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Mrs. Roemer Enters Into Rest

TO thousands of Lindenwood students, present and past, the college has lost an association of inestimable worth. Mrs. Roemer, guide and counselor for 24 years as Lindenwood's Dean of Students, passed away Friday afternoon, August 19, at 4:50 o'clock, in St. Joseph's Hospital, St. Charles, after a severe illness of a little over two weeks.

Kind and thoughtful of others all her life, Mrs. Roemer had been far more of a sufferer through the last few years than those about her realized. A complication of maladies, causing frequent pain and discomfort, was little spoken of by her. Her sympathy was for the ills of others; she seemed to think little of her own. A naturally buoyant disposition kept her influence unbroken, and although now and then she retired from service through a few days, she seemed still present and her bright face, smiling such sincere welcome to her callers, was almost daily behind her desk. Even just preceding her final attack, she had enjoyed, with Dr. Roemer, a few weeks in July at Chautauqua, N. Y., where they both met many friends of years gone by, and if Mrs. Roemer had been well, this would have been one of the pleasantest vacations she ever spent.

Dr. and Mrs. Roemer's wedded life was approaching the golden jubilee year. They were married over 46 years ago. For almost half of this period she was "the minister's wife"; the other half was a quarter-century of immeasurable influence, the circles ever widening. If only she had lived for the Silver Jubilee year, now coming on!

She was Miss Lillie Pickenpaugh, born November 9, 1867, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thornton Pickenpaugh. Her father was the foremost merchant of Morgantown, W. Va. Her maternal grandfather, Mr. William Wagner, had ranked equally high as a banker. The family line went back in America considerably more than 100 years. Mrs. Roemer was a member of the Daughters of 1812.

She attended Beaver College in Beaver, Pa., and Goucher College, Baltimore. Marrying Dr. Roemer in 1892, he and she went immediately to his first pastorate, the Presbyterian church in Thomas, Pa. Together they served in Presbyterian churches of which Dr. Roemer was successively pastor, South church in Cleveland, O.; First church in Chillicothe, O.; and St. Louis at the Tyler Place Church.

From the Tyler Place Church, the late Col. and Mrs. James Gay Butler, wishing to endow Lindenwood, induced Dr. and Mrs. Roemer to come to this

institution. Col. and Mrs. Butler were as much interested in having Mrs. Roemer, for her influence on the students, as in securing Dr. Roemer as president. Neither Dr. nor Mrs. Roemer had ever had any experience in college leadership. They considered the offer all winter. When they finally came to Lindenwood, May 12, 1914, Mrs. Roemer was equally delighted with Dr. Roemer at the prospect.

Mrs. Butler, on various occasions, had Mrs. Roemer at her home in St. Louis, urging the fact of Mrs. Roemer's winsome personality, her high moral standards, and her good judgment in all social matters, coupled with her college education and experience, as giving her exactly the right qualifications to be the wife of the president of a girls' college and to be in contact as the Dean of Students with the students from "North, South, East and West" which every year brings to Lindenwood. Mrs. Roemer, entering efficiently into her share of the duties which so greatly benefitted the college, justified all of Col. and Mrs. Butler's hopes. All those conversant with Lindenwood's marvelous development are well aware it would not have been what it is today if Dr. Roemer had not been blessed with so wise and conscientious a helpmate.

The girls delighted to call her "Mother" Roemer, and she rejoiced in this title of affection. Every senior class, through the 24 years, made Mrs. Roemer its honorary sponsor. She poured at the teas, she and Dr. Roemer led the grand march at the dances. At parties through the year, no less than at the commencement season, she was a central figure. For the Mayday, care was always taken to place Mrs. Roemer's chair of honor in just the right position on Sibley porch, or on the campus in earlier days. In the first several years, the May Queen was announced by Mrs. Roemer, at a preliminary special party. She received the multitude of mothers who came to visit with their daughters; she attended girls who might be sick in the infirmary, she sympathized in bereavements, and answered long-distance calls from anxious relatives. She was beloved in the Lindenwood College clubs of St. Louis, and even as far away as Los Angeles, the local Lindenwood College club gave fetes in honor of her and Dr. Roemer. Sometimes she was a guest of the club in Chicago, and often in Kansas City, as well as other centers. In St. Charles she had so many friends that she was constantly adjusting her social calendar so she could accept invitations to luncheons, weddings, and receptions. She kept her old friends at the Tyler Place Church, and

was in touch for more than 30 years with the Thimble Club, started at that church, which she often entertained at Lindenwood. She was loved by all the teachers here, who remember many a pleasant evening reception at which she and Dr. Roemer were hosts. All the student organizations, too, will remember the practical ways in which she helped them,—dinner and gifts for the Student Board, for the Choir, and others; the Christmas eve dinner for all; the hospitality of commencement!

They will think, too, of Mrs. Roemer's taste in selecting and arranging the antiques in Old Sibley Hall, which make it so outstanding, and her insistence on lovely parlors for the girls in every dormitory. And there will be more, which is not spoken of. She will always be remembered.

AT THE FUNERAL SERVICE

On Monday morning, August 22, at 10 o'clock, in Roemer Auditorium, as she would have wished it, the last loving words were said over Mrs. Roemer's remains. Although it was the vacation season, the large hall was completely filled with her friends. Many of the teachers and members of the administrative staff cut short their vacations to be here. Dr. MacIvor, the officiating clergyman, came from his old home in Nova Scotia, where he had been visiting the graves of his parents. Dr. Harry Gage, president of Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Ia., a lifelong friend of the Roemers, assisted in the service. The devotions were led by Dr. Franc McCluer, president of Westminster College, Fulton, Mo., and by Dr. Lloyd B. Harmon, professor of Bible and philosophy at Lindenwood. Miss Pearl Walker, of the music faculty, first soprano in Second Presbyterian Church choir, sang, without accompaniment, two exquisite solos, "Abide With Me" and "Christian, Good Night".

Dr. Roemer's sister, Mrs. Sarah Avirett-Thomas, of Cumberland, Md.; Miss Edna Hough, a lifelong friend; Mr. George Wagner of Washington, D. C.; Mr. Roemer McIntyre of Cleveland, Ohio were present, with several other relatives. The pallbearers were old friends in St. Charles: Mr. Guy C. Motley, Mr. Stephen Blackhurst, Mr. George M. Null, Mr. J. Ed Travis, Jr., Mr. Austin S. Fox, and Mr. Harry P. Ordelleide.

The stage of the auditorium was arranged as a solid bank of floral offerings, which had come from hundreds of friends. The pall over the casket was of pink rosebuds woven in smilax, and in the center was a bunch of snowy lilies. The beautiful remem-

brances in roses, asters, gladioli, and many lilies, were disposed with the greatest harmony, and as the interment was in a crypt of the Oak Grove Mausoleum, where flowers cannot be placed, these lovely baskets, wreaths and sprays were all distributed afterward among the sick and the shut-ins, particularly in St. Joseph's Hospital, where Mrs. Roemer had been a patient.

DR. GAGE'S ADDRESS

Dr. Gage, who spoke, following the prayer by Dr. Harmon and the Scripture reading by Dr. McCluer, said that he brought messages of sympathy from the various church and educational organizations with which he and Dr. Roemer are both connected,—the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education, the American College Association, and the Presbyterian College Union.

Concerning Mrs. Roemer's life and influence, he quoted Wordsworth's

"A perfect woman, nobly planned,
To warn, to comfort, to command;
. . . . a spirit pure and bright
With something of an angel light."

He said, during his more or less frequent visits to the Lindenwood campus he had looked "with admiration, sometimes with wonder" at the life Mrs. Roemer lived. He spoke of how she had "multiplied" her life and her ideals, making decisions "now with wisdom and vast commonsense, now with tact, and again with firmness". He said in "hundreds and hundreds of homes" her influence may be traced today.

Dr. Gage said, making application to the life Mrs. Roemer had lived, that heaven should not be crowded out of the present moment, but that "celestial scenery is done in colors taken from the present life.

"I cannot believe", he said, "we will have one sort of life here, and an entirely different sort hereafter.

"It is in life as it is in buildings which may be constructed to rise to an almost unlimited height, provided you have a foundation not tenuous as the atmosphere, but with the solidity of rock. Stability in an uncertain world cannot be extemporized. It has got to have something in it, or under it, to make it stable, and that something is goodness. For these very reasons I think of Mrs. Roemer's goodness as she lived for so many years on this campus. I think of her with the full assurance of faith for the future, and I am able to say, 'We speak that which we do know, and testify that which we have seen'.

"As I have visited this campus, I have seen what might be called a little bit of heaven right here on earth. I have seen the building of a celestial city which is real.

"It is reassuring to me, as to all of you, to have both seen and known, indisputably and indubitably, this good life Mrs. Roemer lived. We are certainly better for her presence, wiser for her counsel, stronger for her sympathy.

"She is one of 'the cloud of witnesses' in whose presence it is our privilege and duty to run the race of life. We can still go on loving her and blessing her. We can still go on serving the cause to which she was so loyally devoted for so many years. With full assurance of faith, we may commit her to the care and everlasting love of our Heavenly Father.

TRIBUTE BY DR. MacIVOR

Dr. MacIvor, who presided at the service, gave a sermon in strong, definite reassurance of the truth of immortality, and of recognition in the world to come.

"This is really a triumphant hour. We should not be sad today. We are humanly sad, as is natural, but Mrs. Roemer's has been a wonderful life. First was her early home life, in a home that was wonderfully happy, giving opportunity for spiritual development, and which provided her a college education, fitting her for future responsibilities.

"Next she was 22 years in the ministry, with her husband in a calling which touches life at every angle, and which has opportunities incomparable.

"Then for nearly a quarter of a century she was here, mothering these girls. She was a person who had the mothering influence to a very great degree. Hers was a character of real standards and convictions and ideals, which she impressed upon those around her. What difference does it make whether a person's life is 70 years, or 100 years, or 50 years? It is not the number of years, it is the depth and intensity that counts. This is an hour for rejoicing, an hour for praising God. Few women in the world had and used the opportunity this woman had, to do good and to lead a rich and happy life. So I read from this life direct, a lesson of the love of God.

"'Is the universe friendly?' Is there love at the heart of things? In this noble life, we have evidence it is not an enemy, it is the love of God that is at the heart of things.

"When I stand in the graveyard by the sea, at the grave of my mother, I want to know: Is this all there is to it? Is this the end of the story? This life would have been worth while even if it were the end of the story. But it is not. We cannot prove

immortality as we prove a problem in mathematics, but we can be just as sure.

"He hath not learned life's lesson well
Who hath not learned in times of strife
The truth, to sight and sense unknown:
That life is ever lord of death,
And love can never lose its own.'

"Our faith in immortality proves itself. Mrs. Roemer is not dead at all. This is not a funeral; this is in truth a Commencement. She is more alive than she ever was. She is consciously living, not in some far-off universe, but here. She is very likely in this room, listening to this service, just now.

"'There is no death.' What seems so is delusion.
This life of mortal breath
Is but the suburb to the land Elysian
Whose portals we call death'.

"'God hath set eternity in our hearts'. All the good people we have ever known have believed in immortality. The people who built this college, and the people who built every college, the people who have done constructive deeds in the world, have believed in immortality. I stand with the good people and with Christ, who said, 'If it were not so, I would have told you.'

"My friends, I believe our dear friend is here; I believe she is living this morning, consciously living. I believe we are going to see our friends, we are going to know them and recognize them, and live over again the long ago. I think the whole business would be chaos if personality did not persist beyond the grave.

"How is it going to be with us? Bereavement is a terrible experience. Dr. Roemer will be lonely in the days to come, in the twilight hour, in the silent night. But we have a religion which promises something will come into one's life, to make one equal to the trial. An added 'lift' will come, to enable us to bear it. A new strength, a new courage, will be given. God will be very near to our friend.

"Let us be grateful for our memory of Mrs. Roemer. We would not even call her back. God has been merciful, and very kind, and God will not forsake us. He will give us strength for each day, until the call comes to us.

"The living are the only dead;
The dead live, nevermore to die,
And often ere we see them fled
They never were so nigh.
The joys we lose are but forecast
And we will find them all once more.
We look behind them for the past,
But lo! 'Tis on before.'"

WEDDINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Snider sent announcement cards for the marriage of their daughter, Rachel (B. S. 1934), to Mr. C. L. Turner, which occurred one year ago, on Friday, August 20, 1937, at Olathe, Kans.

Cards were received from Mr. and Mrs. George Alfred Eckles for the marriage of their daughter, Marguerite (A. A. 1929), to Mr. Clarence Lingard Mann, on Monday, June 27, at her parents' home. At Home announcements were included for Hays, Kans.

Wedding invitations were received from Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Spears for the marriage, Wednesday, August 10, of their daughter, Virginia Zell (Certificate in Speech, 1935), to Rev. Leslie J. Ross. The ceremony took place in the First Methodist Church of Clinton, Ind., at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Allen Keithly sent cards announcing the marriage of their daughter, Helen (A. B. 1937), to Mr. Paul Ted Markham on Saturday, July 30, at O'Fallon, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Markham will be At Home after September 6, at 4001a Hydraulic Ave., St. Louis.

Invitations were received from Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Wood, of Little Rock, Ark., for the marriage of their daughter, Emma Jean (1935-36), to Mr. James E. Meacham, on Friday, August 12, at 8 p. m., at her parents' home, 901 West Second Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Hunker sent invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Gretchen (A. B. 1933), to Mr. Victor Fred Walter, which occurred Monday, August 15, at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon, at the residence of her parents in Salisbury, Mo.

Mrs. Harry Flint Huff has sent invitations for the marriage of her daughter, Dorothy Jane (1934-36), to Mr. Wesley Brinkman, which will occur Saturday, September 3, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at the First Methodist Church of Kenosha, Wis.

Cards have been received from Mr. and Mrs. Henry Baron Storrs, announcing the marriage of their daughter, Kathleen Cotton (1937-38), to Mr. Richard Wyman Wilson, at Enid, Okla., on Saturday,

June 25. At Home announcements are for Sterling, Colo., at the Colonial Apartments, No. 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Williams have sent cards announcing the marriage of their daughter, Alice Lavon (1933-35), to Mr. Robert A. Gay, on Monday, June 27. At Home announcements are included for Augusta, Ga., where they will reside at 1429 Troupe Street.

Announcement cards have been received from Mr. and Mrs. William E. Bennett, telling of the marriage of their daughter, Doris Genevieve (1930-31), to Mr. John Farrell Byrne, on Saturday, August 6, at Marshalltown, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Byrne will be At Home after September 1, at 522 Chestnut St., Dubuque, Iowa.

Wedding cards from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leslie Goethe brought an invitation to the marriage of their daughter, June Dolores (1932-33), to Mr. Austin Eugene Garrels, on Wednesday afternoon, August 31, at 4:30 o'clock in Plymouth Congregational Church of Omaha, Neb.

Mrs. George H. Burress, of Oklahoma City, Okla., formerly Mrs. L. D. Abney (Ruth Spoeneman, 1915-17), writes of her marriage to Mr. Burress eight months ago. She tells also of her "two grand boys" by her first marriage. "Louis D. Abney, Jr., age 19, is attending summer school in Mexico City. Bill, age 15, is at St. John's Boy's Camp at Delafield, Wis." She enjoys the Bulletin, she says, and there are "quite a few Lindenwood girls" in her part of the country.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Julia Fish, of Phoenix, Ariz., was a pleasant visitor at the college recently, coming up from the home of friends she is visiting in St. Charles. She ranks now as one of the oldest alumnae, having been here as a student in 1876, although the 62 years since then have been very kind to her and she looks capable of weathering many more of them.

Alpha Sigma Tau elections resulted in the re-election for this year of Jean McFarland, of Dallas, Texas, president; and the election of Gwendolyn Payne, Wood River, Ill., vice-president; and Evelyn Heiser, Hannibal, Mo., secretary-treasurer.

Additions to Lindenwood's Staff of Administration and Instruction

The numeral "seven", will define the changes in personnel in the faculty and administrative staff at Lindenwood for the year 1938-1939. This is not a large proportion of new faces in the total of 50 or more, and Lindenwood may rank among the fortunate colleges who go along without too many new appointments, from year to year. The first faculty meeting has been called for Monday morning, September 19.

Miss Parker in English



First to be reckoned is the return of Miss Alice Parker, who has been on leave of absence for graduate work at Yale. She has just completed a busy and profitable year as Honorary Fellow in the Graduate School of Yale. Miss Parker has been studying the major eighteenth century novelists in the light of humanitarian movement and certain social problems involved in it. Before Miss Parker came to Lindenwood in 1928 she had received B. S. and A. M. from the University of Missouri; she was also a graduate of the University of California, and had made studies in Paris, France, receiving a diploma from the Alliance Francaise for work in advanced courses. Miss Parker is a member of several honor societies in education, and has an ancestry socially which gives her membership in the D. A. R.

New Registrar



One with whom every student must get acquainted, at once to set all the machinery in motion, is the new registrar, Miss Sarah Ostner, who comes from experience in similar work at the University of Missouri (where she obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree), at the summer sessions at the Rolla, Mo., School of Mines, and at the Little Rock, Ark., Junior College.

Miss Dorothy Gehlbach (B. S. 1929), in private life Mrs. E. S. Ordelleide, retires after several years' service as Lindenwood's registrar.

From Hollywood

Miss Kathleen Scott, who comes as a teacher in the speech and dramatics department, has had a taste of Hollywood, in fact is giving up definite work there in order to return to teaching, which she considers her real vocation. She has just placed one of her students at R. K. O. Pictures as a final act in a full year. In her preparation Miss Scott worked in New York with Madame Albert, both as a student and a teacher. She graduated at the Columbia College of Speech and Dramatics in Chicago, and taught there four years. She was a member of the faculty of Fontbonne College in St. Louis from the fall of 1934 until June, 1937, since which time she has been at

Hollywood, coaching dramatics students of stage, pictures and radio.



Miss Scott replaces Miss Nina Jewel Lemen, who is taking up radio work.

Replaces the Bride



The wedding of Miss Virginia Shrimpton in the music department (announced in a previous bulletin)

creates the vacancy which is to be filled by Miss Janet L. Coulson, teacher of piano. Miss Coulson holds B. M. and B. M. E. degrees from Kansas University, and has taken graduate work in piano under distinguished instructors. She has until now been teaching at Baylor College, Belton, Texas. In earlier years she taught in Stuart Hall, Staunton, Va., and prior to that, in Iberia Junior College, Iberia, Mo. Her home is in Lawrence, Kan.

Three New Housemothers

Butler, Ayres and Nicolls dormitories will each have new regents. In the other two halls the appointments are unchanged. Miss Hough remains as house-mother of Irwin, and Mrs. LeMaster returns to Sibley.

Educated Abroad



Mrs. Elizabeth Hubbell, of Culver, Ind., will be regent of Butler Hall. In travel and education abroad, Mrs. Hubbell has had wide experience. Born in San Francisco, her father was originally from Oxford, England, and her mother from Edinburgh. Due to the early death of her mother, she was placed at school in Dresden when 8 years of age, and continued

her education for years in schools of Dresden and of Berlin, taking music especially. Mrs. Hubbell taught at the State College at Pullman, Wash., for a number of years.

From Washington U.



Mrs. Hal C. Gardner, the incoming housemother of Nicolls Hall, may be known to some of the Lindenwood girls, as she has been in charge of the Kappa Alpha house at Washington University, while in the summer for several years she has been chaperon for university summer students at Madison, Wis. She is a Tennessean, a graduate of Brownsville Baptist College, and has studied music at Chicago Musical College and Bush Conservatory of Music.

Receives Secretaryship

Miss Joan Spangler (1934-36), of Fremont, Neb., has recently been appointed secretary to Dr. Worthby Daniels, son of the American Ambassador to Mexico. He is a practicing physician in Washington, D. C., and ranks high in his profession. Miss Spangler graduated in June from the Washington School for Secretaries. She is loyal to old Lindenwood friends, and plans to take an active part in the Washington Lindenwood College Club. She lives in Washington in the same house with Miss Mary Alice Woodsworth, also originally from Fremont, who is assistant editor of the National Woman's Magazine.

Replaces Mrs. Kelly



Miss Anna L. Mottinger, of Laddonia, Mo., will take the place of Mrs. Kelly, who is ill, as housemother of Ayres Hall. Miss Mottinger has been for seven years a teacher in rural schools.

DEATH

Sympathy is felt through Lindenwood circles of many years, in the death, August 3, of Mrs. Dorothy Bader Urban, aged 78 years, widow of the late William A. Urban. Two of her daughters, Mrs. Arthur J. Krueger (Marguerite Urban, 1905-06), of Webster Groves, and Mrs. Edward Straszer (Lilian Urban, 1906-08), are former Lindenwood students. Two other daughters also survive: Mrs. L. W. Ward and Mrs. Karl Erd, both of Kirkwood, Mo. Mrs. Urban had visited the college many times, and had watched the rapid progress of Lindenwood from the time of Dr. Ayres' presidency in through Dr. Roemer's regime until her death. Her daughter, Mrs. Krueger, has served as president of the St. Louis Lindenwood College Club, doing much to advance the interests of the alumnae.

A letter of appreciation was received by Dr. Roemer from the Eastern District of Christian Endeavor, for the fact of permitting this district's recent convention to have a meeting at Lindenwood. "Surely our three days of inspiration and instruction would have been impossible without your help," the president of the district wrote.

Teaching in Luxor, Egypt

A wonderful opportunity has been given to Miss Betty Ellen White, of Marissa, Ill., who finished her four years with an A. B. degree at Lindenwood last June. She will spend the next year in the ancient city of Luxor, Egypt, of whose historic tombs and monuments one is always reading. Miss White has been so fortunate as to be appointed to teach music and English in the Girls' Boarding School of the American Mission at Luxor, of which Dr. Carrie Buchanan is principal.

She expects to hunt up Miss Eleanor Payne at the American Mission in Teheran, Iran, who was graduated at Lindenwood two years ago, and one can imagine many pleasant reminiscences of the college, over there on the other side of the earth.

Miss White drove to Buffalo, N. Y., in company with Miss Catherine Buchmann of Marissa, who was a fellow student with her at Lindenwood, and her mother. She sailed on August 16 from Jersey City, and expected to arrive in Alexandria, Egypt, September 1, after stopping in Gibraltar, Marseilles, and Naples.

Before she left, Miss White bought a copy of Dr. Gregg's book, "Westward with Dragoons." The school girls in Egypt will learn something about Missouri and America's pioneering.

Braving Bombs in China

Miss Catherine Sutherland, who was at Lindenwood a year and is now a missionary in China, writes, like other devoted Christian teachers, that she does not wish to leave when her friends are still in danger. She is leaving Hangkow, this fall, for work at Cheng-Tu, in the most western province of China, where it is hoped, the war disturbance will not reach. Her mother, Mrs. George W. Sutherland (Olla Barnett, 1880-83), of Webster Groves, came recently with Mr. Sutherland for a visit at the college.

Enlists Muskogee

Mrs. John Fay Wright (Dorothy Holcomb, A. B. 1934) sends her new address, 2405 Court St., Muskogee, Okla., and tells also of the recent wedding of Miss Emily Floyd (1935-36), who is now Mrs. Ralph Jones, 629 West Okmulgee, Muskogee.

"I should like for the L. C. Club here to be more active next year," Mrs. Wright writes, "and now that I am settled down after all the excitement, I'm going to see what can be done about it. I am more thankful every day that I had the privilege of attending such a fine school. Once a girl has been to Lindenwood,

it is always very close and dear to her heart. I read every word of the Bulletins, even though I may not know the girls mentioned, and I live through the commencement program as I read it and felt as if I had really been there.

"We are so happy in our new home, and my husband brags on my cooking every day. I am going to continue my teaching next year, although I won't be able to take as many as I had last year."

Succeeding in the Arts

Miss Virginia Thompson (1928-30) has been achieving dramatic success in Seattle, Wash. She starred in the recent production by the Seattle Players' Club of "Beginner's Luck," by Prof. Glenn Hughes, head of the division of drama at the University of Washington. This was an initial performance, the third production of the Players' Club season of 1938. The Players' Club has been selected to give test performances of plays before they are published, as this one will be in September. Leading the cast, Miss Thompson was one of a number of "attractive young women," according to the Seattle press, who, with several men, had parts in this farce-comedy with a Greenwich village locale. Miss Thompson is employed in Seattle in the National Institute of Music and Arts, in this organization's head office for the Northwest, including the States of Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho, and also Canada. She says she counts as "two very happy years" the time she spent at Lindenwood.

BIRTHS

The first baby to write the bulletin a letter is little John Wilson Crawford, of Brocton, Ill., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Crawford. His mother, who was Miss Harriet Rutherford, instructor in zoology (and child development) at Lindenwood, 1930-35, maybe helped him on some of the hard words, and she has sent his photograph, too,—a lovely picture which will appear in the October Bulletin, as it was just too late to make a cut, and yet such an unusual letter ought not to be delayed one month. John says: "My daddy was looking over the August Lindenwood College Bulletin, and he saw the question, 'Hasn't your baby a picture, too?' which was printed on the inside of the cover, so he said to my mother, 'Why don't you send John's picture?' Mother agreed to, and said she'd let me dictate the letter. She has to write it for me, as I am only 14 months old and can't read or write yet. I was born June 21, 1937. I enjoy

the Bulletin very much. I used to like to wave paper in the air and hear it rattle; now I like to hold it, turn it over, and even tear it. Mother gives me the Bulletin to play with, as soon as she has read it. She says it is such nice paper, and the ink doesn't rub off. Then, too, it's a more convenient size than most magazines.

"When this picture was taken, I was just one year old, but I haven't changed a whole lot in two months. I have dark brown eyes, long dark curly lashes, and golden curls, and I'm all boy. No doubt there are several of mother's former students who read the Bulletin. She still gets letters from them, some just friendly letters, others business ones asking for information or recommendations. I'm sorry Lindenwood doesn't take boys. I'd like to enroll there in about 16 years. Perhaps it's just as well, as my only auntie is an assistant professor in psychology in Goucher College, and she might want me to go there. I'll compromise and have a Lindenwood sweetheart some day. Tell Dr. Roemer I like the name 'John' very much."

"A Future Lindenwood Girl," say the white ribbons which tie the card "announcing the arrival" of Janet Lee, on August 3, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Donald Walker (Carmen Lee Neber, 1927-30), at the home of her parents in Aurora, Ill.

"Another Girl for Lindenwood," says the dainty card, pink ribbons attached, which announces the arrival, on August 3, of Mary Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn H. Park, of Kansas City, Mo. Mr. Park is Lindenwood's field representative in Kansas City. Naturally he and Mrs. Park know all about the college.

"We are mighty proud of this basketfull," says the picture-bassinet which tells of the arrival of a son, Rodger Kent, to Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Bushdiecker (Martha Messinger, B. S. 1925), of St. Charles, on July 12. He is a big baby, weighing 8½ pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Weisell (Miriam Kennedy, A. A. 1921), of Shaker Heights, Cleveland, sent a pretty card telling of the advent of Sheryl Ann, their little daughter, who weighs 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

Cards from Mr. and Mrs. George Edmund Siebel (Julia Ferguson, 1932-33) announce their son, George

Edmund Siebel, Jr., who arrived July 19, at their home in Evanston, Ill.

Little Susan Nancy Keeter, of date June 14, sends her tiny pink-bordered card with that of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vern I. Keeter (Louise Nicholson, 1921-25), of St. Louis.



Mr. and Mrs. John Windsor Norris (Mary Merrill, 1927-28), of Marshalltown, Iowa, have two husky boys. Above, the younger, Robert Windsor Norris, is six months old, just past. They both love their big collie dog, which (below) is looking so confidently into the face of the big brother, John Windsor Norris, who is 2½ years old.



