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To give variety, one of the parlors of Niccolls Hall is new in Swedish effect, the colors being Burgundy and pale green. This corner shows the carpet in Swedish primitive design, an unusual lamp, and chairs, curtains and mirror in attractive modes.

*Don't Mothers Photograph
Their Babies Anymore?*

Lindenwood Feels the Lack

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Founders' Day to be of Great Significance

Activities Falling Into Line, in the 113th College Year at Lindenwood.

FOUNDERS' DAY at Lindenwood has had many delightful surprises, and the programs are always notable, but this year Thursday morning, October 26, is to be particularly remarkable. At ceremonies at 11 o'clock in Roemer Auditorium will be given the dedicatory address for the splendid \$200,000 memorial Fine Arts Building, which is a perpetual memorial to Mrs. Roemer and which bears her name in its foundation—the "Lillie P. Roemer Memorial Fine Arts Building." Dr. Sam Higginbottom, in whose educational and missionary work at Allahabad, India, Mrs. Roemer was always interested, as is also Dr. Roemer, will give the commemorative address. Dr. Higginbottom happens now to be moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly, so his presence will be an honor in every way. After the address, there will be a brief program in the new building, and guests will have opportunity to inspect the rare treasures housed there, and to see the well-planned equipment for the departments of music, under Mr. Thomas, and of art under Dr. Linnemann.

In St. Louis, two of these rare memorials are already attracting attention—the portraits of a century ago of Major George C. Sibley and of Mary Easton Sibley, his wife, which are being restored and renewed by an artist in a down-town art store and studio. The hand-carved frames, of rich appearance, are being left unchanged, and the portraits will now appear just as they were when executed so long ago.

Founders' Day, as in the past, will be marked by an academic procession of faculty and students, by an elaborate luncheon, and the presence of many members of the Lindenwood alumnae.

Convocation Address

Mrs. Hiram C. Houghton, Jr., of Red Oak, Iowa, a member of the Iowa State Board of Education and a director on the board of the National Federation of Women's Clubs (among many other educational and citizenship honors), a wonderfully gifted speaker who shows her faith by her works at Lindenwood by having her young daughter a student in the college, now a sophomore, gave Lindenwood's 113th annual Convocation Address Sunday evening, September 17, in Roemer Auditorium. She spoke on the theme, "Builders."

Dr. Roemer, in felicitous vein, gave words of welcome, after the invocation had been pronounced by Dr. Harmon. Dr. Roemer said this was the first

time, in Lindenwood's 113 years of history, that a woman had been summoned to be the Convocation speaker. He referred to Mrs. Houghton's eminence in the field of education and public affairs, showing her outstanding competence.

Dr. Roemer, telling of the outlook for "the best year," with an attendance at Lindenwood from many States and several foreign countries, mentioned the "pep" meetings which the various departments of the college had voluntarily held, before the student body assembled. Some of these were out on the campus, with ice-cream cones for refreshment.

Miss Walker of the faculty, also first soprano of the Second Presbyterian Church, sang exquisitely the solo, "O Perfect and Eternal One" (Mortimer Browning). The recessional hymn, "School of Our Mothers," by Louise Crandall, was sung, as always on Lindenwood's great occasions.

"Builders" was the theme of Mrs. Houghton's address, a theme in keeping with her own valued activity in the world. Not alone as a club-woman (with her distinction at present of being a Director of the National Federation of Women's Clubs), but as the first woman member ever to be appointed to the Iowa State Board of Education, and as a leader in scientific advance in the State and in the conservation of all that is fine spiritually, does Mrs. Houghton rank high for achievement.

Referring to Lindenwood (where her daughter, Joan, is now beginning her second year), Mrs. Houghton said: "In all probability you will never be in an environment more favorable and stimulating to a full and rich life. Here you are in the midst of a beautiful campus; you move in and among graceful and artistic buildings, libraries, museums, art collections, and laboratories. You are the heirs of rich traditions, which this college possesses to such a great degree; you will enjoy new buildings due to the generosity of friends and officers of this college, and up-to-date courses which give you the pattern for successful and abundant living. Concerts and lectures are at hand; facilities for recreation and development are yours; learned, kind and experienced teachers are at your service.

"Best of all, you are members of a student body composed of the pick of young women from this and surrounding States, and even some from foreign countries. All this has been made available through the foresight and continuous generosity of the friends and leaders of this school, and through the sacrifice and generosity of your own parents. Everything is

Mrs. Houghton



here and in readiness for you. If you have the will and capacity to take it into your possession, it is yours for the taking. May you enter into the fullest possession of it."

Mrs. Houghton enunciated a striking "pledge," which if each student would repeat it, each morning of her life at Lindenwood, she said would make her "a truly great builder." The words were as follows:

"Fully appreciative of the rich heritage which has come to me as a student in this school, I firmly resolve to strive to the utmost of my ability to enter into the full possession and enjoyment of it, and to embody in my life its ideals of scholarship, learning and character; to live richly, abundantly and worthily, here and now; and I solemnly pledge loyalty to the ideals of this great school, to the end that I may truly serve my college, my commonwealth, my country and my God."

The speaker cleverly suggested the student as an educated person to be "the antidote for propaganda," in the present time of war. "You are the custodian of goodwill," she said. "You are the architects and master-builders of a new world, where there is more

love and less hate, more happiness and less woe, more intelligence and less ignorance, more cooperation and less cut-throat competition.

"You belong to a small and privileged group; for out of the 75,000,000 adults in America today, 69,000,000 never graduated from high school, and 32,000,000 never finished junior high. Real life does not begin after you leave college; real life is here and now. In a real school we should not be getting ready to live, we should be living. The best preparation for life is participation in life in the present.

"There is no such thing as college life; there is life in college. There is no such thing as college ethics, or college morals; there are ethics and morals in college. Right is right, wrong is wrong; aimless, stupid and futile living is just the same in college and out of college. Do not make your sojourn here merely a period of waiting for something else that you are going to do later. Be present-minded. Live wholeheartedly to the full extent of your capacity in the present." She quoted Goethe, "Wher'er thou art, be wholly there."

"Some of you have come to college because your friends have liked college; others of you are coming because it is a matter of duty; but still others of you are here, knowing that college is a glorious adventure in friendship, hungering for the increase of knowledge, and eager for life that abounds in new experiences, new contacts and new horizons, so that at all times you will be imbued with that sympathy, tolerance and understanding which belongs to an educated person."

Mrs. Houghton enumerated as "necessary tools" for "the builder," the trait of personality, "joy of being;" second, "joy of doing;" third, "joy of knowing;" and fourth, "joy of service."

Speaking of personality as dependent on one's attitude toward life, she said: "To be sure, your wisdom, your patience and moral earnestness are going to be taxed to the breaking point before these battles are won. Your responsibility to yourself is such an utter responsibility as a race has never known. You must have character. 'Fame is an accident; popularity a vapor; riches take wing; the crowd that cheers today, curses tomorrow; one thing only endures — character.' When Horace Greeley uttered these words, he spoke an eternal truth.

"The greatness of a nation is not in her gold reserve, her economic structure, her balance of trade, or the strength of her Army or Navy. The true worth of a people is expressed in terms of character. And this is an individual responsibility.

"As I look into your eyes, I somehow have no fear for the future; I know you students of Lindenwood College, with the other educated women of the world, with your innate patience and tenderness, will nurse the world back into normalcy by building a bridge from yesterday into tomorrow that will be a thoroughfare for all peoples of all nations to walk upon, with their feet on the ground, their heads in the clouds and eyes on the stars, forgetful of selves, realizing that many men worry themselves into nameless graves, while here and there an unselfish soul forgets himself into immortality."

Describing "the joy of doing," Mrs. Houghton said, "The world today is no place for drifters or drones, or people who live in their dreams, or those who have an apathetic attitude toward life.

"To every man there openeth
A way, and ways, and a way.
The high soul climbs the high road,
The low soul gropes on the low,
And in between, on the misty flats,
The rest drift to and fro.
But to every man there openeth
A high road and a low,
And every man decideth
Which way his soul shall go."

"Budget your time. He who has learned the lesson of making use of every five minutes of time has learned the greatest lesson of thrift. Do away with pretense, worry, discontent, and self-seeking, and climb the high road to the top of the mountain.

"The 'joy of knowing' comes through books, and through friends, and through nature. He who knows the joy of reading the classics will never be a lonely person. Carry a book with you. Never be idle. I should like nothing better than a month's time to be spent in your Lindenwood library with all those books at my command. Bridge games and knitting would be left to trail in the dust." Mrs. Houghton said her college friends are her dearest friends today, although she has been out of college 27 years.

"'Service is the rent you pay for the space you occupy in this world.' A kind word to a homesick girl, a pat on the back to one who is trying, a happy smile for one who is not yet adjusted, will make a happy day for you.

"In the world today we have been made a family of nations by quick transportation and communication, but we are not ready to live so closely together. There is intolerance, and lack of understanding. We must learn to live in collective security. We must put emphasis on the word 'give' and forget the word

'get.' We must think of the good of the whole of society, rather than our own individual gain. Living in this beautiful, unselfish manner in this college will make you a leader and one of the most popular girls on the campus. You become a good citizen here in your college, and you will be one later in your community.

"You will be a member of that educated group who will take this world out of chaos and confusion and war, because you will make 'America first' not only in those things which are material, but in things of the spirit; not merely in science, inventions, motors and sky-scrapers, but also in ideals, principles and character; not flaunting our strength as a giant, but bending in helpfulness over a sick and wounded world, in Christlike co-operation. Although war is raging in other countries, I beg of you to keep calm, well-poised, dispassionate, calloused to propaganda. As good Americans you can be enthusiastic builders for a better America, by your joy of being, your joy of doing, your joy of knowing, and your joy of serving, facing all phases of human life without partisanship, without bias, without self-seeking. Your power is limitless, and your scope international.

"Lindenwood students, I have every faith in you. Carry on!"

"A Voice in a Million"

"A voice in a million—the kind they have been searching the world for," is the judgment passed on Miss Maxine Bucklew, of Columbus, Kan., a student for the last two years at Lindenwood. In June last she received her two-year diploma in voice. This judgment of her voice was expressed by no less an authority than Dr. L. F. Samoiloff, former teacher of Nelson Eddy, and other current celebrities, after he had given her an audition in the Bel Canto Studio and Opera Academy in Los Angeles. Miss Bucklew was in Los Angeles with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bucklew, but has remained to study, since their return to Kansas. She is taking two lessons a week from Dr. Samoiloff, with a view to the grand opera, and will soon begin the study of Italian and French. Her success is not a surprise to Lindenwood.

A Student Activities Committee has been announced for the year, with Miss Hooton chairman, and Miss Hankins, secretary. Other members are Dr. Gipson, Miss Cook, Dr. Schaper; and the students, Kay Wagner, head of the Student Council, and Marguerite Dearmont, president of the Y. W. C. A.

WEDDINGS

A London wedding, even in the days immediately preceding the declaration of war, is the high adventure announced in cards from Mr. William George Burton, telling of the marriage of his daughter, Betty Jane (1935-37), to Mr. Robert Campbell Strong, at Holy Trinity Church, Brompton in London, Tuesday, August 29. An address is also given in Bohemia, "Nerudova 9, Praha III."

Mrs. Axel Emus Carlson sent wedding invitations for the marriage of her daughter Marion (1931-35, A. B.), to Mr. Lothard Jessen, on September 10, at 4 p. m., in the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church, at Dannebrog, Neb.

Announcement cards were received from Mr. and Mrs. Ottmer Trichel, Jr., for the marriage of their daughter Elizabeth (1934-35), to Mr. Henry Arnold Rahmel. The ceremony took place Saturday, August 19, at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Springfield, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond C. Scott have sent cards announcing the marriage of their daughter Barbara (1932-33), to Mr. Frank Albert Johnson, which occurred August 20, at Steelville, Mo.

Wedding cards from Denver, Colo., from Mr. and Mrs. Allan French announce the marriage of their daughter, Jessie Gordon (1916-19, Certificate Public School Music), to Mr. Herbert Benjamin Gerhart, on Friday, September 1.

Among the pleasant "send-offs" for Miss Velda Wagner (1932-34), Dean's secretary, just prior to her marriage, September 17, to Mr. Charles L. Kramer, of Granite City, Ill., was a tea given by Miss Helen Culbertson (1928-30), Saturday afternoon, September 16, at Miss Culbertson's home in St. Charles. Floral decorations were in white, and there was a lovely white centerpiece. Dr. Gipson and Mrs. Charles Rechtern (Dr. Dawson) poured.

Dr. and Mrs. Riley McMillan Stormont sent invitations for the wedding of their daughter, Virginia Jean (1938-39), to Mr. John William Schiermeier, which will take place Monday evening, October 9, at 7:30 o'clock, in Immanuel Lutheran Church, St. Charles. At Home cards, after October 25, are for 121 North Kingshighway, St. Charles.

Society columns made a "lead" of the marriage, July 9, of Miss Margaret Yarnell Pyle (1929-30), of Oklahoma City, Okla., to Mr. James Field Boynton, of Oklahoma City, at the First Methodist Church of Pauls Valley, Okla., home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Clove Pyle. A coincidence noted was the fact the bride chose the same hour and day of the month for her marriage as that of her great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Yarnell, which took place 78 years ago in Searcy, Ark.

Mrs. Catherine Gear sent invitations for the marriage of her niece, Frances Kathleen Henderson (1929-31), to Mr. John William Jonas. The ceremony took place in the chapel of the Second Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, Saturday evening, September 23, at 8:30 o'clock.

Announcement cards came from Mr. and Mrs. Harry Chandler, for the marriage of their daughter, Mary Margaret (1935-36), to Mr. Edward Clinton Vandenburg, III, on Friday, September 8, at Sioux City, Iowa, in Weare Chapel, St. Thomas Episcopal Church. At Home cards were enclosed, for Durham, N. C., after September 20.

Miss Mary McCarroll (1936-39), of Walnut Ridge, Ark., was married to Mr. Billy Wilson, also of Walnut Ridge, on the afternoon of July 9, at Mammoth Spring. Their home will be in Walnut Ridge.

ENGAGED

The engagement of Miss Rose Stacy (1937-38), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Allen Stacy, of Blytheville, Ark., was announced, to Mr. Wilson B. Zedler, by her parents, a few weeks preceding the wedding in late summer.

One of the pleasant vacation parties was a weekend party given by Miss Jo Renee Shuffield, of Little Rock, Ark., daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Joe F. Shuffield, at Lakeview Lodge, Lake Catherine, honoring Miss Dorothy Meyer, of Bowling Green, Mo., who was her room-mate at Lindenwood through the last year.

Miss Agnes Currie (1927-29, A. B.), sent greetings to the college from the steamship Rotterdam, Holland-American line, on which she made a trip abroad.

DEATHS

Lindenwood grieves over the death of one of its most honored members of the Board of Directors—Mr. Lee Montgomery, of Sedalia, Mo., who passed away Wednesday, September 20, at the age of 70 years. His daughter Elinor, now Mrs. Richard Fowler, of Kansas City, Mo., was formerly a Lindenwood student. He was visiting her in Kansas City when his death occurred. The cause was cerebral hemorrhage.

Mr. Montgomery was head of the law firm of Montgomery, Martin and Montgomery, one of the oldest in Missouri. The firm was founded by his father, the late John Montgomery, in 1866. He was a graduate of Westminster College, Fulton, Mo., then attended Princeton University where he received his A. B. degree. At Princeton he made the acquaintance of Woodrow Wilson, who was then a member of the faculty. He was admitted to the bar in 1895, and continued active in his practice until his death. He was a member of the Presbyterian church. For a decade he was president of the Y. M. C. A. at Sedalia, and was for more than 25 years a member of the Public Library Board of that city. He was one of the members in longest service in Lindenwood's Board of Directors, and was also a director of Westminster College.

Dr. Roemer, Dr. Stumberg and Mr. Motley represented Lindenwood at the funeral, which was held in Sedalia, September 22. Beautiful tributes from Lindenwood were presented. The deepest sympathy is extended to his widow, and to his two sons and two daughters, who survive him.

All Lindenwood feels a personal sense of loss through sympathy with Mrs. Nellie Ingram Baker (1893-96), of Pasadena, Calif., in the death, August 22, of her husband, Mr. Charles Harris Baker, at their home in Pasadena. Mr. Baker shared Mrs. Baker's unwavering loyalty to her Alma Mater, and gave warm approval to all that she has done for the college.

The sad news is received of the death of Miss Blanche M. Griswold (class of 1893), at her home in Carthage, Mo., July 2, after an illness of two years. A friend writes concerning her: "She was one of our most beloved charitable and public-spirited women, and no one will ever know the good she did to her fellowmen. All Carthage mourned her passing." It is stated also that she enjoyed keeping in touch with Lindenwood through the Bulletin. She had no immediate relatives.

Dean Gipson gave the first orientation address to the freshmen, Tuesday morning, September 19. She spoke on what is to be gained in college, and explained how to study, advising the students to "budget their time." The Dean told of Lindenwood's honor societies, and other advantages. On the same day at noon, Miss Hooton, dean of residence, talked on her plans for the coming year, which have especially to do with student social life.

BIRTHS

Little Nancy Louise Ordelleide arrived in St. Charles, August 25, to be the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer S. Ordelleide (Dorothy Gehlbach, 1925-29, B. S.). Her mother was registrar of the college for several years following her graduation.

The "Book of Life" sent from Mansfield, Ohio, tells of a son, Philip John, whose weight is 8 pounds, coming to the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Eckert (Marie Schmutzler, 1928-32, A. B.). He arrived Friday, August 18.

Another boy (7 pounds, 13 ounces) arrived on the morning of August 16, to the "copyright owners," as his card says, Mr. and Mrs. Willard A. Sandford (Helen Maupin, 1920-22-26, Academy diploma and degree A. B.), at their home in Moberly, Mo. His name is Graves Maupin Sandford.

And here is a third boy, weighing about like the others, who comes on July 28,—little Charles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Goldberg (Miriam Harris, 1934-35), of 1445 Cherry St., Denver Colo. "Something new in swing time" says his pretty card.

A lad named for Lindenwood's president is Thomas Roemer Pesaglia, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sincero Pesaglia (Hazel A. Schaefer, 1925-26), of Pekin, Ill., who arrived August 31. His mother and father came to Lindenwood for their wedding, two years ago, and were married in the college parlors by Dr. Roemer, December 13, 1937.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Roger Williams (Willa Dawes Waters, 1931-32, B. M.), of 197 Liberty, Clarksburg, W. Va., have sent cards announcing the birth of their son, Jon Dawes Williams, on July 21.

Interviewed in Alabama

An enterprising Sunday editor of the Mobile, Ala., Press-Register secured an interview from Lindenwood's Miss Stookey as she passed through, on her recent return from Guatemala. Large pictures are published of Miss Stookey with the native costumes she has secured, and particularly with the Guatemalan dolls.

The writer of the article quotes Miss Stookey as saying she had "the most fun" in Guatemala of any country she has visited (and they are many!) "And the dolls she got there!" he continues. "Their costumes had love notes and sentimental sayings written on them, besides displaying the most flamboyant of colors and most intricate designs." Mobile hears about Lindenwood through this article, and is informed all these curios will be placed with Miss Stookey's collection in the museum "at Lindenwood College, in St. Charles, Mo., where she is the head of the physical education department."

The Big Sisters gave their annual informal party, on the first Friday night of the semester. Frances Brandenburg is chairman of this activity. Another social event was a tea for new students and their parents, in the middle of the week, and a tea for all the students, with the Student Board as host, Sunday afternoon, September 17.

The opening Assembly address at Lindenwood, Thursday, September 21, was made by Dr. Walter E. McClure, pastor of the St. Louis Memorial Presbyterian Church. Dr. William B. Lampe, pastor of the West Church, spoke on a succeeding Assembly.



New "Y" President

Marguerite Dearmont, daughter of Mr. Russell L. Dearmont, of Cape Girardeau, Mo., and St. Louis, becomes president of Lindenwood's Y. W. C. A. this season, because of the marriage, last summer, of Miss Catherine Donnell (chronicled already in the Bulletin). Marguerite was elected vice-president, but she now succeeds the bride. She presided with satisfaction at the first song festival of the year, on the campus in front of Sibley, on Wednesday night of the opening week.