

# LINDENWOOD COLLEGE



"Can't We Have One More Day, Dr. Roemer?" This was the Gauntlet in Front of Roemer Hall. They Were Granted the Extra Day.

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## How Christmas Came to Lindenwood

### Students Now Returning, Full of Enterprise for the New Year

In the frontispiece of this Bulletin one sees the real reason why Lindenwood's Holidays began December 19 instead of December 20. It is only youth that can get 24 hours for the asking. What mere man could resist the pleadings of all those who were **SO** anxious to get home? But the Calendar of 1935 is *res surda*, deaf to all entreaty, and Thursday morning, bright and early, January 3, while the alumnae are reading their Bulletin, the students will be back again for "the second mile," planning their science show, thinking whether or not the A. A. shall give a play, incidentally preparing for term examinations and sketchily scanning each other to see who wears new frat pins or diamonds solitaire.

It was a better Christmas than for several years, the merchants say. As exemplified by Lindenwood's charities, it was certainly so. Aside from personal gifts to many of the poor through the Christmas season, the girls' Christmas vespers which were the crown of the week, Sunday night, December 16, netted a collection of \$75 which was wisely distributed by the Lindenwood Y. W. C. A., among those who needed help.

Lindenwood's memorial enclosure on the campus, the graves of Major and Mrs. Sibley, were remembered as always, with greenery and wreaths provided by students of the art department. Under Dr. Linneman, too, the girls advanced in art made beautiful Christmas cards. These sold with alacrity, and a sum was realized for donation to the Sibley memorial scholarship fund.

The Christmas festivities at the college started with a Christmas dinner Friday evening, December 14. The dining room was decorated with Christmas trees and holly wreaths, and "Santa Claus" took charge after the bountiful and excellent meal was over. This was the twenty-first anniversary of this party given at Lindenwood in just this way. Old girls will remember how presents are given to the help, who march in and present a program.

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### A Queen From Little Rock

After the dinner, a Christmas dance was given in the gymnasium, and Mary Roberts of Little Rock, Ark., a senior, was crowned Popularity Queen for 1934-35. Mary is a striking brunette, and looked very lovely in her white evening dress. Her two attendants

were Helen Lightholder of Streator, Ill., and Mary Nell Patterson; of Oklahoma City, Okla. "Santa Claus" was at the dance as well as the dinner, and he gave peppermint candy sticks to all present. There was a "grand march," and everyone cheered and sang when the orchestra played "Jingle Bells."

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### Christmas Concert

The entire program of the Christmas concert, under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A., was given by the students, Miss Doris Gieselmann of the faculty, director. Allie Mae Bornman was accompanist. The decorations for the "white Christmas" and the lighting were beautiful as always.

Evelyn Brown of University City pronounced the invocation. The choir sang the Christmas cantata, "In Bethlehem" (Kountz), in which Virginia Jaeger of East St. Louis, Ill., and Beatrice Hill of Sullivan, Ill., sang solos obligato, the "Song of Bethlehem" and "Without the City." Beatrice Hill sang again in a trio with LaCene Ford of Harrisburg, Ill., and Dorothy Ball of Bowling Green, Mo., giving the number, "Within the Stable."

A sermon of an unusual title, "Forgive Us Our Christmases," written by Bensen, a minister who wishes to emphasize what the spirit of Christmas really ought to be, was read by Florence Wilson, of Chicago. Following this, Margaret Downs of Tallant, Okla., played a violin solo, "Gloria" (Bach-Gounod). Five favorite Christmas carols were sung by the choir, and the Lindenwood sextette gave the "Carol of the Russian Children," from "White Russia" (arr. Gaul). The sextette con-

sists of Virginia Jaeger, LaCene Ford, Beatrice Hill, Dorothy Ball, Ruth Ann McSpadden of Nowata, Okla., and Ruth Bewley of Oklahoma City.

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### "Once In a Palace"

The Y. W. C. A. also presented a delightful Christmas play, "Once in a Palace," (Philipps) Friday night, December 7, in which nearly 20 students gave commendable portrayals in this bright and amusing production, with Miss Alice Geraldine Biggers of the speech department, director.

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Miss Thelma Harpe (B. M. Piano, 1933) appears at the head of the column as Society Editor in the daily newspaper, Two States Press of Texarkana, Ark-Tex. A charming portrait of Miss Harpe covers two columns as the paper announces: "Thelma Harpe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harpe, graduate of Lindenwood College and formerly member of the faculty of the Nature Music School, Los Angeles, has accepted the position of society editor of the Two States Press." The young graduate adds a line in her message to Lindenwood, "I still have my class of piano students."

Miss Frances Doak (1927-29) writes from Des Moines, Iowa, that she spent a pleasant Sunday afternoon with Miss Harriet Liddle, well remembered at Lindenwood, whose condition has improved since her accident. Miss Doak has been doing social service work in Des Moines for the last year, for the Polk County Emergency Relief. "I like it," she says, "and the experience has been splendid."

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***Happy New Year!***

With the coming of 1935, Lindenwood founded in 1827 may truthfully claim, in Macaulayesque phrase, to go back "beyond the memory of any man now living." One hundred and eight "Happy New Years" have been sent out from Lindenwood, and the strain grows stronger with the cycles. A recent magazine article in the Sunday issue of a large city newspaper, based on the life of the young girl now at Lindenwood who says, "Persia is home to me," spoke frankly of Lindenwood as "a school of national renown." From the kindly, perhaps timorous "New Year" spoken to the American Indian 108 years ago by Mrs. Sibley in her then remote environment at "Linden Wood," the waves of Lindenwood's New Year salutation extend now from ocean to ocean. Responses come, too, to Dr. and Mrs. Roemer and others on the staff, even from cities beyond the seas. Alumnae everywhere remember this pleasant land, this tract of one-fourth of one square mile, the "arpents" of the Sibleys, treasuring with each New Year more golden memories and benefits. Mothers and grandmothers sending back their daughters; new students advised to come by their alumnae teachers; children having the

goal from babyhood, "I'll go to Lindenwood," all are links in the chain which no one now could break. So the college says, "Happy New Year!" to the great throng of those who know her.

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**Deaths**

Lindenwood regrets to hear of the death of Mrs. A. W. Smith (Alpha Hall, 1899-03), at her home in Bloomfield, N. J., December 2, after an illness of two weeks. She is survived by her husband, and a son and daughter. A sister, Mrs. H. Baetz, who also attended Lindenwood, resides in St. Louis, which was the home of the Hall family. Another sister is living in California.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Gaston Douay (Bertie Lawson, 1886-88) in the death of her husband, October 31 in San Diego, Calif. Dr. Douay was a member of the faculty of Washington University, but because of his health had been given a year's leave of absence.

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**Christmas of St. Louis Club**

The St. Louis Lindenwood College Club met at "The Perfect House," 6462 Devonshire Ave., Monday afternoon, December 17, with Miss Gladys Campbell, vice-president, presiding. Mrs. Arthur Krueger was hostess, assisted by the Misses Stein. The club enjoyed two piano selections by Mrs. E. S. Wallace (Dorothy Hamacher, 1930-32) and two readings by Miss Virginia Sterling (1929-32).

In keeping with the Christmas season, the delightful program ended with the singing of Christmas carols.

## What the 1934 Graduates and Students Are Doing\*

Edited by Kathryn Hankins

Kathleen Breit, A. B., is teaching in the High School at El Dorado, Ark.

Kathryn Eggen, B. M., is secretary to the Dean of Music in Friends University, Wichita, Kan.

Katherine Erwin, B. S., is teaching English in the Junior High School, and History in the Senior High School in Tuckerman, Ark.

Dorothy Holcomb, A. B., is teaching private expression in her home town, Muskogee, Okla.

Edith Knotts, B. M., is giving private lessons in the violin and broadcasting once a week in Dodge City, Kan.

Emeline Lovelette, A. B., is Secretary-Treasurer of the Lovelette Realty Company in Denison, Tex.

Dorothea McCulloh, A. B., is High School Librarian at Great Falls, Mont.

Frances McPherson, B. M., is teaching private piano in St. Joseph, Mo.

Marietta Newton, A. B., is Executive Secretary of the American Red Cross at Carthage, Mo.

Grace Ritter, A. B., is teaching in the Social Science Department of the Fairview High School, (St. Louis).

Nancy Watson, A. B., has a position in the office of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company at Camden, Ark.

Ella Margaret Williams, B. S., is

giving private lessons in dancing and doing some dance direction for the Goff School of Music recital in her home town, Edwardsville, Ill.

Marjorie WycOFF, B. S., is a statistical clerk in the National Re-employment Service at the District Office in Ottawa, Kan.

Margaret Brainard, B. M., is attending the Dickenson State Teachers' College in her home town, Dickinson, N. Dak.

Mary Cowan, A. B., is traveling in Europe.

Lois Gene Sheetz, A. B., is taking a Pre-Medic Course at William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.

Ruby Bergfeld, is teaching in a rural school at O'Fallon, Mo.

Marilyn Graham is teaching private piano.

Katherine Henderson is doing substitute teaching in the grade school at Pocahontas, Ark.

Gayle Spicer is doing secretarial work.

Helen Thomas is doing case work for the Marshall County Emergency Relief Administration.

Velda Wagner is secretary to the Dean of Lindenwood College.

Ladene Westenkuehler is teaching in an elementary rural school at West Alton, Mo.

\*This list was compiled from the questionnaires that have been answered and returned to us.

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Miss Mary C. Chapman (1925-26), of the News-Capital in McAlester, Okla., says she is "still enjoying 'newspaper-

ing' to the limit." Miss Chapman was on the staff of Linden Bark in her year here.

## Weddings

A golden wedding is something out of the ordinary for Lindenwood girls, but such an event was celebrated on the afternoon of December 16, for Mr. and Mrs. George Sibley Johns, at their home "Crag Darragh," Sappington, St. Louis County. The "bride" was formerly Miss Minnehaha McDearmon, whose home was in St. Charles, who attended Lindenwood 1877-79, receiving a diploma, and the "bridegroom" bears the name, as is seen, of Lindenwood's co-founder, his mother and Mrs. Sibley having been friends. Major Sibley's name is also perpetuated in one of their six grand-children, George Sibley Johns II. Mr. Johns still is active as associate editor of the Post-Dispatch, which post he has held for many years. Their marriage ceremony 50 years ago was performed by the late Bishop C. F. Robertson, Episcopal Bishop of Missouri, in St. Charles at the home of the bride's father, the late John K. McDearmon. They have four sons.

Miss Lillian Kezia Webb, A. B. 1933, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Webb, of 55 Broadview Drive, Clayton, was married to Mr. George Hubbard Saturday evening, December 8, at 8 o'clock, at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Apostles in St. Louis. Her maid of honor was her sister, Miss Gertrude Webb, also a Lindenwood alumna, and her bridesmaid was Miss Maurine McClure, a former classmate of the bride's. Two little cousins were junior bridesmaids. A reception followed, at the home of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard will reside at 1402 Barger Ave., St. Louis.

Mr. Joseph P. Garrett has sent cards announcing the marriage of his daughter Melba Louise (1929-33 A. B.) to Mr. Hobart A. Lambert, Wednesday, November 21, at Sidney, Ia. At Home announcements are included, after December 1, at Stella, Neb.

Miss Garland May Dibbens (1930-31) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Garland Dibbens of Guthrie, Okla., was married to Mr. Jean Stephen Spencer of Tulsa, Okla., on Friday, November 30, the ceremony taking place at her parents' home at noon, before an improvised altar with beautiful floral decorations. Mr. and Mrs. Spencer will live in Tulsa.

Mr. and Mrs. William Evans have sent cards announcing the marriage, Thursday, November 29, of their daughter Helen (1920-22) to Mr. William Scollay McHenry at her parents' home in Centerville, Ia. At Home announcements are included for 77 East Elm St., Chicago.

Miss Phoebe Smock Sparks (1929-31) was married on Thursday, November 22, to Mr. John Bayard Corkins, at the home of her parents in St. Louis, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Weldon Sparks, who send cards. At Home cards are enclosed for 5328 Delmar Blvd., St. Louis, after December 1.

Mrs. Horatio L. Brinkerhoff sends cards announcing the marriage of her daughter, Martha Nye (1926-28) to Mr. Lawrence D. Stanek, on Friday, November 23, at Pawnee City, Neb.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walter Alley, of Webster Groves, have sent cards announcing the marriage of their daughter Dorothy (1926-28) to Mr. Harvey Charles Doerr, Saturday, December 22, at the home of her parents.

Invitation cards were received from Miss Gertrude Waters Brown for the marriage of her niece, Elizabeth Denny Brown (A. B. 1928) to Mr. Kenneth Clare Allen on Saturday afternoon, December 8, at 4 o'clock, at Trinity Episcopal Church in Marshall, Mo. A reception after the ceremony was given at the bride's aunt's residence, 344 East Arrow St., in Marshall.

Miss Dorothy Emmons (1933-34) was married to Dr. Eugene Joseph Canty, assistant to Dr. Stumberg as college physician, Thursday, November 29, at the St. Charles Borromeo Catholic church in St. Charles. It was an elaborate ceremony, followed by a home reception. Mrs. Edith R. Emmons, mother of the bride, has sent announcement cards. The bride comes of an old St. Charles family. Dr. and Mrs. Roemer were at the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Clement Edwin Watson, of Chicago, have sent cards announcing the marriage of their daughter, Martha Eleanor (1929-30) to Mr. Donald Lindsay Bigelow, on Wednesday, November 28. At Home announcements are for New York City, No. 1 Fifth Avenue.

Herrin (Ill.) press accounts tell of the pretty home wedding, Saturday evening, November 10, of Miss Betty Morgan (1932-34), daughter of Judge

and Mrs. A. D. Morgan of that city, to Mr. George Baggott, of Ziegler, Ill. The fire-place was banked with palms, ferns and white chrysanthemums, with lighted cathedral tapers on the mantel-piece, as an altar for the ceremony. A wedding supper followed. Mr. and Mrs. Baggott will reside in Ziegler, where the bridegroom is assistant cashier in the First National Bank.

A bride who was a Lindenwood student in the early '80's is Mrs. Leonidas Alphonso Hearne, who in her girlhood was Miss Louise Peck. She had been the wife of Dr. Horine Miles, whose death occurred after they had been married 35 years. Mrs. Miles was again married at the home of her daughter in Maplewood, St. Louis, November 27, and made a charming bride. She has a great-grandchild, but she does credit to the old saying, "A woman is as young as she looks."

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### A Budget of News

Miss Paulina Buol (1927-28), R. N., of Sioux City, Ia., writes a letter to Dr. and Mrs. Roemer replete with news of old Lindenwood girls. "Gertrude Hull, formerly of Butler, Mo., is married, now Mrs. Frank Pearce, and living at the Parkview Apartments, Sioux City, Ia. Mary Kelly is in a position at her home, Lincoln, Neb.

"Beatrice Powell, of Fairbury, Neb., is Mrs. Arthur Bailey and living at the Radcliffe Apartments in Omaha, Neb. Hazel Houchin, Newton, Ill., now Mrs. E. C. Jourdan, is living in Blue Mound, Ill. Lucile Kelly is Mrs. Raymond J. Wyen and living in Wilbur, Neb."

After expressing New Year's wishes, Miss Buol tells of completing a nurs-

ing course (which accounts for her degree, R. N.) after leaving Lindenwood. She is now assistant to an industrial surgeon in Sioux City and "thoroughly enjoys this interesting work, although somewhat remote from the course she started with at Lindenwood—journalism."

Miss Buol adds: "Even though I was only at Lindenwood one year, I shall always hold the kindest memories of the college, and my love for Lindenwood girls, and friends made while there, is loyal and staunch. It is with the greatest pleasure I look forward to every issue of the Bulletin. I hope these new addresses may be of value in keeping more of us in closer touch with friends we have made and enjoyed under the linden trees."

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### Southern Illinois Girls

The Southern Illinois Lindenwood College Club has been growing in its last meetings. Several new members have been added. The club met in October in West Frankfort, at the home of Mrs. C. H. Lane (Juanita Fehris), and in November at the home of Miss Grace Miller, Cobden, Ill. Both these meetings were well attended and very much enjoyed.

The club held a Christmas party at the home of Miss Eleanor Richardson in Mt. Vernon, Ill., December 15. There were Christmas decorations throughout the house, and after luncheon, "Santa Claus" arrived with exchange gifts for everyone present. Bridge was the other important amusement of the afternoon.

The next meeting will be at Nashville, Ill., in January.

Miss Leone Mowbray Ellis (1928-29) writes from Portland, Oregon, that she is continuing in social work, and is assistant supervisor of a district office in family welfare, which is "a rushing line these days," she says. She "enjoyed reading the Dean's editorial in the Cosmopolitan." Her address in Portland is 3211 S. W. 10th.

Mrs. Jean Whitney Danielson (1927-29), whose home is in Lincoln, Neb., since her marriage, writes, "We hope to be going St. Louisward in the spring to visit my Lindenwood pal, 'Tid' Thomas McCormack and her new son. At that time I hope to spend some time on the campus."

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### Births

"It's a Daughter," says the stork, in a starry card from Mr. and Mrs. John W. Finek (Louise Cauger, 1927-30), of Independence, Mo. The new little daughter, who arrived December 3, is named Barbara Louise.

"Hello, Everybody, Come over and see me some time," says the very comfortable-looking baby pictured on the cards of little Maria Anne Morgan, who arrived December 11, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Morgan (Maria Hill, 1920-22), of Blum, Texas.

Another young son, Eugene Duncan Funk, is chronicled in pink and blue, "I've just arrived," and "I belong to" Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Funk, Jr. (Maeotta Divilbiss, 1918-21), of 1303 East Washington St., Bloomington, Ill. His birthday is December 17, at which time he weighed 8 pounds, 15 ounces.