

**MARGARET CHASE SMITH RUNS FOR SENATE**  
**50th Anniversary Of Smith's Election To The Senate, 1948-1998**

*Smith Announcement*

“I am announcing my candidacy for the nomination to succeed Senator White only after careful consideration. During the period that he sought to make up his mind whether to retire or ask for re-election, I decided that in the event he should choose to leave the Senate, I would seek his high office. I made my decision strictly contingent upon his decision to leave the political scene. Yet my decision was made confidently, with the knowledge that my service in the House of Representatives and experience in government were qualifications which have on previous occasions been of great value to others advancing from House to Senate. ...I believe that my record in Washington shows that such service is my sole mission in political life...I sincerely wish to serve more fully.”

*Margaret Chase  
June 1, 1947*

*Smith,*

**A Smear Campaign—Why I Shall Not Vote for  
Margaret Chase Smith**

1. I prefer a man to represent Maine in the U. S. Senate, the most august body in America.
2. I consider Mrs. Smith lacking in education, culture, depth of character, mental and moral stature to fill that high office.
3. If she should get Joe Martin, and he should be elected president, we would have two Catholics in the White House.
4. Guy Gannett is for M. C. Smith, and is giving her unstinted publicity.
5. The **Press Herald** has refused articles favoring Governor Hildreth. The only reason Portland newspapers have not smeared him over the front pages is that they can find nothing against him.
6. I don't like the way she got her husband.
7. She slipped into Congress on the coat-tails of her dead husband. She has been re-elected only because she represents a small district, and had no man opposing her.
8. She is hypnotizing people by a trumped-up slogan. If students of government got busy, they would find that she is a very ordinary legislator. She has a propensity for making a great splurge about some popular subject, like Quoddy, just at the proper time to get votes. Many others who have accomplished four times as much, get half as much credit. She is one of that kind of people who passes for much more than she is worth.
9. She repudiated a circular letter containing her exact record, as a smear, the same record which had been printed in a C.I.O. Magazine.
10. She has been in Washington twelve or more years. Why has she done nothing about Quoddy until now. Answer, this is the time to get votes.
11. She is a dear of the C.I.O.
12. Mrs. M. C. Smith has been away from Washington the greater part to the time since last July, working not for her government, but for herself, and drawing a \$12,000 salary.
13. I am told that the men on the European trip hated her.
14. One Republican has refused to serve on the Republican City Committee if she is nominated, and others have vowed that they will vote the Democratic ticket.

I shall vote, but not for M. C. Smith

*Cora E. Edgerly, Portland ME, July, 1948*

**\*\*For Smith's response, see pg. 9 "I Want to Win..."**



# MARGARET CHASE SMITH

BY  
Abbey Miller

- A** is for always so considerate and polite,  
**B** is for boiling with strength to fight.  
**C** is for courageous, she was so very strong,  
**D** is for deciding what is right or wrong.  
**E** is for enchanting, she brought us the strength, 32 years in the Senate is quite a long length.  
**F** is for fighting for what was right,  
**G** is for gaining power by the minute, and that is how she got in the Senate.  
**H** is for hiding her speech the whole time,  
**I** is for itching to tell a bad man's crime.  
**J** is for jumping like a jumping bean, waiting to tell that man he had been mean.  
**K** is for kind to the eight presidents she met.  
**L** is for little dog she had, he was her pet.  
**M** is for mighty, at soul and heart,  
**N** is for never will she and her husband be apart.  
**O** is for operator, her job when she was small, hoping her future husband would give her a call.  
**P** is for popping with ideas she never kept in,  
**Q** is for quitting, she never did, even when she didn't win.  
**R** is for real, and plain as day, and usually so happy and gay.  
**S** is for Skowhegan, her hometown.  
**T** is for tough she did her work without a frown.  
**U** is for understanding always,  
**V** is for very many living days.  
**W** is for working so hard and so long.  
**X** is for excellent, she never did wrong.  
**Y** is for yes, she spent 32 years, when she did not get elected to Senate again, she did not shed any tears.  
**Z** is for zero, she proved not to be, no woman had been elected to Senate, only she held the key!

Meticulous about the appearance of the library grounds, Willie Turcotte repairs winter damage done to stone wall.

## *John Was Only Ten...*

...when he was acclaimed by his hometown (Youngstown, OH) newspaper to “know more about the Presidents than most of these district folks who think they’re historians.” That was in 1965—today, John Jovich pursues his love of politics and history. A recognized historian of the American Presidency, he comes to the MCSL with the intention of writing a book which will examine the origins of the GOP and highlights those Republicans who were privileged to be in the national spotlight. Margaret Chase Smith will play a prominent role, says Jovich. The Library is pleased to have a copy of his 1988 book, **Reflections on JFK's Assassination: 250 Famous Americans Remember November 22, 1963.**

\*Abbey is a fourth grade student at Woolwich (ME) Central School.

The Margaret Chase Smith Library staff wishes to offer its condolences to relatives and friends of the John Moorhead family, members of which were tragically killed while on vacation in Virginia. John was a member of the University College program in July of 1997 and brought a lighter side to the week-long program with his great sense of humor. We were pleased to have known him.

### *News Bit!!*

#### **SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS NAMED**

Ryan D. Audie and Carolyn M. Smith are the most recent recipients of the MCS Scholarship awarded by Fiber Materials (Biddeford ME).

## READER COMMENTS

## I WANT TO WIN...

"I consider myself one of the fortunate few who attended Senator Smith's Centennial Remembrance on December 13 at the Augusta Civic Center. As each speaker spoke eloquently about Margaret Chase Smith's life and career, it was apparent that those who had known her—both personally and professionally—missed the distinctive style that she brought to her work. It seems that her work was her life. I found myself hoping that the Senator's style and her ability to agreeably disagree will become a legacy, even a model, for other politicians."

*Melissa MacCrae, Brewer ME  
author of "No Place for Little Boys"*

"...to evaluate your services...well, that won't take long: **Perfect!** I enjoyed the most complete cross-referencing, the easiest access, and the most agreeable surroundings of any of my many archive visits."

*Rick Perlstein, Brooklyn NY  
Researcher, MCSL Archives, March, 1998*

campaign and who has assured old people throughout the State

### **DOWN WITH WOMEN\***

*copied from April 7, 1958, Newsweek editorial*

Madam President? God forbid! Not until the women of America resume their role as prescribed by nature will we even have a chance as a nation to function normally. If Sen. Margaret Chase Smith really possessed "wisdom and courage" (Letters, March 24), she would realize her intended role and would not be in politics.

*Richard D. Weiss  
Latrobe PA*

*\*the newsletter staff wonders if Mr. Weiss still feels the same?*

vote.

The issue tomorrow is clear. It is the rank-and-file Maine do

1948, radio broadcast on the eve of her election to the U. S. Senate—  
constructive

ambition is something of which each and all of us can be proud. But from the bottom of my heart, I say to you that I want to win tomorrow for the sake of those things which people say that I symbolize.

**I want to win** for that 18-year old girl in Portland who sent me a one-dollar contribution and wrote, 'I regret only two things: that this must be merely a token contribution to your senatorial campaign, and that I am not yet old enough to vote.' **I want to win** for that Worumbo mill worker of

Lisbon Falls who is contributing two dollars to my campaign who reported that her job at the mill has been placed in jeopardy because she had the courage to openly support me. **I want to win** for that Spanish War veteran of Norway who has contributed some of his life's earnings to my campaign who reported that her job at the mill has been placed in jeopardy because she had the courage to openly support me. **I want to win** for that housewife of Bath whose

integrity was openly challenged by a committeeman of one of my opponents merely because she was actively supporting my candidacy. **I want to win** for that Granger of York County whose position in the Grange was threatened by higher Grange officials merely because he was openly campaigning for me. **I want to win** for that World War II Veteran of Bangor who fought to keep my banners up when professional politicians were trying to tear them down. **I want to win** for those loyal supporters in Madison who refused the money of my

opposition. **I want to win** for that editor in Lincoln County who denounced the smear tactics of my opponent. **I want to win** for that small business man in Piscataquis County who refused to let one of his large customers tell him how to

against the paid professionals. What the voters of

tomorrow will do much to either stop or perpetuate machine and money politics in Maine."

**Editor's Note: The 1948 election was the first, and only, time that Margaret Chase Smith accepted campaign contributions—all contributions were returned in the Senate elections of 1954, 1960, 1966, and 1972. She passed on much of the monies she received from the National Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee to the Maine State Republican Party Sponsored by the Library, the 1997 Maine Town Meeting on Campaign Finance Reform reinforced the ideals of Senator Smith with respect to campaigning and continues to perpetuate the Maine Code of Election Ethics established in 1996 by the MCSL, the MCS**

Committee for Code of Election Ethics held a luncheon meeting at the library on May 6, 1998. Attendees included: Sally Bryant, Michael Quinlan, Steve Ballard, Suzanne Hart, Edward Potter, Kathryn Hunt, Victoria Bonebakker; Kent Ward, William Hain, Matthew Moen, Charlie Biebel, and Charles Morris.

## ***ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER, CLAIRE GIANNINI HOFFMAN, DEAD AT 92***

The daughter of A. P. Giannini, founder of Bank of America and Transamerica, died at the historic family home in San Mateo, California, in December, 1997. Mrs. Hoffman grew up with a strong sense of purpose, to fulfill her destiny as guardian of the family legacy. Her father pioneered “banking for the people” and was recognized by Life Magazine as one of the “100 Most Important Americans of the 20th Century.” Claire embraced her father’s belief that “serving the needs of others is the only legitimate business in the world today.” After A. P.’s death in 1949, she continued to champion his ideas that any bank can grow and prosper if it continues to be of service while aiding the development of communities, the nation, and the world. Mrs. Hoffman was outspoken in her belief that taking good care of employees was good for business. She lived the principles she preached, demanding of herself what she did of others. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.



*Eisenhower lobster dinner \$820.29*

## ***MOTHER-DAUGHTER WORK DAY***

Hayley King may be young but she certainly learned about the MCSL firsthand when participating in the National “Take Our Daughter to Work” Day on April 23. Hayley’s Mom, Administrative Associate Lynnette King, kept 12-year old daughter Hayley close at hand as she ran the copy machine, answered the phone and helped collate material for an upcoming meeting. Perhaps Miss King will be the next employee at the library! Brother Lucas is already on the payroll as an after-school, part-time assistant. Hayley is pictured below.

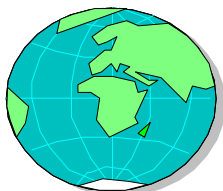
Deborah Smith and Stan Howe address MAM members

## ***MAM MEETS AT THE LIBRARY***

Members of Museums and Archives of Maine (MAM) met at the library in May to discuss archival preservation and museum policy creation. Stan Howe of the Bethel Historical Society organized the meeting and welcomed members from many of Maine’s hometown historical societies. Library Director Gregory P. Gallant spoke to the group as did Deborah Smith of the Maine State Museum.

## ***Anderson Solar Films Comes to Aid of Library***

Archival preservation is an ongoing task. Damage to papers and memorabilia from light, mildew, and humidity are all of deep concern to any facility which houses historical papers. As a part of the preservation process, the MCSL has been pleased to avail itself of the services of Anderson Solar Films. Crews from Anderson have placed protective films on the windows in the living and sitting room areas of the residence; the atrium; the display area of the main gallery; and the cupola. Pictured right are Shawn Savage and Curtis Reid as they prepare staging to reach the cupola.



## ***THROUGH THE EYES OF A HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR***

*Seed of Sarah* Author Tells Her Story

Judith Magyar Isaacson knew the horrors of World War II, the atrocities of Adolph Hitler and the pain endured by Jewish families. She was there. She survived. In a question-and-answer session arranged by Nokomis Regional High School teacher David Harville, foreign exchange students from the Netherlands, Sweden, Finland, Macedonia, Brazil, and Germany had an opportunity to ask the difficult questions about a time in history which seems almost unbelievable, a time these young people have only read about. Judith's story, as told in **Seed of Sarah**, has a warmth and humanity which touches the hearts of all. At the meeting, Judith delighted in telling the story of her meeting and ultimate marriage to OSS Officer Irving Isaacson following the liberation, their return to America, and a bit of the life they now lead—he, at the age of 82, “adventurous” and still actively involved in the practice of law and she speaking to groups about the Holocaust. Following the session, Judith autographed copies of **Seed of Sarah** which have now been published in Hungarian and German. Returning to Auschwitz in February of this year, Judith participated in a documentary which she hopes will be aired on public broadcasting stations and used as a classroom teaching aid.

Foreign exchange students from Nokomis Regional High School (Newport ME) pose for photo with Judith Isaacson. L-R: Sabine Hellman, Christiane Werner, Reyer Gaasterland, Terhi Pakkala, Andrea Masihi, Irena Andonova, Isaacson, Emma Ricknell, Andrea Montilha, Holger Lange, and teacher, David Harville.

Nokomis students enjoy an informal buffet luncheon with guest Judith Isaacson and library staff

Terhi Pakkala (Finland) sits with Isaacson as she autographs **Seed of Sarah**

### ***WHAT'S AHEAD IN 1998***

Northwood University—University College Program	July 14-17
Northwood University National Women's Board Conference	July 18-19
Northwood University—University College Program	July 28-31
Margaret Chase Smith Day	August 2
Northwood University MCS Fellowship Program begins	September 9
Annual Appreciation Day and Open House	November 1
We'll look forward to seeing you on MCS Day and at the annual Appreciation Day!!	

Seated among the “congratulatory” bouquets, Smith wins the June 1948 primary election

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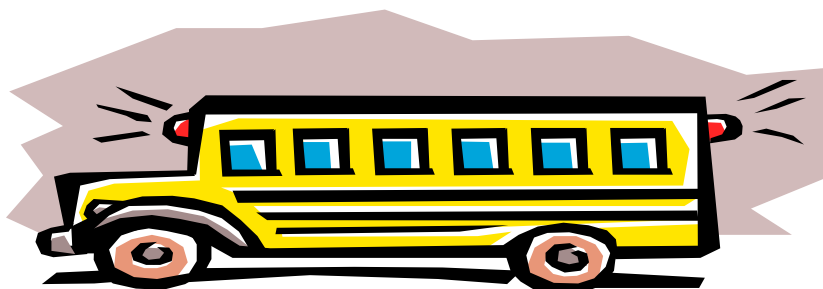
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## *AN EXCELLENT PLACE TO COME...*

...say teachers and support staff when visiting the Margaret Chase Smith Library for school field trips. Many schools within the state have made use of the special fund which has been established to fund bus trips to the Library. Dr. David Richards, Lynnette King, Vanessa Caron, and Angie Stockwell assist in introducing the students to the remarkable career of Margaret Chase Smith. Mrs. King uses a “find the answer” fun sheet whereby younger students must peruse the extensive displays in order to answer questions provided. Dr. Richards speaks to the older students and provides an insightful look into the period in which Senator Smith served the people of Maine and the nation. Pictured below and on continuing pages are some of the student groups who visited the Library and Margaret Chase Smith’s Neil Hill home this spring.

From the **Athens (ME)** Elementary School (above) comes the “Banking and Office Learning Power Group.” Each student has a job and is paid school money which must be spent at the school Learning Power Store or at the end-of-year auction which is presided over by a professional auctioneer.

From Forest Hills (Jackman ME) Junior High School



From Skowhegan’s Bloomfield Elementary School are the 3rd grade classes of Sharon Provost and Deja Anton

# ANNUAL MAINE TOWN MEETING STUDIES BIG GOVERNMENT

## *Brian Balogh Inspires Participants*

### **How did we get Big Government?**

University of Virginia's Brian Balogh addressed this question at the Library's annual town meeting on May 15, 1998. Balogh defined "Big Government" as having five components—**programmatically will** (a measure of what the state seeks to do and is expected to do); **administrative capacity** (the number of people employed by the state—bureaucracy); **fiscal autonomy** (ability to expand programmatically and carry out agendas); **political distance** (distance from those governed—geographic scope); and **cultural capacity** (ability to influence public opinion). "Public choice" literature argues that politicians and bureaucrats have been able to trick the American people by engineering a bureaucratic perpetual motion machine subject to few outside controls. Balogh quoted Robert Higgs who believed that war was the primary factor in creating big government and high spending. Progressive historians believe that powerful presidential leadership is the force that has led national government towards reform, expanding its power along the way and institutionalizing the modern presidency. Modernization (industrialization, urbanization and professionalization) require institutional responses that have led to the modern American state say others. In our quest to understand how we got big government in a political culture that is wary of big government, we need to better understand the men and women who built the very programs

that collectively would constitute big government, says Balogh. Ultimately big government comes from us—for better or worse, we have organized politically in the twentieth century in the form of cross-cutting interest groups; from fraternal organizations to religiously inspired movements. A most important task is providing a rationale and the mechanisms of administration for programs that affect the majority of Americans. Said Balogh, "program builders have built the state one program at a time and with the utmost sensitivity to market mechanisms and local control accounts for America's rank as one of the weakest central governments among industrialized nations."

## ***MARGARET CHASE SMITH HOUSE named in Augusta***

Dedication and opening ceremonies for the MCS House on the Ridge Road in Augusta ME were held on Friday, May 29th. Sponsored by the Volunteers of America, the new residential facility for senior citizens has been built in accordance with the Department of Housing and Urban Development Section 8202. Participating in the program were U.S. Representatives John Baldacci and Tom Allen; former and current Augusta Mayors Bill Burney and John Bridge; Maine House Representative David Madore; Volunteers of America representatives June Koegel and Charles Gould, with Maynard Hammond offering the benediction and Merton G. Henry representing the MCS Foundation and Library. Congratulatory letters from U.S. Senators Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins were read.

## **“MOVE OVER TOM BROKAW”**

Kelly Michaud wants your job! Kelly is the second place winner in the annual Margaret Chase Smith Public Service and Citizenship Award essay contest. Her essay on David Hancock of Hancock Lumber qualified for the \$200 second prize which was presented by Dr. David Richards of the MCSL on May 20, 1998, during a visit to the Library facilities. Joining her was Erica Varney, first place winner of \$300, who wrote on Camp Sunshine, a program for families and children suffering from terminal illnesses. Faculty sponsor Jonathan Ray joined the two young ladies. All three are from Lake Region High School, Naples, ME. Erica plans to attend Bates College (Lewiston, ME) with a major in Psychology and English with thoughts of becoming a magazine editor. Kelly will be attending the University of Maine at Orono, majoring in mass communications and hopes to be a TV anchorwoman with plans to replace Tom Brokaw on the evening news! Good luck to Erica and Kelly!

Nicholas Viens, a junior at Waterville (ME) High School was presented his \$200 prize on June 12 when he and fellow classmates visited the library. His essay on Maine Senator William Fessenden placed him in a tie for second place.

Erica Varney, Jonathan Ray, and Kelly Michaud received framed copies of Senator Smith's **Creed** along with their cash prizes. \*\*Excerpts from winning essays will appear in next newsletter

## **FIELD TRIP FUND BRINGS STUDENTS FROM NEAR AND FAR**

Book discussion group (New Books, New Readers) meets at library.

From Cathy Sears 4th grade class (Athens ME)

Winslow (ME) High School Service Club

Jason Prevost finds the answer to such questions as, “What was the cost of the lobster dinner for President Eisenhower and 230 guests when he came to MCS’s home in Skowhegan in 1955?” **If your curiosity is aroused, the answer can be found somewhere in this newsletter. The first ten people to respond to Angie Stockwell at the MCSL with the correct answer will receive a copy of “Never Underestimate...the Life and Career of Margaret Chase Smith Through the Eyes of the Political Cartoonist,” a book valued at over \$5.00. Get out those bifocals!!**

## ***MAY AND JUNE ARE BUSY MONTHS FOR SCHOOL VISITS***

Teacher Rhea McGinley and students from the Government Class of the Marti Stevens Learning Center (Skowhegan ME)

3rd grade students from the Margaret Chase Smith School in Sanford (ME) visit on June 4 with teachers Debra Gooch, John McInnis & Principal Sheila Guiney.

Smithfield (ME) 4th graders visit the Library on June 5 with teacher Diana Dumont and chaperone Thornton Moore.

June 11 finds more 3rd graders visiting from the MCS School in Sanford with teachers Margaret Maurais & Michelle Roberts and songwriter Neil L. Gardner, author of the Margaret Chase Smith School Song.

David Richards gives a personal tour to interested 4th graders.

English classes of Linda Voss from Winslow (ME) Junior High School