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## ADVENTURES OF SLEET STORM AT LINDENWOOD.

“Haec Olim Meminisse Juvabit”, Say  
All Concerned.

Over a month has passed since the terrific sleet storm of December 18, yet St. Charles and Lindenwood College have not recovered, nor will they until great shoin trees can produce sufficient foliage to hide the forlorn aspect of massive trunks with the few stubby, remaining branches.

Today, weeks after the descending of the heavy ice blanket, men are at work with saws high up in the trees trimming, cutting away the cracked and broken limbs. Brush-piles line the streets and great white gashes indicate where half-century elms were forced to yield to the crushing weight of ice, and split midway up their huge trunks. Telephone wires still dangle loosely only a foot above the heads of pedestrians and St. Charles people have become accustomed to making the trip to the grocery store as in the days before there were any phones. The entire phone system between St. Charles and St. Louis could have been more easily built anew than reconstructed from the mass of fallen poles and tangled wires which lined the twenty miles of concrete road between the two cities.

“It must have been terrible!” one marvels when one witnesses its havoc, and people who were at Lindenwood College the night of December the eighteenth say that the horror of it is inconceivable. They tell strange tales, tales of telephone poles falling two feet in front of them, trains being held up from fifteen to forty-eight hours, and communications being cut off; tales of streets made impassable, of nights without any electric lights or means of communication, nights during which icicles dangled from the beards and eyelashes of men who were out working in the storm.

### Beauty In Disaster

At Lindenwood College the night of December the eighteenth was a strange night, a fearful night, a picturesque and a memorable night. The College had been dismissed at nine

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## French Play, Feb. 20

### THIS IS A STORY OF OF JOHN SMITH.

His name is Smith, John H. Smith, to be exact, and as a gentleman of wit once remarked, “it seems to me that I’ve heard thta name before.” He is 84 years of age and resides with his bride of last summer, aged 50, on the Hillsboro road near Edwardsville, Ill.

John H. Smith is a very devoted and sympathetic husband, far more understanding than many of the modern youthful swains. When Mrs. Smith informed him that she had been shocked by one of the huge maple trees in their yard, he asked no questions, but immediately set out to wreak vengeance upon his wife’s oppressor. He sent for his old friend, W. C. Cobb, aged 88, a retired farmer of Virden, Ill., and erstwhile jockey of the St. Louis Race Tracks, and told him to saddle a nag and ride in his old time style, in order to be of some assistance when the time came to avenge the insult to Mrs. Smith.

Now up to this time it had not occurred to John H. Smith the way in which the tree had offended his wife, but being a gentleman through and through, he had simply assumed that its bare branches had become obnoxious to her highly sensitive nature, and had shocked her modesty. Upon the arrival of his friend Cobb, he had learned from his wife that the shock she had received had been electrical instead of being of a moral nature. The wires of the traction system near their home had come in contact with the high branches of the tree and Mrs. Smith had received the charge carried by it when she touched the tree.

This was a new idea to Smith, but being of a strong and determined nature like his famous ancestor of old, he seized the ax, and with the aid of Cobb, cut down the maple, so that no more harm might befall his bonny bride.

## STUDENTS’ QUESTIONNAIRE

Miss Foster “Started Something”  
She Put Her Problems.

Miss Katherine Foster, who recently appeared before the Women’s Auxiliary of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri to present some of the problems of the girl undergraduate, as she saw it from the point of view of a student at Washington University, has indeed set forth a list which applies to Lindenwood as well. To-wit, the problems are:

Should I bob my hair?

What stand shall I take on smoking and drinking?

Shall I be friendly to every one or limit myself to my own group?

What campus activities shall I go in for, if any?

What shall I do when science comes in and interferes with my religious beliefs?

In the halls—in the room on the way up stairs that always has the door open and about a dozen people in all sorts of positions as they’ve simply dropped when they realized that their class was over, their energy expelled, and for at least a few moments, one could be one’s own boss; in the gym, in the dining room, even on a hike—these are the kind of questions which arise to be discussed, argued, but one must admit, very seldom settled, at least in any convincing sort of way.

General opinions and discussions have given at least the idea that “we think fair to consider the parents when bobbing hair. Truly it makes a new person of us and perhaps it is more comfortable, but after all, do our folks want us to go off to college and change even in looks? They know when they send us that we are no longer children but they hardly hope that we’ll spend our time upon outward transfiguration in order to give the old home town a shock when we return.

Smoking or drinking, while not indulged in on the Lindenwood campus, yet are liable to be mentioned and if girls are thinkers at all they must undoubtedly have opinions on the sub-

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The Linden Bark: "Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith let us, to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it."—Abraham Lincoln, Address February 21, 1859.

### Equal Rights

It seems that since time immemorial there has been a strong feeling of injustice,—on the part of the female population, at least,—in regard to the unequal rights of women. Many steps have been taken to make equal the political conditions of the sexes. Now there seems to be a movement on foot to make equal the social conditions, also.

We hear that the co-eds of Heidelberg University, Tiffin, Ohio, have demanded the right to choose their own "dates", to stay out as late as the men, and to pay their own ways to the movies and parties. Ah, there's the rub, girls! If we desire to share the social independence which men enjoy, we must pay the penalty by forfeiting our financial dependence. If girls insist upon giving up ribbons and ruffles for high collars and knickers, they cannot expect to be treated like Queen Victoria.

It is a question of the girls of today choosing their own company and paying expenses, or continuing the ancient and delightful custom of being chosen and paid for. Which shall it be?

### To-Day An Anniversary

One hundred and sixteen years ago this morning, Abraham Lincoln was born in a little cabin on Nolin Creek in the State of Kentucky. His parents, Thomas and Nancy Hanks Lincoln, must have been thankful that day for this new life, and yet, they were not aware that many years

later, throughout a nation sick with war, other hearts would be raised in thankfulness for this same life. Today our thoughts turn to Lincoln, the great President, and the age in which he lived. It was a great age, not only because it fills many pages of our history books but also because it influences our own lives as we live them today, even in Lindenwood. For at this very time we find a pioneer who sacrificed that we might realize her ideals of womanhood. Mary Easton Sibley was one who lived and worked in this age of pioneers and through her we can feel a personal interest in Lincoln and those ideals for which he stands. Our thankfulness today is not, then, for the past alone, but also for ourselves and those to follow.

### LINDENWOOD PRESIDENT

#### GIVES MEMORIAL \$5,000.

(From St. Louis Globe-Democrat)

Announcement is made in the February number of the Lindenwood College Bulletin that President John Lincoln Roemer of the college has given \$5000 to the Sibley Memorial scholarship fund now being raised. The announcement states: "Coming as this gift does, at the very beginning of the intensive efforts to secure this fund, Dr. Roemer's gift will be doubly appreciated by those interested in the movement. It is his earnest wish to see the original idea of Mrs. Sibley completely carried out, and to witness the time when the scholarship fund will be sufficiently large that no worthy girl who really wants to come to Lindenwood may be prevented through lack of money."

The alumnae and former student clubs at twenty-three different centers have started in this movement, and several clubs, notably those of Chicago and St. Louis, have each raised initial gifts of \$1000. The purpose is to endow a \$100,000 scholarship as part of the centennial celebration in June, 1927, in honor of the founder of the college, Mrs. Mary Easton Sibley.

### RETURNS TO CLASS.

Miss Anna Wurster has resumed her duties at Lindenwood College after a prolonged vacation. While Miss Wurster was at her home in Lafayette, Ind., she met with an accident which made her unable to return sooner. Miss Wurster is an Instructor in the Romance Language Department and all of her pupils are delighted that she is now able to continue her work.

### COLLEGE CALENDAR.

Thursday, Feb. 12.—

Birthday of Abraham Lincoln.

Mrs. Emily Grant Hutchings St. Louis; 11 a. m., "The Meaning of Modernism."

Saturday, Feb. 14.—

St. Valentine's Day.

Sunday, Feb. 15.—

Day of Prayer for Colleges.

### FACULTY DISCUSS ART, SCIENCE AND HISTORY.

A faculty meeting on Tuesday, January 20, was made unusually interesting by the talks of Dr. Gregg, Miss Miles and Miss Olsen, the topics of which were varied and attractive.

Miss Miles gave an account of her travels last summer in Italy, with special reference to Rome, Florence, Genoa and Naples. She illustrated her talk with picture slides of many scenes and places of interest.

"The Conservation of Waste in Henry Ford's River Rouge Plant," was the topic of Dr. Gregg's talk. She gave its location—just outside Detroit—and told in detail about the many millions of dollars that have been made from coal smoke, which is carried off by means of huge pipes and is condensed into two kinds of gas, rich and clean, in addition to other products such as ammonium sulphate, tar and benzol. The wood waste is taken care of by means of a wood distilling plant, much iron has been melted and steel plants have been installed. At one plant, card board boxes, in which Ford parts are shipped all over the country, are made from wood waste and scraps of paper picked up from the ground. Cement plants are also used there to utilize slag from iron furnaces.

Miss Olsen gave a discussion on "History as an Evolutionary Process." She pointed out the fact that History is merely a process worked out through civilization, with the story of man through all his reactions and associations. She said, "Everything ever done is History, and always will be so. The language of the people, religion, science, art, politics, in fact every phase of life is a part of History." She also traced various National and International movements in History to show how these things have been evolved, sketched the building up of National History and pointed out the difference and causes of differences in the development of the two. The conclusion of the talk embodied the statement that one could only know and understand the History of his own country when he understands that of Europe.

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that morning for the Christmas Holidays, and girls left at all hours of the day on various trains bound for widely scattered homes. Those who got away in the morning left in a pouring rain. By noon the thermometer had dropped and the rain, turning into a drizzle, was freezing as it fell and forming a heavy coating of ice on trees, bushes, and telephone wires. It was indeed a beautiful sight, that transformed landscape! Trees drooping gracefully, bent down by their frozen, silvery burdens, swept the ground with their topmost limbs. Telephone wires donned a heavy even fringe of silver icicles which formed three inches long and in unbroken rows.

By late afternoon passage in the streets became decidedly dangerous, for trees, as brittle as stick candy might give way at any minute and send their ice-laden limbs cracking and crashing on pedestrians or cars. Taxis ceased to run, and one by one telephones refused to work as poles were borne down by the heaviness of the ice fringe on their wires.

At about six that night the last trolley went through to the station. Then the word within a radius of more than a hundred miles was ice-bound. Miss Lucile Hatch, instructor in piano at Lindenwood, left St. Louis early that night by Wabash as busses and trolleys had ceased to run. At nine that night she was twelve miles from St. Charles, and at three the next morning she was still twelve miles away. Trains all had orders not to run until passed by certain others; no dispatch was possible and the danger of wrecks was great. At St. Charles station Miss Hatch sat from three-thirty until about six with a lantern as the only station light. Train men came in to warm, and brushed little icicles from their beards and eyebrows. At a little after six a postal clerk came and offered to accompany Miss Hatch to the College, as there was danger from live wires.

#### 'Men Must Work and Women Must Weep'

The stories of those who held the fort that night smack of the intensely dramatic. When most taxis had ceased to venture out, Mr. Guy C. Motley, Secretary of Lindenwood, and Mr. Clem Sullentrop, head of the West End Taxi Company, picked their way to the school in the gathering dusk. They moved cautiously, flashing lights high to catch sight of trees which might be ready to crack down upon them. Their message to the girls who had not yet gotten away was:

"You can't go to-night!. You'll risk your own lives, as well as the life of whoever tries to get you to the train." It was a distressing message for Misses Corene Placek, Harriet

Liddle, Norma Erdwurm, Laura Ann Placek, Mary Ellen Slangenhop, Marguerite Wiles, Lorraine Saari, and Wilma Sanderson, a message which brought tears to more than one pair of eyes.

As in the days gone by Sibley Hall became the center of Lindenwood life for that night. It was very like old times to see the shadows on the high ceilings made by flickering candles, as a knot of disappointed girls, resigned to being ice-bound, prepared to spend the night in the old building. Recruits were added when a Ford arrived about seven o'clock, bringing two weeping girls. They told of starting from St. Louis in a bus which broke down on the way and left them stranded in the storm. Hailing a Ford they made the driver turn around and bring them back to Lindenwood. The perils of the ride were evident from the tearful and not altogether steady aspect of the young ladies.

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#### 'WE ARE SEVENTEEN', SAY THE NEW STUDENTS.

#### Registration for the Semester Adds to Freshman Class

The roll call of Lindenwood students has been lengthened by seventeen attractive young women, who entered for work the second semester. Lindenwood is already acquainted with some of these girls and is rapidly becoming acquainted with the others.

The Sophomore class is glad to welcome three of its former classmates, Miss Allene Byrd, of LaClede, Mo., Miss Clara Harte, of Omaha, Neb., and Miss Grace Burge of Boonville, Mo. All three have taken up their school residence in Butler hall.

The Freshman class introduces the majority of the new girls to Lindenwood. Those living in Irwin hall are Miss Leota Wayland of Washington, Kan.; Miss Viola Newman of Kansas City, Mo., Miss Isabel Wanless of Springfield, Ill., Miss Betty Suddarth of Kansas City, Mo.; Miss Lucille Emery of Waverly, Neb.; and Miss Lorena Dickerson of David City, Neb. Those living in Niceolls hall are Miss Pauline Gardner of Kansas City, Mo.; Miss Mildred Dickey of St. Louis, Mo.; Miss Hilma Blacks of Sikeston, Mo., Miss Martha Schwartz, of Edwardsville, Mo., and Miss Dorothy Benjamin of Wichita, Kan.

Other new students are Miss Frances De Lozier of Sapulpa, Okla., now living in Irwin hall; Miss Ruth Smigelow of Raton, N. M., and Miss Betty Bennett of St. Louis, Mo., both of whom are residents of Jubilee hall.

The old girls of Lindenwood extend a sincere and hearty welcome to all these newcomers.

#### PROBABILITY OF GROUND- HOG SEEING HIS SHADOW.

#### Campus Sheik Returned to His Un- derground Home.

There has been a vast amount of comment and argument concerning the probability of the Groundhog seeing his shadow on February 2. If he came out early enough in the morning, he didn't stand a very good chance of casting a shadow, but if he did not appear until around noon, he could possibly have seen his likeness.

However, it has always been generally understood that Mr. Groundhog is an energetic fellow, not inclined toward late rising and lazy habits, so the popular opinion is that he came out early, became greatly disgusted, and retired to his abode to await an early spring.

There is also other proof that His Nibs, the Groundhog, did not see his shadow. It came from an eye-witness of unquestionable integrity and excellent authority. Mr. Harry P. Ordelleide says that he distinctly saw the Groundhog emerge from his underground home in the yard surrounding Eastlick Hall, sit for a few moments on his front door step, and then with a look of utter contempt on his face, disappear from sight. Mr. Ordelleide added that he didn't know whether the gentleman was discontented because there was no sun for him to bask in, or whether he was merely disgusted with his immediate surroundings.

At any rate, all of Lindenwood would appreciate an early spring. The base ball and track squads are getting anxious and restless again to test their skill on the diamond and cinder path. New spring clothes are being carefully cared for and also Easter Bonnets.

May Day activities are to be thought of, and exams (pardon the mention of them), commencement and then the most important phase connected with the coming of Spring, one that interests all. Yep, you guessed it—its Home!

#### STARTLING IGNORANCE OF SCRIPTURE FOUND IN MISSOURI SCHOOLS.

Statistics taken by Dr. George R. Crissman, superintendent of the teachers' training school of Central Missouri's State Teachers' College at Warrensburg, show that knowledge of the Bible is an unusual virtue among college and high school students in Missouri's schools.

The tests, which were given 100 Warrensburg College students and 1800 high school students, were based upon material concerning characters, institutions, passages, history, language, and geography of the Old and

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ject. For the present suffice it to say  
"Let your conscience be your guide."

"Shall I Be Friendly?"

The very mention of friendship aroused four hundred and twenty-nine different opinions, yes let us say five hundred different opinions, for the faculty think strenuously upon this subject, as was evidenced at Y. W. last Wednesday evening. At any rate, be sure that you are at least gracious enough to speak when you are spoken to, for, remember some day, you may find yourself in the embarrassing position in which you are placing another by "passing her up" at this moment.

Students go to college primarily to be educated along literary and academic lines and to learn to see things from a scientific point of view, but there are many sides to be considered if one would live the fullest well rounded life. Why not fall in with as many campus activities as we can stand and continue to keep up the scholastic record? Remember, she who is interested and busy is truly happy or at least contented, and at any rate, hasn't time to broadcast C. A. T. S., nor to indulge in the petty arguments that make bad friends, nor to prove that the very true maximum familiarity (overdone) breeds contempt. Therefore to repeat, go in for activities, offer your services, help when and where you can, forget yourself and be happy.

Religion has been a stumper for college students at all times. What view shall I take? Many become simply "hard boiled" and throw the teaching of their parents to the fourwinds. Do not be too hasty, College Girl, unless you've thought out a logical reason to replace their beliefs and then be sure your own "original" recognizes things as they are and not as you think they ought to be.

These thoughts on the subject are the boiled down opinions of many Lindenwood upper classman—Look 'em over Miss Freshman—and think a bit, young lady, think!

**Parlez-vous le francais  
Venez a l'Auditorium  
Pour voir  
La Poudre Aux Yeux**

#### LEAVING FOR EUROPE

Miss Allene Guthrie of Macon, Mo., a graduate of '24 and a sister of Miss Mary Sue Guthrie, is leaving for Europe the last of this month. She will take courses at the Sorbonne, in Paris, and will spend the summer in traveling. She will not return until next September.

## Doings and Dones

### MISS GRAZIADEI HONORED.

(From Port Huron (Mich.) Times-Herald)

A Port Huron girl, Miss Carmela Graziadei, recently received the honor of being chosen as one of four students from the music department of Lindenwood College, representing the school at a College Club benefit in St. Louis, Mo.

The benefit is an annual affair, and the star this year was Glenn Hunter in "Merton of the Movies".

As is customary, the leading colleges of the country were called upon during the intermissions and their representatives responded with songs or yells. The Lindenwood quartette, of which Miss Graziadei is a member sang two college songs. Other institutions represented at the play were Harvard, Yale, Amherst, Vassar, Wellesley, Smith, Washington University and Missouri University.

### FRESHMAN WINS HONOR OF SUCCESSFUL PLAY.

The Lindenwood Athletic Association met Monday, February 2, Miss Helen Calder, presiding. Four new members were taken in, Misses Helen Lewis, Mary Sue Guthrie, Mary Louise Dixon, and Carmelita Hoffman. The announcement of the acceptance of a play written by Miss June Taylor was then made. There is indeed much honor in this, for the young lady is a member of the freshman class and plays were submitted by some representative of every class. The part of the leading lady is to be taken by Miss Carmelita Hoffman. Business manager of the play is to be Miss Helen Lee Maupin, Advertising Manager, Rosalind Cohen, Tickets, Julia Ayres. A full announcement of the entire cast and choruses will be made in the next issue. Start saving pennies now, for no one wants to miss the Athletic Association play, one of the biggest events of the year.

### EXCHANGES.

(From Topeka State Journal Society Column)

Miss Alberta Shell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl E. Shell, who has been at home on her Christmas vacation, played recently in a recital at Lindenwood College, St. Charles, Mo. This is Miss Shell's second year at Lindenwood, where she is one of the most promising of music students. She played Vier Rhapsodies, by Dohnanyi.

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New Testaments. Different sets of examination questions were given the school, an endeavor having been made to prepare each on a basis suitable to knowledge that might reasonably be expected from students of different ages and degrees of training.

Among the college students, with 100 as a basis, the median score for men is 64, the median score for women is 66, the score for freshmen is 55.7, for sophomores is 65, juniors 65, seniors 69.5, for students with little or no Sunday School training it is 52.5, for students with irregular attendance 63, for students with regular attendance 70, and for students having college credit in Bible it is 84. The results from the high school tests were even more unsatisfactory.

### VACATION TIMES.

#### Hostesses and Guests Return to Minor Things.

"Hello! Glad to see you back. Have a gorgeous time?"

"Heavens, yes!"

"What did you do?"

"Things happened so fast that—well—let me think. Friday Emma had a lovely bridge luncheon, and that afternoon we went through the Governor's Mansion. Friday night we went to a splendid dinner dance at Margaret Enloe's new home,—the Warden's Mansion, you know.

"Saturday morning we inspected the State Penitentiary and got to see the men eating, and then went ourselves to a pretty luncheon at Betty's. That night the Blairs had a grand bucat dinner-dance for us—and eight Westminster boys! And the next morning, on Sunday, the Lindenwood girls and the Westminster boys explored the Capitol and climbed up in the dome. And then we had to get ready to come back. We did have the GRANDEST time!"

The girls having "the GRANDEST time" were the Jefferson City girls, Misses Lillion Tweedie, Margaret Enloe, Elizabeth Haigh, Emma Monier, and Mabel Blair, and the guests of the three latter, Miss Dorothy Williams of Vicksburg, Miss., Misses Meredith Groom and Nellie Ruth Don Carlos of Liberty, Mo., and Miss Helen McPherson, of Kansas City, Mo., who was the house guest of Mrs. Fisk Marbut, of Jefferson City.

There was a young fellow named Joe,

Had a car that really could go,

But he went ninety-three

And they piled the debris

With a shovel, a rake and a hoe.

—Varsity Breeze.