

Lindenwood College

BULLETIN



Miss Gwendolyn Payne, A. B. 1939, will enjoy Lindenwood's \$300 Fellowship in the coming year, doing graduate work at Johns Hopkins. The award, bestowed at Commencement, was "based on high scholarship, personality, extracurricular activities, and the student's unquestioned ability to do graduate work." Among other honors, she is a member of Alpha Sigma Tau, also was editor of Linden Leaves for 1939.

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Presbyterian Synod of Missouri Here

Delegates Consider Their Best Annual Session on Record Was Held at Lindenwood

COMPLIMENTS to Dr. Roemer on the splendid observance of his Silver Anniversary did not come to an end with commencement. The Presbyterian Synod of Missouri, with the Women's Synodical Society, and the Presbyterian Young People's Council, all holding their meetings at Lindenwood, began jointly Monday evening, June 19, with a dinner in Ayres Hall, the purpose of which was to express appreciation of Dr. Roemer for their long friendship with him, and for his service of 25 years as president of Lindenwood.

A high-light at this dinner was the congratulatory speech by Dr. Harry C. Rogers, pastor of the Lindenwood Presbyterian Church in Kansas City, Mo., a member of Lindenwood's Board of Directors. Dr. Rogers began with a setting forth of conditions in this country, educationally, in 1914. He recalled, as he said, "some of the other major stars in the educational firmament, in the year in which Dr. Roemer accepted the presidency of Lindenwood."

"Dr. John Grier Hidden," he said, "was president of Princeton University, having two years before succeeded Woodrow Wilson, who had gone to the governorship of New Jersey, from which he advanced to the Presidency. Dr. Francis L. Patton was president of Princeton Seminary. Dr. James G. K. McClure was president of the McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago.

"Dr. Abbott Lawrence Lowell was president of Harvard University. Dr. Arthur J. Hadley was president of Yale University. Dr. Ethelbert J. Warfield was president of Lafayette College. Dr. Samuel Tyndale Wilson was president of Maryville College in Tennessee. Dr. Louis Edward Holden was president of Wooster College in Ohio. In Missouri, Dr. Lowell McAfee was president of Park College; Dr. William Henry Black, president of Missouri Valley College; Dr. Charles B. Boving, president of Westminster College; Dr. Walter Williams, president of the University of Missouri; Dr. Frederic A. Hall, acting chancellor of Washington University, becoming the full chancellor in the next year. Dr. John Timothy Stone was moderator of the General Assembly; Dr. Dudley M. Clagett, moderator of the Synod of Missouri.

"What has been done here at Lindenwood during these 25 years?" Dr. Rogers continued. "When Dr. Roemer came here in 1914 there were 101 students. They now have 518. They graduated 17 students the year he came here; this year, 104. During Dr.

Roemer's administration, Lindenwood has graduated 1,596 young women.

"Twelve new buildings have been erected on this campus during the 25 years. The campus has been increased from 20 acres to 140. The endowment has increased from \$22,800 to \$2,223,000. And miracle of all miracles, this is one college that has no debt on it."

DR. ROGERS' POEM

Dr. Rogers has composed a poem "To Dr. John L. Roemer, from His Friend, Harry C. Rogers." He read this beautiful tribute, at the conclusion of his dinner address, as follows:

And so —

From the active pastorate he came
To this historic school of learning,
Bringing here the wisdom and the yearning
For yet larger boundaries and horizons
For young womanhood. On these sacred grounds
He prayed and taught and made the rounds
To solicit the cooperative faith of those
Who by material possessions blest
Would give creative thought and golden deed
A chance to play their mighty part
In educating soul and mind and heart.

And thus he builded. Not alone the
Noble structures that adorn these walks,
But spoke forth here Christ's words of life
Lifting a temple of peace within a world of strife,
A sanctuary of God. There also walked with him
One who now so lately was gathered Home;
She likewise took her place in every dream of those
Young women who here would come
To study and to pray within these halls.
They came and now they too have gone
Far out across the world with the good
That comes from educated womanhood.

So the seed was cast by hands of faith
And loving solicitude. The harvest of the years
That comes from labor and from tears
We see before us now. And we who
Gather here today will ever in our deeper thought
Praise God for what their hands have wrought,
To perpetuate the high ideals of all the common good
That have a true equation in a college
Which bears so fair a name as Lindenwood.

Dr. G. Marion Hull, of Washington, Mo., chairman of the General Council of the Synod, presided at the dinner. Dr. Roemer spoke, welcoming the delegates. About 300 were guests.

Everyone connected with the Synod and the affiliated societies was delighted with the hospitality, the comfort and beauty of the Lindenwood environment. They were at the college four days. The pleasure of the luncheons and dinners was enhanced by music by some of the Lindenwood girls, prominent among whom were two of the season's graduates, Miss Marian Hull, A. B., and Miss Alice Elnora Jones, A. B., both minister's daughters.

Young People's Council

Coincident with the Synod and the Synodical meetings, the Missouri Presbyterian Youth Council met in the library club rooms at Lindenwood. This group elected the following officers: president, Charles M. Bunce, of Carthage, Mo.; vice-president, Miss Ruth Atkins, Hannibal, Mo.; secretary, Miss Waneva Pickard, Kirksville, Mo.; treasurer, John Middents, Hannibal, Mo.

Women's Synodical

Presbyterian women of the state, a number of whom were former Lindenwood students, were guests at the Synod's opening dinner at Lindenwood, and held a two days' program in Sibley Chapel following, with missionaries speaking who came from Siam, India, and Africa. Several joint sessions were held with the Synod, and some of the speakers exchanged for the two meetings.

Honored by Yale

Miss Alice Parker of the English department, beloved professor at Lindenwood for 11 years, has received the fruitage of her "leave of absence" which she took for graduate work at Yale. Yale University has just bestowed upon her the degree, Doctor of Philosophy.

Dr. Parker's dissertation for the Doctor's degree consisted of studies from the entire works of Fielding and Smollett, showing their attitude toward crime, criminals, and penal institutions of their day, with a view to determining the contribution of these writers to penal reform and the effect of their writings so far as penal reform is considered.

Dr. Parker will attend the convention of the World Federation of Teachers this summer in Buenos Aires, South America.

Tribute to Mrs. Roemer

In the first number of the campus newspaper whose issues appeared through the sessions of the young people's Presbyterian Summer Conference, a beautiful expression appeared concerning Mrs. Roemer, entitled, "We Are Missing Her." It read as follows:

We are disappointed that Mrs. Roemer is not here to greet us as in former years. As we answer roll call by our presence here at Lindenwood, so Mrs. Roemer answers the roll on the more serene side of the horizon.

During her 24½ years as Dean of Students at Lindenwood, Mrs. Roemer attained the highest of high ideals, enriching the lives of many and sharing unselfishly her adequate knowledge.

The Lillie P. Roemer Memorial Fine Arts Building, now nearly completed, stands as a shrine to Lindenwood's beloved "Mother" Roemer.

As another memorial, applying especially to Mrs. Roemer's vitalizing influence in St. Charles, Dr. Roemer has beautified the Jefferson Street Presbyterian Church (which she attended) with a gift of new pulpit furniture. These deeply carved, dark oak furnishings were first used in the service of June 11. Dr. Roemer preached a sermon from the new pulpit Sunday, June 25, to Conference delegates.

The influence of a life so full and rich can never die, but will live on for many years with Lindenwood and its loved president, Dr. Roemer, and the delegates to Lindenwood Conferences.

Dr. Roemer in the East

Dr. Roemer is making a motor trip to New York City accompanied by Dr. Stumberg, and they will also visit Washington City, and spend a few days in Morgantown, W. Va.

Mrs. Bessie Harvey Jensen (1915-17), of Parsons, Kan., writes to thank Dr. Roemer for "the grand time and grand entertainment given us old graduates and students at the Silver Jubilee. "Everything was lovely," she says. "Perhaps the high spot was the concert, but certainly the climax came with the laying of the cornerstone of the building in Mrs. Roemer's honor. Not that such a building is necessary to make us all remember Mrs. Roemer, but it is a fitting reminder to our daughters at Lindenwood that once upon a time the very best of them all—Dr. and Mrs. Roemer—presided there."



Miss Anna Louise Kelley, A. B. 1932, is the new president of the Lindenwood Alumnae Association. She has shown her loyalty to Lindenwood constantly through the years since her graduation. As president of the St. Louis Lindenwood College Evening Club, she did a great deal to interest the younger alumnae, and has been a leader in plans for the Silver Anniversary.

Miss Doris Rogers (1936-38), of Ainsworth, Neb., sends back a letter, thanking everyone for "the lovely times at the Silver Jubilee celebration. The longer I know Lindenwood and its personnel," she says, "the more I am convinced it is surely the best college in the middle west, and I am immensely proud to have attended such a wonderful institution. Two girls from Ainsworth will be there this fall."

Has Master's Degree

Miss Mary Frances McKee (1928-32, B. M.) has secured a master's degree this year from the University of Southern California. She has an appointment as supervisor of vocal music in the high school at Claremont, Calif. This is the town of Robert Taylor of moving-picture fame. Miss McKee is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. A. McKee of Benton, Ill.

WEDDINGS

Cards announcing the wedding of one on whom probably all would agree as the most beautiful and popular senior of the year, Jean McFarland, A. B. 1939, to Mr. Gordon Keith Coverdale, were received from her mother, Mrs. Rebecca Cope McFarland, at whose home in Dallas, Texas, the ceremony took place Friday, June 30. Mr. and Mrs. Coverdale will reside at 3903 Pacific Ave., Long Beach, Calif., after August 1.

This lovely bride was Spring Festival Queen, president of her class, president of Alpha Sigma Tau, and a most sweet and charming "classmate."

Mr. and Mrs. Warren W. Goran, of Pacific, Mo., have sent cards announcing the marriage of their daughter, Marion Elizabeth (1932-33), to Mr. J. Berl DuLany, on Saturday, June 24, at her parents' home.

Miss Rosamond Penwell (1931-33), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Penwell, of Pana, Ill., was married on Saturday, May 27, in the First Presbyterian Church of Pana to Mr. C. O. Clark, Jr., of Anna, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Clark took a motor trip through the South, going then to Wichita, Kan., which will be their future home. A reception was given, following the wedding.

Presbyterian Young People Shown Lindenwood Hospitality

The Presbyterian Summer Conference for Young People, carried on at Lindenwood College by the four presbyteries, St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Hannibal, Mo., and Alton, Ill., has more than doubled its enrollment within two years. This season from June 24 to July 1, there were 212 young people attending. Webster Groves Church sent the largest delegation, 21. Almost every Presbyterian congregation in St. Louis and its suburbs sent a quota of young people, as did St. Charles. They came also from Flat River, Hillsboro, Kimmswick, Poplar Bluff and Springfield, Mo., and from the College Avenue, Twelfth Street and Elm Street churches in Alton, Ill.; also from Belleville, Collinsville, East St. Louis, Edwardsville, Granite City, Greenville, Sparta, Wood River and Chenoa, Ill. Every dormitory except Irwin was occupied.

Dr. Harmon, as in other years, was Dean of the conference with Dr. Robert L. Dieffenbacher, assist-

ant Dean. A faculty of 21 teachers conducted classes, in which much interest was shown, in the Bible, missions, general work of the church, and methods. A Student Council of 16 was elected, with co-chairmen, Melvin Kessinger of Collinsville, Ill., and Miss Fay Appleberry of Flat River, Mo. Miss Marion Hull, a season's graduate, A. B., was on the teaching staff.

All Lindenwood's facilities for recreation were open to the delegates and the post-office and administrative staff assisted in making them comfortable.

Mary Benner, of Anna, Ill., a Lindenwood senior for the coming season, had charge of the music, which was especially effective at the vesper services each evening on the campus.

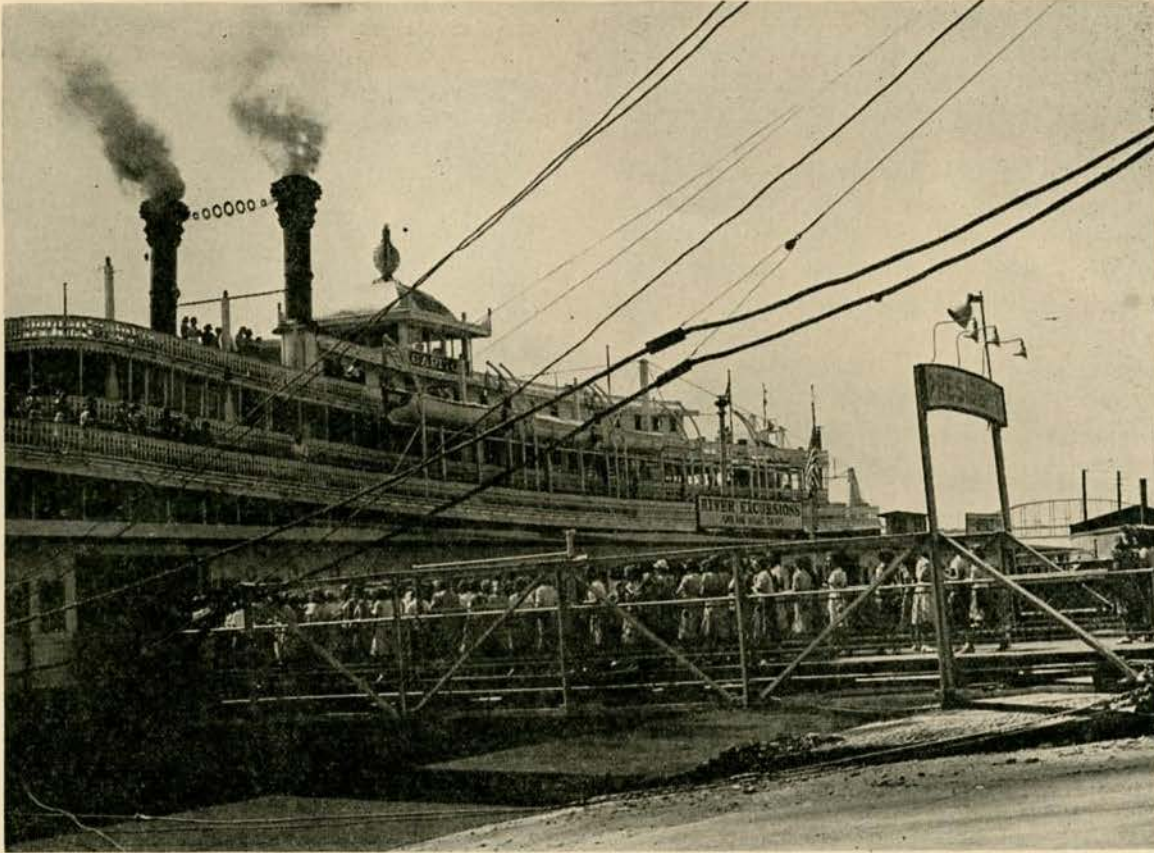
Following the final vesper service, a commitment service was held in Roemer Auditorium, with Dean Harmon presiding. Five speakers told briefly what prompted them to take up some phase of religious service as a life work. The speakers were Rev. John Holladay, Rev. D. C. Boyd, Miss Mildred Leech, Rev. Hugh Foster, and Dr. Hungti Chu. The beautiful and colorful candlelight ceremonial closed with a processional moving slowly past the Place of Denials, where each flung into the fire something he wished out of his life forever, unto the place of Communion. This was in charge of Rev. Ralph D. Evans, assisted by Dean Harmon, Rev. D. C. Boyd, and Rev. Dick Middents. Twelve young people assisted as "elders."

From the Stated Clerk

Mr. Arthur E. Perry, of Carthage, Mo., Stated Clerk of the Synod of Missouri, sends a letter of warm appreciation to Dr. Roemer. He includes Mrs. Perry, who also was a guest through Synod and shares in his expressions concerning Lindenwood's "bountiful and open-handed kindness." He speaks of "courtesy shown by everyone."

"Never have I seen a finer balance," says Mr. Perry, "between lavish attentions and that reserve by which you are made to feel that nothing is overdone. It all had a *feel* of being genuine and hearty, rather than merely formal and polite. How a man could so permeate his organization with this sort of fine feeling which we found on every side is to us one of the wonders of the world!"

"God will surely bless you and your institution for what has been done the past week, and we earnestly pray that the reward may be yours in increased success for the cause nearest your heart and in a still greater wealth of friendship bestowed upon you by all with whom you continually deal."



The whole college, students, faculty and members of the administration, forgot dull care and all the daily round of duties, in the all-school annual boat excursion in the late spring. The trip was taken on the good ship Capitol, south on the Mississippi River, past Jefferson Barracks. None but those of Lindenwood were on the boat. The meals were most delicious, and the diversions of the day delightful. The St. Louis Globe-Democrat printed a color page of pictures of this outing, with the caption, "Ol' Man River Adopts College Girls for a Day."

Teachers' Vacations

The Dean of Lindenwood, Dr. Gipson, went, late in June, to Caldwell, Idaho, for a visit with her mother and numerous other members of her family.

Dr. Terhune of the modern language department, took work at the Colorado University summer school at Boulder.

Miss Gordon, of the speech and dramatics department, is studying at Columbia University. Miss Walker, teacher of voice, has returned to the Juilliard School for a season. Miss Reichert, physical education, is also at Columbia University.

Miss Bailey, biology, and Miss Scott, speech and dramatics, are both in work at the University of Wisconsin. Dr. Talbot, biology, is in research work in the east.

Dr. Evers, modern languages, is at the University of Michigan.

Miss Rasmussen, assistant in the art department, took work in the University of Chicago.

Miss Coulson, piano, returned for studies at the University of Kansas.

Mrs. Underwood visited relatives in Walla Walla, Wash.

"Have 'Em Often!"

Mrs. Harper W. Reed (Louise Hancock, 1934-35), of Mexico, Mo., sends back thanks "for a perfect week-end."

"I was so thrilled and happy," she says, "to be back at Lindenwood. Everything was lovely, and it was simply wonderful to see everyone again. Becky and I are still talking about it; from now on we will never miss a Homecoming. Have 'em often, won't you?"

Miss Mildred Kuhlmann (1930-32), of California, Mo., writes: "I want you to know that every moment

at Lindenwood was delightful. It was so nice, Dr. Roemer, to see the many girls who were back to help honor your twenty-fifth anniversary. I wish you many more successful years at Lindenwood."

Miss Phyllis Durbahn (1937-38), of Highland Park, Ill., says, "I can't begin to tell how much I enjoyed my visit to Lindenwood. Seeing all the familiar faces made me feel as if I had been there all year. It made the school seem like home, except for the absence of Mother Roemer. Mother often wishes I had completed my course at Lindenwood. I regret now I didn't complete it, but I'll always remember my one year of residence there, and every chance I get I'll tell girls what a fine place Lindenwood is."

Miss Porterfield Here

Miss Cora M. Porterfield, of California, well-beloved by the Lindenwood girls who studied Latin under her and who were inspired by her to a delight in all learning, sent Dr. Roemer a charming "goodbye" after her visit in the time of the Silver Anniversary.

"Unexpectedly," she wrote, "I left earlier than I had planned, and, when I went to say my 'goodbye,' you were not yet in your office.

"Again I wanted to thank you for the grand, good time you gave me, something to remember with happiness always. Everyone was so gracious,—officials, teachers, girls, old-time friends, and so many of the last class. Tuesday morning I had a delightful visit by appointment with Miss Hankins in her classroom. I am so pleased with her and her work and the Latin room. Sibley people made everything most pleasant, too.

"The California girls will be anxious to hear all about it, and, I know, they would join me in wishing for you and Lindenwood the most prosperous year yet in 1939-40 and many more of the same satisfaction."

The class of 1890 had a complete reunion at commencement. Inspired by Dr. Roemer's gift of a set of pulpit furniture to the Jefferson Street Presbyterian Church in memory of Mrs. Roemer's life-long interest in the church, these girls of 1890 went in a body to the service, Sunday morning, June 11, at which the furniture was first used. All of them used to attend the Jefferson Street Presbyterian Church, back in '90. They were: Mrs. W. W. Seymour, of Chicago; Mrs. William Carter, New York City; Dr. Alice A. Linnemann; Mrs. Cyrus Clark, of Mexico, Mo.; Mrs. J. M. Winters, Quincy, Ill.; and Mrs. W. A. Ferguson, of St. Charles.

DEATH

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Milton Chamberlain (Elizabeth Greene, 1928-29), of Urich, Mo., in the loss of their little son, almost a year old, last December 13. They are somewhat comforted in their sorrow, because of their lovely daughter, now in her fifth year, who is left to them. The Chamberlains' home is on a 400-acre farm, near Kansas City.

Twenty-five Years in Pageantry

Lindenwood's Silver Anniversary pageant, "Love's Labor Not Lost," script and songs written by Dr. Gregg, with music by members of the music department, ought to be given at the college every year on its own merits. Because of the rain on Saturday afternoon, June 10, it had to be taken indoors for "an abridged production," as Dr. Roemer announced, but nevertheless, under the direction of Miss Stookey and Miss Reichert, it brought ever so many thrills, and demonstrated the fact that Lindenwood really has a history worth while.

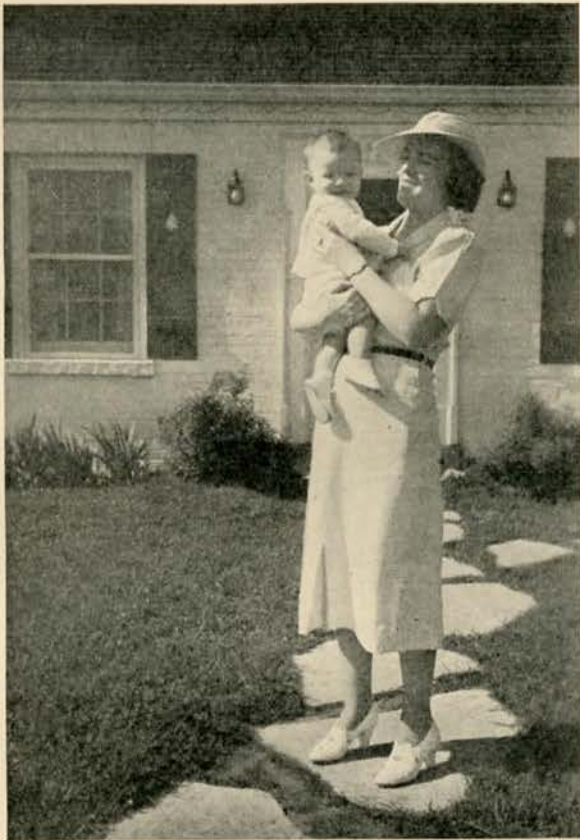
Jeane Osborne, of Culver, Ind., was the "Spirit of Progress" symbolizing Dr. Roemer, clad in cloth of gold. A St. Charles girl, Margaret Barton, in silver and pale blue, portrayed Mrs. Roemer, the "Spirit of Christian Guidance." Could Col. and Mrs. Butler have looked down from Heaven's ramparts, they would have seen themselves, each a "Spirit of Benevolence," one impersonated by Martha Weber, of St. Louis; the other by Mary Jean DuHadway, of Jerseyville, Ill.

Dr. Linnemann was one who saw herself portrayed, "Spirit of Faithful Service" by Margery Kiskadden, of Wichita, Kan. So also did Dr. Stumberg, "Spirit of Science," whom Alice Fathauer, of Lake City, Ill., represented. The two Deans of Dr. Roemer's time, Dr. Templin and Dr. Gipson, each a "Spirit of Scholastic Standards," came to the front in Louise Mailander, of Waco, Texas; and Mary Elizabeth Falter, Oklahoma City, Okla. Dr. Niccolls, long-time Board president, was Mamie C. Traylor, of Houston, Texas. Janet Steben, of Hinsdale, Ill., played the "Spirit of Art," and Shirley Keplar, of Henderson, Ky., the "Spirit of Music."

The songs at least will always be in Lindenwood's repertoire. They were very personal, but highly and wholesomely amusing.

Those who read the London Times have been pleased to see therein a comprehensive article, written by request of the Times, by Mr. Louis La Beaume, on the History of Architecture. Mr. La Beaume is Lindenwood's architect.

BIRTHS



Above is a picture of Robert William Sneath, five months old, held up by his mother, Mrs. William E. Sneath (Florence Louise Seymour, 1925-26), of Chicago. This baby's grandmother is Mrs. W. W. Seymour (Margarita Petitdidier, a graduate of 1891).

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Lumbagh, Jr. (Berniece King, 1934-35), of Pocahontas, Ark., are the happy parents, since June 17, of Peggy Sue, whose pictorial announcement is most amusing from "Station S-T-O-R-K."

Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Denslow (Jane Laughlin, 1930-34, A. B.), of Kirksville, Mo., announce in verse, with pink and blue trimmings, the arrival of their son, George Taylor, on June 25, weighing 7 pounds, 6½ ounces. He says:

"My hair is pretty scarce as yet,
My face is red, it's true,
But Mother thinks I'm beautiful
And Daddy thinks so, too."

Mr. and Mrs. D. Max Switzer (Hermona Allen, 1936-37), of Hastings, Neb., have sent delicately tinted cards, announcing the little son "just arrived," little Max Allen, of date May 13.

Elizabeth Anne Callahan is the name of the new little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Callahan (Winifred Boyd, 1928-29), who arrived June 21 at the home of her parents in Meadville, Pa. Her card, edged and ribboned in pink, brings word to the BULLETIN of this baby's older brother also, "Jimmy," who is 3½ years old. Mrs. Callahan writes of enjoying Lindenwood news in the BULLETIN, and says, "Although far from L. C., we hope to come and visit."

Capt. and Mrs. John I. Hincke (Mae Kane, 1922-24), now at Ft. Story, Cape Henry, Va., have sent word of the arrival of their little daughter, their third child, Caroline Hincke, who was born April 23, 1937, at Ft. Shafter, Honolulu, T. H. And the same letter announces that the "first Lindenwood baby born in the Philippine Islands" was their little son in 1929, John Ismert Hincke, Jr. The BULLETIN had thought that Lieut. and Mrs. Hunter Harris (Margaret Bostic, 1925-26), had the right to claim "first" with the little daughter, Margaret Hunter Harris, who came February 1 of this year. Her home is in Nichols Field, Rizal, P. I., but John Ismert Hincke, Jr., now 10 years old, has priority from his birth in Ft. Mills, Corregidor, P. I. These army children get to see many countries.

Press Correspondent at 89

That Mrs. Anna Chidester Edgar (1871-72, afterwards a Lindenwood teacher), now in her ninetieth year, is still in full possession of her faculties, is shown by a contribution of hers published in the Walla Walla, Wash., Union-Bulletin, of April 30 last, in which she expresses the wish Hitler had "concentrated his strong mentality and good physique to constructive aid of many small countries, instead of acting the highwayman." Mrs. Edgar writes at length of historic prototypes of Hitler and their final downfall.

Mrs. Edgar has been bereaved, May 15, in the death of a beloved cousin, Rev. Samuel Willis Chidester, of Waukegan, Ill., in his eighty-sixth year. He was still pastor of a church at Waukegan, being in the forty-sixth year of his pastorate.

One learns that Mrs. Edgar, although in her ninetieth year, walks without a cane. She sends congratulations to Dr. Roemer.

How Synod Members Enjoyed Lindenwood

Among many letters received by Dr. Roemer concerning the fine hospitality which Lindenwood College gave to the Presbyterian Synod of Missouri (U. S. A.) in the week of June 19, was one from Dr. William Ralph Hall, of Philadelphia, assistant to the General Secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education. Dr. Hall took an active part in the Synod sessions, giving several addresses.

"May I put on your desk," Dr. Hall writes, "with many other expressions of appreciation my own expression of gratitude and appreciation of the very fine way in which Lindenwood College entertained the Synod of Missouri, and the unfailing courtesies extended to everyone on the part of the staff of the college? It must be gratifying to work with such a fine group of cooperators.

"I expect the college halls are busy this week (June 28) with the Young People's Conference. Both for myself and for the denomination I appreciate sincerely the contribution made by the college in its buildings, equipment and staff to the success of that gathering."