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PATRIOTIC SERVICE COMMITTEE

The Patriotic Service Committee at a meeting held at the home of the Chairman voted to send \$10.00 to the Soldiers and Sailors Club, 261 Madison Avenue. The Club has been warmly endorsed by General Summerall.

The Veterans' Camp at Tupper Lake has been closed for the winter, but will be opened in May, and hereafter will remain open during the entire year.

The dinner of the P. S. C. marking the anniversary of the opening of the Alumnae's Canteen at Hunter was held at The Allerton on March 6th. It was a most enjoyable evening. "After ten" came with as much surprise as did "eleven" to the girls of 1918-1919, dancing with their soldier and sailor guests.

Mr. R. H. Finch of the Department of the Interior, U. S. Geological Survey, Hawaii, sent his greetings, and wrote: "I wish to acknowledge my keen appreciation of the touch with our own country that your committee's entertainment afforded us after coming back from overseas. I will always look back on the evenings when I partook of your hospitality. A year ago I was east and spent a month in Washington. During that time I fully expected to get to New York, but as I was dealing with a (I seek a forcible but diplomatic word) recalcitrant girl, more time was spent in Washington than was planned. My ideas prevailed, however, and we left Washington for an overland trip to San Francisco by automobile."

It was unanimously voted that congratulations be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Finch.

JANE W. McELHINNEY,
Chairman.

COLLEGE NOTES

College loses a tradition of long standing in forgoing the May-Week vacation. Because the customary week of intermission between the fall and spring terms was omitted this year, College will have its spring vacation during Easter week, April 2nd through April 11th.

The school for Kindergartners, which offered a two-years' course to prospective kindergarten teachers, has been altered both in content and in name. In June 1925 the 39 graduates of the school finished the old régime. In that year all training school courses in the state had their time for study extended to the present three year requirement, so it was necessary to change the kindergarten training course to meet the new needs.

Students who desire to become kindergartners now enter the College on the same basis as other candidates. Their six terms include a full allotment of academic work, so that students who care to return to College may win their degree with another year's work. At the end of three years a "kindergartner" has had the usual major and minor work, with the kindergarten work, under the Department of Education, distributed as optionals. These students, on the completion of three years' work, are eligible to take the Board of Education examination for kindergarten license. At the end of the fourth year (should they remain at College, or return to it) these students may take the examination for license number one. Kindergarten students are also eligible for high school pedagogy if they have qualified by their rank in their major course.

The "kindergartners", of whom there are sixty students distributed through the three years, teach in the vacation playgrounds and kindergartens and in the Daily Vacation Bible Schools, giving instruction in handicrafts as well as telling stories and leading games; and on the completion of the course, the greater number of the students go into public kindergarten work.

The entire College plant, Model School, High School, and College, students and staff, have been coöperating in contributing funds for the Monticello Mansion.

Members of the Ottinger Debate Group, under the chairmanship of Miss Sarah Rush Parks of the English Department, met representatives of Bates College, Lewiston, Maine, on Saturday, March 13th, in the Sargent Room, to discuss the proposed Child Labor Amendment. The Misses Butler, Greene,

and Mandelstam represented Bates, and Mrs. Jaffe and the Misses Springmayer and Tresca, Hunter. As in the Ottinger prize contest, the method followed was that of discussion on the basis of individual opinion, rather than of contest between teams. Miss Parks summarized the discussion as it progressed, indicating lines of thought or suggesting important questions to be considered. The last half-hour of the meeting discussion from the floor was invited, followed by a vote on the question. The result, 29—27 in favor of adoption, was regarded as a registering of opinion on the subject and not in consequence of the ability of the debaters.

Hunter's next debate, with Washington (D. C.) University, will be on the subject of a uniform divorce law throughout the United States.

Seniors and Alumnae will be offered very real entertainment on April 20. The Alumnae Tea to Seniors will be held on that day in the Kindergarten and Music Rooms from 3:30 to 5:30 P. M., and Miss Bernice White, formerly of Hunter's Music Department, now on the staff of New York University, is to sing. Miss White organized and trained Hunter's Choral Club, the splendid results she brought forth being due to the charm and friendliness of her personality as well as to her able musicianship.

Miss Katherine B. Mattison is hostess of the afternoon. She sends an especially urgent and cordial invitation to Alumnae, reminding them that "the Seniors are invited to meet the Alumnae"! ELIZABETH VERA LOEB

NEWS FROM THE ITALIAN CLUB

Il Circolo Italiano (the Italian Club of Hunter College) is doing very interesting things these days.

On the evening of Friday, April ninth, the Circolo presents an almost unknown comedy by Carlo Goldoni, "La Contessina". This little play was originally produced with music by the eighteenth century composer Cimarosa. It is a delightful little satire and tells the story of a young lover who plays at being a Marchese in order to win the haughty Contessina whom he adores. His father, the rich merchant, Pancrazio, takes a hand and plays nobleman, too. If you want to see the dénouement, come to the Gallery of the Mac Dowell Club, 166 East 73rd Street, on April ninth at eight o'clock. You may obtain tickets from Il Circolo at Hunter or from Clara Byrnes, Dramatic Director of the Italian Club.

Il Circolo is also coöperating with the Italian Intercollegiate Association in their entertainment and dance on Saturday evening, March 27th, also at the Mac Dowell Club. The Marionettes of Remo Bufano will be one of the attractions. Florence Koehler, who is one of the puppeteers, is a

Hunter girl, and many will remember her as Louise, the blind girl, in the revival of "The Two Orphans" in 1920. Other Hunter people appearing on the 27th are Jessie Levey in original dances planned by Miss Byrnes, Agnes Cirrito in a group of Italian songs, and a Trio arranged by Miss Flora Rubin, Director of the Hunter College Orchestra. The members of the Trio are Deborah Levin, piano, Jennie Weiss, Violin, and Alice Wachtell, Cellist. They will play Italian Serenades. C. B.

THE ALUMNAE FRENCH CLUB

The newly-organized "Cercle français des anciennes élèves" held its initial meeting at the Alumnae Rooms on February 27.

The guests of honor had been announced as "M. Henry Bary, Mme. Henry Bary, et M. Pascal Bary", or, as Professor Bary put it, "M. Pascal Bary et sa famille." Professor Bary, to the disappointment of all, was unable to be present; but it was a great pleasure to meet Mme. Bary and "Monsieur Pascal." The public appearance of the latter, of course, was the great event of the occasion. This most engaging four-year-old made friends with everybody, listened with rapt attention to the program, and then in turn was listened to with equally rapt attention as, perched upon the piano, and giving no sign of stage-fright, he fluently recited in Parisian French and similarly Parisian English. He seemed more of a philosopher than a babe until one saw his zest in frolicking with a balloon and sucking on a highly ornamented lollypop which he rapturously hailed as "la lune."

Kathryn Hymes, the president, greeted those present, and then retired hastily to array herself as M. Jourdain for the uproarious scene from "Le bourgeois gentilhomme" in which that famous gentleman is informed by the Maitre de Philosophie (enacted by Léonie Monthémont) that he has been talking prose all his life. During the preparations for this scene (which was excellently played, as was also the piano solo of Frances Cohen Whittington), Professor Claudine Gray, the secretary and guiding spirit of the organization, took charge of the meeting, and traced the history of the club from its inception in 1904 under the guidance of Mme. Marie Agathe Clarke.

To the great pleasure of her "old girls"—and of many "newer girls" as well—Mme. Clarke was present herself, and graciously presided over the tea-table, where she made the center of a circle rivalling in size the one revolving about Pascal.

The club is planning a big play in the fall, under the auspices of the Section Dramatique. There is also to be a Section Pédagogique. If you are interested, watch for further announcements in the News, or, better still, get directly in touch with Professor Gray at Hunter College.

E. A. H.