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Key West High School Key West, Florida

Foreword

IT IS THE CHIEF AIM OF THE STAFF TO GIVE THE OWNER A LIFELONG TREASURE AND AN EVERLASTING REMINDER OF THE CHEERFUL HOURS SPENT IN WORK AND PLAY IN OUR SCHOOL. A BOOK THAT WILL GIVE STRANGERS AN INSIGHT INTO THE WORTHWHILE ACCOM-PLISHMENTS OF THE SCHOOL. AND GIVE THE STUDENTS A COMPLETE RECORD OF THE LIFE AND ACTIVITIES OF THE STUDENT BODY.

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And to the Republic for which It Stands...



Recognition

WE WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION TO MRS. MARION STARK (PICTURE NOT AVAILABLE) AND MISS ELIZA GARDNER FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE AND COUNSEL AS SPONSORS OF THE CLASS OF 1942, AND TO MISS EDNA ROBERTS WHO WORKED EARNESTLY WITH US IN PUTTING OUT THIS EDITION OF THE CONCH.

WILMA LAVERNE RUSSELL-"Willie"

Listen to everybody's advice, then do as you please." Dramatic Club '38, '39, '40, '41: Glee Club and Operetta '39, '40, '41: Student Council Representative '39, '40, '41, '42; Finance Chairman: Knitting '39, '40: Snapper Editor '40, '41: Debate '41: Baketball '38, '39, '40: Business Manager of Annual '42; Tri-Hi Y '39, '40, Vice-President '41, '42; C.T. '42; Monitor '41, '42; D.A.R. Award '42.

CHARLES WILLIAM PEREZ, JR .--- "Carlito"

"Spirit is the determining factor."

Winner of photo-contest sponsored by Annual '39, '40: High School Band '39, '40: Operetta '40: Monitor '39, '40: Business Manager of Snapper '40, '41: Treasurer of Debating Club '41, '42: Treasurer of Photography Club '41, '42: C.T. '41, '42: President of Rabbit Club '42: Editor of Annual '42: Bookkeeping Proficiency Certificate '42.

ROSE MARY DEMERITT

"Full of fun and in mischief too. Doing things she shouldn't do."

Dramatic Club '38, '39, '40; Glee Club and Operetta '39, '40, '41, '42; *Snapper* '40, '41; Knitting '39, '40; Monitor '42; Basketball '39; Tri-Hi Y '39, '40, President '41, '42; Annual Staff '42; Commercial Club '42; C.T. '42; Who's Who-Wittiest Girl.

SAMUEL EDNEY PARKER—"Sammy" "A jolly. happy, generous sort. There never was a better sport."

Rabbit Club '41, '42: Chorus '41, '42: Operetta '42: Snapper Staff '41: Annual Staff '42: Debate Club "41: Assistant Business Manager Basketball Team '41, '42.

GRACE RUTH PEREZ—''Gracie'' "She was born serious and discreet.'' Dramatic Club '40, '41, '42: Glee Club '40, '41.

ROBERT RYAN GARDNER—"Bobby" "Thinking is but an idle waste of time." Vice-President Senior Class '42: Rabbit Club '42: Model Airplane Club '42: Junior Air Raid Warden '42.















MAE SUE CRAFT

'42; Librarian.

"The only way to have a friend is to be one." Glee Club '39. '40: Dramatic Club '42: Poetry Group '42; Monitor '42: "High Pressure Homer" '42: Cardinal Staff '41: Annual Staff

WILLIAM FRANK LONES—"Billy" Glee Club '40: Chorus '40, '41, '42; Track '40: Football '40; Archery '40, '41, '42: Reporter '40: Rabbit Club '42: Annual Staff '42; Monitor '42: Sergeant-at-arms Drum and Bugle Corp '42.

ROSE DEL PINO—''Rosie'' ''She is never downcast. never sour. Always like the rainbow after a shower.'' Monitor '41. '42: Tri-Hi Y '42: Annual Staff '41, '42: Poster Girl '41. '42: Chorus and Operetta '42: May Day Attendant '41: Vice-President Debating Club '41: C.T. '40; Senior Class Play '42: Who's Who—Prettiest Girl '42.

JACK RAY NEWCOMB—"Slim" "Let all things be done orderly and quietly." Class President '40.



EDITH MAE SANDS---"Edie" "Do others before they do you." Dramatics '41; Monitor '41.



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CHARLES DEWEY RIGGS—"Dewey" "I'm sure that care is an enemy of life." Bookkeeping Proficiency Certificate '42.

AMALIA LEONILA BLANCO—"Amy"

"Paddle, don't drift."

Dramatic Club '39, '40, '41, '42; C.T. '40, '41, '42; Death Takes A Holiday '41; Glee Club and Operetta '39, '41, '42; O.G.A. '41, '42; Monitor '40, '41; B.P.C. '42; Junior O.A.T.; Library Staff '41, '42; Vice-President Commercial Club: Salutatorian: Senior Class Play.

RAYMOND OVIDE—"Nana"

"He is in love with himself and has no rivals." President Class '39: American Legion Award '39: Class President '40. '41: Representative Student Council '40: President Student Council '41, '42: Rabbit Club '41, '42: Monitor '41: Snapper Staff '41, '42: Class Basketball: Who's Who-Most Popular Boy.

MARY ESTER BERRIAN-"Blondie"

"My object is to have a man on every ship." Basketball '40. '41: Glee Club '40. '41: National Honor Society '41. '42.

JACK ALAN HARRIS

"Man. not scholarship, is the first aim of education."

ELINOR RUTH LARSEN

"A pen is mightier than a sword." American Legion Award '39; C.T. '40: O.A.T. '40, '41: O.G.A. '42; Secretary of F.T.A. '39, '40, '41: Glee Club Pianist '39, '40, '41, '42; D.A.R. Award '42; Class Historian '42: Snapper '40, '41: Bookkeeping Award '42; Valedictorian '42: Orchestra '38, '39, '40: History Lovers Club '41: Annual '42; Monitor '40, '41.

EDWARD AUGUSTUS STRUNK III—"Eddie" "He is as good as he is fair." Basketball '41: Rabbit Club '41, '42; Snapper Staff '40. '41; Debating Club '41.













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RUTH MARIE BAKER ___ Ruthie'

Not too melancholy, not too gay, But a good pal in every way. Monitor '40: Poster Club '41. '42: Class Secretary '40. '42: Glee Club '41. '42: Annual Staff '42: C.T. Award '40: Dramatic Club.

WALTER PRICE

"Learning maketh a man good company for himself." Treasurer Hi-Y '41; Representative to Boy's State '40; Photography '41. '42: Archery Club '41, '42.

AMPARO EMMA CARRERO-"Titi" Very sweet, very shy.

But. oh. those wishful. wishful eyes."

C.T. '40: Snapper '40: Monitor '41, '42: Vice-President Junior Class '41: Debate Club '41; Annual '42: Tri-Hi Y '42: Chairman Red Cross Drive '42: President Senior Class '42: Poster Club '41, '42: D.A.R. '42: Chorus and Operetta '42: Senior Class Play '42; May Queen '42: Who's Who-Most Popular Girl.

CHARLES WILLARD LORD—"Kelly" "Be common and heed the call of duty." Chorus '38, '39, '42; Operetta '39.

ROSALEEN DOHERTY "To write a verse or two is all the praise that I can raise." Transferred from Bucklin, Kansas '41: Dramatic Club '41, '42; Poster Club '41. '42: Creative Poetry Group; Class Poet '42.

CECIL EARL DANIELS--"Bozo" "Oh. ladies, good ladies, Please leave me alone." Transferred from Gulfport High: Snapper '41: Death Takes A Holiday '41: High Pressure Homer '41: Dramatic Club '41. '42: Rabbit Club '42.

GERTRUDE GONZALEZ—"Chuchi" "They always think who never talk." C.T. '41.

HAGEN RUDOLPH SANDS

"He can. who thinks he can." Snapper '41: Annual '42: Archery '41. '42; Model Airplane '42: Rabbit '41. '42.

LENORA ONEIL LOPEZ—"Lee" "Fine manners are like personal beauty—a letter of credit everywhere." Dramatic Club '41.

WALLACE FRANCIS VINSON—"Wolf" "I am sure care is an enemy of life." Monitor '41. '42: Rabbit '41. '42: Boxing '41. '42: Class Basketball Team '39, '40.

EDITH VERNA DUNN—"Blondie" "We find in life exactly what we put into it." Transferred from Freeport High: Assistant Sales Manager Annual '42.

FREDERICK LEPAREAUS JOHNSON, JR.—"Fred" Snapper '40. '41: Tennis Club '41: Archery '41. '42; Model Airplane Club '42; Rabbit '41. '42: Air Raid Warden '42.













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PEARL OTTILEE ROBERTS "What I do concerns me. What others think does not." C.T. '41.



ROY WATSON-"Mario" "Why should I worry? I'll get there anyway." Chorus and Operetta 42: Business Manager Varsity '42: Rabbit '42: A.A. '42: Annual '42: Inter-Class Basketball '40. '41. '42.

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SENIOR HONORS

MARINA FERNANDEZ-"Nina" "I hate nobody; I am in charity with the world."

BILLY FRANKLIN CATES "The kind of a person you can depend on." F.T.A. '40. '41. '42: Dramatic Club President '41. '42: History Lovers '41. '42: C.T. '40. '41. '42: A.A. '39: Class Treasurer '40. '41. '42: Snapper '41. '42: Certificate of Proficiency: President Commercial Club.

GERALDINE KENNEDY-"Gerry" "Studies were not meant for me."

TOM GRAHAM GATO-"Tommy" "A good person to call a pal." Hi-Y '42: Poetry Group '39, '40, '41, '42: Annual '42: Monitor '41: C.P.B. '42; Rabbit '42: Poster Ciub '42.

RUTH EVELYN CURRY-"Rufus"

"A smile so sweet, an air so gay.

That's this little girl in every way."

Orchestra '38: Glee Club and Operetta '40: Tennis '40: Poster Club '42: C.T. '41: Student Council Representative '41: Monitor '41, '42.

HELIO GOMEZ-"Moni"

"Any man may be in good spirits and good temper when well dressed."

Glee Club and Operetta '41. '42: Rabbit Club '41. '42: Dramatic Club '41. '42: Debating '41: Archery Club '41: Drum and Bugle Corp '41. '42: Snapper '41: Air Raid Warden '41. '42: Safety Board '41. '42: Monitor '40: Basketball '40, '41.

BARBARA HELEN ROBERTS-"Bubble"

"To make my body a temple pure wherein I dwell serene." Monitor '39, '40: Knitting '41.

KATHRYN CAMILLE KNOWLES- Kay"

"Climb. though the way be rugged." Vice-President '38. '39: Basketball '38. '39. '40: Operetta and Glee Club '40: C.T. '39: Snapper '40: Tri-Hi Y '39, '40, '41: Knitting '41: Secretary Senior Class '41.

NELLIE LOUISE TIFT "Kind hearts are more than riches." Treasurer '39; Secretary of Junior Class '40: Knitting '41; Dramatic '42.

MAUREEN MCFARLAND Be what your friends think you are—it can be done." Monitor '41; Class Treasurer '41, '42.













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"A winner never quits, a quitter never wins."





JOHN JOSEPH ROMERO III-"Britt" "Man is man and master of his fate." Hi-Y '41. '42: Rabbit '42: Snapper '41. '42: Annual '42: Model Air-plane '42: Archery '42: Drum and Bugle Corps '42: Tennis '41. '42: Basketball '40. '41, '42: Dramatics '42.

HELEN PINDER

"A smile and a cheery word for everyone." Chorus '40. '41. '42: C.T. '40; Operetta '42; Monitor '40. '41. '42: Senior Class Play '42.

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HELEN ROSE WELLS "True worth is in being, not seeming." Monitor '40. '41: Class Representative '40: Glee Club '39. '40. '41: High Pressure Homer '41: Poetry Group '39. '40. '41: Dramatic Club '41. '42: Operetta and Chorus '41.

MARY FRANCES SMITH-"Smitty" "Never trouble trouble Till trouble troubles you." Vice-President of Class '40. '41: Cheer Leader '42: President of Pep Team '42: Snapper '41. '42: Tennis '41. '42; Monitor '42: Who's Who-Most Athletic Girl '42.

ROSE VALDEZ-"Mameta" "A still tongue makes a wise head." C.T. '40.

MIRIAM LOUISE COLLINS-"Louie" Student Council '40: Dramatics Club '40. '41: Monitor '41: Knitting '41: F.T.A. '40. '41: Class Prophetess '42.

NORMA LEE RIGGS—"Reggie"

"Dance away sorrow, cast away care."" Operetta '41: Death Takes A Holiday '41: Annual '42: Dramatic '41.

OLGA AGUILAR

"She is pretty to walk with, witty to talk with, and pleasing to think of."

ORQUIDEA FLAVIA BERMUDEZ

"I'll make my goal a star."

C.T. '41. '42: Shorthand Award '41: Glee Club '41. '42: F.T.A. '40. '41: Monitor '40. '41. '42: Poster Girl '41. '42: Debate '41: Bookkeeping '42: Senior Class Play '42.

ROY CHANCELLOR "Every man for himself."

DONALD LOWE

"Bite off more than you can chew, then chew it."

COPELYN MARTHA RAMSEY-"Copie"

"Good sense. good nature. good leadership combined." Glee Club and Operetta '40. '41. '42; Tri-Hi Y '40. '41. '42: Student Council Recreation Chairman '41; C.T. '39, '40: Dramatic Club '41, '42; Operetta '39, '40.

Not shown:

FLORENCE ELIZABETH BOZA—"Flo" "Quiet. gentle. meek. and calm." Dramatics Club '40. '41. '42; Knitting '41.

HARRY COLGATE "I'm not in the role with common men."

JACK HILSMAN HALE—"Red" "Ask and ye shall know." Transferred from Atlanta, Georgia.

DEWITT ELMER ROBERTS-"Buster''

"The only trouble with school is that it interferes with my athletic career."

Captain of Varsity '41: Secretary of Letterman's Club '40: Glee Club '42: Rabbit Club #42: Athletic Association '42: Senior Class Tournament '39, '40, '41; Who's Who-Most Athletic Boy '42.

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SENIOR CLASS HISTORY '42

We have as our radio guests tonight a group of travelers who have traveled far and long, pitching new camps each year. These travelers have finally arrived at their destination, and are ready to be rewarded for their labors with a certificate certifying to their having reached their goal, known as a diploma.

In September, 1938, we. a large group of young, untrained children, were given into the care of Mr. O'Bryant to rear, train, and lead into the road of Knowledge. Our governess. Miss Ida Engel, must have thought us a rather hopeless case. We began to realize that a hard, long way lay before us—a path new and untraversed by us, with a pot of gold at the far end of the trail. With that as our objective, we started right in to explore the road and meet the difficulties and surprises that awaited us around every bend. We had not gone very far when two of our number, Raymond Ovide and Elinor Larsen, received a great honor, the American Legion Medal, for having developed desirable character traits.

Our guardian, realizing that we needed a firm, capable guide to lead us over the rough. dangerous places, secured a guide for us in our Sophomore year in the person of Mr. Fowler. Being encouraged by having successfully passed the first mile in our journey, we started to gain more interest in the roadside scenery and activities. We gained self-confidence and social ability in various clubs. Because of our large number, it was necessary for us to travel in two groups.

During this year our class ranked first in the inter-room basketball tournament. We were rewarded with a half-holiday and picnic for the cooperation of our parents with the P.T.A. in paying their membership dues. Our class also won this prize the two succeeding years.

Having passed the second mile, we were truly glad to have conferred on us the title of "Juniors." Raymond Ovide was reelected class president with the following helpers: Emma Carrero, vice-president: Betty Bowen, secretary: Billy Cates, treasurer. In October, 1940, the Juniors sponsored a "Draft Dance." Later on we gave a "Conch Dance." Both affairs were very successful from a social and financial viewpoint. Mr. Fowler having been appointed to fill the office of principal at the Harris School, we suffered hard luck in the matter of guides this year. Before the year was over. we had had three teachers—Mrs. Delaino, Mr. Jones, and Miss Hill.

Some of our number grew weary with the way: some found it too hard, while others lagged too far behind: so that our group was diminished. making it possible for the two sections of Juniors to unite. A few of our number were showing ability as leaders—Raymond Ovide, Emma Carrero. Wilma Russell: others as science students—Bobby Gardner, Walter Price; others in athletics—

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Harry Colgate: while others were outstanding in winning commercial honors-Billy Cates. Elinor Larsen, Amalia Blanco, Orquidea Bermudez.

Our class was the first class to take over the publication of the school paper. The Snapper. during the junior year. With Wilma Russell as editor-in-chief, the Juniors did a fine job in putting out a paper the school could be proud of.

The outstanding social event of the year was the Junior-Senior Prom given in the high school gym. We worked tirelessly for a week converting the gym into a starry, outdoor nook. Our efforts were rewarded by the pleasant comments of the Seniors and the faculty. Our main goal was not lost in pleasure during the year. however, and many of our names were included in the honor roll. In 1941, exemptions were allowed for the first time, and many Juniors were relieved from taking final examinations.

Being notified that we had passed the third mile in our journey, we were proud to enter upon the fourth and last mile. We chose our leaders with care: Harry Colgate, president; Emma Carrero, vice-president; Kathryn Knowles and Ruth Baker, secretaries: and Billy Cates, treasurer. To secure funds for coming events, the Senior class sponsored a "Sadie Hawkins' Dance" in the gym. Leaders from our class were selected to serve in other organizations—the Speech and Debate Club, Commercial Club. Student Council, Hi-Y Club. and others.

In February. Emma Carrero was elected president when the former president left for another city. The last semester was filled with many notable happenings. Roy Chancellor distinguished himself in the field of music. Many of our tourists took part in the operetta. "A Dream Waltz." The Annual was planned and executed under the supervision of Miss Thompson. Miss Roberts. and Charles Perez. as editor-in-chief. Of great interest was the bestowing of the D.A.R. Award for loyalty, citizenship. and patriotism to Elinor Larsen with certificates for Emma Carrero and Wilma Russell.

Conch Day, when the Seniors hand down to the Juniors the Conch Shell. a symbol of leadership and good will, will long be remembered by every traveler that year. Mr. O'Bryant congratulated the Juniors and Seniors on the way the program was carried out. The Senior Class play. "The American Eagle." was different from previous plays and proved a big success. Our capable guide in all these activities was Mrs. Stark. We are now looking forward to the Rotary Club luncheon, the Alumni Banquet, and graduation exercises.

Each traveler tonight can look back over his journey with pleasure and with a sense of happiness that comes only from having successfully accomplished something important—something that does honor to his parents, his Alma Mater, and most of all, to himself. ELINOR LARSEN, Historian.

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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

To Whom It May Concern:

We. the Seniors of the Graduating Class of 1942, of Key West High School, which is situated in the city of Key West. in the county of Monroe, and the state of Florida. being in cur usual sane and sometimes sensible mind. with no outside influence being brought to bear upon us. do make, publish and declare this our Last Will and Testament of our High School Career.

After the payment of all our just debts, funeral charges, grudges, and expenses of administration, we dispose of our estate as follows:

To Mr. O'Bryant. our most admired principal. we leave the patience to deal with the incoming Seniors and try to make ladies and gentlemen of them.

To Mrs. Stark, all our thanks for the splendid way she has sponsored out class and also our gratitude for her kindly service and helpful advice.

To the Juniors. we leave our seats in the Senior room, including erasers, pencils, pieces of chalk and chewing gum which we neglected to remove in the haste of our departure.

To the Sophomore Class, we bequeath such grudges as the faculty of this school may still hold against us for our sins of commission and omission.

To the Freshman Class. we have nothing left to bequeath but a lot of good advice. Do not study too hard, for it will make you sick. If you wish to obtain good grades without study, give each teacher a red apple every morning and a Valentine on February 14. Always carry a lot of books with you to and from school and classes, but never look within their covers. If you obey all these rules, then three years from now you will be occupying these places of dignity with a minimum of effort and wear and tear.

I. Emma Carrero, bequeath my slinky black hair to Catherine Connor.

I, Edith Dunne, leave to all my friends in Key West High an invitation to New York so they may "Come up and see me sometime."

I. Rose Del Pino, leave my innocence to Betty Kline.

I. Marina Fernandez, leave my 5th period chewing gum to Mrs. Armayor. Also, to Jeri Arango, I leave my silliness so that she will forget she's a lady for a minute.

I, Robert Gardner. leave to Bill Wellons my knowledge of science.

I. Wallace Vinson, leave to Peter Perez my love for beautiful women.

I. Elinor Larsen, leave my ability in eating a lot and keeping slim to Rosaleen Albury.

I. Mae Sue Craft, leave to Margaret Pinder my slim, girlish figure.

We, Grace Perez and Edith Sands. endow Elsie Perez and Mitzi Herndon with our ability to be seen and not heard.

I, Billy Lones, do bequeath to Henry Cabana my ability to start off the "Hot Alley." (Keep 'em Running.)

I, Cecil Daniels, leave my ability to sleep anywhere to Ben Schoneck.

We, Jack Newcomb and Tom Gato, leave to Franklin Wickers the major part of our excessive weight. We really don't need it.

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I, Orquidea Bermudez, pass on my melodious voice to Ruth Thompson and Betty Lou Smith.

I, Fred Johnson, leave to Ray Pinder my ability to make good grades and have fun at the same time.

I, Ottilee Roberts, bestow my driving ability upon Jack Richardson and Paul Herrick.

I, Lenora Lopez, bestow my shy, but good nature upon Lila Demeritt, Ruth Woods, and Patsy Clark.

I, Maureen McFarland, donate my innocent looks to Mervin Thompson and Roy Rogers.

I, Horace Hearne, leave to Kenneth Knowles, Paul Roberts, and Paul Shuck my technique in love making.

I, Hagen Sands, leave to Henry Vinson, Stephen Burdock, and Eugene Roig my personality plus.

I, Louise Collins, bequeath to Dorothy Pierce and John Marzyck my good memory.

I, Dewitt Roberts, extend to George Barber, Eugene Berkowitz, and Lysle McCown my ability to play basketball.

I, Charles Lord, leave to Charles Warnock my ability to flirt with the girls.

I. Charles Perez. leave to Manuel Fernandez my ability to keep a discussion going strong.

I, Billy Cates, leave to Jack Sawyer my ability to make good grades without studying all night.

I. Raymond Ovide, pass on my bashfulness to Armando Canolejo.

We, the Snapper Staff, leave to the Juniors, now publishing the paper, the ability to put out a good Snapper.

We, Mary Frances Smith and Helen Pinder, leave to Barbara Johnson our excessive talking and saying nothing.

I. Roy Chancellor, gladly bestow upon John L. Day, my ability in lifting weights successfully.

I. Helio Gomez, leave to Eugene Sawyer my ability in public speaking.

I. Samuel Parker. do bequeath to Jack Appel my happy-go-lucky attitude of life.

I, Wilma Russell. do willingly leave all my blushes to Betty McAllister and Virginia Rodriquez.

We. Rosaleen Doherty and Mary Berrian, endow upon Fannie M. Ingram. Dorothy Wickers, and Ruth Skelton our love for the boys on the open seas.

I. Edward Strunk. leave to Richard Skelton and Hertell Bonniwell my blonde hair and white complexion.

I, Elonia Hernandez, bestow my sweet ways upon Mary Woods, Frances Dunne, and Sidney Lowe.

I, Geraldine Kennedy, leave to Ernestine Evans and Gloria Hernandez my perfected giggle.

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I. Jack Hale, leave to Tom Ketchings and Benjamine Lowe some of my manly height to use as they see fit.

I. Jack Harris. bequeath to Andrew Rodriquez and Veral Roberts my habit of spending two hours a day on my Literature lesson—by sitting on the book while I read jokes.

I, Roy Watson. leave to Dorothy Smith and Ruth Stricker my personality and ability to make friends.

We, Copelyn Ramsey, Helen Wells, and Harry Colgate, pass on our ability as leaders to Della Mae Curry and Mario Castro.

We. Ruth Curry and Olga Aguilar, endow Betty Myers and Nancy Kimball with my everlasting neatness.

I. John Romero. drop all my bad habits at Russell Hymen's and John Malone's feet.

I. Norma Riggs, leave to Delores Alvarez. Rose Marie Couvillion, and Yvonne Steward my knowledge of sewing.

We. Betty Ann Stocking and Rose Valdez, extend to Jayne Thompson and Betty Adams our sunny smile—it won't come off.

We. Nellie Tift and Katherine Knowles, leave to Laudelina Perez and Jenny Hiner our sweet girlish looks.

I, Barbara Roberts. leave my business-like looks to Archie Potter, John Watkins, and Henry Schulte.

I, Ruth Baker. leave my diet lists to Juanita Spencer and Sylvia Sawyer.

I, Charles Riggs, bequeath to Charles Rosam and Jack Cates my ability in Bookkeeping.

I, Florence Boza, leave to Eola Johnson and Rose Mae Saunders my serene calmness in times of distress.

I, Amalia Blanco. leave to Elizabeth Carrera my love for books other than educational ones.

I, Gertrude Gonzalez, leave to Charles Albury and Donovan Herrick my ability to dance.

I, Donald Lowe, bequeath to Arthur Valladares and Jack Aritas, my ability to annoy teachers and classmates with my corny jokes.

I, Walter Price, leave to all Juniors, old and new, that were not mentioned, all the Seniors' love.

I, Rose Mary Demeritt, leave my sympathy to my successor-nothing more be said.

All the rest of our property, whatsoever and wheresoever, and of what nature, kind and quality, after the payment of all our debts and funeral expenses. we leave to our Key West School Board and Superintendent. May they grow rich and independent from the proceeds.

In testimony where of, we hereunto set our hand and seal, and declare this to be our Last Will and Testament, this 29th day of May, in the Year of our Lord. One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Two.

ROSE MARY DEMERITT, Testatrix.

CLASS PROPHECY

A TRIP INTO THE FUTURE

Palm-Readings, Tea Leaves and Analysis of handwritings are all means of foretelling the future. But all are lacking in accuracy. To be absolutely exact, one must make a trip into the future, and here's what I saw when I did that:

I heard wedding bells and I saw Emma Carrero getting married at a lovely church and the minister performing the ceremony was Reverend Roy M. Watson.

The launching of a huge battleship took place with Senator Walter Price conducting the ceremonies but the show was stolen from him by Rosemary Demeritt and Helen Pinder. Hollywood's latest and best comediennes.

Roy Chancellor didn't surprise me very far when I saw him singing in the Metropolitan Opera. We always knew that no goal was too high for Roy to reach.

Bobby Gardner and Bill Lones were daredevils of the sky. It seems that their girl-friends thought no men on earth were good enough for them.

Helio Gomez was manager of the Pepsi-Cola Company in Key West. Manager Gomez said, "There is a new Pepsi-Cola now—bigger and better than ever."

Tom Gato bestowed a very high honor on Key West. He was the first Bishop of the Roman Catholic Church to reside in this town.

Florence Boza and Grace Perez, inseparable in school were still inseparable as they work side by side in a Brooklyn hospital. And the patient demanding Grace's attention was Billy Cates.

On a platform a familiar face pleads for a cat for every old maid. The speaker was Cecil Daniels. It seems that Cecil always did have a soft spot in his heart for women.

Dewitt Roberts was playing big league baseball. And running along beside him and carrying the water bucket was none other than Wallace Vinson.

On Broadway the lights of a theater marquee blinded passersby, but not too much for them to read Gerrie Kennedy's name in lights ten feet high.

Marching down 42nd street was Wilma Russell, Amalia Blanco, and Gertrude Gonzalez carrying signs that read. "Tax the Bachelors." That will sure increase the marriages. Wilma still shows that spirit and pep that carried her through school.

At a large girls' school Jack Newcomb was acting as Dean of Women. Jack sure was timid with the girls in school, but you should have seen him in his new position.

Out in the West somewhere Elinor Larsen is teaching the kiddies their ABC's. An apple a day won't keep the F's away either, for Elinor demands study.

At last Roosevelt has been beaten. But it took somebody like Charles Perez to do it. It seems that Charles' campaign appealed especially to the women. His vice-president was Raymond Ovide.

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CLASS PROPHECY

Norma Riggs. Rose Valdez, and Olga Aguilar as seen ten years hence, were very busy washing three-corner pants and cooking for their hubbies. Well, nice work if you can get it.

Marina Fernandez was working very hard too, teaching school, and Horace Hearns seemed to be a very avid pupil of hers.

Charles Lord used his typing to good advantage when Uncle Sam called his number. Charles was a staff sergeant in the U. S. Army.

A missionary in far-off Africa was Barbara Roberts. She was surely doing the natives a world of good.

Nellie Tift and Helen Wells were very efficient secretaries except when it came to sitting on the boss' lap. Both thought that was going a bit too far even if it did please the boss.

Lenora Lopez turned out to be a social worker and all her efforts were toward the goal of bettering humanity.

Ruth Baker and Copelyn Ramsey were leaders of the Women's Club. Their slightest wish was carried out quickly and effectively by the other members.

John Romero was in the Maritime Service. His knowledge of Physics and Navigation gained him a high position.

Ruth Currie and Maureen McFarland, who always said that they would never marry but work all their lives, were now happily married and their main job was keeping little Johnnie and Jimmie out of trouble.

Charles Riggs and Sammy Parker simply wandered away. Some say they joined the navy.

Orquidea Bermudez was doing her bit in keeping the morale of the enlisted men up. She was touring the country and singing at all the camps and navy yards. Edith Dunn went along to help "Keep 'Em Laughing."

Two who really turned out good were Hagen Sands and Edward Strunk, world famous engineers.

Donald Lowe and Fred Johnson were radio operators, whose dots and dashes were sure carrying them places.

In a large newspaper Rosaleen Doherty's column. entitled "Advice to the Lovelorn," was found. She gained her knowledge during her experience with the navy.

In the same city Mary Frances Smith ran a beauty shop with a slogan that read, "Nothing is Impossible." And under the dryer and permanent waving machine were Kay Knowles and Rose del Pino, challenging Smitty to make good her slogan.

Mae Sue Craft and Mary Berrian had distinguished themselves in the American Red Cross. Both were helping a worthy cause and doing a good job of it.

After this long weary trip into the future I finished up by stopping at a "Roadside Nook." There I was very surprised when Edith Sands and Ottilee Roberts served me, but I was even more astonished when told that the owner of the place and many more just like it. was Jack Harris.

LOUISE COLLINS, Prophetess.

BALLAD WITH A DOUBLE REFRAIN

CLASS POEM

1942

This is reflection's final day! When youth and beauty without blight Is joyous as a bursting spray, Hide not thy face, Lord. Thou our Light! It is a parting to unite As citizens against the blows Of tyranny . . . of brutal might. Lord, lift our heads above our foes! Our grace enhanced by learning may Lend comfort to those dear. Indite Our froward hearts, . . . show us the way. Hide not thy face, Lord, Thou our Light! But clear the issues for the Right. Through sorrow and all martial woes, Which gleaming faith and hope make bright, Lord, lift our heads above our foes! When drum and bugle sound their lay At flag salute, . . . a thrilling sight, Where clustered Bougainvillea sway, Hide not thy face, Lord. Thou our Light! Here bow and arrow groom for fight, Gymnastics train to ward off blows, And since we scorn the thought of flight, Lord, lift our heads above our foes!

ENVOI

Friends, prayer alone can pierce such night, ...
Hide not thy face, Lord. Thou our Light!
To guide us whither no man knows, ...
Lord, lift our heads above our foes!

ROSALEEN DOHERTY.

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WHO'S WHO

ROSE DEL PINO Prettiest Girl

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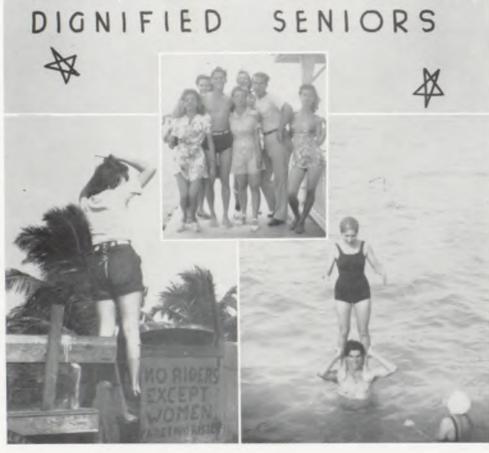
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Left-Roy Chancellor as "Lieutenant Niki" and Armando Canalejo as "Lieutenant Montschi," in a rollicking moment in the operetta. Right-The entrance march of the operetta.

A WALTZ DREAM

By OSCAR STRAUSS

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Chorus of Tourists, Soldiers, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Court. and Townspeople

JOKES

Charles Perez: "Professor. I can't stay in class today."

Mr. O'Bryant: "Why not?"

Charles Perez: "I don't feel well."

Mr. O'Bryant: "Where don't you feel well?"

Charles Perez: "In class."

Roy Chancellor. as traffic director. asked Copelyn Ramsey: "Have you a warning signal on the front of your car?"

Copelyn Ramsey: "Yes, sir, I have a little sign that says 'Dodge Brothers'."

Mrs. Thompson to Wallace Vinson: "Wallace, name a great time saver."

Wallace Vinson: "Love at first sight."

Mary Francis Smith: "Isn't this moonlight wonderful?"

Roy Watson: "Yes, it is like the third degree."

Mary Francis: "What do you mean?"

Roy Watson: "I know that I am going to say something that I will regret."

Raymond Ovide: "If you'll marry me, I'll take out a big insurance policy on my life, so that you will be well provided for."

Rose Del Pino: "Yes, but suppose you don't die?" Samuel Parker: "Hey Bill, could you lend me ten bucks?"

Billy Cates: "I never lend money. It only breaks up friendships."

Samuel: "But after all. we never were good friends."

Charles Lord: "Would you say 'yes' if I asked you to marry me?"

Amalia Blanco: "Would you ask me to marry you if I said I would say 'yes' if you asked me?"

It seems that Jack Newcomb met Bobby Gardner six years after they had graduated:

Jack: "So you are a husband, eh? Well, what appeals to you most about married life?"

Bobby: "Other men's wives."

Miss Gardner: "Dewitt, what comes before six?"

Dewitt: "The milk man."

Wilma Russell: "I tried to drown myself three times because of a man."

Marina Fernandez: "Why. Wilma. don't be absurd, what kind of a man was he?"

Wilma: "A life guard."

Lenora Lopez: "Is it true that you are secretly engaged to Cecil?"

Emma Carrero: "Yes, and I don't care who knows it, either."

Mrs. Stark: "Now, who can name something that didn't exist thirty years ago?"

Billy Lones: "I can—airplanes and automobiles."

Mrs. Stark: "That's right and what else?"

Billy Lones: "Me, Mrs. Stark."

Orquidea Bermudez: "Your kisses thrill me to the bottom of my feet."

John Romero: "They should. They're soul kisses."

Mr. Gore: "Do you play by ear?" Horace Hearne: "No, but I use about everything else."

Mr. Gore: "What do you mean?" Horace: "I'm a one-man band."

Helio Gomez: "Do you drink?" Mae Sue Craft "NO!"

Helio: "Then hold this quart while I tie my shoe."

Jack Harris: "I work eight hours and sleep eight hours."

Norma Riggs: "Yeah, the same eight hours."

Harry Colgate: "If I kiss you will you be any the wiser?"

Rosemary Demeritt: "That depends on how much you know about kissing already." It seems that Donald Lowe and Nellie Tift were married; one day she met Kathryn Knowles.

Kathryn: "Your son is a cute little rascal."

Nellie: "Yes, he takes after his father."

Kathryn: "Oh. is his father cute, too?"

Nellie: "No, but he's a rascal."

Mrs. Eagan: "Cecil, did you ever take chloroform?"

Cecil Daniels: "No, who touches it?"

Mr. Gore: "Statistics show that musicians seldom commit suicide."

Helen Wells: "How about the neighbors?"

Edward Strunk, who is a great doctor, was visited by an old classmate, Hagen Sands:

Edward: "I can't find any cause for your trouble. I think it's due to drinking."

Hagen: "Okay, I'll come back some time when you're sober."

Fred Johnson: "If I had a million dollars do you know where I'd be?"

Olga Aguilar: "I'll say! You'd be on our honeymoon."

Mrs. Salis: "What is wrong with this sentence, 'Girls is naturally better looking than boys'?"

Charles Riggs: "Girls is artificially better looking than boys."

And there's Rosaleen Doherty that would like to know: "If nobody quit high school, who would there be to hire college graduates?"

Barbara Roberts: "It tells here in the paper of a ninety year old man who's never seen an automobile."

Gerry Kennedy: "That's probably why he's lived that long."

Louise Collins: "Do you believe the hand is quicker than the eye?" Tom Gato: "No."

Louise: "Then how did you get that black eye?"

Mrs. Russell: "What's the difference between the rich and the poor?"

Mary Berrian: "One dodges taxes and the other dodges taxis.

Elinor Larsen: "Why do you wear a hat?"

Mr. Huddleston: "At my age, it's easier to check a hat than a cold."

Miss Lankford: "What's the chief causes of divorce?"

Walter Price: "That's easy—man and woman."

Rose Valdez as a waitress in the cafeteria was waiting on Betty Ann Stocking:

Betty: "Do you tip the waitresses in this cafeteria?"

Rose: "Why certainly."

Betty: "Okay. give me a quarter! I've waited a half hour already for my order."

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Florence Boza: "What are you stopping for?"

Grace Perez: "The road map here says 'turn north and follow trolley'."

Florence: "Well, what are you waiting for?"

Grace: "Waiting for a trolley to come along!"

Ruth Currie: "I can't understand why a pretty girl like you has never married."

Ottilee Roberts: "It's very simple. I have a dog that growls, a parrot that swears, a fireplace that smokes, and a cat that stays out all night. Why, should I want a husband"

Gerry Kennedy: "They say brown cyes are an indication of a weak will."

Ruth Baker: "And black eyes are an indication of a weak defense."

Rose Valdez: "Why is it that milk men are seldom married?"

Charles McKamay: "They see too many women early in the morning."

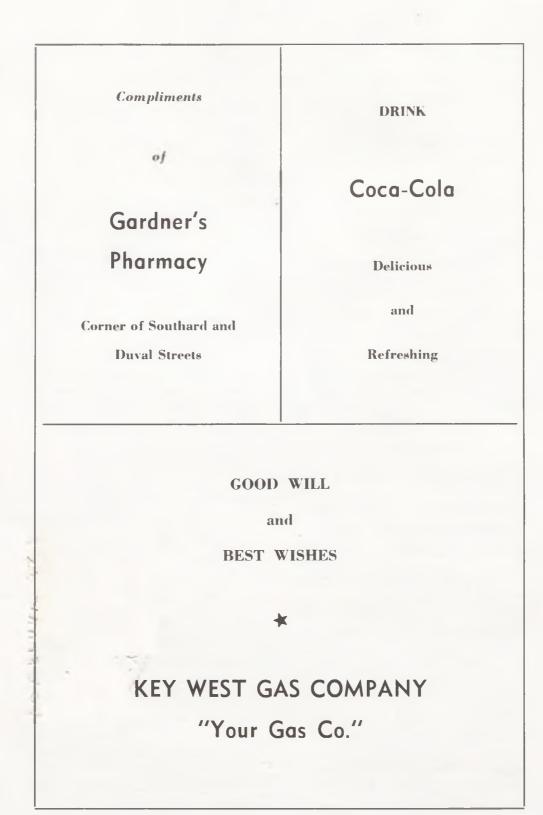
Mr. O'Bryant: "Did you ever hear me imitate a cat. a dog. and a wolf!" Edith Dunn: "No sir, will you imitate a cat, and a wolf for me?"

Mr. O'Bryant: "Meow, meow, bow wow-wow, Hi ya babe!"

Maureen McFarland: "What is a twip?"

Miss Horne: "A twip? There's no such word as a twip."

Maureen: "Ah yes, a twip is a ride on a train."



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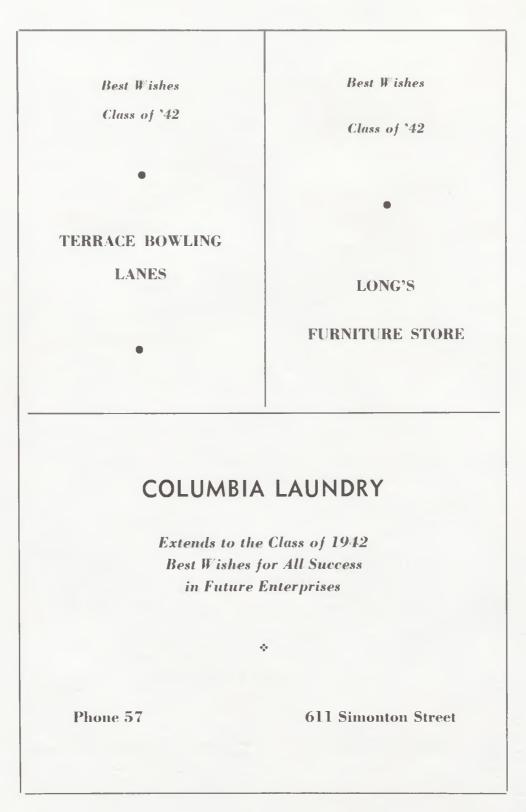
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