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Mrs. Sibley's Birthday Established An Old Diary of Major Sibley's Is Brought to Light

Mary Easton Sibley has a new birthday—that is, her birthday is the same as it has always been, but Lindenwood has just found out exactly and accurately that Mary Easton, wife of George C. Sibley in later years, was born January 24, 1800. Hitherto it had been generally thought that she was a New Year's Day child, born on January 1, 1800. With a woman's *penchant*, perhaps, for concealing her age, there was a nebulosity about this date, and even on her tombstone appear only the years, "1800-1878," quite contrary to the utter frankness of Maj. Sibley's marble marker, which states that he was born April 1, 1782, and died January 31, 1863.

It is through Major Sibley himself, as traced by the indefatigable historian, Dr. Gregg, that the truth is attested that Mary Easton Sibley was born January 24. It appears in the faded but veracious pages of her husband's diary: "January 24, Today is my dear wife's birthday." So from now on, as the birthday occurs while college is in session, and not in the Christmas holidays, Lindenwood has a chance to celebrate it.

This new date makes less obvious the current question which always revives itself when New Year's Day, 1800, is

spoken of: "In what century was Mrs. Sibley born?" The answer puzzles each Lindenwood girl anew. Some of them declare, of course it was the beginning of the nineteenth century; others pause to reflect that 100 years are required to make a century, and therefore 1800 must simply be the crowning year of the 18th century.

It will be noted of both of the Sibleys, if there be anything in astrological lore, that their advent was in the rising of the year, following the saying that great leaders are so born: *videlicet*, the month of February with its distinguished patriots. January and April, with the strength of the coming spring, can claim Lindenwood's founders, and their lives justify the Scripture inscription on Major Sibley's tomb-stone, Psalm 96, 7: "Return unto thy rest, O my soul, for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee."

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Mrs. Berry B. Brooks, Jr., (Virginia Walton, 1922-24), of 1701 North Parkway, Memphis, Tenn., writes: "It is always such a pleasure to receive the Bulletin and keep in touch with the girls. The first thing I read is 'Weddings', and then 'Births'."

Page Wright Wins Prize

Miss Page Wright, who taught in the physical education department at Lindenwood for a year, after her four years' student life here and her B. S. degree in 1924, has written to Dr. and Mrs. Roemer an amusing letter about her success at winning a handsome prize in advertising. "It was such a shock when they announced that I had won, that I very nearly fainted," she writes.

The prize was in the Rubicam Business School, where she has been taking shorthand two nights a week, supplementing the "typewriting which she took from Miss Allyn long ago." At this school the 350 students were given opportunity to compete in a contest for the best advertising letter handed in, for use by the school. The first prize which she won was a brand-new typewriter.

"I give all the credit to my early training in English under Miss Pugh at Lindenwood," Miss Wright writes; "they told me at Rubicam that it was a very logical and grammatically correct letter." A copy of the letter was enclosed. It is addressed by the writer, "To Young Men and Women of Vision," and the rest of the letter is in keeping with this attractive caption.

Miss Wright has been for over a year secretary to the rector of the Episcopal Church in Webster Groves. She christened her new typewriter by writing to Lindenwood on it.

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A unique card of the Holiday season came also from Marian Bowers Thomas (1920-22), of London, England. She and her husband and son are living at 41 Warwick Ave., Maida Vale, London.

Dr. John C. Stumberg

Lindenwood and all St. Charles were very much shocked by the death, January 20, in Princeton, N. J., of Dr. John C. Stumberg, oldest son of Dr. B. Kurt Stumberg, college physician and member of Lindenwood's Board of Directors. His death was caused by myocarditis, induced by influenza, which he contracted recently at Atlantic City, where he was on the program to read a paper before a national scientific body. He went to the Rockefeller Foundation in New York City on Friday, January 20, returning that evening to Princeton, where he passed away at 8 o'clock that night.

Dr. Stumberg was 27 years of age. He was a brilliant scholar, having had his early training at Washington University, and receiving his Ph. D. from Johns Hopkins University of Baltimore, Md. He was associated with the Rockefeller Foundation in research work, and had made extensive studies throughout all of North America and in the islands of the Caribbean Sea. He was one of the few who had advanced so far in the field of education, his line being particularly biological research, in which he had made valuable contributions to science.

The remains were brought home to St. Charles, and the funeral was held at his parents' home on Monday afternoon. His father and mother survive him and his sorrowing two brothers and two sisters, one of whom, Miss Frances Stumberg, has been teaching for several years in Lindenwood's English department. Dr. Stumberg's life-work is treated fully in the current New York Times.

Deaths

It was like one of Lindenwood's own when Dr. Henry Lawrence Southwick died, January 1, at his home in Boston. For 11 years Dr. Southwick had made an annual visit, giving Shakespearean and other classic interpretations, at Lindenwood. These will now be greatly missed. A number of Lindenwood graduates through the years have gone on to the Emerson School of Oratory, of which he was the distinguished president for the last 24 years, his association with the school having begun 38 years ago. He was 69 years of age. His funeral service on January 4 was conducted at the Old South Church in Boston by a minister formerly of St. Louis, Dr. Russell H. Stafford.

Lindenwood girls lost a personal friend in the death, January 18, of Miss Anna Jeck, for 13 years connected with the college, for the first year in charge of Sibley Hall, and for the rest of the time as efficient post-mistress and manager of the college store. Her health failed in the summer, but she tried to resume her duties at the college in the fall. She was able to serve only for a week, then sought retirement, and for a time was in the college infirmary and later the St. Charles hospital. A weak heart and other complications caused her death, although she had rallied at intervals. Miss Jeck was a universal favorite, and merited by her courtesy and consideration the high esteem in which she was held.

Surviving her sister by only a few weeks, Mrs. Emma McElhinney Brou-

ster (1873-75) died December 30, from influenza, at the home of her son, Mr. Clarence M. Brouster, in St. Louis County. Mrs. Brouster and the late Miss Sarah McElhinney, whose death was recorded in the January Bulletin, were so very faithful in attending the St. Louis Lindenwood College club meetings, and their reminiscences were of the greatest interest. Two of Mrs. Brouster's sisters survive her, and two sons. Both her husband and her brother, each of whom has passed away, were Judges.

Word was received by Mrs. Roemer of the death, greatly regretted, of a former house-mother at Lindenwood, Mrs. Samuel Kenny, in Los Angeles, Calif., on January 1. Mrs. Kenny had charge of Nicolls Hall four years, 1923-1927.

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Runs a Ranch

Mrs. Atlee Parr (Bertha Hall, 1921-23, Lindenwood B. S.) sends a photograph of her attractive ranch house, "where the Spanish learned at Lindenwood comes in quite handy, as very few of the servants or ranch employes speak a word of English." The picture shows orange and grape-fruit trees in the foreground—"over 200 grape-fruit this year!"—with small fig bushes in front of them.

She says, "The Bulletin is, of course, of great interest to me, and I am always glad to see it arrive. I often think of you and would like to visit the school, but Texas is a big State and I live about 90 miles this side of Laredo, so it is just a little too far."

Wichita Girls Celebrate

The Wichita Lindenwood College Club had a Christmas luncheon on December 29, at the Innes Tea Room. Among the guests was a prospective student.

At the same tea room, on January 9, the Wichita Lindenwood girls were guests of Mrs. Nell Donnelly (Nelly Don) at a tea. Mrs. Donnelly herself could not be present, but was graciously represented by Mrs. Margie Knutson, who was in Wichita in charge of the opening of the new Nelly Don shop.

This was an unusually lovely tea. The table and the entire room were beautifully decorated with Lindenwood colors, carried out in tall yellow tapers and the white flowers and white linen. The company was large, and everybody had a delightful time.

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Talk on India

Lindenwood girls were much impressed with a missionary talk direct from the field, Sunday night, January 22, by Rev. J. L. Dodds, brought here by the St. Louis Presbytery's Committee on Foreign Missions. He is stationed at Saharanpur, India, and is head of the North India Theological School.

After speaking of the adjustment and "transforming of the civilization of milleniums which has persisted almost unchanged into the present day," he gave a clear description of the real Ghandi.

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Betty Birch Plays

for Toledo Charity

Miss Betty Birch (1924-28, Lindenwood A. B.), who was a successful writer of plays at Lindenwood and outside, was an actress once more, this

time for charity, in an interesting production by the Toledo (Ohio) newspaper of "The Front Page," which was put on, January 26, 27 and 28. In this popular play Miss Birch, who for several years has been doing notable work on the Toledo Times, took the part of "Molly Malloy."

The three newspapers in Toledo combined forces in the production, and the entire cast was made up of staff members of these papers. "Not one cent for expenses" was the motto of these newspaper players. Authors of the play waived royalty expenses, the use of the theatre was donated, the Typographical Union printed the tickets free, a lumber company gave materials for the stage set, the Theatrical Stage Employes' Union donated its services, the director worked without charge, as did also the Musicians' Union. The entire proceeds went to the poor of Toledo.

"Society folk, says the press report, "had patrons' seats at the opening performance, while members of the younger set did the ushering." Wouldn't Lindenwood have loved to see its one-time May Queen, and doesn't everyone here believe that she eclipsed all the rest?

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Mrs. Earl Sutton (Keo Richards, 1920-24, A. B.) writes of her new address, as she and her husband have retired from their farm and are living in Hutchinson, Kans., at 302 East Sixteenth street. She has "really done very well since graduation," she says, "with three boys, respectively 3, 4 and a half, and 7 years." She says the boys are "of course following in their mother's footsteps in being slightly incorrigible."

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New Semester Begins

As the former Lindenwood students receive this February Bulletin, the new semester, the one in which "so many things happen," is opening at Lindenwood. It is always the happiest semester of the year, crammed full of programs and prizes and elections and spring festivals, to say nothing of its seriousness for the seniors who treasure every moment of these final few months.

It is observed that the new spring semester is opening well, with a number of new students. Vicissitudes of various sorts often prevent girls from coming in, in the fall, who can do well by entering the second term, making up their work, perhaps, so that they can classify a little ahead of what might be expected. The way is still open for a little while, for any belated one who may find it possible just now to come in, and this Bulletin may find one or two on the brink, who will never regret it if they take advantage of Lindenwood's opportunities.

About a dozen new courses are offered in the various departments, after a study of the needs of the students. One of these is a course in business law, by a lawyer from St. Louis, which correlates with Lindenwood's business department.

Lindenwood in Literature

Dorothea Hoover (Mrs. David), of Joplin, Mo., president of the Missouri Division of the American Association of University Women, in a delightful contribution to "The Saturday Review of Literature," presenting book news from Missouri, says of Lindenwood:

"In St. Charles, on the old Boone's Liek Road, I saw the sumptuous new Library at Lindenwood; their treasured collection of books of the Sibleys, founders of the college; the little locked cubbyhole where one of the faculty is writing a history of old trails; high leaded windows in the main reading rooms, with sunlight streaming through red curtains onto sleek bobbed heads."

The "Saturday Review of Literature" (for those who do not know it) is a choice journal of literary review and comment, published at New York City and Cleveland, Ohio, the editor of which is the distinguished Henry Seidel Canby, for years Book Editor of the New York Evening Post.

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Mrs. W. D. Pickett (Betty Walton, 1923-24), who has been living for seven years on a ranch in Yakima County, Wash., has returned to Missouri to live, and her home, with her husband and three sons, is at 7511 Jefferson St., Kansas City, Mo. She speaks with regret of leaving Mt. Rainer and Mt. Adams, and the rivers and fruit ranches. Her last son, whose name is Hugh Ellis, was born March 25 of last year. She had always "intended to write about him, but times goes by leaps and bounds, with three boys to care for. The older ones are 4 and 5."

How Lindenwood Girls Earn Their Living

Edited by Kathryn Hankins

It gives me great pleasure to write you of my work here at the Asheville, (N. C.), Normal and Teachers College. We are a two year Normal and four year Teachers College for the girls of the mountains who cannot afford to go elsewhere. We have 375 girls, our capacity, and turn them away every year. Our girls are chosen for *character* and *ability*, as we are training teachers and leaders for the mountain communities. The tuition, room and board is only \$120 for the school year and two hours work required by everyone. The girls do the cleaning, cooking, and laundry work under supervision. When I tell you that even the \$120 is usually borrowed from someone, you may realize how limited in funds are our mountain people. The school allows them to make notes for part and sometimes all of the \$120. Our girls come from within a radius of a hundred miles, and are graduates of high schools. Our greatest work is to train leaders of strong Christian characters. Their ideas of a vital Christianity are vague. It is absorbing to watch them develop. In the Sunday School and Y. W. C. A. they have their chances of self-expression.

This year nearly all of our 75 four year graduates are teaching. That illustrates what superintendents say, "the Normal girls fit into community life and can do anything." Last year the state couldn't afford to pay teachers in the adult night schools. They called on the Normal for service, and our girls have been teaching four nights a week in four different schools. It has been a wonder-

ful experience for them. In appreciation last spring the schools gave us boxwoods, pink dog-wood, and fir trees for our beautiful campus.

The music is a vital part of the school life, and I feel I have the most thrilling subject of all to teach. I have classes in Public School music which all the girls are required to take. Then I teach all the vocal, and have about ten advanced piano students. The girls pay \$10 a semester for private lessons, and many can't afford that. I teach four an hour in vocal which makes it only \$5 apiece. The class work has been an interesting experiment for me. I have several singing groups, two Glee Clubs, two choirs, and the quartet. The Glee Club makes many trips into small communities. The second Glee Club builds the foundation for the first. The Glee Clubs give an annual program. One choir sings for Sunday School and one for Church. The quartet goes into the different communities on Sunday, and sings for Church services. The quartet makes a specialty of singing the simple hymns in four parts. The girls of the South have beautiful voices and an innate love for music. It is thrilling to watch their appreciation for the good music grow. Haydn's "The Heavens Are Telling" in three parts is one of their favorites, and "I Waited for the Lord" by Mendelssohn.

I must bring my story to a close, but I haven't told half of what I would like to tell. I only hope I have given you a glimpse of the work I love so dearly. This is my eighth year, and I feel

younger than when I attended Lindenwood.

Sincerely,

Mabel E. Nix (Class of 1911).

This letter was written to Dr. Case of the Bible Department in answer to an inquiry of his concerning our students who are engaged in Missionary teaching.

Mary Lou Wardley, class of 1931, writes that she is working for the Will County Emergency Relief Commission of Joliet, Illinois. This work requires her to "obtain all kinds of information requested by agencies in other cities of the county."

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Christmas in California

The Southern California Lindenwood College Club held its Christmas party on December 17, at the home of Miss Alma Kinkade, with Mrs. May Stelle as co-hostess. The members exchanged gifts which they drew from the Christmas tree.

At the business session, this club decided to make charity its special aim for the coming year. Each hostess is to ask the members to assist her in her pet charity. It was also decided to model the club after some very successful organizations, eliminating too many officers. Each hostess is to be responsible for the club during her particular month.

It was felt the club was over-organized. By the new method it is thought more individuals will become responsible for the welfare of the club. Only one officer was elected — secretary-treasurer, Miss Alma Kinkade (1916-18).

Miss Cora Porterfield, formerly teacher of expression at Lindenwood, is now making her home in Glendale, Calif.

Weddings

Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Morrison, of Lawrence, Kansas, have sent cards announcing the marriage of their daughter, Helen Elaine (1926-27) to Mr. Harry W. Jackson, on Friday, November 18 of last year. At home announcements are for Clinton, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Diemer, of Toledo, Ohio, have announced the marriage of their daughter, Thelma Louise (1925-26), on Saturday, January 14, to Mr. Clarence Allen Rubadeaux. They will reside at The Towers, 2118 Cherry Street, Toledo.

Mrs. James Carroll (Thais Home, 1928-29), a bride of last summer, August 15, has sent word of her new address in Santa Monica, Calif., which is at 1517 Georgina Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Samuel Dolman have announced the marriage at Ardmore, Okla., of their daughter, Katherine (1924-26, Lindenwood A. A.) to Mr. Ewell Bennett Lacy, on Saturday, December 31, 1932.

The marriage of Miss Judith Morton (1925-26), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude A. Morton, to Mr. Dorsey C. Wright of St. Louis took place at the home of her parents in Webster Groves, Thursday afternoon, December 29, at 4:30 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Wright are to make their new home in Muskogee, Okla.

Mrs. John Hayes (Jennie Jeffries, A. B. 1932), who was married in the summer, is now residing in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Schleicher, 418 North Scoville Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois, announce the engagement of their daughter, Dorothy (1928-30), to Mr. Law Gibson Weiner, son of Mrs. Leonard M. Weiner of Rochester, New York. No date has been set for the wedding.

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St. Louis Club

Visits Newspaper

The St. Louis Lindenwood College Club met at the new Globe-Democrat Building in St. Louis on Monday, January 23, for an inspection tour of a modern newspaper plant.

The tour started under a guide's direction, on the top floor with the business and circulation offices. A large sound-deadening room in one corner contained 36 want-ad takers all using the telephone at once. Telephone signals are given by the use of lights instead of bells and each girl has glass wings between herself and her neighbor as a means of keeping down the noise.

The enormous capacity of the building is impressive. There is a large area of space left vacant in the center of each floor as the building has been erected with an eye to a 100% increase in business in the next 50 years. The building itself has been awarded a prize by the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce for its architecture and achievement.

From floor to floor the group went, past the City Editor's desk, the dramatic critic, the Sunday Feature division and the "Morgue" where all manner of information is available. The Associated Press has a glass room all to itself where the night service starts about 4 in the afternoon with

the news coming in by leased wire. Then down to the Composing Room with its many surprises for the novice as to the actual set-up of type for the paper.

Then 'way down to the sub-basement 32 feet below the surface where enormous rolls of paper are stored for a distance as far as one can see. The amount in sight represents a nine weeks' supply but is not the full capacity of the storage space. A freight car was seen being unloaded directly into the basement, thus doing away with costly surface drayage of the heavy rolls. This advantage was one of the principal reasons for the selection of the present site. Tanks full of thousands of gallons of ink were visible in another part, but this amount lasts only five weeks as it takes 200 gallons for each run-off of the daily paper.

On the main floor the presses were running off the magazine section, a full week in advance for the next Sunday's paper. The big, main presses were not in operation, as yet. The greatest hour of activity for a morning paper is said to be 7 P. M. Then the type-setters rattle and click and the presses hum and the last minute news is hurriedly collected.

After the tour was completed an informal meeting was held in a room on the balcony. Mrs. Arthur J. Krueger, the President, introduced Mrs. F. H. Littlefield, past President of the Eighth District, Missouri Federation of Women's Clubs, who responded with a short greeting. The parents of Mrs. J. H. Dickerson (Eva Seiber, 1921-25), Mr. and Mrs. Seiber of Miami, Texas, were also guests of the Club.

Chicago Club Increasing

News of new interest in the Chicago Lindenwood College Club is received. The club has had a large attendance ever since its decision to meet in the Loop during the winter months.

There was a Christmas party in December at Mandel's Tea Room. After a delightful luncheon, the hostesses, Mrs. Wagner, Mrs. Flanagan, and Mrs. Lown, presented a group of interesting games, in which all took part. Following this, there was a "ten-cent grab-bag," with gifts for each member, everyone giving something to some one. Some of the gifts were most amusing.

Friday, January 13, saw 26 members present, and the club "had the nicest meeting, despite the fact that it was a superstitious date." The Oak Room at Mandel Brothers was occupied for this meeting, with Mrs. Bonn, Mrs. Lamb and Mrs. Dinkmeyer serving as hostesses. Following the luncheon and a brief business session, Mrs. Huff had arranged a treat for the afternoon in an address by Mrs. Lieber, teacher of citizenship at the National College of Education, who gave a most forceful talk on, "Our Changing World." All present "felt inspired to go out and study present problems with a new zeal."

A new member in this club is the former Artis Garvin (1920-21), now Mrs. P. M. Bryde.

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Among the pleasant New Year telegrams received by Dr. and Mrs. Roemer was one from Mrs. Nellie Ingram Baker (1893-96), of California, who said, "While the year is yet new, I wish all the happiness for you, and rejoice that the Spirit of Lindenwood maintains in the minds of us who are many years removed from the sheltering roof."

Births

A baby daughter came to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Victor F. Stringfield (Jess Hill, 1926-27), of Washington, D. C., on December 6, 1932.

A Christmas "Herald" on a starry blue-sky background not only gives the season's greetings, but also announces the arrival of Jon Eaton Simpson on November 18. He is the young son of Mr. and Mrs. George Simpson (Eleanor Brown, 1922-26, Lindenwood A. B.), of Philadelphia, Pa.

Another "Kathleen" will revive her mother's memory (Kathleen Fleming, 1919-23, B. S. in Education). She arrived December 12, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Lane, of East St. Louis, Ill.

"We are announcing the birth of a baby girl named Barbara Mae," says a card from Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Blessing (Eunice Willbrand, 1922-26, B. S. in Home Economics). This baby came on January 2, to their home in St. Charles.

It is a most cunning baby auto shaped into a card which "just rolled around to tell you I arrived, January 2." This is a baby girl, Carolyn Jane, whose parents, living in Kirksville, Mo., are Mr. and Mrs. Howard Coons (Dorothy Clough, 1922-24).

Little Joan, dated December 20, 1932, is the new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Siedhoff (Lillian Glosier, former secretary to Lindenwood's Dean). Her pretty card, in pink and blue, bears a charming verse.