

Class Prophecy

Early one morning Father Time tapped me on my shoulder and said, "Come, let me finish this one more task and I will call it a day." Knowing him for the wise old man that he is, I followed him at once. We stopped at a place that resembled a government project, where as far as one could see there were large buildings all alike. The building before which we stopped was marked 1951. Father Time unlocked the door and we walked in. The interior was one huge building, filled with hundreds of shelves. These shelves had no distinguishing feature, except over different sections were the names of the 48 states. Father Time led me over to the section marked South Carolina. There in alphabetical order were ledgers under the names of all the high schools of the state. Father Time picked up the ledger from the pigeonhole marked Cottageville. He said "This group of buildings houses the ledgers of the men and women, boys and girls of the whole U. S. In them is an account of the past, present, and future of each class throughout the nation. Since you are the 1951 prophet, I am going to let you look into the future of your group. You may select one year and see what your classmates and you, too, will be doing then.

I took the ledger and hesitantly turned to the page marked nineteen-hundred-and-sixty-one--just ten years from now.

Of course, Father Time had everything written down in alphabetical order and the first name to greet my eyes was Elva Ackerman. She will be fulfilling her ambition, for in 1961 she is to be a Colleton County health nurse.

Next was Leona Ackerman. She is going to run a beauty shop in Cottageville.

Madelyn Ackerman will be religious educational youth director in the Cottageville Baptist Church.

And you don't have to guess twice to know what Rhett Breland is doing. He is the principal of the Cottageville Public School.

As we move along we find Marie Deery in charge of the school lunch room.

After I heard Legree Faulkner make one speech, I was not surprised to see that in 1961 he will be a lawyer in Cottageville.

Vermelle Gatch will be teaching music in Cottageville. She is also continuing her art work and in 1961 will give her first exhibition.

Edward Redman is going to put that fine mathematical mind to work. If you want to have an interview with him in ten years, you'll have to meet him in the logging woods because he's going to follow in his daddy's footsteps.

Laverne Redman is going to be extremely happy in her work. She is going to be the home economics teacher.

John Robertson is going to own and operate a sawmill near Cottageville.

Ten years from now, Cottageville is going to be laughing as if it had been told a good joke, and it probably will have been because the mayor is going to be that fun-loving fellow, Bill Reeves.

Now, Julia Alice Smith heard Legree's speechmaking too, you know. We find that when he hung out his shingle she applied for, and got, the job as his secretary.

Francis Spell is one that I'll be especially interested in watching because he will be at the wheel of one of the school buses bringing the children to Cottageville School.

And would you like to know why I, Kaye Willis, will be interested in Francis and his school bus? Well, it so happens that I am going to follow the oldest career there is for women, that of homemaker.

And now my fellow classmates, you can see that it will be very easy for us to have a class reunion. We will all be right here in our old home town. Lucky, Lucky, Cottageville. Huh!

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