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Trevecca Staff Give Tribute

Members of Trevecca's Staff honor the memory of Mrs. Mattie Green Bracken with the following statements:

Dr. Homer J. Adams—There is a difference between a teacher and a master teacher. Mrs. Bracken had that rare combination of training, wisdom and devotion to the cause that classified her as a master teacher. Across the nation and, infact, around the world, the lives and influence of her students show the fruits of her teaching. As few others, her life exemplified the spirit of Jesus, the master teacher of all time, whom we love and serve.

Mrs. W. G. Bennett—In addition to the beautiful Christian character which all of us recognize in Mrs. Bracken, I always found in her a friend of understanding nature and sterling qualities. Truly a real friend has departed from us.

Rev. Charles L. Childers—I have only known Mrs. Bracken since early in September of last year, but I have known her long enough to recognize in her a teacher and a Christian of the highest caliber. Her sweet spirit, her utter unselfishness, and her wonderful humility have impressed me and inspired me to improve myself along these lines.

Miss Mabel Cooner—The Title
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President Suggests Memorial

"Be ye also ready for ye know not when the Son of Man cometh." With these words as a basis for his talk, Dr. Mackey gave in chapel, January 5, a brief account of Mrs. Bracken's death and funeral.

Mrs. Bracken was ready for her call; she lived a useful life, every day doing her part to help build the Kingdom of God.

Dr. Mackey suggested that the students of Trevecca College make this quarter's work a memorial to Mrs. Bracken. "Let us be diligent in all we do so that we too will be ready when Christ calls for us.



**Mrs. Mattie Green Bracken,
A Master Teacher**

Jesus, the Master Teacher, said: "He that would be greatest among you would be servant of all." Mrs. Bracken seemed never to think of herself but was thinking of the service she could render to others. The basis of her happiness was the accomplishments of her students. She was being considered as one to be honored with a Doctor's Degree. We were unanimous in our feeling that she was worthy of such an honor; and yet, some of us had a question mark in our thinking, relative to the appropriateness of such honors, when visualized in the same picture with the personality of Mrs. Bracken.

Long after diplomas have faded, and even after the walls of fame have crumbled into dusk, the imprint of Mrs. Bracken's teaching will be on the souls of her students. Mrs. Bracken, like the Master Teacher, did not give full credit to a halfhearted student.

A. B. MACKEY

"She Lived for Others"

The greatest compliment that any epitaph ever carried was, "She lived for others." To those of us who were Mrs. Bracken's students, those words have been written in our hearts and lives by the life she lived before us.

She made the most of her opportunities as a teacher and that was to see her ideals realized in the lives of her students as they pushed on to success. Mrs. Bracken's face is no longer with us but her spirit and godly life lives in the memory of students

as a challenge to the highest in life. Mrs. Bracken took a personal interest in her students. She would explain something many times until every student understood. There seemed no end to her patience for she stuck to the job until it was done. The quality she appreciated most in her students was faithfulness in class attendance, in studying and whatever there was to do. She challenged the best in us.

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Mrs. Bracken Dies In Oklahoma

Mrs. A. K. Bracken died during the night of Sunday December 26, at the home of her sister, Mrs. N. Norwood, in Bethany, Oklahoma.

Dr. and Mrs. Bracken were spending the holiday season in Bethany with relatives and friends. They had attended church twice during the day and then spent the evening with friends. They retired at 11:00 p.m. and in the night Mrs. Bracken awoke, suffering from what was thought to be indigestion. Doctors were summoned but nothing could be done. She passed away with a coronary occlusion at 3:00 a.m.

She was the former Mattie Green, a native of Texas. She received the A.B. degree from Greenville College and an M.A. from the University of Oklahoma. Before coming to Trevecca in 1942, she taught at Olivet Nazarene College, Olivet, Illinois, and at Bethany-Peniel Nazarene College in Bethany.

College Hill Church Has Memorial Service

A memorial service for Mrs. Bracken was held at the College Hill Church, Sunday, January 2 at 2:30 p.m.

The service began with the singing of "He Leadeth Me" by the congregation. Rev. C. W. Galloway told about the home-going of Mrs. Bracken and the funeral service at Bethany. Prayer was offered by Miss Person and, following the reading of selected scriptures by Rev. V. Neil Richardson, "The Unclouded Day" was played by Miss Johnnie Jernigan on the violin. She was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Orion Ramsey.

Tributes were given by Dr. Mackey, who spoke of her as a Master Teacher; Mrs. D. K. Wachtel, who represented the Tennessee District N.F.M.F. of which Mrs. Bracken was vice-president; Dr. Ewell, who represented her many friends and Rev. Galloway, who spoke for the church. Mrs. Bracken was the only missionary president the

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Not Death at All

Like a quick, piercing arrow Death comes unexpectedly and suddenly leaving behind a vacancy filled with sorrow and sadness. Its sting sinks deeply into the hearts of those who are left to carry on, yet there are instances when Death is neither triumphant over sorrow or over the grave.

While constrained to partake of the bitter cup of adversity there is a Pilot who guides the footsteps and quells the sadness of the soul. There is a Friend who sustains, soothes the sufferers. There is Jesus who is still our refuge and will "all our sorrows share."

Death marks the beautiful beginning of a glorious life to which there is no end. It merely hastens the time when the Saviour wipes away all sorrow and tears. It fulfills the wonderful promises we read in the Bible. Death brings endless joy and praise. We can echo the words of the poet, "It will be worth it all when we see Jesus; life's trials will seem so small when we see Him..."

We Christians cannot lose, for it is not death at all.

R. T. KENDALL

College Hill Church
Has Memorial Service

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College Hill Church has ever had. Following the singing of "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" by Prof. Unruh, the service was dismissed with prayer by Rev. K. W. Phillips.

God Called Her Name

She raised her eyes from the roll book

In her tender, thoughtful way,
And said, as she opened the textbook

"Two are absent today."

Then she murmured with tears in her voice

Her words like a wistful prayer,
"When the roll is called in heaven
I hope no one's missing up there."

Day after day as she taught us
She often repeated the phrase.

Other than "Psych" and Botany,
She talked about God and His ways;

And she seemed to know when a student was down,

The touch of her loving hands
Gave many a lift to a discouraged heart

As she whispered, "God understands."

The years that she labored were many

Loving, serving, giving

And perhaps we took her for granted

So busy with studies and living.

Quietly she worked and did not complain

At the task she was given to do.
Molding our lives with careful hands

From a heart that was noble and true.

But God came one day, stood by her side,

And whispered, "Child, well done."

I'm adding new names to the roll book of Heaven

And you are the chosen one.

So she laid her work aside

And softly slipped away

To live among the chosen ones

In God's eternal day.

We miss her tender counsel,

Her words of faith and cheer,

Engraved on our hearts is a stamp of her life,

And her voice re-echoes here;

But her roll book lies unopened,

Her desk is quiet and bare.

For they called her name in heaven

And she was not missing there.

ROSE MERCHANT

Trevecca Staff
Give Tribute

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of the book *Not Somehow, But Triumphantly* by Miss Bertha Monroe is significant of the daily life lived by Mrs. A. K. Bracken. When I think of her I think of a triumphant Christian. She was triumphant because she sought first the kingdom of God and his righteousness. Her triumphant spirit was revealed as a counselor and friend. Thanks to her for the sound advice on any problem. This advice I was not afraid to follow. Mrs. Bracken's influence which will radiate this note of triumph, shall live on in the hearts of us who so loved and admired her.

Rev. C. T. Duckett—In the home-going of Mrs. A. K. Bracken, we feel we have lost a tender and understanding friend. Her smile—warm, her wisdom—inspiring, her memory—rich treasures.

Rev. Claude W. Galloway—Mrs. Bracken was a wonderful teacher and leader but she was more. She was a sincere and dependable Christian and friend. Heaven is richer and earth is poorer because of her going.

Professor H. F. Hammond—In testimony, Mrs. Bracken would say, "We need not worry about the future because it is in God's hands and Jesus is there, too."

Professor Thomas Hemmerly—Her interest in her students went beyond the classroom. Although she carried heavy responsibilities, she was never too busy to speak a kind word or give good counsel.

Rev. William H. Howick—Always full of hope and quiet strength, she was kindness and goodness personified; poised, friendly, vibrantly active, yet with an inner peace and calmness which spoke of utter commitment to God unto the end.

Rev. Clifford E. Keys—Mrs. Bracken was the living example of a true servant of Christ. On the campus of Trevecca College where she served on the faculty for many years, she was always looked upon as the one in whom was found those ideals of a true Christian. To think of her was to think of the highest type of living.

Miss Edith Lancaster—After knowing Mrs. Bracken, a person had to live a better Christian life because she was, indeed, a great inspiration. Of all the teachers I have ever had, she was my favorite. I may forget most of the material in the textbook we

used, but never will I forget her and her exemplary Christian life.

Mrs. A. B. Mackey—Tolerance, faithfulness, cooperation and kindness are the personal traits which I consider outstanding about Mrs. Bracken. I never heard her make an unkind or critical remark of a fellow worker. She was a congenial person to work with and certainly carried every responsibility faithfully to the end. Her wonderful Christian influence will surely live on.

Mrs. O. C. Mingledorf—To know Mrs. Mattie Green Bracken was to love, honor and admire her. Fortunate, indeed, was the student who had the privilege of sitting in her classes and receiving instruction from this one whose teaching gave evidence of her Spirit-filled life.

Mrs. Mabel Orndoff—As a teacher, counselor and friend, Mrs. Bracken was always ready to help others. There was always a smile and a kind word for everyone. Her's was a life spent entirely for Christ and others.

Miss Amy L. Person—The trait in Mrs. Bracken that always impressed me the most was her faithfulness to duty. When anyone tried to tell her to "take things easier" she would imply that there was so much needing to be done that she must not shirk her part of it. She never spared herself, but though she was a hard worker she did not let her work keep her from maintaining a glowing Christian experience. We are all the richer for having known Mrs. Bracken.

Rev. Koy W. Phillips—Thank God for the life of Mrs. A. K. Bracken which was a living illustration of the way of life Jesus indicated when He said, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your father which is in heaven."

Mrs. K. W. Phillips—Kindliness, loyalty, courage and devotion to the Lord characterized Mrs. Bracken's beautiful personality. The radiance of her life blessed all who were privileged to know her. Our deep grief and personal loss is alleviated somewhat by the assurance that she is with Jesus and that we shall see her again.

Mrs. M. E. Redford—I feel that I am a better Christian today because Mrs. Bracken lived among us yesterday. She was

"A gentle creature in whose face
Were mingled tenderness and
grace."

Rev. M. E. Redford—Mrs. A. K. Bracken was highly esteemed by her students and fellow teachers. Her Christian understanding of the needs and problems of her students, her thoroughness and inspiration in the teaching processes, and her spiritual poise in all situations have won an enduring place of honor in the memory of her students and colleagues.

Rev. V. Neil Richardson—I have heard Mrs. Bracken testify of how in her teens she counted the cost to follow the Lord in full surrender to receive the experience of sanctification, of how she paid the price, of what a bargain she received, and of how glad she was that she made such a wise choice to follow the Lord. I am one of a great many who are better Christians for having known Mrs. Bracken.

Mrs. Ferne D. Shelton—Mrs. Bracken loved all peoples. Her loving and sympathetic heart reached out to the ends of the earth and made us appreciate more keenly the need for missionary endeavor. Surely she lived the familiar slogan, "God first, others second, self last."

Miss Joyce Smith—Her life was one of giving rather than getting. She was truly a good example of the Great Teacher. My own life has been greatly influenced and enriched by sitting under her teaching ministry and associating with her this year on the faculty.

Miss Eula Jean Stephan—In Mrs. Bracken, I found a gracious lady, an excellent teacher, a wonderful friend, and a faithful follower of Christ. One thing she taught so vividly was not to try to carry today's and tomorrow's burden all at once, but to carry today's and trust God for tomorrow's.

Professor Ramon Unruh—One of the rare privileges that have been mine from the beginning days of college is the acquaintance of Mrs. Bracken. I have seen her in various life's situations and always she would have the right things to say and a wonderful attitude toward them. We miss her now but her influence lives on in the lives of students she has invested in.

Rev. Walter White—May the memories of Mrs. Bracken be with us as the true Christian and friend she has been to all. She lived a wonderful life, fruitful here and with many treasures in heaven; a life to be desired.

Mrs. M. E. Spruill—So intensely, humanly sympathetic and understanding—such a glowing

Student Center Gets Furniture

The student Council sponsored a drive, through the classes and clubs, to raise money to furnish our new Student Center. A great deal of interest was shown and the drive reached its goal. A check for two hundred-fifty dollars was presented to Dr. Mackey by the Student Council.

"Thank you, Thank you, Thank you and Thank you" was Dr. Mackey's response to the gift and we wish to give the same note of thanks to the organizations that helped make this possible.

Chapel Bells

Our Dean of Students, Rev. K. W. Phillips, presented the chapel message on January 6, 1955, taking Matthew 6:33-34 for his text. His subject was "God's Kingdom in Human Hearts," and he emphasized that God's kingdom should be first in our lives. The message was brought to a close with an admonition to rest in God's promise and not to worry but to trust and seek His will first.

Rev. Claude W. Galloway, pastor of College Hill Church, spoke January 7, exhorting students to do what they know is right.

Rev. A. C. Rowland, pastor of Bethel church, was the speaker January 10, 1955. Philippians 2:12 "... work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." He brought out the thought that we should work out our salvation with fear and trembling. This service closed with many finding spiritual help at the altar.

January 11, 1955, Dr. Mahler, visiting evangelist at Inglewood church, chose as a subject "God's Degrees to Man" for the chapel message. God's degree to Moses was "Man of God;" to Abraham it was "Friend of God;" to Daniel, "Man Greatly Beloved;" and to

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example at all times of what grace can make of human personality, completely yielded to the Saviour whom she so passionately served—one of God's truly great souls was Mrs. Bracken. In one way the holiday season was much saddened for me by her passing; in another way it assumed a new sacredness and brought tears of joy to my eyes as I felt strangely near the Glory World which a saint of God and a very dear friend of mine had just entered.

Dr. Mackey Speaks At York Institute

Dr. Mackey spoke at a special chapel program at York Institute in Jamestown, Tennessee on December 13. His message was of a devotional and inspirational nature based on Romans 8:28.

Following the chapel hour, Dr. and Mrs. Mackey, with several other neighbors and friends were dinner guests of Sergeant and Mrs. Alvin C. York on the occasion of his 67th birthday.

New Students Are Welcomed

New students were entertained Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. at a buffet supper at the home of Professor and Mrs. K. W. Phillips on Nance Lane. The menu consisted of corn chowder, fruit salad, and vanilla nut cookies.

After introductions choruses were sung, and prayer was offered by Rev. Sam Southerland.

Those who are new at Trevecca are: Joyce Boersma, Shirley Cuppler, James Earles, Ruth High, Charles E. Ingram, Bill Law, Evelyn Livingston, Zarilla McVay, Wayne Murphy, Lyle A. Parker, Sonny Pope, Mary Dean Simpson, Sam Southerland, Joe Sutherland, Bill Williams, Tom Wingard.

Trio and Quartet to Tour

This afternoon Rev. C. E. Keys and the Evangel Trio, composed of Joyce Schurman, Patsy Decker, and Delorus Brown, will leave for a tour of Florida representing Trevecca. The trio will cover the southern section of Florida and then Rev. Keys will exchange the trio for the quartet in Gainesville. The quartet is composed of Sonny Fulwood, Edward Whittington, Phillip Goode, and Larry Finger. The tour as a whole will last a month and cover Florida completely.

McClurkan Building Has New Appearance

Have you noticed the change in the appearance of the McClurkan Building? During the Christmas vacation a crew of painters under the supervision of Mr. M. A. Gentry painted the walls. The peach color has done much to improve the appearance and brighten the classrooms, hall, and chapel.

Character is like a tree, and reputation is like its shadow. The shadow is what you think it, but the tree is the real thing.

Miss Asbury Presents Speech Recital

"The White Cliffs of Dover" by Alice Duer Miller was the very interesting and extraordinary reading presented by Miss Carol Ann Asbury Friday evening, January 14, in Fine Arts Auditorium.

Susan Dunne, the main character in the story, was an American who was visiting England on her vacation. After falling in love with an Englishman, she married and faced many hard adjustments in a foreign country. Her husband was killed in battle for England, but Susan preferred to remain in her husband's homeland than to return to a land where England was "finished and dead."

Miss Asbury presented her recital beautifully, portraying the talent she has cultivated under the direction of Miss Mabel Cooner. Delorus Brown, Justine Rushing, and Patsy Decker formed a trio to bring two appropriate songs, "The White Cliffs of Dover" and "The Bells of St. Mary's." Ushers and usherettes were Wendall Williams, Phillip Goode, Anna Stucki, and Audrey Sweeney.

Students Write Articles

We are happy to recognize the Trevecca students who have written articles for our Nazarene publications.

In the July 28 issue of the *Herald of Holiness*, Nina Griggs reminded us of the constant need of revival in our church and of the need for Christian homes.

In the same issue Paul T. Hendon implored us to "equip ourselves with the shield of faith, that we may quench all the devil's fiery darts of doubt."

In the November 10 issue Mr. Hendon stirred us with his interpretation of the love of God. He is Mercy, Truth, Grace, but He is also a God of wrath and vengeance against all manner of iniquity and sin.

In the 1955 January issue of *Conquest* Arlo J. Alderman gave his personal testimony and the story of how he received sanctification. "Yes, the Pentecostal experience is for us all today! I know because it has become mine."

Better by far you should forget and smile

Than that you should remember and be sad.



Sports Notes

The All-Stars were defeated by the Freshmen 31-16. In the three All-Star battles the Stars have never won. They tied 8-8 in 1953.

Turkey with all the trimmings was the meal served at the Football Banquet. Mr. Tanksley was the special speaker. He is a well-known official throughout the South in basketball and football.

The 1954 basketball Captains were elected December 8. They were: High School, Archer; Freshmen, Bellville; Sophomores, Strickland; and Upperclass, Rose.

We would like to welcome back to our campus Wayne Murphy and Harry Evans. They are sure to help their teams in basketball.

We are looking forward to a great basketball season. Come out and help make this a good season.

Chapel Bells

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David, "Man After God's Own Heart." He referred to scriptures found in Hebrews 11 and Acts 27. He asked the question "What is your objective—world fame or God's Approval? We were encouraged to seek God's will that he may confer his degree upon us. Many responded to the altar invitation and received help at the close of the message.

One ounce of confidence in yourself is worth a ton of dependence in others.

Sophomores Win 43-41

The Sophomores defeated the Freshmen 43-41 in a mild up-set to take a first place tie with the Upperclassmen. The Sophomores led at all stops, 9-8, 19-17, and 35-30.

The Freshmen out-scored the Sophomores from the field. The Green and White netted 18 from the field while the Sophomores were getting 17. The margin of victory came from the free-toss line. The Sophomores hit 9 of 14 for 64 percent while the Freshmen hit 5 of 15 for 33 percent.

Godby led the attack with 13 points and Matthews scored 10 for the Sophomores. Whittington led the Freshmen with 12.

Freshmen Sponsor Program

Leroy Garber was master of ceremonies at the Friday night program of January 7 sponsored by the Freshman class.

The program featured skits from school life and included scenes from the snack shop, classroom, chapel, choir and a basketball game. Between acts some of the new students were introduced to the student-body. A reception concluded the program with refreshments being served to everyone.

If what you did yesterday still looks big, you haven't done very much today.

Welcome Trevecca Students

Immanuel Church of the Nazarene

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Basketball Season Is Underway

January 8, 1955 was the big opening day for the 1955 basketball season. When the smoke had cleared from two thrilling games the Upperclassmen and Sophomores had opening wins.

When the curtain raised the High School battled the Upperclassmen. The Upperclassmen were on the winning end by a score of 56-32.

The hard-fighting High School hit fifty percent of their shots in the first half and the Upperclassmen had to come from behind to tie the score 25-25.

The Upperclassmen held the High School to only 7 points while scoring 31 in the second half. This provided the 24-point-margin for the upperclassmen.

Spruill, White, and Rose scored in the double figures for the winners. Spruill had 22, White 16, and Rose 11. Tucker and Campbell netted 10 each for the losers.

Hatred is a boomerang which is sure to hit you harder than the fellow you throw it at.

NEWMANS

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C. W. A. Elects Captains

The Christian Worker's Association elected new captains and co-captains for the winter quarter. They are:

County Workhouse:

Men—R. T. Kendall, captain; Rex Houston, co-captain

Women—Tevania Gilbreath, captain; Barbara Mooney, co-captain

County Jail:

Men—Bill Kerns, captain; Marshall Copen, co-captain

Women—Carol Poling, captain; Wilma Lewis, co-captain

Juvenile Court: Wanda Phillips, captain; Glenn Miller, co-captain

Colored Work: Don Peal, captain; Carol Asbury, co-captain; Dorothy Hacker, Cliff Hampton, co-assistants

Salvation Army: Arlo Alderman, captain; Gerald Laing, co-captain

Street Meetings: (not elected)

Rest Homes: (not elected)

"She Lived for Others"

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One of Mrs. Bracken's colleagues said, "She gave her bouquets to the living." Nothing seemed to go unnoticed and she made a special effort to compliment those who took responsibility. Her words of encouragement has lightened many a load. As Mrs. Bracken gave her life for her students, we can only repay her by giving our lives unreservedly to Christ.

WAYNE SHARPES



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