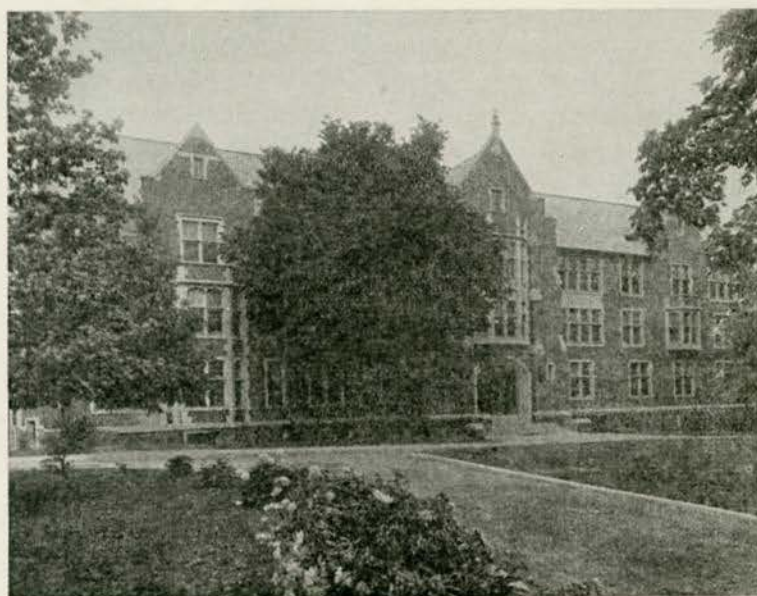


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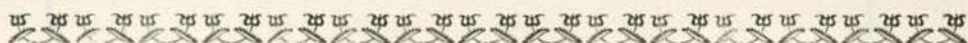
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Dr. and Mrs. Roemer have had a fresh picture taken, just to express a new and fresh welcome to the many "Roemer Girls" who are anticipating the warmth of the Lindenwood hearthstone at this Reunion Commencement.

Standing back of the President and his wife are the members of a committee, every one of whom reflects the "Caed mille failte" of this joyous occasion: Mr. Motley, Miss Cook, Miss Hankins and Dr. Stumberg.

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## Four Days Outstanding at Lindenwood

### Reunion and Homecoming for the Roemers' Fifteenth Anniversary

"Dr. and Mrs. Roemer extend cordial greetings to the girls of 1914-29, and trust that everyone that can possibly join in the Homecoming and Reunion will do so." Thus from the president's suite in the administration building comes the message broadcast for the auspicious occasion one month from now. Listen in!

"The celebration really marks the New Era of Lindenwood College, for in the last fifteen years the college has grown from a secondary school to a 'class A' college, which is recognized throughout the United States. The reunion will bring together all the girls who in the last fifteen years have seen the progress of the Newer Lindenwood. It will be a time of reunion and good fellowship.

"The special programme for the Reunion will occur on Monday, June 3, when in the morning the classes of the last fifteen years will assist in the laying of the cornerstone of the new \$200,000 Library Building which is being erected. Every class has been asked to participate in a programme in the afternoon, which will be held by the 'Girls of Yesterday' in Roemer Auditorium. In the evening Miss Mirna Sharlow, noted concert singer and opera soloist, will sing.

"Invitations have been sent out, asking the girls of the last fifteen years to

spend at Lindenwood as much as possible of the four days of the Commencement season. On Saturday evening, June 1, will be the crowning of the Queen. On Sunday, June 2, will be the Baccalaureate Sermon, delivered by Rev. William B. Lampe, D. D., pastor of the West Presbyterian Church, St. Louis. Monday will be the special reunion services, and also the exercises of the outgoing senior class of 1929. On Tuesday morning the graduating exercises will be held at 10 a. m., with the Commencement address by Rev. John W. MacIvor, D. D., president of the Board of Directors of Lindenwood and pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, St. Louis."

So ends the president's message.

### Retrospect of Fifteen Years

To be fifteen years faithfully "carrying on" is something of a record at anything, and to be a college president for fifteen years is almost as remarkable as it would be to be a State Governor for that length of time. Especially in a girls' college, and more especially still in a school under church control! High winds of doctrine, jagged rocks of expense, are Scylla and Charybdis which the mariner must avoid. And when the barque is staunch at the end of the fifteen years, in fact has grown more seaworthy with the years,

the outlook is something to warrant a season of rejoicing.

Dr. Roemer was pastor of a perfectly good church (which incidentally he had resuscitated in a few years from a feeble group to be one of the strongest in the city) when he was called to Lindenwood College, to succeed as president after the death of his old friend, Dr. George Frederick Ayres. Should he take it? He hesitated.

Everyone remembers Col. James Gay Butler in those days. Without any children of his own, the girls of Lindenwood became like lovely daughters to him and Mrs. Butler. In her sickroom they often visited her and sang to her. And Col. Butler enjoyed nothing more than to come to what was then the assembly room—the small chapel in Sibley Hall, and hear the girls put on a programme. He had begun giving to the college in 1907, moderately, as became a rich man. These gifts were a hostage. As he came later to a nearer knowledge of Lindenwood's affairs, he pledged his life and his fortune.

This was what he said to Dr. Roemer and to the Tyler Place Presbyterian Church, on the night which prompted Dr. Roemer's decision to make the radical change from the pastorate to the presidency of a college. It was a way for him uncharted, but Col. Butler said, "I will stand back of you."

Dr. and Mrs. Roemer came out at once, in May, 1914. At first their quarters were in Jubilee Hall, and indeed that and Old Sibley were the only Halls then extant. But quickly the others sprang into shape—Butler Hall, Niccolls Hall, Roemer Hall, Irwin Hall, New Sibley (remodeled), and now the Library which is to be done by autumn. It appeared that one was no sooner dedicated and filled with girls than another was starting its foundations.

Something up in the hundreds of thousands seems to have happened, on an average, about every three years since Dr. Roemer became president.

Now the girls when they come back, a month from now, may wish to live for the time in their old halls, and in order to fulfill this desire as far as possible, all the students of today have signified their readiness to crowd in with one another and give place to guests. Besides those who claim Jubilee or Sibley Hall, some of the earliest "Roemer Girls" perhaps will wish to go to old quarters in Butler, named for Lindenwood's great benefactor and dedicated in 1915. The breaking of ground for Butler Hall, with Dr. Niccolls and Col. Butler attending, was one of the first public ceremonies at the college at which Dr. Roemer officiated.

Then Col. Butler must name his next gift for his pastor, Dr. Niccolls, who had died in 1915. Niccolls Hall was dedicated in 1917, just six months after Col. Butler himself had passed away, his wife dying in the same year of the dedication.

The girls who lived in Niccolls or in Butler or in Jubilee or Sibley will remember the thrills which came with Commencement of 1918, when the Board of Directors announced the culmination of Dr. Roemer's efforts scholastically. The college curriculum from that date was established on a four-year basis, with the right and privilege of Bachelor's degrees.

A full four-year college! And in 1921 the first graduate of that four-year course! A new building is bespoken once more. These were the times of piping prosperity following the war, and the new Administration Building cost as much as the rest of them put together. Its price was \$500,000, which Lindenwood paid without going in

debt. A student petition unanimously begged the privilege of naming this big hall in honor of the president, to which the Board of Directors consented, and on October 21, 1921, was dedicated Roemer Hall, the great structure which really makes the quad, wherein unceasingly goes on the hum of classwork and of administrative offices, of auditorium and postoffice and library.

Still newer girls, who came as late as 1924, were to enjoy a spick-and-span dormitory, Irwin Hall, dedicated in October of that year, whose name links them with the girls of their mothers' time, from 1880 to 1893 when Dr. Robert Irwin was president. There will be more memories, too, in Jubilee, for now this is Ayres Hall, in honor of Dr. Ayres, who built it. And Sibley Hall was remodeled for the Centennial, when it was seen and enjoyed by hundreds of the old girls in 1927.

There were "120 arpens" of land in Major Sibley's time. Vicissitudes required the selling of some of this, from time to time in the century, but under Dr. Roemer it has been restored, or its equivalent, until now Lindenwood's campus is larger than was the Sibley estate. The girls have 138 acres to call their own, plus six more under perpetual leasehold.

More than 30 acres of this is laid out in golf links, and another achievement is the grading of the athletic field with its equipment for every sport and its decorative setting of more than 400 trees and shrubs. The campus drive-ways and the oval, the paving and the lighting, in full adaptation to modern usages, have been part of the fifteen years.

Safe in the archives have been kept all the student annuals through the years, and from these are culled the

names of the officers of each of the fifteen classes of Dr. Roemer's presidency. Some of them now are changed but they are printed "as was" and "as is." So far as known, these girls are all still living, and active.

#### Class Officers of Fifteen Years

Looking backward, every Lindenwood girl will take pleasure in the dear details of classes through the fifteen years. In the first graduating class in the Roemers' administration, the class of 1914, Loraine Mueller, of Union, Mo., was president, she who took a great interest in basketball through two years, and was in the Y. W. C. A. cabinet. She is now Mrs. Frank W. Jenny. Mrs. Frank M. Huffaker, Jr., of Chicago, then Mildred Kergher, was vice-president of the class. She was a singer, and president of the Glee Club through two years.

Other officers who wore the Cape Jasmine, which was 1914's flower, sported the "green and white," and petted their mascot, a bull dog now long since gathered to his fathers, were Cornelia Powell, secretary, who is now Mrs. F. A. Du Hadway of Jerseyville, Ill., and Pet Tucker, now Mrs. Fred. C. Wright, of Milwaukee, treasurer of the class.

Green and white, too, were the colors of the class of 1915, and sweet peas were the class flower; the mascot, a kewpie. Lois Ely, daughter of the veteran Presbyterian pastor in St. Charles, was class president not only that year but also she had served as president in her junior year. She was editor-in-chief of the annual and a power in the Dramatic Club. She is now Mrs. H. W. Dinkmeyer of Chicago.

Cornelia Haire, who became Mrs. Ronald C. Mustarde, of New York, who

had the dignity of being manager of the basket-ball team of the year, was class vice-president. Louisa Hudson, now Mrs. Leslie Fred Howell, of Harlingen, Texas, was not only secretary-treasurer, but under her as president the Student Governing Board began functioning. She, too, was president of the Y. W. C. A.

All the girls of 1916 searched the Lindenwood campus for four-leaf clovers; that little luckpiece of nature was the class' talisman, which the girls interpreted in the verse that they made into a song:

“One is for faith, and one is for hope,  
And one is for love, you know,  
And God put the other one in for  
luck;  
If you look, you will find where they  
grow.”

The officers of this class of 1916, who had the bridesmaid's rose for their flower, and coral and white for their colors, stood out as officers of many campus undertakings. Laura Craig, of Champaign, Ill., who was president, was editor-in-chief of the annual, sang in the Choral Club, and both she and the vice-president, Lavone Hanna, of Clay Center, Kansas, were in the Y. W. C. A. cabinet. The latter, too, stepped along as assistant editor of the annual.

Gladys Grigg, of Sparta, Ill., who was class secretary for 1916, appears in the annual as literary editor. She cooperated in the student government along with Annie Laurie Cox (now Mrs. George F. Goebel, of Jacksonville, Ill.), who was the president of that august body. Annie Laurie was class treasurer, and served, too, as art editor of the annual, besides figuring in dramatics.

Adalyn Faris, daughter of Judge Faris, of St. Louis (now Mrs. Edwin James McKee, of Excelsior Springs), who was president of the class of 1917, is one in real life who is getting noted in journalistic work as one of the editors of the Excelsior Springs Standard. In Lindenwood, Adalyn was “in everything”—the Mandolin Club, basket ball, the Choral Club, student government, and dramatics.

Assisting on this class staff was Anne Corinne Southard (now Mrs. Wilbur H. Hutsell, of Auburn, Ala.), who was vice-president, and who among other accomplishments was a good swimmer, Col. Butler's swimming pool beginning then to come into popularity.

Blanche Randolph, now a teacher in Peoria, Ill., served as secretary of the Class of 1917. She will be remembered for her Latin studies. The treasurer, Louise Fariss Petit, of Helena, Ark. (now Mrs. James Miles Faulkner), was a hockey enthusiast and also gained many a hand-clap on the college stage. She was president of Lindenwood's Dramatic Art Club.

It was the class of 1918 that included Miss Florence Schaper, Lindenwood's own professor of sociology and economics. She was vice-president of the class, editor-in-chief of the annual, secretary of the Student Government Board, and a few more things.

Helen Baysinger, of Rolla, Mo., the president of that class, had carried the same honor through as a junior in 1917, and she was Y. W. president, also inclined to music and to sports and dramatics.

Every one of the four officers of this class had rank on the Student Government Board. No wonder their motto was, “Over the Top.” They did a great

deal, it will always be remembered, in war work.

The secretary of 1918 was Martha Waite, skilled in French (now Mrs. J. T. Jewett, of Kansas City); and the treasurer, Madge Moore, who is teaching in Benton, Ill., was another of those gifted girls who helped the Revellers along.

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With the class of 1919, Alpha Mu Mu, the honorary music sorority, begins to make a decided show at Lindenwood, for this class' president, Dorothy Vinyard (now Mrs. Thomas J. Walsh, of Springfield, Ill.) was a member of Alpha Mu Mu. Chiefly this came through her singing. Like her predecessor, she also had been president of her class through two years.

Marie Rientges (now Mrs. Denison Foster, of Alton, Ill.) was the vice-president; Elizabeth Clark (now Mrs. Winfred L. Post, of Joplin, Mo.) was secretary for 1919, and Mary Dunwoody was treasurer. She is now Mrs. P. W. Schriver, of Topeka, Kansas.

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The Class of 1920 had only three officers: Olive Townsley, president; Emily Sharp, vice-president; and Helen Salyer, treasurer. All of these are married. The president is Mrs. Stuart McSpaden Haw and is living in St. Louis, and the vice-president is now Mrs. John E. McLatchie, of Chicago. Library science was coming into its own, and both these girls gained library science diplomas. Helen Salyer is now Mrs. Frank Anderson, of College Station, Texas.

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Then came the first full-fledged four-year senior, Pauline Weissgerber (now Mrs. Stanleigh R. Palmer, of Lebanon,

Mo.). Of course she was president of the Class of 1921, but with her the junior class officers ranked on the class staff.

Thus it came about that Louise Child (now Mrs. Oliver Parry Jones, of Richmond, Mo.) twice ranked as a senior, once as co-president of the Class of 1921 and the next year, 1922, as class president. Louise was the able student government head, the editor of the college annual, and came back for a year or two to teach at Lindenwood before she met destiny at Richmond.

Maurece Parker (now Mrs. Leonard A. Steis, of Effingham, Ill.) was vice-president of the class of 1921, and the secretary-treasurer was Lena Mary Allison, of El Reno, Okla.

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Linked with Louise Child on the official staff of the class of 1922, Julia Horner, whom the girls nicknamed "Jack" (now Mrs. Charles M. Greenway, Jr., of Kalamazoo, Mich.) was vice-president; she was in the Choral Club and the Education Club, the Y. W. and many activities. Eva Fleming, of Jerseyville, the class secretary-treasurer, took great interest in home economics and was president of the Euthenics Club. She is now the wife of Dr. James J. Donahue, of East St. Louis.

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Florence Bartz, of Bozeman, Mont., was the beautiful May Queen as well as president of the class of 1923. Indeed, she was president of about everything—Athletic Association, Student Council, and so on. She came back next year as assistant teacher in physical education, and has since been teaching in Texas.

Marion Stone, a Texas girl, and president of the Texas Club, served as vice-

president of her class. She is now Mrs. William Mabry Karr, of Flora, Ill. She was president of the Lindenwood Players, who were giving some classy plays. She "made" Alpha Sigma Tau, in fact became president of that honorary literary sorority.

Those were talented girls. Laura Cross is heard from every now and then for her writings. Besides being secretary of the class of 1923, and prominent in the various English clubs, she specialized in French, ranking in her fast year as president of *Le Cercle Francais*.

Tom Border Johnson, of McMann, Okla., who is now a high school teacher, was class treasurer, and one of the organization managers of the annual, as well as a leader in the Shakspeare and the Education Clubs.

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Helene Millsap (now Mrs. Frank H. Shelton, of Joplin, Mo.), the inseparable companion of Louise Child, as all remember, became likewise class president. Hers was the class of 1924, and she had been class president straight through from 1920. Helene was the gracious assistant head of Nicolls Hall, and she was vice-president in the Y. W. C. A. and the Student Council, as well as doing her bit in the Athletic Association and several cultural clubs. Catherine Yount, of Cape Girardeau, Mo., was class vice-president and college May Queen for 1924. Both were members of Alpha Sigma Tau.

Gladys Campbell, whom people meet every now and then in the St. Louis Library as a valued member of that library's staff, was secretary-treasurer of the class. She liked housekeeping, too; she was an enthusiastic president of the Euthenics Club.

Again came forward a May Queen from official ranks of a Lindenwood graduating class—the lovely blonde Sara Shomberg, now of Philadelphia, whom the undergraduates fondly called "Queen Sara," long before she was named May Queen. She was vice-president of the class of 1925, was business manager of "*Linden Leaves*," and an officer in the Athletic Association.

President of this class of 1925 was Maude Arveson, one of two much-liked sisters, Maude and Elizabeth, from Merrill, Wis., who graduated together in the same year. She is a high school teacher, and her sister is one of Lindenwood's pioneers in social welfare work.

Politics were pretty strong in that year, and it so happened that the secretary of this class, Margaret Boss, of Jackson, Mo., was president of Lindenwood's Democratic Club. The treasurer of the class, Helen Kready, became Mrs. Elmer Werner, of St. Louis, soon after her graduation. She was an Alpha Sigma Tau girl, officer twice in the Student Council, and literary editor of "*Linden Leaves*."

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Miss Grace Larsen, now the dignified possessor of a Master's degree and teacher of biological science to girls at Lindenwood, was in 1926 equally capable as president of her class, president no less of the League of Women Voters (in which today Lindenwood holds the presidency for colleges of the whole State) and of Alpha Sigma Tau.

Virginia Foristell, of Foristell, Mo., such a very young graduate, it will be remembered, but who had been taught in early days by her mother at home, was vice-president of the class of 1926. "*International Relations*," which



means so much at Lindenwood today, had Virginia as its vice-president.

"Linden Leaves" had to be very fine that year, for it was just preceding the Centennial. All its art work, its engraving and its printing, was superb. Also it had the best editor-in-chief, high or low, within the bounds of Lindenwood. This was Cora Wallenbrock, whom her class honored by making her treasurer. She was a star in the English Club, and today she is in her second year as teacher of English at Lindenwood.

The organization editor of this notable "Linden Leaves" was a class officer also, Louise Clough, of La Belle, Mo. In home economics she had been an outstanding figure, and for three years succeeding each other she had held office in the Euthenics Club.

Another girl who brought glory to the home economics department, Delta Neumann of Odem, Texas, was president of the Centennial Class, 1927. She was a writer on home economic topics, in metropolitan papers.

Again as May Queen came a class vice-president, Marguerite McNee, of Cottonwood Falls, Kansas. As Centennial May Queen her photograph was published in newspapers of many cities. She had also been the popular junior class president. Within less than a year after her graduation came announcement of her wedding and she is now Mrs. Burch Zehner.

Elizabeth Goode, an Arkansas girl, and a militant member of the Arkansas Club, was secretary of the class of 1927.

It was hardly fair. This staff of four girls contained two queens. The other was the beautiful, dark-haired Ayleen Baker, of Whitesboro, Texas, who was

Valentine Queen that spring in February. Ayleen was managing editor of "Linden Bark" in its splendid edition of 1927, well fitted for the celebration of Lindenwood's Centennial.

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One must speak carefully about the class of 1928. The members are coming back so frequently, and Lindenwood is so glad to see them. A class was almost broken up, the other day, when one of the girls looked out of the window and saw Virginia Sue Campbell back on the campus for the St. Louis Lindenwood Club annual "day." "Goody, there's Sue!" she called, at cost of whatever demerit.

Virginia Sue, of Bowling Green, Mo., was president of the class of 1928, and likewise was Student Board president, able to carry all that responsibility of discipline and yet be president by popular vote, as she kept on being for several years. Yes, and she was Popularity Queen also. It is not necessary to recite her honors in English and in Alpha Sigma Tau: everyone has them fresh in memory.

All these girls of the later classes are proving the most vigorous boosters for the June Reunion. Ruth Foster, of Ironton, Ohio, vice-president of the class of 1928, can renew memories as president of the Home Economics Club, and as an active member of the Spanish and the Art Clubs. Bernice Edwards, of Joplin, Mo., secretary of her class, will like to see this year's harvest of girl debaters, for she took an active part in International Relations.

Frances Stumberg, treasurer of the class of 1928, has been "diligentissimus" for the last year, making good use of every sprig and morsel of the \$500 scholarship which her fine grades

gained for her, last commencement. She undoubtedly must come back from the University of Chicago, for Alpha Sigma Tau wants to see its president of last year, and the Athletic Association its treasurer. Frances, too, gained honors in French publications, and was business manager of Linden Leaves.

The class of 1929 has its future all before it, with "Ruthie" Bullion, of Little Rock, Ark., singer, writer, actor, athlete and "good mixer," as its president through all the four years. The other officers are equally able, and all will heartily assist Dr. and Mrs. Roemer in the hospitality which claims "accrued interest" through fifteen years.

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### Nellie Boal's Spade for California Linden

A joyous story of loyalty and good times is sent by Cora V. Hubbard, class of 1884 (Mrs. Robert L.), from the Lindenwood College Club of Southern California, of which she is recording secretary. She says:

"Under shady trees and a sunlit sky, gathered around a table beautifully decorated with yellow and white flowers (from Nellie Boal's garden), with a yellow-handled spade for a center piece and laden with many good things to eat, the Lindenwood College Club of Southern California held its meeting March 16 in the California Botanic Garden.

"Why the spade? We will tell you later. Our guests included Mrs. Schureman, mother of Ella Schureman; Miss Whitehall, and Cora Sherwood Maynard (Mrs. John P.) of New York, a former Lindenwood girl, 1888-9.

"After lunch, a short business meeting was held. A contribution of \$5

was made for the tablet in memory of Lindenwood's five early presidents. This amount was increased by \$1 from Viola Richards Berger (Mrs. W. E.) and \$1 from Jessie Daugherty Brier (Mrs. A. J.) and later \$10 in memory of Mary Henderson Moore, class of 1859, by her sons.

"We now adjourned to another part of the Garden, to the Grove of Honor, where a linden tree was planted in honor of our dear college.

"A silver spade, which is used in all planting ceremonies of the Garden, and the yellow-handled spade with white ribbon streamers (the property of our own dear Nellie Boal) were used in the ceremony of planting our tree. Each one present placed a shovel of dirt around the tree root and gave a tribute to Lindenwood. Our president, Alberta Schwertzman Dieckman (Mrs. Clarence), holding the silver spade, gave us Joyee Kilmer's 'A Tree,' and last but not least, Mrs. Hubbard gave us a surprise, which was a message for the occasion from Dr. John L. Roemer. This message was especially appreciated by our members.

"This concluded another enjoyable meeting of our Club; a picnic in March, a memorial to Lindenwood placed in a public Grove of Honor, and the greeting from Dr. Roemer constituted three unusual events. We felt that we had that day really accomplished something and returned to our several homes happy and grateful that we had had the privilege of being at one time a student at Lindenwood."

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Mrs. Walter M. Dake of Franklin, Penn., formerly Miss Helen V. Babcock of Hot Springs, Ark., a student in Lindenwood in 1909, visited the College March 25 and renewed acquaintance and was very happy.

### Dr. Roemer's Sermon

With all the preparations for Homecoming, Dr. Roemer still found time, on Sunday, April 21, for his annual sermon in his old pulpit, that of the Tyler Place Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, where he was pastor for ten years, just prior to his acceptance of the presidency of Lindenwood. The present pastor, Dr. L. V. Buschman, arranged this service with special reference to those who had been members in the earlier days.

Dr. Roemer took the fascinating life-story of Joseph, prime minister of Egypt, as his subject, and the text from Genesis 39, 22. Some few of the things he said were:

"Joseph had visions of service. He felt that the world was awaiting a service he could render. He was conscious of Jehovah's voice.

"He was a well-disciplined young man. When he had received his diploma in the College of Liberal Knocks he was ready for larger usefulness. The story of Joseph in prison is more than an incident. It contains the secret of his rise to the Egyptian throne.

"An abiding faith is great than outward circumstances. Joseph did not complain because he must live with uncongenial companions, with people whose mode of life he would not approve. Their ways may not have been his ways, but they did not disturb his peace.

"In that Egyptian prison was a prisoner who was living his own life his own way, and not belaboring his fellowmen, who did not see things as he did. He had his decided convictions. He lived them without molesting others.

"The measure of man is measured by the influence his life naturally radiates. The measure of greatness of a church

is not its financial standing, its perfect organization for work, but its unconscious influence over the people."

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### Personals

Dean Gipson has been for a week in New Orleans, attending the convention of the American Association of University Women.

Miss Alice Linneman, head of the Art Department, has recently been honored by the Artists' Guild of St. Louis, by election to membership in the Guild. This honor comes always unsought, by recommendation of some other member.

Miss Rachel Morris, teacher of sociology and psychology, chaperoned a large group of Lindenwood girls on a recent visit to the Y. M. H. A. in St. Louis, where Mr. Gilbert Harris, executive director, explained the workings of the Association. The girls, most of whom were from Miss Morris' classes, inspected the tile-lined swimming pool, the assembly hall, the gym, the kindergarten, the annex and the roof garden.

Honors came to Miss Grace Terhune, voice teacher, at Jefferson City, Mo., where the Missouri State Federation of Music Clubs recently adjudged her as entitled to first place as lyric soprano, in a contest of excellent singers. Accompanying Miss Terhune to Jefferson City, and taking some part in the Federation's programme, was the Lindenwood Quartette, composed of Marjorie Smith, Virginia Evans, Clara Bowles, Ethel Mitchell, and Mary Catherine Craven, accompanist. Later the same girls, together with Miss Terhune, went on invitation to sing in St. Louis, at St. John's Methodist Church.

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### *Responses From Many*

The college authorities and the special invitation committee for the Reunion and Homecoming regret exceedingly that some of the invitations were returned because of incorrect addresses. It is much desired that all who know of any who have changed residence will notify Lindenwood immediately, or that the girls themselves, if they see this request, will give notification that they have removed, "or whatever," as the Pennsylvania Dutch novelists say.

But the girls sending back acceptances are numerous enough to insure splendid attendance a month from now, when Lindenwood's campus will be at its zenith of beauty.

From Nebraska City, Neb., Dorothee Meyers writes: "I wish to let you know how much I am anticipating Homecoming. I am fairly counting the days till I see you and dear old Lindenwood again!"

In similar vein, Mary Frances Morgan, of Oklahoma City, Okla., sends a letter saying, "I am thrilled to death about the Reunion, and you can count on my being there with bells on. If everything goes as we have planned, there will be four of us driving up for the big affair. We expect to have one grand old time."

"I have your lovely invitation for Homecoming," says Mrs. E. M. Woodfill (Virginia Miller), of Aurora, Mo.,

"and I certainly am planning to be there. I enjoyed my visit two years ago so much."

From California, which "is a great place to live," as she says, Isabel Graeser, now at Riverside, writes: "Some one is always sending me clippings of Lindenwood's activities, and it surely makes me homesick to be there."

Florence Griffith, Librarian of Rockwell City, Iowa, says: "I think the Reunion is a splendid plan. Dr. and Mrs. Roemer have kept Lindenwood so near to their hearts in all the fifteen years that I know every L. C. girl will be more than pleased to help make the Reunion a big success, and in a small measure show appreciation of all that each one has gained by knowing the Roemers. I am planning to attend, and I will be glad to do anything possible to help."

"What a thrill I have, just writing the name, 'Lindenwood,'" comes the message of Nellie Lee Brecht, from Aarapahoe, Neb. "My sister Suzaine and I are coming together. We both have the same old 'Lindenwood spirit.' I shall be looking forward to a Reunion with all the girls and those two dear people (the Roemers) who have guided Lindenwood so successfully through fifteen years."

Lillian Tweedie, of Jefferson City, Mo., had already decided on surely coming to the Reunion, but she got a fresh impetus from the visit of the Lindenwood Quartette and Miss Grace Terhune's prize honors in the recent contest there, under auspices of the State Federation of Music Clubs. "How proud I am of Lindenwood!" she says. "I wish you could have heard the girls sing when they were in the Capital City. The ovation they received was

far superior to any other during the whole convention. It was delightful to have the girls with us and see them show the true Lindenwood spirit—a spirit of loyalty and real pride for the ‘best of colleges,’ Lindenwood.

“There is an inexpressible joy in looking forward to the Reunion in June, to make visible all the happy memories of my two short years under your superior guidance. I am hoping to renew many old acquaintances, and to gain many new ones at the happy Homecoming and celebration.”

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### St. Louis Club Meets at L. C.

Tuesday, April 16, was the especial day set aside by Dr. Roemer for the annual May meeting and luncheon of the St. Louis Lindenwood College Club. By 11 o'clock the campus began to resemble a “park here” thoroughfare. Small cars, big cars of all makes and colors, lined the road in front of Ayres. The “girls” gathered for a preliminary chat in Sibley, the building which holds so many precious memories; and at 12:10 gathered on Sibley steps to have a group picture made to commemorate the day. Then with the seniors as individual hostesses they went in to luncheon.

As the final course, fresh strawberry short-cake, was served the program began with the singing of Lindenwood songs. The quartet had prepared a special number for the occasion: “Sweet Miss Mary.” The bell rang for one o'clock classes, but the seniors and their guests remained to listen to the toasts which were presented by the toastmistress, Mrs. Nellie Drury Hardy, '76.

Mrs. Martha Lemmon Cunningham, 1904, told of her work as Junior Super-

visor of Stix-Baer-Fuller. Miss Alyce Blaikie, 1907, of Neighborhood House, who is also interested in girls of all types, from the educated to the uneducated, spoke on the difference in girls due to environment.

Mrs. W. C. Stewart (Mina Pearl Finger, 1906), gave the housewife's point of view on the subject of happy work and said her joy is centered in “home, husband and child.” Mrs. W. K. Roth (Anna Haeussler, 1891), represented the club woman.

Miss Alice E. Linneman, Head of the Art Department of Lindenwood, gave an account of early days. Miss Linneman may be said to know more college girls than almost anyone else.

Dr. Roemer expressed his pleasure in entertaining all the guests, and hoped that next time an even greater number would come out.

At 2 o'clock a business meeting of the club was held in Sibley parlors. Mrs. Arthur J. Krueger, Webster Groves, president, opened the meeting. After the Secretary's report, several matters of importance were brought up for discussion. May 13 and 14 the club plans to sponsor a picture at the Ambassador Theatre to gain money for the scholarship fund.

The Federated Clubs of Hannibal have invited the Lindenwood Club to attend the State Biennial convention which will be held in mid-summer. Mrs. Krueger and Miss Janet Stine were chosen as delegates to the convention.

As the club adjourned a “Linden Bark” reporter distributed “Barks” fresh from the press to all the guests of the day.

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Gertrude Powers, class of 1884 (Mrs. E. A. Pfeifer) gives her address as 817-511 St., Santa Monica, Calif.

## Weddings

Wedding bells rang for two Lindenwood Julias from Kansas City within the last two months. Julia Ayres ('26) was married on Tuesday evening, April 9, to Mr. Robert Starling Turley at the Linwood Boulevard Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, and Julia Palmer ('27) was married to Mr. Dean Brownfield Parker on Saturday, March 23.

Mrs. Allan Walton has announced the marriage of her daughter Virginia (1922-24) to Mr. Berry Boswell Brooks, Jr., on Saturday, April 27, at 8 o'clock in the First Baptist Church, Blytheville, Ark. Mrs. Brooks will be "at home" in Memphis, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Holcomb of Muskogee, Okla., have announced the marriage of their daughter Gwendolyn Olive to Mr. Joseph Frederick Acebs on Thursday, April 4. Mrs. Acebs was a Lindenwood student in the years '23-'24 and '25-'26.

Mrs. William W. Ocker has announced the marriage of her daughter Margaret to Mr. J. S. Hill, Jr., of Fort Smith, Ark., on Wednesday, April 3, at Van Buren, Ark. Mrs. Hill, who entered Lindenwood as a freshman this year, will be at home after April 15 at 717 South Twenty-third St., Fort Smith, Ark.

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## Social Calendar for April

Lindenwood's social calendar for the end of March and the month of April has not been as full as the other months because of the after vacation work including term themes. The most import-

ant affair was the banquet given on Thursday night at 6:30 o'clock, April 11, in the Hotel St. Charles, by Beta Pi Theta, the national French fraternity of Lindenwood. Miss Grace Terhune of the music faculty entertained the 32 guests present by singing "Depuis le Jour," accompanied by Mary Catherine Craven. After-dinner talks were made by Dr. and Mrs. Roemer and Miss Stone, Head of the Romance Language Department. Other speakers were Elizabeth Tracy of St. Charles, Catherine Orr of Danville, Ill., and Lillie Bloomenstiel, the officers of the local chapter.

The program closed with Miss Terhume singing "Until." The guests of honor were: Dr. and Mrs. Roemer, Misses Anna Wurster, Mary Terhume, Alice Parker, and Mrs. Wurster and Mrs. Sunhindra Bose, of the faculty.

Two other events rank in importance, the "All School Play" and the "Sophomore Prom." The three act comedy, sponsored by Alpha Psi Omega, national honorary oratory fraternity, which was given on Friday night, April 12 was entitled "Mrs. Partridge Presents" (by Mary Kennedy and Ruth Hawthorne). Martha Sidebottom, a freshman from Norton, Kansas, played the leading role of "Mrs. Partridge."

The great and glorious **Soph Prom** occurred on the evening of March 22. The diversions consisted of a dinner, dance, and dates.

Still another social item must be included, (there were many gala occasions after all); a small student Sport dance, which was a distinctly after vacation affair given on April 5, two days after the end of Easter vacation, was sponsored by the Athletic Association.



Here is the St. Louis Lindenwood College Club posed on Sibley Steps, just before its annual luncheon. Third from the right end on the first row is the president of the club, Mrs. Arthur J. Krueger, of Webster Groves. Mrs. Roemer is the first one on the right of the second row, and Dr. Roemer holds position on the left of the first row. The seniors were special hostesses of the Club. Ruth Bullion, Little Rock, Ark., president of the Class of '29, is standing on the top step, second from the end on the right.

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### Valued Historical Gift

The new Library, which is becoming a reality in brick and stone, has already been presented with two sets of books which can lay claim to an age exceeding that of the college itself. These venerable tomes, one set copyrighted 1803, and the other 1814, have been donated by Mrs. Ella Fairman Koeneké, 6633 University Drive, St. Louis. Mrs. Koeneké was a Lindenwood girl in 1873-'74. We are printing the following

excerpt from her letter to Dr. Roemer, as it gives an account of the ancestry of the volumes.

"They were in the Fairman family that lived in Pittsburg. My father was George Washington Fairman, born in Pittsburg in 1821; my grandfather had eight sons and one daughter, and was born in 1774, and died in Pittsburg in 1848."

Every book lover has a feeling of

awe when he touches a book, the binding of which is withered and worn as the skin of a very old person—the crumbling pages, the marks, perhaps tear stains, and the occasional turned down corner, revealing a well-loved phrase.

The set of 1814 is especially revered because it is a version of "The Holy Bible, containing the Old and New Testament with original notes, practical observations and copious marginal references by Rev. Thomas Scott, Rector of Aston Sandford, Bucks; and the Chaplain to the Lock Hospital."

The older of the two sets (both contain five volumes each), is "The Domestic Encyclopaedia or Dictionary of Facts and Useful Knowledge." Everything is carefully identified in detail from "allspice to zizany." If you have not access to a dictionary, **zizany** is a species of marshy North American plant which is eaten as rice by the Indians.

But aside from the contents of the books, there is the romantic viewpoint. It's pleasant to visualize the many uses to which the volumes were put. The girls of yesterday perhaps were aided in term theme writing by "The Helpful Facts," and the Bible students no doubt made use of the "copious marginal notes."

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### "Who's Who of Efficiency"

Lindenwood, among other things, is becoming a synonym for the best in the business world. More than one of the students of the department which works to the tune of clicking typewriters and adding machines is listed in the "Who's Who of Efficiency."

Sarah Levine, who received her Secretarial Certificate in 1922, is now an accountant for one of the large elec-

trical contractors in New York City. She has an office of her own, and as she expresses it, "gets more salary than she ever dreamed possible for a girl to receive." Last Christmas her salary was raised again, and besides a substantial bonus, she was given a vacation to Atlantic City on full pay.

Katherine Cowles (res. '25-'26) is Deputy Clerk of the District Court of Coffeyville, Kansas. She also has her own office and finds time to study law.

Winifred Bell, Ishpeming, Mich., who entered in the freshman class of '27, is working for her father. She says he feels he can rely on her to the utmost and can leave his business, knowing that his affairs will be taken care of.

Not all of the girls who majored in business have chosen the office as their field of activity. Some are teaching their favorite subject in high schools in different parts of the United States.

Ruth Spreckemeyer, St. Charles, Mo., is teaching in Chaffee, Mo., and Marion Martin (both Centennial graduates) is a teacher in the Commercial Department of Wyandotte, Okla. Marion tells of her Indian students who have such picturesque names as "Blue-jacket" and "Bearskin."

Miriam Schwarz ('22) is near at hand in the business department at the St. Louis city high school, and Bernice Barkley, another of the Centennial class, is in Vandalia, Ill., on the teaching staff of the high school there.

To prove that office work and teaching are not the only uses of a business education, there is the case of Mrs. Walter F. Metzger, 313 S. Station St., Pana, Ill., who was Lois S. Vidler and resident in Lindenwood (1920-'21). She says that she uses her knowledge to keep a budget of housekeeping expenses and really enjoys balancing her



accounts at the end of each month!

Then there are the girls who are now studying the art of making neat columns of figures and typing a perfect page. Miss Lillian Allyn, head of the Commercial Department of Lindenwood, reports that a number have won certificates and medals in typewriting. Helen Sweeney, a senior from Kansas City, Mo., has won the Underwood gold medal; Veone Peterson, Hampton, Iowa, and Roberta Barnard, Garnett, Kansas, silver medals and certificates; and Marie Williams, Wynne, Ark., Helen Sombart, Boonville, Mo., and Katherine Thomas, Carthage, Mo., have been awarded bronze medals.

Each year a new record of achievement is made and new names added to the list of those who soon will make a place in the Business World.

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Miss Charlotte Thurman, registrar of the college, took a trip to Seattle, Wash., in mid-April, in order to attend the convention in that city, continuing four days, of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars.

Marion Crutcher, who received her Oratory Diploma last year, has written from Emerson School of Oratory, Boston, where she is a student. She is also taking some work at Boston University. Her address is 23 Garrison Road, Brookline, Mass.

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### Senior Luncheon

Dr. and Mrs. Roemer entertained the Senior class of thirty-seven girls with a luncheon at the Missouri Athletic Club, St. Louis, April 19. The table was charmingly decorated with yellow candles, and daffodils. At the head table were seated Dr. and Mrs. Roemer, Dr. Gipson, Mrs. Julia C. Underwood,

Miss Grace Terhune, and the class officers, Ruth Bullion, President; Margie Bright, Vice-President, and Mary Alice Lange, Secretary.

Other guests included Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas and members of the quartette.

The Senior class comprises Ruth Bullion, Margie Bright, Mary Alice Lange, Pauline Scherer, Dorothy Gehlbach, Lillie Bloomenstiel, Theresa Bartos, George Evelyn Cone, Margie Smith, Lou Todd, Margretha Clarke, Katherine Perry, Bernita Noland, Hortense Wolfort, Sue Austin, Mary Elizabeth Sawtelle, Agnes Currie, Margaret Fagg, Kathleen Winters, Josephine Mackey, Margaret Maxwell, Betty Foster, Marea Hempleman, Clara Bowles, Margaret Keesor, Helen Sweeney, Helen Hook, Marion Kaiser, Mae Stedelin, Helen Diehr, Margaret Dyer, Helen Hammer, Elizabeth Tracy, Lucie May Sharon, Theresa Neubeiser, Doris Lehman, Ona Mae Lemmon.

After the luncheon there followed a delightful program, of which the first number was a Welsh air played by Mr. Thomas. Then came the quartette, composed of Clara Bowles, Marjorie Smith, Virginia Evans and Ethel Mitchell, accompanied by Mary Catherine Craven. Next, Lucie May Sharon gave a reading, after which Miss Terhune sang two delightful numbers, one of them being the one by which she won first place as lyric soprano recently at Jefferson City.

The program closed with Lindenwood songs, the last being "Loyalty."

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### Mrs. Ayres Ill

Word has been received that Mrs. George Frederick Ayres, widow of the late Dr. Ayres, is very ill at the New York Hospital, West Sixteenth Street, New York City.

### Wichita Willing to Come

The Wichita Lindenwood Club held its annual Easter Luncheon March 30 at the Innes Tea Room, Wichita, Kansas.

"The election of officers," writes Harriet Collins, '28, "was the secondary event of the meeting, because all of us old-timers were too interested to hear about Lindenwood, Guy C., Mother Roemer, Dr. Roemer, and the anniversary to be held at graduation.

"The Club extends its very best wishes to Dr. and Mrs. Roemer for the celebration this spring and we are all going to do all we can to make it a success.

"Finally in between bites of ice cream and hearing about the May Queen we elected the following officers for the next year:

President—Dorothy Solomon,  
 Vice-President—Rita Willis.  
 Secretary—Harriet Collins.  
 Treasurer — Mrs. Evelyn Curran  
 Moore."

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The Athletic Association announces the following officers for next year:

President—Josephine Bowman, La Porte, Ind.  
 Vice-President — Lorraine Robie, Springfield, Ill.  
 Treasurer—Madeline Johnson, Michigan City, Ind.  
 Secretary—Margaret Lee Hughes, Jacksonville, Fla.

Bessie McNary ('27) is teaching in Girard, Ill., this year and writes that "Lindenwood's little boost has made me love designing and I have been absorbed in it all winter and am going to New York this summer to continue my study along that line."

Miss Mildred L. Walker has changed her name and address to Mrs. Harry B. Jamison, 1318 N. Main, Fort Worth, Texas.

Clara Bowles, the May Queen, gave her graduating recital in voice on the night of April 19. At Lucille Kelley's oratory recital on April 10 (when she read "The Brat," by Maude Fulton), she was assisted by Mary Louise Bowles as pianist.

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### Births

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Singleton, Leesville, La., have announced the birth of a son on March 20. Mrs. Singleton was Adelaide Peabody, A. A. 1925.

Mrs. L. F. Howell, Box 1267, Harlingen, Texas, who was formerly Louisa Hudson, Lindenwood 1913-'16, writes the following interesting letter: "I am so happy that we have another baby girl. 'Helen' arrived February 17. I'm dreaming of the day to come when I can send both La Mora and Helen to Lindenwood." She included an invitation "to visit us on our grapefruit farm."

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Eagleton Burger of St. Louis have announced the birth of a son, Robert Franz Burger, on April 5. Mrs. Burger was Eleanor D. Kleinschmidt of Webster Groves, who received her A. A. degree from Lindenwood in 1925.

Charles William Gross, Jr., arrived on April 14 and gives his address as Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Gross, 4818 Gaston Ave., Dallas, Texas. Mrs. Gross (Delia Kinkade) attended Lindenwood in 1924.