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THE MAGIC MIRROR

Skit presented after dinner on
May 23, 1947, honoring

Helen Barton
Bertha Davis
Lucia Harrison
Florence McLouth
Mary Moore
Louise Steinway

Walworth Bellows
THE MAGIC MIRROR

Cast
(in order of appearance)

Music - Mary Bottje at the Piano

Hunga Bunga, the Intermediary. Al Becker
Rejah. Zack York
Three Apostles. John C. Houske

Dr. Gerald Osborn. Himself
Louise Steinway. Evelyn Steketee
Voice. Clara Bush
Alice Smith. Herself

Helen Barton. Mary Doty
Harry Greenwall. Frank Hinde

Dr. Floyd Moore. Himself
Lucia Harrison. Lillian Meyer
Mary Moore. Evelyn Buerga
Dr. James Knauss. Himself
Lucia Harrison. Lillian Meyer
Dr. Elmer Wilda. Himself

Bertha Davis. Harriet Clegerm
Dr. William Brown. Himself

Helen Barton. Mary Doty
"Mac" MacDonald. Himself
Florence McLouth. Sally McRoberts

Eva Falk. Herself
Bertha Davis. (no person)

Dr. George Billiard. Himself
Florence McLouth. Sally McRoberts
Jane Blackburn. Herself

Louise Steinway. Evelyn Steketee
Dr. Wynand Wichers. Himself
Mary Moore. (no person)

Dr. Paul Sangren. Himself

Stage crew (Royd Cleveland +

D. Davis - committee
**Introduction**

Hunga Bunga (cruising among audience as they are entering Ballroom and getting seated, preparing the audience for the appearance of the Rajah, getting them "in the mood"):

Ladies and Gentlemen, you are entering the Sanctum of Spirits of the Past, the Future, the Might-Have-Been. Enter in silence. Take your seats quietly. Prepare your minds, for the Rajah will soon be here. Rajah Kilroy, Man of the Mystic Mirror, will tell you of the Past, the Future, the Might-Have-Been, etc., etc. Ah-h-h, the Rajah is about to enter. We need your cooperation, etc., etc. Ht Rajah comes----the Rajah comes----

(The Rajah enters--full dress, turban, jewels, etc. He goes to stage right by cauldron, meditates, gesticulates mystically to prepare himself for the occasion.)

Rajah: We are now in the hallowed atmosphere of spirits. We must prepare ourselves for the Spirits of the Past, the Future, the Might-Have-Been. We must ready ourselves within, or the Mirror will not speak. So put away frivolities----slip away your cares. It is Friday night----ease your mind----forget about Saturday classes. Relax. Relax. Forget your students----though they rub noses in the library, sprawl on the lawns, and sport with Amaryllis in the shade. They are young, but they are wise. They see the handwriting on the wall. Ease your mind. Enrollment has been pegged. Teacher-loads will slip. Ease your mind. Veterans are becoming adjusted. Leave your financial worries to the legislature----they don't adjourn until June 6th.

H.B.: Mr. Hoekje has asked that all teachers announce to their classes that the "Permission to be Enrolled" blanks, accompanied by the $10.00 deposit-fee, be completed as scheduled in last week's Herald.

+Seated & Legged.+ Published by
Wally Graham
Rajah: Interruptions
Bother me.
We must concentrate
If we're to see.
These problems of school
Will soon be over
Vacation's nearly here
No more committees
No more classes
No more functions
Everything passes.

You are prepared
Now in quiet wait
Or the Magic stuff
I'm going to make
Will fail to cast
On us the spell
That makes the Mirror
Answer well.

To start I'll fill
The pot to here
With memories
Of every year
Since Western first
Began to grow.
Here are some things
We'll need to know.

A cup of gull
A pound of brass
The powdered jawbone
Of an ass.

Faculty fees,
Three degrees:
A.B., M.A.,
Ph.D's.

Some salary scales
The latest dope
Committee heads
Thick soft soap.

A pinch of guff,
Some good hot air,
Processional lists,
"You must be there!"

A long red tune
And common sense
A pat on the back
For recompense.

A wage the size
Of a garden pea,
A liberal dash
Of Democracy.

A chip or two
From the Unit Block,
Some parking space,
A library clock.

A building plan
For classroom space,
A substitute motion,
A smiling face.

A step increase
A helping hand
Teacher Welfare,
Committee-planned.

One tart tongue
A heart of gold
Some added brains
And courage bold.

Four colleges
In collaboration
Complete this brew
Of Education.
Rajah: My three apostles
Now I call:
Take your places
In the hall.

John C. Hoekje
For Administration.

Mr. H.: Here!

Rajah: Lofton Burge
For Education.

Dr. B.: Here!

Rajah: Deyo Fox
For Vocation.

Dr. F.: Here!

Rajah: Come to the front
And take your stations.
You are the seers
Of education.

(Music - Pomp and Circumstance)
(The "Apostles" advance and stand before the steaming cauldron.)

Rajah: Take this gun
And use it well,
Cast on the group
The Magic Spell.

You have your brew
Be on your way
Depart ye three
Begin to spray.

(The "Apostles" proceed to rear of hall, spraying as they go, accompanied by the music of We Three Kings of Orient Are.)

Rajah: The brew is sprayed
They've done it well
They've cast on us
The Magic Spell.

Are you ready for the question?

Dr. O.: Question!

Rajah: What are your questions?
Prepare them well,
Or the Mirror
Will not tell.
H.B.: Rajah, I have a man right here who has a question. What is your name, please?

Dr. O.: Dr. Osborn.

Rajah: Just a moment, please, Hunga Bunga. Is the secretary of the Faculty Council here? Miss Lamarée in the audience? Stand up, please. Have you paper and pencil? Hunga Bunga, you may proceed---

H.B.: Dr. Osborn, are you a faculty member? Just what do you do?

Dr. O.: I'm in the Science Department. I'm a Division Chairman.

Rajah: Just one moment, please. Are you a Division Chairman or a Department Head. There's a difference, you know.

H.B.: Just what's the difference, Dr. Osborn, between a Division Chairman and a Department Head?

Dr. O.: Well, a Division Chairman is appointed for three years.

Rajah: He qualifies. He may proceed. What is his question?

H.B.: What would you like the Magic Mirror to tell you, Dr. Osborn?

Dr. O.: Well, you see, I'm comparatively new here on the campus and I've heard a great deal about these six fine people who are retiring. I understand they were all selected by Mr. Waldo, former President of this institution. He must have had an amazing faculty for sensing potentialities in his teachers. I'd like to know where he found them. For example, I'd like to know, Where did Mr. Waldo find Louise Steinway and what was she doing?

H.B.: Thank you, Dr. Osborn. (Repeats question to Rajah.)

Rajah: Mirror, Mirror, you're the log
Where and what was this pedagogue?

Music - Sidewalks of New York
Picture - Paper Collector (Evelyn Steketee)
Sign: Steinway Salvage Paper Co.
I buy, I sell
Old paper
Old rags
Old iron
What have you
Located in the Bowery
Ask anyone
Costume: Louise in old clothes, pulling child's wagon piled high with old magazines, papers, etc.
Voice - Paper! Paper!
Old Rags, Old Iron, Old Bottles.
Paper! Paper!
H.B.: Rajah, I have a charming little lady here. What is your name, please?

A.S.: Alice Smith.

Rajah (interrupting): One moment, please. I don't see her listed here with the faculty. Does she pay faculty fees?

H.B.: Do you pay faculty fees, Miss Smith?

A.S.: No, but I have a card that lets me in to all Inter-Collegiate Athletics, except Basketball.

Rajah: Oh, here she is. She's listed under "Offices, etc." She's all right. She may ask a question.

A.S.: I've known four of these ladies for a long time from my associations with them in the training school. There, their reputations speak for themselves. But I've often wondered what they did when they were off duty, out of town, or abroad. I've heard some strange tales. I don't want to mention any names, but I would like to know what happened to Miss Barton when she was abroad in 1934, and who was with her.

H.B.: (Repeats question, if necessary.)

Rajah: Mirror, Mirror, at this time
The name of Greenwall comes to mind.
Is there aught to what they say
Of Barton, Greenwall and Norway?

Music - Beautiful Dreamer
Drifting and Dreaming

Picture - Miss Barton and Harry Greenwall aboard the S.S. Storangerfjord, Norwegian Line (Mary Doty and Frank Rinds)
Helen in raccoon coat, etc., Harry in fur hat, etc., under one steamer rug reading one book. Icebergs, midnight sun, etc.

Voice - There was no night (repeated three times)
Aw, Nuts!
H.B.: There's a man here with a question, Rajah. Your name, please?

Dr. M.: Dr. Moore.

H.B.: Dr. Moore. What are your qualifications?

Dr. M.: I am an active committee member. I have served on the salary committee this year, the insurance committee, and I'm very interested in teacher welfare. I'm a bit worried about the future of these ladies. What are they going to do after they retire?

H.B.: Do you have any particular teacher in mind?

Dr. M.: Yes. I'd like to know what Lucia Harrison is going to do after she leaves teaching.

H.B.: (Repeats question, if necessary.)

Rajah: Mirror, Mirror, sharp and clear
Let Lucia's future now appear.

Music - *Sailing, Sailing*

Picture - Miss Harrison hitch-hiking to Africa (Lillian Meyer)
Street Sign: Oakland Drive, W. Lovell Street
Africa 9,363 mi.
Miss Harrison in pith helmet, sunglasses, etc. Suitcases piled about. Typing with one hand, thumbing ride with other.

Voice - Wanna ride, lady.
I'm goin' far as Benton Harbor.
Will that help yuh any?
Phft!
H.B.: I have a lady here, Rajah. What is your name, please?
H.B.: Are you important around here?
D.L.: No. I used to be President of the Faculty Women's Club but my term of office has expired. I was connected with Aesthetic Discernments but that isn't offered this year. I helped on the Faculty Women's Rummage Sale and we cleared a hundred and sixty dollars on that. Sometimes I wonder if maybe I haven't missed my calling, and I wonder if any of these women who have given their lives to education ever feel they'd liked to have done something other than teach. I'd like to know, for example, what Mary Moore might have been if she hadn't taught school.

Rajah: Mirror, Mirror, what's in store, For the future of Mary Moore?

Music - Can She Bake a Cherry Pie
Picture - Recipe Service
Sign on Door: Mary Moore's Recipe Service, Private Telephone stand, scrub brush receiver
Sign on wall: "Idle Man Tempt The Devil"
Evelyn Buenger (kelly green suit, heavy make-up, etc., chewing gum) at phone
Voice - Mary Moore's Recipe Service
Persimmon Pudding?
I'm sorry. That's not the specialty this week.
May we recommend Schenel's Cafeteria?
Mary Moore's Recipe Service
H.B.: Rajah. I have a distinguished gentleman here. What is your name, please?

Dr. K.: My name is James O. Knauss.

H.B.: What is your occupation?

Dr. K.: I'm an educator!

H.B.: Do you have a title?

Dr. K.: Oh, yes, indeed. I'm head of the Department of Cigar-ology, and Pennsylvania Dacthology. (To H.B.): Do I qualify?

H.B.: (To Rajah): Will he do?

Rajah: Let him ask his question.

Dr. K.: I've been around this campus for quite a spell, and I'm very much interested in these six people who are retiring. I'm a bit tired of the history and the past. I'm more interested in the future and the might-have-been. Especially the might-have-been. I'd like to know what, for example, Lucia Harrison might have been if she had her life to live over.

H.B.: (Repeats question, if necessary.)

Rajah: Mirror, Mirror, show us plain
How Lucia's live her life again.

Music - School Days
Picture - Miss Harrison (Lillian Meyer) teaching school. Drop shows Lucia's desk with Rube Goldberg planetary system, large map on wall, Lucia pointing with long pointer.
Voice - Daylight, Twilight, Darkness, Time (repeat
Aw, nuts!
H.B.: I have another man here, Rajah. Your name, please?


Rajah: Just a minute, please. What's his rank? He's not listed here. He's not a professor, associate professor, assistant professor, instructor, associate instructor, assistant instructor, or teacher. What is his rank?

L.G.: I'm seventh below Mr. Hockje on page eleven of the summer bulletin.

Rajah: Oh, yes, here he is. He's assistant to the Dean of Administration. Let him speak.

L.G.: I feel that as I represent the administration that we should know more about the past of these departing teachers. I'd like to know if Mrs. Davis has a past.

H.B.: (Repeats question, if necessary.)

Rajah: Mirror, Mirror, she is the dean.
Show us the past of Bertha Shean.

Music - The Bowery
Only a Bird in a Gilded Cage

Picture - Mrs. Davis (Harriet Clagorn) and casting agency. Bertha, in turn-of-the-century outfit, including her own Leniathon Seilor, and music roll, standing outside theatrical agency.
Large sign: Cohen, Smith, Alofson & O'Brian Theatrical Agency
Musical Comedy, Drama, Vaudeville, Circus, Burlesque, etc.

Voice - Whistle
Oh you kid
23 skiddo
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Wolf call
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Rajah: What's his name?

H.B.: Your name, sir?

Dr. B.: William R. Brown, 2318 Oakland Drive.

H.B.: What is your question?

Dr. B.: Hunga Bunga, we've been hearing about the pasts and futures of people but so far we haven't heard anything about the future of my girlfriend down the drive. I knew about her past, but I am wondering about her future. We're rather closely associated being members of the same croquet club. She promised the club a rabbit dinner, and it hasn't been forthcoming so I know that's in the future. Helen hasn't divulged any great amount of information about what she's going to do in the future. And I would like to have the Magic Mirror tell what it has in store for Helen Barton.

Rajah: Mirror, Mirror, here's a Sparton, Show the future of Miss Barton.

Music - Listen to the Mocking Bird
Picture - Helen (Mary Doty) in plaid shirt, slacks, old fish hat, looking at bird in bird cage on standard with huge binoculars.
Voice - Trill Jungle squawk
VIII

H.B.: Here, Boy. (Takes telegram and reads it) (To Rajah): Rajah, this is addressed to me, but is for you, Shall I read it?

Rajah: Of course.


Rajah: Mirror, Mirror, please report what Florence did in the world of sport.

Music - Take Me Out to the Ball Game
Picture - Soft Ball Champion (Sally McRoberts)
Large sign: Ann Arbor H.S. vs. Sand Lake H.S.
Girls' Soft Ball Championship Game
Today at the Fairground
Admissions Free

Voice - Kill the Umpire!
H.B.: I have another lady here, Rajah. Your name, please?

Eva: Eva Falk.

H.B.: Are you a member of the faculty?

Eva: No, I'm office help.

H.B.: Where do you work?

Eva: I work for Mrs. Davis.

H.B.: Do you have a question to ask?

Eva: Yes, I've worried about my boss's future. I haven't been able to find out how she is going to supplement her pension and occupy her time. Can the Mirror tell me what she is going to do?

H.B.: (Repeats question, if necessary.)

Rajah: Mirror, Mirror, can you see
What is Bertha going to be?

Music - Rock-a-Bye Baby
Picture - Baby Sitter
Large sign: Bertha S. Davis
Baby Sitting
Rates $1.00 per hour
Satisfaction guaranteed

Voices - Wah!
I'll tell my mama!
H.B.: There's a distinguished gentleman here, Rajah, who has a question. What is your name, sir?

Dr. H.: I am George H. Hilliard, Director of Student Personnel and Guidance, Western Michigan College of Education, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Rajah: Allow him to proceed without interruption.

Dr. H.: In my guidance work I am experiencing a great deal of difficulty in steering students into the teaching profession. They all tell me teaching has no future. Now I wonder if the Mirror can tell me if there is a teacher who is retiring, having dedicated 30 years or more to education, that is going to have a future interesting enough so I can counsel my students to go into teaching so that when they retire from teaching they can still have a future that is a future, even though teaching hasn't any future.

Rajah: A very difficult question.

Mirror, Mirror, I cannot see
Who this teacher is going to be.

(Rajah puzzles and squirms, and is mentally tortured.)

It's coming. It's coming slowly. The name is Florence--Florence--Nightingale--no,--not Nightingale--wrong period--Florence Mc--Mc----I have it! McLouth!

Hunga Bunga, tell this Dr. Hilliard, Director of Personnel and Guidance of Western Michigan College, Kalamazoo, Michigan that --

The Mirror can reveal to you
What Florence McLouth is going to do.

Music - Smoke Gets in Your Eyes
Picture - Cigarette Girl (Sally McRoberts)
    Back drop shows "Hotel Atmosphere"
    Signs: Dining room, Bar, etc.
    Florence in gold evening dress, backless, hair up, ultra, ultra, carrying cigarette tray.
Voice - Cigars, cigarettes.
    Thank you, sir.
    Cigars, cigarettes
    Chewing gum
    Thank you, sir.
H.B.: I have a little Irish lady here, Rajah. What is your name, please?

J.B.: Jane Blackburn.

H.B.: What do you do, please?

J.B.: I work in a laboratory.

H.B.: Science?

J.B.: No exactly, although we do plenty of experimenting.

Rajah: Has she had a recent publication?

H.B.: (Repeats question.)

J.B.: Not since --

Rajah: She qualifies.

J.B.: So far everyone has a future of work. Isn't anybody going to play?

How about Louise Steinway?

H.B.: (Repeats question.)

Rajah: Mirror, Mirror, can you say whether Louise is going to play?

Music - Hawaiian Aloha
Picture - Louise (Evelyn Steketee) in grass skirt, etc., beneath palm tree
strumming guitar (broom)
Large post card reads:

Dear Friends,

Having a wonderful time.
Wish you were here.

Louise

Faculty
W.N.C.E.
Kalamazoo, Michigan
H.B.: Rajah, I have a gentleman here by the name of Michel. He's a Dutchman. Says he's Vice-President of Western Michigan College and demands that he be allowed to ask his question of you himself.

Rajah: Bunga Bunga, you know full well
    That the Mirror will not tell
    Unless he speaks to me through you.
    No telling what the Mirror'll do!

H.B.: Request denied. Proceed as usual.

Dr. W.: I'll lay my question on the table and make a substitute motion. I move that you, Bunga Bunga, petition the Mirror through Rajah Kilroy to show us the future of Mary Moore.

Rajah: Mirror, Mirror, do not tarry
    Show us what's in store for Mary.

Music - Lollipop Song
Picture - Mary Moore's Candy
Large sign: Mary Moore Candy
Cut rate
$1.00 per lb. originally (crossed out) (successively)
    through 75¢, 50¢, big 25¢
Location Unknown
Phone 3-4611
Dr. Sangren (jumps to feet as soon as he has read the "Mary Moore Candy" sign):

One moment, Rajah Kilroy, we can't let this injustice come to pass. We take care of our veterans and we'll take care of our own. On behalf of the legislature, and the administration and faculty of this school, I wish to guarantee Miss Moore a permanent location for her candy business. From this day forward let it be known that Mary Moore shall have a life-lease on four square feet at the foot of the trolley to operate a candy concession and a free pass to ride on the trolley during inclement weather.

Now Rajah, I have a question. You've been answering questions about the retiring teachers. Can your Magic Mirror tell me where I'm going to get people to fill their vacancies? Show me that, please.

Rajah: Mirror, I must stay in his graces
Show him who will take their places.

(Nothing happens.) (Repeats incantation.) (Nothing happens.) (Sprays magic brew into the air and gesticulates.)

Mirror, Mirror, don't be hesitant
It's the question of our President.

Alas! the Mirror cannot tell,
You spoke to me and broke the spell.

Resume your load,
Reburden your mind,
Back you go
To the same old grind.

I'll keep your problem
On my heart,
But now the Rajah
Must Depart.

- The End -