

Margaret Chase Smith

Manufacturing Center dedicated in recent ceremony at National Semiconductor in S. Portland, Maine. A plaque made from Maine slate and etched in gold reads:

Dedicated
September 22, 1994

in honor of

Senator Margaret Chase Smith

Let us share a commitment to the ideals of quality and integrity exemplified by her service to the people of Maine and the United States.

American Democracy Award winner announced...

Maine Secretary of State Bill Diamond has announced that the 1994 winner of the Margaret Chase Smith American Democracy Award shares much in common with Senator Smith. American Red Cross President Elizabeth Dole was presented the award at the annual Secretaries of State Convention in Montana. A native of Salisbury, North Carolina, Dole graduated with distinction from Duke University. She received her law degree from Harvard Law School and also holds a master's in education and government from Harvard.

Elizabeth Dole has served as head of the White House Office of Consumer Affairs; member of the Federal Trade Commission; and President Reagan's Secretary of Transportation, the first woman to hold that position. Dole continues her remarkable public service career in which she has served six United States Presidents and has been named by the Gallup Poll as one of the world's ten most admired women. Those who are familiar with Senator Smith's long career in public service know that she, too, served with six Presidents and for many years was considered Gallup's top ten choice. How fitting that Mrs. Dole should receive the MCS American Democracy Award.

Rep. Margaret Chase Smith and Minnix at her Fairview Avenue home, Skowhegan, September, 1944.

For many years during Senator Smith's career, she maintained a love of animals, most particularly her little Chihuahuas, Betty and Minnix.

"Friends" Newsletter is published 4 times per year by the Margaret Chase Smith Library. Editor: Dr. Gregory P. Gallant; Coordinator: Angela Stockwell; Photographers: Lynnette King, Vanessa Caron, Angela Stockwell.

The Library is a non-profit research center and museum of 20th Century political artifacts committed to bringing the ideals of Senator Smith's career in public service to the people of Maine and the Nation.

"Dear Congressman..."

Dear Honor Bull Sir:
Would like you should get me out of here. 4 months is plenty for me. I think I have gotten as good as I can get. Edward L--

Dear Sir:
Please don't let them punish me. I escaped because I could not get my wife off my mind. After I did, I voluntarily returned to prison.

Meet the Staff:

The fourth member of the staff to be featured, entering her 9th year at the library, is Joan Brown of Norridgewock. Joan came to us in 1985 to serve in the capacity of housekeeper. The library and home of MCS sparkle with luster and shine from the dedicated efforts of Joan.

Joan is married to Skowhegan Police Chief Harold Brown; is the mother of 4 children—Harold, Michael, Sharon Doucette, Terry Seymour; grandmother of Shane, John, Jr, Michael, Jr., Lynsey, Kristyn, Daniel, and Baylee ; and great-grandmother of twins girls—Alisha and Ashley. She currently serves as president of the Philathea women's group at the local church. She enjoys tole painting as a hobby.

Joan worked for many years at the Redington Home in Skowhegan, a retirement facility for the elderly.

Her primary responsibility revolves around the needs of Senator Smith and her commitment remains true in her meticulous attention to her care and comfort. Assisting at library functions; removing little fingerprints from the glass cases (after school visits); and making sure the library meets the standards set by Senator Smith when she first arrived on the job those many years ago, Joan is a valuable asset to the Library.

No dust bunnies around our place!!! Thanks, Joan!

Joan Brown in Senator Smith's home

“CHAIR FOR M'LADY”

Inquiry from the U. S. Senate Sergeant-at-Arms Office has brought a new (or old) addition to the library. Robert L. Benoit has graciously donated a chair used by Senator Smith in her Senate office (S-205) on the East Front of the Capitol. Antique lovers will enjoy viewing this beautifully crafted parlor chair. Stored for many years at the Capitol, it has now found its way home and will have a prominent place in the library. Of lovely burgundy/red velvet with a heart shaped back and delicately-curved legs, the chair has a hand-carved, wooden rose in the upper portion of the back, certainly symbolic of the identifying rose worn by Senator Smith through the years and likewise a reminder of the efforts made by her to see that the rose became the national flower.

Lewis W. Brown & Senator Smith in 1991

OLD SCHOOL CHUM PASSES AWAY... Lewis W. Brown, Jr., better known to the Skowhegan Class of 1916 as “Bunny,” passed away on August 17. Both Dr. Brown and his wife, Agnes, served as members of the MCSL Advisory Committee. A Bowdoin College graduate and last surviving alumnus of its Medical School, he completed his degree at the University of Vermont. His 50-year practice of medicine included service at the Newark, NJ, Eye and Ear Infirmary; Saint Michael's Hospital, Saint Barnabas Hospital, Saint Vincent's Hospital, Presbyterian Hospital, American Legion Hospital, as well as pathologist for Essex County NJ. Specializing in allergies and immunology, Dr. Brown was a former president of the Academy of Medicine; New Jersey Allergy Society; American College of Physicians; and the American College of Allergists.

Long-time friend of Senator Smith's, Bunny attended the Advisory Committee meetings with his usual warmth and humor, always offering a story of long ago, most particularly the story of the “Girl of the Spanish Hop.” The first thing the Class of 1916 did, when juniors were considered old enough to make public debut, was to have a junior exhibition. Bunny's part was that of a dancer, dancing with six girls including a lively number with then Margaret Chase. The next day when working behind the soda fountain, a young businessman came in and remarked about the exhibition, “You can say what you want about that dance, but that Chase girl has got as pretty legs as any around.” He often remarked that when people become famous, as has Margaret Chase Smith, complete strangers will comment, “she was in my class” or “I knew her well,” but he could actually claim that association and proudly so. Lewis W. Brown never lost his humor...he will be sadly missed by all who knew him!

SEPTEMBER CONGRESSIONAL PAPERS CONFERENCE RECEIVES GREAT REVIEWS

Special edition to follow!!!!

James C. MacCampbell Award

finds a new home at the Asa C. Adams School in Orono. Virginia Spiller of the Maine State Board of Education, at its annual meeting at the MCSL, presented the Orono school with a plaque for exemplary library programs and initiatives. Receiving the plaque were Librarian Gail Garthwait; Joyce Murdock, library aide; and Bob Robinson, principal. Accompanied by Superintendent of Schools, Richard Moreau, the Orono educators expressed their delight and gratitude for this prestigious award in tribute to Dr. James C. MacCampbell, head of the Fogler Library at the University of Maine for many years and former director of the MCSL as well as past member of the Board of Education. Dr. MacCampbell passed away in 1990 and each year the Board has presented this award in his name. Previous recipients have been the Mt. Ararat School in Topsham and Bonny Eagle High School in Standish.

Accepting the JCM Award are: Richard Moreau, Joyce Murdock, Bob Robinson, and Gail Garthwait of the Asa C. Adams School

AND THE HONORS CONTINUE for Senator Smith with receipt of the **Naval Heritage Award**, “the first such award for non-veterans who have distinguished themselves through their contributions to America’s naval and maritime heritage.” On behalf of Senator Smith, the Honorable William S. Cohen accepted the award presented by the U. S. Navy Memorial Foundation in Washington DC during the 1994 Lone Sailor Awards Dinner on September 21. Receiving the Lone Sailor Awards were Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan; Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr.; and Tony Curtis.

As Smith wrote, “As you know from my service on the Naval Affairs Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives in World War II and on the Armed Services Committee of the U.S. Senate after World War II, I have deep and abiding interest in our Navy and our Naval and Maritime heritage...and am honored, indeed, to accept the first Naval Heritage Award.”

ARCHIVAL RESEARCH AT ITS BEST

Ann Cohen of Morse High School’s History Department in Bath, Maine, believes students should experience first-hand archival research; thus her study begins in an effort to publish a book in which all archival libraries in the State of Maine are listed. As a part of that effort, history honor students spent part of a day at the library researching aspects of Senator Smith’s life—investigating the Scrapbooks, the archival files, photos, and Statements & Speeches in an effort to better understand the era in which Margaret Chase Smith served the country and nation. Each student was asked to complete a “Written Document Analysis Worksheet” describing the type of document, its unique physical qualities; dates; author or creator; and document information with further clarification of “Why do you think the document was written?”; “List two things the document tells you about life in the United States at the time it was written.”

Students were divided into seven groups with study involving post-World War II to the fall of the Berlin Wall; Supreme Court Justice nominations; Vietnam War and Smith’s stand on American involvement; Students Disorders and Civil Disobedience during time of Vietnam War; Red Scare and McCarthy tactics during the Fifties; Eleanor Roosevelt/Smith Debate; and Bath Iron Works.

GUIDE TO SENATORIAL ENGLISH

From Scrapbook vol. 110, p. 49, comes the following translation:
MOVE TO ADJOURN—Is everybody else as thirsty as I am?
PAUSE TO REFRESH MY MEMORY—Never heard of it before. What gives?
SMEAR AND INNUENDO—Unpleasant information against my side.
FACTUAL DATA, PLAIN TRUTH—Unpleasant information against the other side.
IN MY HUMBLE OPINION—I've double-checked this statement with experts, and I'd like to see anybody knock it down.
A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE—The newspapers in my state are on my side of this argument, so I can speak freely.
AND IN CONCLUSION—Warning that speech might terminate within one hour.
REFER BACK TO COMMITTEE—I missed this one the first time around. Better take another look. It might be loaded.
IN THE WORDS OF THAT GREAT AMERICAN—Good idea to quote once in awhile. It shows that I once read a book.

RESPECT HAS NO LIMITS...

Or so one would think when volunteer worker and crewman Edward Michael Reidy of Morgan Hill, California, found his way to Skowhegan with the off-chance that he might be fortunate enough to say hello to Senator Smith. Reidy is stationed aboard the Liberty Ship the SS Jeremiah O'Brien out of California which was at port in Portland, Maine, after returning from the 50th anniversary celebration of the allied landing on the beaches of Normandy. The O'Brien is the last of the Liberty Ships and will continue her course thru the Cape Cod Canal, Long Island Sound, King's Point Maritime Academy, down the East River, by the Statue of Liberty, on to the Virgin Capes, returning to Baltimore, Md, later embarking on her final journey home to Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco.

Reidy recalls meeting MCS many times in the Old Senate Office Building in Washington when he painted her offices.

Departing the O'Brien on this hot, humid, summer day, Reidy took a bus from Portland to Waterville; a taxi to Skowhegan; and rang the doorbell of one whom he has admired for many years. Always eager to visit with friends, Senator Smith graciously received Mr. Reidy and shared many memories of those years so long ago.

RESEARCH CONTINUES at MCS LIBRARY

University of Kentucky Professor, Maria Braden, interviewed Senator Smith recently as part of her work on a book that explores the relationship of women, politics, and the media. As Braden writes, the media's portrayal of women politicians appears to have changed dramatically since Smith's tenure in the U. S. House and Senate. . Braden is a professor in the School of Journalism and Tele-communications and author of **She Said What? Interviews with Women Newspaper Columnists** and has received a Freedom Forum grant to work on her book, scheduled for publication by the University in late 1995.

ANNUAL APPRECIATION DAY AND OPEN HOUSE

at the MCS Library
SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 6, 1994
2:00 TO 4:00 P.M.

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