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LIFE'S AMBITIONS FULFILLED

In Class Prophecy Read by Miss Jessie Moore at Banquet—Other Views a Decade Hence.

"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," was never more truthfully spoken than of school life. The demand for a certain amount of frivolity and amusement is apparent among scholars to a marked extent—be they kindergarten pupils or post-graduates and it is not lacking among pupils of our own schools.

As the time of commencement drew near the members of the graduation class naturally fell to speculating as to what the future might hold in store for them. As a result a class prophecy by Jessie Moore was on the program of the Junior-Senior banquet, in which the life ambition of numerous of the graduates was gratified. In addition, a storyette, "The Unique Birthday Party," by four pupils, looks into the future with more frivolous predictions regarding the graduates—but in all probability as accurately forecast as those of that other and more staid prophecy.

We give them both below and after you have gotten a laugh from the forecasted development, we'll leave it to you solely to determine which you think may be most realistically fulfilled.

THE CLASS PROPHECY

Was it the balmy air of the June morning or was it the date, June 8, that disturbed the thoughts of the usually busy proprietor and made him restless? Ralph Holmes, owner of the large plant for the manufacture of motion picture films, could not settle down to his day's work. After a vain effort to work, he said, "I'll do it." His stenographer looked up in surprise. He continued, "It is five years ago tonight that I graduated from old P. H. S. I am going to have a reunion of all the class who are near. Hilt (for it was none other than Hilt Martin) to go and call up the studio of Miss Fay Crook and ask her if a few of the members of the class of '19 may meet in her studio this evening. I know she is busy, but she will take time for this, I am sure." Hilt soon returned saying that Fay gladly consented. Then Ralph at once sent out the invitation as a radio message, knowing that all those in Chicago or its environs knew the code and would receive the message.

That evening Una Crook joined her sister and helped receive and welcome the "old grads" for she taught in a school of elocution in the next block. The first to arrive were Harley Cecil and Charles Tulene, proprietors of a large aeroplane factory and with them came Robert Kroehler, though the Symphony orchestra of Chicago had to part with its leader for one evening. Niet Cook came from Chicago university, where she was studying and said that Bessie Englekemier, who was attending the same school, was too busy writing a thesis to even think of coming. Esther Godwin, secretary of the Y. W. C. A., was also present though he did boast, it is true that under her leadership, Chicago university had built up the largest Y. W. membership of any college in the United States. Helen Egenberger, wife of a millionaire of the city, was present, as was Helen Roberts, who was just returning from a trip abroad. Mariel Streight, with her pilot, Margaret Parkening, had planned a flight to Madison, Wisconsin, that day. In fact they were well on their way when they picked up the message Ralph had sent and immediately turned toward Chicago. They made a landing on the roof of the studio building and came into the reception room appearing as unruffled as though they had just stepped out of a taxi.

There was no ice to be broken; no formality to be done away with. How these members of that class did enjoy talking over those days of yore. An interested listener would have gleaned from the confusion of mingled conversation these facts: Merle Rainey was rear admiral of the Atlantic fleet, now absent on a cruise around the world; Goldye and Gladys Kaffenberger were Y. W. C. secretaries, one in Minneapolis and the other in St. Paul, Minn. Lucille Bryan was the wife of a prominent electrician, who had charge of the power plant at Niagara Falls. Elizabeth Ptak had realized her high school ambition and was a trained nurse. Roscoe Hill held the world's record for transatlantic flights and was now at San Francisco planning a flight across the Pacific. Ethel Babbitt was a missionary in Germany and Earl Babbitt was instructor in mathematics in Harvard university. Velma Elliott was the wife of a young minister located at Plattsburgh and Frances Seybert was the mistress of a home in the same town. Jessie Bookwalter was a teacher in the state normal school at Chadron, Nebraska. Mildred Schlater was a noted chemist now doing research work at Columbia university; Kermit Wiles was successor to Mary Pickford; Glenn Fitchhorn had made the Orpheum circuit and was helping the audiences to forget their troubles by his clever portrayal of rural characters. Jeanette Weber and Helen Johnson were stenographers holding responsible positions in Omaha. Lillian Spangler was costume designer for a large firm in the same city. William Sprecher was at the head of a private school of oratory and Harold Smith of a school of vocal culture, both located at Lincoln, Nebraska. Clara Rainey and Hazel Sullivan were specializing in domestic science at Washington university. Hazel was expecting to put her knowledge to practical use as soon as the Atlantic fleet returned from its world cruise.

Karl Thomas was in charge of a lumber company's interests in Canada. Some one asked, "Is he married?" The answer was, "No." For three years he tried to decide which he liked best, who was his ideal, Betty or Helen, and unable to decide he gave it up as too hard a problem. Since then he seems to have lost all interest in womankind. The hour was now late and the company agreed that they must have a song by Robert Kroehler and Helen Roberts. They were to be allowed to choose their own song. They sang "School Days," or "When We Were a Couple of Kids." After giving a H. S. yell that made people wonder if an Indian pow-wow were being held, the members of 1919 reluctantly went to their homes.

ways than one. William was president of the Jewish Junk Dealers Union and sure looked sporty with diamond studs and everything. Mr. and Mrs. June Marshall arrived on the ten-forty from Chicago, where June played drums in the brass band. Frances accompanied by a dancing act, Goldye and Gladys Kaffenberger arrived from Plattsburgh, where they were ardent Christian Endeavor workers. Velma Elliott was traveling on a carnival circuit, where she was giving lectures on the subject, "Eat and Grow Thin," but was able to manage to attend. Mildred was next to arrive. She had just returned from her position as instructor in the feebleminded institute at Pinkville, she having had a more alluring offer made her by the Anti-Cottic association as president. Earl, of course, was present and had many thrilling incidents to relate concerning his experience as a detective. He just then had a black eye given him by Julius, the jailbreaker, who was the first convict ever able to escape Earl's ingenuity. Margaret Parkening, Ethel Babbitt and Helen Johnson were formed into a company entitled, "Tippy Trippers with Tawny Tresses of Tarrytown Tavern." Evidently tawny signified red; anyway it was tawny.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kroehler, nee Helen Roberts, arrived from Long Beach and also Mr. Harold Smith; Mrs. Smith visiting her parents, while Hap attended the party. Mr. Kroehler and Mr. Smith were still in the orchestra and had just completed a trip around the world. Kermit Wiles was a second Mary Pickford and was admired by all movie fans, as well as several others, not mentioning any names. Mariel Streight was chief living model at Madame Fitzem's shop at Cullom. She had as yet been unable to cabbage onto a husband. Jeanette was next to arrive from Crosswig, where she was cashier in the Cafe de la Milo in that place. Una Crook arrived from Washington, where she was in the house of representatives. She had the honor of being the first woman representative from Nebraska and second in the nation.

Next to arrive was the Mutt & Jeff Co., impersonated by Bub Martin as Jeff, Glenn Fitchhorn as Mutt, Lillian Spangler as Mrs. Mutt and Charley Tulene as Cicero. Betty Ptak arrived next from La Platte, where she had been exhibiting her talent as fancy diver and swimmer at the beach at the Platte river. Ralph had become world renowned as a poet and also as a prose writer. His latest work was "Legend of Sleepy Waterworks." He also wrote many of the popular stories now running in the Bingville Bugle. He arrived on the 2:58.

Helen Egenberger arrived from all over the world where she had been making speeches on "Why the hand that rocks the cradle should rule the world." Honey Cecil was world renowned as an Antarctic explorer. He had discovered many islands, the largest of which was called Honeybunch in his honor. Fay Crook had become a wonderful artist, her latest picture being called "Fishie, Fishie in the Brook." She and Nita arrived from Schenec-

It was on the date of Friday, December 3, 1930, and the class of 1919 was assembled at the home of Miss Woodburn's grandfather at Jerkwater, Nebr., it being the occasion of her seventy-seventh birthday. Of course she could not have the whole high school and as 1919 was her favorite class she kindly condescended to invite us. It was in the nature of a week-end house party lasting from Thursday till Saturday. The guests all arrived on Thursday and were met at the station with a large limousine.

The first to arrive were William Sprecher and Roscoe Hill. Roscoe had a ranch in South Dakota and had been very successful in more

tady, New York, where Nita kept house for Fay while she studied art. Lucille arrived from Lover's Valley, Wyoming. She was also keeping house, but we won't mention for whom. Bessie Englekemier was at the head of the normal training department at Peru. She arrived on the six-twenty. Esther Godwin had been on a debating tour, she having challenged Baron de Orgler to a series of stump debates. So far there are three points for the affirmative and two for the negative. We are betting on Esther. Karl Thomas arrived from Bootburg. He had the big head so bad he was unable to wear his hat. But there were reasons for this. He had just won the first prize at the state fair as champion chimney sweep of the U. S. Good luck to you, Karl.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Rainey were last to arrive, coming at midnight from Lenexomhurst. They were unable to arrive any sooner because the maid had just left and they had no one with whom to leave the children. Clara Rainey was teaching in Michigan and was unable to attend. She sent her deepest sympathy. Jessie Bookwalter was unable to attend on account of the recent death of her mother's uncle's son-in-law.

After the arrival of all the guests we were ushered to our final resting place for the night, where we all rested in peace on both sides until morning.

The next day the class presented Miss Woodburn with a huge hand carved rolling pin. We are not mentioning for what purpose it was to be used. Miss Woodburn exhibited her thankfulness by chewing her tongue. You know actions speak louder than words.

As we had an orchestra in the gathering we thought it would be nice to have a little dance, but Miss Woodburn quickly put the damper on this and we soon found ourselves quietly playing casino. The typy trippers favored us with some of their typy tripping, which was enjoyed by all. Betty also exhibited some of her fancy swimming and diving in the bathtub. This was enjoyed by all except Earl. It evidently shocked his modesty and he said these women were too much for him.

The entertainment for the evening was very unique indeed. It was in the nature of a pie eating contest in which all the members of the class participated. One by one the contestants dropped out, until only Velma and Roscoe remained. It now became intense, terrible, terrific, heartbreaking. Which could eat the most pie? They ate for two hours in succession when Velma collapsed after having eaten twenty-seven and three-fourths pies. Roscoe continued and ate forty-one pies, taking three hours and forty minutes in which to do it. He was awarded the prize of a gilt edge toothpick.

The next day we all returned to our homes wishing Miss Woodburn another happy birthday.

Mrs. Burl Biggs who is under quarantine at the home of her mother in the southwestern portion of the city with the scarlet fever, is getting along nicely, and will soon be out again. Her sickness

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