

## SENIOR CLASS PROPHECY

Since we're the 75th Anniversary Class, we decided to take a look 75 years into the future. We're all dead—except one illustrious member, who, due to his clean living, kind disposition and generous spirit has survived to the ripe old age of 97. This is our friendly philosopher, John Prather. He is now heading the SC Alumni News.

According to the latest statistics of the John Wesley Gallop Pole, three have climbed the "77" to heaven, fifteen have traveled as far down the hill as they can go and 59 are still sitting purgatorially on the roof of Christy. Maybe you'd like to know what a few did before they died. Let's turn the calender back 50 years to the year 1938 and look first to our Alma Mater.

Larry Williams has taken over his retired father's position in the Division of Fine Arts. This past year he conducted the 23rd rendition of the great oratoria "Orville," a work written in the contemporary mode by R.L. Rollins. We now have a new fine arts building. This is a remarkable feat. The erection was supervised by Dave Nichols who is now head of the department. This was the result of the annual work-day and the new building consists primarily of a renovated World War III H-Bomb Shelter. Southwestern College felt real bad about the fact that World War III was begun when poor Bob Palmer and Dave Brooks with their "do-it-yourself-Cobalt-Kit" triggered a blast that was heard around the world. The only thing that saved the world from total destruction was the diplomatic powers of Larry Montgomery who is the present Ambassador to Russia. It was mainly through Montgomery's efforts that the peace treaty included a provision for all 18 year olds to vote.

Meanwhile back in Cowley County, Miss Yoshiko Shiga just returned to Juilliard School of Music where she is teaching. She gave a recital at Southwestern on the Artist and Lecture Series and at a 10:00 a.m. convocation was presented with an honorary Doctor's Degree by Dr. C. Harlon Rittgers, president of the college. She also conducted a master class which was held in conjunction with a choral workshop, conducted by Mrs. Annamarie Young, who was accompanied by her husband--on the saxophone.

Dr. Judy Charlton had to do some extra graduate work in folk ballads for the accordion so she could fulfill the requirements for being an English instructor at SC. Also in the Language and Literature Division is Dave Buehrens, professor of Russian, Sanskrit, and Pigmy Latin.

Sandy Focht is directing dramatics and for the last three years there has been nothing but religious dramas given on the Southwestern Campus.

Upon graduation from Yale Medical School, Clifford Conaway went to the African jungles, taking his specially lead-lined cello with him. There he doctors the natives by day and specializes in cello music by night.

As a money making project for SC, the new business manager, Gary Barnhart is sponsoring a professional football team. Players include: Kay Workman, Glenn Combs, Tom Groene, Rudy Dvorak, Bill Brunner, Ike Koby, Ralph Hanna, and Jerry Snyder. They are called the Purple Prudes.

Mike Starnes is now editor of Reader's Digest, Family Circle and Together. His latest venture is to make the Reader's Digest magazine more compact. He does this by using one big word for every four little words. His most recent book, The Power of Positive Negativism is a best seller.

Jim Miles had to retire from professional basketball to coach his own 10-man squad--- product of him and Barbara.

Wally finally gave up and became a pastor of the Methodist Church. However, he still refuses to baptize by any method but immersion.

Sue's 1960 "Dear John" letter said "yes" and she and "Dear John" have four little Robinsons in the nest.

Mari now runs a used white Ford agency to supplement her husband's preacher salary.

While the Rev. J. Ron Miller was writing some more memories of John Wesley, his wife, Liz, was writing a new novel about the more intimate aspects of life at her old alma mater. It's called "Alice in Wonderland." The playwright was Helen Green. Remember, Helen got her start in the "Fledgling." It is written in blankity-blank verse.

Senate Democratic Party Leader, Carl E. Martin is now running for the presidency, however, party leaders question his strong Methodism. His wife, Mary Lou, wants to be the first, first lady to have a pipe organ in the White House. Carl's platform advocates a → nation-wide honor system plus a yearly 4th of July barbecue. One difficulty--his wife is

a republican--this may be the first bi-partisan White House. Another avid SC Democrat, John Alquest, is serving as Carl's campaign manager.

Lois and Bev Davis are serving as page boys in the Senate. Lois writes all sorts of exciting things back to the Alumni News and is real proud of being the only "Red" in the legislature.

Udall almost blew away again. Donnis Whaley has been holding down the music position there for many years. This saved the music room during the last tornado.

Ruthie Malicsi now has a wooden leg. She lost a limb while doing her Tinikling dance. We always thought she was short--but she's one foot shorter now.

Chuck Martin, former professor of history at SC, gave up the job for a better paying position. He's now Superintendent of Schools at Oxford, Kansas. Fanny Lou is soprano in the First Methodist Church Choir.

A special Purple Panorama was held at SC to send Billie Day to Hong-Kong to tutor the family of the WUS student we sponsored in 1960. The father had to return home after three years of schooling because his Southwestern support ran out.

Yvonne Osgood English is now back at SC with her husband who is head of the Biology Department. Yvonne is serving as Dean of Women. She finally succeeded in getting a new rule in the Purple Book. Girls cannot go barefoot on the campus.

As you all know, Mooydeen did graduate work at Union Theological Seminary and upon receiving her Doctor's Degree became the first woman Rector of the Episcopal Church. Since she was so short she practically "reiked" the High Church.

Two of our illustrious teacher alums have been given honors recently. Miss Voncile Bolinger has returned to SC to replace Miss Dobbs as Elementary Teaching Supervisor. Isn't that a "laugh?" Sandy Woodard has been named Teacher of the Year--at Winfield State Training School.

Dr. Steve Boles has also returned to Southwestern as Chairman of the Social Science Division. Steve just had his dialogue between Evangelist, Frank Smith and Theologian, Wallace Gray, published.

Mrs. Paul Freemyer, nee Margaret Lowe, is still teaching school while her husband is working on a graduate fellowship in obstetrics. The Fellowship was granted by the author of Cheaper by the Dozen.

The first order of nuns in the history of the Methodist Church has been founded by Mary Lou Hughes, better known as "Nun-What-So-Ever."

Dean Mandrell has been orbiting the earth for the last seven years. He was the first astronaut to be sent into space. They got him up but they can't get him down. Carol thinks this is just an excuse.

Festivities on the May Green have been taken over by Rae Warburton. This was done in an effort to lighten Cloudy's load as she's been forced to slow down in the past few years.

Rosie and Leroy Smoot finally had to quit "smootin" as they out-grew their Volks-Wagen.

The Rev. Leroy White has recently been elected President of the NAACP National Association Against Crummy Preachers.

Ed Shubat has entered a completely new field, that of Psychiatric Veterinary Medicine. His specialty is cats, having crossed them with a canary, getting a "Catary." It can sing but it can also scratch.

Maurine is a demonstrator for her husband's "Niagara" tables. Five years ago she fell into a coma when resting upon one of them and is still asleep.

The accumulation of this information came at the time of the classes' 25th Anniversary which also fell conveniently at the time of the school's 100th Anniversary. A special souvenir was issued this year when small replicas of Christy Administration Building, made of golden clay from around our own Mound were issued. Incidentally, the Mound is no longer a Mound but has become a beautiful little foothill, surrounded by a lagoon, fed by the Walnut River.

Alumni Birthday Parties are still being held, complete with flamboyant 100th Anniversary Birthday Cakes. Donations can still be made in the amount of \$1, \$10, \$100, \$1000, \$10000,00 with a special bronze seal of the college given to those who "care enough to send the very best, "\$1,000,000.

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