

PROPHECY

I went into the News and Herald office to renew my subscription to the old home paper. The Editor, BARBARA McFADDEN and the Assistant Editor, MARY MILLER, and I began talking about the good times we had while going to school at dear ole Mount Zion in 1952. Immediately I got homesick to see all my other classmates whom I hadn't seen for 20 years. After learning from Barbara that they had all settled in the United States, I decided then and there that I would get my duds packed and tour the U.S. to see what they were now like. MARY ALICE CRAWFORD, my old standby and co-owner of the Crawford-Pope Ladies' Ready-to-wear, agreed that we both needed a vacation, so she decided she would like to take the trip with me. We left the shop in charge of JEAN FARTHING and SARA BARTLEY.

We left Winnsboro in June, 1972 and started northward as it was already beginning to turn warm.

Our first stop was at Raleigh, North Carolina. As we were coming out of the post office there, we met VIRGINIA RUTH DAVIS. She was very happy to see us and told us that she was helping get votes for EDWARD LATHAN, better known to us as "Cotton," who was running for Governor of North Carolina.

Our next stop was in Washington. As we didn't want to miss a single place of interest in our Capitol, we asked for a guide to show us around and who should it be but JIMMY DOUGLAS. Of course, he wanted us to visit the White House not only to see the beautiful building but to speak to the hostess who, to our surprise, was none other than JEAN BOND. After a two day tour of the city we motored on to Baltimore to speak to Dr. ARTHUR MARTIN, chief surgeon at Johns Hopkins Hospital. He offered me, free of charge, a much-needed tonsil operation but knowing "Bubba" from the past, I decided it would be better to wait until I got back home and let my old surgeon Dr. JOE LOOPER remove my tonsils.

After staying in Baltimore a few days, we headed for New York. We had made reservations at CHARLES SMITH'S hotel and there we spent the night. We decided to watch television for a change. Much to our delight we saw JACKY GANDY, who had taken Johnnie Rae's place, with his partners JOANNE and JEANETTE WATSON. The twins seemed to be making quite a hit on Broadway. On the next program appeared the two great comedy stars, ANNETTE EDENFIELD and TOMMY RUFF. After a half hour of good laughing, we went to the lobby to look at the paper. I picked up the New York Times to read ANDY TURNER'S articles. Andy is Sports Editor of this paper. The next day Mary Alice and I went to Macy's department store. We saw LUCY ANN ROBINSON modeling clothes for Macy's. Lucy Ann told us that JOAN RUTLEDGE and her famous ballerinas were now in New York. Joan was very busy so we did not get to see her.

On our trip through Pennsylvania, SONNY SKIPPER and JERRY REYNOLDS hailed us for rides. They had jobs in the great steel mills in Pittsburgh, and they were on their way to work.

Always wanting to go to the Great Lakes, we took the opportunity after we left Akron, Ohio, where we found PETE GUSTAFSON connected with an automobile factory. He told us to be sure to look up GEORGE DEAN and CHARLES GIBSON when we got to Detroit, Michigan. George and Charles are manufacturers of the Gibson-Dean automobiles there.

We visited RICHARD JEFFERS and JUNIOR STEVENSON who were making a career of the navy and were stationed at Puget Sound. As we drove near the shore, we noticed that they were pulling a net full of salmon from a trap.

As we were riding through the Sierra Nevada Mountains, we met two couples, newly weds, who were spending their honeymoons in the Bridalveil Falls in Yosemite National Park after their double wedding. The two dressed up brides were the former CAROLYN WEED and CLAUDETTE SIMS.

As we were visiting the oil wells in Los Angeles, California, we met Mr. Sims, husband of the former JO MARGARET ENLOE. He immediately told us of three other Winnsboro ladies who were living there. COLLEEN DEAN and MARY CATHERINE McMASTER are now famous movie stars and MARY ANN MENG poses for pictures for the Pepsodent Company, advertising their products.

Coming through the Great Plains in Texas we met SABIE CATHCART, MORRIS DAVENPORT, and WILBERT PULLEN, rounding up their large herd of cattle on the cattle ranch. Sabie told us that Wilbert, Morris, and he had bought a big meat packing plant in Chicago.

To our horror, we had to cross the mighty Mississippi River during the worst flood in history. While waiting for the waters to go down, we saw the former JOANN WELCH and her family on the river patiently living in an ark until the flood waters subsided. We only got to wave to them.

While visiting Alabama we decided to go to a baseball game. SHELTON MINCEY, after getting out of the army, had decided to play baseball for the Montgomery Grays. We were very glad we stopped to see him play because we got to see PEGGY MINCEY and DOROTHY JANE SANDIFER who are now career women. Peggy owns a department store and Dorothy Jane runs a beauty salon.

How delighted we were to get to Florida for a few days' rest. As we passed the Fountain of Youth, whom should we see but ANN SMARR, GENA FANT, and ISABEL DOUGLAS. All three dreading the thoughts of growing old, were kneeling down drinking from the water of the fountain. They were still old maids, and still hoping that someday they would find the right one.

We spent the next day near Aiken, S.C., with LEON HUNT, RUDY HALL, and LAMAR EDENFIELD. They had bought the great Hydrogen Bomb Plant and had turned it into the Southern Tourists' Camp.

The first person we saw and talked with when we returned to Winnsboro was EDWARD LANE, principal and football coach at Mt. Zion. He told us that RACHEL SMITH and MAE LEGRANDE had accepted work at Mt. Zion for the new school term. Rachel would be office girl and Mae would teach commercial work. "Rip" asked us about our trip and I promptly replied, "As for us, "Rip," we live and let live."

Mary Frances Pope
Class Prophet

"We know in part and we prophecy in part."

