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## Lindenwood's Faculty for Centennial Year

FEW CHANGES MADE IN PERSONNEL OF TEACHING STAFF FOR 1926-27.

It is considered fortunate, in looking forward to prospects of college achievement in the Centennial year upon which Lindenwood is entering, that the personnel of professorships is so largely unchanged. It is the buildings that have put on a new appearance, not the faculty. A separate description is merited for "Old Sibley" which, everyone says, "looks so much larger," just because it is now outfitted so well.

### BOTANY AND BACTERIOLOGY



DR. FANNY FERN SMITH

But there are a few new teachers. One of these, Dr. Fanny Fern Smith, is linked with the college Centennial garden of roses, because she will be professor of Botany. She is also to teach Bacteriology, as one may judge from her busy summer, now in progress, in the Marine Biological Laboratory at Woods Hole, Mass. She has studied in the Missouri Botanical Garden, following her college course (A. B.) and graduate work at Washington University. Dr. Smith was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, is a member of Sigma Xi and also of Phi Sigma, an honorary biological society. Her home is in Red Bud, Ill.

### HAS BEEN IN CHINA

America may seem like a new country to one of Lindenwood's new teachers of English, Miss Ella M. Murphy, who comes from a tour around the world, preceded by a year's teaching experience (1924-1925) in Pekin University, Pekin, China. Miss Murphy's original home is in Shenandoah, Iowa. She is a graduate (A. B.) from Smith College, and received her Master's degree from the University of Wisconsin. Before going abroad, she taught in the Iowa State Teachers' College at Cedar Falls.



Miss Murphy, in her foreign travels, made a study of the Near East situation, spending considerable time also in Siam, the Malay Peninsula, India, Egypt and Palestine. She visited various countries in Europe.

#### ANOTHER WESTERNER

Breezes of the West, already felt at Lindenwood in the energy and enthusiasm of several teachers, are again



thought of in the coming here of Miss Margaret Carol Dunn, of Seattle, Wash., who will teach history and English. She received her Bachelor of Arts at the University of Washington, in Seattle, where for a while she was tutor, and she came east to the University of Chicago for a post-graduate course, leading to her degree, M. A.

#### NEW SPANISH TEACHER

There will be a new teacher of Spanish, Miss Mary Terhune, of New Albany, Ind., in whom of course El Circulo Espanol, with its large membership of students, will be greatly interested.



Having spent the last two summers in Mexico, Miss Terhune will undoubtedly be able to give the true story of how the Mexican feels toward the "Gringo." She also studied abroad in recent years, attending lectures at Grenoble University and living in the home of a French family. She graduated with the degree A. B. at the Western College for Women at Oxford, Ohio, and obtained a Master's degree at Columbia University, New York, besides taking private work in the languages.

She comes from two years of teaching at the State Teachers' College at Maryville, Mo. She has also taught at Blue Mountain College in Mississippi.

DOMESTIC ART INSTRUCTOR

"Clothing" and all its intriguing accompaniments, such as beautiful self-made hats, best sewing for the Nelly Don prizes and best draperies and linens for the home, will be the field of a fifth new teacher, Miss Thora Lyndall Strain,



who comes from studies at Columbia University, New York. Miss Strain is a Missourian, her home being in Springfield, Mo., where she graduated (A. B.) from Drury College, receiving later a B. S. from Missouri University. She has a Master's degree from the Teachers' College at Columbia University. She is a member of Pi Gamma Mu.

NEW HOUSE-MOTHER

Butler Hall, in which there are apt to be many Seniors, will have a new house-mother, Mrs. Teresa B. Peyton, who has until now been the presiding genius at St. Hilda's Hall, Columbus, Ohio, an institution for girl students.

## Lindenwood's Farm Harvest

Farm activities on sixty acres which form the "hinterland" of Lindenwood's campus gave the picturesque scene, July 16, in which the president, Dr. Roemer, appears in the frontispiece, pitching hay. Harvesting the crop, in the main, was no small task. There were garnered 831 bushels of wheat and 206 bushels of oats. The president participated in it for only a short time.

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## London and Lindenwood

Miss Oreen Ruedi, of Galena, Kan., A. B. Lindenwood 1924, is going abroad this fall, to study in the University of London, taking work in political science and government looking to a Ph. D. degree. Since leaving Lindenwood, she has received her Master's degree for graduate work at Smith College.

What also interests Lindenwood concerning the Ruedi family is that Oreen's sister, Norma Paul Ruedi, is entering the college this fall. She was salutatorian of this year's graduating class at the Galena high school, and is styled by the press, "a young Kansas poet," because she has had a volume of verse published. This consists of poems about little everyday things of life, entitled "If Dreams Came True, and Other Poems." It is published by the Avondale Press, New York.

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Mrs. G. V. Metzger (Gladys Myers, 1914-15), of Kansas City, writes back to speak of her enjoyment, with Mrs. E. B. Gray, at Lindenwood's recent Commencement. The coming year, she says, "ought to be and will be an outstanding year in Lindenwood's history, and the school is fortunate indeed in having such capable folks to run it."

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### *Setting an Example*

What a splendid beginning for Lindenwood's Centennial is being made by the remarkable series of "At Homes," which are faithfully to continue, summer and fall, winter and spring, every Thursday. Says the St. Louis Post-Dispatch: "California alumnae of Lindenwood College are promoting enthusiasm for Lindenwood's hundredth anniversary celebration." This is quite a moderate way of expressing what is really happening at this center 3000 miles away. Mrs. Victor E. Rhodes, of St. Louis, the Lindenwood Alumnae Association president, was advised of the big plan, by wire, on the day before it went into operation, July 8, and it has appealed to her and to all resident alumnae as a remarkable example of what a band of devoted alumnae can do. In this era of clubs, civic responsibilities, and social demands, it is no small thing for Mrs. Baker and the women of Southern California to set aside a whole afternoon, every week, throughout the calendar year, in which actively to promote the welfare of their alma mater.

Three things are required of the guests each week, at Mrs. Baker's lovely home at 1080 Arden Road, Pasadena: "Bring items of interest, past or present, about Lindenwood College," say the invitations; "Bring plans and suggestions for the Centennial," and "Bring contri-

butions for the Mary Easton Sibley Scholarship Fund." The hospitality is open to "former students, and students and friends, whether residents or visitors in the State of California."

The plan is based on no hasty impulse, but has been thought through. On the back of the invitation card is a complete calendar of the Thursdays, each one having space for the name of the assisting hostesses, beginning on July 8 (just past) and ending on June 30, 1927. There are 52 Thursdays in all, a solid period, counted up, of seven and one-half weeks which Lindenwood girls in California are going to set aside from "worldly cares and avocations" in order to give unselfish service to "dear Lindenwood."

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### Ten Years a Pastor

Rev. John W. MacIvor, D.D., president of Lindenwood's Board of Directors, was honored at the Second Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, on July 4, by the celebration of his tenth anniversary as pastor. For the same period Dr. MacIvor has also been president of Lindenwood's board. He succeeded the late Dr. S. J. Niccolls in this office, just as he succeeded him as pastor of the Second Church.

Dr. MacIvor preached a sermon at this anniversary from the same text as he used for his first sermon in St. Louis, ten years ago. He has gone now to Nova Scotia, for a vacation with his aged father, who was bereaved, a few weeks ago, by the death of his wife, Dr. MacIvor's mother.

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Miss Helene Millsap, A. B., Lindenwood 1924, is taking graduate work at Columbia University, New York City.

## Mary Easton Sibley Fund Notes

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### Large Gifts Needed

In order to make the Mary Easton Sibley Scholarship Fund a reality, we must have some large gifts. Among the three thousand, and more, former students of Lindenwood, there are surely several who can afford to make large contributions. It would greatly stimulate the movement and encourage and inspire every former student if some few would come forward and each endow a full scholarship for \$5,000. And why not? Within the next few years, you will likely give that amount in charity and benevolence. What greater good could you possibly do with your money than to place it so that one worthy girl could go to Lindenwood each year throughout the years to come? Then, too, think of what you will be doing for your college in enabling it to render real service to the girls that need such service. Remember that the payment of such gift may be extended over a period of years if you so desire it. Who will be the first to announce the pledge of a full scholarship?

### Brenau College

Speaking of large gifts brings to mind what was recently accomplished at Brenau. A movement was started there to raise \$100,000. One member of the alumnae gave \$25,000; and the inspiration of this gift made it possible to secure \$128,000 in less than one month. Is there not someone among our former students that has the means and the love for Lindenwood sufficient to put such zeal and enthusiasm as this into our efforts? Three thousand women are

waiting for someone to come forward and take the lead. Will you be that one? The satisfaction of knowing that you were the inspiration for the accomplishment of the greatest feature of our Centennial celebration next May will bring you untold joy.

### Not to Lindenwood, But for Lindenwood

As has been said frequently in these columns, the money for the Mary Easton Sibley Scholarship Fund is not given to the college. This money goes into a trust fund, separate and distinct from all other funds, and as such is invested by the Board of Directors in safe securities. The income from this each year will be given out in the form of scholarships to worthy young women who are in need of such help to pay their way through college. Hence, you are giving nothing to Lindenwood College; but you are helping to make it possible for Lindenwood to render a service to the deserving young womanhood of America. That's what the college gets out of this scholarship fund—just the opportunity to help worthy girls—an opportunity which at present is very limited. In what better way can you invest your dollars?

### Small Gifts

In making an appeal for large gifts, we would not fail to emphasize the necessity for more smaller ones. The fund will be realized only by everyone giving according to her ability. Only a few can afford to give largely. One hundred gifts of fifty dollars each will equal one five thousand dollar gift. There are

few but can give this amount—ten dollars a year for the next five years. One hundred thousand dollars seems a large amount; but when you think of three thousand women each giving what she is able to give it becomes an easy matter to raise such an amount. After all, it's just a matter of your taking part and giving to your limit, much or little as that may be. The privilege and the responsibility is the same for each and for all. Will you do your full part?

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### Eighty-six Years Ago

From the family records of the Johns family, of St. Louis, has been unearthed a letter by a school girl of 1840, written while attending Lindenwood, to an aunt in "North Britain" (Scotland).

The little pupil, then 11 years old, was Jane A. Durfee, who afterwards became Mrs. John Jay Johns, of St. Charles, the mother of George S. Johns, editor of the Post-Dispatch. Jane Durfee's home was in St. Charles County, near Elm Point. When a smaller child she stayed for a time with friends in town, Captain and Mrs. Orrick, and attended Lindenwood as a day pupil. Her letter follows. The aunt to whom she writes was Miss Helen Glenday.

Linden Wood, December 9, 1840.

Dear Aunt:

Mother got a letter from Uncle Andrew, and she wanted me to write to you, and she will enclose his letter in this. The place I am going to school at is called Linden Wood. It is the most pleasant place in St. Charles or County either. It has a very large yard enclosed with a very nice white paling. The yard is covered with grass. And it has a beautiful garden adjoining. It has nearly all kinds of vegetables, besides it has a very large flower garden. There is a row

of cedar trees all along one side of it. It is only one mile from St. Charles. We have a very pleasant walk every Sabbath to church, and another one in the evening home again. The school is very small at present, but I hope more will come in the spring. Isabella Lindsay is coming to school. I board here, and I like coming to school very much indeed, as the place is so pleasant and our teachers so kind that no one could help being happy here. I enjoy myself very much studying, very much indeed. I can see Mother every Sunday, for the school is only three miles from home. I wish you would come over and live with us. We are all well. Uncle James's family are all well, and send their best respect to you. I hope you are well, and would be very glad to see you.

Your affectionate niece,

Jane A. Durfee (aged eleven).

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### Planned Baby Parade

Mrs. Margaret Morris Pinet, who studied journalism at Lindenwood four years ago, is finding it impossible to deny the call of the newspaper, even though married. Having been connected with the Jefferson City newspapers, she is now with the Tribune. For this paper, she has just finished getting up a "baby parade," which was a great success in the way of "promotion," which is considered so important a part of a newspaper's duties nowadays.

"Hundreds of little folks participated," Margaret writes, "and we had one of the most beautiful affairs you can imagine. A number of Sedalians in the city saw the parade and have adopted it. The Chamber of Commerce is putting it on in Sedalia. We had the Fox movie man, and it should be shown on the screens this week."



## Lindenwood's Jokes of the '40's

One of the hardest things for the modern generation to believe is that Father and Mother, and harder still that Auntie and Uncle ever had any jokes in their youth. Young people born in this century (just like those preceding) apply "staid" and "quaint" and "precise" as the adjectives proper to their forbears. There was of course (say they) no such wit and live humor in those days as are produced by those upon life's stage today.

To be sure it was different, but if one will glance over Lindenwood's newspaper of the "roaring '40's," one will find some well-considered wit and audacity. Jokes have been left for posterity which are really amusing.

In "*The Experiment*," Lindenwood's newspaper of 1845 and 1846, there are clever "advertisements." Girls of today would say that girls of 1845-46 "ragged" one another. That is just what they did do, but they didn't call it so. The "ragging" was often along lines of inability to study. Here is one of the "ads":

"A PUBLIC SALE will be held at Portage on the 32nd (sic) of August, in order to dispose to the best advantage all surplus dunce-caps, unworthy compositions, and black marks that have accumulated during the present session." This was under date of July 31, when the girls were still "in durance vile."

In March, 1846, in the midst of exciting extracts from letters concerning General Taylor's army entering Mexico, humor still continues:

"LOST, on Tuesday last, all ORDER in the school room. At the sound of the stage horn, all laws trembled. Uncle George (Major Sibley) declared he thought the house on fire, but we think he only desired an excuse to hasten to welcome our beloved ones."

Other traits are missing, as well as "order." Here is seen in conspicuous position:

"\$100 REWARD! Strayed or stolen from the owner, a few days ago, while at an evening meeting, a large quantity of POLITENESS.

(Signed) Mrs. Forgetful."

The paper conducted an "Admonition Society" column, written by "Elvira." Her words live on, rippling a smile, long after "Elvira" has gone to her reward. She says, in her gentle satire:

"We consider it very unladylike in any member to profess, when in company, that she has ever heard of such a place as a kitchen, for such knowledge is deemed very ungentleel."

Another newspaper at Lindenwood, "*The Violet*," takes up the torch, and has its "hammer" out, with this "ad" in May, 1846:

"WANTED, a quantity of the Spirit of Industry, for the benefit of the Drawing, Music and German scholars of Lindenwood."

July again carries studies through midsummer (1846), and the "*Violet*," despite her name, comes forward with this bit of Bolshevism at all teachers:

"WANTED, information respecting the amount of study necessary to learn a lesson, as we do not love to do the work extra."

The "*Violet*" stops here, and no one will ever learn what the teachers did about it.

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Two prominent members of the class of 1926 are going to continue their studies. Miss Grace Larson, A. B., president of the class, will do graduate work at the University of Illinois; and Miss Eleanor Brown, A. B., in the University of Missouri.

## Weddings

Announcement cards were sent by the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Redden, of St. Charles, for the wedding of their daughter, Mary Lucille, on Monday, June 28, in St. Charles, to Mr. Sigvald F. Udstad, Jr. The bride was a Lindenwood graduate, A. A., in 1922.

The marriage of Miss Helen Jones, graduate A. A., 1922, to Mr. James Joseph Nicely, on Thursday, July 15, is announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Edward Jones, of Shelbina, Mo. At home cards are enclosed for Mr. and Mrs. James Joseph Nicely, at Brookfield, Mo.

Invitations have been received from Mr. and Mrs. Frederick James Johnston for the marriage of their daughter, Jean Taliaferro, to Mr. Bernard E. Weber, Jr., on Thursday, August 5, at 8:30 p. m., in St. Mark's Church, San Antonio, Texas. The bride was a Lindenwood student in the years 1923-25.

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## Personals

Miss Virginia Foristell, A. B. 1926, of Foristell, Mo., who was the youngest member of her class, will teach this year in the Normandy High School. She also plans to work on her Master's degree at Washington University. Miss Foristell was on the Student Board, and was vice-president of the Senior Class.

Miss Annette Smith, A. A. of 1926, will begin teaching in September, at Sikeston, Mo.

Miss Helene Ossmann (1922-23), of Concordia, Kan., writes that she is "so glad she can have a part" in the Sibley

Memorial Scholarship, even though a student here for only one year.

Miss Louise Clough, to whom Lindenwood awarded the B. S. degree in Home Economics at the last commencement, is to train possible future generals this winter, for she is to teach in General Pershing's home town, Laclède. Yes, it will be Home Economics that she teaches, in which she took so much interest at Lindenwood, having held an office in the Euthenics Club in each of three years. She was assistant head of Nicolls Hall, and took part on the Linden Leaves board as organization editor.

Another teacher from this year's class, Miss Dorothy Towers, B. S. in Home Economics, goes to the high school of Des Moines, New Mexico.

Miss Julia Ayers, A. B. of the season, is to demonstrate her genius as "best athlete" by teaching Physical Education at Holden, Mo., which is to take what part of her time is not given to instruction in Biological Science. It will be remembered that she was a gifted leader at Lindenwood in "Y" activities and in the French and International Relations Club, and that she earned membership in Alpha Sigma Tau.

John Thomas, head of the music department, spent a month at Bosworth, Missouri, going after July 5 for his accustomed visit with relatives at Colorado Springs, Colo.

Dr. R. S. Calder, of the Bible chair, has been spending July with his family, visiting in eastern Pennsylvania.

## Union of Lindenwood Girls from Three States

Lindenwood girls from the three States, Arkansas, Kansas and Missouri, made quite a dint in the consciousness of their immediate surroundings, at a June luncheon in Joplin, Mo., at the Sagamont Inn, in which the girls returning from college mingled with former students of various years. Miss Helene Millsap, of Joplin, who graduated two years ago, sends the following account of the "party," as given in the society department of the Joplin Globe:

The members of the Tri-State Lindenwood College Club entertained the prospective members of the club at a luncheon at Sagamont Inn yesterday. The long tables were decorated with spring flowers in the college colors, yellow and white. The club meets twice each year for the purpose of keeping former students in closer relationship with the school. The chief interest at the meeting yesterday centered around the homecoming which Lindenwood will have in 1927 to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the school. The following program was given by the present students of Lindenwood:

Talk, "The Centennial," Ruth Rodda, Arma, Kan.

Vocal solo, Jeanette Martin, Joplin.

Talk, "The Scholarship Fund," Bertha Pepperdine, Neosho.

Reading, Ellen Bradford, Joplin.

Officers for the coming year were elected, as follows: Mildred Kennedy, Galena, president; Mary Louise Steverson, Webb City, vice-president; Pauline Martin, Joplin, secretary. The retiring officers are: Helene Millsap, president; Mrs. L. W. McDonald, vice-president; Mrs. S. Warren Cogliner, secretary, and

Mrs. Christine Webster Rose, of Carthage, treasurer. Those present from out of town were: Misses Bertha and Martha Pepperdine and Katherine Fausett of Neosho; Mrs. Earl Tobien, Seneca; Mrs. Frank Hittner, Misses Frances Hittner, Marcia Wallace, Elizabeth Chinn and Mary Louise Steverson, Webb City; Bessie Jensen, Parsons; Mrs. Frolicht and Miss Ada Belle Files, Fort Scott; Leora Moller, Mildred Kennedy, Oreen Ruedi and Norma Ruedi, Galena; Miss Frances Reeves, Independence, Kan.; Miss Ruth Rodda, Arma, Kan.; Mrs. R. F. Cannon, Miami; Mrs. E. Boyd Miller, Mrs. E. M. Woodfill and Mrs. Wallace Pflueger, Aurora; Mrs. Christine Webster Rose and Miss Maude Luscombe, Carthage; Miss Miriam Apple, Baxter Springs, and Miss Hal Burch, Carterville. The Joplin membership includes the following: Mesdames Clyde Balsley, Warren Cogliner, Ray Dunlap, William Hays, L. C. Knighton, L. T. LeBow, Stanford Leffen, L. W. McDonald, Charles Martin, Carl Nienstadt, Winfred Post, H. L. Oltman and George Richardson, and Misses Dorothy Dolan, Ruth Dolan, Marcia Eberlein, Helen Franks, Alma Hickman, Roberta Keith, Veda McConnell, Pauline Martin, Helene Millsap, Josephine Rosenberg, Margery Wiley, Julia Clark, Pauline Shaffer, Frances Wachter and Iris Fleischaker.

Helene adds: "The following eight girls were guests of the college: Marcia Wallace and Elizabeth Chinn, both of Webb City, Mo.; Julia Clark, Pauline Shafer, Frances Wachter, Iris Fleischaker, all of Joplin; Miriam Apple, Baxter Springs; and Hal Burch, of Carterville."

## California Club's Luncheon

The Lindenwood College Club of Southern California gave a luncheon, June 8, at the Windsor Tea Rooms, Brack Shop, in honor of Mrs. Nellie Callahan Miller, of El Dorado, Kan., who was spending a short time in Los Angeles. (Mrs. Miller graduated in 1886 at Lindenwood, after spending four years at the college.)

"The gathering was unique," writes the Southern California secretary, "in that forty-four years had passed since Nellie had met so many of the old girls at one time, there being six of her college mates present. Nellie seemed to think 'the six' had 'found the fountain of youth,' as she noted little change in face and figure and the same responsive, jolly spirit remained. While Nellie had attained some proportions, her smile was just as bewitching as in days of yore, and we found her the same 'dear girl.'"

"Mrs. Norma R. Holmes is conducting a fine work among the foreign element in the Los Angeles, under the Board of Education. She gave us a most inspiring talk on 'Americanization,' and made us feel the missionary work she is superintending is certainly worth while.

"Miss Laura Griffith, who has been confined in the Glendale Sanitarium since January, left for her home, 726 Sixth Street, Azusa, Calif., Friday, much improved in health.

"Mrs. C. H. Baker (Nellie Ingram) has issued invitations to all of the Lindenwood Club members of Southern California to spend Thursday afternoons at her home in Pasadena, in the interest of the Centennial celebration. She asks for items of interest about Lindenwood, plans and suggestions for the Centennial, and contributions for the Mary Easton Sibley Fund."

## Births

A prospective Lindenwood student, after a few years roll by, is little Janice Louise Fry, whose coming on June 29 is announced on pink cards from her proud parents, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Fry, of Iola, Kan. Mrs. Fry was Miss Dorothy Twadell, who attended Lindenwood in 1922-23.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Stewart, of 424 Lowell Street, Elgin, Ill. (Viola Nehls, graduate 1920), send an elaborate announcement of the arrival of little Merritt Joann on July 7, set forth in verse:

"We're proudly announcing  
The birth of a bouncing  
And beautiful baby, and Gee!  
We're both as delighted  
And thrilled and excited  
As any two parents should be."

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Dinkmeyer, of Chicago, are announcing the advent of Henry William, Jr., on June 4. His mother was formerly Miss Lois Ely, class of 1915.

Dr. and Mrs. Jonas W. Boyer (Evelyn Hornback, 1909-10), of Vincennes, Ind., are rejoicing over their first daughter, Virginia Clare Boyer, whose tiny card is enclosed, with a date mark July 7. Their other two children are boys. Dr. Boyer is pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Vincennes.

Little Mary Louise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Kraemer, of New Albany, Ind., arrived in this world July 2, just in time to celebrate the national holiday. Mrs. Kraemer was formerly Miss Hilda Hofmann, attending Lindenwood in 1921-22.