

Maine Town Meeting Discusses “nastiness” in Politics

The annual Maine Town Meeting held at the MCSL on May 19th provided much discussion among its participants. Keynote Speaker Dr. E. J. Dionne, Jr., **Washington Post** columnist, author, and Brookings Institution senior fellow, provided fresh insight into the problems facing today’s politics. Dionne contends that we need real partisanship which means dedication to principles and debate over real differences. Dionne further states that the American citizenry doubts that politicians can deliver on anything they promise. Today’s politics closely resemble Seinfeld politics, partisanship about nothing. Properly conceived,

Speaker E. J. Dionne, Jr. discusses partisanship in politics

“Partisanship is synonymous with nastiness.”

partisanship is a force for good. It demands commitment, not just **(Cont. p. 3)**

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Roosevelt (Eleanor) and Luce (Clare Boothe) **(Anecdote from the MCSL files)**

The Committee was at Oakland and San Francisco, a week at each city, holding the usual long hearings four to six hours at a sitting, two sessions a day. Witnesses included officials and others from all segments in both areas. As in the San Diego, Los Angeles, Long Beach visits, the hearings were productive and helpful to the overall study the committee was assigned to make. There was, however, as is often the case, more information from the questions and answers than from the long prepared statements which consumed so much of the time.

A woman on the House Naval Affairs Committee was new and newsworthy and the Press, always at the hearings, sought interviews with the Chairman, Mr. Izac; the ranking minority member, Mr. Maas, and now and then, hoping to get a scoop or a bit of something for a headline, interviewed other members. Some of the others were ready and willing, hoping to get some news coverage back home. Mrs. Smith, **(Cont. p. 3)**

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“Who Said” answer: Bernard Baruch, June 2, 1950

So says Tallulah (Bankhead), “Before I lower the boom on what has been called both the fair and the weaker sex, I’d like to salute a few soloists who have my admiration and respect. Pocahontas, first American-born woman to hit the headlines, and Sacajawea, the Shoshoni belle who led Lewis and Clark through the Rockies.

Nurse Florence Nightingale is in my Hall of Fame and so is Scarlett O’Hara, the flower of the Confederacy. Eleanor Roosevelt is my favorite American, Maine’s Margaret Chase Smith my favorite Senator and Dorothy Parker my favorite wit. I’ve been enchanted by the magic of Ethel Barrymore, the mind of Madame de Maintenon and the muscular skill and co-ordination of “Babe” Dedrikson. I raise a glass to Marie Curie for her genius and to Edith Cavell for her courage and devotion.

But let’s face it, dahlings! Despite the note and luster of these heroines, women in the mass are a mess. True, some of my best friends are women, but I’d trust few of them as far as I can toss the 16-pound shot. Herewith my bill of particulars:

Women are hypocrites. Though they wear a minimum of clothes and expose a maximum of pelt, they douse themselves in exotic scents calculated to bring out the beast in the male, they sham indignation and insult at the sound of the first wolf whistle. Look, my dears, when you cast a fly on the hook, don’t be surprised if the trout nips it.

Women are the most persistent of the status-seekers. Victims of insecurity, eager for recognition, too many of the sorority hope to add to their prestige through having a bigger TV set, a longer car, and a glossier mink than their neighbor. This competitive urge is self-defeating.

Women loathe other women. I’m speaking of the rule rather than the exceptions. They loathe other women, particularly women who are bright and/or pretty, because they see in them potential rivals. This phobia is another symbol of their insecurity.

Women are charged with indecision. Their inability to make a choice, or, having made it, to stick to it, is the despair of every department store in the land.

Women are at their worst in a line. A queue will bring out the harpy in a choir singer. She’ll stop at nothing short of manslaughter to elbow ahead of earlier birds. Once she bulldozes her way to wicket, gat or counter, traffic grinds to a halt as she fumbles endlessly in her multiple bags, purses and receptacles for the necessary coins, credentials or identification discs.

Women are suckers for sibyls and soothsayers. The squaws of my tribe are so superstitious, so eager for reassurance about the present and future, that they’re ready prey for fake psychiatrists, witch doctors and fortune tellers.

Women talk too much and say too little. (Look who’s talking!) In the hands of most of my sex, the telephone is a lethal weapon. A survey of a thousand local calls between girls who have spent the afternoon together, would reveal that of the million words exchanged, ninety-nine percent not only were irrelevant but unnecessary, not to say repetitious.

Women are cursed by conformity. There is no indignity they will not endure, no sacrifice they will not make, to comply with fashion styles laid down by French couturiers, even though when clad in their creations they need only a mask to start a trick-or-treat carousel on Halloween.

Tallulah entitles other paragraphs: **Most of the girls are touched by hypochondria; Women are deft in setting up roadblocks; Women are ill-mannered; Women are bullies.**

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women in the mass are a mess!!!

Before this causes too much consternation to Female readers, let it be known that this headline comes from the MCSL Scrapbook v. 211, p. 144, and was written by Tallulah Bankhead, appearing in the San Francisco examiner in 1959.



Actress Tallulah Bankhead (l) & MCS ring Liberty Bell replica during Savings Bonds rally at the nation’s capitol in 1950

“When you cast a fly on the hook, don’t be surprised if the trout nips it.”

(Roosevelt cont. from front)

the woman and the lowest ranking member on the committee, was reluctant to talk to the Press, feeling that this was both the privilege and responsibility of the Chairman and more senior members. Feelings ran high when it came to publicity. In San Francisco there was a special appeal for an interview with Mrs. Smith with emphasis on a more personal and individual interview. Still reluctant, Mrs. Smith talked with the Counsel, Bill Lewis, and the Chairman, both of whom said that the Press had been pressing rather persistently and they felt that perhaps she should consider talking with them, the Press. A time and place were set and publicized. The Press Conference was well attended and the questions the usual run—why was I on the committee, what did I think of traveling with a group of men, the only woman—were my questions, usually asked from a woman's point of view and what did I think would come out of our effort. Stories from this appeared in many publications, the most amusing perhaps was a column headed, "Mrs. Smith says in her delightful southern drawl Mrs. Luce in too much of a hurry and Mrs. Roosevelt more in history than today."

Out of all of the questions and answers—an hour set for the Press—one question was, "What do you think of Mrs. Roosevelt?" To this I answered, "I believe Mrs. Roosevelt will be considered one of America's great women when history is written. It is a little early for people

Congressional Spelling Bee participants in an October, 1943 photo. L-R: Jessie Sumner; Clare Boothe Luce, Sam Rayburn, Frances Bolton, and Margaret Chase Smith. Unlike Congress, debate was out; they couldn't speak in generalities, they had to spell it out. There was much scratching of the head and puzzlement just as in the days of the little red school house spelling bee. Senator Smith once told a staff member the word she misspelled was

generally to appreciate the great contribution she is making both as the wife of the President and as an individual."

Another question referred to in the column heading was, "What do you think of Clare Boothe Luce?" To this I said, quite frankly, "Mrs. Luce has everything to help her in making an outstanding member of Congress. She has beauty, background, money and time, life and fortune. If she will take time to make friends among some of the senior members, she can have them

eating out of her hand and can become a great Congressman."

I was rather pleased with the results of that conference but somewhat troubled, coming from the far northeast, that I should be termed as having "a delightful southern drawl."

to individuals, not just to the pursuit of power, but to a set of ideas and principles. Dionne believes we are entering another Progressive Era similar to that of earlier generations with an aim to reform government, create more civic involvement through volunteer institutions, thus creating a rebirth of the community. He argues that the young people of today are not indifferent—they are not into political activism but rather social activism.

When referring to campaign advertising, he wonders at the reaction of the American public if business establishments were allowed to use the same tactics as politicians. Burger King would be advertising, "McDonald's poisons you," Delta Airlines would be advertising, "United planes crash." **Partisanship is synonymous with nastiness**, he avows. It is difficult to determine at what point this decline in fair play started. Some might say it began with the McCarthy Era, the Clarence Thomas nomination, Nixon's Watergate, or more recently, with the Clinton affair. Whatever one feels, Dionne believes we are approaching a new Progressive Era of civility, accepting that differences do exist and trying to have constructive conflict leading toward greater clarity. Quoting from one of Margaret Chase Smith's speeches on freedom and articulation, Dionne agrees that "freedom unexercised may become freedom forfeited."

Says Dionne, a "democracy involves real argument between citizens," and he continues to affirm the theory that we are entering a generation of progressive politics. In the 1994 election, voters expressed discontent about what is going on in Washington and thus delivered a performance verdict. Comparing Clinton's programs for medicare, medicaid, education, and environment to Star Wars (M2E2), he clearly defines the progressive as a liberal who has looked at the polls and decided he needs a new name.

Questioned on the role of media in partisan politics, Dionne feels the media gives less and less coverage of raw material; the public has a short attention span; and in order to achieve high ratings, the media is forced to cover one story only—as evidenced by the OJ trial, the Clinton impeachment proceedings; and the Columbine killings.

Amy Fried, assistant professor of political science at the University of Maine, also addressed the participants in an address entitled, "Public People and Civic Life."

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Joan of Arc of the Grand Old Party

Dr. Janann Sherman of the University of Memphis and author of the soon-to-be released biography of Margaret Chase Smith presented a paper at the American Historical Association's annual meeting on January 9, 1999. Senator Smith has been referred to as the "Joan of Arc" of the Republican Party and Dr. Sherman's analysis of this designation to a woman of the twentieth century was most enlightening.

In an article in the *Washington Post* by Mary McGrory in January of 1949, Senator Smith is given a high honor when McGrory says, "The Lady from Maine tries to keep colleagues from fighting. An indication of how Mrs. Smith's colleagues regard her in the role of mediator was contained in a toast offered at an inauguration eve gathering by no less a personage than Senator Robert Taft, who is probably less given to pretty speeches than any one in Washington, when he called Mrs. Smith, 'The Joan of Arc of the Republican Party,' who may well lead us out of the morass of defeat." Smith discounted any mediation role saying she is "just a freshman, and not important to the party." At the same time, however, she is equally well regarded by the so-called progressives of the party who have studied her self-reliance in the House. She voted each issue as she saw it, even when it meant being the lone GOP holdout against cutting the President's budget in 1947. Recalling that lonely stand, Smith, who has so pretty a face that people forget she has a jaw as firm as Maine granite, says: "I won't be forced. You just can't crowd me." Perhaps Taft's designation wasn't so far off the mark!

Rutgers University Press plans a fall release date for the MCS biography. Watch for No Place for a Woman: A Life of Senator Margaret Chase Smith, in your local bookstores. Dr. Sherman's research is based on more than 100 hours of personal interviews with Senator Smith as well as extensive use of the primary source documents contained at the MCSL.

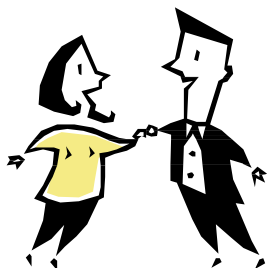
Reeds Brook Middle School (Hampden, ME) 7th grade students visit on April 6 with teacher Sharyn Hastings. In photos above, Dr. Richards helps student retrieve database entries on Hampden; a group photo is taken at conclusion of tour. The students have been involved in a public service project, "Be a Book Buddy," in which more than 800 books have been collected for distribution to Kids Peace in Ellsworth, the Outpatient Pediatric Center of Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor, the Bangor Children's Home, Acadia Mental Health, and the Hampden Food Cupboard.

Above: Carrabec High School (N. Anson, ME) "Mock Trial Club" visited on February 24 with Principal Jamie Weggler. Students, in a real courtroom in Waterville, ME, before an actual judge, successfully argued the case of the State vs. Pat Peterson for manslaughter and hazing.

Make the Articles Interesting!!!

Newsletter coordinator Angie Stockwell attended a “How to Design” Seminar in Bangor on March 15 hoping to learn new techniques and ways to create greater interest in the MCSL newsletter. After inheriting the task of publishing the newsletter several years ago, Angie has struggled to make it both interesting and informative with an aim to provide articles of interest to both young and old from different walks of life. The “Newsletter for Friends of the Library” reaches approximately 1,000 readers from within the State of Maine and 400 or more throughout the country. Highlighted in the day-long conference (during a Maine blizzard, by the way) were such things as spacing, font size, length of sentences, and centering. The old rule of two spaces following a period is no longer. Statistics show that readability of brochures, newsletters, and reports are increased dramatically when something as simple as style changes are made.

If you have any suggestions that might improve the appearance or readability of the newsletter, please contact Angie (pictured right) at 207-474-7133 or e-mail angies@somtel.com.



Community of Caring BUDDIES

Program Works.

How wonderful that Brewer (ME) High School students are touching the lives of youngsters in their community! Fourth graders who need extra help with schoolwork or more experience with social activities are paired with high-schoolers who serve as mentors. BUDDIES (Buddies Urging Determination and Development In Every Student) was the brain-child of senior and future West Point cadet, David Johnson, who says, “We want to make a bond, give the kids a big friend to look up to.” Mentors and 4th graders are shown in photos below taken at MCSL on April 5.

Recipient of the MCS Scholarship Announced

Fiber Materials of Biddeford ME is pleased to announce its annual scholarship winner for 1999-2000. This FMI sponsored award was established for students entering the University of Maine and is based on the applicants’ scholastic abilities, extracurricular activities and community involvement.

Jamie Andrews, a senior at Old Orchard Beach High School, will be attending the University of Southern Maine in the fall. Jamie is very active in school athletics and serves his community through maintenance and upkeep of a local Veterans’ Memorial Park. He is described as an exceptional, intelligent, and conscientious student who has been a Dirigo Boys State representative; selected to Who’s Who Among America’s High School Students; and recipient of the Coaches Award and sports captain for two years.

1998-1999 winners were Ryan Audie and Carolyn Smith. Ryan is a student at the University of Southern Maine and Carolyn attends the University of Maine at Farmington.

Fiber Materials is a manufacturer of advanced composite material for high technology use. It established the scholarship in the name of Margaret Chase Smith, whose lifetime contributions to education and leadership personify the spirit and intent of this scholarship award.

Northwood University Publishes Its Forty-Year Journey

As President David E. Fry says, “There is enough information available to write a 500-page history of Northwood, but *The Northwood Idea: People Helping People* isn’t that.” In celebration of its forty-year existence, this small volume on the history of the university uses an oral interview format to offer readers the opportunity to make the educational journey with one of Northwood’s co-founders, Dr. Arthur E. Turner. Co-founder Dr. R. Gary Stauffer passed away in 1996. It was the dream of these two young men forty years ago to create a unique educational facility, dedicated to management and entrepreneurship, free markets, and global enterprise, with a relationship between business and the arts. That dream endures today. Campuses in Midland, Michigan; West Palm Beach, Florida; and Cedar Hill, Texas, as well as outreach University College locations in Arlington and Fort Worth, Texas; Troy, Southgate, Livonia, Flushing, Selfridge and Lansing, Michigan; Lisle and Indianapolis, Indiana; Louisville, Kentucky; Tampa, Florida; and New Orleans, Louisiana, are testament to the fact that both Stauffer and Turner had a vision that has grown by leaps and bounds. Previous newsletters have highlighted students from the three main campuses who come to Skowhegan as part of the Margaret Chase Smith Fellowship Program in the fall. Each July brings “University College” students to Maine as well.

“What our founders gave us endures,” says Dr. Fry. Their spirit and drive have enabled all of us who follow them to keep the faith while changing with the times. Our colleagues have built an estimable university from very modest beginnings forty years ago.”

Senator Smith is kissed on the cheek by Arthur Turner at the 1979 Dedication of the MCSL in Washington DC. Gary Stauffer looks on. (Susan Bowser Associates photo)

MCSL staff members celebrate in their own way with a 40th anniversary cake on March 23, 1999

Y2K Concerns NU & MCSL

Y2K—Year Two Thousand—may be a concern for anyone involved in today’s modern technology. And for those of us who think because we don’t have a computer, we have no need to worry, think again! Nearly all of the luxuries and services we enjoy on a daily basis are generated by computers—gas pumps, electricity meters and generators, heating systems, automobiles, airplanes, radar, and telephones. Northwood University intends to be ready when the ball drops in Times Square on January 1 (presuming the ball is Y2K protected). Don Hunkins, Dave Moeggenberg, Ron Dubrul, and David Dziedzic of Northwood University visited the Library on April 8, 1999, to check all computer software and hardware containing date sensitive information which might malfunction at the turn of the century. Through their efforts, the MCSL will greet January 1, 2000, with confidence that the Y2K syndrome is unfounded and all Northwood University facilities will continue as before—ever ready to face the new millennium.

Northwood University’s Y2K team L-R: David Moeggenberg, Ron Dubrul, David Dziedzic, & Don Hunkins.

Who Said???

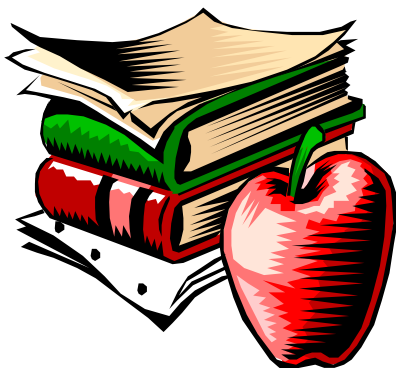
“If a man had made the ‘Declaration of Conscience,’ he would be our next President of the United States.”

The answer is contained somewhere in the newsletter—find it, notify us, and win a prize!

Shirley Duplessis' Benton Elementary School class view some of the scrapbooks containing copies of photos from previous visits from Benton students.

In photos above, teachers Janet Otis and Bridget West accompany students from Benton (Fairfield, ME) Elementary School on April 9

Lisa Gastonguay's Benton Elementary School class visits on March 22



Jane O'Keefe's Benton Elementary School students visit on May 11

Mt. Blue (Farmington, ME) Middle School students visit on March 9 to learn about MCS as part of Women's History Month activities.

These Clinton (ME) Elementary School students enjoy a picnic lunch after their tour of the library on March 18



Snowe & Mitchell
Inducted into Hall of
Fame

Margaret Chase Smith One of First Inductees in Maine Women's Hall of Fame

Recipients who followed include Lois Galgay Reckitt, Ethel (Billie) Gammon, Mildred (Brownie) Schrupf, Marti Stevens, Elizabeth Crandall, Eloise Vitelli, Esther Wood, Dorothy Healy, Gilda Nardone, Ninetta Runnals, Elizabeth Russell, Gail Laughlin, and Mabel Wadsworth who was honored with Smith in 1990.

The Hall of Fame is dedicated to women whose achievements and contributions have made a significant, enduring statewide impact in improving the lives of women in Maine. Celebrating its tenth year, the Maine Women's Hall of Fame was established in 1990 by the Maine Federation of Business and Professional Women with the support of BPW/Maine Futurama Foundation and the University of Maine Augusta as co-sponsors of this annual event held in March during Women's History Month. This year's awardees were U. S. Senator Olympia J.

Snowe and former Maine Speaker of the House Elizabeth H. Mitchell. Snowe served in the Maine legislature before being elected to the U. S. House of Representatives in 1978. Currently, she is serving in her fifth year of the U. S. Senate where she serves on the Armed Services Committee, the Science and Transportation Subcommittee of the Commerce Committee, the Budget Committee, and the Small Business Committee.

Libby Mitchell was elected to the Maine House in 1974 and served until 1984. During that period, she broke

ground in becoming the first female House majority leader. She returned from 1990 to 1998 and launched a new political era in 1996 when she became the first female Speaker of the House in Maine's 176-year history—the highest ranking Maine woman ever to serve in state office.

Margaret Chase Smith would be proud of the women who have followed in her footsteps.

Photo left, Senator Olympia Snowe receives award from Sally Ann Parks, Maine State President of BPW; right,

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How Would You Rate Us?

We have recently chanced upon the “Visitors’ Bill of Rights,” from a 1998 copy of the **Exhibitionist**, published by the National Association for Museum Exhibition (NAME). Those of you who have visited the Margaret Chase Smith Library—how do you feel we rate with respect to the following criteria relative to visitor requirements? And those still waiting to grace our doors, please come for a visit and then give us your opinion.

Eleven criteria have been listed as important human needs when visiting a public resource such as the MCSL.

Comfort—visitors need fast, easy, obvious access to clean, safe, barrier-free restrooms, fountains, seating and full access to exhibits.

Orientation—Visitors need to make sense of their surroundings. Clear signs and well-planned spaces help them know what to expect, where

to go, how to get there and what it’s about.

Welcome/Belonging—

Friendly, helpful staff ease visitors anxieties. If they see themselves represented in exhibits and programs and on the staff, they’ll feel more like they belong.

Enjoyment—Visitors want to have a good time. If they run into barriers (broken exhibits, activities they can’t relate to, intimidating labels), they can get frustrated, bored, and confused.

Socializing—Visitors come for a social outing with family and friends. They expect to talk, interact, and share the experience; exhibits can set the stage for this.

Respect—Visitors want to be accepted at their own level of knowledge and interest. They don’t want exhibits, labels, or staff to exclude them, patronize them or make them feel dumb.

Communication—Visitors need accuracy, honesty and clear communication from labels, programs, and docents.

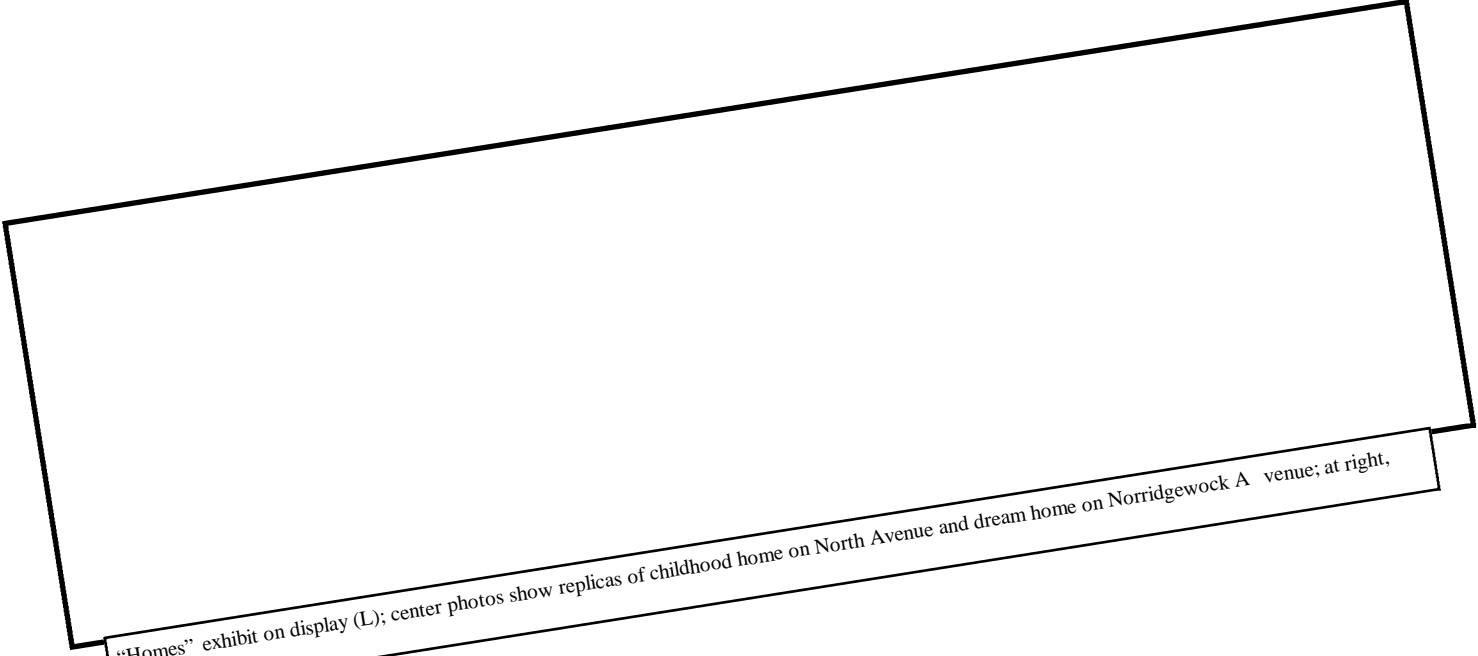
Learning—Visitors come “to learn something new,” but they learn in different ways. It’s important to know how visitors learn and assess their knowledge and interests.

Choice and Control—Visitors need some autonomy; freedom to choose and exert some control, touching and getting close to whatever they can. They need to use their bodies and move around freely.

Challenge and

Confidence—Visitors want to succeed. A task that’s too easy bores them; too hard makes them anxious. Providing a wide variety of experiences will match their wide range of skills.

Revitalization—When visitors are focused, fully engaged, and



“Homes” exhibit on display (L); center photos show replicas of childhood home on North Avenue and dream home on Norridgewock Avenue; at right,

The Homes of Margaret Chase Smith Exhibit is Open and Ready for Viewing

The Library’s annual spring exhibit is now open to the public. This year’s exhibit highlights the many homes lived in by Margaret Chase Smith—from her childhood home on North Avenue in Skowhegan; the home shared with her husband Clyde from 1930-1940 (The Big House); her Washington DC home; her vacation home at Cundy’s Harbor, and her residence adjacent to the Margaret Chase Smith Library. On the 50th anniversary of the building of her Norridgewock Avenue (Neil Hill) home in 1949, visitors are welcome to enjoy displays and memorabilia and to gain an

Readfield School Raises Money for the Needy

Rachel Kreckman and Ashley Callan (pictured below) were pleased to represent the Readfield Elementary School in telling about the school's efforts in raising money for the Mt. Vernon Food Bank. In their own words, "Hi, everyone! Every year, the fifth and sixth grade classes are given the choice of what they want to do for the winter holidays. The teachers come into the lunch room and take a vote on different things the kids might want to do. Some of the choices are exchanging gifts, raising money for the Food Bank or a holiday dance. Most years, the students decide to raise money for the Mt. Vernon Food Bank. The money is used to buy \$1000 worth of food for people who need help."

"We raised money by asking each child to bring in a couple of dollars from his or her allowance. All the money is then collected and recorded on a large thermometer-style graph located outside the upper classrooms. Everyone participating in the money raising can see how well they are doing. There is a contest to see if each year's class can raise more money than the classes before...instead of receiving presents, we give to others. This way, we have learned the true meaning of the holiday spirit."

Congratulations, boys and girls! We are sure that Senator Smith would be proud of the commitment to community service exhibited by these young people.

Lisa Cronin (L) and students from the Skowhegan Area High School "Civil Rights Team" visit on April 7. The Civil Rights Team works to eradicate discrimination and prevent the causes of violence plaguing our schools.

Freeport (ME) Middle School students visit on April 30 with teachers Ms. Pemberton & Ms. Shaw. Students have conducted a community food drive and raised money for a local women's shelter and the Kosovo refugees.

Norridgewock Historical Society Does a Little Research

When President Gerard Forgue asked if the Library was available for a meeting of the Norridgewock Historical Society, the library was, of course, pleased to make the facility available, particularly when many members were friends of Senator Smith and because Norridgewock is Skowhegan's next-door neighbor. Mr. Forgue requested that a tour of the residence and some time be made available for the group to study the records for information on the Town of Norridgewock, the Norridgewock Airport, and any other material of interest.

Research Associate Angie Stockwell greeted the Society, gave a brief description of the computer database and retrieval system, and members were encouraged to study the scrapbooks and files for any information regarding their little town. Lucille Greer introduced Angie, noting that both were attendees at the WIMSA (Women in Military Service for America) dedication ceremonies in Washington, DC in 1997 when the women in the military were honored for their many years of dedication to the nation during peace and wartime.

Readers may remember that Senator Smith sponsored legislation which was signed into law by President Harry S. Truman in 1947 establishing the Army and Navy Nurse Corps.

Photos above: two groups of Readfield Elementary School students visit on April 27

We the People...The Citizen and the Constitution National Finals Bring Maine Students to MCSL

Students from Foxcroft Academy (Dover-Foxcroft, ME) represented Maine at the national finals in Washington, DC on May 1 and 2. Two of the participating students visited the MCSL on April 22 with teacher/advisor Rusty Willette. Each year, district and state competitions are held across the nation for high school students. Entire classes compete in simulated congressional hearings before panels of judges. The winners of the state competition then travel to Washington to compete in the National Finals. Although Foxcroft Academy placed second at the state level, first place St. Dominic's from Lewiston, ME, was unable to compete nationally because they were attending a national Mock Trial competition and so Foxcroft was on its way to the nation's capital. Participating were: Patience Allen, Samuel Almy, Sandra Beaulieu, Caio Correa, Emily Herring, Tristan Mullis, Andrew Provo, Mathias Ringle, Kristopher Rolleston, Megan Shea, Alden Smith III, Gordon Smith, Matthew Snow, Nicholas Willette, and Raven Vail.

In preparation for competition, Skip Smith, Nick Willette & Teacher Rusty Willette visited the Library to gather information on the Constitution.

Maine Town Meeting Photos (See Cover Story)

Above: Breakout discussion group lead by Kathy Hunt; Right: Speaker Amy Fried, Director Gregory Gallant, and Facilitator Kathryn Ainsworth, Esq.

Above: Maxine & Philip Russakoff talk with former Maine Speaker of the House Libby Mitchell; Left: Discussion Group lead by Don Nicoll

Glenna Pomelow's Cornville (ME) Elementary School class visits on April 28. As a community service project, the students made monthly visits throughout the school year to see residents at a Skowhegan nursing home.

March 23, 24, and 25, found students from Cape Cod Hill School (New Sharon, ME) at the MCSL. While here, students found material in library scrapbooks containing information about New Sharon High School in the 1940s. The class poses on the front steps of the library before departure.

Repairs and Maintenance—Parking lot receives new asphalt—crew from Western Maine Paving (above, right) owned by Rose and Michael Brown busies itself in preparing base and asphalt for Library parking lot. Damage through the years is a certainty in Maine winters—cracks from frost heaves and normal wear make it necessary to re-pave. Michael is the son of former housekeeper, Joan Brown, who retired in 1997 following Senator Smith's death in 1995.

Students from the Winslow High School Service Club visited the Library on May 12. Under the direction of teacher Holly Siviski, the more than 40 members of this group participated in blood drives for the Red Cross along with the Winslow VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

Jeffery Padgett and Justin White from the Canaan Elementary School have spearheaded an effort to raise money for relief of Kosovo refugees. Accompanied by Justin's mother and grandmother and Principal Thomas Lechner, these students have already donated over \$100 to the American Red Cross in support of this worthwhile humanitarian effort.

Students from Gloria Westrin's Glenburn Elementary School class have been busy raising money for the Salvation Army and the protection of the Rain Forest. They are shown here viewing the displays and posing on the front steps of the Library.

Skowhegan's Dove Society Receives Honor—Congratulations!

For the second consecutive year, this community service organization has captured the Carolyn Lombardi Traveling Trophy. Their remarkable achievement in winning this award will result in the club's name being inscribed on the silver bowl trophy awarded by the General Federation of Women's Clubs/Maine Federation of Women's Clubs. (GFWC/MFWC). Co-founded two years ago by MCSL Administrative Associate Lynnette G. King, who also serves as President, the GFWC/The Dove Society provides services and support for local community programs including the Skowhegan Free Public Library; athletic teams; nursing homes and other worthy projects. This year The Dove Society will provide 21 scholarships to local students. They also donated a television and VCR to the Children's Room at the public library. We are proud of Lynn's leadership and her efforts to carry on Senator Smith's involvement in public service organizations.

The Leadership Group from Mount Desert Island High School visited on April 19. These students run awareness campaigns and provide conflict mediation, freshmen advising, peer tutoring and raise money for charitable causes.