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'Pulpit Brogue'

Being a regular church-attender and an average attention-giver to the Sunday morning sermons, I have perceived one very interesting phenomenon, namely, a kind of pulpit brogue. You know what I mean. The preacher pronounces certain ordinary and common words with a delightful twist that could never be found listed in Webster's book.

You've heard the Reverend say "I have a pur-peece (pronounced as in 'fleece')." And the Preacher may say "complimentary" (accent on the fourth syllable) when it really should be "complimentary" (accent on the third).

I've even heard the plain word "women" made snobbish by pronouncing it "wo-meem" with two very long e's like a soup tureen or the number thirteen.

Or "brother" pronounced "brither"—like you "tother" a cow. And other examples could be quoted.

These preacher brogues can't be classified. They don't follow any patterns. They aren't consistent—not even with one man. They aren't authentic. They aren't Eastern; they aren't Western; they don't represent middle-Western civilization; they aren't composites. They are common in the preaching profession.

My sympathy goes out to those ministers who are afflicted with the passion for acquiring a high-sounding vocabulary. It seems to be a very common drive among the clergy.

When every now and then a funny-sounding word jumps right out of the sermon and slaps you in the face and maybe you recognize it and maybe you don't, thank your stars you aren't a preacher and can speak pure English and get away with it.

S. O. S. In The Library

We Call It Human Nature By Paul Grabbe

Psychology has worked hard finding out about human nature, but has often clothed the results in unintelligible technical terms. Paul Grabbe worked out a "diagram method" of teaching foreign languages. A friend convinced him that psychology could be more easily learned by the use of diagrams. The result was this exceedingly reliable book present in an ingenious and novel form.

The American Language By H. L. Mencken

The first American colonists were forced to invent Americanisms to describe the unfamiliar surroundings in which they settled. Americans since that day have been coining new words and phrases. H. L. Mencken, who is an authority on this subject has included in his book something about the background of our language, our language today, American spelling, American slang and other interesting features of our language.

Big River To Cross By Ben Lucien Burman

The Mississippi River of the twentieth century had long been in need of an interpreter when Ben Lucien Burman appeared on the horizon. He has been able to bring the river and its men and women to

Paul Revere And The World He Lived In

By Esther Forbes

Probably nine out of ten persons when they hear the name of "Revere," immediately think of Longfellow's lines.

"Listen, my children, and you shall hear Of the midnight ride of Paul Revere."

In her biography of Paul Revere, Esther Forbes has presented two themes, one is the life of Revere, and the other the daily life of New England in the Revolutionary War period.

Seminary Student Speaks Of Chicago

Chicago, city of contrasts, gigantic classrooms, second largest city of the United States, was the subject of Reverend Raymond Slifer's talk in chapel Friday, January 5. Reverend Raymond Slifer, an alumnus of McPherson College, is now attending Bethany Biblical Seminary located in that great city.

Through the contrasts found in that large city, fifty times as large as McPherson, many lessons can be learned. The passing panorama of the skyscraper, the Board of Trade Building, the lake front, the loop, and on to the slums and tenements of the negro section inspires wonder and contemplation. The Beauty of man's Highest products of architecture and art compete with the wrecks of man's carelessness and indifference.

All kinds of people can be found in Chicago's teeming three and a half million souls, the rich and the poor, the educated and the uncultured. Some live with joy; others only exist. Some are out for their last fling with "eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die" as their theme song.

All kinds of attitudes are met, said Slifer. There are some who see only the dark side of the picture. Some can overlook the dirt and grime and see the beauty and value underneath.

Reverend Slifer pointed out that it is the attitudes one carries that will guide his life tomorrow. Attitudes are important. In closing, he presented a challenge with the question, "What will be the results of what you are doing now?"

In Your Opinion

Just by way of something interesting and different, we decided to conduct a sort of "gallup poll" this week. The question inquired into and answered by a representative scattering of students was, "Should those who are classified 4-F be drafted to essential labor industrial work?"

Alice Ruth Bailey—It depends on who he is!

Avis Erb—Not those on the farm or in school, but those just loafing around, because they should have something to do.

Charles Dumond—Some wouldn't be essential in essential work. Annette Ronk—Well, I can't say yes or no—but yes, I guess.

Ruth Uchida—Well, now let me analyze that. I think not on condition that they are good citizens.

Mary Beth—Only if provision for

The President's Corner

The Goodspeed translation of the Lord's Prayer as found in the 6th chapter of Matthew:

"Our Father in heaven,
Your name revered!
Your kingdom come!
Your will be done on earth as it is done in heaven!
Give us today bread for the day,
And forgive us our debts, as we have forgiven our debtors.
And do not subject us to temptation,
But save us from the evil one."

those whose conscience dictates otherwise is made.
Jerry Mease—No, those who want to be in war-work are already there. Force is not as good a method as willingness.
Gertrude Conner—Yes, I guess so.
Leora Dobrinski—I don't believe in unnecessary compulsion.
Ruth Shoemaker—No, if they don't want to be.

Marvin Blough—No, most 4-F's are in work of some kind already.
Ernest Ikenberry—No, since if the Army wanted them they would be in it, in other words not 4F. On the other hand, there are not enough war jobs to employ them all.

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Will Drafting 4-F's Solve The Problem?

War Mobilization Director Jimmy Byrnes made a statement the other day that is the cause of much speculation. Mr. Byrnes said that all men physically unfit for service should be drafted immediately into limited service or war work. In order to be fair to both labor and our GIs, he has even taken the trouble to bring up the problem of paying these men.

Yelling every six months or so about the men not in service is good for our morale, was the suggestion made. Possibly this is true, but is the yelling entirely justified? Why must we have more men to fight in western Europe if our own army intelligence is fallible enough to slip up on the detection of the German counter-attack, thus causing the death of thousands?

It is very probable that there has not been enough ammunition sent to the European theatre of war, but is that as much a matter of insufficient number of war workers as it is of inefficiency with war plants and in allocation of supplies? In other words it seems that War Mobilization Director Jimmy Byrnes is striving to promote a matter which is not basic in solving our present problems—and in so doing, he is making the 4-F the goat.

The danger in this move to college athletic programs is obvious. Another important reason why students should be worried by the proposed program is that a definite advantage is incurred by having some men continue their schooling during the war. Men remaining in colleges and universities can help immeasurably in effecting the return to a normal existence after the war. It seems obvious that the persons who should remain in school are those men unfit for military service.

Byrnes' proposal is now being considered in Congress. Public opinion should be exerted to the end that our legislators concern themselves with more basic solutions to our problem.

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What Is The Use?

Standing on the street corner of a large city, I watched the people come and go. Men of property, secretaries, clerks, housewives, school kids hurried by as if possessed by the obsession of speed. Busses speeded by, trolley cars clanged down the street, airplanes soared overhead. Then I stopped and asked, "Why all this turmoil, hurry, and bustle? It all seems so futile."

In our mad rush with time we Americans often forget the true values of life. Rushing to accomplish a certain tasking at that certain time, we fail to see the smile of the sun, the brilliant blue of the sky, the soft balmy breezes that caress the cheek, the whisperings of the wind, the clean white beauty of newly fallen snow, or the patter of rain drops on the pane. By constantly speeding we miss the greatest gift of God to man, nature.

Friends and families are neglected in our mania to accomplish our work. The clasp of a hand, the kind words of a friend, a smile, a letter written, a greeting card lightens the heart and makes the day brighter. Little courtesies give to life a wonderful meaning.

In the hustle and bustle of each days events man forgets to be quiet. Thus failing to gain perspective and insight. Every man, and especially active individuals, needs time to be alone with himself. From the Psalms comes this excellent piece of advice "Be still and know that I am God." Many men have received their source of power and foresight during the quiet lonely hours.

Take inventory of your life. Perhaps, in the rush of things your sense of value has been disarranged. What is the use of it all if you're missing the beauty of nature, the companionship of friends, and the fellowship with God?

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SOCIETY

Once again the time has rolled around for me to probe into the daily happenings of the campus and dig out the stuff suitable for the society column. And again I see that things are still happening in the usual ends, and people give parties . . . in spite of the gathering gloom of the coming semester finals.

First off I want to mention the utter successfulness of the Double D's party for the dorm girls. The novel idea of dividing the group up into bunches and sending them to the various homes proved fascinating, because no one knew just who all they would find with them at the same house. The refreshments were identical at all homes, and consisted of go to Mildred Cartner for her excellent scrambling.

Next I want to welcome Mary Vancil to the hill. She has now joined the gang in the basement of Elrod's and will be a student with us next semester. Right now she is behind that new grin you have been seeing in the Library.

Another party or gathering to be reported was called to my attention by our dear little Managing Ed., Ernie. He says that we must be sure to put in the fact that last Sunday night he played host to a small group of friends for a 'pick-up' supper. The guests included Annette Runk, Leona Dell, Irene Schramel, Dale Brown, Mino Koide. The group was joined later by Mary Vancil, Susan Ikenberry and Warren Sanger.

This week there were two very noticeable visitors on the campus. You can imagine Millie's surprise and delight when her cousin, Ronald Brubaker, dropped in on her unexpectedly the other evening. You see, they haven't seen each other for fifteen years . . . since they were four. Ronny has been in town twice before, but every time Milly has been away. Ronny, some of us will be interested to know, is the fond buddy of our old friend Rip Ferguson . . . you know, the fellow that we miss so much now that basketball season is in full swing (I'll refrain from making a pun this time, Glenn). Anyway, Milly will have stars in her eyes for some time to come, methinks, thanks to handsome, blue-eyed Ronny.

Another visitor on our fair campus this last week was not a newcomer, even though the reason for his visit is new this year. Dear Joyce Riddlebarger (Pancho to her friends) was really quite thrilled when Merlin Myers, former student of McPherson College, made his appearance on the campus. He arrived Sunday and stayed until Wednesday noon . . . as most of you have probably noticed. From all reports they really had a gay time of it.

Parties! Parties! How they do spring up! This next one to be reported was a classy theater party held by the Thespians. They had planned to meet in the lobby of Arnold Hall at six-thirty sharp, but it was some time after that, when they finally left for the theater . . . in about four . . . not one group. But then . . . you know what can happen to the best laid plans of mice and men. Anyway, the group saw the show 'Mrs. Parkinton' and returned delighted and inspired to Metzler's where they proceeded to devour delicious home-made mincemeat pie and hot chocolate.

After church last Sunday night the members of the senior class received the envied privilege of being entertained in one of the faculty homes, namely that of Prof. and Mrs. Berkebile. There they played Rook, Pick-Up-Sticks, and various other parlor games. Mrs. Berkebile served ice cream, grape punch and two kinds of home-made fudge to her guests. A wonderful time was had by all who really appreciated such a delightful opportunity to spend an enjoyable evening away from the dorms.

Ward 1-12, Regional Hospital, Camp Berkeley, Texas.

Former sports editor, Don Keltner of the U. S. Naval Hospital Staff, writes from down south in Louisiana. "I am really sorry you lost to Wichita U. Here's hoping it will be the last loss of the season. Lucky me, I got to see the Sugar Bowl on New Years. It was really terrific, no kidding. I don't think I will ever again see such football. Both teams used everything in the books. Believe you me that Gilmer of Alabama is really a passer. Duke had the best team as the score shows, but Alabama almost won in the last fifteen seconds with a fifty or sixty yard pass. It was a thriller all of the way and I really had a fine time.

"Our basketball team is really hot stuff. We won another game last night against the 8th Naval District Headquarters team. We won 48 to 37. The coach put me in at the half and I managed to plunk in five field goals. I think I played well enough that I might be able to start in the next game with Kesler Field.

"Tell all of my friends hello". Keltner's address is H. A. 2/c U. S. Naval Hospital Staff New Orleans, La.

Varsity Quartets Go On Deputation Trips

The women's quartet journeyed to Canton via Dean Boitnot's car Thursday, Jan. 4. The quartet presented a program in the Canton school at a PTA meeting. They were accompanied by Alice Ruth Bailey. The program consisted of three numbers by the quartet and several solos.

On a similar trip traveled the men's quartet the day following. They presented a program in the Buhler High School. Susie Ikenberry talked on China and the boys sang two hymns and six other numbers. Brother Frantz provided transportation and devotions.

The group was invited by Miss Jean McNicol who graduated from McPherson College last year and who is now teaching there.

News of Students



On the Land, On the Sea, In The Air

Lt. Ernie Reed, former student and editor of the Spectator, writes: "I have just finished the most rugged six months of my life. I was called the hardest-working officer in the regiment and was for a fact the only officer in our battalion promoted in the last six months.

"Nevertheless, I have enjoyed my stay in the states, learning quite a bit from my struggles to train rookies. Our last cycle had a fine bunch of men. I specialized in field training and the 81 m.m. mortar. Many were the days when I was wet clear to the hips while other officers stayed in from the field for other purposes. This Texas weather is often far from pleasant, too.

Right now I am back in the hospital for a thorough physical check-up and expect overseas duty again in a short time. Of course, I can get one more leave before shipping. I am now receiving the Spectator, which shows clearly how long it has been since I was a student. Nevertheless, it is sure good to think about the old McCollege days."

Lt. Reed's address is: 1st Lt. E. W. Reed 0-2035252,

College Hits "They Are Wearing"

By Aurell

Predictions for spring are Choker pearls and more dog collars are the jewelry favorite of the season, the precisely correct accessory. The end of them is nowhere in sight—

One phase of the new season's bare look in fashions are "cut-outs." Along with bare backs, bare-midriffs, and bare legs comes for the more conservative and slashed lattice-work, cut-out detail for neckline, midriff, shoulders, hemline, backs—

Little boy shorts and knickers, or the new culotte shorts with a skirt back are sport highlights for the early spring interim. Tiny, trim, legs-look shorts are predicted to reign over the summer resorts—

Raincoats are now accepted as a year-around necessity—the Trench type, padded shoulders, deep armholes, and easy, belted fullness—length 23" from waistline—in gaberdine pastels is a note of spring.

A definite indication of spring is the reappearance of the extended shoulder, cap, and drape sleeve fashion in dresses for play, dinner, and evening alike—Asymmetric cuts and bandings have a definite Chinese flavor—Tied treatments appear again, and again—little self-ties to fasten jackets, blouses, dresses, slacks, shorts, skirts in the California manner.

Full peasant skirts are here again for the young in heart and back interest is celebrated in back skirt panels of self-material or eyelet ruffles.

New colors are in evidence—Peru

Pink, Valiant Aqua, Balkan Rose, Orange Ice, Greige (halfway between beige and gray), Island Green, Miami White—

And the drabness of winter gives way to spring—



Carrying The Torch

"Sing Fest" In R. C.

The Recreation Commission of the S. C. M. met as usual on Tuesday morning during the S. C. M. The meeting was begun by group singing led by Jo B. Brooks.

Mrs. Kurtz led the group in a few minutes of inspirational devotions. She used some of the material she had prepared for some literature classes. Mrs. Kurtz also gave to the group some information which she has on camp work.

The remaining time was spent in singing songs of both the sacred and secular nature. As the group left the room we sang "we're on the upward trail."

Yo Tells Of Evacuation

It was a very interesting audience who listened to Yo Takehara in the Student Volunteers Commission Tuesday morning. He told of his experiences in relation to the evacuation of the Japanese-Americans from the west coast. Briefly he outlined a clear picture from Pearl Harbor down to the present. He related that throughout this unfair treatment the churches had done more than any other institution to help relieve the burden.

After this talk pictures of the camp were passed around; while Mino answered questions concerning the evacuation. All went away with a much clearer understanding of the treatment of this minority group in democratic America.

Campus Friendship

Boy and girl relationships was discussed in Personal Relations Commission by Dr. Metzler. He presented several topics for the group to think about, but since there was not enough time to finish the discussion Dr. Metzler takes charge again at the next meeting. This is an interesting aspect of personal relations and even if you are not a member of this commission you are cordially invited to attend.



Chit and Chatter

Who was the squirt with 'Girt' at the basketball game Tuesday? Although we don't know his name he must be a plenty all right guy. For confirmation just ask Gertie.

Did you all notice the new (and interesting) couples at the game? Our little "Fuller Brush," namely Takehara and Kessler were the escorts of the two Arlene's. This could be confusing couldn't it, but if we have it straight it was Yo and Prentice, Kess and Rolfs.

After the game Metzger was seen in the company of Jimmy J. Joan and Hutch made it a foursome. Not to be outdone by these two fellow basketball players, Krebbel had a date with Rosie Reed—need I say more.

Looks like "Brother Wamp" and Jerry Hedges seem to get along O. K. Maybe Kenny didn't mind too much about not being able to suit up Tuesday night. Anyway he looked quite happy to be sitting with the Barkerettes.

You'd think we'd have discovered it before, but we hate to admit that we are slipping—all the time Rosalie had that bandage on her 3rd finger left hand no one was very curious—but have you noticed her finger since the unveiling?

It wasn't too long ago that somebody asked Joyce what she had been doing. That smart young miss placidly replied with a knowing gleam in her eye. "It isn't what I've been doing, it's what I'm going to be doing." Uh huh, she could have meant Merlin.

It seems that Santa is not done yet this year at least for some lucky big girls! The names are Mildred Cartner, Fern Allen, Edith Allen, Jane Bell, Irene Schramel. The gifts were 'lovely gloves' and the cheerful givers were Ida Mae Byer and Nada Neal.

Night before last you could not see in the balcony overhead, but I could and did! Who was it? Well, it was not the whole Navy, but there was an able representation. If you do not believe me ask Bert or Mert, Mary Ellen to you.

There was a gentleman (?) at the cafe who was a little too happy. Who he was does not matter since we do not know him, but what he called our brave captain is of note. 'Curly Top!' Right, girls?

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