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GROSSE TO BEGIN REVIVAL MONDAY

Rev. Ernest E. Grosse, pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene in Washington, D. C., will begin a revival here, Monday, February 4, 1946. He has been a successful pastor in the Church of the Nazarene for several years. Prior to going to Washington in 1940, he held pastorates at Deepwater, New Jersey; Northeast, Maryland; Norristown, Pennsylvania; and Collingdale, Pennsylvania.

Rev. Grosse has been active in other phases of church work and is serving as Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Eastern Nazarene College, and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Nazarene Theological Seminary.

The messages Rev. Grosse will bring will be inspirational and uplifting to all who hear them.

The revival is being sponsored by John T. Benson of Nashville.

WALLIN'S COMING POSTPONED

Dr. Wallin's coming to Trevecca seems to be postponed for the present. He had arranged to come on a given date but somehow there was a change made in the date that made it necessary for him to drop out. We regret that this is the case for we had looked forward to Dr. Wallin's being with us at Trevecca.

Open House
Wednesday
February 6

MUSE-LANGFORD DECIPHER CODE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO MEET ON WEDNESDAY

The Board of Trustees of Trevecca Nazarene College will convene on Wednesday, February 6. We feel that the members of the board will be pleased with the new building and other campus improvements.

At this meeting the general business and policies of the school will be discussed. We hope that the Board of Trustees will do everything possible, at this meeting, to help Trevecca meet the requirements in the Southern Accrediting Association of Colleges. Christian young people need accredited schools as much as the young people of the world need them.

We welcome the following members of our board to the campus:

Alabama;

E. D. Simpson
Dallas Baggett

Carolina;

J. V. Frederick
A. D. Holt

Florida;

C. H. Strickland
E. W. Venum

Georgia;

W. H. Davis
H. J. Eason

Kentucky;

L. D. Wells
A. B. Mackey

Mississippi;

C. C. Knippers, Jr.
H. F. Tate

South Carolina;

A. E. Kelly
C. M. Kelly

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Yes, the code has been broken, thanks to the tireless efforts of Becky Muse and Clayton Langford; but due to difficulties beyond our control the cake has not been found. However, the freshmen are going to be entertained by the sophomores. This makes two outings that they owe us.

Excitement reigned supreme throughout the freshman class when Becky announced that the code was solved. The sophomore class presented the code to us on December 6, 1945. Several people have been working since then but the victorious duo started working earnestly about two weeks ago. The campus was quiet Monday afternoon, when Becky, working in Professor Hammond's room found the first big clue. But it didn't stay quiet long. She was beside herself with excitement when she met Clayton coming from class and they went to complete it. You might say, that they worked it backwards, beginning with the final word, "deep," and using double words and vowels as clues. The rest was purely guess-work and they modestly attributed their success to luck. Several Greek letters were used and several meaningless letters were used about twelve times as stumbling blocks.

In the excitement Becky broke all her pencils and several borrowed from the office. The final words were deciphered about five o'clock. The code reads "An apostle will find the fruitcake buried here nine yards from the rear corner of the McClurk-an Building due west and fifty-one feet due north and one foot deep."

Clayton dashed to get a shovel and a yardstick. They started digging

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THE PREACHER'S ENGLISH

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(Continued from last week)

A certain form of expression is sometimes heard when people pray or testify,—“this morning” and “tonight.” Sometimes in one prayer “this morning” may be repeated dozens of times. In testifying, the expression is stuck into odd places of the sentence where it does not make sense, as “I am praising the Lord that He saved me this morning,” or “Tonight the Lord saved me three years ago.”

Some speakers have certain grammar difficulties. Some are hopelessly stuck on the shoals of “Thee” and “Thou.” After confusing these words with “Thy,” they throw in a few “you’s” to make the mixture complete. “Thou” is in the nominative case, and should be used as the subject, as “Thou art,” “Thou dost,” “Thou knowest.” “Thee” is in the objective case, as “We trust Thee,” “We praise Thee,” etc. “Thy” is possessive, and should never be used as the subject of the sentence. Many people object to the use of “You” in addressing God. The use can probably be justified by grammarians, but if you insist upon it to the of-

fending of your hearers’ ears, what have you gained?

Then there is the “we” problem. A preacher stands up to speak and begins by saying, “We are glad to be here.” The audience knows he has come alone. He continues, “We shall read for our text—” and so on. The only people who are permitted by the rules of grammar to use “we” are the editors of papers who collaborate in writing editorials, and the king or queen of a country. There is nothing immodest in calling yourself “I.” In fact, multiplying yourself into a plurality seems more egotistical rather than less. Often, too, a speaker does not need to mention himself; he can say, “You will find the text in . . .”

The following are some mistakes frequently heard: “To pastor a church,” “We are privileged” (privileged is correct only in parliamentary procedure), “It don’t make any difference,” “To listen at” instead of “listen to,” “Might could” and “May can,” “The Lord He,” “Somewheres else,” “Bless he who shall speak to us,” “For you and I,” “I would rather do so-and-so AS to,” “Might we do Thy will” for “May we,” “The reason is because—” for “The reason is that—,” “Different than” for “different from,” “So—until” as in “He was so angry until he broke the vase” instead of “So—that.” Most of these require only a moment’s reflection to see what is wrong.

Speakers should also be careful of pronunciations. Recently I heard “chastening” spoken to rhyme with “fastening.” When reading Isaiah 53, many preachers pronounce “chastisement” with a long “i.” “Travail” is correctly pronounced like “travel.” “Genealogy” may have either a long or a short “e” in the first syllable, but the “a” must be short “a” and not short “o.” Every preacher should learn to read diacritical marks or he will never be sure of pronouncing Bible names correctly.

There are some things preachers should never do. One is to say anything which savors of egotism. Some have a habit of stopping in the middle of their messages to say, “Good preaching, preacher,” or some similar remark. Another habit to avoid is

the use of bywords or terms that sound very much like oaths, such as “Lord-a-mercy,” “My God!” Such speakers are injuring their own influence. Scriptural expressions also should not be spoken lightly; for example: “Brother Blank, will you have some more chicken?” “Yes—ha, ha! I believe in the second blessing!” Preachers as well as other Christians should avoid terms that indirectly allude to the Lord, such as “mercy,” “pity,” “goodness” (like “for goodness’ sake”). Then there are expressions like “So help me,” “I’ll be blessed,” etc., which one may easily trace to their origins. Our Lord tells us to let our yea be yea, and our nay, nay.

This article has not been written with the idea that we are to criticize those whom we hear, but solely to help prospective preachers avoid the pitfalls others have fallen into. We should never listen to a speaker with a critical attitude, but if we notice mistakes we should remind ourselves that here is something to remember and to profit by.

A preacher ought to be an example to the believers in every respect,—in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

*Head of the English Department

SKIMP SKETCH

Favorite Color—Blue

Sports—Tennis, Volley Ball

Flower—Rose

Hometown—Lanett, Alabama

Scholastic awards—Salutatorian of High School class

Own a car—Yes

Boy friend in service—No. One of my ambitions is not to remain an old maid too long.

One of your favorite poems—“The Touch of the Master’s Hand”

Are you Sunday school teacher or have you been—Taught the young people’s class at home.

Brothers or sister—3 brothers, 5 sisters

Plans for the future: (and remarks)

I am now taking a course in accounting at Vanderbilt in addition to my work at Trevecca. I never know

what will happen next, but after I finish my work here I plan to get my Master's degree at Vanderbilt, majoring in business administration, and then become a C.P.A. (Certified Public Accountant). I have no definite call to Christian work, but I realize there is a place for us all to fill in God's Kingdom. There's nothing I would like better than to work in one of our colleges and have a little part in enabling the work of Christian training to go forward. I sincerely love the Lord and can trust my future in His hands, for I know that His way is the best way!

Before returning to Trevecca, I worked in Birmingham, Alabama, doing secretarial work for First Church; also, for Rev. E. D. Simpson, our district superintendent."

This description was written about a student on our campus and you will find her name written backwards in the paper.

Relhob Aralc

RAMBLERS ENJOY PARTY

We shook the dust from our worn shoes, slung a suitcase in the corner of the room, and then looked across the room into the eye of a "northern-er." But why shouldn't he be here? It was a Ramblers' meeting and since Clarence Barrows is from Ohio he belonged in the room with the rest of the Ramblers at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Gresham. Freeda Brown and Ada Middleton could brush Ohio dust from their gloves and sit close to a "hoosier" even if Ralph Young was on the other side of her.

Having refreshed our roving spirits with some games and food we departed on that well-beaten path to the—dormitories.

The English Usage class was studying the position of adjectives (Predicate, Adherent, Appositive). Glenn Cass asked for a simple definition than was given in the book. Miss Person began first to explain the appositive to which Ada Middleton, in an attitude of helpfulness, read this example from her book: His brain, dull and stupid, refused to grasp the meaning."

PREACHER'S SCRAP BOOK

MILTON TURNEY

Via Crusis or The Way of The Cross
I always thought my cross would be
A plain dark thing that I could see,
and know;
And knowing, bravely lift,
And carry like a sacred gift.

All of these years now and again,
My soul has felt an aching strain;
My brow has borne without relief,
Prick upon prick of unseen grief.

Now only when the day is done,
And life's swift sands are nearly
run,
The lengthening sunrays on the road
Project the shadows on my load.

Oh, how bravely had I borne
Each prick had I but seen the thorn.
How nobly shouldered grief and loss
Could I have recognized the cross.

CAMPUS PROPAGANDA

Mr. Webster defines propaganda as follows: 'a particular doctrine, plan, or scheme spread from person to person. Another authority defines propaganda as a given opinion that is spread by an organized government. Campus propaganda is a given opinion made and spread by the campus organization.

Campus propaganda has its advantages. From it we learn many things that are not found in books, magazines, or newspapers, or on the bulletin board. These opinions are not announced in chapel. By means of propaganda we learn who spoke to whom as they went from the classroom, who walked with whom to the store, who held the door open while a certain lady walked in, who had an argument with the teacher last hour, who is engaged to whom without his knowledge of the fact, who backslid and why, and we learn the

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THE TOWER Marian Edwards

We want a fruitcake! We want a fruitcake! sing the freshmen. Can't say that I blame them either. After all, people who decipher a code, tramp through the mud, dig in the mud, dig in mud in another place, and another, and even fall down into the mud (!) deserve a fruitcake, or reasonable facsimile thereof. I'm sure that Clayton and Becky will agree.

It brings back old memories of that display of dental work by Sarah Spruill, Willard Brown, and Ray Dunning last March. Oh, what a let-down that was!

Don't worry, Freshmen. I have an idea that the sophomores won't disappoint you.

Speaking of the mud reminds me of open house. Odd, isn't it! What I mean is, don't track mud in on the clean floors. Wednesday is the day for "dorms on parade." That means to have the curtains washed and stretched before Tuesday night. Sweep down the cobwebs, wash the windows, keep the trash swept behind the door every day so that you won't have too much all at once, put something big under the beds so that they won't sag too noticeably, and drag out that gallery of pictures to show off.

Just a few hints on what to do and when because if you're running around here Tuesday like a chicken with its head cut off, we'll know that you're having to do a lot of cleaning all at once. That's bad. I know because this is my third year.

Well, no, I haven't done mine yet, but I have a nice roommate. And besides being nice, she's helpful. That is a good combination, believe me. Ouch!! If there's a knot on my head tomorrow, give my loving roommate credit for it.

As I was saying, do the cleaning early and sit back to relax. It's fun then (I'm told).

Open House
Wednesday
February 6

Board of Trustees to Meet
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Tennessee;

J. D. Saxon
J. T. Benson
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West Virginia;

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about dusk. In the absence of a compass he estimated the direction and stepped off the distance. They were too excited to read correctly and left out several words causing them to dig several holes. Becky was jumping around and fell into one.

We still find it hard to believe that the impossible has been done. Members of the sophomore class have tried to stall us off but the location has been verified, the outing has been promised, and the school, especially sophomores, must admit the freshmen are not so green after all.

—Thelma Street

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At The Foot Of The Hill

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COTTON SHOPPE

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NASHVILLE 4, TENNESSEE

JUNIORS HAVE DINNER

January the twenty-fifth at six o'clock, the college juniors had a dinner at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Mackey. Eighteen people were served.

The menu was as follows:

Fried Chicken
Creamed Potatoes English Peas
Stuffed Celery
Hot Biscuits Butter
Banana Pudding
Coffee or Milk

Mrs. Mackey is the sponsor of the college Junior class. Marian Edwards, class president, presented a set of eight Fostoria sherbert dishes to her, as a token of appreciation. She has been sponsor for this class since its beginning.

HOSTS AND HOSTESSES
APPOINTED

Each year when the board members come to the school we have a host and hostess from the high school and college classes to direct the visitors to the offices and rooms. These appointees wear a ribbon with the word "host" or "hostess" printed on it.

Respect the following students, whom you have chosen, during the first week of February.

College—
Seniors; Elaine Battles, H. D. Spencer
Juniors; Alma Teeple, Howard Wall
Sophomores; Marie Peery, John Turner
Freshmen; Madeline McClintic, J. W. Ellis
High School—
Seniors; Faye Ihrig, Merle McNaron
Juniors;
Sophomores; Bennie Hughes, Bob McClain
Freshmen;

SIX THOUSAND TREVECCA
MESSENGERS MAILED MONTHLY

The Trevecca Messenger, the monthly paper printed by the school and sent to the Southeastern Educational Zone, was begun more than twenty-five years ago. The paper was first called *The Messenger*.

The Trevecca Messenger mailing list is composed of around 5,000 individual names. More than 1,000 papers are circulated on the campus and in the Nashville churches. This paper is mailed to Nazarenes in 37 states, the District of Columbia, and three foreign countries.

If your parents, pastor, or friends do not receive this paper, turn their names and addresses in at the general office.

Propaganda

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many faults and the few good points of others.

Besides increasing our own knowledge of facts concerning fellowstudents, propaganda makes interesting conversation. This type of conversation requires little thinking and no real brain work at all. Perhaps the reason for this is that it occupies our minds in such a way that, after adding something to what we heard, we speak it. Many times we are not even conscious of the words we have spoken.

Propaganda is good exercise for the tongue. Some of us try to exercise our whole body at one time; we also want to exercise all of the tongue when we get started; therefore we turn it loose at both ends.

It would be impossible for me to mention all the disadvantages of campus propaganda but I will mention some of them. One of these is that it never pays the bills. Propaganda engages people and, in some cases, has them married but it never pays the bills. Propaganda arouses indignation and encourages disagreements and feuds but it never settles them. This organized movement usually speaks for the whole student body without giving the individuals a chance. After propaganda is once started, it is quite difficult to stop it. One may be able to stop it but it will always remain on the back part of the minds of these propagandists and their followers. To prove what I have just put down on paper, walk on the campus, open your ears, listen for conversation, and watch the results.

—Betty Robinson