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16 Seniors to Graduate Monday; Baccalaureate Services Sunday

Baccalaureate and Graduation ceremonies, Sunday and Monday evenings respetively, climax 12 years of school for 16 seniers.

General Albert Watson will deliver the address to the graduating class of 1962 at the Fifteenth annual graduation exercises Monday, June 11, 1962, at 8 P. M. in Berlin Brigade Chapel.

The program features speeches by Valedictorian Lee Hodges and Salutatorian

Susan Simpson.

Sixteen members of the Class of '62 will merch down the siste into the senctuary preceeding and following the ceremony to Elger's "Pomp and Circumstance."

The program will feature special music by the High School Chorus. They will sing "One Horld" and "The Lord Bless Thee and Keep Thee."

On Sunday Chaplain
W. P. Golder will address the graduating
Seniors of 1962, parents, and guests at a Baccallaureate service also at
Berlia; Brigade Chapel at
8 P. M.

lourest ceremony, the Class of '62 will give a tea for parents, teachers, and administrators. From 2 to 4 P.M. approximately 60 people will attend this Graduation Tea held at Richard Cleveland's home.

9 STUDENTS INDUCTED INTO N.H.S.

Nine B.H.S. students became National Henor Society members May 9 at the annual induction ceremony conducted at Outpost Theater.

Margaret Ellithorpe, Mikel Fisher, Rick Roemmer, David Petty, Von Koch, Michael Clary, Jane Lychenheim Jean Moses, and Dottie Davis were new inductees into N.H.S.

Dr. Myron Baskin, Director of Amerika Haus, spoke on the importance of Scholarship in our present-day educational system. A history of Honor Society by Mark Maple was followed by Diane Patenaude's explanation of the meaning of the N.H.S. emblem. Patry Dodge, Judy Bright, Susan Simpson, and Lee Hodges then explained the four qualities necessary for membership in the National Honor Society: Character, Leadership, Scholarship, and Service.

After the candlelighting ceremony, Von Koch told the audience what membership in the National Honor

Society meent to him.

At the completion of the ceremony, Mr. Howard Tolle announced the awarding of the Valedictorianship to Lee Hodges and the Salutetorianship to Susan Simpson.

BRIGHT, SIMPSON, HODGES, AWARDED COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Judy Bright

Judy Bright was awarded the first Bear Facts! Scholarship at the annual Awards Assembly June 1, 1962.

Bear Facts' editors—Sue Simpson, Sherry Golder, Kaye Stewart, and John Donham—thought that the money which was paid by the students for B.B. should be used in a constructive manner so that the entire student body could benefit from it. After much discussion the staff decided that a yearly scholarship should be awarded to a deserving senior.

"I hope that future Bear Facts' staffs will continue this scholarship set up by this year's staff and that the size of the scholarship can be increased," stated Miss Alma Helbig, Bear Facts' advisor.

"Even though the amount of this Bear Facts' scholarship is not very large this year, every little bit counts toward those college expenses," stated Susan Simpson, Editor-in-Chief.

Susan Simpson

Susan Simpson was awarded the Parent-Teachor's Association Scholarship at the P.T.A. meeting Pay 22, 1962. The scholarship in the amount of five-hundred dollars was awarded on a competitive basis to a member of the graduating class. Judy Bright and Lee Hodges were the two other contenders for the award.

Judging was done by a committee headed by Mr. Taylor and composed of Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Clary, Capt. Fatenaude, and M/Sgt. Pike. Students were judged on the basis of character, scholarship, and scores on the College Entrance Examination Board test.

A check for the amount of the scholarship plus the cost of getting the check cashed will be sent directly to Susan's college.

Lee Hodges

Lee Hodges was awarded Homen's Club Scholarship at the annual Award's Assembly June 1, 1962. The scholarship in the amount of-five-bundred dollars was awarded to a student with a 3.4 or better average who had participated in a variety of school and extra-curricular activities and had scored high on the College Entrance Examination Board.

A committee composed of Mrs. McQuarrie, Col. Albrecht, and Dr. Irvin interviewed contenders Susan Simpson and Lee Hodges. A check for \$500 will be presented at commencement exercises, and the rest of the amount will be sent in the form of a check to Lee's college.

SHERTY GOLDER REIGNS AS THE PROMIQUEEN TSCHUS BERLIN SPONSORED BY JUNIOR CLASS

Sherry Golder reigned as Queen of the 1962 Junior-Senior From on May 26 at Kongress Halle.

"Tschus Berlin," as the Prom was named, in previous years has been given by Student Council; but this year for the first time the Junior Class sponsored the affair.

Selected by couples at "Tachus Berlin," the queen was crowned by her escort Wark Waple. She was attended by Susan Clark, who was escorted by Bob Harris, and Patsy Dodge, squired by Miko Dentoa. The queen and her candidates were presented with rose bouquets by Master of Ceremonics Chuck Hewins.

The candle-lit dance was decorated to resemble the ballroom of a ship. Music was provided by Klaus Hof Band. A receiving line composed of Junior and Senior Class presidents, queen candidates, and their dates greated more than 20 couples and guests attending this annual spring event.

FRILIDLY TIPS ON HAVING A SUCCESSFUL SENIOR CLASS

If the Class of '62 is to be remembered for one exceptional quality, we must certainly pick out the lack of co-operation which, we as a class, have so outstandingly exhibited this year. Since the Class of '62 has been so successful at being unsuccessful as a class, we feel fully qualified to pass along a few tirely hints to you underclassmen on how to make your class a dismal failure in the class-spirit department.

First, develop a genuine dislike for at least two of your classmates. Do not necessarily dislike members of only one sex; be generous with your animosity. And be very careful not to have everyone dislike the same few people. You might even

get together and decide who is going to hate whom.

Second, never talk about anyone to his face. You must only cut a person low behind his back. Of course, you absolutely must gossip about your fellow class-mates. How else will you breed unrest and ill will? If you don't know anything strictly true that you can say, intimate some risque item. Don't just make some thing up unless you co-operate with someone else and have him serve as a witness

for your story.

Third, when it comes time to decide something important such as the style of your commendement announcements or where graduation will be held or whether or not to have a baccalaureate ceremony, everyone in the class sust have different and diametrically opposite opinions. It is alright if you can manage to split the class into two opposing sides, but it is infinitely better if you can have three or four opposing factions. And no one must be calm, cool-h aded, or sensible. Under no circumstances should anyone listen to a reasonable argument from the other side. That would ruin the entire effect you have worked so hard to achieve.

Fourth, and possibly most important of all do not be loyal to your friends. Firm and lasting friendships tend to promote unity and minimize friction. You must avoid this at all costs: Have a farmety of best friends - say a new one each month. Last month's model will be a price source of juicy tidbits for your hon-sessions or your bull-sessions; and as the year goes on, you will build up quite a backlog of used people if you are careful not to be friendly with the same person twice. This program can be used to pricular advantage in boy-girl relationships. At the beginning of each month, you can start afresh and can tell a new person how wonderful you think he is. If you really want to impress him, contrast him in lurid terms to whatever you went with last month. If you should happen to break up with someone and you know that he or she is going to try and get you back in the near future, go out with someone else in the meantime just to keep your ex going. Underclassmen are very good for this purpose. Anoy or prime source of hate-date material is the ever increasing group of last month's friends alias this month's enemics.

We guarantee that if your follow these four suggestions exactly as they are written, your Senior Class will be at least as successful at being unsuccessful as our class was. Who knows? If you se a little initiative, perhaps you may

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SENIORS! PLANS!

Do you know what each senior is planning to do after his graduation? To keep you up-to-date and informed, Bear Facts' staff gives you the following statistics.

> Kentucky Southern College Sherry Golder

Louisville, Kentucky

Major: Secondary Education

Ohio University Lee Hodges

Athens, Ohio

Major: Elementary Education

Frances Smith South Georgia Sollege

> Agusta, Georgia Major: Liberal Arts

Cottey College Susan Simpson

Novada, Missouri Major: Biology

North Texas State College Kaye Stewart

Denton, Texas

Major: Liberal Arts

Blair Good Pennsylvania State College

State College, Pennsylvania

Dick Cleveland Lake Forest

Lake Forest, Illinois

Major: Physics

Technical Univeristy Rudy Capman

> Berlin, Germany Major: Engineering

Mars Hill College Dean Boyd

Mars Hill, North Carolina

Major: Liberal Arts

Paris American College Susan Clark

Paris, France Major: Psychology

M. I. T. Bob Harris

Cambridge, Mass.

Major: Nuclear Physics

ELEVEN TEACHERS TO REMAIN AT BHE FOR MEXT YEAR

Eleven funtor and sen-'ior highsechool beathors are remaining in Berlin

for another year.

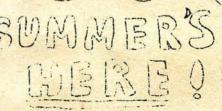
They are Miss Alna Helbig, Mr. Nick O'Neill, Mr. Donald Anderson, Mr. James Buenger, Miss Ruth Denal, Miss Cynthia Dame, Mr. Klungness, Dale Horold Jenson, Miss Ava Leeper, Mr. John Fast and Mr. Edward Fitzpatrick.

Going back to the States are Miss Adelado Johnne Johnson, Miss Jenson, and Miss Alice

Gerrity.

Mr. Donald Horner will beach in Japan next year. Miss Sylvia Nicely will return to Tennessee until November, and then she will live in Frankfurt.





OFEN LETTER TO STUDY TE

Dear Berlin Students,

The time has come when we must say our good-byes. What a horrible word is good-bye. Just what does it mean? How can a bye be good? What is a bye? Why can't we say something pretty like <u>Auf Wiederschen</u>, <u>Aloha</u>, <u>Vava Usted con Dios</u>, or even <u>Fare Thee Well</u>? However we say it, we cannot avoid the heartaches which accompany it.

My wife and I have had two wonderful years in Berlin. In this time I have learned to love the city and, particularly, to love the students of Berlin American School. Some time, some where, I hope to see you all again. Be good, and do

the best job of which you are capable -- no one can ask nore.

Bye now.

Sincerely,

1 road Tolly

mr. Tolle

BERLIN HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER TEAM FINISHES SECOND IN LEAGUE

Borlin High School's Soccer Team finished the season as the number two team in the Soccer league. The team won three games, tied two, and lost one. "In all the years of league competition, B. H. S. has never lost a home game," commented Mr. Alex Longolius, Assistant Soccer Coach.

"B.H.S.," continued Coach Longolius, "was the only Soccer Team to tie the

Brennerhaven Team, who became League Champions."

Coaches Ed Fitzoatrick, Physical Education teacher, and Alex Longolius to team members their congratulations for a job well done. "The Soccer Team tried, and they did well; how ver, there was a lack of moral support on the prt of the student body," commented Mr. Fitzpatrick.

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Sophomores, Larry Brown,		St. Paul, Minn.			
Bob McMorris, Neil		Mojor: Psychology			
Clark, Horst Breuer,					
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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER by Milton Boock

As we come to the end of a school year, it is well to take inventory to determine achievements, accomplishments, and gains. This act is to help plan for the new school year 1962-63.

The basic aim of Berlin High School will1be to increase our acedemic achievment. We must strive to improve our study habits, our incentives, and our

goals.

We have had some memorable accomplishments, activities, and performances this past year. To list all of them would be impossible; but a few stand out such as: National Honor Society installation, award assemglies; patriotic observances, the Christmas and Spring Chorus concerts, the spirit, the scrap, and the accomplishments of the athletic teams, the Yearbook, the Junior Prom, the school picnic, rewarding field trips, the fine support of the P. T. A., cooperative teachers, the outstanding aid of the Berlin Brigade, and excellent cafeteria, an all-European Student Council Conference, achievements in standardized tests, the enthusiasm of the cheerleaders, the precision of the B-Ettes, the Science Fair, the issues of the school paper, the library service, the hard, diligent of the School's Officer and his staff. All of these add up to a fine year.

Next year we anticipate 403 students to be enrolled in our high school. Fifteen of our 20 faculty members will be back in Berlin. We should have a banner year.

Bon Voyage to those of you who will be leaving before school year rolls around and a pleasant summer to those of you who will be with us next year.

Mr. O'Neill Thinks Students Here Worldly Mr. Tolle to Teach

"I think that Berlin kids are worldly, I like them, " stated Mr. Nicholas O'Neill, Berlin High

School Science and Algebra teacher.

Mr. O'Neill hails from Taunton, Massachusettes, where he attended high school. At Stonehill College, near Boston he majored in mathematics and received his Bachelor of Arts' Degree.

After graduation Mr. O'Neill taught chemistry and geometry for two years at Mansfield High School in Mansfield, Mass. Following this assignment, Mr.

O'Neill came to Berlin.

Mr. O'Neill enjoys
Berlin for a number of
reasons about which he
declined to go into detail.
He likes the people and
the life of Berlin, which
he finds to be a "good,
clean city."

"I have enjoyed travalling to Denmark, Majorca, Garmisch, and London," said Mr. O'Neill; "however, I believe that I have enjoyed Denmark most of all."

In regard to his futture plans, Mr. O'Neill believes that after teaching at least one more year in Berlin that he will go to San Francisco. "It seems," he said, "like a swinging town."

Best of luck

Mr..Tolle to Teach Social Studies At Ula Jumior High

Mr. Howard Tolle, Principal of Berlin American Schools, is leaving after two years. Mr. Toll requested to D. E. G. that he be changed from a school administrator to a teacher in junior high social studies. He has accepted an opening as a social studies teacher at Ulm, Germany, which is near Augsburg.

Mr. Tolle goes on leave on July 1, 1962, but he will not report for his new position in Ulm until sometime at the end of August.

CANDID VIEW OF HARD-VORKING SENIORS SHOWS DISCIPLIMED, ENTHUSIASTIC GROUP

The Senior Class anxiously awaits the end of 12 years of hard labor. Even to the last day of school, they will be working diligently trying to learn as much as they can.

Here is one typical day in English class to show you how hard the Senior Class worked.

Patsy Dodge ate a liverwurst sandwich followed by a hard-boiled egg. She even brought salt.

Judy Bright just finished her apple and tried to put the core under her chair without being seen.

Bob Harris shuffled a deck of cards. He just lost a game of solitare.

Blair Good and John Shiner were playing a game of catch with the tin foil from Patsy's sandwich.

Usually Dean Boyd busily pays attention, but this day he cleaned his fingernails.

Last night was too much for Sharry Golder, who had her head on her dosk. She was fast asleep.

Even for Dick Cleveland the last year had been difficult. He was reading a catechism book.

Rudy Capman is sitting in his cheir gazing contentedly out of the window.

Eva Belanger was busily writing a lotter.

Susan Simpson was twisting hor hair into a French roll.

Rounding out the class were Lee Hodges, Frances Smith, Kayo Stewart, and Russ Deane, who were all



T.B. TESTS GIVEN

1500 STUDENTS

Each year a tuberculin tosting program in carried out in all USAREUR schools. Tests were given at Berlin American School on April 30, May 1, different. She went on and May 8.

Due to the lack of testing material, the program was not completed on schedule. All students who had not taked the test received it last Tuesday, May 29, at . . 9 a. m.

The tuberculin test consists of injection given on the forearm. The test result is a small blister forming im> mediately at the site of injection. This blister subsides within a few The test is read hours. 72 hours later. A positive test does not mean that tuberculosis is present; it may be that the person has been exposed to T.B.

A chest x-ray will be done on all sutdents with positive results. All negative reactions require married. quire the further stidies.

MISS NICELY PLAND

NOVEMBER WEDDING BEFORE RETURNING

Miss Silvia Nicely was born in Knoxville, Tennessee, where she was graduated from Larson-Newman High School.

Miss Nicely then spent one summer at Tennessee.

Some of the hobbies Miss Nicely enjoys are music, reading, swimming, and horseback riding. has not been horseback in Berlin because it is too expensive.

When asked her opinion of Berlin students, she stated that they were to say that Berlin is a very nice city and there is always something to do or see.

Miss Nicely's plans for the future revolve around Sergeant Workey. They will be married in November. Planning to go home this summer, Miss Nicely is looking forward to to seeing her friends and her relativos again.

Miss Nicely has spent the total of two years overseas-one here and the other in Japan.

"I loved the first year I spent overseas," continued Miss Nicely, 1 b ut she didn't have much to say about this year.

Miss Nicely ended by saying that she invites every student to come and see her next year in Frankfurt after she is

CLASS OF 1962 HOLDS TEN-YE'R REUNION

Graduating Class of 1962 of Berlin American high School convened for its Reunion at the Berlin Hilton Rotel last waskend. Sixteen former classmates travaled from all over the world to meet once again after a ten-year separation.

The fixed Reverend David Cleveland flow to Berlin from his south disconmission. Since his graduation from St. Matthew's Seminary in Illinois, Reverend Cleveland has ministered to the african people he love so well.

Bringing with her a touch of Hollywood was the talented diss Eva Balenger.

Miss Balenger is the star of W.C.M.'s weekly spectacular "Story Time."

The former F. Amanda Smith (Now Mr. M. Yaney) halted her program of shipping northerners out of Georgia long enough to a tend the Berlin reunion.

Six-time divorcee Kaye Stewart attended the reunion while on Sabatical leave from the University of Texas, where she is a marriage counseling instructor.

The eminent journalist Susan Simpson flow to Berlin from her Frankfurt office.

Hes Simpson to European correspondent of Playboy Magazine.

Miss Judy Bright of Decca Records also visited her former classmates. iss Bright is on a Suropean four to promote her latest smash-hit Dremorhouen! My State P Branchaven!"

International business tycoon John Shiner flow to Berlin from the living where he is vacationing. Ar. Shiner has made millions of dellars as President of

Vanish Deederant Corporation.

Movie Queen Lee Hodges added a touch of plamour at the Hilton reunion. Miss Hodges helps her husband John (in between movies) by starring in Vanish Commercials. Patcy Dodge flew to Barlin from Talter Reed Hospital, where she is employed as

the leading dietician.

Blair Good was one of the three seniors who could not be preent at the reunion. He was last seen riding down Fisher-Huttenweg on his motor scooter June 11, 1962.

He has not been seen by anyone since.

Budy Capman, the second member of the Class of '62 to "make a million", not only attended the reunion but resides in Berlin itself. Budy is known as the Bockwarst Boron or the Kurrywarst King, since he has formed a monopoly on the manufacture of wast skins.

Bob Harris, alias the "mad scientist," was also unable to attend. It is reported that Mr. Harris induced his classmate Susan (Clark) to rid, in a rocket he had designed. "They never returned" and it is presumed that they're really in orbit.

It is also alleged that Bob doesn't mind.

Dean Boyd, the famous public speaker and former pre ident of the class, entertained everyone at the reunion with his amusing aneceotes concerning the days when he used to play football and soccer.

Shorry Golder, eminent cheerleader, was granted a leave of absence from ashington where she was recently appointed Secret ry of the department of

Checkleading Affairs newly created by the President.

John R. Deane, (Rusty III) traveled to Berlin from Aarlsruhe, where he is

Fresident of the Dependent Education Group.

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SENIOR WILLS

- I, Bob Harris, leave my back to some unfortunate member of the uncoming Senior Class for the coach to climb on.
- I, Blair Good, leave to the couch one year's surply of Metrecal.
- I, Kave Stewart, leave to Teri Barnholt my standing ampointment at the hospital during fourth Period and all my unused excuses.
- We, Francis Smith, and Lee Hodges, leave our four-period long day, our famous repertoire of Senior Songs, and the presidency of the C.B.A. to Margaret Ellithorpe.
- I, David Cloveland, leave my mary lous bility to judge, criticize, and cut low anyone, anywhere, anyplace to Poter von Papel.
- I, John Shiner, leave all the addresses and phone numbers of all my female acquaintances throughout Germany to Dave Lodge.
- I, Dean Boyd, leave Coach Fitzpatrick.
- I, Susan Simpson, do bequesto to Candy Allison my title as Miss Cluduis Maximus of B.H.S.
- I, Rudy Capman, leave Coach Fitzpatrick my ability to play soccer, so he can coach next year.
- I, Judy Bright, leave my carnest interest in National Honor Society to Von Joch, I also leave my position on Yearbook to Dave Leage and Pot Description
- I, Sherry Golder, in complete accord with my follow classmates and S.C. associates, leave this final note for the Student Council Record:

 "No ve occasionally geofed.

 But we've actually tried.

 Now we'er off to college

 here the hands aren't tied."
- I, Patsy Dodge, leave my diet and all my Red Cross buttons to Mikel Fisher.
- I, Susan Clark, leave my ability to know when to be quiet to Randy Meyer.
- I, Russ Deane, leave my position of Student Council President to anyone who wants it.
- We, the Senior Class, hereby bequeath to Mr. Milton Boock a pair of golden scissors to cut the ties that bind.
- *!e, the Senior Class of 1962, do agree, for the first time in our history as a class, and with a mutual desire do hereby bequeath Berlin American High School to whoever wants it.
- *Editor's note-the final will of the Senior Class was submitted to and crinted in the Bear Facts without the knowledge of Miss A. Helbig, newspaper advisor.

SENIORS PRAISE,

THANK JUNIORS

FOR DREAMY PROM

Members of the Bear
Facts' would like to acknowledge the work done on
the Prom by members of the
Junior Class. Although it
was a class effort, there
were, as always, a few
persons who worked especially hard toward the
success of "Tschus Berlin."

Filling the spot of chairman of the prom and general trouble shooter was Phil Lear. In charge of the decoration committee was Mark Waple, who was ably assisted by Mike Denten. Pat Burwell was responsible for publicizing the Prom and was helped by co-chairman Jeanette Gonzalos. Cheryl Whydo headed the committee which provided the refreshments, and contributors from the class were Thelma Stophens, Diano Patenaude, Naoma Lowis, Joanotto Gonzalas, Pat Furwell, Mary Ann Jensen, Maggio Ellithorpo, and Carol Buford.

In charge of procuring the band and general entertainment was <u>Maggie</u> <u>Ellithorpe</u>, assisted by <u>Chuck Hewins</u> and <u>Rick</u>

Davis.

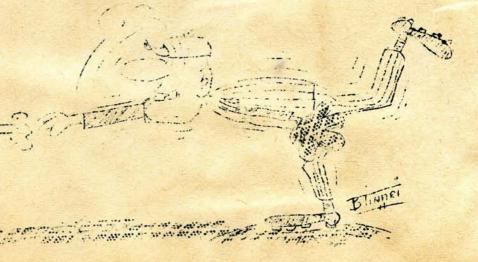
LIBRARY CORNER

Bear Facts recommends three books which you might onjoy reading cfor the summer vacation. The staff hopes you have enjoyed reading some of the books which we have reviewed in this column.

The Bridge of Remagen by Ken Heckler is the story of how the Allies took this bridge and also of how this act brought the war to a close weeks earlier. On March 7, 1945, shortly after three P.M., Ludendoff Bridge was captured. Ken Heckler was commanding a four-man toam of combat historians near the bridge and was among those on hand at the scene of action. This book net only tells the story from the Allied point but also from the German's side. This is a true action-packed back of the Ludendoff Bridge's narrow escape from American bombers.

Two Mickets for Tangier by Van Wyck Mason is the story of Colonel High North, the man from G-2 who ran into a lovely lady named Angela Forester in London. She appeared changed. Unless he missed his guess, she was in British intelligence. Although it was for old times sake, Angela said, she wanted him to come with her to Tangier for a week at a friend's villa. Hugh was headed for Tangier, but he was going alonalo and on a secret mission. Read how a Russian expionage agent is out-witted by our Colonel Hugh North.

The Scarlet Pimpernel by Baseness Orezy relates the adventurous story of a daring band of your Englishmen whose purpose was to rescue members of the French nobility from the terrorists of France. In the story the identity of this brilliant and resourseful in the faithfully guarded by his followers. Read The Scarlet Pimpernel and share his many narrow escapes from the jaws of death.



THIS IS MAN

BY ROBERT HARRIS

There is a winding road in a mountainous country. The majestic mountains and the bleak rocks, the towering green pines and the lowly brown bushes alongside the road, the bare hillside and the tumbling, cascading river - all of these give the scene a provocative air of silence. In the background on the mountains, we can see small patches of pink and yellow against a brown background. It is early fall. The sun is casting short shadows as in mid-afternoon. The trees along the road are in the process of changing their rainment - shedding their green coverings and donning their brightly colored jackets of leaves to protect themselves against the freezing snows and the biting winds which will usher in the inevitable frigid winter.

The wind is stirring like the proverbial "lover's kiss" - soft, rather than harsh and bruising; and yet, passionately delicate with a perfection only Nature

could bring about.

Suddenly, like the wink of an eye, the stillness and the quiescence are abruptly broken by the low, sorrowful bloat of sheep. The sound grows in magnitude slouly even as the winds before a storm. It mounts in fervor and pitch until soon the whole valley is echoing the rising crescendo of the mournful cry of the sheep. Suddenly a bend in the road, a shepherd - alone, caring only for the company of his faithful shepherd dog and his flock of sheep - comes into view. He is a stumbling old man who, like the horse that he is leading, has seen his better days. With his flock romping and rooming the hillside, munching delicately on the sparse grass, and his dog keeping a loving eye on them, he has nothing to do but plod along with the horse and think. He may be thinking about what his wife will say when he returns or about what he will say to her. Or he may be worrying lest his sheep meet any harm. From his appearance, although he is rather far away, he is basically a good man. He is typical of shepherds if there is such a thing. He is strong in body, soul, and purpose, which make up for any deficiencies in knowledge or in worldly goods. He has the courage to face the future and to forget the past. He faces all problems with a will and a determination that is steadfast. His main duty is to do good; any recompense comes as a matter of fact. He looks not for recognition or monetary reward, but for the good, deep feeling - both morally and emotionally - that accompanies a noble deed. Yes, this is a man.

