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ALUMNAE DAY

As usual Hunter held open-house for its Alumnae on the eve of the Thanksgiving holidays. The main event was the Assembly, at which President Shuster welcomed the visitors, and paid especial tribute to the work of the Alumnae under Mrs. Bitterman in selling War Bonds. Mrs. Theodore E. Simis spoke not only as President of the Alumnae but as one who was a Hunter undergraduate in World War I, the effects of which upon the student body she outlined in her usual spirited and informal manner. Miss Doris Rhodes, the President of the Student Self-Government Association, gave a dignified reading of President Roosevelt's Thanksgiving Proclamation. Lady Margaret Armstrong delivered the principal address, stressing the need for tolerance and understanding in international and inter-racial relations. Several solos charmingly rendered by Miss Ruth Kleinman of the student body were followed by the community singing of a number of lively songs associated with World Wars I and II.

In the afternoon the guests drank tea tendered by the Faculty Club, and watched an exhibit of fencing and dancing arranged by the Physical Education Department.

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ALUMNAE BREAKFAST

Time marches on! The Birthday Breakfast will be held this year on Saturday, February 13th, at the Hotel Astor. Each year makes great changes in our groups; don't let the year slip by without this opportunity of greeting your classmates. We are making plans to continue the delightful breakfast of former years, viz: a few songs, an excellent speaker, and good fellowship.

Please make reservations through the Chairman. Tickets \$2.58.

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URGENT FOR CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Workers to help with tire and gas rationing are now urgently needed. The shifts are short. If you can serve please see Mrs. Corwin, Civilian Defense Office, 122 East 34th Street, any day except Saturday, between 11 A. M. and 5 P. M. Please be sure that you tell her that you come through the Associate Alumnae of Hunter College.

Any one wishing to do volunteer war work using her special skills is asked to telephone Hunter Alumnae Hall, Columbus 5-9700. Mrs. Powell will deliver your message to your Borough Chairman, and she will see that you are properly placed. The office of

Civilian Defense wants our trained women. Please work with and through your alumnae committee and respond when their workers reach you directly. Let the civilian defense work of our alumnae be worthy of Hunter's training and high standards. If you are tired after a hard day of work, just think of the boys over there; use that will power and let us know that you will do a civilian defense job.

(Mrs. Ephraim) SELMA L. BERLINER,
Chairman.

PATRIOTIC SERVICE COMMITTEE

We are planning to have a special Christmas Party on December 27th. We want to present a gift to each boy. Will you help us? We need one hundred gifts (candy, cigarettes, cards, fountain pens, stamp books, etc.). We can also use any tree ornaments and lights you can spare. Oh yes, we need cooked turkeys, chickens, or tongues; cakes and cookies, too. Please send money, gifts, or promises of food to the Alumnae Rooms, 204 West 55th Street, addressed to me, before December 15th. We need your cooperation to make the party a success.

Each Sunday we entertain about one hundred men from all parts of the United States, Canada, England, New Zealand, and Australia. The parties seem to increase in popularity each week. Many of our parties have been financed by undergraduate groups. Each party costs about thirty-five dollars. We serve sandwiches, potato salad, cole slaw, pickles, pies, cakes, cookies, milk, coffee, tea, lemonade, candy, and smokes!

Please, oh please help!

B. ELIZABETH KALLMAN, Chairman,
102 West 85th Street.

WAR SAVINGS BONDS

Since the beginning of November, we all should feel encouraged at the turn of events, and even though the turn is *not* decisive, the move in Africa was a brilliant first step on the road to Victory.

It is true that the victory in Egypt gave the British people reason to be jubilant, and gave them cause, after patiently waiting over two years, once again to ring the church-bells. The brilliantly executed invasion of North Africa by our own troops in conjunction with the British, and the more recent news of the magnificent work of our Navy and Marines in the Battle of the Solomon Islands, has given *us* reason to be optimistic. But we all must listen to the words of Winston Churchill, "This is not the beginning of the end but the end of the beginning." It is also imperative that we heed the warning of our own fearless and inspiring President

FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHING

Under the auspices of the Hunter College Classics Department an address on "A War-Time and Peace-Time Need for Foreign Language Teaching" will be given on Friday, December 4th, at 4:15 P. M., in the Hunter College High School Auditorium, 68th Street and Lexington Avenue, by Dr. Edgar H. Sturtevant, distinguished Professor of Linguistics at Yale University. He will describe the new scientific method for acquiring speedily even the most different and difficult of foreign languages, with accuracy of pronunciation, fluency of speech, and correctness of idiom, under the direction of a linguistic scholar assisted by a native speaker of the language. This method, developed as an enterprise of pure scholarship by students of American Indian languages, is now revealed to be of tremendous practical and patriotic value, in view of America's great need for communicating with the inhabitants of Asia, Africa, and Australia, friends and foes alike.

All interested will be most welcome.

E. ADELAIDE HAHN,
Chairman of Classics Department.
