

Prophecy

The year, 1976; the place, Yawbone, Kansas. Marie Sellman, editor of *Scandal*, and June Hayden, news writer for the *Yawbone Bugle*, have almost finished their survey on "What Happened to the Last Generation?"

They decided the logical place to begin for a good sampling was the class of '57, Mariemont High School. So for two years now, both girls have been searching faithfully for each member of their illustrious class.

A bulletin has just come in from the moon where Bob Moore recently won the Nobel Peace Prize for being the best ornithologist. Donna Allee, a famous space ship designer, is also up there.

Members of the class of '57 have spread out all over the world. Barry Schwenkmeyer is a missionary in Borneo. He reportedly has a faithful following over there. Tara McCarthy was exiled to Ireland soon after she graduated, and she lived there as a recluse until a few years ago when she "leed her doon and deed." Barb Lewis, Barb Geselbracht, and Barb Redway have fulfilled their life's ambition and are now charter members of the Archaeological Cult of Corrupt Cleopatras, cavorting from crevice to crevice uncovering ancient secrets. Gregg Parks and Bill McCormack, private spies for King Farouk, are in hot pursuit. Phoebe Acheson is headmistress of a school for progressive boys and girls in Cambridge, England. Immediately after turning in this manuscript, Phil DeCamp and Fred Stephens joined the Foreign Legion and have not been heard from since. Jackie Schwartz originated the first battalion of the Women's Foreign Legion, and Janie Green immediately signed up. Sue Wiedman and Janet Baden are first class guides in the Belgian Congo. Bill Mottern is selling insurance. On his last trip to the North Pole, he reported that Margaret Frankenfield was living in an igloo, testing arctic clothing for the army.

Closer to Mariemont, Carleton Carroll is physical education director at Miss Doherty's school for girls. Ron Gries is a male model for Robert Hall. Bruce Stoecklin is chief white buck shoe salesman at Potter's Shoe Store. Dave Lamb is head of the local A. F. of L.-C. I. O. Bruce Moreton is now principal of Mariemont High School. Mary Ellen Page has a paper route in Plainville. Mary Ann Bowersox is playing the witch role in the bell tower and hasn't been heard from in twenty years. Ellie Doctor opened the Pizza Palace at the square where she reigns regally over ravioli. Martha Grainger helps by making nectar pepsies with ice cream therein. Jim Simmons is a taxi driver in Paris, Kentucky, and drives Lynn Jones, profes-

sional member of the proletariat, to work every morning. Bob McClure is a man about town; that is Muskie Stump, Hog Ear, Pine Knot. He sometimes stops off to see Rich Daniels, who lives in the wilds of Canada, carving crutches from the finest pine. Dave Merchant moved to Georgia and has finally unseated Herman Talmadge from the Senate. Sandra Porter is living happily in Beverly Hills, California. Jane Cotes is a social butterfly in Gravel Stop, North Dakota. There were several literary geniuses from the class of '57. Bob Graves is second only to Chaucer as a realist. Jack Nantz is on the fifth volume of his Book of the Month Club choice, *The Social Life of the South African Gnu*. Eddie Cook is radioactivating weasels in New Mexico. Kerry Flickner is a professional villain in space movies. Herb Hickman now plays Wyatt Earp on television. Bruffey, Bruffey, and Brehmsmer bought up the Anhauser Busch Company and are now making money hand over fist. Pat Whitney is chief wine steward at the Waldorf. Rosie Fieno is Gypsy Rose Lee's successor and Carol Price is her private secretary. Virginia Stein and Pat Eckert direct an internationally known band. Gayle Worsham, only frogwoman in existence, has her diving suits made specially for her by Ann Bausmith, "tailor extraordinaire." Larry McAfee is America's answer to Christian Dior, and Butch Lockwood is married to Jayne Mansfield. Jim "Knuckles" Nagel is king of the underworld. Mike Marsh is his head bodyguard. Ralph Luedeker is football coach at Notre Dame. Bob Hinds is a colorful figure as president of his own paint company. Linda Overley is knitting socks for Formosan orphans. Jean Burton is queen of the roller derby; and Jean Sallee is the king pin of the National Bowling Alley Syndicate. Nadine Brosee is an olympic hammer thrower. Marya Dollenmayer is riding rings around her partner, John Verdon, at their riding stable. Bill Federle is Betty Furness' replacement for Westinghouse. His eyes sparkle merrily as he sells refrigerators. John Price excels at flea raising and has finally come up with a two inch flea. He is now frantically trying to invent a new insecticide. Jim Rhoads is chief pencil designer for the American Pencil Company. Jo Ann Pfister is designing sports cars for General Motors, and Carolyn Bisher is Edward R. Murrow's replacement for "See It Now."

At last the survey is complete. Soon readers all over the world will know "What Happened to the Last Generation?"