



# What's What

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## Council Selects G.O. Nominees

**Callahan, Heisler, Vie For Office; Linick, Alternate**

Nominations for the positions of G.O. vice-president and secretary have now been completed by the council, which also recently awarded the G.O. service shield, scholarship pins and felt H's.

Competing for the vice-presidency are Jean Callahan and Rita Heisler, with Hemdah Linick as alternate.

Under the heading of Jean's qualifications for the vice-presidency is her knowledge of parliamentary procedure and the workings of the G.O., for she has served on many G.O. committees and has often held a vote in the council. Jean has also worked as class vice-president, in the A.A., as jewelry manager and on club committees. At present she is a Big Sister and advertising manager of *What's What*. **Council's First Choice**

As social service club president, Rita, the council's first choice, has had to coordinate committees and organize Settlement work. She also has had experience in the Victory Corps, having been elected term Victory Corps representative. Rounding out her list of services is her work as class vice-president, in clubs, on various term and G.O. committees and as term secretary.

Jean Ellis and Rose Friedman are listed on the ballot as the candidates for secretary, while Joan Davis is the alternate.

Jean, accorded first place by the council, has served as term president and is now news editor of *What's What*. Aside from her work in the Victory Corps, on G.O. committees and in the term, she has participated in many club activities and was once secretary of the dramatic club.

Rose has had the task of tracking down ads for *Argus* and was elected G.O. representative of her term. She has also worked on term and G.O. publicity committees and in the dramatic club.

### Awards

The recipient of the G.O. service shield is Joanne Thomson, vice-president. Scholarship pins for last term's work were awarded to Gloria Cochran, junior high; Dorrih Leipziger, first term; Suzanne Bachner and Nicole Einhorn, second term; Lorna Kraut, third term; Mary Ehrlich, fourth term; Martha Weig, fifth term; Barbara Lipton, sixth term; and Joyce Marrits, seventh term.

The council also voted felt H's for outstanding service to the school to the following: Florence Bush, Eleanor Fritz, and Penelope Palmos from the eighth term; Babette Brimberg, Judith Brimberg, Marion Kramer, Betty Mack and Constance Peterson from the seventh term; Jean Baker, Barbara Brenner and Ellen Moers from the sixth term; Jean Ellis and Isabelle Koslowski from the fifth term.

## Sigma President Elected

Alice Block, president of Sigma, announces that Virginia Grill has been chosen to head the honor society next term.

## Senior Class Soars While Others Climb

Senior day! With their faces bare of make-up, and pert bright-colored bows in their hair, the entire school body, with the exception of the seniors, stole in by Hunter's side doors. Only seniors were permitted to use the Lexington Avenue entrance. These lofty beings carefully removed the lipstick from forgetful students who had disobeyed the solemn senior proclamation. Haughtily they watched the rest of the school climb laboriously up the stairs while they, queens that they were, rode in the elevator. At the end of a perfect day, they entertained the G.O. council with songs from their Senior Day assembly.

## 972 Apply For Hunter

Nine hundred and seventy-two candidates were on hand to take the entrance examination for Hunter High, given in the school building November 19. Of these, 354 applied for admission to Term III, 421 for admission to Term I and 197 for admission to the Junior High.

For Term III, 105 girls were accepted; the lowest grade of any of these was 76. June Sacher, of P.S. 115, Manhattan, ranked first with a grade of 95.3; Dorothy Baird of P.S. 118, Manhattan, was second with a grade of 94.2.

For term I, 139 girls were chosen. The lowest grade among these was 85.5. Marianne Molin, of P.S. 6, Bronx, ranked first with 99.5; Martha Smith, of P.S. 6, Queens, was a close second with 99.2.

For Junior High, only 35 girls could be taken. The lowest grade for these was 94.8. Ethel Kalb of P.S. 94, Bronx, was first, having a grade of 98.6; while almost equally high in rank was Elaine Shwede of P.S. 70, Queens, with 98.4.

## Patriotic Hunterites Bid And Buy; Answer Call Of Auctioneer's Cry

"Going, going, gone! A picture of Jimmy in his army uniform for only \$15.

A pair of real silk stockings for \$23.

A box of stationery for \$50.

A camera for \$110.

Four calico elephants for \$100."

Were these millionaires or opulent war workers who were thus throwing money right and left? You'd be mistaken if you chose either one, for they were bidders at the fifth term war stamp auction of November 23. Needless to say, these amounts not only paid for the articles themselves, but also purchased war stamps and bonds. All articles had been previously donated by the students, but in some cases the patriotic lasses bought back their own contributions. One of the girls who was defeated in bidding for a picture of Sinatra wondered whether the two victors were the ones who had originally donated it.

## "These Are The Seniors" Presents Eighth Termers' Version Of Hunter



In A Senior Cage

## Senior Songs, Agile Leader, Gain Applause

Celebrating their Senior day, the eighth termers presented an assembly program to the school on December 3.

After the flag salute and the singing of the national anthem, Marion Styles, president of the G.O., turned the assembly over to Eileen O'Connor, eighth term president, who in turn presented the senior class production, "These Are the Seniors". The first scene, which satirized the life of a Hunterite, showed pajama-clad students doing setting-up exercises which had a marked resemblance to Hunter's gym activities. Since an air-raid alert interrupted the girls, the "Senior Sextette" provided entertainment by singing "The Slug in the Slot Machine."

### "Only A Bird"

Next on the program was Rita Schwartz, who, clad in a shimmering gold costume and surrounded by yellow crepe-paper streamers representing a bird cage, sang "She's Only a Bird in a Gilded Cage". In sharp contrast came Dorothy Kressler and a group of seniors who impersonated Frank Sinatra encircled by a host of Hunter admirers. Wearing a padded sports jacket and bow-tie, Dorothy rendered "All or Nothing at All" in typical Sinatra fashion with seniors bowing and swooning on the stage. The song was received by the audience with much laughter and enthusiastic applause.

### Drum-Majorette

Dressed as a drum-majorette in a white costume, Ann Leone served as the agile leader of the senior chorus. The musical narration began with the class's experiences in the 96 Street building and related their activities up to the present time.

As a finale the entire class, led by Eileen O'Connor, sang their senior song. Instead of presenting corsages to the faculty members who had assisted in the program, at their request, the eighth term sent flowers to the Halloran hospital on Staten Island, and gave Miss Marie Beirne, Mrs. Olive B. Davis, Miss Charlotte Hochman, Miss Margaret Scully and Miss Evangeline Trolander each a single pink sweet pea.

## 'Mickies' And 'Corkies' Aid School War Effort

Several classes are sponsoring social service activities. A2 is promoting the sale of "Corkies", novel pins fashioned from cork. The funds raised by this project will be sent to the Red Cross. JB4 is making "Mickies", crepe-paper lapel dolls, and donating the profits from their sale to the Lenox Hill Settlement House. A5 is giving handmade tray covers to the Children's Ward of the Manhattan Eye, Ear and Nose Hospital.

## 'What's What' Elects Editors

*What's What* recently elected next term's staff with the exception of the editor-in-chief, who will be chosen later. Mabel Hanson will be associate editor, and Adele Elberg and Cynthia Ozick will fill the positions of news editor and feature editor respectively.

Those elected to the business staff are as follows: Jean Ellis, business manager; Rosalind Van Houten, advertising manager; and Mary Eve Israel, secretary.

The service shield was awarded to Babette and Judith Brimberg. The new editorial board will take over the last issue of this term.

## Math. Club Girls Win High Scores On Army Trainer

The mathematics club visited the Vitarama Corporation on December 2, at the invitation of Wilma Szabo Warren, a former student of H.C.H.S., who is employed there as a mathematician.

The group of eleven girls, with Mrs. Lawton, their faculty adviser, as chaperone, saw the Army Trainer, which was the object of their visit. The Trainer consists of four guns twenty feet away from a curved screen which resembles a part of the Hayden Planetarium Dome. The guns, two on ground level, and two ten feet above, are clustered about a quintuple projector, which throws pictures of attacking fighter planes on this screen.

The girls saw the Trainer being used by a Marine sergeant and three Marine privates, who were aiming the guns at the planes. In each gun there is a device recording hits. A Wac was noting the scores of the Marines on a switch-board register, and pointing out their errors.

The visitors were then given a technical explanation of the mathematical and mechanical principles on which the Trainer is based. Before leaving, they were permitted to practice with the guns exactly as the Marines had been doing. Some of the girls secured surprisingly and gratifyingly high scores.

## Magazine Appears At Christmas Time

Elizabeth Fondal, editor-in-chief of *Marianne*, has announced that the magazine will appear at Christmas time.

The art staff, headed by Ethel Lapis, has accepted Shirley Winter as a new member.

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Christmas 1943

Christmas in time of war is not a joyous time, a holiday of good cheer. There are empty places at the dinner table and empty places in our hearts.

This gloomy aspect is the "Ghost of Christmas present" and will represent the "Ghost of Christmas to come" unless each of us does something to remedy the situation.

Let us remember, when we are admiring our Christmas trees, exchanging presents and sitting down to hearty Christmas dinners, that the same cannot be said for the men who are fighting and dying so that we may keep these things.

There Is No Genie

There have been many times in Hunter's history when one situation or another that seemed almost hopeless has suddenly been saved, or when a problem that appeared insoluble has suddenly been solved.

If we inquire, we find that it is nothing supernatural, but simply a loyal, hard-working, and interested group, the P.T.A.

A year ago, the G.O. couldn't see how to get costumes for parts of its production, "Uncle Sam's Nieces." It got them. A much needed bulletin-board and a much desired radio-phonograph have also "just appeared".

This fine organization has always come through when we needed help. Let's see if we can't do the same for them. Many parents have paid this term's and even next term's dues.

Santa's Coming As You Well Know, Only This Year On Synthetic Snow

Though some of us may not have our usual Christmas turkeys this year and a few convenient furloughs may not come through as expected, the old yuletide spirit is here once more and students need not go far from Hunter to find it.

We are not limited to just dreaming about a white Christmas, for the courtyard of St. Ann's Hospital across Lexington Avenue is covered with snow.

Down Lexington Avenue

If we walk down Lexington Avenue, we can see the Christmas customs of our fighting allies reflected in the wares they display in their relief shops.

Nearing 59 Street, we step back in amazement as Christmas trees all decorated with pretty bulbs fairly pop out of the windows. Farther on, Alice and her comrades from Wonderland go through all of their well-known antics, much to the enjoyment of gazing parents and incidentally of their somewhat uninterested offsprings.

On The Bookshelf

"A Tree Grows In Brooklyn" is Betty Smith's first novel, but for richness in expression and spirit, such a narration has seldom been surpassed.

A Dreamer

Johnny Nolan is a dreamer, who envisions success, but fears that he has not the ability to attain it. He turns to drink for consolation, while his capable wife, Katie, supports the family as a janitress.

Most Magnetic

But by far the most magnetic character is Francie Nolan, about whose experiences the book revolves. Her heart and mind are molded by those whom she loves most.

To a certain extent "A Tree Grows In Brooklyn" is autobiographical. Betty Smith put in every character a bit of her own background, and many of the incidents are actual happenings.

Essence Of Realism

Entwined in this moving novel is an essence of realism. The book is unusually beautiful in the fact that as Francie grows older, her horizons broaden and her senses are sharpened with a constant spirit of the flowing human tide that is the Nolan life.

That the story of the profoundly absorbing narrative is set in Brooklyn and that it affects Francie Nolan and no significance. It is crammed with universal emotions and experience, and therefore could have occurred anywhere, at any time and to anyone—it could have happened to you!

classes. Let the fifth term find out how to take the kinks out of the mechanical figures, while the sixth term can get some practical experience perfecting the resonance of the figures' voices.

Best of all, right before the entrance to a well-known department store and incidentally to the subway, stands that figure embodying the whole spirit of Christmas, Santa Claus. We stood in line behind two little tykes of about 2" and 3" tall respectively.

Weighty Problems

He told us about some of the problems that he is confronted with. For instance, one little fellow said that he'd noticed Santa Claus at intervals of two blocks, whereupon the wise old fellow satisfactorily replied that he was only Santa's helper and that the genuine Kris Kringle only appears on Christmas Eve.

Women Too!

We must have gotten on the good side of this jolly gentleman, for he let us in on what he called one of his trade secrets—women have crashed his profession too and there are now Mrs. Santa Clauses.

So you see we're going to have just as merry a Christmas this year as we've had before, if not merrier, as we think of the brighter times ahead, when we won't be hanging up a bottle of leg make-up instead of nylon stockings or giving War Stamps as Christmas presents.

Above The Crowd

All Hunterites who feel a proper interest in school affairs and attend G.O. meetings are familiar with the personality and clear reasoning of Rhoda Rothman.

Dependable

Since she entered Hunter, Rhoda's cooperation and dependability have won her many offices. Her positions have ranged from senior class vice-president to sanitary squad leader.

Macy Salesgirl

In her spare time Rhoda is a saleswoman at R. H. Macy's. She likes tennis best of all sports, and her movie hero is Clark Gable.

Ah, Bio . . .

Although she expects to graduate this term, perhaps Hunter will be seeing more of Rhoda . . . no, she won't fail her exams, but she may return at a later date to help give those exams. Yes, Rhoda aspires to be a biology teacher. But we'll magnanimously overlook that and her hatred for What's What reporters now, as we make her this issue's choice for the girl Above the Crowd.

That's What

Maiden's Prayer

Now I lay me down to sleep
I pray my hair its curl will keep,
If the pins fall out before I wake
At least let me look like Veronica Lake.

From Balboa News, Balboa High School, C. Z.

Who Is Fairest?

"Mirror, mirror, on the wall,
Who is the fairest of us all?"

Once Hunter's war-painted lassies stood in front of the basement lavatory mirror, reflecting upon dates, teachers, and their own images. But now (sniff, sniff) our beloved mirror no longer hangs upon the wall.

Ode To Ourselves

When'er you seek a rare diversion,
You need not make a great excursion
From What's What's pages you find emergin'
Good times in every kind of version!

Appassionata

A teacher in the French department received three passionate love letters, telling of an intense admiration for her. Strangely enough they were written in German, French and Russian.

Pleasing Platitudes

The best place to find a helping hand is at the end of your arm.
The inventor of high heels was probably the woman who had been kissed on the forehead.

All At Sea

In a bus bouncing along Lexington Avenue rode a young Hunterite. A buxom woman beside her turned to her and with a benevolent air inquired, "What school do you attend, dear?"

Our heroine smiled sweetly and replied, "Hunter." "Oh," murmured her companion, "I thought all the girls there had joined the WAVES!"

Margin For Error

Missing — one typist
Oh! where, os where hzo my secretarx gone?
Oh where oh where can she bz?!
She went out to lu!ch an hour ago,\*
Oh szomeone tak pity one mz!\*,

From Crow's Nest, Port Richmond High School

Editor's Mailbox

To the Editor of What's What:

Three cheers for the Senior class and their wonderful Senior day assembly. We thought it was the best ever. And oh, that Swoonatra routine! But we were terribly disappointed that it had to end so soon.

NANCY GOODMAN
LOUISE PASSERMAN

## Sports Talk

The biggest news in Hunter's A.A. is the ping pong tournament. The matches played thus far are:

### Junior:

Buchbinder, S. vs. Feiner, M.—Buchbinder, S. 21-18, 11-21, 9-21. Plotsker, L. vs. Oppenheimer, E.—Plotsker, L. 21-10, 21-10. Buchbinder, S. vs. Plotsker, L.—Plotsker, L. 21-9, 21-11.

### Senior:

Sielmann, C. vs. Hartig, A.—Hartig, A. 21-14, 21-12, Davis, J. vs. Kapilow, M.—Kapilow, M. 21-17, 11-21, 21-16. Dudich, D. vs. Selsky, R.—Dudich, D. 21-19, 21-15. Simon, M. vs. Knapp, C.—Knapp, C. 21-13, 21-8. Hartig, A. vs. Knapp, C.—Hartig, A. 21-7, 21-15.

In both sportsmanship and attendance ping pong has far exceeded everyone's expectations. More results will be posted on the A.A. bulletin board.

### Play Day

Play Day was—as usual—a complete success. Students from all classes attended and enthusiastically cheered their favorite teams on to victory. The sack relay provided many a hilarious moment; the obstacle relays were really obstacle races for a change, while the fairly new "terraplaning" once more zoomed into popular favor. Despite wartime shortages, ice-cream, cookies, and candy were provided for the exhausted teamsters. Score another one for the A.A.

### Basketball Revolutionized

Basketball has been a bit revolutionized this year. Instead of individual teams being chosen, everyone who has participated in the activity is going to be eligible to play in the tournaments. This should prove to be something new and different and should attract more spectators than are usually present.

### Volleyball Matches

In volleyball, attendance has been decreasing somewhat, but the impending matches in that activity will no doubt bring back many members.

The publicity campaign has worked wonders, but the A.A. class and term representatives still have much to do to reach all of their president's goals. Just in case you haven't noticed them, keep a weather eye out for the colorful posters to be found in each room, which announce the A.A. activities for the week.

We've heard a good deal of talk lately about the question of chevrons and awards. This will be the agenda of the next A.A. meeting and all who wish to air their opinions on the topic are cordially invited to attend.

## Clubs Continue Scheduled Work

Many clubs have undertaken new projects, while others are continuing with their original plans.

The biology club plans to distribute *Behind the Mike*, its literary publication, before Christmas. This term the magazine will include articles concerning non-scientific subjects, beside the regular features.

At a recent meeting the I.R.C. discussed "Education in the Post-war World."

In addition to their work for the fighting French War Relief, the French club attended a movie, "Les Perles de la Couronne", starring Sasha Guitry. The club also plans to hold a Christmas party on December 23. After electing next term's officers the club will be entertained by a scene from "Tovaritch" and a group of Christmas carols in French. Gloria Moscatelli will play a piano solo and refreshments will be served.

## Air Cadets Fly High In "Winged Victory"



Naming The Bomber

The new show, "Winged Victory," presented by the Army Air Forces for the benefit of the Air Forces branch of the Army Emergency War Relief, is the brain-child of Moss Hart, written under the orders of General H. H. Arnold, Commanding General of the A.A.F. Lieutenant Colonel Dudley S. Dean is the executive director of the show, and First Lieutenants Irving P. Lazor and Benjamin Landis serve ably in the capacity of production managers. Mr. Hart wrote the story only after he had spent seven months visiting Army Air bases and learning through experience what an air cadet's life is like.

The plot of "Winged Victory" is the story of how a bomber crew is born. The audience sees every step an air cadet takes toward reaching his goal, from enlistment to the first bombing mission. The picture accompanying this article shows the bomber crew naming its ship "Winged Victory", before its first take-off.

### Introducing Lt. Gabriel

But who are the men who keep the 293 soldiers in the cast from becoming "soft" while they perform before Mr. and Mrs. Public? Well, your reporter met one of them—First Lieutenant John M. Gabriel, adjutant in charge of the military aspect of "Winged Victory". "There is no slipping back into a semi-civilian routine for these soldiers," he stated, "for they are required to continue their military training in addition to performing in eight shows each week. Our men drill in Central Park and in the gyms which have been placed at our disposal.

## Music Predominant At Junior Assembly

Ellen Strassman, Big Sister chairman, presided at the last Junior assembly for this term, which was held December 7.

The program included two piano solos, "Aragonaise" by Massenet, played by Roberta Winston of 7A; and "Avalanche" by Heller, played by Joan Wasserman of 8A.

Two of the highlights of the program were a Tumbling Act presented by the students of class 8A under the supervision of Miss Marion Weber, and a play, "Book Worms Do Not Have to Bite", produced by class 7A under the direction of Miss Clara Weir.

Eleanor Fritz played several popular songs, including "The Marine's Hymn", "Paper Doll", and "For Me and My Gal". This was followed by community singing.

The program ended with the singing of the "Alma Mater".

They are under army discipline at all times; for, while the soldiers are there, even the theatre itself becomes an army post." That last fact is quite evident, for as the playgoers surrender their tickets, they walk into a lobby filled with MP's.

### Somewhat Of A Celebrity

Lieutenant Gabriel was somewhat of a celebrity in civilian life, being the youngest mayor of Garfield, New Jersey. He took office at the ripe old age of twenty-six; and at present he still holds the title of mayor, his term of office expiring next year. Before entering politics, he studied and practiced civil engineering. When asked how he had been chosen for this present position, he replied with a smile, "I was assigned to this detail in the usual Army way. In other words, I received a note saying: 'You are hereby ordered to report at such and such a place, at such and such a time, etc.'"

The lieutenant continued, "Mr. Hart himself has said that it would have been impossible to produce this show if all the cast had been civilian actors, for their weekly salaries alone would have totaled over \$50,000. Furthermore, the show gave its premiere after a mere five weeks of rehearsals; whereas a musical takes at least seven weeks to whip into shape."

Lieutenant Gabriel went on to say that such a cut in the time required for rehearsal was only possible because of the enforced discipline and extraordinary teamwork which are so characteristic of the Army's organization.

### Equal Opportunity

"How were the members of the cast chosen?" he was asked.

"Everyone had an equal opportunity to file an application and be interviewed for a part in the play. There were over 7,000 applicants, from whom was chosen a cast of almost three hundred. We were fortunate in having so many well known actors in our ranks, who are now playing what they term 'two of the biggest roles in their lives.' Most of the female roles (thirty-nine out of forty) are filled by wives and sweethearts of our lads," Lieutenant Gabriel answered.

Truly this drama of the A.A.F. lives up to the simple slogan which has been adopted by the cadets to denote something inexpressible and important—"This is it!"

## 'Argus' Scoops Other Papers

*Argus* recently scooped *Life*, *Time*, *Newsweek*, *PM*, the *Times*, the *Herald Tribune*, the *News*, etc., etc., and received due credit for this achievement in no less a publication than the *New Yorker*. Dorothy Willner, representing the ever vigilant *Argus*, interviewed Leonard Bernstein, young assistant conductor of the Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra, one week before the metropolitan press discovered his talents. In the *New Yorker* of November 27, Mr. Bernstein himself declared, "Do you know the biggest paper I'd been interviewed by up to last week? The *Hunter College High School News*, if you please!" (Mr. Bernstein has thrown his bouquet to the wrong party—it was *Argus*!) "I was pleased as a peacock," he added.

## Children's Books Of Last Century Shown At Exhibit

Hunterites had an opportunity to see and read nineteenth century children's books at the English department exhibit, December 9, in room 502.

A large variety of books, including histories, readers, grammars, fairy tales and moral stories, was displayed. Among the particularly interesting ones were a book on etiquette called "The Daughters of England", written by an English Emily Post during the Victorian age; "History of the Robins", one of the first books for children not intended to teach a moral lesson; the "Rollo Books", widely read by American children in the 1860's; "Keeper's Travels", one of the earliest animal stories for children; and grammar books originally published in 1856, which strove to be very thorough, but often succeeded also in being very dull.

A century ago, children learned to read serious poems and stories. Their teachers and parents treated them as "little adults" rather than as children. Most of the books had depressing thoughts and sad pictures and engravings. This exhibit clearly showed the differences in the style and makeup of children's books in the past century and at the present day.

## Terms Hold Elections For Officers; Complete War Activity Programs

Several terms have begun elections for next term's officers and faculty advisers, and are drawing this term's work to a close.

Elayne Shapiro will serve as president of the senior class for the spring term. Sub-seniors have also completed their *Annals* elections by choosing Hemdah Linick business manager, and Bertha Unger advertising manager. The models in the term's fashion show were Jean Callahan, Virginia Grill, Anita Haack, Marion Kramer, Elaine Mendel, Constance Peterson, Elaine Rabins, Jean Richards, Marilyn Rooney, and Arlene Schwartz.

Since their original project conflicted with a school regulation, upper juniors are now collecting toys and clothing for children at the East Side Settlement House. Mabel Hanson will be their seventh term *Annals* editor. Fifth termers elected Miss Mary Willies of the Mathematics department as their faculty adviser for the third time.

At a recent meeting, upper sophomores gave reports of this term's ac-

## Inquiring Reporter

After the excitement of Senior day was but a memory of the past, several of the prospective graduates found time to answer the queries of a humble reporter.

Accosting Penny Palmos, *Annals* editor, the reporter ventured this question: "What was your most pleasant experience on Senior day?"

"I dreamt," replied Penny, "that the photographer for *Annals* would be too late to take pictures of Senior day. It was a wonderful feeling to watch the assembly and see the occasional flash of his camera."

Joyce Marrits and Ethel Danielson shared the opinion that marching through Hunter's halls while singing the Senior song was their happiest moment during the big celebration.

Eighth term president Eileen O'Connor was thrilled when a sub-senior said that it was the best Senior day she had ever seen, and hoped hers would be half as good.

The applause given to the seniors by the school at the assembly overwhelmed senior vice-president Rhoda Rothman.

"It was grand playing the drum", said Barbara Franklin. "I believe that was my most enjoyable moment."

The G.O. vice-president, Joanne Thomson, said: "I looked forward to marching about the school, and when the great day arrived I enjoyed it even more than I had expected. And I was so thrilled to see everything come out perfectly, and so were all the seniors."

## Farm Cadet Corps Presents Insignia

Ruth Rotholz of the seventh term has been awarded the New York State Farm Cadet Victory Corps insignia given for 20 days or more of farm service during the summer of 1943.

Marion A. Moffat, Farm Placement representative, in a letter to Dr. Jean F. Brown, stated:

"This office has been particularly appreciative of the fine cooperation given us this summer by the high schools of this city in recruiting and selecting girls for farm and harvest work. These girls have made an outstanding contribution."

activities and compiled a list of choices for next term's faculty adviser. The term has also decided to send the Christmas gifts which have been collected to Halloran Hospital, Staten Island.

"Third Term Takes Toys to Tots" has been chosen as the slogan for the third term project. Toys will be collected and sent to the Toyerie at the Ethical Culture School, where they will be lent out to underprivileged children.

The upper freshmen plan to hold a party with a war stamp as admission. They have appointed a war stamp committee consisting of Marion Honig, Marilyn Rosen and Phyllis Schwartz. Frances Aukstalis, Esther Birnbaum, Helen Goodman, Florence Junker, Marion Katzman, Irene Lustig, Ellen Riordan and Naomi Sirna have been chosen for the entertainment committee and Sandra Abrams, Edith Belsjoe, Elaine Cohen, Joan Frank, Roberta Herman, Nancy Miller, Fay Rosenberg and Carol Stillman will be in charge of refreshments.



Merry Christmas To All

### Are Hunterites Kid Wizards?

Tune Your Radio Dial To Station WHN And Hear Freedman, Kramer And Marrits

Flash! Here's something to jot down on your calendar for January: Hunter college high school is going to be a challenging team on WHN's program "Kid Wizards."

#### Team Of Three

The team of three chosen by Louis Wolfe, director of the show, consists of Ruth Friedman, Marion Kramer and Joyce Marrits, with Barbara Lipton as alternate. How did it happen that these girls were picked? Well—that's quite a story. To begin with, Miss Lillian Corrigan of the Latin department was requested to choose ten girls of outstanding scholarship who were not over seventeen. These students were Myrtle Entress, Marian Gaspari, Hemdah Linick, Barbara Lipton, Penelope Palmos, Marie Rosati, Joan Sheer, and the aforementioned team. On December 6, the whole group, except Hemdah and Marie, reported at the WHN audition studio for an interview.

Did we say interview? Correction—it was more like a regents, a surprise

exam and one of those nasty daily quizzes—all rolled into one!! After a brief talk in which Mr. Wolfe gave some pointers on how to answer questions and what attitude it is best to take if a question is missed, he dictated twelve questions as a written exam. These questions covered the fields of current events, literature, physics, grammar, chemistry, math, art, history, mythology, and also tested powers of logical reasoning.

#### Sample Questions

Just to show you how well informed the winners had to be, here are a few sample questions:

- 1. Define and explain briefly "precision", "pattern" and "skip bombing".
2. Are these changes chemical or physical? a) Ice to water; b) Explosion of a shell; and c) Water to ice.

Ruth Friedman, Marion Kramer, Barbara Lipton and Joyce Marrits achieved the highest marks, which made them eligible for the team.

### Victory Corps Lists Membership Rating

Victory Corps members who have attained ratings in proportion to the hours they have worked include Sergeant Joan Costigan, Corporals Harriet Muster, Esther Sarfatty and Marian Sues. Lenore Baumritter, Lyla Blake, Harriet Bredal, Shirley Cyrus, Betty Driscoll, Jean Ellis, Marilyn Estreicher, Mona Gilberg, Bluma Gottlieb, Sidelle Hershey, Rosalie Joseph, Erica Joshua, Nanette Kass, Norma Kraus, Doris Miller, Eileen O'Donnell, Doris O'Toole, Olive Roach and Phyllis Schwartz are now privates first class.

### War Stamp Report

The sales of war stamps and bonds for the months of September, October and November (with returns for November not yet handed in by 11 classes) amount to a total of \$7,914.70. The average per student is \$5.76. This does not include the \$1,262 taken in at the fifth term auction, which brings the grand total of sales so far up to \$9,176.70. With December yet to be heard from, and returns for November not yet complete, it is obvious that Hunter bids fair to reach or even to pass the \$10,000 mark.

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Table with columns: Junior High, Sept., Oct., Nov. and rows for stamp classes 8A, 7B, 7A.

\* Not yet reported.

### Anybody Eager To Roll A Log Or Go Tobogganing Sans Snow?

Have you ever wondered about what sports the people of the "forty-ninth and fiftieth states" indulge in? Well, some of them are duplicates of the ones played in the United States; however it is about the unusual ones we've chosen to write.

In Alaska—fondly called the "forty-ninth state"—the frozen terrain and extremely low temperature prove to be obstacles which stand in the way of outdoor activities. Although baseball and football have suffered declines in popularity on this account, the former has the edge on the latter because of its adaptability for indoor use. Since our armed forces have been stationed in various parts of this territory, volleyball, basketball and indoor tennis have attracted an increased number of enthusiasts. However, as a native sport, log-rolling outranks all other recreation. It is easy to see why this should be true, since the participants not only can enjoy displaying their long-practiced skills, but also are paid by lumber companies for their services.

#### Primitive Sports

In the more northern towns and villages still inhabited by Eskimos, more primitive ways to spend leisure hours are found. Fishing, hunting for seal and walrus, bird hunting, and house-raising are the most prominent; and, it should be noted, all are economic necessities to the simple life of an Eskimo. Contests are often held within individual families, for the children usually number twelve or thereabouts. Walrus and seal hunting is the most dangerous sport, for it requires all the patience, instinct and daring of the hunter plus the ability to handle a kayak skillfully. It was once the custom to have an engaged maiden send out her future life-partner on a walrus hunt before marrying him. In that way she would be sure to have a brave husband and, incidentally, one who could provide food. Then, a custom still observed, the lad had to build a home for his new wife. No more exact word than "house-raising" can be found to describe this; for, truly, as the blocks of ice are laid one upon the other (the families of both builder and wife cheering wildly as they look on), the house is raised from the ground. However, an Eskimo bride is not carried across the threshold; instead she sits in the middle of the planned house and waits for it to be built around her. (Perhaps that is

why the building time takes less than two hours!)

In the Hawaiian Islands (the "fiftieth state"), the native sports were recently revived for the tourist trade. Up until 1940, the ancient and sacred holue sled was tabu for anyone not of royal blood. This sled was used on huge, natural slides found in all of the islands, and was often taken to neighboring domains for a contest comparable to the modern Olympics. The sport takes its name from that of the sled—holue, which means sliding or rushing like the wind. When a malihiki or foreigner sees the holue sled zipping down the twisted path worn into the side of Mauna Kea (an extinct volcanic mountain on the island of Hawaii), he invariably exclaims, "Why, that's like tobogganing without snow!" Sometimes the sled comes right down to the water and shoots out several feet, skimming the top of the clear lagoon. This idea was borrowed from the natives—that accounts for the water slides found at many of our pools and beaches.

#### Love Of Swimming

Almost too obvious to mention is the love of swimming so characteristic of the islands. And almost everyone tries his luck in the surf. Most of the tourists frequent the streamlined marine pools found on Hawaii, though few natives approve of "man-made lagoons." Contrary to public opinion, surfing is fast losing popularity because of the increasing number of accidents.

Such are the sports in our two "unofficial states". Which do you prefer?

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