

# Class Prophecy

June 11, 1969

Dear Lucy,

Tonight has been such a wonderful experience to me that I had to sit right down and tell you all about it. You can remember as well as I, I know, eighteen years ago when we sat through the graduation exercises, and how we wondered if and when we would ever see each other again.

Because my business keeps me moving from one state to another, I very seldom have time to go to the Alumni meetings each year, but I do hear from many of the classmates from time to time. Last night, however, I was very fortunate to be able to attend the meetings at the new Woodward High School building, which has now been used seventeen years.

Upon my arrival at the meeting, I noticed a few familiar faces and, to my surprise, when I approached them, I found MARGARET COLBY, GEORGIA JOHNSON, MARLENE MENIFEE, JOANN AMBROSE, and REATHA MOORE in a deep discussion of medicine.

MARGARET COLBY, who has been happily married for ten years, told us that her cooking has improved steadily, as she had hoped. MARLENE MENIFEE, now a noted psychologist, told us of her new medical center. MARLENE said she had quite a few girls from our class working as professional nurses: RUTH BELLAMY, CATHERINE BRICE, DOROTHY ZIMMERMAN, ELMIRA JONES, IDA LUMPKIN, LUCY McCUTCHEN, VELMA MAHAFFEY, IOLA MAXEY, MAMIE MOORE, MARY PETERSON, MAE WILLA PITTS, FREDDIE RICHARDSON, and MARY ROUDEN.

MARLENE also mentioned someone else who now headed a school for training nurses, EVELYN NAUGLE-BAUGH. Helping her in her school are MARY YOUNG, DOROTHY SANDERS, DORIS HARTMAN, BETTY SEARCY, ETHEL SHELTON, CORINNE THOMAS, DAISY TOOLES, BETTY TORREY, OLIVIA WHITTAKER, LOUISE WILLIAMS, ROBERTA WILLIAMS, RUTH BRITTEN, SHIRLEY BROWN, SHIRLEY EDWARDS, EMMA FLAGG, RUTH FREEMAN, HENRIETTA GORDON, DOROTHY HALL, ARNELL AXLE, ALICE BRADLEY, and JOANNE ROBERTS.

JOANN AMBROSE, who has also made quite a name for herself in the field of nursing, told us of her recent meeting with the Medical Association at which she met SAM PACK, GENE HELBIG, GEORGIANNA WASHINGTON, ALGNER BROACH, LAFAYETTE BROWN, VICTOR COLE, and CLARENCE GREEN who had become skilled doctors, and who were also in the same class as we in '51.

I must tell you about the new pharmacist who is at our corner drugstore — WILLIAM ALMOND. BILL told me the other day, as we were discussing "the good old days" that CARL SETTLES and EVELYN HILL had graduated from the same school of pharmacy as he.

To return to the meeting, the next person I saw was SHIRLEY STEPHENS, who is now a stewardess with United Airlines. Also HELEN SEILER and BETTY RYAN are hostesses for T. W. A. Larry Robinson was the pilot of the plane in which I flew to Los Angeles last June on my tour for my company, The Bureau of Wild Life Preservation. In my travels I have met quite a few persons who also travel a great deal — Loretta Carmack, Corrinne Jones, Margie Kitchen, Joann Loftus, Mary Ream, Marian Schuckmann, Dorothy Dunagan, and, speaking of travel, Janice Stephens has certainly done a lot of it since she joined forces with the Greyhound Lines as a "cracker-jack" bus driver.

Gene Carney, Franklin Howard and Paul Smith are all now in the Navy, Charles Davis is sergeant in the National Guard, and the last I heard from Dorothy Gaffney, she, Betty Corns and Marlene Graham had joined the Waves and were on their second cruise around the world. Abe Rankins tells me that he has been a pilot for the Air Force for ten years. Ruth Easterling has also been in the Women's Air Force for a long time.

Speaking of traveling, John Rathburn has become a great geologist now, and just a few months ago, he stopped in to visit me. As we were talking, he mentioned a few familiar names, Sylvester Wright has become a radio technician, John Jones and Clarence Dunaway are successful mechanical engineers, Willie Harris and Abraham Woolfolk have become tops in their line of electrical engineering, while Kenneth Johnson and Samuel Oliver have become foremen in the construction of the New Golden Gate Bridge in Los Angeles. Calvin Miller has been using all his "vim and vigor" in his new machine company.