

Class Prophecy

June 20, 1969

Dear Shmoo,

It has been twenty years since I last saw you. Remember how we stayed out until 4:30 on graduation night and had to wait on the doorstep until 7:30 before anyone would let us in?

Yes, it has certainly been a long time since any of us from the Class of '49 saw you. Through my contacts in the Alumna Association, I have managed to keep in touch with our classmates. Which reminds me, I went to the Alumna Dinner last Friday. I had lots of fun. I sat at a table with PAT SALLEE, RUTH MOORE, ELSIE TUCCINARDI, CLAIRE BORGMANN, RAHEELA AHMED, GEORGEANNA BLAKE, MARY LOU BOEHM, and LUCILLE HATFIELD.

CLAIRE BORGMANN talked quite a bit about her duties as Congresswoman. (The election was quite a fiery issue last fall. WILLIAM BURTON drew the funniest cartoons about it!) MARY LOU BOEHM is CLAIRE'S social and personal secretary, which is quite a job in Washington. FRANKIE PHILLIPS and LUCILLE HATFIELD were trying to get CLAIRE to introduce a bill for more funds for Social Service, Incorporated, where JEANETTE DOUGLAS, EUGENE WEBB, SHIRLEY WALTERS, ESSIE KILGORE, LOUIS WATKINS, GERALD JOHNSON, ROSE BROOKS, LAVERNE SALTER, BILLIE WHITE, and DOROTHY HILL help other people solve their problems.

RUTH MOORE and PAT SALLEE are the heads of the Angels of Mercy Hospital, in which GEORGEANNA BLAKE, BETTY MARVIN, PAT ZUCKER, ELSIE TUCCINARDI, OPAL WHIPPLE, GLADYS FAVORS, and FRANCES LYNN are nurses.

My Junior goes to Truman Junior High School. LITA CLINE (He says she never eats lunch because she is too busy writing her latest novel, "The Just Desserts of the Fat Man".) teaches him English; JOAN GRAMKE, physical education; MARIANNA STEIN, commercial subjects; ARNETTA RABB, household arts; and NASH THOMPSON, applied arts. MARJORIE SHRADER teaches dramatics; EDITH COLZIE teaches psychology; MARGARET GILES and DORIS MILON teach physical education; and DORIS HURST teaches in a cute little red brick primary school called "Blue Bow Nursery".

Yesterday while I was downtown, I met EDNA GARMENE, who owns an animal hospital; and she took me to lunch at OTTO TRAMMEL'S "Fat Stuff Restaurant", the only place in town where you can get filet of sole with marshmallow sauce. On our way over, we passed KATHERINE STATON'S "Up On Your Toes" dance studio, where NELDA SWANSON teaches ballroom dancing; THELMA HOUSTON and LIZZIE PENLAND teach tap; and NORMA JEAN SHAW teaches ballet.

We also passed a dry cleaning shop owned by DAVID JOHNSON. Peeking in the window, we saw HENRY PARTRIDGE pressing pants, while DAVID reprimanded him for being tardy.

Next door, JOHN SWAN, LOUIS DANIEL, ROBERT STALLWORTH, and DON WASHINGTON operate a chain drug store. LILLIAN HARRIS keeps books for the drug store chain; HELEN THOMAS is a stenographer; and LUCILLE CULBREATH is a secretary. Some of the men who help to operate the chain are HERBERT CARMACH, ROBERT SMITH, OTIS ANDREWS, and JAMES WYNN.

Down the street, DOROTHY ROGERS owns a pharmacy shop in which JOHN SIMALTON is manager. Next door, EUGENE LONG and LEROY WHITEHEAD own one of Cincinnati's most exclusive tailoring shops.

Other friends of ours also own businesses: MARY GARMON has an interior decorating shop; PAT KALFAS owns a beauty salon in which EVELYN AMOS, BARBARA JOHNSON, and KATHERINE SETTLES work as hairdressers; GENE McCARLEY and LARRY SCHULZE own a printing and engraving shop; and BERNIE BERAHA owns a bookshop where you can buy old books with rare binding along, with the latest best sellers.