

Class Prophecy

After reading in my hometown paper, THE NEWS & HERALD, which was edited by my two former classmates, MARY ANN SNOWDEN and MARTHA McDONALD, that a television station was being officially opened in Winnsboro the next day which was May 26, 1973, I decided to catch a jet and fly down to see all my old friends.

I had just gotten settled on the plane when there was a commotion from the front. I hurried to see what was wrong and found the two hostesses, SHIRLEY SYKES and BARBARA CHRISTIE trying to quiet the two eminent scientists, DR. JAMES GRUBBS MARTIN and DR. WILLIAM PAUL MELTON, who were arguing over some new atomic theory. I said "hello" to the two men, but could say little more for the conversation was already too deep for me. I learned just before I left the plane that HAROLD GEDDINGS, the pilot, was happily married to the former MARY FAYE YOUNG.

When I arrived at the International Airport in Winnsboro, I spotted EVELYN BUCHANAN and MARGARET COLEMAN, two very successful businesswomen, who owned the airport.

They offered me a ride to the television station in their new Cadillac driven by their chauffeur, BILLY BRYANT. They told me that the television station had been built by the local architect, JACKIE BRANHAM.

We arrived at the station in no time flat. We were early, so I decided to wander around and see how many of my old friends I could find.

The first group I came upon were MARY ELLA RALEY, SYLVIA ESTES, and MELBA CAREY, all of whom were happily married. They told me that BILLIE JEAN DRIGGERS had recently opened the Driggers School of Dance for Tiny Tots.

I really hit the jackpot in the next group for there were CATHRYN CATHCART, MERRILL JENNINGS, KATHERINE MARTIN, and BETTY EMERSON. They were teachers at the new consolidated school. They said that LARRY TOLBERT, PH. D., was the principal and had as his secretary, BETTY DIXON. They told me that SUSANNE CRAWFORD was substituting for the regular English teacher who was taking a few weeks' rest after having taught ROBERT BREWER'S children. They said, too, that A. C. REED was teaching Math.

Next I spied a group of women who looked as if they had just stepped from a fashion magazine. They were: JEWEL BENNETT, owner of the Mme. Bennett Dress Shoppe, BARBARA MINCEY, who designed dresses, and MARGARET McMASTER and CLAUDIE THOMAS, who were models.

I just had time to say a few words to BOBBY STEPHENSON, who had recently bought Belk's Department Store and changed the name to Stephenson's Department Store, and HOWARD HINSON, grocery store tycoon.

Then the show began. First there was a comedy starring MARLISE "FIFI" ROBINSON and JIMMIE HAYNES. They had as their guest stars, ANNE MACFIE, famous mezzo soprano, and REVON TANNER, a professional football player. Time for the commercial and there were the PLYLER TWINS, ALICE and THERESA, advertising for Toni. Which Twin has the Toni? --I still don't know. Then the great prima ballerina, SARAH QUATTLEBAUM, gave a superb performance assisted by two more great dancers, JACKIE ROBINSON and NELL BRANHAM.

The next show was a real marriage on television. The bride? WILLIE MAE BONDS, who was marrying one of our local boys.

After the show I just had time to speak to VIRGINIA SHARPE who owns the Pink Lady Beauty Shoppe, and JEAN WATERS, who owns the Zippo Reducing Salon.

What was my rush? Well, I just had time to get back to my job in Hollywood. Big star? No, just chief maid to MARY LEE CARTER, GEORGIA WALLING, and BARBARA STARNES, who were now more popular than the Andrew Sisters.

Barbara Robinson
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"The passion of prying into the future makes a striking part of the history of human nature."

