

## **D) Hofstra Women and the War Effort**

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### **Red Cross Workroom Set Up on Campus**

Kate Mason (a Hofstra student's women's organization) will open the first Red Cross college workroom for the preparation of surgical dressings in the North Atlantic area on Monday, November 23, in Hofstra Hall. Sponsored by Kate Mason and the Faculty Women's club, the workroom will be operated under the auspices of the Nassau County chapter of the American Red Cross. Mrs. Marcus C. Old of the Faculty Women's club will be in charge of the group.

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### **Workers Make 800 Bandages in First Month**

Under the auspices of the Nassau County Chapter of the American Red Cross, a unit for the preparation of hospital bandages has been established on the west porch of Hofstra Hall. Mrs. Marcus C. Old is chairman of the unit, and she and Miss Eleanor D. Blodgett were instrumental in establishing the workroom. Mrs. Old, who has formerly worked with surgical dressings in the Hempstead Red Cross Chapter, and Miss Blodgett, who knew of such workrooms in colleges in the first World War, approached Mrs. Moore, head of the Nassau County Red Cross, on the subject. President Brower has donated most of the equipment for the workroom.

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### **Teachers Hold Education Talk On Campus**

Hofstra College was the arena on December 1st of an educational conference on "The Responsibility of Education Toward Children In War Time, Especially as Regards Nursery Schools and After-School Care."

Attending the conference at the invitation of Dean William Hunter Beckwith, were Dr. William Young, Director of the Division of Elementary Education, State Education Department; Dr. Ruth Andrus, chief of the Bureau of Child Development and Parent Education of the State Education Department; Mrs. Lyle Morris of Northport, L.I.; Mrs. Grace DeKay, principal of the Glen Head Schools, Glen Head, L.I., all of whom participated in the panel discussion. Also participating in the conference were presidents of parent-teachers associations, directors of civilian mobilization units and representatives of similar groups.

"War has brought with it a condition not only to education but to community life as a whole that demands deliberation. It is probably one that will not end with the termination of the war, but one that will reach into the future," Dean Beckwith stated in discussing the problem of children whose mothers are now engaged in war industries.

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## **War Duty Calls "Ma" Clarke; Veteran Nurse Here Since '35**

"I'll be back as soon as the war is over, but I'm needed elsewhere now."

Thus, Mrs. Winifred Clarke, assistant professor of health education and resident nurse at Hofstra since its establishment in 1935, bade good bye to Hofstra students last Friday afternoon. Mrs. Clarke was granted a leave of absence for the duration so that she may enlist in essential nursing service. She assumed the duties of assistant director of the School of Nurses, Methodist Hospital, of Brooklyn, early this week.

"Ma" Clarke, as she was affectionately known to Hofstra students for the past eight years, has assisted hundreds of students. In her years here she has helped repair everything from broken baseball fingers to broken legs.

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## **WAC Program Set For Little Theatre Teachers Hold Education Talk On Campus**

Ways in which college trained women can contribute their skills to the war effort in the Women's Army Corps will be explained to students of Hofstra College on Wednesday, April 25. The program will open with a showing of the Army Film, "To the Ladies," which explains the work done by WAC's serving with the Army Medical department. This will be followed by a short address by Lt. Madeline F. Bushman, 2nd Service Command College Liaison Officer. Students will be encouraged to ask questions regarding the Women's Army Corps, and the opportunities the Corps offers students to utilize their college training in one of the many jobs available to eligible women.

- 1- How did Hofstra women help the war effort?
- 2- In your opinion, how did the statement by Dean Beckwith predict the future?