

# THE ALUMNÆ NEWS

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## HUNTER AND THE COUNCIL

It will be of interest to our members to learn that two of our Alumnae, Miss Ruth Lewinson and Mrs. Bernard Deutsch, are candidates for the City Council. And Mr. Stanley Isaacs, brother of our Past President Mrs. William C. Popper, is a candidate for Borough President of Manhattan.

We are proud of the recognition which has come to our Alumnae and wish them all success. I. B. G.

## A NEW CHAIRMAN

It is with pleasure that I announce the appointment of Mrs. James Crotty as Chairman of the Breakfast Committee. Miss Nugent has been forced to resign on account of her school duties, and we are deeply regretful, but I am confident that Mrs. Crotty will carry on with success.

Please communicate with her at 200 West 90th Street for reservations for our Breakfast on February 12th.

IRENE BRANDON GRAFF, President.

## THE ALUMNÆ BREAKFAST

While arranging your engagement pad for the coming season, be very sure to make a large red mark next to February 12th, as this is a most important date, the occasion of the Alumnae Breakfast, which will be held at the Hotel Astor. You will want to attend this function and renew old friendships. Tickets as usual will be \$2.50.

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## ALUMNÆ VISITING DAY

The Faculty and Student Body of Hunter College cordially invite the members of the Associate Alumnae to visit the College at the Park and Lexington Avenue Buildings on Wednesday, November 24th. Graduates will be welcomed in all classes. There will be a special Thanksgiving Assembly held at the Central Synagogue, 55th Street and Lexington Avenue, at 11:00 A. M. (College assemblies are being held there temporarily). The program is being planned by the Traditions Committee of the College. Those of our members who have been attending these exercises for the past few years know that we can look forward to a very entertaining hour.

We sincerely hope that many of our members will find it possible to accept this invitation. With the new building so close to reality we feel sure you will want to visit College as it now stands.

Remember, Wednesday, November 24th.

MAYBELLA C. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

## COLLEGE NOTES

A complete meteorological station on the roof of Gillet Hall in the Bronx Buildings, is functioning in cooperation with the central New York Weather Bureau. Rain gauges, a sunshine recorder, wind direction and velocity instruments, regular, maximum, and minimum thermometers, and an instrument to measure relative humidity are included in the equipment of the station. In addition to these instruments for studying local weather conditions, the observatory is equipped with all-wave radio, and telephones for communication with stations throughout North America and Europe.

Dr. Gordon G. Darkenwald is in charge of the station. Under his direction, the students receive a thorough training in meteorological principles and learn to apply their knowledge in a splendidly equipped laboratory.

On Saturday evening, October 9, Professor Edward M. Lehnerts, Head of the Department of Geology and Geography of Hunter College, and the members of his staff, held open house in the Bronx Buildings, for the delegates to the New York Convention of the New England Intercollegiate Geological Association.

The new meteorological station and the department's very excellent collection of rocks and minerals were of great interest to the guests.

Among the guests were members of the Physiographers Club of the City of New York, and many high school teachers of geology, geography, and physiography.

Professor Anne Bush MacLear, of the History Department of Hunter College, has just been appointed chairman of the committee of judges in the prize essay contest sponsored annually by the Washington Heights Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. This year's subject, "The Influence of Hamilton, Jay, and Madison upon the Ratification of the Constitution", is in honor of the Sesquicentennial Celebration of the Constitution.

Two prizes, one of \$15 and one of \$10, will be offered for the best essays. The contest is open to Hunter students only.

Professor Rudolf K. Michels, Chairman of the Business Specialization at Hunter College, has published *Economic Problems of Modern Society*, written in collaboration with Professor John N. Andrews of New York University. Professor Michels is the author of *Cartels, Combines, and Trusts in Post-War Germany* and *Economics, Basic Principles and Problems*.

### ALUMNAE COMMITTEE ON HELEN GRAY CONE FELLOWSHIP

The Helen Gray Cone Fellowship, founded in 1927, is awarded biennially to a graduate of Hunter College who has displayed exceptional ability in English. The Fellowship is supported by a fund of \$10,000, which, at the present rate of interest, provides a sum of something over \$400 which is applied by the holder of the Award toward defraying the expenses of graduate study. The Associate Alumnae cooperated enthusiastically with the College in raising the fund for the establishment of the Fellowship. Two members of the Associate Alumnae serve on the present Committee of Award. Our distinguished graduate, Dr. Ruth Lewinson, at the time of the reorganization of the New York Title and Mortgage Company, watched over the Fellowship investment zealously and ably. I believe the Alumnae will continue to support by their sympathy and contributions a foundation which encourages high scholarship and so serves to perpetuate Professor Cone's influence among students who did not know her as teacher. Two of the five holders of the award are now teaching at Hunter College; Miss Cecilia Hotchner, who studied at Radcliffe, Columbia University, and New York University where she is now working toward the doctorate; and Miss Margaret Grennan, who received her master's degree from Columbia University. Miss Virginia Mishnun, to whom the grant of 1936 was made, wrote her master's thesis at Columbia University on the theories of imitation of Aristotle, Plato, and the early rhetoricians as applied in literary criticism in the first half of the eighteenth century.

JEAN S. LINDSAY,

Chairman of Alumnae Committee on  
Helen Gray Cone Fellowship.

### IN MEMORIAM

When Professor Henry T. Fleck, former Head of the Hunter College Music Department, died on September 6, 1937, at the age of seventy-four, he left behind him a valuable heritage for those who would follow his work in the musical field. Dr. Fleck recognized the importance of the cultural side of education, and strove to provide for every student a permanent source of enjoyment. To this end he devoted his entire lifetime.

Before coming to Hunter, Dr. Fleck had been for some years President of the Peekskill Conservatory of Music. He was well-known as the founder and conductor of the Harlem Philharmonic Orchestra. In 1892, he instituted a system of free concerts, and took professional orchestras into the public schools of New York. The children of this city have thus received the inspiration of the best music played by the best musicians as a part of their general education.

In 1908 Professor Fleck began at Hunter a series of courses devoted to Grieg, Wag-

ner, and Dvorak, and also a course in voice culture, all of which grew steadily in popularity. The importance of these studies caused the Hunter faculty to give academic credits to music students for the first time.

In the World War period Professor Fleck was chairman of the New York State Liberty Loan Educational Department and gave concerts to arouse interest in the Second Liberty Loan. One of these was the first concert ever given in the Lewisohn Stadium, and was conducted by the late Victor Herbert, who once played the first cello in Dr. Fleck's New York City Orchestra.

In 1918 the concerts which later became the Lewisohn Free Chamber Music Concerts originated in Professor Fleck's Thursday night courses of "Ten Operatic Nights". Subsequently these concerts were broadcast weekly from the College, and Professor Fleck became nationally known as a lecturer on music.

Among Professor Fleck's own compositions were a string quartette, an overture in D minor, and various anthems, masses, piano pieces, and songs.

ISABEL M. PRICE.

Mrs. Sallie W. Wachsman (Sallie Waitzfelder of the Class of 1880) passed away on September 16.

She was born in Milledgeville, Georgia, immediately before the Civil War. During the war her father, Leopold Waitzfelder, was a captain in the Confederate Army. He operated a cotton mill at Milledgeville, and manufactured the cloth for the uniforms used by the State of Georgia troops during the war.

About 1867 Mr. Waitzfelder brought his family to New York, and they resided for several years on West 49th Street. In 1870, when the New York Cotton Exchange was founded, Mrs. Wachsman's father became one of the charter members of the Exchange. In 1889 she married Sigmund Wachsman, and lived a very happy life until the time of her death.

She is survived by an immediate family of two children, Mrs. Helene W. Neuberger and Alvin L. Wachsman, as well as a sister, Mrs. Flora Flank, and two brothers, Messrs. Sylvan and Clarence Waitzfelder.

Mrs. Wachsman was a regular attendant of Alumnae meetings, and always looked forward with pleasure to the time when they were scheduled.

A. L. W.

Mrs. Esther Jacobson Romaine, a teacher at Public School 42, Belle Harbor, Queens, died on October 19, at the age of fifty-nine. Mrs. Romaine was a graduate of Hunter College, and had also studied at City College and at Harvard University. She had been teaching in the public school system for thirty-five years. She is survived by a sister and three brothers.