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Abstract

Hope College class of 1922 graduate and valedictorian; Northwestern Academy at Orange City, Iowa, graduate; Holland, Michigan teacher; member of the Delphi sorority and Y.W.C.A. The collection contains biographical information; correspondence with her sister Mabel (Van Dyke) Kemper, while Kemper served in Chiapas, Mexico, as a missionary; photographs of Van Dyke; a photograph album containing images of Holland, Michigan, Hope College, Northwestern Academy at Orange City, Iowa, places in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan; and a handwritten speech given at the Holland High School Class of 1939 reunion in 1979.

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Biography

Lillian C. Van Dyke was born in 1897. She attended Northwestern Academy at Orange City, Iowa, before taking her first teaching job in 1917 in a two-room school in Holland, Michigan. She entered Hope College as a junior in the fall of 1920, and graduated in 1922 as the class valedictorian. While at Hope College, she was part of the Delphi sorority and Y.W.C.A. She spent most of her career teaching English and English literature at Holland High School, retiring in 1962 after 37 years.

Van Dyke honored her sister, Mabel (Van Dyke) Kemper in, September 1999, with the Mabel Kemper Fund for her creative and devoted work in helping to establish a mission station and gospel-sharing program in Chiapas, Mexico. Earned income from this investment is used to support an intercultural immersion experience or seminary intern in Chiapas.

Van Dyke also established the Lillian C. Van Dyke Scholarship Fund at Hope College in 1984, with funds being available for the first time in 2002. It is a fund for deserving students with a preference given to those students sincerely dedicated to the teaching of literature and usage of the English language.

Lillian C. Van Dyke passed away in Holland, Michigan, on July 1, 2002, at the age of 105.

Scope and Content

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