

PROPHECY FOR THE CLASS OF 1926 OF ATHENS HIGH SCHOOL

By James Williams

Station A. H. S. Athens, West Virginia

Our program for this evening, May 28, 1951, will consist of the history of the members of the Senior Class of 1926 from the Athens High School. They are having a reunion tonight in the main auditorium of the new Athens High School. All the members of the Class of 1926 are here except Rebecca Hite who is now Head Nurse in the City Hospital of Portland, Oregon. We are sorry that it is impossible for her to return for the reunion, but she sends her regards and best wishes to all of her friends who may be tuning in on this station tonight.

JANIS COOK, even though her hair has turned gray, is continuing her honorable profession as singer with the Reverend Dale Thompson who is now a noted evangelist and who has recently returned from the Phillipine Islands.

MANIE HOBBS, who was known in Athens High as a natural and skillful mixer of ribbons, straws, and flowers, is making a wonderful success in the millinery shop she has opened on Fifth Avenue under the name of "The Three Dollar Hat Shoppe, No Two Alike."

MACIE KEATLEY, who was known by everyone in school to be an excellent judge of applied art, has invented a new cosmetic warranted to remove all blemishes from the face in fifteen minutes, giving it a clear and radiant hue and a glow of youthful health most charming to the eye. Her beauty parlor is now being constructed in Athens.

DELLA LINCUS has recently gained much distinction as a writer of love lyrics.

EULA HOBBS and her Fred went West soon after graduation and are now well established in a beautiful country home.

PANSY BALL, even though she is still small, has proven her strength and ability in the past few years in leading 4-H girls. She is now Home Demonstration Agent in Monroe County.

MARY SAMPSON has danced her way to fame. She is now the Marylin Miller of Broadway.

GRACE HOBBS's good disposition has won for her not only a good job but an ideal husband as well.

MRS. BESSIE CORNETT COOK will spend the summer in New York with her husband who is now playing baseball with the New York Giants.

ORLAN SHUMATE joined the Navy soon after graduation and has seen the greater part of the world. He has now come back to take charge of his father's farm near Athens.

VINNIE HITE MARTIN is now Head of the English Department of West Virginia University. We are all very proud of Vinnie's success in the fields of education and love. She and Stanley are both here tonight.

ELIZABETH BUTLER and ZETTIE ANDERSON have all of their old time pep. They giggle and laugh as much as in the days of old, even though their hair is almost white. As homemakers, they have been very successful.

EVERETTE WEAVER guesses the weather, and the Weather Bureau pays him well for all the fibs he dares to tell.



BETTY BALL is leading a busy life in China as a missionary worker. This is her first trip to the States in many years.

Soon after graduation, WILLIAM BIRD married and settled down. He first thought of taking up aviation but now is manager of a country store in the suburbs of Athens.

ROBBIE ARCHER and H. E. MARTIN have settled on a little farm just outside of Athens and are making money in raising poultry.

Yes, one member of our class is a dentist. DONALD POWELL is now practicing at Gary, W. Va. His specialty is making dentures. He is still unmarried, but I gather from the class gossip that prospects are looking better.

I am sure that everyone will be delighted to hear that RUTH BECKETT, after several years of grief, due to the lost confidence of herlover, has returned and is again trusting in men. We hope she won't get fooled again.

JUNIOR THOMPSON, soon after graduation, went to the dry lands of Idaho. Here he has tried out his newly patented invention for bringing water out of the ground without either drilling or driving a pipe. This invention has proven to be a great success. Consequently the wide areas of sage brush have taken on the aspects of the "proverbial rose garden."

BASIL BECKETT is now living in Montana. He went West soon after graduation. He worked for a while as a cowboy, took up a homestead and finally drifted into the mining districts. He now owns one of the richest mines in that part of the country. Basil says his success is due to the good foundation he obtained in Athens High.

CHARLIE TATE and BESSIE BALL are valued members of the Editorial staff of the Athens Daily Telegraph.

And here is a person with whom we were associated while in Athen High School that no one would recognize at first sight, even though he is the same jolly old fellow we knew in 1926. He now has three chins, a 52 inch waist, weighs 290 pounds and is bald headed. He is a bachelor but very popular among the young ladies of the UNIVERSITY where he is located. He is Professor George W. Bryson, Head of the Mathematics Department at Cornell University.

This concludes our program until eleven o'clock, at which time Pete's Jazz Boys, a world famous orchestra, will present a program. This is a happy occasion in the metropolis of Athens tonight and the city has been turned over to the Class of '26. Tomorrow the old grads will scatter again to their various homes, and while a spirit of happiness prevails a sad feeling begins to come over us again as it did just 25 years ago when we separated.

Be sure to tune in again at eleven o'clock for Pete's Jazz Boys. This is Station A. H. S. now joining with the program in progress at exactly 9:25.



CLASS WILL OF THE CLASS OF 1926 OF ATHENS HIGH SCHOOL

By Ruth Beckett

WE, the Members of the Senior Class of 1926 of Athens High School, being of sound mind, but possibly otherwise questionable, do hereby make and constitute this, our last will and testament.

To Mr. Bryson we bequeath the memory of our class brilliancy and remarkable recitations; our industrious habits; our proper deportment; our sunny dispositions; our beauty and wit. May this memory ever remain bright and be a comfort in lonely hours of the future.

To the classes who have been associated with us we leave our wonderful examples as a model class. May they imitate but they can never equal us.

To the Senior Class of 1927 we leave a large supply of sympathy because its members will not be able to maintain our high standards of wit, wisdom, and gab.

To the Sophs we leave the privilege of directing all rat parades and duly initiating the Freshmen upon their solemn and dignified arrival at A. H. S.

To the Freshmen we leave the following advice: Never skip a class unless you are sure it will be found out, for otherwise, it is a dishonorable practice. Always be frank and tell your teachers what you think of them. They will admire your sincerity and truthfulness.

The following personal donations are made by members of the Class:

Robbie Archer's charming habit of chewing gum without being detected by the teachers is left to Grace Thompson.

H. E.'s flowery art of writing love letters to the girls is left to Lake Kanode.

Dale Thompson leaves his stubbornness to the next manager of the football team.

Elizabeth Butler leaves her Caesar book to Thomas Vermillion.

Betty Ball leaves her beautiful alto voice to Opal Price.

Vinnie Hite leaves her baccalaureate sermon dress to Mary Lee Thompson.

Bessie Ball leaves her shyness to Jessie Lilly.

Zettie Anderson leaves her laugh to Julia Weeks.

Bessie Cook leaves her amiable disposition and a cook book to Mary Frances Riffe.

Everette Weaver's art of talking without saying anything is bequeathed to Guy Oxley.

To Oscar Weeks, Junior Thompson leaves his ability as Senior Class President.

James Williams leaves his acting ability to Fred Cook.



To Harvey Martin is left Basil Beckett's height.

Janis Cook leaves her art of keeping quiet in the library to Helen Smith.

Mary Sampson's power of bossing the whole school is left to Helen Oxley.

The ability of Grace Hobbs to outspell the school is left to Leonard Witz.

Rebecca Hite leaves her quietness to Grace Thompson.

To Nacma Bowles is left Macie Keatley's engagement ring.

Della Lincus leaves her love for Algebra to the next Algebra shark.

Mamie Hobbs leaves her artistic talents to Edith Lilly.

To Earl Belcher is left Donald Powell's bashfulness.

The Caesar Class wills their ponies to the first year Latin class.

To next year's Chemistry class, we issue this warning: "Don't laugh when there is an explosion. It's dangerous, as words usually follow without smiles."

The English Literature Class leaves all their book reports to Miss Caldwell for the Freshman Class of Next year.

The Algebra Class bequeaths the Law of Pythagoras to Mr. Bryson that he may be reminded of the good memorizing ability of the Algebra students.

To the Faculty, we leave all our report cards, textbooks, and examination papers together with the fond memories we are sure they have for us.

In witness whereof, we, the Class of 1926, hereunto set our hands and seals this 27th day of May in the year of our Lord, ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWENTY SIX.

Members Present at the 50th Reunion, June 19, 1976

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