

# THE ALUMNÆ NEWS

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## PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

The first year of my term as President of the Alumnae was both historic and encouraging. The Diamond Jubilee, in which I represented you with the public, was something of which we can long be proud. The events attracted wide interest and attention in both scholastic and government circles, and served the added purpose of bringing into the fold many Alumnae who had allowed their interest to lag.

Under date of May 23rd, 1945, the Board of Higher Education has added its word of thanks to that of President Shuster for the gift of \$7,500.00 from the Associate Alumnae on the occasion of the Jubilee. To this have been added the gift of the Silver Class, and at the Annual Reunion, on May 19th, the gift of the 50-Year Class.

The meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Council were well attended, and many problems and plans were vigorously discussed. We have made a good start toward increasing the membership among recent graduates, who are ably represented at the meetings of the Board by young chairmen who speak for them, and who, through the Committee on Special Activities, are creating projects of particular interest to the younger graduates.

It is, of course, the view of your President that every Hunter graduate should pay the nominal dues of \$2.00 and be a member of the Associate Alumnae. To that end an appeal was made in the *Hunter College Bulletin* to the students, asking them to secure for membership their grandmothers, their mothers, their aunts, and their sisters; notices were published in medical journals and the *Key Reporter*, which brought hundreds of answers. During the course of the year your President personally brought in over seventy-five members; but the membership picture is still far from satisfactory. We are, therefore, formulating a statement of what membership carries with it by way of concrete benefits, so that those who find it not enough to belong merely in support of the great College which gave them an opportunity for a free higher education, will know that they get far more for \$2.00 than any one would dream could be furnished. There are the Alumnae Day in the Fall, the Spring Reunion and Tea in May, the Sunday night Supper Dances for servicemen at the Con-teen, invitations to College events, Officers' Dances at Roosevelt House, opportunities to meet classmates and friends at the Alumnae Breakfast and the Bridge, and, above all, the ALUMNÆ NEWS.

For the coming year, we had planned to have gymnastics and swimming at the College on Friday nights in classes and groups,

for the Alumnae only. Although there seemed to be a substantial demand, the response has been disappointingly small. We plan an evening meeting for those who are not free during the day. Just what form that meeting will take has not been determined. If any of you have any suggestions, we would be glad to get them.

I hereby publicly express my appreciation to my Officers, Directors, Chairmen, and all of the workers who have made the past year a success. I trust they will all come forward with greater plans and new members, and that every activity which is announced will have unqualified and enthusiastic support.

RUTH LEWINSON, President.

## SPRING REUNION

In spite of a dreadful downpour an enthusiastic audience assembled in the Assembly Hall of Hunter College on May 19th. The rain could not keep away many who look forward to the Annual Spring Reunion to meet and say Hello to old friends.

The program began with organ selections by Miss June Zinckgraf of the Class of '46, followed by singing of the National Anthem.

Dr. Ruth Lewinson, our President, welcomed the members, and with a good supply of humorous stories got the audience into a jovial mood. In a more serious vein she went on to recount the numerous activities of this past year, our Jubilee Year, paying tribute and giving thanks to Mrs. Helen Simis, Mrs. Louise Draddy, Mrs. Edna Luetz, and all other members who have helped in any capacity whatsoever to make this year as productive as it has been. A special tribute was paid to well beloved Mrs. Otto Hahn, who symbolized "the News itself".

Our membership has increased, our younger members have begun to participate more actively in the Association, our Patriotic Service has continued. Our sale of bonds, thanks to the untiring efforts of Mrs. Samuel Bitterman and all her co-workers, is steadily mounting.

Dr. Lewinson urged continued coöperation with the College, support of concerts, funds, and the Roosevelt House League.

The Hunter College Alumnae Choir delighted the audience with a program of charming music well sung. This included Brahms' Liebeslieder Waltzes, Humperdinck's Prayer, and Grieg's My Johann.

President George N. Shuster extended his greetings to the Alumnae of the College. He outlined briefly the extensive work toward the war effort in which Hunter College is participating. He mentioned the money being raised for Victory Ships, one of which will be called *S. S. Hunter*, the Bond Drive,

### WAR BONDS

We did it! Your Chairman is delighted to announce that our goal of \$375,000, for a C54 Douglas Mercy Plane to carry the seriously wounded from foreign shores to this blessed land of ours, has been reached, at the time of this writing, May 28th. In the preceding War Bond Drives we have always exceeded our quota; the same holds true this time. Our total, College and Alumnae, amounts to \$481,101.50. We have the month of June and two weeks of July to continue our Bond work. So you see the Seventh War Loan Drive promises to be the most successful of all Bond Drives.

At our Alumnae Spring Reunion on May 19th, Miss Lois Wilson, star of the successful play, "Chicken Every Sunday", in her plea to our fellow Alumnae, said, "Please help Mrs. Bitterman not only to purchase *one* C54 Douglas ship, but do help her sell enough bonds to purchase *two* of these planes." She helped sell more bonds than ever were sold at any of our previous Reunions or Breakfasts.

It seems to me very important to bring to your attention the fact that our Alumnae Association has never held a War Bond Rally, nor have we ever manned booths in the various department or chain stores in our city, to promote the sale of Bonds. Every sale has been accomplished through the personal interest, contact, and charm of our fellow Alumnae, meaning you and you and you.

Your Chairman would like to express her sincere thanks to the members of the War Bond Committee, who devoted much time and energy to selling or purchasing War Bonds. To Mrs. Flora Rubin Kotlarsky, Mrs. Norma Newmark, Mrs. Bea Weinberg, Mrs. B. M. Powell, Mrs. Ephraim Berliner, Miss Dorothy Doob, Miss Babette Kass, Miss Sibylla Mellor, Mrs. Alice B. Lewinson, Miss Sylvia Hoffberg, and Mrs. Frieda Sloate, we extend our appreciation for their untiring efforts.

From Boston, Mrs. Miriam B. Goldstein has sold directly through your Chairman many, many bonds. Grand work, Mrs. Goldstein! We are happy to welcome you as a member of our War Bond Committee!

We are eager for Mr. Seymour Danziger of the Bank of Yorktown to know that the entire Association is grateful for his continued valuable support in this Seventh War Loan Drive. Our sincere appreciation to Mr. James Picker, Mrs. Hilda W. Stroock, and Mr. Al Hoffberg, for their coöperation.

The War Bond Committee through its Chairman desires to express its thanks to the husbands of our Alumnae members who have been interested in our War Bond work. We are seriously thinking of forming a "Men's Auxiliary" in the sale of War Bonds. Do you think it a good idea?

We wish you all a very pleasant summer vacation and express the hope that V-J Day will take place very soon.

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