



## PROPHECY

It was a warm day in the middle of July, 1968, and also the day the Seniors of Sykeston High School, 1958, were having a class re-union. It had been ten years since they had been together and to celebrate the occasion the meeting was held at Mary's Cafe and Lounge on downtown Broadway. Sykeston had grown rapidly and was now the largest city in North Dakota.

I, Jerry Kutz, was the first to arrive because I live near the city. When I graduated from college I came to Sykeston to look for oil and found very large deposits in the surrounding area. I am married and have six wonderful children. Since they were born the same year each oil well came in, I named them No's. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6.

After waiting for a short while I saw long car with an ostrich plume adorning it. It was a very lavishing sight and though I did not see the driver I knew that it could be no one but Jerry "Ostrich" Sondag, a wealthy ostrich trainer.

Selling plumes to the fashion world. Just as I turned around I saw another plume shaped car. It was a special car for his wife and children. His wife stepped out and I noticed she was dressed in a pink plumed dress. I was introduced to her and the four children who were named Oz, Moz, Zeke and Tubby II.

As Jerry and I were discussing old times, we were nearly drowned out by a clattering behind us. We turned and saw an old 1930 car putting down the street. When it got closer we found that the driver was Richard Bernard, a professor at North Dakota University. He explained that this was not his real car but one taken from his collection. Rich had never married and in explanation he told us that "I want to live happily."

As we waited for the rest of the class, a large Oldsmobile came around the corner. It was pink & blue with all white tires. When the driver stepped out, we found that it was none other than Arlo Neumiller, the famous cartoonist. He had been very successful and was now Walt Disney's successor. He was married to Maggie Madaline, a famous movie star. They have two children, Arlo and Arlis, both of whom are attending school in Europe.

It was nearly noon when we saw a white, diamond-studded Cadillac enter the street. To our amazement out stepped Rich Kelly, better known as "Kelly the Ripper", a famous wrestler. Rich had never married but Don Koller, his famous manager and chauffeur, accompanied him on all his trips and they stuck together through thick and thin. Don is also a bachelor.





There were now only three remaining members of the class to come and all of us were wondering who would enter next. Soon a Jaguar rolled up and in it was Della Garman, who owns one of the best lounges in No. Dak. It was erected on the South Side of Fargo and it was noted for her famous concoction "Ten Roses". She is married and her husband is "Bouncer" Birch, the manager of the lounge. They have five children; Tom, Pete, Luke, Harry and Clem. Della also owns the Black Building which she bought for her children to play in.



As we were trying to guess who would come next, a very large car entered the street. As the driver stepped out we recognized him immediately as Johnny Merck, the President of the Merck Construction Co., which had just completed a bridge across Lake Michigan and was just beginning work of the largest tunnel in the world. Johnny is married and has one child. His wife said they are going to have at least six.



A loud screech of brakes told us who had just entered. It was none other than Florence Stahl, who had developed a pill which thin people took to gain weight. She flew in from Chicago and rented a car to get to the meeting on time. She is married and has five children who are Walter, Jenner, Richard, Ludwig and Ed.



Every one of us was now present except one, Larry Schander, and we all decided to go into the Lounge to wait for him. After waiting about an hour, sirens and red lights told us that he had arrived. He apologized for being late and in explanation stated that he had missed his plane in Los Angeles. Larry was now a great celebrity, and he was known as the greatest jockey in history. He was married to Lena Lopp, the star actress, and was the Dad of five children, Larry Jr., Lena II, Trina, Harry and Arthur.

As everyone had now appeared we made ourselves at home and had a wonderful evening reminiscing and talking about various incidents in our lives.

## HISTORY

In the fall of 1954, 10 eager Freshmen rushed up the steps of Sykeston High School for their first try at Prison life. This happy group, all of them first timers, consisted of 6 boys and 4 girls. They were Jerry Sondag, Johnny Merck, Donald Koller, Arlo Neumiller, Jerry Kutz, Florence Stahl, Alice Sondag, Della Garman, Shirley Pulst and Larry Schander. Warden for this first year was Mr. DeForge, who had Mr. Seminary and Mr. Willert for his guards.

Apparently the convicts were pretty tough the first year for, though all of the convicts remained, two new guards were appointed. Mr. Wolwode took over as Warden, with Mr. Willert and Mrs. Lysne as his assistants.

The third year saw two convicts transferring to other prisons. Alice Sondag and Shirley Pulst decided that Sykeston was too rough for them. Mr. Klien served as the third warden of the prison, with Mr. Hanson, Mr. Peterson, and Mr. Ryberg, holding down the guard posts.

The fourth and final year of the Convict's term saw two new "members" up for a "stretch" Richard Kelly and Richard Bernard brought the happy little group back up to 10, which was what the class had started with. Mr. Bernard served as the warden for the final year, assisted by Mr. Peterson, and Mr. Hanson, who kept his charges busy writing.

Following refusal of Commissioner Sondag to grant paroles to this happy, go lucky group, all 10 staged a massive jailbreak on May 22. It succeeded, of course, and as night fell everyone watched the jailbreakers march on into the night.

# SENIOR CLASS WILL

## Jerry Sondag Wills:

1. His brains to Jimmy Eaton.
2. His athletic ability to David Wagner.
3. His ability to stay out of trouble to Bob Kunz.
4. His height to Jim "Little Bull" Merck.

## Johnny Merck Wills:

1. His athletic ability to Jimmy Eaton.
2. His ability to stay out of trouble to Merlin T.
3. His brains to Lowell Fruhwirth.
4. His glasses to Jim Klocke.

## Arlo Neumiller Wills:

1. His behavior to Larry Klocke.
2. His brains to Stanley.
3. His glasses to anybody.
4. His fun at the Rainbow Gardens to Merle Radke.

## Richard Bernard Wills:

1. His height to Duane Zwinger.
2. His hair to Dougie Wild.
3. His Latin to anyone.
4. His ability to say nothing to David Wagner.

## Della Garman Wills:

1. Her excess pounds to Mary Ann Bernard.
2. Her glasses to anyone dumb enough to take them.
3. Her Senior desk to Lucy Gartner.
4. Her ex- boy friends to Maggie and Rosie.

## Florence Stahl Wills:

1. Her weight to Evie Richter.
2. Her musical talents to Linda Schulz.
3. Her glasses to Mary Sondag.
4. Her Senior desk to Carole Clapper.

## Jerry Kutz Wills:

1. His sense of Humor to Linda.
2. His dancing ability to Lowell.
3. His brains to Jimmy Eaton.
4. His height to Pauline.

## Donald Koller Wills:

1. His brains to Robert Kunz.
2. His ability to keep quiet to Betty.
3. His Seniority in English to Duane.
4. His false tooth to Pauline.

## Larry Schander Wills:

1. His desk by the chimney to Jim B.
2. His glasses to Bob Miller.
3. His fun at dances to Jim Eaton.
4. His athletic ability to Cletus F.

## Richard Kelly Wills:

1. His weight to Merlin Thomas.
2. His football ability to Dougie.
3. His height to Jim Eaton.
4. His ability to stay out of mischief to Robert Kunz.

