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A NEW POST FOR PRESIDENT SHUSTER

President George N. Shuster has received a new distinction and a new responsibility. As was recently announced by American High Commissioner John J. McCloy, President Shuster has been named Land Commissioner—i.e., State Commissioner—for Bavaria. He and Mrs. Shuster will sail for Germany early in July. E. A. H.

A NEW HONOR FOR MRS. DRADDY

The Scholarship and Welfare Fund Committee is happy to announce that once again our President, Mrs. Robert E. Draddy, has been singled out for a signal honor. On June 14th, at the Commencement ceremonies at Fordham University, New York, the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters will be conferred upon her. We all share in this distinction bestowed upon a fellow Alumna by so great an institute of learning. We are proud of this outstanding addition to an already remarkable wreath of achievement laurels.

MRS. EPHRAIM BERLINER, Secretary

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

In the name of the Alumnae, I would like to thank Miss Thelma Vint most heartily for a very enjoyable program at the reunion, so important to all Alumnae. Two particularly delightful innovations were the Ukrainian Bandurist Ensemble and 11-year-old Emil Pizzingrillo. The Bandurists, dressed in the colorful costumes of their ancestral country, presented a selection of six varied and tuneful old Ukrainian melodies. Young Emil, a student of the New York School of Music, gave two accordion selections.

Appreciation is also due to Miss Vint for the refreshments after the performance.

Dr. Shuster's gracious words of greeting warmed the heart of every one present.

Our gratitude is also extended to Dr. Helen E. Witmer and her mother for the beautiful hand-crocheted cloth which they made and donated to the Alumnae.

And finally, I wish for all the Alumnae a very happy and enjoyable summer.

MRS. ROBERT E. DRADDY, President

CALENDAR, 1950-51

Wed., Oct. 4—Board of Directors, 8:15.
Wed., Oct. 11—Executive Council, 4:15.
Wed., Nov. 1—Board of Directors, 8:15.
Wed., Nov. 15—Alumnae Day.
Wed., Jan. 3—Board of Directors, 8:15.
Wed., Jan. 10—Executive Council, 8:15.
Thurs., Feb. 15—Birthday Celebration.
Sat., Feb. 17—Luncheon, Waldorf-Astoria.

VIOLA LURCH COX

STAFF AND STUDENT SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT SHUSTER

(It is possible that some members of the Alumnae may have seen, or at least heard of, the attacks on President Shuster which were published in the *Compass* and the *Mirror* after the announcement of his appointment as Commissioner to Bavaria. Documents of similar import were circulated among staff members and students. In response statements were issued by both groups. Believing that this important matter is of concern to our graduates as well as to our faculty and our students, the NEWS prints both these statements.—Editor.)

FACULTY STATEMENT

(The following statement, prepared by a group of members of the Hunter College staff, was signed by 163 staff members on the first day of its circulation. Opportunity was provided for the subsequent addition of other signatures, and the original number has now been considerably augmented; but at the time of our going to press, the final figure was not yet available.—Editor.)

The undersigned, members of the Hunter College staff, deeply troubled by the circulation of a pamphlet containing excerpts from President Shuster's writings and conclusions drawn from these excerpts, have asked the President for a statement on the subject. The President has made the following statement, which he has authorized us to quote:

"My writings on Germany, which cover the period of the past twenty years, constitute an indictment of the brutality, the inhumanity and the viciousness of the Nazi regime. They have always been so regarded by the overwhelming majority of critics and historians. My analyses of conditions obtaining in Germany during the early 1930s, however they may now be judged in the light of subsequent events, represent a conscientious attempt to trace the origins of Nazism to their sources and to give an account of what was happening at the time. They were in no sense of the term justifications of this nefarious movement or of those who were its leaders. Indeed, they were violent pioneer attacks on Hitlerism. That there may now be found in them remarks which, regarded as separate utterances, can give offense to some while failing to mirror my present point of view, is true. I think that an honest critic will weigh them in the light of the context in which they appear. Perhaps it should also be added that it was only after my personal efforts to help prevent the seizure of Austria and my share in the appalling

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. John H. McGill (Germaine Bouvard) of the Class of 1909 died very suddenly on Sunday, February 26, at the Stamford Hospital, Stamford, Conn.

Germaine was born in France, but came to this country as a child. During her college career and in later life she was always interested in French affairs. At the time of her death she was Publicity Chairman of the Stamford Alliance Francaise and Secretary of the Aid to France.

As an undergraduate at Hunter, she founded the Cercle Francais there in 1904, and was its first President. She was Reporter for Philomathean in 1908, and took the part of the Tennis Girl in her Christmas Play.

Shortly after her graduation from Hunter she was appointed as a teacher of French in Washington Irving High School, where she remained until her retirement in 1944. She held the degree of Ph.D. from New York University.

She was a very loyal Alumna of Hunter and of the Class of 1909. After graduation the members of the class had drifted apart, and about fifteen years ago Germaine undertook the huge task of getting us together again. She spent countless hours looking

up addresses, and was unceasing in following up leads to find addresses of members of the class. At the time of her death she had succeeded in locating all except about 25 of the original 150.

It was through her efforts that the Class of 1909 in late years always had a goodly representation at the annual Breakfast. Then she planned a yearly afternoon tea reunion for the class. This has been highly successful and greatly enjoyed.

Her latest effort in behalf of our class was the compiling, editing, mimeographing, and mailing to each of the members of a semi-annual bulletin of news items on the present activities of the Class of 1909. This more than anything else has been instrumental in holding our members together in closer bonds of friendship and affection.

Words cannot tell how we shall miss our beloved Germaine. God in His providence has seen fit to take her from our presence, but her spirit will be with us as long as one of the Class of 1909 lives. In memory of her may we remain faithful to Hunter and to the Class of 1909.

HELEN W. GRIBBEN, '09