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Miss Sarah Lee Dearmont, of St. Louis, who will reign over Lindenwood's 1944 May Fete. She is president of the Student Government Association and is the daughter of Russell L. Dearmont, a member of Lindenwood's Board of Directors.

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# Current Comment

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By PRESIDENT GAGE

ON APRIL 12 I received a letter. It was one of many received that day. It was in fact a letter of inquiry such as go daily by hundreds to college presidents and admissions officers. In it a father inquired concerning the possibilities of Lindenwood for his daughter. It might easily, naturally, and without discourtesy have been referred to the admissions office, where it would have received prompt personal attention. However this particular letter forced me to do some serious thinking. It made me ask serious questions of myself. It was, of course, easy for me to assure this father that Lindenwood by courses in contemporary civilization, the humanities and the life sciences provides adequately for general education. With equal ease and honesty I could say that our courses in music are highly developed, that work in home economics is praiseworthy, and that the art department giving attention to design is closely articulated with home economics work in textiles.

My self-searching began when this father assured me that he believed his daughter "to be a girl of good habits" and that she had "been brought up in surroundings which tend to build character." He then said that he was addressing the letter to me in the belief "that the surroundings at Lindenwood would tend to further right living, which is, after all, the main object of life."

One cannot reply in either a light or perfunctory manner to such penetrating statements. Back of the desire for instruction that will be practically "beneficial in years to come" was the fundamental desire for a sum total of college experience that will issue in "right living." In all humility I said in my reply to this father and here say in public to all inquiring parents that we are aware of the sacred trust reposed in us

when a daughter goes from home to live on our campus. We do know what parents really desire for their daughters. We know, too, what daughters, speaking the language of youth, desire for themselves. They wish in fulness the joy of successful living. Such living to them is participation in the big show or play that life is. It is being in things and a part of what is going on. It is really to live and not merely to look.

Living is high adventure. If successful, the adventure will take form in "right living." A successful life is righteous. Sin, by literal translation of the New Testament word for sin, is a mistake. It is missing the mark. Building character or making life successful is much like building a bridge. If the bridge is built in true accord with engineering principles, it will stand. It will be, so to speak, a righteous bridge. If it were alive and conscious such a bridge would doubtless rejoice in right or successful living. But if a bridge is built incorrectly, it will fall. It is a mistake. Character is like that. The righteous stand; the unrighteous fall.

Always at Lindenwood we are trying to keep up to date and to adjust our curriculum to the particular needs of the times in which we live. In all this business of adjustment and adaptation we do not forget that the eternal is a fact. In building bridges as in building characters the principles applied, newly discovered or rediscovered maybe, are eternal. Lindenwood does face the challenge of a new day. We face it, however, with renewed loyalty to the traditions of character building that have distinguished Lindenwood for more than one hundred years. This is what youth coming to itself really desires; it is what our patrons desire.

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# Lindenwood's 117th Annual Commencement to be Held on June 5

*Full Program Planned for Alumnae Day on June 3 with Lieut. Pauline Davis Hedgecock, Class of '27, as Alumnae Speaker — Many Campus Activities for Commencement Week*

LINDENWOOD'S 117th annual commencement will be held on Monday, June 5, climaxing a week of special programs on the campus. The commencement address will be delivered by Dr. Guy E. Snively, Executive Director of the Association of American Colleges. The baccalaureate sermon will be preached on Sunday, June 4, by Dr. J. Harry Cotton, president of the McCormick Theological Seminary of Chicago.

A highlight of Commencement Week will be Alumnae Day on Saturday, June 3. A cordial invitation is extended to all alumnae and former students of Lindenwood to return to the campus on that day. The day's program will include an open house at the Gables from 2 to 6 p. m., a dinner in Ayres Hall at 6 p. m., at which the members of this year's graduating class will be inducted into the Lindenwood Alumnae Association by its president, Miss Pearl Lucille Lammers, of St. Charles. The annual alumnae address will be delivered at the dinner by Lieut. (j. g.) Pauline Davis Hedgecock of the SPARS. Lieut. Hedgecock is a member of the Class of 1927.

Following the dinner the annual meeting of the alumnae association will be held and officers elected for next year. The present officers of the association in addition to Miss Lammers are: Mrs. Helen Bruns Jolly, of St. Charles, vice-president; Mrs. Marguerite Dallmeyer, of St. Charles, secretary, and Mrs. Earnest Baldwin, of Pattonville, Mo., treasurer.

At 8:15 p. m. an hour's program of entertainment will be given for the alumnae in Roemer Auditorium by the students of the Music and Speech Departments.

In order that arrangements may be made in advance, alumnae who plan to be present at the dinner are requested to send their names to Miss Kathryn Hankins, Alumnae Secretary, on or before May 20.

The members of this year's Senior Class will have charge of two Thursday assembly periods in May and will give the vesper service on May 28. A tea will be given in honor of the Seniors on Sunday afternoon, June 4, by Alpha Tau Sigma.

Another May event will be the annual May Fete on May 13, at which Miss Sarah Lee Dearthmont, of St. Louis, president of the Student Government Association, will be crowned as May Queen. Her attendants will be Miss Florence Barry, of Chicago, Ill., the 1944 Popularity Queen, and Miss Joyce De Puy, of Rockford, Mich. The Junior Class has elected Miss Lynn Jackson, of Blytheville, Ark., as the Maid of Honor.

## Commencement Speaker



*Dr. Guy E. Snively, Executive Director of the Association of American Colleges, who will give Lindenwood's 117th commencement address.*

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The Queen's Court will also include Miss Marjorie Green, of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Miss Eloise Rowland, of Caruthersville, Mo., Junior Maids; Miss Catherine Hunter, of Pine Bluff, Ark., and Miss Beverly Busher, of Decatur, Ill., Sophomore Maids, and Miss Shirley Sagness, of Breckenridge, Minn., and Miss Patricia Sharick, of Indianapolis, Ind., as Freshman Maids.

Dr. Snively, who has been Executive Secretary of the Association of American Colleges since 1937, is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University and received his Doctor of Philosophy degree from the Alliance Francaise, and holds an LL. D. degree from Emory University. He served in the American Red Cross during the last war and was president of Birmingham Southern College from 1921 to 1937.

Dr. Cotton received his Ph. D. degree from Princeton University and has been given the degree of Doctor of Divinity by both Wooster College and Wabash College. He has been president of the McCormick Theological Seminary since 1940. He is the author of "The Christian Experience of Life" and is a frequent contributor to religious magazines.

# Roll Call of the Members of the Class of 1907

By KATHRYN HANKINS, *Alumnae Secretary*

THIS month's roll call of the Class of 1907 reveals many varied activities, with home making and war work high on the list. Two members of the class are deceased and three members did not respond to the Alumnae Office's request for news about themselves.

Harriet Pansy Bailey (Mrs. W. P. Hooper), 1714 Crestmont Drive, Huntington, West Virginia: "I'm so glad you are planning to use the 1907 Class in the Lindenwood Bulletin. News of the 'girls' who graduated so long ago is most interesting. I remember at that 1907 commencement season remarking to my roommate, at the time a gray-haired matron came to our room to revive her own treasured past, that when I am that old I shall not remember nor care about where I roomed! Somehow it seems a bit different now, and I'm very much interested in my old room in the dormitory. The Bulletin is such a pleasure to me, although I do not know many of the girls now. I'm so glad to give you news of myself. It's very modest and I'm afraid very uninteresting. I am not a business woman. Have had a happy home. I have one daughter who lives in Raleigh, North Carolina, and one grandbaby (boy) who will two be years old in April. My musical education, to which Lindenwood contributed much, has been a source of pleasure throughout my life. I am looking forward to meeting Lindenwood friends again. The school is dear to my heart and I'm so proud of its work."

Orpha M. Baldwin (Mrs. Orpha van Buskirk), 425 Pecos Avenue, Raton, New Mexico. "My husband died in 1932, leaving me with a cow ranch and two sons, John 13, Frank 11. Considering drought, depression, theft, etc., 'life on a cattle ranch' is not always pleasant but it is never dull. John is a Major in the U. S. Army, Military Tactical Critic of war films. Frank is a Captain in the Land Army. I'm still on the job and love it—this fight for food and freedom."

Carolyn Belle Baird (Mrs. Theodore R. Jones), 620 W. Harvard Street, Orlando, Florida: "As a member of the 1907 class, I have some very pleasant memories of Lindenwood. I have been especially grateful for the musical education which I received there. I am active in church work, Orlando Garden Club and various war relief activities. We moved to Florida in 1922 and have enjoyed living in this won-

derful state. For the past 18 years we have lived in Orlando, which is truly the 'city beautiful.' Here at Orlando is located the great Army Air Tactical Center and my husband is employed in the Engineer Corps. I have two children, a daughter, who is secretary for an insurance agency, and a son, who is in the Army Air Corps overseas. With love and best wishes for each member of the Class of 1907, and to Lindenwood."

Archie A. Campbell (Mrs. C. B. Drebels), 1218 N. Robberson Street, Springfield, Missouri: "At the present you might say I'm trying to hold down two jobs. I supervise a Youth Center at night from six to ten every evening except Saturday and Sunday. Also every day, I work as a clerk from seven in the morning to two in the afternoon in a newsstand. I am all alone—my son is in the Army, and my daughter lives away from here. I live in the home with another family. I do enjoy the Bulletin and will be happy to hear from the members of my class."

Theo Dodson (Mrs. Marcus J. Ryan), 501 S. State Street, Jerseyville, Illinois: "For the past twenty-five years, I have been actively engaged in business with my husband. We have a book and stationery store. Until the last few years, I have kept up my music interests by doing some singing, teaching and directing. Since 1932, I conducted a dancing school until a year ago. I enjoy every issue of the Bulletin. I have no children. My cordial good wishes to my friends of the Class of 1907."

Viola Gossler (Mrs. R. Ruth)—Deceased.

Zoe Guthrie (Mrs. A. G. Peurod), Riviera, Texas: "Mother and I live together on a little farm two miles from Riviera, and am kept very busy with Red Cross, Home Demonstration Club work, Missionary Society, and caring for about two hundred laying hens. My daughter and husband are in Denver, Colorado, where he is a supervisor in the Remington Arms Ordnance Plant. My son, wife and baby daughter are in Alexandria, Pennsylvania. I am always so happy to get the Bulletin, and read every word, sometimes seeing a name I remember, which takes me way back to the happy four years I spent at Lindenwood. Greetings and all good wishes to the members of the Class of 1907 and to the many other girls I knew."

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## Three More Stars Are Added to Lindenwood's Service Flag

LINDENWOOD's alumnae service flag keeps growing. This month three stars are added, making a total of 69 alumnae and former students now in military service or with the Red Cross. The college desires to make the alumnae service record complete and asks that news of other alumnae in service be sent to Lindenwood.

Miss Edith Louise Garrett, of Norton, Kansas, enlisted in the WAVES last July. After completing her basic training at Hunter College she received the rating of Yeoman, third class, and she was recently promoted to Yeoman, second class. She is now stationed in the Personnel Office at the Norfolk Navy Yard at Portsmouth, Va. She writes that she enlisted in Kansas City the same day that Miss Virginia Lupfer joined the Marine Corps' Women's Reserve.

Miss Margaret A. Roberts, of Springfield, Mo., a member of the Class of '26, joined the Red Cross in February, 1943, and is now Field Director in charge of social work at the Glennan General Hospital at Okmulgee, Okla. Since joining the Red Cross, she has also served at Camp Hale near Pando, Colo., and at Buckley Field near Denver. She writes that Mrs. Alice Douglas Coleman, a Lindenwood alumna, is chairman of the Corps and Hospital Council Committee of the Okmulgee chapter of the Red Cross and is assisting in her work.



### To Give Baccalaureate Sermon



*Dr. J. Harry Cotton, President of the McCormick Theological Seminary, who will preach the baccalaureate sermon on June 4.*

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Miss Bette Buel, of Humboldt, Iowa, who attended Lindenwood in 1941-42, has enlisted in the WAVES and is now a Seaman, second class, and is stationed in Washington, D. C.

Lieut. (j. g.) Jean Alex Carter of the Navy Nurse Corps is now on active duty "somewhere in Australia." In a letter to the college she writes:

"Yesterday I received the Christmas issue of the Bulletin (the letter was dated March 7) and was happy to see that Dr. Schaper had joined the WAVES. They do a very fine piece of work and are most valuable. I worked with them 'States side' as the natives here say.

"Lindenwood has no limit to its scope. Sunday an American woman asked two of us to a tea for some Australian flyers. She, with her husband and two sons, have been here nine years. When we began talking about the States, she said she had lived in St. Louis, which brought up the subject of Lindenwood. She also is a Lindenwood girl, Margaret Ogle Cleveland, Class of 1917. So we really had a talk fest."

## Lindenwood Alumna Writes of Life in Argentina

Argentina during the war is described by Mrs. J. A. Shellenberger, now of 1643 Fairview Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas, in a recent letter to Mr. Motley. Mrs. Shellenberger, who was Annabel Gangnath, Class of '31, returned to this country this spring after spending two years in the Argentine. Her letter follows:

"We are home again after two years in the Argentine, and it is good to be back. We have returned with a little daughter, Karen Ann, born in Buenos Aires last January 20. She was just seven weeks old when we boarded a Panagra plane at Buenos Aires on March 11 and headed homeward via Santiago, Chile, Lima, Peru, Guayaquil, Ecuador, Balboa and up through Central America to Brownsville, Texas. We flew on to Kansas City and we are now getting settled here in Manhattan, where my husband has taken up his duties as professor of cereal chemistry at Kansas State College.

"I am happy to report that Karen is an excellent flyer, taking 16,000 feet of flying over the Andes and the plane's tossing without a sign of discomfort. Buenos Aires is a most interesting city—almost too much so with its revolutions and earthquakes. However, living there is delightful and we constantly marveled at how detached one feels from the world at war. There were scarcities that were beginning to be felt, but on the whole, life seemed to go merrily on. My husband was in Argentina making a survey of and giving technical assistance to Argentine industry with the object of promoting more trade between that country and the United States. His work took him to every section of the country."

## Seven Members of Class of '33 Write Round Robin Letters

Seven members of the Class of 1933 have kept posted on each other's activities ever since they left Lindenwood by means of round robin letters. Members of this unique circle include the Runnenburger twins, Emily and Elinor, now Mrs. Robert Kershaw, Jr., and Mrs. George Brock, respectively; Sally Kelly, now Mrs. J. B. Steele, Ruth Cooper, now Mrs. N. B. Higby; Miss Mary Belle Grant, Miss Kathryn Eggen, who was killed in 1941, and Margaret Lane, now Mrs. J. M. Rodeman.

Mrs. Rodeman in a letter to Mr. Motley writes: "Some of us have never met since the spring of 1933 when we left Lindenwood, but all of us feel that we have visited often. I know that the Bulletin has kept track of some of them, but we do live quite a distance apart, most of us that is, and each time the letter

## Popularity Queen



*Miss Florence Barry, of Chicago, Ill., who is Lindenwood's 1944 Popularity Queen. Miss Jacqueline Schwab, of Oklahoma City, Okla., a Junior, was the First Maid of Honor at the coronation ceremony and Miss Lynn Jackson, a Junior, of Blytheville, Ark., was the Second Maid of Honor.*

comes round, about every six weeks, we catch up on each other, and sometimes we put in Lindenwood pictures.

"I married a doctor from here (Sedalia, Mo.) and still am very much interested in music. We have a symphony of about sixty musicians and give four concerts a year. We also have a fine music club and I am kept busy playing on all sorts of programs.

## Faculty Members Participate in Science Meeting

Lindenwood's faculty had a prominent part in the meeting of the Missouri Academy of Science in St. Louis April 20, 21 and 22. Dr. Alice E. Gipson, Academic Dean, read a paper on "The Cultural Content of an Idaho Frontier Community." Dr. L. L. Bernard, of the Sociology Department, was the discussion leader for the Anthropology Section and read a paper on "An Anthropological Analysis of Religion." Dr. Mary Talbot discussed "Flight Activities of Four Species of Ants" and Dr. Homer Clevenger participated in a panel which discussed "Postwar Challenges." Six Lindenwood students also participated in the meetings.

Miss Fern Staggs, head of the Home Economics Department, has been named Missouri State Chairman of the Colleges and Universities Section of the Missouri Home Economics Association.

## ALUMNAE NEWS FROM FAR AND NEAR

### MORE OR LESS PERSONAL

Miss Jane Griswold, a member of the Class of 1940, who is now teaching English to foreign students at the University of Michigan, has written to Dr. Mary Terhune that the University of Michigan is sending her to teach English in the English Language Institute of the Benjamin Franklin Library in Mexico City. Miss Griswold plans to begin her new work about May 1.

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### WEDDINGS

Miss Gloria Stunkel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Burl Stunkel, of Owensville, Ill., and a member of the Class of '40, was married to James Donald Young on February 23 at Deerfield, Ill. Mr. Young, who is a paratrooper in the Marine Corps, recently returned from 18 months' active duty in the South Pacific and is stationed at Camp Pendleton, California.

An April bride was Miss Mary Elizabeth Merrill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Arthur Merrill, of Kansas City, Mo., and a member of the Class of '42. Her marriage to Lieut. Harry Wolfe, Jr., of the United States Army, took place April 15 in Kansas City.

Miss Avonne Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Campbell, of Waterloo, Iowa, and a member of the Class of '42, chose March 2 as the date of her marriage to Lieut. Glenn E. Jespersen, of the United States Army Air Force, at Washington, D. C.

Miss Marie Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gale Smith, of Fowler, Ind., and a member of the Class of '40, was married to Lieut. Herbert Edward Strawbridge, of the United States Navy, on March 28 at Fowler.

On April 2 at Redlands, Calif., Miss Laura Margaret Mellette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edmund Mellette, and a member of the Class of '25, was married to George Henry Ide.

March 20 was the date chosen by Miss Phyllis

### Hope of Tomorrow



*Introducing Helen Coombs, now 15 months old. She is the daughter of Captain and Mrs. Arthur Coombs, formerly of Carthage, Mo., and now living at Great Falls, Mont., where Captain Coombs is stationed with the Army Air Transport Command. Mrs. Coombs was Dorothy Knell, Class of '38.*

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Elaine Durbahn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Durbahn, of Highland Park, Ill., and a member of the Class of '38, for her marriage to Lieut. Robert S. Hutchinson, of the United States Army, at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Miss Morita Rose Mackay, a member of the Class of '42, was married to Ensign Anthony Peter Ringus, of the United States Navy, on August 6, 1943. They are now living at New Bern, N. C.

Miss Martha Louise Malcalmson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William John Malcomson, of Riverside, Ill., and a member of the Class of '36, was married to George Anderson Wilson, of the United States Army, on March 23 at Greenville, Pa.

Miss Anne Russell Hoefler, of Jefferson City, Mo., who attended Lindenwood in 1928-29, was married on December 15 to Joseph R. West.

## BIRTHS

A son, who has been named David Lawrence, was born on April 3 to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Husbands, of 1009 W. Sixth Street, Sedalia, Mo. David's mother was Mary Jane Wishropp, Class of '36.

Otto Charles Guedelhoefer, III., is the name of the son born on March 12 to Corporal and Mrs. Otto C. Guedelhoefer, of 4619 Boulevard Place, Indianapolis, Ind. Mrs. Guedelhoefer was Alice Elaine Reed, Class of '39.

Howard Vandiver is the name of the son born to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Krechtler, of 1637 Walnut Street, Berkeley, Calif., on March 16. They also have a daughter, Kathryn, now 2 years old. Mrs. Krechtler was Aileen Vandiver, Class of '38.

## IN MEMORIAM

Lindenwood extends its deepest sympathy to three of its alumnae, Mrs. Ellen Henriksen, of Perry, Okla., and Mrs. Claire Pellow and Mrs. Mary Maughan, of Oklahoma City, Okla., whose father, Judge William M. Bowles, of Perry, died recently. Judge Bowles, who was prominent in civic and political affairs of Oklahoma for nearly half a century, was always a warm friend of Lindenwood.

The sincere condolences of Lindenwood are extended to Mrs. K. C. Loew, of Whiting, Ind., whose only brother, Ensign Ben E. Davis, was killed last September while on active duty with the United States Navy. Mrs. Loew was Kay Davis, Class of '34.

## Roll Call of Class of 1907

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Mary Fern Rollins (Mrs. Edgar Hart Dunn), Saint Petersburg, Florida: "For twenty years my lawyer husband and I have lived happily in Saint Petersburg, raising five children. Now they are grown and have scattered all over the world, each establishing his or her own family. We now have seven grandchildren and I am busy being grandma and keeping a home for them to come home to whenever they can manage a visit. The youngest one of the grandbabies has an Australian mother, and we all love her very dearly and are proud to have her in the family."

Minnie E. Sweeney, 904 South College Street, Pittsburg, Kansas: "I do the laboratory and X-ray work for a very busy doctor. I have done this for several years, a thing I never dreamed of doing when at Lindenwood so many years ago. In spite of the fact that I have never written, I have enjoyed the

## Headed for Lindenwood



*These attractive children are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Dayton, of 2818 South Thirty-second Street, Omaha, Neb. Betsy Anne, at left, is 4 and Jean Adele is just past her first birthday. Mrs. Dayton was Adele Cote, Class of '36.*

Bulletin so very much and I will be so glad to read of the 1907 girls."

Leon Wahlert (Mrs. Alva Cooper Trueblood), 137 Plant Avenue, Webster Groves, Missouri: "Living in Webster Groves for almost thirty years, we have seen our daughter, a mineralogist, marry a mining geologist and the appearance of two exciting granddaughters, and our son, finished with his medical schooling, married and interning at Barnes Hospital. My greatest outside interest, at present, is the Blood Donor Service of the American Red Cross."

Amy Jane Virden (Mrs. Lewis T. Gibbs) — Deceased.

Three members of the class did not respond.

The following letter arrived too late to be included with the Class of 1908 last month:

Nell Green (Mrs. H. J. Houser), 105 North Ninth Street, McAllen, Texas: "I am doing the usual thing homemakers do — care for my home and try to do my share of church, war and civic work. I belong to a number of study and social clubs, and am particularly interested in the Pan American Round Table, as I live just across the river from Mexico. So much for myself. But may I add something about the Class of 1908? We sponsored and published the first edition of the Lindenwood annual, then the Linden Leaves. We also persuaded Mrs. Crandall to write the Lindenwood Hymn. We were Juniors when Col. Butler attended the famous \$25,000 luncheon at Lindenwood, and gave his first donation to the college."