Apres Tout
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The Advertiser said it was the largest crowd in Lafayette history. The class numbered 680.
It was exciting to get together with our teachers and make plans for the graduation exercises. What the music would be is what we would wear. (Only one regalia - graduates wore caps and gowns in those days.)
During the fine, sunnier days of April and early May, we decided that the gowns would be worn while securely gowned with white shoes. (It wasn't a rule but that they should be worn with shoes.)
Graduates dubbed in a white, wide pose, blue, little maid tied in a big bow on my back. Dance from the feet finished up and down if I washed with a certain rhythm. (This I learned with little effort.)
Living Up
The boys that filled the hallways as we stood up at each side of the auditorium door. Here in this hall, the boys were in the other, was in the balcony. At the opening speech back, good, we started solemnly forward, coupled another at the side, and moving up to the stage. By personal request Mr. Lee and I walked together. (I pushed my hair back so that the blue eye drops worked; I had given me his graduation tuxedo to wear.)
The inspired speech of the undergraduate and 5000 students causing me to glimpses into the future. (Those were the days, my friends.) We giggled. in the Class Will and the Class Précis. My best friend was presented with the American Legion medal. I was present with my diploma. Yes, I was happy!
Graduation Dance
I had read about Junior Proms before. Only, we didn't have them. We had a graduation dance in the school gym and it went well beyond the pale of dancing partner, number of songs. (I think.) Two of my brothers and two of my sisters were at my graduation dance. Later, they told me it wasn't my fault. They were dancing in the streets and my boys were down in silver excellence at the 2:00. (On Chase, yes?)
The band played "Goodnight Lovers." The dance was over. The party was over. The night was over. The song of the evening was not. My parents and parents of my closest friends had promised that we could watch the sun rise on the morning after graduation. We were at the club with dancing and went to a supper club owned by the mother of one of our classmates. The hours flew by as the light set pink on the horizon.