

FRESH snow crunched under Dick Wright's shoes as he stomped into the wait-

Old Peter was still there, still minding his telegraph key as he had when Dick was a boy. But now it was Christmas; now Dick was home from the city, a succssful young

As he walked up to old Peter's grilled ticket window, Dick recalled the last time he stood in this station. Two and a half years ago, it was, the day after Jean had left for New York in search of a career. "Just can't stand Marysville," she

had told him. "You'll understand, Dick, won't you?" He had forgotten as best he could. Nothing in Marysville for him then,

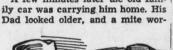
either. There had been a quick de-cision, a closing of half-open doors, a tearful good-by to his parents and then-off to the city. It was odd how a blow like that could give a

home with a career already carved Old Pete looked up from his sheaf

of train orders.

to see you, boy, and a Merry Christ-mas! Your folks know you're com-"Merry Christmas to you, Pete!" Dick answered. It was nice, at that, to see a familiar face. "Mind

if I use your 'phone? I caught an early train and Dad wasn't expecting me until tonight." A few minutes later the old fam-



Something was on his mind "Heard from Jean, son?" he final-

"No, Pop," he answered truthfully. The house loomed up ahead now. 'Why do you ask?" "Oh, just wonderin', son, that's all. Forget it. There's Mother wav-

in' at us up yonder!" But Dick couldn't forget it. Marysville and Jean were like ham and eggs. He thought about her when he

stopped at the drugstore that night they used to drink sodas there. Maybe Dick was looking for more

Draft Boards Advised to

Be Liberal Raleigh, Dec. 19—State selec-tive service officials told members of North Carolina's draft appeal boards today that they could "af-ford to be liberal in interpreting

regulations. The appeal board members met in executive session, but selective service officials said the meeting was devoted largely to an explan-ation of procedure. It was point-ed out that only 800,000 of the 16,000,000 registrants in the United States would be called to duty during the first year of the draft, and that consequently it would "not be necessary to disrupt any homes or any busi-

nesses." Governor Hoey, in a brief speech, praised the board mem-bers for their patriotism. Governor-elect Broughton said he was pleased with the manner in which the draft machinery had functioned in North Carolina.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as adminis-trator of the estate of Dr. Hugh Parks, late of Surry County, this fellow determination. Today, just is to notify all persons holding 30 months later, he was coming back claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned

bar of their recovery. All per-"Well, Richard!" he cried. "Glad sons owing said estate will make see you, boy, and a Merry Christ- immediate settlement with R. W. Parks or W. M. Allen, Attorney. This the 3rd day of December. 1940.

R. W. PARKS, Administrator of Dr. Hugh Parks. W. M. Allen, Attorney. 1-9c



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We gather our share of happiness by giving our / service to this community and our cordial and heartfelt wishes for your prosperity and good health.

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Tribune." Thanks!

Horseshoe bend to find Jean direct-ly in his path! There was a shriek, a thud, and then four feet sticking out of a snowdrift. "Jean!" he cried, unstrapping his skis and running to help her. "Are you hurt?" It was rather unromantic, per-haps, pulling her out feet first. But she laughed at him and fell down again, pulling him after her.

"You're going to get your face washed for that, Mr. Wright," she cried. He came up sputtering to find her

He came up sputtering to find her suddenly serious. "Dick dear," she said, "I was wrong. Mother wrote that you'd be home for Christmas and—well, I had to come too. It's you and Marysville that I want, not New York. This morning when I saw you going past our house, I some-how knew that I should go with you. Not just today, Dick, but always!" It was like ham and eggs, Dick thought, only the next day was Christmas—and Christmas meant turkey! turkey! (Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

Beginning of the New Year Various dates were used in differ-ent countries, for the beginning of a year, but America followed the Engyear, but America followed the Eng-lish custom of using the day of most early Christian countries— about the beginning of the ecclesi-astical year. The Gregorian calen-dar, establishing January 1 as the beginning of the year, was adopt-ed by England and her colonies in 1752.

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Admission 10c-30c

With Uncle Dave Macon-and His Son Dorris Roy Acuff and His Smoky Mountain Boys. With Rachael—George Dewey Hay, the Solemn Old Judge.

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