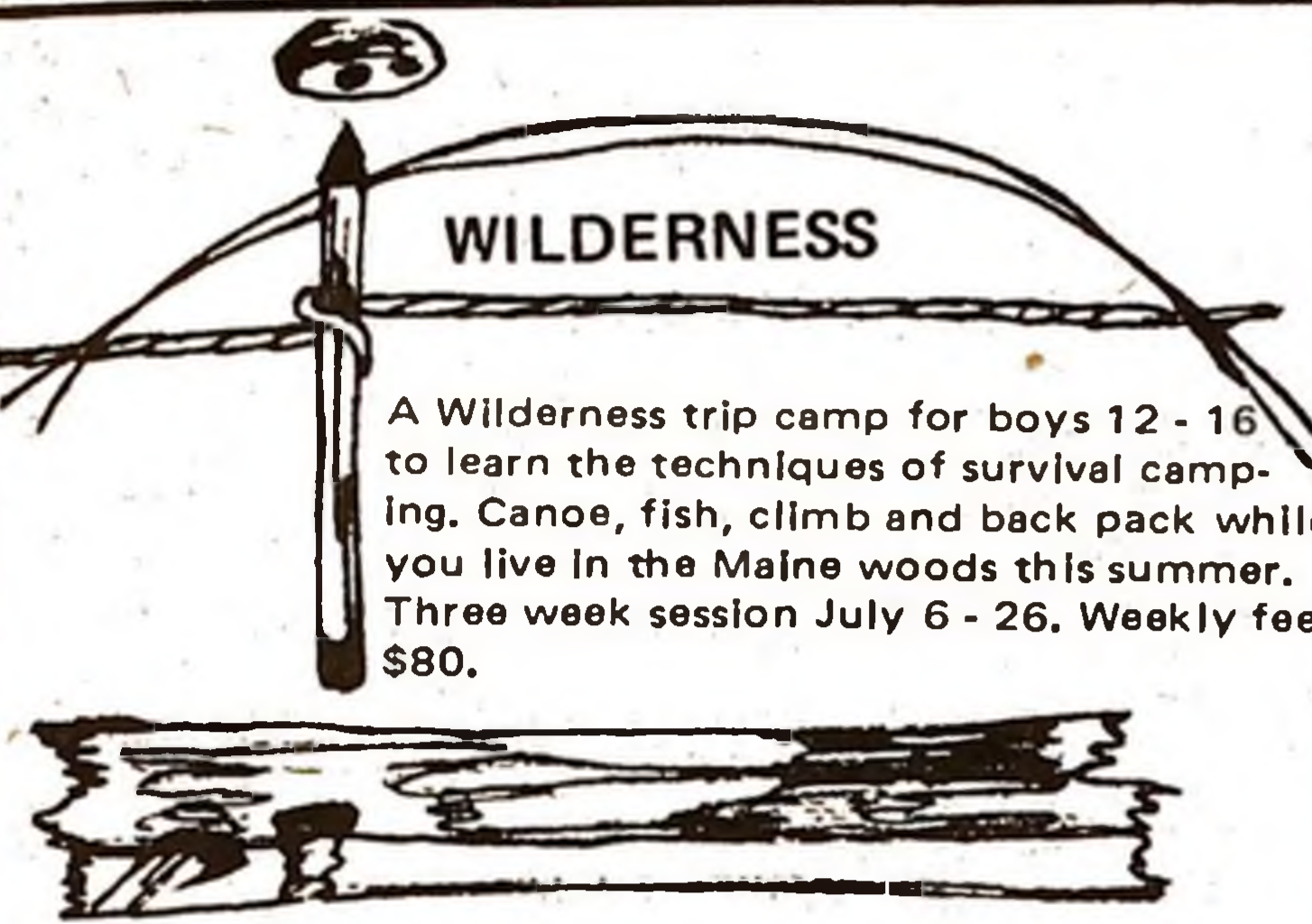
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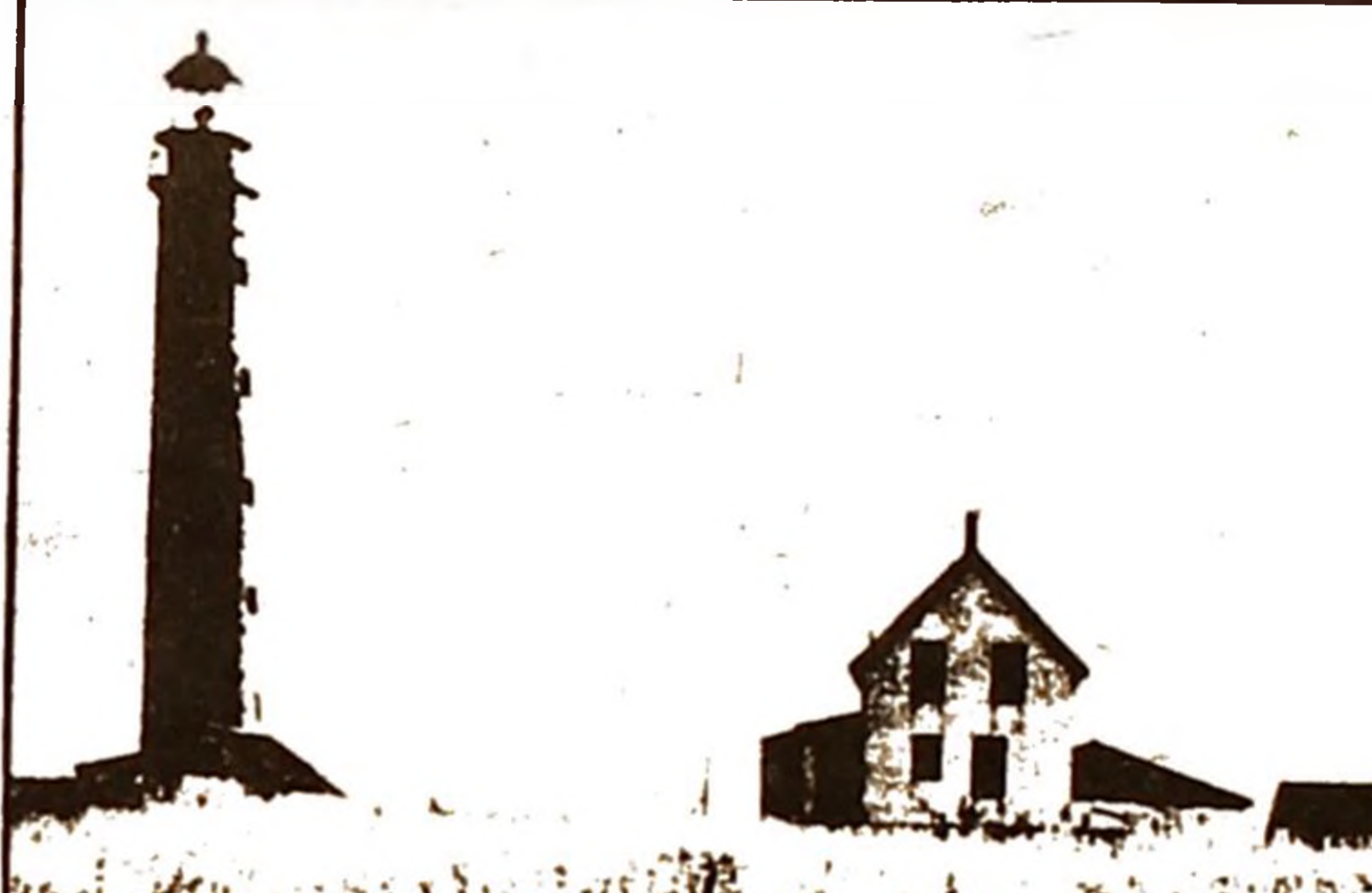
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As authorized by Chapter 3, Subsection 361, Title 38, of the Maine Revised Statutes (annotated), the Board of Environmental Protection will hold a public hearing from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. on May 20, 1975, in Room 106 of the Augusta National Guard Armory to consider proposed changes to its regulations for processing of applications, procedures at public hearings, and issuance of permits under the Great Ponds Act.

Changes to be considered include the establishment of streamlined hearing procedures for most applicants. Separate regulations would apply to hearings involving major applications or complicated issues. New rules would affect the conduct of intervenors, and expand the functions of staff members of the Department of Environmental Protection.

Proposed changes to the handling of applications under the Great Ponds Act would authorize certain staff members of the DEP to issue permits. In addition, construction standards would be established for installation of water pipes, retaining walls, riprap, permanently anchored docks and moorings, and the maintenance of existing waterfront structures.

Copies of the proposed changes are on file in all regional planning commission offices, and at the Department of Environmental Protection in Augusta. Copies may also be obtained at the hearing, or in advance by writing to Mrs. Elma Sjoberg, Department of Environmental Protection, State House, Augusta, Maine 04333.

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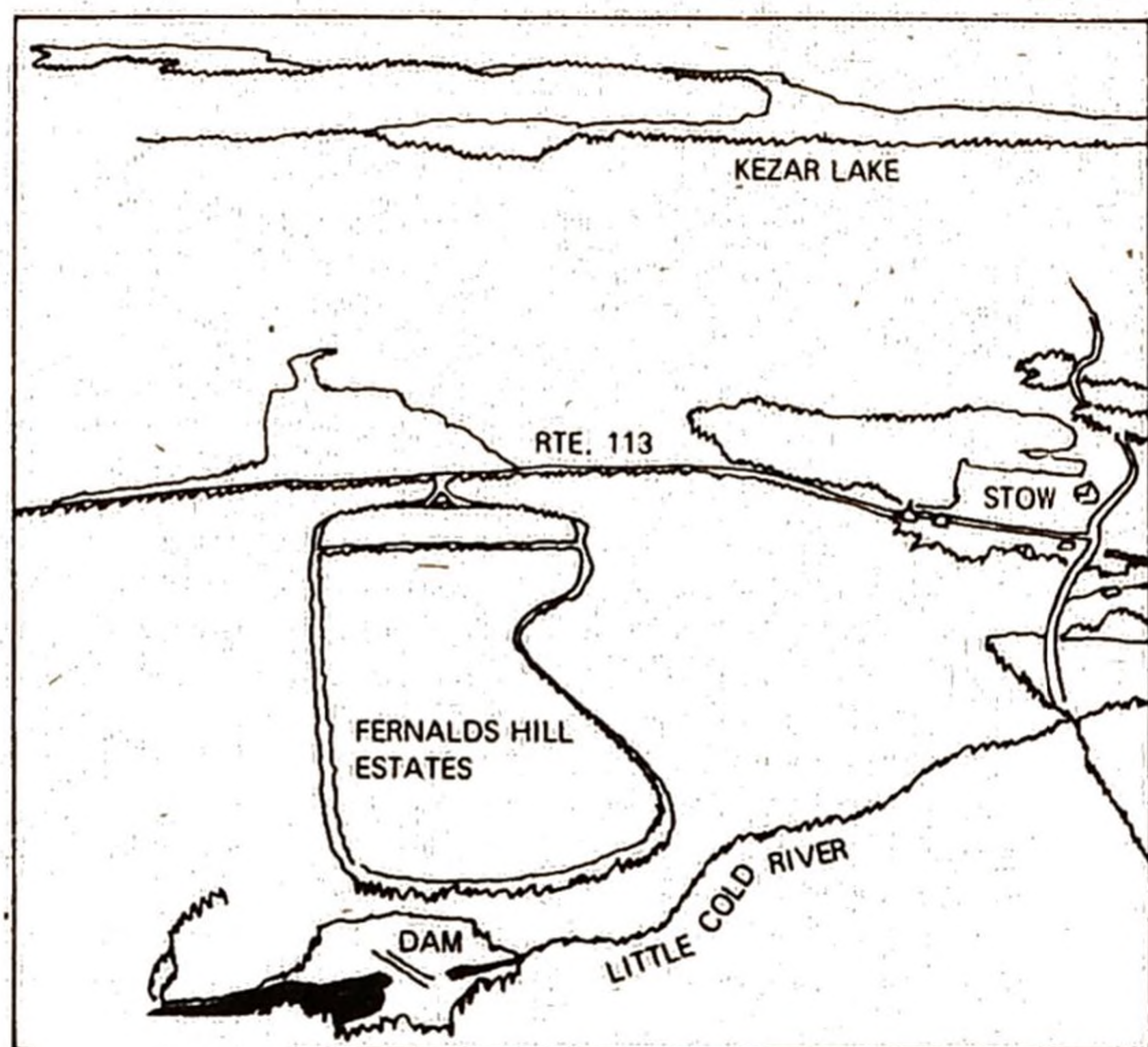
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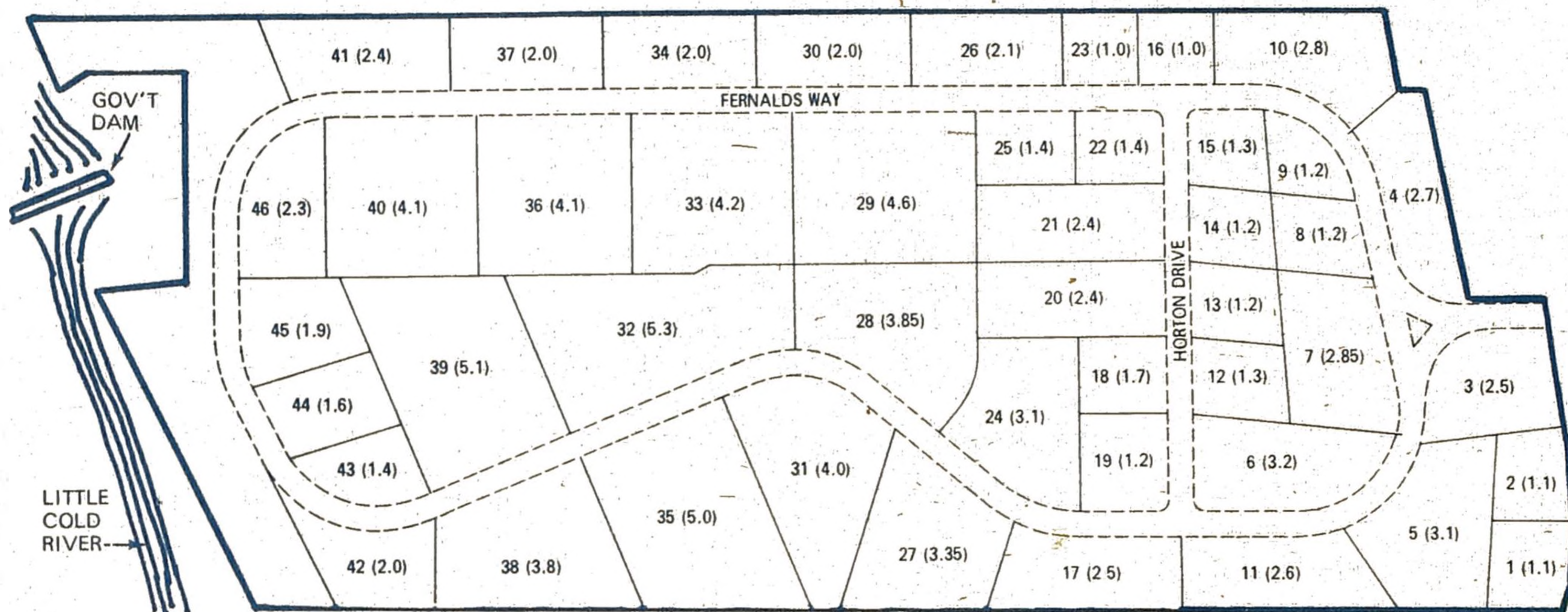
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