

# LINDEN BARK

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## "RAINBOW FAIRYLAND" AUGURS HAPPY YEAR.

### Honors Bestowed on Mrs. Roemer.

A dinner dance was given in honor of Mrs. John L. Roemer's birthday by the Freshman Class last Friday night.

The gym. was transformed for the occasion into a rainbow tinted fairyland. At the north end, beneath a huge rainbow, "Mother Roemer," honored guest of the evening was enthroned. Great baskets of many-hued flowers hung from the ceiling, and enormous bouquets of old fashioned posies on the walls gave an atmosphere of old-time quaintness and charm.

For the entertainment of Mrs. Roemer and the guests the Freshmen gave a dainty programme. Quaintly gowned maids danced the graceful minuet and sang old-fashioned songs.

The Freshmen gave "Mother Roemer" as their birthday token a beautiful arm-bouquet of old fashioned flowers that she wore most gracefully.

The music furnished by the St. Charles orchestra was good, the refreshments were delicious and the Freshmen made ideal "dates".

Everyone thought the party the most attractive yet given, and with such a rainbow-tinted beginning Mrs. Roemer's new year could scarcely be anything but a most happy one.

## UNUSUAL AUTUMNAL WEATHER

Most unusual is the very late fall throughout this part of the country. There has been but one brief rain storm since college opened in September. The campus looks more green than in the late spring, and the flowers, from the brilliant red geraniums to the gold of the marigolds and the zinnias are still in bloom. The cannas, too, still seem to feel that it is their season. As for the trees, with exception of the ash, few of the leaves are even colored. The oaks, the drooping umbrella trees on the campus. Walnut trees, and even the poplars retain their summer verdure. The grass is quite fresh looking and the little warm weather insects are flying about. Occasionally, one sees a flock of black birds overhead.

## OUT OF MANY WITNESSES WAS TRUTH ESTABLISHED.

Question:—What were Sara Shomberg, Betty Arveson, and Betty Bramlitt doing on November 4, from 10 A. M. until 2 P. M.?

Answer:—Voting! And therein lies a tale. All Lindenwood voters who did not cast absentee votes were supposed to go to the Lutheran Hall in St. Charles and support the candidate of their choice. Consequently Sara stepped out for Coolidge; Betty Arveson for LaFollette; and Betty Bramlitt for Davis. In their endeavors to uphold the worthy men the girls "nearly got behind the bars" as they express it. Of course they paved the way for other Lindenwood voters, but what a time they had in doing it!

It all began when Betty Bramlitt, turning in her ballot, stated that her home was in Arkansas, that she had come from Lindenwood to vote, and was not alone. Then and there discussion, quibbling, calling in of Prosecuting Attorney, phoning for Mr. Motley, and like procedures began. The object of it all was to find out the law in regard to residence required for voting, and to establish residence here for Lindenwood girls.

### To Vote is a Weeping Matter.

Tears were shed, judges got mad, and the following people had a hand in the affair before it was settled: Mr. Guy C. Motley, Dr. Kurt Stumbreg, Mrs. J. L. Roemer, Miss Lucille Hatch, Miss Lillian Allyn, Miss Mary Barnett, on the side of the girls. The City Attorney, the Prosecuting Attorney, all the Judges, upheld and expounded the law. The Missouri Constitution was read. To establish her residence here, Miss Barnett proclaimed that she had furniture; and Betty Arveson immediately mentioned her rug and victrola.

Knots of voters found unusual interest in the scene; and someone offered to speculate that the girls would go up for two years for perjury. The thing that really started all the concern about these three votes was the mention of the fact that they were sent by the worthy Democrat, Mr. Motley. The Judge must have been a Republican pessimist.

Finally the weary girls were allowed to swear that this was their home

## WHAT THE SENIORS ARE PERPETRATING

The Senior Class officers are President, Maude Arveson; Vice president, Sara Shomberg; Secretary, Margaret Boss, and Treasurer, Helen Kready. This class, consisting of twenty-two, includes girls studying in every department of the college and working for both A. B. and B. S. degrees, as well as Teachers' Certificates from the three year variety up to the Life Certificate. The girls come from nine states ranging from Wisconsin on the north, South Dakota, on the west, to West Virginia and Pennsylvania in the east. Not all the members of the class have been fortunate enough to have attended Lindenwood for the entire four years. Those who have spent the full time here are: Margaret Boss, Helen Kready, Gertrude Bird, Eva Seiber, Martha Messinger, Virginia Bauer, Helen Calder, Viola Karenbroek, Ann Podrasky, Martha Popperdine and Roberta Moehlenkamp. There are two girls who entered as Seniors this year. Kathryn MacKeehien, transferred from Hastings College at Hastings, Neb., while Charlotte Buck came from Doane College, Crete, Nebraska. Helen Towles and Mary Frances Wertz both spent their Freshman year here, then left for foreign parts, only to return and be faithful to their original Alma Mater. Gertrude Wallrich entered last year as a Junior from Rockford College in Illinois. The Arvesons entered separately. Betty in February of her Sophomore year from University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois; and Maude began her Junior year coming from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Marian Kaufman entered as a Junior from Howard Payne at Fayette, Missouri. Sara Shomberg entered as a Junior from Goucher College, Baltimore, Maryland, and Mary Randolph entered as a Junior from Ward Belmont, Nashville, Tenn.

for one year—"perhaps we will visit at home on Christmas" Betty thinks—and the much disputed votes were accepted.

Later in the afternoon the Judges became worn out by the intelligent voters of Lindenwood, and those who went late got by without a word of dispute.



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**The Linden Bark: Logic is one thing and common sense is another.**  
 —Elbert Hubbard.

## The Great Day of the Year

Six weeks till Christmas! Forty-two days till turkey and cranberry sauce time! There is an excited bustle in the air already. Thoughts are turned towards Christmas presents—both coming and going. Everyone is saying "How Can I Wait?"

Do you know the way to make the good day come quickest, girls? "Sit still in the boat." Don't spend study hours dreaming about what you're going to eat, wear, and say the first day you get home. Get your lessons! Enter into activities enthusiastically! This is the way to pass the time away; the days and weeks will fly. Try it and see!

## Fritz Lieber in Hamlet

(By Laura Margaret Mellette and Virginia Symms)

Fritz Lieber, in the role of Hamlet, in Shakespeare's incomparable tragedy, presents a strange and unusual interpretation. His portrayal is strikingly different from that of E. H. Sothern and that of Mantell. Lieber's Hamlet is the same man assuming the attitude of derangement with great keenness of perception and force of wit. The audience is at all times conscious that the madness is feigned. Sothern's Hamlet at times appears to be pre-fending insanity but, as the character develops, the audience is led to question the true state of his mind and doubt if all the madness be assumed. Although skillfully portrayed, Lieber's Hamlet lacks the depth, is less meditative than the character of older tragedians, and represents a younger school.

Variations from the interpretations

of other tragedians may be cited in the scenic effects as well as in character portrayal. The stage hangings were the subdued straight drapes so effective in Shakespearian productions, with the addition, however, of Gothic pointed and rose windows of richest magnificence. Disregarding precedent, the orchestra was used several times during the performance, and curtain calls were made by pulling the curtains. Perhaps this added to the general impression of the rapidity of motion of the play as much as did the very short intermissions, none of which exceeded three minutes. It was a surprise to most Shakespearian lovers to have the action thus rushed.

Lieber's entire supporting cast was well selected. Philip Quin as Polonius, brought that character into such prominence by his excellent acting and clowning that it was second only to Hamlet. Ophelia's strength lay in her mad scene, so difficult to portray, in which a younger woman perhaps would have lacked finesse.

No discussion would be complete without mention of the excellency of Frank Peters, Ghost. The impressiveness of the veteran actor in this role is incomparable.

## FACULTY RECITAL

On the last Sunday evening in October, the student body and visitors were entertained by Misses Mildred E. Gravely, pianist, Cora N. Edwards, contralto, Ariel Gross, accompanist, in their first recital of the year.

The program was as follows:

- Nocturne, C sharp minor...Chopin
- Etude, Op. 10, No. 5.....Chopin
- Scherzo, E. Major.....Chopin
- Miss Gravely
- Aria—O Don Fatale (Don Carlos, Verdi)
- La Girometta.....Sibella
- Miss Edwards
- Triana (Spanish Dance)...Albeniz
- Miss Gravley
- Invocation to Eros....Kursteiner
- My Delight.....Chopin
- My Phantom Double....Schubert
- The Fairy Pipers.....Brewer
- Miss Edwards

Miss Edwards' last number was so enthusiastically received that she was recalled to the stage twice, her encores being "Marchetta" and "Believe Me if All Those Endearing Young Charms."

## SUBSTITUTE?

At the Store:

Student after several previous inquiries): "Has the Gospel of Mark come in yet?"

Salesperson: "No, not yet."

Student: "Well, then, I'll take a dime's worth of postage stamps."

## COLLEGE CALENDAR.

Thursday, November 13.

Mr. John Thomas, 11 A. M.

## DR. JOHNSON DISCUSSES BRITISH CHARACTERISTICS.

Best English Spoken in Scotland.

(Continued from October 30)

One thing that impressed Dr. Johnson was the marvelous gardening in Britain. In physical characteristics, it is not a country of extremes; there is very little real barren country there. The hills are rounded and covered with grass. The people are like the country, they do not take extreme views on questions, they have well rounded opinions on subjects.

"The Britains are a great and good people, who bear no ill will toward the Americans whatsoever. The British as a whole indulge very little in profanity, and instead of resorting to 'cuss' words they use a more extensive vocabulary."

While in Plymouth he heard an address by the Lord Mayor of Plymouth, who is Lady Astor's husband. In this speech, the Lord Mayor emphasized the necessity of peaceful relations between the English speaking peoples.

Dr. Johnson traveled alone or with groups of British; he was rarely with Americans. Often, at small inns, they had seen no Americans in several years; nevertheless they were extremely courteous.

The American discovers to his surprise that there is a great difference between the English language as written and the English language as spoken. Most Americans do not know how the English speak, as they meet few real English people in America.

There are about "57 varieties" of dialects in Britain. In London, the speech changes from section to section, and some English is impossible to understand at a distance of a few feet.

The most difficult variety of English is found in London. One is surprised at the way the British people (except the West English) sound their "r's". As one goes north from London the "r" is emphasized more and more, until it becomes a "hurr" in Scotland. Although the speech varies in the towns, one has little difficulty in understanding Scotch.

Dr. Johnson was surprised to find the finest language in Inverness, the capital of the highlands of Scotland. It is surprising to learn from Englishmen themselves that the nearest competitor to Inverness for fine language is Dublin.

After he had spent a week on the battle fields of France he went to Paris, and was there for a short time.



## EVERYBODY VOTED AT LINDENWOOD.

### Coolidge Elected by College and Nation.

As Lindenwood is always up-to-date in everything, it was only to be expected that on Tuesday morning, November 4, when the election polls all over the country were opened, two voting precincts would likewise be opened in Roemer Hall.

Judges and clerks were stationed at the polls, regular Missouri ballots used and the voting was carried off in exactly the same fashion as that of the general election. Everyone connected with Lindenwood in any way was allowed to vote, maids and kitchen help included.

### Proposition Five a Winner

Instructions were given by Dr. John L. Roemer, Miss Mary C. Olsen and Mr. Guy C. Motley, and when the ballots were counted the following returns were reported: For President, Coolidge 216, Davis 195, LaFollette 6; for Governor, Baker 259, Nelson 179, for Congressman, Cannon 211 and his Republican opponent 20. On Proposition No. 5 the following was given: "Yes" 126, "No" 1.

It was a busy day and Lindenwood's leading politicians were as much concerned with "getting out the vote" as Messrs. Butler and Shaver were in getting out the national vote. No electioneering was allowed on the first floor of Roemer or within 100 feet of the polls, and so the doubtful voter found herself suddenly seized, dragged outside or upstairs where she was the victim of, "The Republican Party is for construction and will bring you prosperity," or "The Tea Pot Dome demonstrates the corruption of Republican officials, Davis will give us common honesty in our business," and also, "Vote not as your father votes, but as your conscience dictates, the country needs a change and LaFollette is fearless and incorruptible!"

One girl rushed in with "Is this where we vote? What do I do with this big sheet of paper? I'm so thrilled, this is the first time I have ever voted, say, is LaFollette a Republican?"

### Mr. Motley Her Mentor

Of course the Freshman was on the scene. As she was given her ballot she turned to an upperclassman and said, "I don't know an earthly thing about voting, but Mr. Motley says that all that is necessary is to put a cross mark in the circle at the head of the second column. I don't know whether to or not, he's such a tease, do you suppose he would campus me if I didn't?"

And the upperclassman, being a

staunch Democrat, said with an ominous nod of her head,

"Anything Mr. Motley says to do, well, you'd better do it, and that's that!"

Election day was enjoyed by everyone. Besides the amount of pleasure derived from casting a real ballot, the students also received the educational value of the voting.

## AUTHORS' HUMAN TRAITS TOLD BY MISS WINN.

Miss Jane Frances Winn, literary editor of the Globe-Democrat, lectured at Lindenwood at 9 A. M. Tuesday, November 5, on "Authors I Have Met". Most of the writers she described were guests at an International Meeting of Authors held in New York last May. The president of the association was Carl Van Dorn, who succeeded Booth Tarkington. Representatives came from England, France, Spain, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Russia, Roumania, Japan, and Mexico, as well as a great many well known American authors.

Gertude Atherton, Willa Cather, Rebecca West, May Sinclair, and Fannie Hurst were prominent among the women writers present, and Robert Frost, Grant Overton and Augustus Post were among the men.

Miss Winn talked particularly of the St. Louis writers, the most noted of whom, perhaps, are Winston Churchill, Temple Bailey, and Fannie Hurst. The characters of the former's great novel, "The Crisis", are drawn almost entirely from St. Louisans, and the other two writers are greatly influenced by that neighboring city. Miss Bailey is very successful commercially, while Miss Hurst is perhaps the better known.

It was very entertaining to hear of the personalities and appearances of these writers, whom one knows so well through their books, and it was of the greatest interest to find out how human and natural famous authors can be.

## ASSISTANT BIOLOGIST.

Among the faculty members at Lindenwood this year is Miss Mary Brown, the new biology assistant. Miss Brown received her A. B. degree at Butler, Indianapolis, Ind., and her M. S. at Washington University, St. Louis. She was at Chicago University for one year and spent two summers at Marine Biological laboratory at Woods Hole, Mass. after which she taught for two years as associate professor at Pennsylvania College, Lexington, Ky.

Miss Brown is a member of two honorary societies, Sigma Xi and Phi Sigma. The Y. W. C. A. is an organization in which she has always been greatly interested. She will doubtless prove to be quite an asset to the Lindenwood branch of the Y. W. C. A.

## DR. WILLIAMSON PICTURES PERILS OF THE EASY WAY.

Dr. R. C. Williamson of the Tyler Place Presbyterian Church of St. Louis delivered an address to the faculty and student body, Thursday, October 16, at the assembly, on "The Peril of an Easy Way."

"The world is full of people looking for the easiest way," he said in beginning. "It is an old story and dates back to early Hebrew Literature, when the crafty king of Israel told his people it was too hard to go to Jerusalem. He knew they would be weaned away."

Dr. Williamson expressed his love for out-door life, especially his fondness for fishing.

"I am interested in fish," he said, "and I have come to despise certain kinds of fish and others to admire. The trout is the gentleman, he knows how to live in a lordly fashion. How different from the sluggish carp in the muddy waters of Missouri! If the trout tried living like the carp he would die. The same happens in the realm of human life.

"The remaining specimens of savagery are found where little life remains. No work, no preparation, no need to think, nothing to fear and life without effort. There is a great danger in going into a place where you can live without effort; there is also an awfully great tendency for life to break down where there is civilization. There are no hardships now; modern inventions take care of that—getting bloomin' near the carp!"

Dr. Williamson brought his remarks home by discussing the college problem, in which he said:

"Everyone wants to go to college, it is a problem of excess, but here is the solution, just comb out the undesirable element by requiring four years of Latin and two years of Greek. Then the teachers will not be at their wits' ends to keep up the interest in their classes."

He also spoke of the perils in moral fiber, intellectual capacity and physical well-being which accompany an easy way.

"We cannot yield to the soft civilization with which we are surrounded," he said in explanation of this.

He finished with a very amusing story of a darky who declared that a zebra was nothing more than a "sport model mule."

"We are not interested in sport-models, they don't get you anywhere," said Dr. Williamson.

## THREE CONTRACTS LET.

The staff of the college annual, Linden Leaves, has let the following contracts; Central Engraving Co., of St. Louis, for engraving; East St. Louis Daily Journal, for printing, and Sid Whiting of St. Louis, Photographer.



## GHOSTS AND GOBLINS BOW TO QUEEN.

On Friday night, October 31, ghosts and goblins and all sorts of queer-looking folks gathered in Butler gym, which had been transformed to the very likeness of a corn field at harvest time. Indeed the surprise was great when there sprang a beautiful fairy from one of the shocks of corn and as all the lights went out but six large pumpkin heads whose eyes gleamed and glittered, the lovely fairy danced. As she finished a very graceful interpretation and bowed low to the ground, Dr. Roemer went forward, took that fairy by the hand, and led her to a throne at the foot of which she was crowned queen of the Hallowe'en season. This fairy was none other than our fellow-student Carmela Graziadei. She ascended and sat upon a large broom while back of her hung the full moon, delightful in its golden mellowness.

An old witch came forth to her deeply brewing pot and stirred the seething mass to bring forth the spirit of the party. All sorts of headless creatures and skeletons, and evil spirits appeared, but finally there came lovely sprites who danced by moonlight and pleased all onlookers. Then the lights went on and much dancing with finally a grand march, as a result of which Miss Jeck and Mrs. Roberts, and Elizabeth Owens were presented with a pumpkin pie for the best costumes. Dancing continued until a late hour, the only stops being made near the stand where cider and doughnuts were served bountifully.

### LAST OF DEMOCRATS.

On Saturday, November 1, the Lindenwood Democrats burst forth in a huge rally, noticeable on the campus, in the dining room and auditorium, in fact, anywhere they might choose.

Two speakers, Congressman Clarence Cannon and Wiley Huston, gave fiery speeches in the dining room and in Roemer Auditorium. Songs were sung and immediately after the speaking, the "Davisites" formed a huge parade, led by Secretary Guy V. Motley in a tall silk hat and swallow-tail coat astride the Democratic Mule. The "Motley" crowd marched about the campus, singing, shouting and creating a general uproar, then gathered on the East side of Jubilee Hall where everyone was served with "hot-dog" sandwiches and soda-pop. While the picnic was still in process huge sky-rockets sizzled through the sky above the heads of the Democrats and their guests.

It was a royal celebration, done in that old-fashioned Democratic style that gives everyone, whether he be Democratic, Republican or Independent, a feeling of good-will and good-fellowship.

## Doings and Dones

Gige Liles—Did you know that the St. Louis Street Cars carried forty-seven million passengers last year?

Impossible! Why, there aren't forty-seven million people in St. Louis.

Fritz Lieber was very popular with Lindenwood girls one week-end. The following students were among those who attended his Saturday afternoon performance at the Shubert-Jefferson and came back claiming him a wonderful Hamlet: Misses Julia Ayres, Helen Lee Mupin, Mary Sue Guthrie, Dorthie Meyer, Loraine Lyster, Pearl Padgett, Virginia Merritt, Eugenia Whittington, Ethel Landreth, Blanche Fish, Frances Fitzgerald, Elizabeth Good, Charlotte Gassaway, and Miss Diven.

In addition to the above mentioned it should be noted that the following pairs of sisters attended together: Misses Ruth and Mary Frances Wertz Sara and Edith Noon, Marie and Dixie Laney, and Caroline and Charlotte Meyers.

Another party of Lindenwood girls who witnessed Lieber's Hamlet was that consisting of Misses Francis Stumberg, Laura Margaret Mellette, and Virginia Symms, who attended with Dr. F. J. Tainter and Miss Frances Tainter of St. Charles whose house guests the two Nevada girls were this week end.

Miss Elizabeth Bates, who attended Lindenwood last year and is a Sophomore at Missouri University this year spent the week-end with her former room-mate, Miss Lillian Travers. 'Zippy' says that M. U. is wonderful, but that 'you surely do miss the girls.'

Marian—"Have you seen my belt around the room?"

Pauline—"No, did you put it around the room?"

It is good to see Miss Jeck back in her accustomed place, after her compulsory vacation because of injuries received Sunday night in an auto accident. It is also good to report that the injuries were all slight, and that aside from rather painful bruises she escaped whole, and feels as good as new.

(From the Chowanian)

I used to think I knew I knew,  
But now I must confess,  
The more I know I know I know,  
I know I know the less.

(W. B. Hyphen)

You may not now feel very wise,  
But we'll help you to become "Y's".

## DISTINGUISHED DINNER GUESTS

On Monday evening, November 3, Lindenwood entertained a party of esteemed guests at dinner. One of these was Hon. Selde P. Spencer, Republican representative from Missouri in the United States Senate. Mr. Spencer boasts still a greater honor, as his wife is a former Lindenwood student. Mrs. Brueggemann, of Washington, D. C., who held an important position under President Harding, connected with investigating the industrial conditions, was also present. There were speeches given by Senator Spencer and Mrs. Brueggemann. Other members of the party were Mr. Bestor and Mrs. Buckingham, of St. Louis.

### FACULTY RECEPTION

The faculty members who were here last year entertained those added to their number this year with a pleasant party on the night of October 21. They assembled in the kitchen and expression rooms at Roemer Hall, which were made very attractive by Hallowe'en decorations. The guests joined the hosts in apple-bobbing, taffy-pulling, charades and fortune telling. Misses Sullivan and Wright, the Junior members of the faculty, in their initiation, were forced to eat apples from the ends of strings.

Cider, and pumpkin pie with whipped cream were served during the evening.

### ATHLETICS AND HIKING.

Now that the leaves are beginning really to fall and other signs of approaching winter are beginning to appear, every girl should make an effort to take more hikes before winter does get here. This is not the only way that she could be trying to make her points, but it is one of the easiest and most pleasant ways.

The Athletic Association was organized with this purpose: "To promote a high physical efficiency by stimulation of greater interest in athletics and gymnastic work and to arouse a feeling of good fellowship and sportsmanship."

The officers who were elected this fall are President, Helen Calder; Vice-president, Helen Lee Maupin; Secretary, Gertrude Bird; Treasurer, Sara Shomberg. The Executive Board is made of these officers and the following Heads of Organized Sports, Swimming, Joan Johnston; Tennis, Priscilla Calder; Hockey, Lillian Tweedie; Hiking, Annabelle Couper; Posture, Eleanore Brown; Archery, Oda Wentworth.

A Hare and Hound Chase is one of the things that the Athletic Association has planned for this fall. Some plans have been made even this early for the musical comedy which they will give next spring.