

CLASS PROPHECY OF '54

Being a very modern class, and attempting to always find the truth and get the facts, we decided to transverse the rainbow into the future, and gaze upon the golden luster of the class of 1954.

First stop on our journey over the rainbow is Pocahontas, and here we see the celebrated Janice Sinek, struggling over her latest book, "Death Valley Days", a resume of her many and varied experiences as Supervisor on a unological floor.

During our little chat with Janice, she informed us that Marge Kelly finally made enough money in Martensdale to buy her car. She said Marge usually drives alone, though, because she seems to have a reputation for nicking fenders, slaughtering chickens, and, has been known to knock down full grown trees.

It seems that Janice has kept in contact with many of her old friends and was able to tell us the latest in the lives and loves of the class of '54.

Althea Romano, prominent New York social leader, has given up entertaining, and is sailing for the jungles of the South Sea Islands, where she will teach the natives all about the finer things in life.

What's this -- cattle with bandages on their hips!! Yes, Yes, Sidney Roach has her place in the world -- she finally convinced Frank to use sterile technique in branding cattle.

We always realized Beverly Fenton was very kindhearted and a nature lover, but who would have thought it would come to this? We find Bev is sponsoring a campaign for better housing conditions for tadpoles and has been known to get violently angry, if she hears of anyone being injurious to one of her little friends. Hats off to Beverly and her campaign!!

Public Health Nurse, Janet Spittler, has come up in the world pretty fast, but for Centimental (spelled with a C) reasons, she is still driving her "Marcon Marvel".

Also on the roster at the Public Health Department is our old friend, Dorothy Freymiller, who spends every spare moment attending nursing conventions and collecting samples for her friends at home.

Remember that explosive pair in the class of '54? Well, they're still pretty dynamic. They have quite the exclusive occupation, we can't deny. We see Miss Sergio burning the midnight oil, figuring out formulas for atomic energy therapy, and of course, Miss Wilgenbush is giving her all, day and night. She is in charge of examining and nursing all the experimental animals, at the Lone Pine Atomic Energy Therapy Clinic, at which they have just won the Nobel Award for the third consecutive year in their field of Atomic Nursing.

Shirley Crowley is much better known these days as June Gale, R.N. Since her picture was seen in the new bulletin by T. V. talent scouts, she has been co-starring in the weekly T.V. show of Rex Morgan, M.D. The program has surrounded nursing with such an atmosphere of glamour, that recruitment is a worry of the past.

Recognizing her duties as a citizen, as well as a nurse, Clara Booth, I mean Lee, Sassatelli has gone into politics. As a State Senator, she has just been successful in getting her first bill passed, "The Sassatelli Bill", legalizing the rights of student nurses to wear engagement rings, while on duty.

Miss Eich has become quite a Canasta fan. She used to enjoy dancing, but that was before she found you must take a complete history of your partner.

Loretta Young and "The Egg and I" have nothing on Donna Deitering. She finally managed to find a farmer husband, but now things aren't going as well as could be expected, since Donna has become so interested in bacteriology. It seems there is some discord in her home, because her husband is found of bacon and eggs for breakfast, but the eggs can't be touched, because Donna, for experimental reasons, is growing little rickettsii in all of them.

Julia Harrington, although a good nurse, is practicing criminal law, also. It seems her interest in this field just grew and grew from the time she was in training. She is quite well known, and we hear she is being hired for the McCarthy-Massey hearings.

You remember Carmen Davis? Well, Carmen is a Spanish name, suggesting dancing, but not quite the type Miss Davis is doing these days. You see, as a movie star, she will appear only in movies where she dances the Charleston. Carmen practiced for years, if you will remember.

Off to the Latin American countries and we find the former Veronica Ryan in Cuba. Occupation -- housewife. She has married a Cuban doctor, so we hear. Let's see, 1-2-3 little red-headed Cubans occupy her time, and it seems that Veronica has gained a little weight, but then she always was fond of candy.

And who is this? Not Toni LaPole -- girl nurse -- scrubbing Veronica's patio!! Don't worry, Toni, Veronica drives a hard bargain, but some day you'll get that I.O.U. paid.

While visiting our South American neighbors, we see Teresia Reinsch, who is touring these countries as a well-known opera star. Her feature selections being, "Oh, you'll never get away", "I'll always be following you", and "Always".

After visiting the Latin American countries, Sweden here we come. Gracious, look at the mountains, and the beautiful snowy summits. Well, who is this, with their head in a snow bank, all we can see is feet and skis. Oh, they're moving, and out comes a familiar figure. It's the former Mary Jane Doyle. She likes Sweden, but just can't seem to learn how to ski. Of course, she has only a few minutes now and then to learn, since her time is so occupied with her six blond, blue-eyed children, and writing new recipes for her husband and his Swiss Cheese plant.

Leaving Sweden, after a very charming visit with Mary Jane, we boarded a trans-atlantic airliner for Arabia, and guess who's in the army now? Theresa Elm and Virginia Farley have joined the Foreign Legion. Apparently they were tired of the same old routine and just decided to get away from it all. So here they are in Arabia, chasing down some crooked Arabs, who just stole their favorite camels. Tsk, tsk, girls.

Off again, and this time back to the old U.S. with a stop in Hampton, New Jersey, where we meet Agnes Curnow, who is now chief demonstrator at the Hooper Hospital Equipment Co. We know from past experience, that Miss Curnow is exceedingly capable of this position, especially the mattress testing phase. May no one disturb you, Agnes, as it has been known to happen.

Leaving Hampton, New Jersey by train, we meet Miss Flora Trusler, a fellow-passenger. It seems Flora has become ill and she is calling for a nurse, - we reminded her that she is a nurse, to which she replied, "I know it, but I'm too expensive."

Arriving in Appleton, Indiana, we stopped at the Happy Hour School of Nursing, where we find Mary Negrete teaching Nursing Arts. Miss Negrete now has her B.S., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees. Mary has come a long way, since her days in training. She told us as long as we are travelling, we should be sure to stop in Portland, Oregon, to see Maryellen Murphy in Tacoma, Washington, and to visit Janie Landolt.

We see that this grand, new Cripple Creek Hospital in Portland, has ultra-modern utility rooms. On touring the hospital, we find Murph as traffic director in the halls and she also has placed a new light on nursing, as she is in charge of checking all the flashlights to see that the bulbs are in working condition.

With a short flight from Portland, we land in Tacoma, Wash. Determined to see Janie Landolt and her famous surgeon husband, we went straight to the hospital, but Janie was scrubbed and masked, and so didn't have time for even a little chat. Her life, since graduation has been very happy, we hear, in spite of her constant and tireless service to humanity!

Passing through Ankeny, Iowa, we see the former Clarice Mattes looking over her vegetable garden. It seems that vegetables haven't been the only thing she has grown in the past ten years, because there are four little ones to call her mother. Who's that in the garden with her? It's Marilyn Seibert, Public Health nurse. She is trying to explain to Clarice the necessity of vaccinating her children for psittacosis with the famous Seibert Psittacosis vaccine.

Nearing the end of our journey over the rainbow, we come once again to Des Moines and Mercy Hospital, our old Alma Mater.

Walking down the streets of Des Moines, we pass the Alcoholics Anonymous building. The initials A.A. to some people, have a significant meaning, but even more so to Rita Stumpf, whom we find is president of this organization. Miss Stumpf seemed to be driven by some inner power to give her greatest effort to the A.A. and she has risen right to the top position. Could it be, Miss Stumpf, you are looking for a temperate husband?

Nearing Mercy from downtown Des Moines, familiar sights greet our eyes. At last, we arrive at Mercy, our Alma Mater, and though it is not quite the same through the progress that all institutions must undergo, it will always have the same meaning for us.

We heard that Jo Garvey was still working in the OB department, so we went there immediately. She has transferred from the Delivery Room to the Nursery. It is our supposition that the pink gowns that would go so well with Jo's hair, were the fascination. After all, who was referred to as the "Pink Lady".

And who is this chartrused-robed figure going down the hall, clutching a bulky manuscript? Upon closer scrutiny, we recognize this jolly little nun as the former Mary Lou Mitchell, and the manuscript contains the adventures of Pogo. But what else would Sister Mary Pogoette be reading?

What is this lying on the floor? These leaflets indicate that Pat Shaw still has a special devotion to St. Anne. We hear she has been distributing them and upon them are written:

Dear St. Anne, get me a man

as quick as you can, and a chevy sedan.

P.S. If it's easier, a cadillac will do.

Surgery, being a main point of interest in every hospital, we stopped in only to hear someone screaming orders. Who should this be, but Mary Lou Barrett? You remember, that Miss Barrett was always fond of Surgery. She told us Dr. Abbott was performing a craniotomy, and so we decided to watch. Upon entering, room 2, we see the Drs. and Nurses scrubbed and masked. One of the nurses looks familiar; Miss Barrett informed us that she is another '54 graduate, Inis Johnson. She has been Dr. Abbott's scrub nurse for the past eight years. We hear she is extremely happy in this position.

The years have been prosperous for the class of 1954. Yes, this class has truly spread it's golden rays of humble service to humanity all over the world.