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This issue of the Lindenwood Bulletin is dedicated to the memory of Dr. John Lincoln Roemer, Lindenwood's beloved president. It was Dr. Roemer's constant wish that Lindenwood "go forward," and it is in this spirit that we at Lindenwood re-dedicate ourselves to help make Dr. Roemer's vision of a greater Lindenwood come true.

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Educators and Friends Join With Lindenwood in Final Tribute as Dr. Roemer Is Laid to Rest

DR. JOHN LINCOLN ROEMER, under whose guidance Lindenwood College became nationally known, died August 9, at St. Anthony's Hospital in St. Louis. He had entered the hospital in July for an operation and was believed to be recovering when he suffered a sudden heart attack.

During his administration of 26 years, the longest in the history of the college, Dr. Roemer and Mrs. Roemer became the friends of thousands of young women who came to Lindenwood from all parts of the country, and these friendships continued long after the girls' college days were over. Mrs. Roemer died in August 1938, and the Lillie P. Roemer Memorial Fine Arts Building on the campus is a memorial to her.

In Roemer Auditorium on the campus, Dr. Roemer loved so well and served so faithfully, friends from many states, educators, alumnae, and faculty members paid their final tribute to him at his funeral on Monday, August 12. Floral sprays, gladioli, asters, and roses banked the chancel walls and the casket was covered with a blanket of lilies and orchids.

Dr. John W. MacIvor, president of the Board of Directors of the college and pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of St. Louis, preached the sermon. Dr. David M. Skilling, vice-president of the board, and pastor emeritus of the Webster Groves Presbyterian Church, gave the invocation, and Dr. George E. Sweazey, pastor of Tyler Place Presbyterian Church, Dr. Roemer's old pastorate, read the Scripture, the Ninetieth Psalm and a passage from the Gospels. Paul Friess played the music, concealed behind a curtain of flowers. The members of the Board of Directors attended in a body the service which followed in Oak Grove Cemetery, where Dr. Roemer was laid to rest in the crypt beside his wife. Dr. Lloyd B. Harmon of the faculty pronounced the benediction at the chapel.

Dr. MacIvor in his sermon recalled his long friendship with Dr. Roemer and paid tribute to him as "one who embraced a wonderful opportunity and discharged a great responsibility."

"Those passages of the Scripture just read are wonderful words, and true," Dr. MacIvor said. "It is very hard for us just to believe. We are agnostics so often in our thought. This morning we are brought together by a grief we share in common. We are prone to be depressed, but this is a time for triumph. This is the close of a wonderful life.

"Here was one who embraced a wonderful opportunity and discharged a great responsibility. There are very few people who could lead an important institution as he has done for 26 years. For more than 24 years I have been president of the Board of Directors and enjoyed intimate association with Dr. Roemer. He would be the last man in the world to let me say everything that is in my heart. But I would like to say this: that he came to the kingdom for such a time as this. He came at a critical moment in the history of this institution. He had a great heart. To him was given a great opportunity and he embraced it.

"When we come to a place like this I like to believe and assert again that there is love at the heart of things, that this universe is friendly, that the Sovereign of the universe is the Father of us all. Whatever happens, God lives, and God is actuated by love.

'I know not where His islands lift
Their fronded palms in air;
I only know I cannot drift
Beyond His love and care.'

"I hope we all feel that the love of God is around about us, in the very air we breathe; that He sympathizes and understands.

"Secondly, I would like to assure myself that there is no death. 'Life is ever lord of death, and love shall never lose its own.' We know that when the earthly house of our tabernacle is dissolved, we have a house eternal in the heavens. Dr. Roemer is not dead. Let us remember God built the race on the lines of immortality. The Psalmist was right when he said that God 'hath put eternity in our hearts.' This is not the end of us. Otherwise life would be chaos. Personality persists. Let us be very sure of God and of immortality.

"Our friend is consciously alive this morning; he is very likely present in this chapel. I would pay every tribute to his memory. I would honor him, for I knew him well. He was my friend. I believe John Roemer is alive, and consciously alive. There is no other explanation.

"The only explanation is the explanation of Christ, who based immortality on the knowledge of God. We interpret God by something in ourselves, by the best in ourselves. We hope to see our loved ones not only today, but tomorrow and forever.

"A third lesson is God's providence. There is not only love at the heart of things, God is not only the Father of us all, but we believe in a God who has beset us behind and before. We believe God is identified with human affairs. He is not going to leave us.

"Our friend has fallen, at the head of this institution, at a very untimely hour, as we look forward to another year. I would like to assure the friends of this institution that your Board of Directors will be very patient and very unselfish, and will seek God's guidance in securing leadership for this great institution through the years to come. We have a wonderful friend by our side. It is a great thing to feel that God has laid His hand upon us, and God will guide us to find the way so that we may go on to larger things in the years to come. It is wonderful to have been given the opportunity to see this work grow.

"We have lost a friend. We will see to it that we dedicate ourselves to the fulfillment of his dream and the answer to his prayers. Let us be grateful that we knew him, and that we have a God who understands everyone of us and who will give us courage and strength."

Guy C. Motley Named Acting President

Guy C. Motley, Dr. Roemer's close associate and assistant, has been named acting president of Lindenwood College until a successor to Dr. Roemer is chosen. He was appointed at a meeting of the Board of Directors shortly after Dr. Roemer's death.

Dr. B. Kurt Stumberg, a member of the Board, and physician of Lindenwood College, issued the following statement on behalf of the Board:

"It was a great sorrow we announced at the death of our president, Dr. John L. Roemer, on August 9th. Many of the members of the Board were at distant points but quite soon after the announcement was made, members who found it possible came immediately to express deep appreciation of Dr. Roemer and his many years of untiring efforts at Lindenwood. Dr. MacIvor and Dr. Skilling interrupted and delayed trips to be here. Mr. George Sutherland, Mr. John Garrett, Mr. Arthur Blumeyer, Mr. Arthur Goodall and Mr. George Cummings, members of the Board, came immediately to the aid of the college and were present.

"Of course we are bowed in grief at the loss of such a substantial president who has been president longer than any other of our long line of illustrious leaders. Dr. Roemer was always very grateful to the members of the Board for their interest and their

counsel, which was a very definite part in the development of the college the past twenty-six years.

"I have been a member of the Board for many years and may I express for all members of the Board and for myself a very deep appreciation of Dr. Roemer, of his work here, of his active cooperation always with the Board of Directors, and the joy we have all had in having a part in making Lindenwood what it is today? We acknowledge deep gratitude the leadership of Dr. Roemer.

"Immediately following the funeral there was a hasty meeting of the members of the Board here and they arranged how college matters should be carried on. Mr. Guy C. Motley was nominated acting president. The Board plans to have a meeting at an early date to take up the matter of a proper successor to President Roemer. In the meantime may I ask all the former students and alumnae who have had the privilege of knowing and working with Dr. Roemer and of whom he was so deeply appreciative, that they continue to give us their full support, as they have heretofore, during these days when changes are being made."

Personal Tributes

From the many messages from personal friends of Dr. Roemer, the following have been selected to represent his friends in this memorial edition of the Bulletin:

"Have just returned to Washington and regret that through some inadvertence your telegram announcing the death of Dr. Roemer was not forwarded to me. Much distressed to learn of the death of this splendid man and wish I could have had the opportunity to attend the services. He was one of the outstanding men of his time and rendered invaluable service to education. Lindenwood College is a fitting memorial to his and Mrs. Roemer's memory and his contribution to the institution and to our times will grow with the years.

Clarence Cannon,
Congressman from Missouri."

From Dr. Roemer's first church at Eighty-four, Pa., came this letter from the Rev. W. A. Gilleland:

"We returned yesterday from a vacation spent in Canada and received your announcement of the death of Dr. Roemer. Dr. Roemer began his work in the ministry in the Fairview Church and preached his first sermon in our new church eleven years ago.

"We at Fairview are united in sorrow with Dr. Roemer's many friends in St. Charles because we too, have lost a friend."

EDITORIALS PAY TRIBUTE TO DR. ROEMER'S WORK AT LINDENWOOD

Newspapers in every section of the nation reviewed Dr. Roemer's career as an educator and his service to Lindenwood College in news stories telling of his death. Editorials paid tribute to his life and his career, which for the last 26 years was devoted to Lindenwood.

The following editorials appeared in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat and the Censor, a St. Louis magazine:

Dr. John L. Roemer

Lindenwood College in no small part owes its present substantial standing among the leading girls' colleges of the nation to Dr. John L. Roemer, who died Friday after serving as president of the St. Charles institution for the last 26 years. Though credit for the remarkable progress of the school in the last quarter century must be shared with the late Col. James Gay Butler, who induced Dr. Roemer to give over a promising pulpit career to take management as president of Lindenwood, there can be no doubt that the substantial money aid which was forthcoming from Mr. Butler would have been of limited effect without Dr. Roemer at the helm. And possibly Dr. Roemer's leadership would have been less influential without the substantial support and the advancing plant which picked the then 87-year-old school out of its static state.

Dr. Roemer has substantial background for effective work in the educational field. A native of West Virginia, he found periods of work not unsuited to his pursuit of an education, and after he had passed through the University of West Virginia and then Western Theological Seminary at Pittsburgh, he entered the ministry with a breadth of understanding which served him well. A year of rural missionary work in Eastern Colorado and Western Kansas preceded pastorates held in Pennsylvania and Ohio before coming to St. Louis in 1905 as pastor of Tyler Place Presbyterian Church. This charge he held until 1914, when James Gay Butler, St. Louis millionaire and a leading trustee of Lindenwood College, induced him to accept the presidency of the school, with at least a tacit understanding that Col. Butler's millions would expand the institution as to plant and opportunity. Which they have, substantially.

Under Dr. Roemer's presidency the school was built up to a standard four-year college and some \$4,000,000 added to its assets. In fact, Dr. Roemer gave to that end himself. When Mrs. Roemer died two years ago, after serving as dean of women for almost 25 years, her estate of about \$200,000, willed to Dr. Roemer, was given to the college in the form of the Lillie P. Roemer Memorial Fine Arts Building, which is now a part of the growing campus group.

So all in all, it was fortunate chance that eventually brought the young plains missionary to St. Louis and his constructive quarter century work of building up a great female educational institution and fitting it for its promising future.

—*St. Louis Globe-Democrat*

In Memoriam — Dr. Roemer

There have been a number of men in our community and its vicinity in the past, who, upon reaching the end of their life span, have left behind them contributions to the betterment of the city in which they lived and served that are truly outstanding, and in every case these contributions stand as mute testimonials of what they have done, living on long after their personalities have been relegated to the realm of the past. A man who deserves to be included in this group is Dr. John L. Roemer, president of Lindenwood College in St. Charles, Mo., who, prior to his death on last Friday, had served faithfully and progressively at the head of this growing educational institution. During the 26 years he has been in charge of the affairs of this school he has given more than his share of effort toward its best interests and deserves considerable credit for the remarkable progress that has been made throughout this period.

It was truly a fortunate day for this school when the late Col. James Gay Butler succeeded in convincing Dr. Roemer of the advisability of giving up a promising pulpit career in order that he might become president of Lindenwood. From the first it was apparent that his was an inspirational leadership, for the school has steadily progressed and has become one of the leading institutions of its kind in this part of the country. It is significant to note that it has been under Dr. Roemer's presidency that the school was built up to a standard four-year college and has had some \$4,000,000 added to its assets. As an indication of how dear to his heart was Lindenwood College, when his wife passed away about two years ago and left him her estate of \$200,000, he gave this sum to the college in the form of the Lillie P. Roemer Memorial Fine Arts Building. This now stands on the college campus as a noteworthy monument to both Dr. Roemer and his wife, the latter having served as dean of women for 25 years before her death, representing a service that cannot be measured in earthly terms. It is to be hoped that what Dr. Roemer has done will serve as an inspiration for those who will take charge in the future, enabling Lindenwood College to continue its fine growth and progressive development for many years to come.

—*The Censor*



BUTLER HALL, 1914



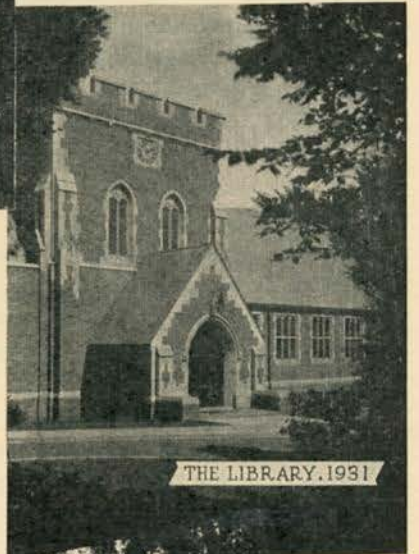
NICCOLLS HALL, 1916



THE GABLES

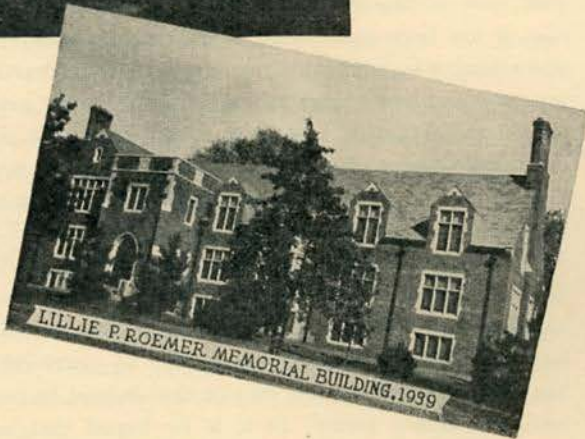


IRWIN HALL, 1924



THE LIBRARY, 1931

These buildings were added to
Lindenwood's campus in the
twenty-six years of Dr.
Roemer's leadership.



LILLIE P. ROEMER MEMORIAL BUILDING, 1939



ROEMER HALL, 1921

DR. ROEMER'S LEADERSHIP IS LASTING MEMORIAL AT LINDENWOOD

To Dr. Roemer might well be given the title—The Builder. Under his leadership Lindenwood became a four-year college, which has attracted students from every section of the country. During his 26 years many new buildings have been added to the campus, now one of the most modern and attractive in the Middle West. Always he was planning for the future—for a greater Lindenwood.

Dr. Roemer was born in Wheeling, West Virginia, in 1865. As a young man he worked in the Circuit Clerk's office at Wheeling. In 1885 he entered the University of West Virginia from which he was graduated in 1889. At first he considered entering public life, partly as the result of his early experiences in the courthouse. But soon his thoughts turned to the ministry, and in 1892 he was graduated from the Western Theological Seminary at Pittsburgh, Pa. Then followed a year of missionary work in Colorado and Kansas before he was called to his first pastorate at Cleveland, Ohio, in 1894. He remained there until 1901 when he went to a new pastorate at Chillicothe, Ohio, which he served until 1905 when he was called to the Tyler Place Presbyterian Church in St. Louis.

In 1892 he was married to Miss Lillie Pickenpugh of Morgantown, W. Va., who was later to become dean of students at Lindenwood.

Dr. Roemer received his D. D. degree from Westminster College at Fulton, Mo., in 1909 and in 1922 he was honored with LL. D. degrees from both Westminster College and Missouri Valley College.

It was the late Col. James Gay Butler of St. Louis, Lindenwood's benefactor, who induced Dr. Roemer to give up his pastorate at Tyler Place Presbyterian Church in 1914, and assume the presidency of Lindenwood where the preceding president, Dr. George Frederic Ayres, had died after a long illness.

There was an opportunity for Lindenwood to grow. Colonel Butler, who was then president of the Board of Directors, pledged himself to give substantial financial aid if Dr. Roemer would accept the presidency. Dr. Roemer accepted.

Lindenwood in 1914 had less than 100 students and Sibley Hall was its only large building. Dr. Roemer went to work with the assurance of Colonel Butler that "I will back you up with my entire fortune," a promise which Colonel Butler fulfilled with gifts and endowments which ultimately totaled \$4,000,000.

Jubilee Hall, later renamed Ayres Hall, was completed. Butler Hall, named for Colonel Butler, was built in 1914 to provide a new dormitory. Two years

later Niccolls Hall, named for Dr. S. J. Niccolls, was added. In 1921 Roemer Hall, named for Dr. Roemer, was built at a cost of \$500,000 to provide administration quarters and classrooms. Three years later Irwin Hall was added to provide additional dormitory space for the present enrollment of more than 500 students.



The Lillie P. Roemer Memorial Fine Arts Building was Dr. Roemer's own gift to Lindenwood as a memorial to Mrs. Roemer. This picture, taken in March, 1939, shows the start of the construction of the building.

The Library, named the Margaret Leggat Building in honor of Mrs. Butler, was completed in 1931. The last building to be added to the campus is the Lillie P. Roemer Memorial Fine Arts Building, completed in 1939, as Dr. Roemer's gift to Lindenwood and a memorial to his beloved wife. This building, which was dedicated on Founders' Day last October, typifies Dr. Roemer's desire, and that of his wife, to give all that they had to Lindenwood. The building, costing \$200,000, represents the value of Mrs. Roemer's personal estate, a legacy to her husband, who devoted it all to the memorial.

Dr. Roemer continued to plan for the Lindenwood of the future, and during the past summer projected other building plans for Lindenwood, including a new chapel.

It was indicative of Dr. Roemer's leadership that the silver jubilee celebration of his twenty-five years of service to Lindenwood last year brought back to the college alumnae from all parts of the country. Every former Lindenwood student was a personal friend, and Dr. Roemer remembered them all and could call them by name.

OTHER COLLEGES JOIN IN MOURNING DR. ROEMER'S DEATH

Tributes to Dr. Roemer's educational leadership and messages expressing their sorrow at his death were received from many universities and colleges and from educators. Their messages follow:

"I was deeply shocked and grieved to hear of Doctor Roemer's death last week. He has been a man not only of importance and accomplishment in the field of education, but he has also been a man of charm and geniality so that he has been greatly liked and respected by others in the field of education. We shall miss him very much. He seemed to be strong and vigorous, and we were greatly surprised at his going.

"His work at Lindenwood has been outstanding and has done much to further the cause of higher education in the State of Missouri. His contribution will long be remembered, and those of us who had the fortune to associate with him will recall him vividly as a friend and as a respected leader in our field."

Geo. R. Throop, *Chancellor*
Washington University,
St. Louis, Mo.

"The President and Faculty of Saint Louis University extend to the faculty, students and alumnae of Lindenwood College their deep and heartfelt sympathy at the loss of its beloved leader and President, the Reverend John Lincoln Roemer.

"As a sister institution of Lindenwood College, Saint Louis University has been privileged to share in the inspiration which has derived for more than a quarter century from Doctor Roemer's leadership. Together with educational institutions of the state and the nation it offers its tribute of esteem to his memory.

"The ideals and the personality of this truly great educator have left so deep an imprint on our community and on generations of American youth that the word of his passing comes as a real shock.

"We offer our sincere condolence in this hour of bereavement."

H. B. Crimmins, *S. J., President*
St. Louis University,
St. Louis, Mo.

"It is with a feeling of sorrow that I acknowledge receipt of your message announcing the death of President Roemer. The University of Missouri realizes that in his passing Missouri has lost an outstanding educator and Lindenwood College a great leader."

Theo. W. H. Irion, *Acting President*
University of Missouri,
Columbia, Mo.

"Christian College extends sympathy to its neighbor."

J. C. Miller, *President*
Christian College,
Columbia, Mo.

"On behalf of the faculty and trustees of William Jewell College as well as for myself I extend to you and through you to Lindenwood College deepest sympathy in the death of your great president, Dr. John L. Roemer. Our fellowship in the Missouri College Union has been delightful."

John F. Herget, *President*
William Jewell College,
Liberty, Mo.

"Shocked and grieved to learn of the passing of my dear friend, Dr. Roemer. His influence was a noble one. Heartfelt sympathy to the faculty."

A. H. R. Fairchild,
Professor of English
University of Missouri,
Columbia, Mo.

"I am at Estes Park, Colorado. Attendance Monday seems impractical but my heart prompts me to be present to pay my tribute of love to one of my dearest friends."

H. M. Gage, *President*
Coe College,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

"I am sincerely grieved by the loss of your president and one of our Christian educators."

H. G. Harmon, *President*
William Woods College,
Fulton, Mo.

"Distressed to hear of President Roemer's death. Your loss of a great leader is a real loss to the Presbyterian Church and to higher education. His friendship and counsel have long been an inspiration to me. Deepest sympathy to you and to his co-workers."

F. L. McClure, *President*
Westminster College,
Fulton, Mo.

"Just learned of your great loss. Deepest sympathy."

Col. A. M. Hitch, *Supt.*
Kemper Military Academy,
Boonville, Mo.

"Just today learned of the passing of Doctor Roemer. To his associates and blood relationships I want to attest to his fine spirit of co-operating with this institution to his outstanding educational leadership and to his loving Christian character and influence. With most sincere regrets at his loss."

Thomas Bibb, *President*
Missouri Valley College,
Marshall, Mo.

"Dr. Ruff, Dean Puckett and Central College faculty express deepest sympathy in the loss of President Roemer."

Dr. Robert H. Ruff, *President*
Dean Erastus P. Puckett,
Central College,
Fayette, Mo.

"On behalf of Dr. William Lindsay Young, President of Park College and the Board of Trustees and faculty of Park College I wish to express our deepest sympathy to the family of Dr. Roemer and to Lindenwood College. The death of President Roemer is a great loss to the cause of education in Missouri and the Middle West. Mr. D. M. Knight of our faculty will represent Park College at the services tomorrow. I have personally had the privilege of knowing Dr. Roemer for many years. His generous fine spirit and attractive personality endeared him to all who knew him. Lindenwood College is a great monument to his constructive leadership, devotion and ability."

W. F. Sanders, *Dean*
Park College,
Parkville, Mo.

"It is with much regret that I received and read the telegram containing the word of President Roemer's death.

"Inasmuch as I have been at Drury as President only a month, I had not yet had the opportunity of meeting and knowing the head of Lindenwood. I had earnestly looked forward to that privilege at an early date. It is with a sense of personal loss that I now learn I shall not meet him.

"Dr. Nadal, President Emeritus of Drury College, is in Michigan on vacation. Your wire will be forwarded to him. For us both, and for Drury College, I send this word of deep sympathy."

J. F. Findlay, *President*
Drury College,
Springfield, Mo.

"We were very much shocked to receive a telegram from Lindenwood College today announcing the death of President Roemer. I regret very much that it will be impossible for me personally to be present at the funeral services in Roemer Auditorium on Monday morning.

"I have asked Reverend Walter McClure of St. Louis, Missouri, graduate of Tarkio College in the class of '14, to represent us personally as well as his alma mater. The loss of President Roemer from our church college group is a very great one. Will you please extend to the family our deepest sympathy?"

M. Earle Collins, *President*,
Tarkio College,
Tarkio, Mo.

"All the members of the Hill family are shocked to learn of the death of Dr. Roemer. Sincerest sympathy."

Bob Hill,
University of Missouri,
Columbia, Mo.

"Although I never had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Roemer personally, I have heard such fine things about him since coming to Missouri that I know his loss is a great one for education as well as for you all personally.

"I wish to extend to you our heartfelt sympathy."
Marjorie Mitchell, *President*
Cottey College,
Nevada, Mo.

"I want you to know of my very sincere regret at the news of the passing of President Roemer. The Board of Trustees of Monticello and our entire fellowship join in sending an expression of sympathy. The world is always a poorer place when a noble spirit passes. In the case of Dr. Roemer, this section of the country has definitely lost something of importance.

"He may well have realized, however, that his contribution to the education of young women is a lasting one, and that his efforts, persistent and intelligent as they were, will bear fruit through the years to come.

"In closing, let me express my regret that I returned to the campus from a brief vacation after the date of the funeral, which prevented my presence."

George Irwin Rohrbough, *President*
Monticello College,
Godfrey, Ill.

"It is with regret upon my return from a trip west that I learn of the death of President Roemer. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, the faculty and the student body of Culver-Stockton I desire to extend to all friends of Lindenwood, through you, our heartfelt sympathy. If I had been in the state, I would certainly have been in attendance at President Roemer's funeral.

"With kind personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

W. H. McDonald, *President*
Culver-Stockton College,
Canton, Mo.

John Lincoln Roemer, the Builder

When Dr. Roemer came to Lindenwood in May, 1914, the foundations of Lindenwood had been laid by wonderful predecessors, both administrators, faculties and students, and he was quick to see the strong foundations that had been put down deep by many outstanding leaders from 1827 to 1914. Upon these stable foundations he proceeded to build a greater Lindenwood.

He used to stand in front of Sibley, majestic Sibley, and it would seem he reviewed the years as he admired the noble edifice, its strong lines, its beautiful architecture, and the history he knew only too well had been painfully and well wrought.

Perhaps the greatest service of Dr. Roemer to Lindenwood has been written in the lives of the girls who have been here during his administration.

When he came he announced a new doctrine in a women's college in 1914—a useful education, which meant to him a combination of Liberal Arts as a strong background and a technic in special fields. His counsel always was "Let us not try to do too much in too many fields but do well what we attempt to do." The beautiful buildings that have arisen on the campus since 1914 are material testimony. He lived to see buildings rise, buildings that met the increasing needs of a woman's college, buildings properly to house and prepare the new American Woman for the fields in which she is destined to work.

To his helpers here on the campus who remained on through the holidays and the summer months, it was our privilege to know him probably more intimately, as he walked about the campus and studied in his office for hours over some contemplated expansion or improvement that would beautify and make more useful the campus.

He would not like a eulogy. He had the three great things of life: Faith, Hope and Charity, but he wanted his charity unannounced. So, as we write these

faltering words about a great man who will be properly appreciated in the years to come, as all great men are, his immediate helpers in the offices and his personal physician, Dr. Stumberg, who has been with him constantly during the last five or six years—some of us were prone to say at times it was a summer colony—we offer tribute to our President Roemer.

His enthusiasm for Lindenwood and for life will always be a challenge for us to carry on. We ask the aid of all "His Girls" to help us go forward to see that some of the things he dreamed of shall come to pass. We invite you back to the campus often to remember and to meditate, and to urge us to go forward.

Guy C. Motley, *Acting President*

Dr. Roemer: An Appreciation

To many students Dr. Roemer meant Lindenwood College, so vital a force was he on the campus. And yet no one would be quicker than Dr. Roemer to quote the old saying: "Though the workman fall, yet the work must go on."

For twenty-six years he gave his time, his thought, his energy, his affection to this college. It was his life, and the beautiful campus, the number of buildings added during his administration, bear testimony to the results of this single-minded devotion. More than in trees and in buildings, however, he will live in the hearts of the girls who attended Lindenwood during his administration. And he returned in overflowing measure the affection they had for him.

He rejoiced in the steady growth of the college in academic prestige, since it meant that the students would be looked upon with added respect because of the fact that they formerly had attended Lindenwood. His reading of educational magazines was extensive, and he was always interested in hearing of any new ideas that would increase academic respect for the college.

When, therefore, we think of the devotion he had for so many years for the school and for his girls, when we compare the material equipment of the campus at present with what he found when he began his administration, when we see how vital a force he still is on the campus, we feel that we may justly say of him: "The good that this man did lives after him."

For many years to come his influence will be a dominating force in shaping the policy of the school, and it is because of his far-seeing planning that the work can go on and that Lindenwood can continue to grow in academic reputation and stature, as she has in the past quarter of a century.

Alice E. Gipson, *Academic Dean*

TO DR. ROEMER'S GIRLS, HIS PASSING WAS A PERSONAL LOSS

Lindenwood alumnae, "Dr. Roemer's girls," from all sections of the country sent messages telling of their sorrow at his death and the sense of personal bereavement. Because it is not possible to print all of the messages, those from the various Lindenwood Clubs have been selected to represent all the alumnae in the area covered by each club.

Representing all the alumnae is the letter of Mrs. Pauline Weissgerber Palmer of Lebanon, Mo., president of the Lindenwood Alumnae Association:

"That Dr. Roemer had our best interests at heart, not only while we were in school, but as we went our separate ways, we never doubted. The college was his whole life and he was governed always by a profound sense of moral obligation in handling the heavy responsibilities of his position.

"He was a great person, richly deserving the unstinted and unanimous affection and confidence of all with whom he came in contact. His ability, his fine moral qualities, and his genius for friendship gave him a permanent place in the memory of all of us. We always knew Dr. Roemer as conscientious, honorable, and loyal, and as the years passed along there was a great measure of kind philosophy and a great tolerance of the opinions of others.

"It was fitting that Roemer Hall, dedicated to him during his lifetime, should be the scene of his service. The funeral service was a beautiful service conducted by Dr. MacIvor, but the most touching sight of all was the folded gown and cap on the flower-draped casket—never to be worn again."

Mrs. Pauline Weissgerber Palmer.

"We wish to express our deepest sympathy in the death of our true friend and counsellor, Dr. Roemer."

Wichita Lindenwood College Club,
Mrs. Eric C. Moore,
130 S. Bleekley Drive.

"It was with sorrow we learned of the passing of Dr. Roemer. Lindenwood has lost an able president and every student an understanding friend. The material and spiritual impressions he has made on the school are lasting ones and all former and future Lindenwood girls will pay respect to his name."

Tulsa, Okla., Lindenwood College Club,
Barbara Lundy,
1395 E. 27th Place.

"Grieved to learn of Dr. Roemer's passing. Lin-

denwood has lost a revered leader. We wish to express our deepest sympathy."

Lindenwood Club of Batesville, Okla.,
Dorothy Ervin,
1345 Dewey.

"With deepest sympathy in the loss of our beloved president."

Lindenwood College Club of
Little Rock, Ark.,
Mrs. W. H. Burns,
1711 Summit.



Dr. Roemer, himself, laid the cornerstone of the Lillie P. Roemer Memorial Fine Arts Building, the last of many additions to the campus made during his administration.

"It was with deep regret the members of the Arizona Lindenwood Club learned of the death of their great friend and wish to extend their deepest sympathy."

Arizona Club,
Olive A. Rauch,
216 Lukes Bldg.,
Phoenix, Ariz.

"In behalf of the Lindenwood Club of New York I send sincere regrets on hearing of the death of its valuable president, Dr. Roemer."

Jessie C. Pegram,
223 Vose Ave.,
South Orange, N. J.

"It was indeed a great shock for us here in Omaha to learn of the loss of Dr. Roemer.

"We each feel this loss so much and to you, and all of his associates, we extend deepest sympathy."

Sincerely,
Mary Barrett, 120 Drake Court.



The Water Tower, with its Lindenwood sign blazing by night in bright red neon letters, has long been a landmark to motorists along U. S. Highway No. 40, and to students returning to Lindenwood. It was one of the many improvements made on the campus during Dr. Roemer's administration.

"All the girls of the Omaha Club feel very deeply the loss of dear Dr. Roemer. I know to each one of us at some time in our days at Lindenwood he has given us some thoughts or advice which we have always remembered and found helpful.

"This note is to inform you that a gift of a book has been made to the Library of Lindenwood College

by the Lindenwood College Club of Omaha in memory of our late President John L. Roemer.

"To you, Mr. Motley, our deepest sympathy."

Sincerely,
Claire S. Harte,
Creighton University,
Omaha, Neb.

"Although not personally acquainted with Dr. Roemer, his grand work at Lindenwood is well known. Was shocked and surprised at his death. Those left behind are ones who suffer.

'There is no death
What seems so is transition
This life of mortal breath
Is but a suburb of the life elysian
Whose portal we call death.'

"So accept from us our condolence for passing of one whose memory will last long. Time alone can dim."

Mary Lindsay Johnson,
Arizona Club,
Mesa, Ariz.

Lindenwood Faculty Member Is Married

On August 2, Miss Ruth Elizabeth Anderson, a member of Lindenwood's faculty since 1930, was married to Robert Zempel, Jr., of Lewistown, Ill. The marriage took place at Miss Anderson's home in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Miss Anderson, who taught home economics, received her B. S. degree from the University of Illinois, her M. A. degree from the University of Missouri, and had done graduate work at the University of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Zempel will live in Lewistown.

Lindenwood Music Teacher Gives Piano Recital

Miss Eva Englehart, a member of the music faculty of Lindenwood, was presented in a piano recital under the auspices of the Division of Arts of the Northeast Missouri State Teachers College at Kirksville, Mo., on July 8.

Miss Englehart, who formerly lived in Kirksville and was graduated from the Teachers College, won the enthusiastic appreciation of her audience. She has been a member of Lindenwood's faculty since 1929.

News of the Alumnae From All Parts of the Country

WEDDINGS

Miss Leslie Ann McColgin, Class of '38, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hamilton McColgin, Neosho, Mo., was married on August 4 to John C. Campbell. They will live in Topeka, Kan.

Miss Martha Perry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Oliver Perry of Terre Haute, Ind., was married to Richard Wanner Leins on July 8 in St. Louis.

Another June bride was Miss Mary Lou Fugate, Class of '40, who was married on June 23, to James Charles Moorman at Binger, Okla.

Miss Rosalind Sophia Sachs, Class of '30, was married on July 16 to Ruyle Wolford Hanf at Little Rock, Ark. They will live at 5315 Cabanne Ave., St. Louis.

From Paducah, Ky., comes the news of the marriage of Miss Margaret Dean Crain to Allie Scott George. The wedding date was July 15.

In East Rochester, N. Y., Miss Evadna Jane Burgell was married to Arthur Eugene Bouchard on June 29.

An announcement has been received telling us of the marriage of Miss Margaret Ann Carter, Class of '34, to Dr. Floyd Carrol Atwell at Carthage, Mo., on August 1.

The marriage of Miss Katherine Hampe, Class of '37, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Theodore Hampe, and Stanford Huntington Rowe, was solemnized July 27 in Sioux City, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Rowe will make their home in Schenectady, N. Y.

Miss Mattalou Marshall Miller, Class of '25, daughter of Mrs. Bruce Leroy Miller of Siloam Springs, Ark., chose July 21 for her marriage to Milo Klopfenstein Roth. Mr. and Mrs. Roth will live at 1618 West Washington, Chickasha, Okla.

The marriage of Miss Mary Bragg McDaniel, Class of '29, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Byrd McDaniel, to the Rev. George Albert Wheeler, took place August 12 in the First Methodist Church of Camden, Ark.

Mr. Robert Zempel of Lewistown, Ill., announces the marriage of his daughter, Susan, to James W. Evans on May 17, in Newport, Ky.

Miss Mary Jane Wishropp, Class of '36, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Wishropp of Kansas City, Mo., was married on August 10 to Kenneth Lawrence Husbands.

Georgia Mae, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Edward Zoellner, was married to Donald Richmond Gish, on August 12, in Mountain View, Okla. After Sept. 11, Mr. and Mrs. Gish will be at home at 201 South Main, Hobard, Okla.

Hope of Tomorrow



These happy girls snapped on the beach in California are daughters of Lindenwood graduates, and future Lindenwood students. From the left they are Margy Elser, JoAnna Beck and Janet Elser. Margy and Janet are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beck of Glendale, Calif., and JoAnna is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Beck of Oceanside, Calif. Mrs. Elser was Margaret Mitchell, Class of 1927, and Mrs. Beck was Mildred Aylor, Class of 1923.

Mr. and Mrs. William Joseph Slack announce the marriage of their daughter, Josephine, Class of '36, to George Justus McLernon, Jr., on August 13, in Kansas City, Mo.

Mr. Seth N. Patterson of Kansas City, Kan., announces the marriage of his daughter, Nancy, to Wayne Requa Smith on July 1. Mr. and Mrs. Smith will live at the Ponce de Leon Apartments in Kansas City, Mo.

 BIRTHS

A daughter, Judith Ann, was born on August 6 to Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Sappington, 705 Westwood Avenue, Columbia, Mo. Mrs. Sappington, the former Helen Edmiston, Class of '32, writes she hopes Judy will come to Lindenwood in 1957.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hageman of St. Louis are the parents of Anne Marie, born July 20. Mrs. Hageman was Erna Louise Karsten, Class of '33.

On August 8, Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Wyrens became the parents of a daughter, Dorothy Alice. Mrs. Wyrens, the former Lucile Kelly, Class of '29, now lives at 5117 California Street, Omaha, Neb.

A daughter, Nancy MacQuaid, was born June 18 to Mr. and Mrs. Craig MacQuaid (Nancy Platt).

Headed for Lindenwood



This attractive young lady is Sarah Sue, now two and a half years old, and some day, she plans to come to Lindenwood. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. David Snyder of Bastrop, La. Her mother, who was Shirley Blossom Haas, Class of 1933, writes that she has brown curly hair, big blue eyes and a "very happy disposition."

John Frederick is the new arrival in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Eagleton Burger at 453 Yorkshire, Webster Groves. (Eleanor Kleinschmidt, A. A. '25). John Frederick was born July 6 at the Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

A Lindenwood student for 1956 was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Henley, of 7455 Tulane Ave., University City, Mo., on June 2. (Charlotte H. Spreyne, 1922-23). The "star" announcement reveals the new student's name as Helene Ann and her mother writes: "Now I have two reasons for visiting Lindenwood." The other "reason" is Margaret, now 15 months old.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Jerome McDonald are the parents of a daughter, Diane Louise, born August 5 in Batavia, Ill. Mrs. McDonald is the former Evelyn Keck, Class of '31.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Marshall, Frances Jennings, Class of '30, announce the birth of a son, John Charles, on May 8.

Lieut. and Mrs. Fillmore Mearns of Fort Sill, Okla., announce the birth of a daughter, Nancy Elizabeth, on July 28 in San Antonio, Texas. Mrs. Mearns, the former Betty Boles, Class of '37, writes she hopes her daughter can carry on the family tradition of attending Lindenwood, a tradition begun 53 years ago, when a great-aunt, Margaret Boles, was graduated.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion J. Allen, Carrollton, Mo., announce the birth on July 23 of their third child, Robert Willis. Young Robert's sister, Clarice, is five years old, and his brother, Jimmy, is three. Mrs. Allen is the former Emma Monier, Class of 1926.

 DEATHS

The Lindenwood faculty and alumnae extend their sincere condolences to Mary Lee and Sue T. Johnson of Rolla, Mo., whose father, Professor Eugene L. Johnson of the Missouri School of Mines, died suddenly last month while on a vacation in Mexico.

Mrs. Helene Millsap Shelton of 301 North Sergeant Avenue, Joplin, Mo., died at the Freeman Hospital in Joplin on August 1 of injuries suffered in a fall. The Lindenwood faculty and alumnae extend their deepest sympathy to her husband, Frank H. Shelton, her daughters, Joyce, 8, and Jean, 11; her mother, Mrs. R. C. Millsap, and her sister, Mrs. Loy T. LeBow. Mrs. Shelton, who was Helene Millsap, was a member of the Class of 1924.

