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## “WHAT IS THE GREATEST THING IN THE WORLD?”

### University Speaker Gives a New Opinion.

The most important thing in the world, according to Dr. A. H. R. Fairchild, of the English Department of the University of Missouri, who addressed the faculty and student body Thursday evening, Nov. 20, is a sense of humor. Without that, all the other important things in the world cannot be appreciated to their fullest extent. Character, religion, education, health, home, the possession of wealth and social position,—even life itself—all are made richer and more enjoyable by a sense of humor. There is humor in everything, and it may be classified in everything, and it may be which may be called national and personal.

The first well-defined humor is found in the *Odyssey*, when the crafty Greek Ulysses gives his name to Cyclops as “No Man”, thereby avoiding punishment at the hands of the Cyclops’ friends, who refuse to battle with “No Man”. The humor found in the Greek comedies is of a personal nature, designed to bring about certain social reforms. The Romans followed the Greek idea of constructive satire in their plays.

“The Middle Ages were the dark ages”, said Dr. Fairchild, “because they had no humor. Until Don Quixote, the greatest single piece of humorous literature, smiled Europe’s chivalry away, the world was a gloomy place.” After Cervantes came the satire of Fielding, Dickens, Thackeray, and Scott.

### Examples of National Humor.

Dr. Fairchild described the character of national humor today. “While the Anglo-Saxon looks upon man rather as a dethroned god, the French regard him as a quadruped, and delight in his antics as such. Their humor is intellectual and sprightly.” A characteristic French joke is one in which a French general was compelled by his domineering wife to dismiss an old servant. After he had broken the news to him, the old man replied, “Ah, yes. I can go, but you, general,

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## MONEY GAINED BY BEING HEALTHY.

Annual Christmas awards to those gaining most weight at Lindenwood, in the period from the opening of school until the Christmas holidays, were announced just before vacation. The Prof. John Thomas prize for the teacher gaining most pounds, went to Miss Paula Postel, teacher of Organ and Theory of Music. She gained 8 pounds. The award was \$5.

The President’s prize of \$5 to the student gaining most pounds in this period, was given to Miss Marjorie Braham, of Nevada, Mo., who gained 29 pounds, increasing her weight by 27.6 per cent.

Honorable mention, and an award of \$1 to “those gaining 20 pounds and over”, went as follows:

Miss Louise E. Richter, of Trinidad, Colo., 27 pounds, a gain of 22.9 per cent.

Miss Elizabeth Prince, of Grand Island, Neb., 25 pounds, a gain of 25.5 per cent.

Miss Alleen Moran, of Stuttgart, Ark., 22 pounds, a gain of 20.95 per cent.

Miss Elizabeth Morris, of Oswege, Kan., 20 pounds, a gain of 22.5 per cent.

## ENROLLED IN PI GAMMA MU

To Miss Elizabeth Stewart, head of the Home Economics Department of Lindenwood, has come an unusual honor from her alma mater, the Southwestern College, at Winfield, Kan., by which she is given life membership in Pi Gamma Mu, a national honorary social society.

Pi Gamma Mu has been established at the Southwestern College since Miss Stewart received her degree, A. B., from that institution. The honor comes because of her superior scholarship as a student. Since leaving Southwestern, Miss Stewart gained her Master’s degree at Columbia University, New York City, and has done part of the work for her Doctor’s degree from that institution.

Prof.—Do you know Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address?”

Stude.—“I thought he lived in the White House.”—The Gleam.

## DINNER HANDSOMELY GIVEN IN HOME EC DEPARTMENT

### President and Mrs. Roemer Entertained One Hundred Guests.

Christmas in anticipation was enjoyed by the faculty and a number of other guests, with President and Mrs. John Lincoln Roemer presiding, Tuesday evening, December 16, at a dinner served by the Home Economics Department. By request of the Food Page of the *Globe-Democrat*, a two-column description of the dinner was written by Miss Sara Shomberg, and appeared in a Christmas edition of that paper’s Food department. Miss Shomberg also wrote an account for LINDEN BARK as follows:

No wonder the American public is accused of overeating. When one gets down to rock foundation, and measures every mouthful of every portion eaten during a single day, in terms of vitamins and calories, it’s nothing short of miraculous that one survives at all. When one considers that the average growing boy eats as many calories as a laboring man, which amount runs well into the thousands, the question arises as to the consistency of these dreadful sounding things. Yes, the time has come when it is not what one eats nor how one feels about eating it, but the exact constituency of that which is eaten. The general average number of calories for an adult woman may be said to be about twenty five hundred per day. Now, arises the problem of how said average is to be distributed. If she arises in reasonable time and eats but a dainty piece of toast and sips languidly at her cup of coffee—which has absolutely no food value except for the sugar and cream therein, she has so few calories to begin the day, that one marvels how she may exist until the next meal.

Suppose her luncheon to be a light one consisting of rarebit, rolls, butter, and perhaps a cup of chocolate or a glass of milk. While the liquid is considered highly nourishing, we can realize that, even so, she has not obtained a scant third of her necessary allotment for the day.

At a recent dinner given by President and Mrs. John Lincoln Roemer at Lindenwood College, the whole

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The Linden Bark: "Tho' it's angels that should write, still 'tis devils that must print."—Thos. Moore.

### Happy New Year, Folks

Another Christmas gone, and wasn't it a dandy? Even if we do all feel a little the worse for wear we're not one bit sorry, no sir, never. It's hard to tell just exactly who did have the best time, because the way we talk, everybody had 'the time of my life!' and 'So did I!'

Of course it was hard to tell the folks good-bye and come back to work, but wouldn't it be a good deal worse if we had to see all the rest of the bunch off to their respective schools and stay at home this winter? You just bet it would. New Year's is not just the time to count one's blessings, but it is the time one knows how she would hate to be a stay at home instead of a college girl, isn't it?

Well, Happy New Year, everybody. If you've made up any New Year's Resolutions write them on a slip of paper and tuck them in your pillow slip, and read them over every night at 10:15. Don't tell them, for that's dangerous business, you know, somebody may call you on it some time. Also don't resolve not to eat between meals. You will break that resolution within the month.

Let's put the NEW in NEW YEAR by:  
 New life for old lessons;  
 New friends along with the old;  
 New pride and ambition;  
 New heart and strength in all that we do.

### "Pulling Ourselves Together"

Now that the glorious time of the year has passed, that time of rejoicing not unmingled with sadness, for there is a more grave side to the

Christmas season, let us consider the work at hand. Elbert Hubbard has said that "system is crystallized common sense". All right, we surely give ourselves credit for at least a few grains of common sense. There is but little effort expended in the process of crystallizing it and indeed, we'll find a great deal of time can be saved as a result.

This is the month of reckoning. We want this year to be better than the one just past, for no matter how full and rich a life we've led, there is always room for improvement, else we'd be perfect and this sphere is too meager a place for that.

The spelling match which was held December 10 was a sort of checking up. How pitiful that it should have ended with all but one of the fifty entrants spelled down in scarcely an hour. Are we going to make the same kind of a record in our exams? Yet many of them are courses involving the new trains of thoughts, while the English language is our means of expressing, seeing, and writing those words every single day of our lives.

Indeed this is a serious situation. Let us "pull ourselves up by our own boot straps", and prepare to meet the coming onslaught without flinching.

### NEAR EAST SAYS

#### "THANK YOU"

A letter of thanks for announcing Golden Rule Sunday in behalf of the Near East Relief has been received by the editors of LINDEN BARK from the committee in charge.

### SPANISH CLUB ENTERTAINS.

The last 1924 meeting of the Spanish Club was held December 8, and was a very "Christmasy" affair. Twenty-four new members were welcomed by Miss Ruth Wertz, vice-president, and with this addition to its membership the club is now one of the largest in the history of Lindenwood Spanish Clubs.

The Christmas program included the following numbers: Two Spanish songs of unusual merit were delightfully rendered by Miss Nellie Lee Brecht; after which Miss Fitzgerald gave a talk on Christmas Customs of Spain, which she illustrated with a "nacimiento" brought from Mexico. Miss Fitzgerald told how Spanish children wait for the Three Wise Men to come and fill their little shoes which are waiting on the balconies just as eagerly as American children wait for Santa Claus to come and fill their stockings which hang by the chimney. Miss Virginia Hoover read a Spanish poem, and the last number on the program was a Christmas story by Miss Roslyn Cohen. Miss Cohen had translated the story.

### COLLEGE CALENDAR

Thursday, Jan. 8—  
 4 p. m., French Play Rehearsal.  
 Sunday Evening—Vespers, Rev. W. C. Colby.  
 Monday, Jan. 12—  
 11 a. m., Address by Dr. D. S. Hubbard, of the Philippines.

### BUSINESS AND SERENADING MIXED FOR ROTARIANS.

On Thursday evening December 11, members from all Rotary Clubs within the Fourteenth District, met at Lindenwood College formally to install the Saint Charles branch of the club. It is the eighteen hundred and forty fifth club in the United States to receive a Charter and no charter yet received has had occasion to be withdrawn. After a meeting in Roemer auditorium, the men went to Jubilee dining room where a delicious meal was served. When they had reached the end, and were contentedly puffing upon the excellent cigars furnished by their host, things began to lag somewhat. As Dr. Roemer never lets an opportunity pass when he can show "his girls" a good time, and give the public a treat, he sent word to all halls for the girls to come and serenade the Rotarians.

About one hundred and fifty girls responded and after a peppy snake dance amidst cheers from the men, the girls were seated at the extra tables and between bites, entertained with songs and dancing. After all had eaten, there were some delightful after dinner speeches given by the men, then the formal installation took place by the Governor-elect of this district and Mr. Guy Motley received the charter. There followed songs and dancing before all dispersed after what they said was the best time a Rotarian or a Rotary-Ann had ever had.

### BOARD MEMBER HONORED

As a representative of the Presbyterian General Assembly of the United States Rev. David M. Skilling, D. D., who is Vice President of the Lindenwood Board of Directors will be in Cardiff, Wales, from June 23, until July 3, 1925. The meeting is that of the Twelfth Council of the Alliance of Reformed Churches throughout the World holding the Presbyterian System. This Council meets once every four years and the meeting four years ago was at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Its scope is world wide and Dr. Skilling will be among delegates from Australia, South America, Island Countries and from all parts of the known world. Dr. Skilling is pastor in Webster Groves, and Lindenwood is particularly glad for this very great honor which has come to the Vice President of her Board.



problem was solved. Not only was a delicious meal served, but a most appetizing, satisfying and well proportioned one. The first course, fixed in liquid form, with plenty of cracked ice around it, is called Cherry Nectar. Consider the nutritious value of its ingredients. Suppose it were set before one in a punch cup about two-thirds full of the liquid. There would then be about fifty calories of pineapple juice, fifty calories of orange juice, twenty five calories of cherry juice, and about ten calories of lemon, for it is so very strong. Then, to sweeten just a little amount, enough for but one person, there would be required about seventy-five calories of sugar, hence making two hundred and ten calories for that one course for one person.

Next comes roast chicken, with at least six hundred calories for each person, then that deliciously browned dressing with a slight flavoring of onion and seasoned nicely with butter salt and pepper. But dressing is so filling one must save room for the other goodies which will follow, so let's only eat about thirty-two calories of this. The cranberries must never be overlooked, so besides their valuable mineral matter, one's share consists of about fifty calories. The glazed sweet potatoes cooked in a favorite way, with all brown sugar and heaps of butter, run high in calories—say, about two hundred and eighty-seven. Asparagus, one of the very best health foods, dressed in butter, will provide an additional one hundred calories. Hot buttered rolls, two hundred calories, olives with fifty calories for every two, and celery, chiefly mineral, but containing some fifteen calories to the amount most folks eat, brings the quota for the first two courses up to one thousand five hundred and forty four calories.

Christmas Frost! Doesn't that simply make the mouth water? A frozen fruit salad containing two hundred calories of bananas, twenty calories of marshmallows, twenty-five calories of almonds, one hundred calories of white grapes, two hundred of white cooked dressing made smooth and creamy with a little whipped cream, was served with twenty-five calories of salad and two thousand two hundred and fourteen calories eaten before the most attractive looking desert of Holly pudding served in tall glasses arrives.—Here, again, are dates, one hundred calories; nuts, thirty six; bread crumbs two hundred; sugar and eggs, with a grand total of four hundred and twenty-five calories in this course.

The cafe noir which completes such a meal has no food value whatsoever but the red and white mints contain one hundred calories each while the poinsettia nut cups at which the guests nibble during the course of the

meal, contain one hundred calories, besides much valuable mineral matter. So, milady, though she has not eaten much all day, makes up for it at this well balanced meal, which is not only satiating to the appetite, pleasing to the eye, but perfect in quantities and qualities of those things she needs most for her physical well-being.

One must consider that there has been a delightful musical program to start this meal and most effective toasts led by Dr. Roemer, toast master, upon "The Fireplace", by Miss Mary C. Olson, "The Yule Log," by Dr. Robert S. Calder, "Holly Berries," by Mr. C. A. Blocher, and "Mistletoe" by Miss Floy Winks.

There were seventy-four guests served, the affair being in charge of Miss Leta Meacham, decorations, and arrangements, Miss Elizabeth Stewart, cooking, and Miss Cora Edwards, music.

#### Guests at Dinner

Besides President and Mrs. John Lincoln Roemer, the guests were as follows: Misses Lillian J. Allyn, Mary P. Barnett, Mary Brown, Dr. and Mrs. Robert S. Calder, Misses Ruth Craig, Harriet Diven, Cora N. Edwards, Ethel Eltinge, Virginia Fair, Dean Alice E. Gipson, Agnes Gray, Mildred Gravely, Dr. Kate L. Gregg, Misses Ariel Gross, Gene Gustavus, Kathryn Hankins, Lucile Hatch, Lucia Persis Hutchins, Mr. and Mrs. Arden R. Johnson, Misses Lois Karr, Mary Lear, Alice Linnemann, Dr. Bertha E. Martin, Misses Leta M. Meacham, Margaret Miles, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Odenweller, Misses Frances Oldfield, Marjorie Olsen, Paula Postel, Ella T. Riske, Florence Schaper, E. Louise Stone, Elizabeth Stewart, Dorritt Stumberg, Gladys Sullivan, Prof. and Mrs. John Thomas, Misses Marjorie Weber, Amy Williams, Floy Winks, Anna Wurster and Page Wright, of the faculty; and from the administrative staff, Mr. and Mrs. Guy C. Motley, Dr. B. K. Stumberg, Miss Eva Sayre, Mrs. Effie Roberts, Mrs. Mary C. Wenger, Misses Margaret Johnson, Fdna Hough, Mrs. Elizabeth Kenney, Misses Cora Walter, Eula Sandford, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Blocher, Misses Dorothy Chadwick, Ethel Cook, Cora Wayne, Anne D. Gauss, Charlotte Thurman, Cornelia Achelpohl, Lillian Glosier, Anna Jeck, Amy Mutert, Mabel Clement, Win-tress Brennan.

#### FIREARMS DISCOURAGED BY PEACEFUL FACULTY.

#### Girls and Housemothers Reserve Right of 'toting' Weapons—on Occasion.

The recent trial in Quincy, Illinois, of the nine St. Louis gangsters, including "Dinty" Colbeck, has attracted almost universal attention as

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well as comment.

The fact that several witnesses had to be searched in the court room for concealed weapons gives a strong clue in ascertaining the strength of the gang-power of to-day.

As usual, Lindenwood has come to the front with her opinions upon the carrying of concealed weapons, firearms especially.

Almost all declare themselves in emphatic terms against carrying anything which might prove disastrous or harmful to the nation.

Miss Katherine Hankins, of the Latin Department said: "I think the principle is sound, and that the law should be enforced to the letter against the carrying of fire-arms."

It seems to be the popular opinion of the students, however, that they should go well armed at all times, with reinforcements and an extra supply of ammunition during the siege of monthly quizzes, and when engulfed by the final exams. machine guns, cannons and gas-bombs should be added to their above mentioned arsenal.

The house-mothers cherish the belief that the right to go about armed should be optional, and have just about decided that a stroll through the halls after 10:15 P. M. shouldering a musket would not be amiss.

"Bud", the colored nightwatchman, who keeps an untiring vigil on the campus at night says that he could never be without his trusty "six-shooter" for he must live up to his old reputation that "Bud shoots on sight."

#### Crime Encouraged by Weapons.

Speaking seriously on the subject, however, it is generally conceded that if officers of the law were not permitted to be so heavily armed, that the criminals themselves would not be so. The English burglar rarely ever possesses a gun and the reason for it is that English officers are never armed, not even with a "billy-club."

If people are all allowed to carry weapons at will, it would scarcely be safe to venture out, and civilization would be taking a step back toward the days of savagery instead of facing the other direction that leads to eternal peace and happiness.



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you must stay!"

The Germans lost the war, declared Dr. Fairechild, because they have no sense of humor, or, if they have, it is of a heavy sluggish type. An American was telling a German the joke of a newspaper correspondent publishing the news that Mark Twain was dead, only to find that that gentleman was enjoying very good health. In despair, he appealed to the famous author as to what he could do to "kill" the report. Mark Twain replied, "You might say that the report of my death was greatly exaggerated." Whereupon, the German remarked that that reporter would be sued for libel in Germany.

In England the humor is of a subtle, objective type, very hard for Americans to understand. They laugh at themselves. The supreme character in English humor is Falstaff.

The characteristics of Scotch humor is sarcasm. A thrifty Scot was moving from one village to another, nearby, and was laboriously carrying a great grandfather's clock. The village wag met him, and, after watching his trouble for several minutes inquired, "Man, would ye no be better with a watch?"

In America we laugh at the other fellow. The modern trend is to laugh particularly hard at our parents. An old priest found a young girl member of his flock breaking the Sabbath, and wishing to make her aware of his displeasure, he said, "Good morning, daughter of the Evil One."

The girl answered, "Good morning, Father."

Another joke particularly American is one saying that after a boy had killed his father and his mother he was pardoned because he was an orphan. Humor in this country has become highly professionalized, and under its surface we often detect melancholy.

Dr. Fairechild's definition of humor is "Humor is the sense of proportion touched with spontaneity. We ought to make a huge circle, on the circumference of which we should place all our thoughts and ideas. When any of them get out of place—laugh! There is fun in everything if we can but find it."

**"What Do You Laugh At?"**

Humor is the most searching test of character. Tell me what a man laughs at and I'll tell you what he is. There are several forms of personal humor. The lowest is the practical joke. It is a manifestation of the teasing instinct which does much more harm than it does good.

Oliver Wendell Holmes said that the pun was the lowest form of humor, and surely the ordinary puns are far from funny. Dr. Fairechild said that at least a hundred people had

told him that his name should be 'Darkechild', and he said he had never been particularly impressed by the intellect of these people.

The third type of humor is that of limitations and contradictions. We find our own happiness blindly and indirectly. Our inability to see the way out of our own difficulties will embitter our lives, unless we laugh.

The fourth and highest type of humor is the philosophic kind. Courage is necessary for the battle with life. To be courageous one must recognize danger, and it takes a sense of humor to be courageous in the face of danger. Courage is the basis of optimism and friendship, family affection, charity, and pathos. We exaggerate our own importance, our dignity, our usefulness. It is hard for us to realize that we are but grains of sand which a great wave may sweep away or suck under any time. The only way to end the tragedy of life is in the possession of an active sense of humor.

### WELL BALANCED CAST FOR MASON'S COMEDY.

(By Lydia Dodge)

On Thanksgiving night the Lindenwood Y. W. C. A. presented the play, "Green Stockings", a comedy in three acts, written by A. E. W. Mason. It was received by a very large, appreciative and responsive audience.

The plot was based upon the old English custom of the wearing of a pair of green stockings by the eldest daughter of a family, to the wedding of any younger sister who might secure a husband before the elder one.

In this play, "Celia Faraday", impersonated by Miss Adeline McBurney, had worn the verdant hosiery twice and was on the verge of doing it a third time when she hit upon the plan of inventing for her own personal use, a fiancé. For convenience sake she chose an army officer, who was with his troops in Africa, corresponded with him in letters she never mailed, and after eight months, published a notice of his death in the papers. Of course, just at this time a real soldier appeared bearing the same name as her imaginative sweetheart, and a real courtship ensued which terminated in a happy marriage.

Miss McBurney played this part to perfection, taking the role of the sister who bore all the family troubles and burdens, receiving nothing in return. "Colonel Smith", who played opposite Miss McBurney, was characterized by Virginia Symms and as the clever and also ardent lover she had no equal. "Phyllis Faraday" the younger sister, was played by Miss Carmelita Hofman, who portrayed vividly the modern ways of thinking and acting. Her fiancé,

Robert Tarver, played by Miss June Taylor, kept the audience in a continuous state of laughter, so well did she demonstrate the peculiar characteristics of the Englishman. "Mrs. Chisholm Faraday", played by Miss Emma Monier, showed true genius in carrying out the part of an English lady, while "William Faraday", played by Miss Virginia Hoover, marked plainly the amusing gruffness of the English gentleman.

The other characters were quite as perfectly played and the audience departed, convinced that no better judgment could have been used than that which had selected such a cast.

### HEADS CHOSEN FOR WINTER SPORTS.

A postponed meeting of the Athletic Association was held Monday, December 8, in Room 225 for the purpose of taking in new members. Those taken in were: Betty Arveson, Mary Olive Crawley, Margaret Edwards, Eita Feist, Irma Levy, Harriet Liddle, Lillian Nachlas, Kathryn Porter, Larita Scoggin, Peg Slavens, Frances Stumberg, June Taylor, Rachel Thompson, and Peg Wilson. These girls have to wear the colors of the association for a week.

The heads of the winter sports were elected, also: Tennis, Rachel Thompson (to take the place of Mary Priscilla Calder, who is no longer here); Basket Ball, Ruth Rodda; Dancing, Ida Hoeflin; Formal, Katherine Hooker.

### IS NOW A BRIDE.

Miss Mildred-Carson, of Greenville, Ill., who was obliged to give up her studies as a sophomore at Lindenwood this fall because of illness, has since become the bride of Mr. Dale McKee, of Greenville, whom she has known from childhood. The ceremony took place in St. Louis, December 12, at the Union Avenue Christian Church, Dr. George A. Campbell officiating. The bride's father, Mr. Will C. Carson, and her fiancé's mother, Mrs. McKee, of Greenville, were present at the ceremony, as also an aunt of the bride.

### FACULTY AT ST. LOUIS CLUB.

The St. Louis Lindenwood Club met on Tuesday, November 18, at the Forest Park Hotel in St. Louis. The Lindenwood faculty was well represented by the following members who were guests of the club: Miss Alice Linnemann, Miss Louise Stone, Dean Gipson, and Mr. C. A. Blocher. Mrs. Joseph White is president of the club, and it is a growing organization with many new members.

For the Mary Easton Sibley Fund a party was planned by the club for some time in January.