

THE ALUMNÆ NEWS

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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.

E. A. H.

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.

MRS. ROBERT E. DRADDY,

547 West 142nd Street.

Telephone Edgecombe 4-5348.

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

Roosevelt, "This is no time for exultation. There is no time now for anything but fighting and working to win."

This war *will* be won if we all set the way. Our dollars talk loud to American Industry. Let us make our dollars *shout* for more guns, planes, tanks, and ships. We cannot send our boys to battle without equipment, with bare hands to face the Axis' bullets and machines. *Buy more bonds* — and please induce your relatives and friends to buy their bonds through our War Bond Committee.

We are delighted to see that our ALUMNAE NEWS is read in all parts of our country. On Nov. 10th the following letter was received with a request for an application for a Series E Bond.

Dear Mrs. Bitterman:

I should be happy to make my future purchases of War Bonds through the War Bond Committee of the Alumnae. As a member of the Class of June '41, I feel that the least that all of us can do is stand behind the War Bond Committee, and purchase just as much as we possibly can through our Alma Mater.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Sanford) MARIAN SCHRANK.
1523 West Kings Hyway, San Antonio, Tex.

Do you feel this way? If so, please show your interest in your College by checking the series you would like to purchase.

The War Bond Committee deeply appreciates the excellent work of Mrs. Dorothy Riess, Chairman of our Westchester Group in the Sale of War Bonds. Mrs. Riess reports she has sold nearly one thousand dollars worth of bonds in one month.

With Christmas just around the corner, may I remind you once again to make your Christmas gift a War Bond?

Our Treasury Department at Washington issues an Award of Merit to be given to any group which certifies that 90% of its membership is saving regularly. We are most anxious to have our Alumnae and our College receive this Award. This certificate is one which we shall wish to frame as a permanent war record, and to which we can point with pride now and after the war is over. Won't you help us win this Award? If you have not purchased a bond through the Associate Alumnae please do it now.

The War Bond Committee through its Chairman extends to you all best wishes for a Christmas of good cheer.

MRS. SAMUEL BITTERMAN,
Chairman.

275 Central Park West
Schuyler 4-3685.

I am interested in purchasing War Bonds:
 E F G (*Check Series*)

Name

Address