

# THE ALUMNÆ NEWS

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is a call to action.

We graduates of Hunter College, grateful for the end of the war, looking hopefully toward a just and lasting peace, can be a potent factor in the post-war world. If we can bring into concerted activity the many thousands of Hunter graduates not yet affiliated with the Associate Alumnae, we can be a telling voice in the future education of our youth. What our program will be in that connection is up to all of you. No amount of leadership can bring a result by itself.

Our next objective is a tremendous and successful Victory Breakfast under the capable chairmanship of Mrs. Draddy.

The Membership Committee will make its own appeal for coöperation. The Committee on Special Activities, made up of recent graduates, many of whom are in industry and the professions, are planning evening meetings for the benefit of those employed during the day.

All of our charitable enterprises will need increased support. The same spirit which our Alumnae showed in backing various war relief organizations must now be manifested in the support of our own peace-time charitable and scholarship activities.

On October 10th, at the meeting of the Executive Council, the Nominating Committee will be appointed and elected. It is the earnest hope of your President that in addition to selecting leaders who have served and who bring to the organization a mature point of view, there will be representation of the younger graduates in positions of responsibility, so that they may be trained for future leadership.

RUTH LEWINSON,  
President.

## CALENDAR, 1945-1946

- Wed., Oct. 3—Board of Directors, 7:45
- Wed., Oct. 10—Executive Council, 3:45
- Wed., Nov. 7—Board of Directors, 7:45
- Wed., Nov. 21—Alumnae Day, 12:30
- Sat., Nov. 24—Northrop Movie, 9:45 A.M.
- Wed., Nov. 28—Special Activities Mtg. 8:00
- Wed., Jan. 2—Board of Directors, 7:45
- Wed., Jan. 9—Executive Council, 7:45
- ? Jan. ? —Tea for Graduates
- Sat., Feb. 2—Commencement, 8:00
- Tues. Feb. 12—Alumnae Breakfast, 12:30
- Wed., Feb. 13—Birthday Celebration, 12:00
- Wed., Mar. 6—Board of Directors, 7:45
- Wed., Mar. 13—Executive Council, 3:45
- Sat., Apr. 6—Card Party, 2:30
- Wed., May 1—Board of Directors, 7:45
- Wed., May 8—Executive Council, 7:45
- Sat., May 18—Reunion, Election, 2:30
- ? June ? —Tea for Graduates
- Wed., June 26—Commencement, 8:00

## COLLEGE NOTES

President Shuster spent the summer abroad as chairman of a special Historical Commission consisting of six American educators sent by the Historical Branch of the War Department to question former German leaders on economic, political, and social aspects of the Nazi régime. When gaps in our knowledge concerning non-military matters began to be manifest, the War Department selected this group of loyal Americans familiar with affairs in Germany to obtain the needed information.

During President Shuster's absence Dr. Eleanor H. Grady, Dean of the Faculty, acted for him.

Dr. Ordway Tead, Chairman of the Board of Higher Education, has announced that nineteen scientists from the faculties of the four municipal colleges participated in the Government's program in regard to either radar or the atomic bomb.

With VJ Day behind us, many of the staff members who have been serving the Government either in the armed forces or as civilians may be expected to return. However, a number have specifically requested new leaves or extensions of earlier ones for either one or two semesters, to engage in official work. These include Dr. Carroll R. Daugherty, Professor of Economics, to head a mission to New Zealand for the Foreign Economics Administration; Dr. Lester S. Hill, Associate Professor of Mathematics, to teach in the U. S. Army University Study Center in the European Theater of Operations; Dr. Carl V. Noll, Assistant Professor of Economics and Bursar, to serve in the U. S. Army University Study Center in Florence, Italy; Dr. Mina S. Rees, Associate Professor of Mathematics, to continue to serve with the Applied Mathematics Panel of the National Defense Research Committee; Dr. Wilson W. Woodcock, Tutor of Physics, to continue research at the Radiation Laboratory of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Dr. Pearce Davis, Assistant Professor of Economics, to continue to serve with the National War Labor Board; Dr. Anne E. Hulse, Instructor of Economics, to serve as Port Economist with the Maritime Commission.

Two Department Chairmen, Professor Charles J. Moore of the Department of Chemistry, and Associate Professor Mary M. Fay of the Department of Romance Languages, have just retired. Their successors to head their respective Departments are Professor William A. Worsham and Associate Professor René Taupin.

## LEWIS D. HILL

Lewis Dana Hill, born in 1870, died June twenty-fourth, 1945.

Being a Bostonian, he was educated at the Boston Latin School—of which his father was Principal—and Harvard University, which awarded him an A. B. in 1894 and an A. M. in 1897.

He taught for about ten years at Harvard, St. Mark's School, and the Ridge Manual Training School, after which he left New England for New York and Hunter College. In 1907 Mr. Hill was appointed Professor and Head of the Department of Physics, Chemistry, and Astronomy. Largely through his efforts, a separate Department of Chemistry was instituted in 1924. He was named Dean of Studies in 1927, and continued in this capacity until his retirement in 1936. As Dean he won many friends among the students by his sympathetic helpfulness, and he is remembered with affection by countless alumnae.

Dean Hill was an extremely practical man. As a result his advice and coöperation were sought by each Hunter President in turn when any building project loomed. He was usually the intermediary between College and architect, and time and again had to leave his teaching to others in order to secure proper housing and equipment for Hunter. This work began for him when the present High School building was erected. When the Bronx campus was projected, his services were again requisitioned, and a large part of his time during the years preceding his retirement was devoted to planning, inspecting, and equipping these buildings and grounds to suit the needs of a modern college.

Dean Hill was a splendid teacher. He spoke very softly and slowly, but could cover more ground in an hour than any other Physics teacher I ever knew. His lectures abounded in apt and striking illustrations. He had a remarkable memory for details and for arithmetical values of constants. His patience was unlimited; he always had time to give any student "just one more way of looking at a problem", and he never lost his temper.

In his Mt. Vernon home, Dean Hill was a genial and delightful host, always ready to demonstrate his latest domestic improvement or the newest gadget he had installed. It was a privilege to know his wife, who was typically of the best of New England, and a joy to see them in the midst of the ever-present group of young people brought by their three daughters to their popular home.

Every one who knew Dean Hill knew he loved sports—walking, golf, hunting, and fishing. His summer home, on an island in a beautiful Maine lake with the mountains as a background, was a center from which these were easily accessible. Fishing was his favorite, and it was on a fishing expedition that death overtook him. Doubtless he was contented that he could be active to the end.

HELEN A. MESSENGER.