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Winner of Lindenwood's \$500  
Fellowship

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## Fifty-one Receive Commencement Honors

### Lindenwood's 107th Season Marked by Distinctive Qualities

Various causes contributed to outstanding distinction for Lindenwood's 107th annual commencement on Monday morning, June 4, when 36 bachelor's degrees and 15 certificates and diplomas were awarded.

Never before had a moderator of the General Assembly given the commencement address. It was also an honor seldom achieved—at least not for the last seven years — that Lindenwood should bestow an honorary doctorate. In general, as Dr. Roemer remarked, the year had been a happy one, teachers and students having been united as one harmonious family—a year without turmoil or disturbance, in which everyone had done her work gladly.

When Dr. William C. Covert, of Philadelphia, Pa., was first announced as Lindenwood's commencement speaker, he was merely the beloved and well-known Secretary of Christian Education, but as Dr. Roemer said, in presenting him: "Over in Cleveland last week, they made our speaker the head of the church, unanimously electing him Moderator."

Dr. John W. MacIvor, president of Lindenwood's Board of Directors, said it was "a providence" that things had

so come about. "For many years," Dr. MacIvor said, "Dr. Covert has devoted his life to young people and the problems of the church with regard to young people. I know of no man in all our church who deserves the honor of being made Moderator as does Dr. Covert, at this ripe period in his experience."

The invocation was offered by Rev. John C. Inglis, and the benediction by Dr. David M. Skilling. There were music numbers, preceding Dr. Covert's address, by Kathryn Eggen, violinist, who played, "Poem" (Fibich) and "Melodie Arabe" (Glazounoff-Kreisler); and after the address, Dorothy Martin sang two vocal solos, "The Hills of Gruzia" (Mednikoff) and "Spirate Pur, Spirate" (Donaudy).

Dr. Covert chose as his subject, "The Moral Obligation of Educated People." Before beginning formally, he said: "I would like to say how very deeply the church at large sincerely appreciates the contribution to Christian culture that Lindenwood has made through all these years. There is a growing feeling throughout the country that we shall never find ourselves stable and strong on any firm foundation until more of the spirit and type of culture that this college has always stood for, shall

permeate human society and thereby render our democracy safe."

The play, "Wings Over Europe" was used by Dr. Covert as an opening illustration. He told the story of the young scientist whose genius had discovered the means of releasing the mysterious power of the atom, and of the proposals of the cabinet members at Number 10 Downing Street to use this marvelous energy merely for selfish national purposes. To the young scientist it seemed that the total destruction of civilization would be better than a world life so completely sodden in selfishness, and he felt that an explosion of the earth through his secret mechanism of atomic power was an alternative to be preferred. Finally, in the play, "the nobler formula" of government prevailed. Dr. Covert said this play is more than a parable. "It is an ever-present actual alternative in human experience. Either we choose the nobler uses of power, or we invite some kind of explosion."

Greater than physical forces, he said, are the personal influences in the world. He quoted Herbert Spencer: "If you educate a man's mind and do not train his desires, you are simply putting a repeating rifle in the hands of a barbarian."

"We must safeguard the character of education," Dr. Covert said, "and of educated people. A sense of oughtness must be set within our educational life. A strong unselfish urge must be bred into our culture, lest its privileges and powers, unused, misused or abused, become a peril to the social order.

"We never needed more positively than now, with the increasing skill and

power of modern methods of education, an active, controlling, moral motor centre in the body of our education, to hold it to the nobler objectives and to the traditional standards of our Christian culture. We need the power of religion working in each one's life. You may call it what you wish—a sense of God, a realization of the reality of spiritual things, an appreciation of the disintegrating power of every kind of selfishness and sin."

Dr. Covert told of one man, intelligent and kindly, who insisted that educated people are self-complacent and indifferent: "That so soon as their diplomas were signed and they had their Phi Beta Kappa key properly adjusted to their watch chains by the local dealer and had been voted into the University Club they settled back into a state of self-satisfaction and irresponsibility, so far as the duties and problems of life in general were concerned. They used their entire cultural inheritance strictly for their own selfish comfort and intellectual enjoyment."

Such a criticism is unjustifiable, Dr. Covert said. The cause of such self-complacency and indifference does not lie in any of the processes of education, but it is a trait of moral character which education may not always eliminate. "True education," he said, "does not de-socialize men. It starts the opposite reaction. There must be in our educated people a center of moral heat into which as into a transforming retort experiences of every kind may come. Man's educational experience brings to his religious life a new reality, not a disillusionment. You have received this torch of God. You must pass it on."

### Winner of Fellowship

Foremost among all the prizes of commencement day was that which Dr. Roemer announced last, the climax of the day, the bestowal of the \$500 fellowship on Marietta Hansen, of Chicago, whose portrait appears on the cover page of this Bulletin. Marietta has attained excellent grades, and has done her full share in carrying forward the many student activities at Lindenwood. Her department, Dr. Roemer said, has always been worthy of the highest ideals of the college. She has been loyal and helpful.

Marietta has been a member of Alpha Sigma Tau, highest honor society, for the last two years; she has been in Sigma Tau Delta, honorary English sorority, from 1931 to 1934; she is a member of the honorary social science society, Pi Gamma Mu, and of the German Club. She has been business manager of "Linden Leaves" and one of the editors of "Linden Bark." She has served a year as vice-president of the Student Council, was president of the Illinois Club, and a member of the Athletic Association. At different times she has held the Chicago Lindenwood College Club scholarship and the Sigma Iota Chi scholarship. All around, she is just the sort of girl whom Lindenwood delights to honor. She may use her fellowship in any college or university she chooses, in this country or abroad.

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### Conferring the Doctorate

Mrs. Pearle Aikin-Smith, Dean of Women and Professor of Speech at the University of Southern California, was the recipient, from the hands of Dr. Roemer, of the degree, Doctor of Literature. This graduate honor came to one who finished at Lindenwood in 1895.

Teaching has been her life-work. Receiving a degree in 1906 for studies at the Northwestern University, she returned to that institution to be Professor of Speech, from which she was called to the University of Southern California in 1926, where she is still engaged.

Just now Mrs. Aikin-Smith is enjoying a sabbatical year. She sailed June 30, from New York City for special work in Oxford University under Daniel Jones and Marjorie Gullen. She has a delightful personality, and one of the pleasures of Lindenwood's commencement season was an address at vespers, Sunday night, June 3, entitled, "Une Femme Exceptionnelle," in which Mrs. Aikin-Smith took up the exceptional life of the late Mrs. Alice Freeman Palmer.

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### Degrees and Diplomas

Lined up in ribboned front seats were the thirty-six in caps and gowns, to whom was given the precious "degree," with "all the rights and privileges thereto pertaining." Dr. Roemer called them to the stage, presenting each one with some characteristic word of phrase. These girls were:

Bachelor of Arts: Kathleen Breit, of Little Rock, Ark.; Mary Cowan, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Marjorie Filkins, Jefferson Barracks, Mo.; Sarah Louise Greer and Emeline Lovellete, both of Denison, Tex.; Dorothy Holcomb, Muskogee, Okla., Marietta Hansen, Chicago; Theo Frances Hull, Shaker Heights, Ohio; Betty Hart, Kansas City, Mo.; Mary Jane Laughlin, Kirksville, Mo.; Dorothea McCulloh, Great Falls, Mont.; Jacqueline McCullough, O'Fallon, Mo.; Marietta Newton, Carthage, Mo.; Evelyn Polski and Alda Schierd-

ing, both of St. Charles, Mo.; Grace Ritter, St. Louis; Margaret Ringer, Pauls Valley, Okla.; Lois Gene Sheetz, Trenton, Mo.; Nancy Watson, Camden, Ark.

Bachelor of Science: Margaret Blough, St. Louis; Lucile Chappel, Bowling Green, Mo.; Katherine Erwin, Newport, Ark.; Georgia Lee Hoffman and Susan Lischer, both of St. Charles; Evelyn Hoyt, Trenton, Ill.; Madaline John, Chambersburg, Pa.; Isabel Orr, Joplin, Mo.; Martha Pearl, Mexico, Mo.; Rachel Snider, Clearwater, Neb.; Jane Tobin, Springfield, Ill.; Ella Margaret Williams, Edwardsville, Ill.; Marjorie Wycoff, Garnett, Kans.

Bachelor of Music: Margaret Brainard, Dickinson, N. Dak.; Kathryn Eggen, Sedan, Kans.; Edith Knotts, Yates Center, Kans.; and Frances McPherson, St. Joseph, Mo.

Next came the diplomas and certificates, which were conferred upon the following:

Certificate of Associate in Arts: Adele Cote, Omaha, Neb., and Louise Scott, Muskogee, Okla.; Business, Nancy Smith, Webster Groves; and Velda L. Wagner, Wyoming, Ill.; Home Economics, Jacqueline Ward, Artesia, N. Mex.; Public School Art, Louise Snyder, Albuquerque, N. Mex.; Public School Music, Eugenia Milde, Jackson, Mo.; Public Speaking, Elizabeth Bernice McSpadden, Nowata, Okla., and Florence Virginia Wilson, of Chicago; Physical Education, Helen Dennis Foster, Tupelo, Miss.; Helen Lightholder, Streator, Ill.; Louise Tips Paine, Houston, Tex.; Ella Margaret Williams, Edwardsville, Ill.

Diploma in Organ: Rachel A. Hinman, Sandwich, Ill.; Piano, Blanche Edna Hestwood, St. Charles, Mo.

Among the pre-commencement visitors at the college were Ex-Senator and Mrs. James A. Reed ("Nellie Don"), accompanied by a lady from Paris, France, who was their guest. They were motoring down to Kansas City from their summer home in Michigan.

Miss Eleanor Hill (1926-27) of Tulsa, Okla., has been devoting herself to her beautiful flower-garden, and especially to iris, with such good results that at the Iris Garden Show at Tulsa Miss Hill carried off first grand prize, two trophy prizes given by the Tulsa Garden Club; iris sweepstake prize; and first prize in any number of special classifications of iris. She was also a prize-winner in peonies. Miss Hill writes Mr. Motley that she intends to bring up a box of iris, to add to Lindenwood's gardens, the next time she comes, or to send them by the first friend going that way.

Mrs. Maud R. Rhodes (1881-82) in a letter of congratulation to Dr. and Mrs. Roemer on their twentieth anniversary at Lindenwood, speaks also in praise of "the very good impression the girls and Miss Gordon made on the ladies of the West Presbyterian Church (St. Louis)." Students in the speech department presented an afternoon program there, by invitation, in late spring, and Mrs. Rhodes declares they "reflected much credit on the school and she was proud of them."

A bridge luncheon at one o'clock on Saturday, May 26, was given by the Southern Illinois Lindenwood College Club, at the Pittenger Hotel, in Centralia.

### Commencement Prizes

Lindenwood gives many prizes along the way, and after the Moderator's address much eagerness was seen at commencement to know who had done the best along the many lines for which awards are bestowed. Very important were the educational scholarships. Among those who will be seniors in 1934-35 there was equal excellence between Virginia Porter of McLeansboro, Ill., and Mary Irwin, of Newport, Ark. The prize is divided between them. In the oncoming junior class Evelyn Wood of Kewanee, Ill., won the scholarship; sophomores, Alma Reitz of St. Louis. The special educational scholarship went to Mary Morton of St. Joseph, Mo.

"Progress" prizes in music were three: in organ, to Alma Reitz; piano, Frances Hamacher of Richmond, Mo.; and voice, Ruth Bewley, of Oklahoma City, Okla.

In the art department the poster prize for best posters made in the last college year was won by Madaline Chandler, of Tulsa, Okla.; the Introduction to Art prize, annually bestowed by the Lindenwood College Club of St. Louis, was divided between Louise McCulloch of Marianna, Ark., and Madaline Chandler, both having shown equal merit.

The Sigma Tau Delta freshman medals for outstanding literary contributions, their prize-winning products having already been published in the "Linden Bark" were announced by Dr. Roemer as follows: gold medal, Dorothy Tull, Buffalo, Wyo.; silver medal, Erma Schacht, Cook, Neb.; bronze medal, Dorothy Copps, Grand Island, Neb. Honorable mention in this contest was given to Alma Reitz and Virginia Rugh, of Decatur, Ill.

Two sets of Bible prizes were of much interest and also of substantial value, first prize in each series being \$25; second, \$15; and third, \$10. In the Dorothy Holtcamp Badgett prize for freshmen, first place went to Lorraine Snyder, of St. Charles; second to Virginia Rugh; third to Ruby Bergfeld of St. Charles.

In the English Bible essay contest, prizes for which are given annually by the president of the college, first place went to Edna Buenger, of St. Charles; second to Mary Morton; third, Kathryn Fox, Cheyenne, Wyo.

The two scholarships endowed from junior college days were awarded as follows: Eta Upsilon Gamma, divided between Mary Elizabeth Null and Mary Belle Grant; Sigma Iota Chi scholarship, Mary K. Dewey, of Cairo, Ill.

New members of Alpha Sigma Tau, highest honor society in literary work, were announced: Grace Ritter of St. Louis; Mary Long, Leon, Ia.; Ernestine Thro, St. Charles; Kathryn Fox, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Sara Nelle Pickett, Joplin, Mo.; Chloe Neal Wilson, St. Charles; Marjorie Wycoff, Garnett, Kans.; Mary Louise Wood, Petersburg, Ill.; Mary Helen Gray, Emporia, Kans.

In Mu Phi Epsilon, highest honor society in music, the new members were announced to be Rachel Hinman, Sandwich, Ill., and Dorothy Martin, of Odessa, Mo.

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News has been received that Miss Sheila Willis (A. B. 1931) is on the news staff of the Fairview (Okla.) Republican, and has been so employed since the first of the year. Miss Willis was active in journalism at Lindenwood, and in her senior year was editor of the "Linden Bark."

### All About Home

The much-coveted awards by "Nelly Don" (Mrs. James A. Reed) were announced at chapel a few days before commencement, as follows:

For dresses, in the home economics department: first, Mary Belle Grant, of Bachelor, Mo.; second, Madeleine Hansen, Long Beach, Calif.; third, Martha Pearl, Mexico, Mo.

For costume design, in the art department: first, Louise McCulloch, Marianna, Ark.; second, Madaline Chandler, Tulsa, Okla.; third, Mary Lee McKirahan, also of Tulsa.

At the same time announcement was made of the winning of the prize in household art by Gayle Spicer, of Grand Rapids, Mich.; and of household science, divided equally between Theresa Crispin, of Bosworth, Mo.; and Ethel Gard Barry of Elkhart, Ill.

In the keeping of rooms most neatly in the dormitories, prizes based on regular inspection through the year were distributed as follows:

Irwin Hall, single room, Nancy Watson, Camden, Ark.; double room, Mildred Ann Atkinson, of Bicknell, Ind., and Guinivere Wood, Oakland City, Ill.; with honorable mention for a double room to Frances McPherson, St. Joseph, Mo., and Juanita Atkinson, El Reno, Okla.

Niccolls Hall: single, Mary Bacon, Anna, Ill; double, Amy Brenner and Thelma Stevens, both of St. Louis.

Sibley Hall: single, shared between Rachel Snider of Clearwater, Neb., and Mary K. Dewey, Cairo, Ill.; double, Theresa Crispin, Bosworth, Mo., and Margaret Jane Storment, Salem, Ill.

Ayres Hall: single, Virginia Sodeman, St. Louis; double, Margaret Ringer,

Pauls Valley, Okla., and Geraldine Robertson, Carthage, Mo.

Butler Hall: single, Virginia Krome, Wright City, Mo.; double, Helen Foster, Tupelo, Miss.; and Victoria Tatum, also of Tupelo.

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### Personals

Dr. and Mrs. Roemer are starting, at about the time this Bulletin comes out, for an auto tour of thousands of miles up into Canada. Their objective will be Nova Scotia, where neither of them have ever been before. They will probably make a stop at Cape Breton, which was the boyhood home of Dr. MacIvor, president of Lindenwood's Board of Directors.

Dean Gipson has gone to visit her parents and other relatives in Caldwell, Idaho. She plans to spend the summer in the Northwest.

About 150 young people from the Presbyterian churches of St. Louis and the Presbytery, and the Hannibal and Iron Mountain presbyteries, attended the Lindenwood Summer Conference, June 16-23. Two Lindenwood teachers, Dr. R. T. Case and Miss Rachel Morris, were on the staff of instruction, among whom were representatives of the general Presbyterian Board of Christian Education. Mr. John Lampe, a student at Princeton Seminary and son of Dr. William B. Lampe, well known at Lindenwood, was director of recreation.

Dr. Terhune of the modern languages department, sailed for France on June 11. She will spend the summer abroad.

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### "Is It Worth While?"

The title above, chosen by Dr. Roemer for a commencement address he was invited to give before the graduates of the St. Charles High School, is being repeated in one form or another with deadly seriousness, by parents and young people now-a-days, in circles around every high school of the country. It is the season when former Lindenwood students, believing in themselves and in their college, can prove it IS worth while.

Dr. Roemer, in his talk, told about the qualms of the tax-payer who finds education to be the biggest item on his tax duplicate; he pictured the economist, whose pessimism he answered with the epigram, "The world has not gone to pieces—some people have." Dr. Roemer showed frankly the moralist's fears about education, which he answered by showing how the schools are training the moral sense, quoting President Faunce's saying, "The temptations of the school are upward." Dr. Roemer declared this is "a needed generation." Dr. Roemer said, "If there is anything worth while in this world, it is an educated people" and "1934 is greater than 1492."

It is suggested that perhaps the fundamental principles underlying Christian education will make the best argument loyal alumnae can use, in these times of doubt and hesitancy, to "do their bit" in bringing the best girls they know, to Lindenwood.

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### Remembering "Kurt"

An echo of the passing of "Kurt," Lindenwood's beloved and loyal police dog, on April 15, after 13 years' service, is heard in an editorial in the current June number of "Our Dumb Animals," a high-class publication published at Boston in the interest of kindness to animals. The editor gives a brief biography of "Kurt of Lindenwood," which is illustrated with Kurt's picture. The comment is made:

"It is not often that a college president goes out of his way to pay marked tribute to a dog, even to his own dog. There are exceptions. Ex-president Lowell of Harvard was one—his touching comments on the late "Phantom" were printed in these columns some months ago." The letter which Dr. Roemer sent to "Our Dumb Animals" is spoken of, and excerpts therefrom include the following curious fact:

"The paper Kurt loved to carry from Dr. Roemer's office to Mrs. Roemer was 'Our Dumb Animals,' and the office force always spoke of it as Kurt's paper."

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Miss Evadna Jane Burgett (1929-30), who has just graduated from the Clarke School at Northampton, Mass., will teach in the coming year in the primary department of the Rochester, (N. Y.) School for the Deaf.



### Diversified Life

Mrs. Eli H. Warden (Charlotte Abildgaard, A. B. 1932) writes an amusing letter about vocations. She and her husband, she says, are "both working for Dad," at their home in Oxford. (They were married March 24.)

"I remember seeing Dr. Gipson's request for suggestions from alumnae," Mrs. Warden writes, "as to how Lindenwood might train girls for home-makers and worth-while citizens, and it occurred to me that Lindenwood didn't need much change, for in my case I have had to do almost everything since my graduation except make money. I've worked as stenographer for my father, taught school as a substitute teacher, sponsored a junior missionary organization of girls 10 to 13 years old, and planned programs for our Little Theater Club—I am the program chairman. And since January I've been a reporter of a sort: I write Oxford news for the Winfield and Wellington papers, for which I earn about \$4 a week. Now with all the above, I am trying to manage a house. I might add, I am secretary of the Sumner County Young Republicans' Club.

"I feel that if I hadn't learned all that I did at Lindenwood, I would never have been able to do all the various things I have done in the past two years. At first I was terribly disappointed because I didn't get to teach, but I have learned that there are many things we don't get to do. I still miss Lindenwood, and how I gobble up the Bulletins!"

### Chicago Elections

At a meeting of the Lindenwood College Club of Chicago, Friday, June 8, in the Oak Tea Room at Mandel's, the annual election of officers was held, resulting as follows: President, Mrs. Byron Downing; vice-president, Mrs. B. D. Kribben; recording secretary, Mrs. S. A. Kastakos; treasurer, Mrs. Louis M. Linnell; corresponding secretary, Mrs. John C. Flanagan.

A fine musical program was given by a pupil from the Illinois Music School, which was followed with a talk on "Interior Decorating," by Mr. Bing of Mandel's interior decorating department.

The club expects to hold meetings at Mandel's on the second Fridays of July and August, and hopes to see some out-of-town L. C. girls, any of whom may 'phone Mrs. George D. Lown for information and reservations.

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### Southern California Girls

The Lindenwood Club of Southern California met May 19 with Mrs. Chauncey McAdams, at 8435 Cresthill Drive, Hollywood, for a bridge luncheon. A yellow and white color scheme was used, culminating in a huge ice-cream cake. After the luncheon a brief business session was held, during which Mrs. C. H. Baker read her beautifully worded congratulatory telegram to Dr. and Mrs. Roemer on the anniversary of their twentieth year at Lindenwood.

Mrs. E. F. Kramer of South La Pierre Drive, who is a daughter of Mrs. Van Arsdale, the president, was a guest of the club. The remainder of the afternoon was spent in playing contract and auction bridge.

## Weddings

The first bride of the graduating class is Miss Evelyn Hoyt, B. S. 1934, whose marriage on June 10 to Mr. Joseph Loretta Hartley is announced in cards from her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hoyt, at Trenton, Ill.

Mr. Fred H. Stumpe has sent cards announcing the marriage of his daughter Frankie Kathryn (1923-25, A. A. 1925) to Dr. Andrew Jackson Odom, on Wednesday, June 6, at Port Arthur, Texas. They will be At Home after June 15 at Beaumont, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gannaway of Mount Vernon, Ill., have announced the marriage of their daughter Harriette Ellen (1929-33, A. B. 1933) on April 15, to Mr. Melcolm L. Kern. They are At Home at 816 Taylor Ave., Mount Vernon.

Mrs. Herman Charles Knoke sent invitations for the marriage of her granddaughter, Helen Bopp, to Mr. Orville Charles Metzger, which will occur Saturday evening, July 7, at 8 o'clock, at the Wilmette Parish Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmette, Ill. Following the ceremony, a reception will be given at the Shawnee Country Club in Wilmette.

Mrs. Richard Berkey Holbrook has sent cards announcing the marriage of her daughter Marcella (1918-20 and 1922-24) to Mr. Alfred Ritchie Baldwin, Jr., on May 13, at Birmingham, Ala. At Home cards were enclosed for 3809 Twelfth Court South, Birmingham.

Miss Norma Paul Ruedi (A. B. 1930) was married, June 24, to Mr. Martin Edward Haseltine with a charming, old-fashioned wedding at the Ruedi Valley Ranch, summer home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ruedi, near Wishart, Mo. This is an ante-bellum house, and high up on a chimney the date 1831 can be seen. The ceremony took place before a large fire-place banked with wild clematis, roses and field daisies. The bride wore her mother's wedding dress of ivory moire taffeta made princess style, with yoke and leg o' mutton sleeves of rose-point lace. Her veil was Chantilly lace, trimmed with pearls and orange blossoms. Miss Oreen M. Ruedi, Ph.D., (Lindenwood, A. B., 1924), older sister of the bride, of Kansas City, was her only attendant. The bridegroom comes of an old Missouri family.

Mr. Samuel Ulen announces the marriage of his daughter Loise (1924-26) to Dr. Dennis Burkley Elrod, on Saturday, November 4, in Waterloo, Ill. At Home announcements are enclosed for 3215 Eads Ave., St. Louis.

Dr. and Mrs. Clare Richardson Green, of Kirksville, Mo., have sent cards announcing the marriage of their daughter Miriam Louise (1932-33) to Mr. Robert L. Hughes on May 20.

Invitations were received from Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Cole for the marriage of their sister, Helen Wolff (1928-30) to Mr. George Skinner Ingram, Saturday, June 23, at 3:30 p. m., at their residence in Mansfield, Ohio.

Cards of invitation were received from Mrs. De Roo Weber for the marriage of her daughter Helen (1927-31, A. B. 1931) to Mr. Fred Beverly Whalen, Saturday morning, June 30, at 9 o'clock, at St. Peter's Church, Kirkwood. The bride, among other offices at Lindenwood, was editor-in-chief of "Linden Leaves," president of her class, and State president of the League of Women Voters.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bowling, of Pauls Valley, Okla., have sent announcement cards for the marriage of their daughter Elizabeth (1929-30) to Mr. Robert Carroll Williams, on May 6, at their home.

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### Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Crutchfield, of St. Charles, have announced the engagement of their daughter Gladys (Lindenwood A. B. 1932) to Mr. Joseph Clark Ferguson, son of Mrs. Belle Ferguson of McAllen, Tex., and grandson of Mrs. William T. Ferguson of St. Louis. The wedding will take place in the fall. The bride-elect attained many honors at Lindenwood, and for the last two years was secretary to Dean Gipson at the college. She is succeeded in this office by Miss Velda Wagner, of Wyoming, Ill., a student at Lindenwood for the last two years.

Mr. Ferguson is a graduate of the Country Day School and of Brown University. His father, the late Mr. J. W. Ferguson, was founder of the Ferguson Lumber Company in St. Louis.

The college is soon to issue its first printed volume of "Lindenwood Verse," orders for which are being taken by Miss Elizabeth Dawson of the faculty. This little volume, which is being printed by the Midland Printing Company at Jefferson City, is sponsored by Lindenwood's Kappa Beta chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, honorary English fraternity and consists entirely of poems by the students. Selection has been made through several years on the basis of real merit. Two of the poems, by Margaret Jean Wilhoit and by Elizabeth Austin, are republished, by permission, from Harper's Anthology of College Verse. Other Lindenwood poets who will have one or more of their productions in the book are Sarah Louise Greer, Catherine Marsh, Betty Hart, Evelyn Brown, Mary Mason, Carmen Sylvia Woodson, Nancy Culbertson, Helen Petty, Jane Duvall, Mrs. Walter Hussman (Betty Palmer), Mrs. Richard C. Duncan (Ruth Dawson), Mary Louise Burch, Helen Calder, Elizabeth Ann Combs, Julia Ferguson, Edna Hickey, Josephine Peck, Dorothy Rendlen, Mary Norman Rinehart, Frances H. Stumberg, Dorothy Tull, Mrs. B. Allen Morgan (Marjorie Taylor).

An after-commencement benevolence was the sending of the manifold flowers from the stage and the various halls to be enjoyed by the old people in the Carmelite Sisters' Home for the Aged, in St. Charles. Sister M. Cecilia, Superior of the institution, has written to Dr. Roemer: "Please accept our heart-felt thanks. We certainly appreciate your great kindness, and assure you of our daily prayers."

### Baccalaureate Sermon

Sunday preceding commencement day was filled with Lindenwood events, beginning with the baccalaureate service at 3 o'clock, at which Dr. Edmund F. Miller, pastor of the Tyler Place Presbyterian Church, preached the sermon, and Edith Knotts played a violin solo. Immediately followed the class day exercises, when Sarah Louise Greer as president of the seniors presented to the college the beginning of a fund for draperies for the walls of Butler Gym, to be used on festive occasions. At this program Mrs. Roemer as honorary sponsor, and Miss Alice Parker as class sponsor, assisted the girls; the class will was read by Isabel Orr, and the class prophecy by Frances McPherson. Then at night was the delightful commencement concert by the Lindenwood vesper choir, with Miss Doris Gieselman as director and Allie Mae Bornman accompanist. The sextette sang, and there were beautiful anthems.

Dr. Miller's sermon was brilliant, yet practical. He took the text, Matt. 14, 23, "He was there alone." Dr. Miller said:

"As I recall my last days as an undergraduate on the campus of my Alma Mater, I imagine that these last significant days on the campus of Lindenwood are filled with mingled feelings of regret and anticipation; regret, in a certain sense, that you are coming to the end of a satisfying bit of the road; anticipation peering beyond upon the new stretch of the road that lies ahead. You are completing a significant chapter in the book of life and facing some fresh, uncut, unfilled

pages. What are you going to write on them?

"Facing that question, I would present for your consideration a challenge which, at first may seem rather incongruous for an occasion such as this. **DARE TO BE LONELY.** Though this may seem as unseemly as autumn winds blowing through the flowers of Spring, I am of the opinion that the manner in which you meet this challenge will determine to a great extent the quality of that which you shall write on these fresh, unfilled pages in the book of life.

"In one way or another, you will have to deal with this question of loneliness. That is a phase of life which soon or late becomes familiar to all. Normally we are born into the warming companionship of a family. We are reared in rollicking groups of playmates. We are educated among the comradeships of school and college. Then many of us marry into a new union. We are made for a social setting and we cannot attain completeness apart from that social fellowship. But we do not travel far upon the trail of life 'ere we reach stages where we travel in loneliness. In the dim reaches of the soul are lonely beaches where the ocean of infinity sends its rolling surf and where we stand aloof from others as deep calls to deep. So —**DARE TO BE LONELY.**

"But in bringing before you the need for a capacity to endure loneliness, there are two kinds of loneliness which do not fall within the scope and meaning of our challenge. First, the challenge does not hold good for a self-inflicted loneliness. We may be-

come lonely for an unworthy reason; we are too much wrapped up in ourselves. If we are so cold that others can skate around us, if we are disobliging, indifferent to the welfare of others, others, of course, will be indifferent to our welfare. To have friends, we must be friendly. You can build your life as some of the Kings of Scotland built the castles of Stirling and Edinburgh. As I gazed upon them they seemed to offer a parable of life. There they were, perched on a rocky eminence with unapproachable cliffs on every side, except the one side where people went in and out of the castle. And on that side there was a wide, deep moat which could be crossed only when the drawbridge had been let down. Just so you may build the castle of your life on a rocky eminence with unapproachable cliffs on every side, except the one side where you have to go in and out for the necessary traffic with the world. And on that side you may cut a wide, deep moat and very seldom throw across it the drawbridge of goodwill. In that case you will be shut in with yourself; others will be very wary in trying to climb over those walls, lest they be prosecuted for trespassing on forbidden property. Needless to say, I do not challenge you to that kind of loneliness.

"Secondly, our challenge does not hold for a loneliness which is the result of persistent sinning against whatever light we do possess. I have a real sympathy for your generation inasmuch as I think I can appreciate something of what you are facing. You are living in a generation full of cheap and vulgar and nasty ideas of

what a good time consists of. Though your conscience may whisper certain things about certain modes of behavior which are rather commonly indulged in, I know it is desperately hard to stand on the side of conscience against some things which it seems everybody is doing. I know that immediate pleasure and seeming popularity invite you to go down into the muck and feel yourself smeared by it. But I appeal to your intelligence to take a long view of life and to seek to play the game according to certain moral and spiritual laws which are built into the structure of the universe. Every life that ignores those laws, soon or late, is smashed by those laws. If you step off a twenty-story building you do not defy the law of gravitation; you merely illustrate it. You can't beat the law of gravitation, and no more can you beat the moral and spiritual laws built in the structure of the universe. For a time you may think you can, because the wages of disobedience are not paid on Saturday night; but inevitably they are paid.

"The kind of loneliness to which I would challenge you is the kind of loneliness suggested by the life of Jesus. How superbly, how divinely, He stood for a cause greater than Himself. Loyalty to His cause entailed criticism, slander, misunderstanding and opposition. To be great is to be misunderstood, claims Emerson, and we can see the truth of that claim in the unique life of Christ. Because the Galilean was too great for the small hearts of men, He was awfully lonely. It is that kind of loneliness we see in the life of Jesus that I am thinking about this afternoon. Dare to be

lonely, if standing for ideals and convictions entail loneliness. Don't let the fear of loneliness put a piece of spaghetti in the place where the backbone ought to be.

"Bernard Shaw's Joan of Arc exclaims, facing the stake: 'Yes, I am alone on earth. I have always been alone. Do not think you can frighten me by telling me that I am alone. France is alone; and God is alone; and what is my loneliness before the loneliness of my country and my God? I see now that the loneliness of God is His strength; what would He be if He listened to your jealous little counsels? Well, my loneliness shall be my strength, too. It is better to be alone with God. His friendship will not fail me, nor His counsel, nor His love. In His strength I will dare and do until I die.'"

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Two former Lindenwood students were speakers on the first day's program of the recent annual meeting of the Missouri Dietetic Association, held at the Hotel Kansas Citian, Kansas City, Mo. These were Mrs. Marion Knapp Miller (A. A. Home Economics, 1919), who discussed "The Results of the CWA Project in the Home Economics Field"; and Miss Ruth Kahn (1923-25), who spoke on "Interpreting Nutrition to the Case Worker."

Beta Chi, Lindenwood's riding sorority, in white and yellow habits, had the advantage of its own campus for its horse-show. Besides ribbons, an award was an amusing "calico horse" presented by Miss Roslyn Weil of St. Charles a former Lindenwood student. The School Championship was won by Violet Wipke.

Miss Jenny E. Turnbull, director of physical education at the Holton-Arms School in Washington, D. C., writes to Dr. Roemer with pleasant recollections of her year at Lindenwood (1926-27) when her father was stationed at Fort Leavenworth. She continued her education at Eastern universities and has now a Master's degree in Physical Education. She taught physical education in the Y. W. C. A. at Washington, D. C., before taking her present work in 1932.

Miss Margaret Gurley (1930-31), writing of her changed address in Evanston, Ill., to 2425 Park Place, writes that she expects to go on to a Master's degree at Northwestern University. "I would not have given up my one year at Lindenwood for anything," she says. "I get a lot of pleasure reading the Bulletin, and many times I wish I were back, participating in all of the activities. If you're coming to the Fair at Chicago this summer, please call me up. I'm working at the Fair."

Sigma Tau Delta medals for good writing have been awarded, and the prize-winning manuscripts were published in "Linden Bark" of May 22. Dorothy Tull, of Buffalo, Wyo., wins first place with a short story, entitled "Fire"; Erma Schacht of Cook, Neb., is second, with a character sketch, "Sophie"; and Dorothy Copps, of Grand Island, Neb., has the third award with two sketches, "Indian Sun Dance" and "Keys." Honorable mention is given to Virginia Rugh of Decatur, Ill., for a short story, "The Quest," and to Alma Reitz, of St. Louis, for four nature sketches.

### Girls From St. Louis

Newly elected officers of the St. Louis Lindenwood College Club were installed May 28, at a meeting at the home of Mrs. Vernon H. Rowe, held in the beautiful garden adjacent to the house. "All the flowers seemed to nod a welcome to the ladies," writes the correspondent, "as they with much interest examined the terraced gardens filled with lovely blooms of gorgeous colors, which led to the summer house in which the installation ceremonies took place."

The new officers, elected at Lindenwood's May day, and announced by Mrs. W. K. Roth at that time, chairman of the election committee, are as follows for 1934-36: President, Mrs. R. C. Morris (Bertha Eastin, A. A. 1919); first vice-president, Miss Gladys Campbell; second vice-president, Mrs. E. Blankenmeister (Helen Adamy); treasurer, Mrs. Norman G. Neuhoff (Ethel Wiese); recording secretary, Mrs. James Monteith (Marion Nicks); corresponding secretary, Mrs. Harold C. Ackert (Virginia Bradstreet); auditor, Mrs. Arthur J. Krueger (Marguerite Urban).

Preceding the installation on May 28 there was an informal program of talks by the various members who had recently taken trips. Punch and cookies were later served by Misses Anna Louise Kelley, Eleanor McFarland and Lillian Webb.

Members of the St. Louis Club assisted, on April 16, in the St. Louis World's Fair episode in the pageant of the Missouri Federation of Women's Clubs. "The History of St. Louis in Music," presented at the new St. Louis Municipal Auditorium. Those

of the Lindenwood club taking part were Mrs. O. K. Sanders and daughter Natalie, Mrs. H. C. Ackert, Mrs. R. R. Wright, Mrs. W. G. Neuhoff and Mrs. William C. Stewart.

On April 30 Mrs. T. Rex McClure and her daughter Maurine entertained the St. Louis club. Assisting were Mrs. Will K. Roth, Mrs. Edward Wagner, Mrs. O. K. Sanders, and Mrs. E. Blankenmeister. Mrs. W. R. Tuley presented the Greater St. Louis Civic Players in a one-act play.

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### Guests at Marissa

Dr. Case, of Lindenwood's department of Bible and philosophy, gave the commencement address, taking the topic, "Some Electives of Life," at the commencement exercises, May 29, at Marissa (Ill.) Township High School. Dr. Dewey, of the education department, accompanied Dr. Case.

Former Lindenwood students whom the Lindenwood faculty members had the pleasure of meeting at Marissa included Mrs. E. H. Runkwitz and Mrs. R. H. White (Mary E. Statler, 1906-08), whose daughter, Elizabeth Ellen White, is signed up to be a Lindenwood freshman in the coming year, as is also Mary Louise Hays. Both girls appeared on the commencement program, playing a piano duet, "Serenade" (Shubert).

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Miss Mary C. Greer, of St. Louis, a junior at Lindenwood, has been appointed, co-operating with the St. Louis Lindenwood College Club, to be a member of the Committee of Junior Membership in the Eighth District Federation of Women's Clubs.

At the semi-annual meeting of Lindenwood's Board of Directors, late in May, the members were glad indeed to note that the school is not in debt, and everything is "on the right side of the ledger." President Roemer brought before them the Dean's new plan for the curriculum, which was heartily approved.

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### Births

A whole lot of welcome news is included in the letter from Mrs. Raymond J. Wyrens (Lucile Kelly, 1927-29), accompanying the charming pink and ivory cards of little Miriam Rae, who arrived to grace their home in Omaha, Neb., May 28. Her mother says:

"We're so happy and proud to know that we have a new student for Lindenwood. By the time she is out of high school she will be anxious to attend my college. I have so many pleasant memories of my days there, and Miriam Rae will hear about them so often that she will feel she belongs to Lindenwood. We have lived at Omaha for the past school year. This summer I will visit my family at Grand Island, Neb., and incidentally learn how to manage an infant. My husband is going to Rochester, Minn., where he will continue his medical studies. He is a student at Nebraska's Medical College and will graduate next spring. We're both looking forward to the time when our daughter will enter Lindenwood."

"Speaking of Baby Grands," says a rose-garlanded piano silhouette from Mr. and Mrs. John S. Cross (Ruth Marie Fuller, B. S. 1929), of Hot

Springs, Ark., "how about this one?" And "this one" is their infant son, John Fuller, who arrived June 13, with a weight of seven and three-fourths pounds.

A pair of shoes in pink and blue is "Baby's Announcement" from Springfield, Mo. Little Fay, of date June 9, says, "I belong to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bartlett (Frances Baggett, 1924-26)."

Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard Corzine (Alicie Ingham, 1929-30) of Clinton, Ill., have sent cards announcing the advent of their son Leonard Allen, on Wednesday, June 13.

"By the Weigh," says the baby scales, "We have a new baby." This is Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Carpenter (Ruth Jo Beelar, 1929-30), announcing the arrival of a baby girl named Jonelle Sachya, on May 16, at their home, 1020 Ohio, in Lawrence, Kansas.

Another baby girl, Jane Rhodes, is announced to Mr. and Mrs. Leland Capers (Rosalind McPherson, 1928-29), of 107 Beverly Apartments, Columbia, Mo. "In spite of the fact it has been over three months since February 9," her mother writes, "I still have the pleasure to inform you that upon that date the stork paid us a visit and presented us with a fine baby girl. From the very minute she arrived, her daddy and I have been making great plans for her future, which of course includes at least one or two years at Lindenwood. Then she will have the honor of being the third successive generation in our family to have attended."