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Something About A Dam...

*This is a spoof on the Passamaquoddy Tidal Power Project (Quoddy) and Senator Edmund S. Muskie (D-ME) taken from an article entitled **Maine Flavor** appearing in the **Kennebec Journal**, September 4, 1961 (Scrapbook v. 235, p. 82). Quoddy was a movement started in 1919 by Dexter Cooper to create a dam between Canada and the U.S. (Maine) to harness electricity in the Bay of Fundy, known to have the highest tide waters in the world. Maine Senators Edmund S. Muskie and Margaret Chase Smith supported this unsuccessful effort for many, many years.*

Senatorial candidates make promises. If they do not make promises, they do not get elected. If they get elected and do not try to keep the promises, they do not get re-elected. A senator would rather lose his false teeth at a clambake than to be dismissed from the national scene by his constituents for not pushing the local projects that he has pledged himself to propose.

Thus we see the junior senator from Maine, after weary months of keeping the Eastport residents at bay with one hand and clawing at the bureaucrats with the other, settling into his office for one more try to get at least a couple of truckloads of gravel dumped into the blueprinted

approaches to the dam. He is talking on the telephone to a White House buffer-boy.

"No, sir," says the buffer-boy," the President is busy rocking. I can't disturb him, sir."

"But I'm from Maine."

"The main what, sir?"

"The State of Maine."

"Oh, yes, so there is. So stupid of me, sir. What do you do in Maine, sir?"

"I'm the senator. I'm the senator from Maine."

"Oh, yes, let me look. Oh, yes, Margaret Chase Smith. Do you have a cold, ma'am?"

"I don't have a cold and I'm not Mrs. Smith. I'm Senator Muskie."

"Let me look. Muscat, muscle, music...I can't find you, sir."

"With a K, with a K."

"Not a very popular letter just now, sir. Ha, Ha, what did you want to talk about, Senator?"

"I want to talk about a dam."

"Department of the Interior, sir. Glad to be of help, sir. Good-bye, sir."

The good man tries again. Again he is answered.

"Good morning, sir. Department of the Interior."

"I want to talk to someone about a dam." (*Cont. pg. 4*)

(*Dam-Cont. from cover*)



*Keeping Pace with Paradis participants:
L-R: Mary Willemse, Ben Guerrero,
Marko Mileta, Howard Spaulding, Betty
Withee, Host Herb Paradis, Director
Katie Ouilette, Alyce Corson, Alan
Foxwell, Chad Cross, Matt Legg, and
Alpa Patel are shown in photos right.*



“Keeping Pace with Paradis” Involves MCS Fellowship Students

Margaret Chase Smith Fellowship students could never have imagined that they would be TV stars during their 10-week stay here. Local cable Channel 16 from Madison schedules a weekly talk show hosted by Advisory Committee member Herbert Paradis. When the students were asked to participate in the panel discussion with citizens of the surrounding communities regarding issues of the day, they were at first hesitant, but four weeks later they were old hands in the television business. Staff members, David Richards, Lynnette King, Angie Stockwell, and Greg Gallant, were also asked to provide a bit of information about the library and its mission. In the first broadcast, David spoke to the audience about the current “Homes” exhibit; in the second, Lynnette spoke about the school visits; in the third, Angie spoke about the library holdings and availability to researchers; and in the final week, Greg showed the audience Senator Smith’s home. In addition, panelists and students reprised portions of the 1997 production of “Woman of Destiny,” particularly the portion that highlights the writing of Senator Smith’s “Declaration of Conscience” speech on Memorial Day weekend nearly fifty years ago in her home on Neil Hill.

Mary Willemse, Alpa Patel, Chad Cross, Matt Legg, Ben Guerrero, and Marko Mileta were so enthusiastically received by the viewing audience that invitations from community service organizations began to arrive. Students visited with the Lions and Kiwanis Clubs and had lunch with residents at 234 Madison Avenue, a residential care facility for the elderly in Skowhegan. Two of the students, Marko and Ben, also spoke to the Spanish class at Skowhegan Area High School. Great job, great shows!

Hurricane Floyd Victims Receive Aid

Students from Central Middle School in Corinth, Maine, visited the library on November 2 to have their community service work recognized by the MCSL. Through a fun run and penny drive, the school raised nearly \$1500 for the flood victims of Hurricane Floyd. The fund was earmarked specifically to the West Edgcombe Middle School in Tarboro, NC, because a former Central school teacher now works at the NC school.

Central Middle School students accompanied by Cross-Country Coach Michael Viani (l) and Student Council Advisor Matthew McDade (r) are shown above. In center are Yolanda Elliott, Jason Layton, and Blaine Tate.

No Place for a Woman —

December 12 found Jan Sherman returning to Maine for a book signing of her new biography, **No Place for a Woman: a Life of Senator Margaret Chase Smith**. Planned to coincide with the Library's annual appreciation day, the event drew many friends from far and near. Following a few remarks, Dr. Sherman met with visitors and autographed copies of her book which has been praised by U. S. Senator Olympia Snowe as "a comprehensive look at a remarkable woman who was an inspiration to generations of young girls and women." Former U. S. Senate Majority Leader, George Mitchell, says, "through Dr. Janann Sherman's exhaustive research, felicitous writing, and critical analysis, we now have the definitive portrait of one of the twentieth century's most important political women."

Dr. Janann Sherman autographs copies of MCS Biography

Library Continues to Support New Books, New Readers

"In our view, good literature is worth discussing no matter what the cover looks like," says Julia Walkling, Project Director of the New Books, New Readers, a program of the Maine Center for the Book, a division of the Maine Humanities Council. David Richards serves as a discussion leader and enjoys his visits to Greenville and time with Skowhegan area readers (below). Greenville's focus has been on "Courage" while the Skowhegan group has been focusing on "Biographies" in which books about Eleanor Roosevelt and Margaret Chase Smith have been read. A video tape of the "Face the Nation" television program in which Senator Smith and Eleanor Roosevelt debate the issues was also used to reinforce the readings.

Asst. Sec. of Defense Charlie Cragin poses with author Janann Sherman during book signing on Appreciation Day. Dr. Sherman is autographing a copy for U. S. Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen.

As part of a series sponsored by the Maine Historical Society dealing with power, politics and influence, Dr. Greg Gallant addresses members in Portland on November 16. He spoke about Margaret Chase Smith and the Republican Party. Other lecture topics included the Colonial Period, James G. Blaine, and Edmund S. Muskie.

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Ada E. Leeke Fellowship Grant Recipient Does Research

Emily Hawkins, a senior at Barnard College, Columbia University, has begun research at the MCSL and hopes to pursue the theme of Senator Smith as a symbol of American women, her treatment of her own gender in the media, both national and local, in her campaigns, and in her legislation. Emily's concern is that she will do justice in "creating a very original product." The MCSL is pleased that Emily is a Leeke Fellowship recipient and wishes her well.

Emily Hawkins reviews the files and scrapbooks on November 1

"On what river, sir?"
 "Not on a river, on the ocean."
 "A dam on the ocean? A dam on...Oh, yes. Yes, indeed. But if you want to dam the ocean, sir, you don't want the Department of the Interior. The coast isn't the interior, sir. You want the Navy Department. Good-bye, sir."
 The tired Senator dials once more.
 "This is Senator Muskie from Maine. I want to talk to someone about Quoddy."
 "Yes, sir. Just a minute, sir. BRRRRRR. Captain Smermingsnop, Senator Buskie from Maine is on the wire."
 "Good Morning, Senator Huskie. Can I help you?"
 "Senator Muskie...Muskie, Captain Smermingsnop."
 "Ah, yes. Muskie. Rather an unusual name isn't it, Senator?"
 "I want to talk to someone about Quoddy."
 Ah, yes, Kwaddy. I don't know if we're buying any right now, Senator, but I'll be glad to send you the bid forms next time we need some."
 "QUODDY isn't something you buy. Quoddy is a dam in the ocean."
 "Come now, Senator Wuskie..."
 "Muskie."
 "Senator Muskie, the navy is hardly interested in building

dams across the ocean. The Navy is not in favor of dams. We stand for freedom of the seas, you know. I suspect that the army is the place for your call. Good Day, Senator."
 At this point Senator Muskie puts down his telephone and pushes his buzzer. The secretary walks in.
 "Take some dictation," says the senator. "Release to all the daily and weekly papers in Maine. Senator Muskie is working diligently to make sure the recent renewed interest in Quoddy Dam is not allowed to lapse. He is in the process of interviewing officials in various departments, all of whom are cooperating completely. Senator Muskie sees no reason why the Eastport dam will not become one of our new federal projects. Intense studies are being made." "Is that all, sir?"
 "Yes, yes, that's all. Frankly, I'm not doing too well."
 "Don't get discouraged, sir. Rome wasn't built in a day."
 "Rome wasn't....? Oh, yes. Very good. I'll have to remember that for my next speech." The secretary leaves. Senator Muskie settles back in his chair. "Rome wasn't built in a day," he says. "Good. I wonder if she made that up. I'd better check. It might have been some darned Republican."

King and Gallant Attend Washington Functions

Library Director Gregory Gallant and Administrative Associate Lynnette King visited the nation's capitol in November to attend Northwood University's Distinguished Women's Gala. While there, they visited the Women in Military Service to America Memorial (WIMSA) and viewed displays honoring Maine's own Margaret Chase Smith. Mrs. King also visited the headquarters of the General Federation of Women's Clubs where she met with Maxine Scarbro, President, and Debbie Gladstone, Director of Membership. Readers may remember that Senator Smith was a member of the Federation and actively involved in service organizations in her early days in Skowhegan. Lynnette is currently president of the GFWC The Dove Society in Skowhegan and attributes her interest in such an organization to Senator Smith who prompted her to join a woman's club when first moving to this area.

*Lynnette King is shown with President Maxine Scarbro of the
General Federation of Women's Clubs*

It Takes a Woman

How wise Author Melissa MacCrae is in her description of women who have shaped our public policy through the years. In her recently released book, **It Takes a Woman: Women Shaping Public Policy**, MacCrae shares with her readers the vision she had more than two years ago when she heard two professional women declare that they would not consider voting for a woman for president. From that overheard conversation came this newest book and the revelations that the Women’s Political Survey offered from 100 respondents. Melissa writes about Chellie Pingree, Libby Mitchell, and Susan Collins and, of course, Margaret Chase Smith, the foremost leader of women who, through her legislative efforts, made Maine proud.

Above, portrait artist Patricia Hill Burnett and Dr. Gregory Gallant pose with Burnett’s painting of MCS on display during the annual Northwood University Margaret Chase Smith Forum in Washington DC.

*Author Melissa MacCrae poses with author Janann Sherman at a book signing of Dr. Sherman’s recently released **No Place for a Woman: A Life of Senator Margaret Chase Smith**. Clearly, Senator Smith proved that Washington was the right “Place for a Woman,” and it does, indeed, “Take a Woman.”*

Students from the classes of Mrs. Anton and Provost from Bloomfield Elementary School pose in front of the Skowhegan display loaned by the Skowhegan Community Action Group.



Photos above: Benton Elementary School (L & R) and Bloomfield Elementary School visitors (Center)

Addendum:

The November, 1999, issue of the newsletter overlooked a publication in the list of Margaret Chase Smith biographies. Dr. Marlene Boyd Vallin's book, **Margaret Chase Smith: Model Public Servant**, was published in 1998 by Greenwood Press. We sincerely regret this omission.

MCS Scholarship Awardees Visit

The University of Maine's Margaret Chase Smith Center for Public Policy has announced it's 1999-2000 MCS Scholarship winners. Director Deirdre Mageean and Bob Whelan, Associate Chair of the English Department, visited the library on December 3 with recipients Ben Smith and Dana O'Day-Senior.

Ben is a junior history major from Van Buren, Maine. He hopes to attend law school with possible political aspirations. His research project will look at environmental protection laws, particularly those dealing with the phasing out of old transformers as potential sources of PCB (polychlorinated biphenyls) pollution. Dana is a junior geological sciences major from Parsonsfield, Maine, and a member of the Honor Program and hopes to achieve a doctoral degree in Paleontology. Her project will investigate the use of arsenic and arsenate compounds as pesticides in Maine and the effects on Maine's drinking water supply.

“Who Said” Answer from November Newsletter

—The answer can be found on the back cover just below the credit box and above the return address for the library. Senator Smith was in Paris interviewing Premier Mendes-France during her World Trip in 1954-55 when she discovered she was wearing one black shoe and one blue shoe. The “Who Said” trivia question for the first month in the new millennium is: Who called Senator Smith “the devil in the disguise of a woman?”

Above L-R: University of Maine English Department Chair, Bob Whelan, MCS Scholarship winners, Ben Smith and Dana O'Day-Senior, and MCS Center for Public Policy Director Deirdre Mageean

Teachers Mrs. Vandermark, Ms. Gray, and Ms. Fitzpatrick are shown at the library on October 20 and November 15 with Benton Elementary School students

Emily Says, “It was the best library. It had everything in it.” Alan's interest involved something more practical. “I wonder why the M and M's are still there.” Comments such as these from students at Riverview Memorial School come in frequently following school visits. These students performed community service by raking leaves, removing trash, and planting flowers for senior citizens. Senator Smith would be proud. Perhaps readers are wondering about the M & M's. Senator Smith always kept a candy dish filled with M & M's for her young visitors. The library staff continues to keep the dish filled but frequently have to refill it. How it becomes empty remains a mystery!

Riverview Memorial School students enjoy a tour on November 17 under the direction of David Richards. Those hands in the air would indicate an interest in the discussion.

Community Service Abounds in Maine Schools

“The Library taught us not only what Margaret Chase Smith did for people but taught us what a good person she was. That’s why we are all in the Service Club, to make a difference.” 7

Teacher Pat Dunphy and students from the Athens Elementary School Student Council visited on December 6. Their community service project raised 240 lbs. of food for distribution in the towns of Cornville and Canaan. In inset to the right, Mitchell Stewart is shown with a drawing he made in 1998 of the flight suit worn by MCS when breaking the sound barrier.

Winslow High School Service Club students are involved in a variety of projects. Their past efforts have supported Columbine H.S. and Kosovo refugees.

Bowdoin College Students Make Use of Archives

Four Bowdoin College students have made use of the facility for a “Maine Politics” class project. Seth Harmon, Katherine Calise, Don Wells, and Patrick Fleury visited the library to study the Election files from 1940 to 1948. We encourage such visits by scholars and were pleased to provide material for their study.

Bowdoin College students, Don Wells & Patrick Fleury visited on November 12th; Seth Harmon and Katherine Calise visited on the 15th.

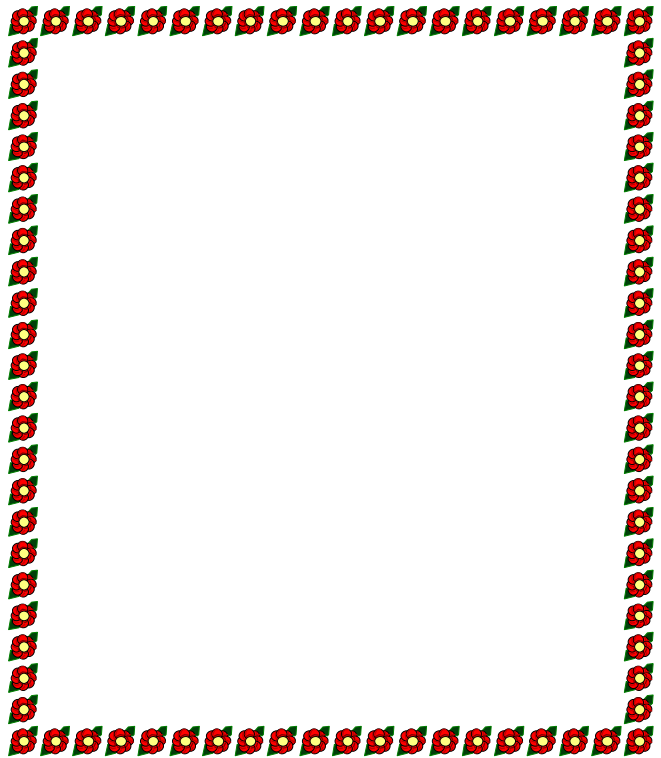
Puffins Come Alive...

Students at Bloomfield Elementary School were treated to a special reading session when Dr. David Richards participated in National Children’s Book Week at the invitation of school librarian Mary Turbyne. Icelandic Puffins were the topic of the selected work and the children were quite enthralled by the happenings of these charming little birds. Maine boasts a large population of feathered puffin friends.

Mt. Merici Catholic Elementary School students cleaned the Waterville Concourse, picking up over 10,000 cigarette butts as part of “Make A Difference Day.”

David Richards reads to Bloomfield students above

Students from Hartland Elementary School & Nokomis High School were involved in crop gleaning. Corn, tomatoes, & squash were harvested and distributed to food banks in Newport, Hartland and Corinna.



Administrative Associate Lynnette King at Northwood University's Distinguished Women's Gala on November 4 in Washington, DC. She is shown above with the Margaret Chase Smith Rose Scarf designed by Distinguished Woman, Frankie Welsh, in honor of the MCS Forum. Library Volunteer Shirley Nutting received a scarf at the MCSL Christmas Party on December 13 in appreciation for her devoted volunteer service.

We've Survived the Arrival of the New Millennium—No batteries, no stored food and water—just the normal day-to-day routines. The computers are up and running. The Library continues to serve scholars interested in the career of Margaret Chase Smith and we welcome a visit. Learn more about Senator Smith and the resources available—meet the staff—and enjoy a tour of the museum and Senator Smith's residence. It's an enjoyable visit you won't forget. School groups are

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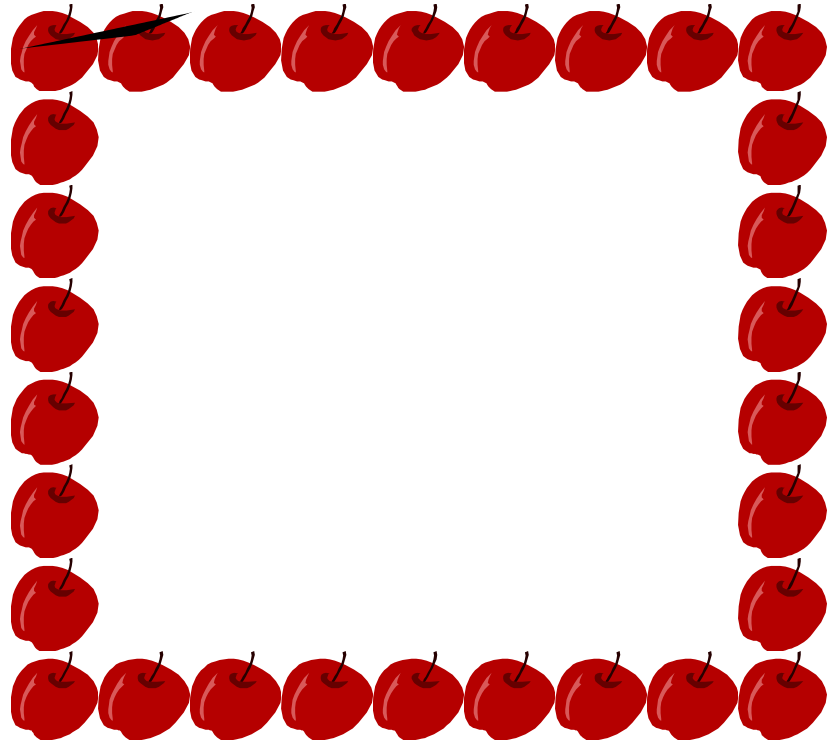
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DAVE'S WORLD.....

*He Has His Finger
On the Pulse of the
Library*

An Apple for the Teacher--David Richards



To All the Boys We've Loved

Before.... No newsletter would be complete without a word about our beloved Assistant Director David Richards. His tireless efforts in bringing students here from schools across Maine have endeared him to many—even the Richards relatives in New Hampshire and Southern Maine who insist that each and every newsletter contain something more befitting a person of his stature. The editor and coordinator of this fine publication are most amenable to that objective and heretofore shall abide by such directives.

And so in an attempt to laud his attributes, we say here and now:

David is dedicated
David is loyal
David doesn't fool around
He simply isn't spoiled!

He adheres to strictly business
He mends his ways and means
He'd even eat his curds and whey
If we'd only bake some beans!

He searches for all bargains
He'd even climb the "mount"
And if you want to find him
Just look at Bob's Discount .

He loves his veggies, or so he says,
He doesn't gain an ounce
But sit him near a cookie
And then he's set to pounce!

He's taller than the average,
He's nearly to the ceiling
But those of us below
Would ne'er request him kneeling!

For perish the thought,
And slap your behind
For he's not one to grovel
And we're not one to mind!

So when you feel like learning
And surely you will
Just give him a call at 7133
And get ready for a thrill!!

He'll set you up right pronto,
He'll pick the perfect date
For you to stop and see us,
And learn about the fate....

Of MCS and Bill Lewis
And how they met the challenge
And how they built the road
That led to where we now is!!

