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"The Merry Month of May"

Dr. Roemer's Birthday and Lindenwood's Mayday Coalesce Charmingly

"May is truly a merry month at Lindenwood," editorializes a senior in the campus newspaper. The first week has proved it, with the May Queen, Jane Bagnell, reigning in honor for the rest of the season, and the beautiful junior-senior May fete, on May 5, a pageantry that will color the lives of all who saw it.

The month began with Dr. Roemer's birthday which has a way of coming, every year, on May 2, but which means more this year because now begins the twentieth year since Dr. and Mrs. Roemer left the manse for the countryside, and came to establish the era of the Newer Lindenwood. No other president in all Lindenwood's 106 years of history ever remained at the head of the institution for as long a time as this. Thirteen years is about the time limit of any previous incumbent. But in the twentieth year of this administration the "cylinders" are revolving at as fine a speed as in 1914, as is evidenced by the acquisition just now of grounds for Lindenwood's new Music Hall, an achievement so fresh and new (although positively assured) that it can only be mentioned now, and a full account given in the June Bulletin.

If Mrs. Sibley's "shade" had desired to attend (as who knows why not?), she would have been amply pleased with the setting for the May fete, which was in front of her own Sibley Hall, on the greenest of grass, with the wide Colonial porch as a place of seats for those who did not join the larger grouping on the lawn. Miss Margaret Mantle Stookey, head of physical education, directed the brilliant, harmonious display.

Jane Bagnell, of Nelson, Mo., the May Queen by popular vote, is a beautiful girl who has been universally liked by all in college through her four years here. Queenly and graceful in bearing, she bore her part well.

Her maid of honor, a junior, Margaret Ringer, of Pauls Valley, Okla., is also outstanding in all the activities of Lindenwood, and she was well fitted to attend Queen Jane. The senior attendants, tall and attractive, were Martha Duffy, of Trenton, Mo., and Elizabeth England, of Kirkwood, Mo., who is president of her class. The two junior attendants were lovely Southern girls, each chosen for her winsomeness, Sarah Louise Greer, of Denison, Texas, who is president of the class, and

Katherine Erwin, of Newport, Ark.

The lines for the May fete, written last year by a graduate of the season, Gladys Crutchfield, B. S., were considered so well adapted for Lindenwood's celebration that they were used this spring also. Miss Crutchfield is now Secretary to the Dean at the college. Two seniors of today were readers of this libretto, Anna-Marie Balsiger and Gretchen Hunker, whose enunciation and delivery were excellent.

The pretty pages were two seniors, Elizabeth Wheeler and Shirley Haas, and the Queen's path was prepared by four lovely flower girls from the juniors, Jane Tobin, Evelyn Polski, Grace Ritter and Lois Gene Sheetz.

Solo dances which distinguished the program after the graceful preliminaries had been completed and the Queen enthroned, were given by the best talent in the two classes. These were interpretive and original and showed the high standard of Lindenwood's dancing instruction. Ella Margaret Williams and Kathleen Breit were dancers from the junior class, and Helen Everett, Albertina Flach and Dolores Fisher from the seniors.

Several of these girls are gifted musicians also. The last-named, Dolores Fisher, is a member of the Lindenwood Sextette, which sang during the ceremonies, other members of which are Dorothy Martin, Maxine Namur, Carol George, Mary Margaret Bates and Frances McPherson.

The accompanists, whose charming strains maintained the spirit of the May Day, were: Piano, Audrey McAnulty, Doris Oxley and Frances McPherson; and violin, Kathryn Eggen and Edith Knotts. Miss McPherson was

pianist for the solo dances, and Miss Oxley for the May Pole dance.

Into these two groups, the garland dance, which marks the Queen's entrance, and the May Pole dance, the seniors were divided. Carrying the garlands in the dance for which Helen Atwill, a senior, was pianist, were Mary Ethel Burke, Annette Chapman, Dorris Elliott, Lillian Webb, Evelyn Knippenberg, Alice Rowland, Eutha Olds, Margaret Hoover, Arametha McFadden, Louise Warner, Erna Karsten, Margaret Ethel Moore, Melba Garrett, Maurine McClure, Harriett Gannaway, Mary Chowning and Agnes Kister.

Intertwining the bright ribbons in the May Pole dance the participating seniors were Maxine Namur, Kathryn Leibrock, Mildred Reed, Thelma Harpe, Elizabeth Vance, Lillian Nitcher, Maurine Davidson, Virginia Keek, Agnes Bachman, Florence Schnedler, Isabelle Wood, Marie Blaske, Evelyn Brougher, Ruth Giese, Eleanor Kriekhaus, and Martha McCormick. Doris Oxley was pianist for the May Pole dancing.

The juniors, with a few seniors, gave two picturesque dances, "Parasol Dance" and "Country Gardens." Audrey McAnulty was accompanist for both. In the "Parasol Dance" were Theo Frances Hull, Marietta Newton, Jane Tobin, Alice Kube, Jacqueline McCullough, Evelyn Polski, Mary Ellen Springer, Rachel Snider, Lois Gene Sheetz, Helen Bloodworth, Grace Ritter, Nancy Watson, Susan Lischer, Margaret Blough, Betty Fair and Ella McAdow.

In the "Country Gardens" dance were Elizabeth Brown, Marion Carlson, Lucile Chappel, Mary Cowan, Helen Furst, Marietta Hansen, Betty Hart,

Georgia Lee Hoffman, Isabel Orr, Madeline John, Emeline Lovellette, Lois Burch, Alda Schierding, Martha Pearl, Dorothy Holcomb, and Mary Morton. Miss Reichert, of the physical education faculty, had trained this group.

There were many guests from St. Louis and from points farther away, and former students enjoyed the renewal of old associations. The Spring Festival will occur Saturday, June 3, and in it the underclassmen will take part, just preceding Lindenwood's Baccalaureate on Sunday and the Commencement on Monday, June 5.

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Wichita Alumnae

The following account of a recent Lindenwood reunion is taken from the Wichita (Kan.) "Beacon":

Mrs. W. G. Ormsby, Miss Theda Calhoun and Miss Dorothy English, Wichita alumnae officers of the Lindenwood College Club, entertained at dinner in the Hotel Allis, Wednesday night, for Miss Ruth Garvey, Miss Betty Abb Adams and Miss Mary Elizabeth Elder. F. H. McMurray, the college field representative, was an additional guest.

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Mrs. Dean Brownfield Parker, of Ransom, Kansas (Julia Palmer, Lindenwood, 1921-23 and 1926-28, A. B.), writes that she hopes to see her three-year-old daughter "one of Lindenwood's redheads" in due time. She wonders if there is a Lindenwood College Club within hailing distance of her home in Ness County, Kansas. She says that being the wife of a country doctor is a "rather strenuous calling, but the finest she can imagine".

Gifts to the Campus

Mrs. C. W. Barber (Bertha Goebel, 1889-93), of Wyoming, Ill., always an ardent lover of flower gardens, sends this spring, as in several years preceding, gifts to beautify the college grounds. This year she has sent rose plants and lily bulbs, all of which will bloom this year, besides a Colorado blue spruce tree. They come direct from Iowa nurseries.

The roses are hybrid perpetuals — the lovely large crimson General Jacqueminot, the world-renowned white Frau Druschki; the J. B. Clark with its folding buds, the rose-pink Paul Neyron, and the glowing red Ulrich Brunner.

The lilies which mid-summer Lindenwood visitors may find dispensing fragrant blossoms, are the Regal, whose pearly petals shade to a beautiful east of pink, which has been called "the most beautiful lily in the garden." There are seven large bulbs of these, and five of the roses.

Mrs. Barber gives an interesting comment about birthdays, the dates of which she has looked up in her century-calendar, and she can tell anyone, from Dr. and Mrs. Roemer down, just what day of the week heralded their coming to this terrestrial orb. Mrs. Sibley's natal day, she says, was a Friday, and she quotes the well-justified ditty: "Friday's child shall be loving and giving."

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Mrs. Donald C. Cox (Frances Jennings, 1928-30), has her married home in Carthage, Mo., her mother writes. The address is 1700 Grave Avenue, Carthage.

Blossoms Under Linden Leaves

This title line indicates a valued addition to the museum treasures of Lindenwood College. "Blossoms Under Linden Leaves" is an antique in music, linked closely with the Lindenwood girls of 1866 and 1867. It is sent by Mr. A. W. De Jarnatt, of Chicago, Ill., as a memorial for his mother, who was, in her school days at Lindenwood (1866-67) Miss Henrietta H. Johns.

With about 15 or 20 other girls, Miss Johns took music instruction under the gifted Mrs. Susan A. Strothers, and the latter composed a Polka which she dedicated to her class, with the title quoted. The cover page of this sheet of music (J. L. Peters and Brother, Cincinnati, publishers) is a picture of the group of merry girls of the time, the "Blossoms Under Linden Leaves." On an inner page are included the names of the members of Mrs. Strother's class. One of them is Miss Missouri Post, the daughter of Gov. Post of Missouri. Miss Johns' name, of course, is there, and many others which even to those of today carry memories of stories of their forbears.

The "Blossoms" will be placed under glass, among the archives of which Lindenwood is so proud.

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Lindenwood's Mu Phi Epsilon chapter of upperclassmen is closely related to the Theta chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon in St. Louis, so it is with a double pleasure that the college learns of one of its most charming Bachelors of Music in 1928, Euneva Lynn (Mrs. Arthur Goodall), being initiated into this honorary music sorority at a recent meeting of Theta chapter at the Chase Hotel, St. Louis.

Summer Conference

The hospitality of Lindenwood College has been commended by those interested in a young people's summer conference which is announced to be held June 17-24, with lodging and meals provided on the campus, for the three Presbyteries in east Missouri. By the arrangements made, Lindenwood has agreed to charge much less for maintenance than the usual charge at the assemblies hitherto, the college being responsible for the difference.

At the recent spring meeting of the St. Louis Presbytery, Dr. E. C. Nesbit, chairman of education, said: "Dr. Roemer and the trustees of Lindenwood have very graciously offered the grounds at a much reduced rate, for this conference, and the conference should be given full support by pastors and churches."

This will be one of three major conferences under Presbyterian auspices in Missouri this summer, the others being at Hollister, Mo., and at the Missouri Valley College. The plan of the conference is to have classes each morning, recreation in the afternoons and an outstanding speaker at a meeting each night. Rev. Alonzo Pearson, of the Hannibal Presbytery, and Rev. Hugh J. May, of the Iron Mountain Presbytery, are working with Dr. Nesbit on plans. The conference program will be set up at the Presbyterian Board of Education headquarters in Philadelphia.

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George Sisler, one-time first baseman for the St. Louis Browns, told some interesting things about "Things Behind the Scenes in Baseball" in an assembly address on March 30.

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Lindenwood's "Projects"

In many departments, Lindenwood is measuring up, these days, to face the outside world. One of the latest incidents is the appearance in "College Verse" of March, of a dramatic monologue by Margaret Jean Wilhoit (A. B. 1932), original in context and title, "A Washerwoman Looks Upon Death;" and a critique in the same number by Julia Ferguson, who is a freshman at Lindenwood this year. Catherine Marsh, a recent former student, had a sonnet also in the January number of "College Verse." These girls are among those belonging to the College Poetry Society.

Then the present-day girls are putting on "exhibits." The latest, just before the Bulletin goes to press, is on April 27, by the Triangle Club, about 35 students showing "projects" in chemistry, physics or biology. A groundhog, a guinea pig, a black bear, an eagle, ants' nests, birds' nests, native plants, heart action in sheep and frogs, charts in biology and bacteriology and comparatively anatomy, the distillation of coal tar, parasites, marine animals, bees, silkworms, diphtheria anti-toxin, mitosis—are a few of the individuals and processes which these girls showed.

Also there were 20 most stylish L. C. girls who exhibited with pride the Easter frocks and suits which they, themselves, had designed and made. This was very practical, as they had an eye to becomingness, "lines," colors and cost. The Dean of Students and other faculty guests were much pleased at their "modeling". If space permitted, one might write also of the complete luncheons and dinners which are being served by hostesses in the home economics department.

Deaths

Sorrow is felt by a multitude of friends, as well as by many in civic life, at the death, April 4, of Mr. George Hanna, of Clay Center, Kans., well known in public life, mayor of Clay Center for nine years, a member of the Kansas State Senate, an active influence in politics, both state and national, as well as in business. His large family of daughters were educated at Lindenwood, each of whom enjoys many friendships begun at the college, as will be recalled in the names of those surviving their father: Miss Edna Hanna of Walla Walla, Wash.; Miss Lavone Hanna of Tulsa, Okla.; Mrs. Lloyd Lynd of Bartlesville, Okla.; Mrs. Walter Burton of Princeton, W. Va.; and Mrs. M. E. Ptacek of Clay Center. He is also survived by a son, and by his wife, Mrs. Alice Gillespie Hanna, to whom he had been married since 1886; and by seven grandchildren. Mr. Hanna's death occurred suddenly, from a paralytic stroke, while on an errand for a friend, while awaiting with several men in his party for the Governor, in the latter's reception room at the Kansas State Capitol. Mr. Hanna was

71 years of age. He had retired, a year ago, from the active presidency of the Farmers' State Bank in Clay Center, due to a stroke which he suffered in January, 1932, and since that time he had lived in semi-retirement. He was a man of many friends and interests.

The death on April 13 of Mr. Clarence L. Becker, of Webster Groves, Mo., is a bereavement to his family and friends in which all Lindenwood students will sympathize. His widow, Mrs. Martha Richards Becker, was a student here in 1889-90. She has been very active in the St. Louis Lindenwood Club.

A student of recent years, attending in the Centennial year (1926-27), Mrs. Catherine Chrysler Hamilton, leaves a sorrowing husband, mother and two-year-old son in her death December 23, 1932, following an illness of influenza and pneumonia.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Susan Cummings Cason (Class of 1893), in the death of her husband, Mr. Joseph C. Cason, of Canton, on March 16. Mr. Cason was a merchant of that town, where they had resided for many years.

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Personals

Mrs. Eugenia Bair McKee (1925-27), writes from St. Joseph, Mo., which city is now her home, giving her address at 802 North Ninth, Apt. 1. She expresses pleasure at reading the Bulletin and keeping up with Lindenwood affairs.

A pleasing bit of landscaping on the Lindenwood campus this spring is the

planting of over 200 Radiance roses in L-shaped beds delineating the concrete walk from Ayres Hall to the Tea Room. Several arched trellises are added, on which there will be climbing roses.

Dr. Alice Linnemann was hostess on the afternoon of April 4, to the members and pledges of Kappa Pi, honorary art sorority, in the college club room. Dr. and Mrs. Roemer, Dean Gipson, Dr. Schaper and Miss Stumberg of the faculty were guests. Kappa Pi took its annual art tour to St. Louis on Saturday, April 8, visiting churches, museums, art galleries and various other points of interest, under Dr. Linnemann's guidance.

Miss Marguerite R. Reiter (1928-30, Certificate A. A.), was graduated on April 25 as a trained nurse in the training school of the Lankenau Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa. Lindenwood acknowledges an invitation to be present.

Margaret Blough, a junior, who has been one of the assistant teachers in the physical education department through the year, has been offered a fine position at the National Girl Scout Camp for the summer.

Mrs. Charles Hilger (Magenta Bode, 1883-85) writes from her home in Chicago, at 1500 East 75th Place, that the Bulletin is of "great interest" to her, and she is "always more than pleased when it arrives with its newsy contents".

One of the recent assembly speakers was John George Bucher, an authority on his subject, "Germany".

Weddings

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Franklin Baggett sent invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Frances (1924-26, Oratory Certificate) to Mr. Benjamin Allen Bartlett, on May 7, at 4:30 o'clock, at the home of the bride's parents, in Springfield, Mo. Cards announcing the betrothal were sent a few weeks previously.

Invitations were sent by Rev. and Mrs. J. Layton Mauze, of Kansas City, for the marriage, Tuesday evening, April 18, at 8:30 o'clock, in the Central Presbyterian Church of Kansas City, of their daughter, Margaret (1928-29), to Mr. Charles Clifton Carson, Jr.

Mrs. James Shelton Eldredge, of Kansas City, has sent cards announcing the marriage of her daughter, Marion (1925-27), to Mr. Charles Scott Davis, Jr., which took place in Kansas City on Monday, March 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Ward Ingham sent announcement of the marriage of their daughter, Alice Carile (1928-30), to Mr. Jacob Howard Corzine, on Friday, March 3, at Bloomington, Illinois. At Home announcements were for 503 West Main St., Clinton, Illinois.

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Mrs. Jack Nolen (Rachel Strong, 1924-25), is pictured with her two small daughters in an unusual way in a recent St. Louis Post-Dispatch, showing how she and her young family escaped from a dog with rabies, which ran through their house. They retreated and locked the door until the dog was gone. Mr. Nolen is football coach at the East St. Louis High School.

St. Louis Club Guest Day

The St. Louis Lindenwood College Club entertained with their Annual Guest Day Program on Monday, March 27, at The College Club of St. Louis. Dr. and Mrs. Roemer were present as honor guests. In the receiving line were: Mrs. Arthur J. Krueger, (Marguerite Urban, 1905-06) the president of the club, Mrs. Roemer, and Dean Alice E. Gipson. Officers who assisted in receiving were: Mrs. J. H. Dickerson, Miss Janet Stine, Mrs. R. R. Wright, Mrs. H. C. Ackert, Miss Adele Stine and Mrs. L. T. Bernero.

A very fine program of music and dramatics was given under the direction of Mr. John W. Thomas, by students from Lindenwood College. The Lindenwood Sextette, composed of Misses Dorothy Martin, Maxine Namur, Carol George, Dolores Fisher, Mary Margaret Bates and Frances McPherson, sang, and there were violin selections by Miss Margaret Love, a group of songs by Miss Dolores Fisher, piano numbers by Miss Doris Oxley, the accompanists for the Sextette, and a reading by Miss Florence Wilson.

Dr. Roemer made a very encouraging talk on the progress of the school in these trying times and Mr. Guy C. Motley, secretary, told very entertainingly of his work in obtaining new students for the college. Dr. Alice Linnehan gave a greeting to the former students and assembled guests. Mrs. Roemer and Dean Gipson reported on the work of their respective departments. The club members always enjoy hearing in detail about the college.

Former presidents who presided at the tea table and floated among the

guests were: Mrs. Wm. K. Roth, Miss Agnes Adams, Mrs. Joseph W. White, and Mrs. L. T. Bernero. The tea table was decorated in colors of yellow and white, with jonquils and freesias as the central motif.

Several new members assisted by serving at the tea table. Serving were: Mrs. Carl Denman (Helen Louise Scott, 1921-23), Mrs. Thomas A. Cleveland (Margaret Ogle, 1917-20), Mrs. Gene F. Messing (Ruth Kern, 1920-24), Mrs. M. H. Meyerhardt (Iris Fleischaker, 1926), Miss Margaret Wilson (1923-25), and Mrs. Arthur S. Goodall (Euneva Lynn, 1928). Miss Adele Stine was chairman of arrangements.

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Miss Corenne Placek (1924-25) is called a "marionette magnate," in a newspaper article from her home in Wahoo, Neb. She continued her art studies after leaving Lindenwood, and has attained skill in the "whittling" of dolls as a part of her woodcraft development. She is now able to make stage settings and scenery. She put on a play for the Omaha Community Playhouse, and has produced two marionette plays in her home town. She is thinking about a tour with a Chicago art friend, to give marionette shows in different towns, "barnstorming" as she says.

An expression of thanks and appreciation for co-operation of the English department of Lindenwood was received by Dr. Roemer from the Poets Guild of America, because of contributions to the exhibit of undergraduate verse which the Poets Guild is sending to the Century of Progress in Chicago as one department in the larger exhibit, "Poetry, the Interpreter of America Today".

Doris Oxley, who is president of Lindenwood's chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon, gave the first senior music recital of the season on the night of April 21, in Roemer Auditorium. She is one of eight seniors who will receive Bachelor of Music degrees this year.

Mrs. Carl Jensen (Bessie Harvey, 1915-17, Certificate Home Economics), of Parsons, Kansas, sends a letter just like her amusing self in the days when she was secretary to the Dean at Lindenwood. A photograph of her handsome young son is enclosed, one year old this April. "With him just beginning to walk," she says, "and with a bird dog, too, and a Pekinese, this is no place for the unemployed."

Mrs. L. E. Allen (Kathryn Porter, 1923-25), signs herself "an L. C. Booster," as she writes from her new home in Jacksonville, Ill., at 279 Finley Avenue. "Dear ol' L. C.," she says, "will always be my choice when the time comes for my little girls to select her school."

The Quest Club, a literary club of Kingshighway Presbyterian Church, enjoyed a program April 25, by some of the talent of Lindenwood's student body. There was music, piano, violin and vocal, and an amusing one-act play.

Dean Gipson spent the last week in April attending the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges in Chicago. Miss Stookey, head of the physical education department, was in Louisville, at a national physical education convention. Miss Gehlbach attended the national convention of college registrars.

Los Angeles Girls

Hear Travel Talk

The Lindenwood College Club of Southern California was entertained at a Washington's Birthday luncheon on February 18, at the home of Mrs. Oscar Ford, 1529 Winona Boulevard. Mrs. Ford was assisted in her duties as hostess by Mrs. Cora Hubbard and the latter's daughter, Mrs. Virginia Prior.

The dining room table was artistically decorated with a fallen cherry tree and a George Washington figure beside it, hatchet in hand. After the delightful repast, Mrs. Hubbard called the meeting to order, giving to each one a slip of paper and a pencil, with the instruction to "write as many words as possible" out of George Washington's name in a given time. Mrs. Prior won first prize, a shopping book list. She had found 90 words. Mrs. Blaksley gained second place, with a list of 75 words.

Mrs. Blaksley was guest speaker of the day, and was presented by Mrs. Hubbard. She gave a delightful travel talk, on her four and one-half years' tour of the world. She dwelt especially on China and Japan, the high lights being the Ming Tombs, the Great Wall, the burial place of Confucius, the Fugi Temple, the Fire-fly Island in the Fugi River, and cormorant fishing.

The Ming Tombs, she said, in a level valley hemmed in by hills, to the north of Peking, contain the remains of 13 of the great Yung Lo's successors, also his own tomb. "The Triumphal Way of the Spirits of the Dead" is the strange approach, at the entrance to which stands the most beautiful memorial arch in all China. Along this way are

statues, in pairs, of servants and animals ready to serve their master in the next world and to guard his remains from mauraunders in this world. The tomb is in a mound of earth protected by a tower, and the hall in which the tablet of the dead emperor is enshrined is the largest in all China.

The Great Wall of China, Mrs. Blaksley said, is 1,500 miles long and required 1,000,000 men fourteen years to build it, its purpose being to keep out the advancing horde of barbarians.

The burial place of Confucius in the famous province of Shantung, in north China, was described, and the Fugi Temple of the Fox in red lacquer. To bring humor into her delightful talk, she spoke about cormorant fishing, in which birds aid the fisherman. He puts a small ring of straw around the neck of each bird, tight enough so that the bird cannot swallow a large fish. He keeps hold of a string attached to the bird, and when the cormorant dives into the water after a fat fish and tries in vain to swallow it, the fisherman brings in the bird, takes the fat fish and gives the bird a small fish which it can swallow. This is a common practice with Japanese and Chinese, and shows great ingenuity.

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Mary Jo Davis, of Tuckerman, Ark., read Ibsen's "A Doll's House" as her graduation recital on April 10.

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Birth

Blue ribboned cards announce the advent of little Charles Roy Manchester, on April 2, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy C. Manchester (Lou Esther Clemens, Public School Music, 1928-29).