

# The Adventures of Betty and Scarlet Bunny

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## Chapter Two A SURPRISE

On the morning of her Birthday Party Betty awoke before day.

"Oh Mother," said she, awakening her mother, "I'm so excited I can hardly wait!"

When time for the party finally arrived, mother said:

"You go now and meet the boys and girls at the door."

And such fun Betty had doing it! Soon Marie and Virginia and Richard came. Then Phyllis and Joe and Sammie.

And it was simply gorgeous telling each of them "Howdy do" herself as mother always did her friends.

But gradually, when the others had all arrived, Betty began to feel dreadfully disappointed. Scarlet Bunny had said that he was coming and that he was going to bring her a surprise and he had not come at all.

About this time, however, mother started some games and Betty had to help her friends have a good time at her party even though she was disappointed. So she entered as heartily as she could into playing with them, "Farmers in-the-dell."

But at the end of it, when all the children crowded together to sing: "The Knife Stands Alone!" and to clap their hands over the head of Joe, who was the "Knife," she was thinking so hard: "Where can Scarlet Bunny be?" that she clapped her hands by mistake over the head of Brother Bill. And he nearly scared her out of her wits by yelling out:

"Hey, Sleeping Beauty, wake up!"

Next, mother started them playing the game of "Pinning the tail on the donkey." And, before she knew it, Betty was again thinking so hard about Scarlet Bunny that when it was her turn she missed even the place where the donkey was, and to the great delight of all the boys and girls she almost pinned the donkey's tail on Father who had slipped in for a moment to see how the party was going. She just could not stop wondering: "What had become of Scarlet Bunny?"

Finally, however, mother led them into the dining room for refreshments and there even Scarlet Bunny was forgotten for the moment.

The Birthday cake, with its lighted candles, was lovely. And it was such fun to blow out the candles with all the boys and girls taking turns at trying it. Also, the ice cream was so good that each bite made your mouth water for the next spoonful. You could not think of anything else while this lasted.

But as they were finishing the refreshments and everyone had settled down to the still quiet of enjoying the last bites of their cake and cream suddenly the front door slammed. And everyone heard a hurried step coming Hippy-hop, Hippy-hop, Hippy-hop towards the dining room.

Quickly, all looked up and to their amazement they saw a red rabbit, with a large bow of white ribbon around his neck, coming into the dining room bringing a bundle.

"Oh look!" said one of the boys for the others were too surprised to speak, all except Betty, whose face lighted up as she cried out joyously: "It's Scarlet Bunny! he has come to my party after all!"

"Yes," chimed in Scarlet Bunny, "I wouldn't have been late except for this silly fashion boys and girls have of uncomfortably dressing up to go to their parties. I didn't have any other clothes but this red suit which I always wear; and to be like the rest of you, I had to go up town before I came and buy this ribbon."

Betty never remembered quite how it happened but she found Scarlet Bunny's package in her hands and all the boys and girls excitedly crowded around her to watch her open it.

Betty's fingers seemed all thumbs but she finally managed to untie the blue string and to unwrap the blue paper in which the package was wrapped. And what do you suppose she found? When she removed the blue paper, she found that her package had another wrapping around it of orange colored paper tied with an orange string. Quickly, Betty untied this second wrapping and she could hardly believe her eyes. The package was wrapped in still another wrapping this time of red paper, tied with a red string.

Some of the boys and girls giggled. Betty stopped and looking at Scarlet Bunny asked: "Is this truly a surprise or are you only fooling me?"

"Oh yes," answered Scarlet Bunny, "You have a valuable surprise in your package but you are acting like some grown people who have valuable things in their lives but won't bother to unwrap them."

Betty unwrapped the package once more and then she gave a gasp of delight. For what do you suppose was inside?

There was a little red air-plane. It was not a toy. But it was a real little air-plane with an engine and everything, only it was no bigger than your hand.

"Gee!" cried one of the boys de-

lightedly "Woldn't it be great if we could all take a ride in it!"

"So you can, so you can!" blurted out Scarlet Bunny. "This plane will lift up every one of you."

"Why how can a thing so tiny do that?" asked Betty.

"Just go outside," replied Scarlet Bunny, "Then all of you smile at each other and appreciate it; and it will be large enough to lift up all of you. Most people have things in their lives that would lift them up, but they must appreciate them to use them."

Quickly they all followed Scarlet Bunny out into the yard. They placed the tiny plane in the midst of their circle. Then as they smiled at each other and appreciated it; and it will be large enough to lift up all of you. Most people have things in their lives that would lift them up, but they must appreciate them to use them."

And mother, as excited as the rest of them, nodded her head, "Yes, Only," she said, "Just go up a little way this time and when I wave my hand, come right back down again."

With a shout they all piled into the back seat of the plane. That is, all except Betty. Scarlet Bunny had her sit up in the front seat with him so he could teach her to manage the control stick.

With a put-a-putt, putt the plane gracefully soared right up over the top of Betty's house and headed over the College campus.

They were all too happy for words. Looking down, they saw that all the houses and the College buildings looked like doll houses. And Betty's mother standing in the yard, looked exactly like a doll.

As they looked at her, they noticed Betty's mother was already waving her hand to them to come back. So quickly Scarlet Bunny started the plane back down again. But just before he did, he whispered to Betty.

"Look over at those woods on the Campus." As Betty looked, he added in a whisper: "That's where some Fairies live. Some day I'll take you over there."

There was not time for more. In a moment the plane gently landed. And as the children piled out, there were their mothers and nurses waiting for them because it was time for them to go home.

Then, while Betty was busy telling her friends good bye, Scarlet Bunny slipped away. When all the others had gone, Betty stood looking at the plane wondering:

"Is all of this really true or have

I dreamed it?" But there was the red air-plane and as she looked at it she hugged herself for joy and wondered what it would be like when she and Scarlet Bunny visited the Fairies. (To be continued)

## News Will Publish Stories For Children

The News has arranged to publish a series of stories for children entitled "Betty And Scarlet Bunny." The Reverend W. A. Lillycrop of Greenville is the author of the stories which have already appeared in some publications and have been very favorably received. Children are invited to join the Betty and Scarlet Bunny Club. The conditions of membership are given below. The first story appears in this issue.

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### WHAT TO EAT

When making gravy without browned flour, add the flour to the fat and stir until well blended, then add the liquid and a teaspoonful of caramel to give the gravy a little more brown color.

**Molasses Biscuit.**—Mix and sift two and one-half cupsful of pastry flour with one-half teaspoonful each of soda and salt, one-eighth teaspoonful each of ginger and cinnamon, a grating of nutmeg, three tablespoonfuls of shortening are now added, and when well mixed add three-eighths of a cupful of buttermilk and three tablespoonfuls of molasses. Pat half an inch thick and cut with a small cutter. Bake in a hot oven ten minutes. These are served with butter and marmalade.

**Lemon Tarts.**—Make a rich pastry and bake in fancy-shaped tins about two inches deep. Crimp the edges of the crust and fill with the following: Mix four tablespoonfuls of cornstarch with one-half cupful of cold water and add to one and one-half cupfuls of boiling water, stir and cook until thick. Beat the yolks of four eggs, add two cupfuls of sugar, one tablespoonful of butter, the juice of three lemons and the grated rind of one. Cook over water until smooth and thick enough to stand up in points when stirred with a spoon. Fill the shells and cover with the egg white beaten stiff with five tablespoonfuls of sugar added. Bake in a moderate oven until a delicate, crisp brown.

**Mock Duck.**—Take a two-pound steak two inches thick and split to hold the dressing. Season well on the inside with salt and pepper. For the dressing take two cupfuls of toasted crumbs, two slices of diced cooked bacon, one-half teaspoonful of salt and pepper to taste, add one egg slightly beaten, two chopped onions, a half teaspoonful of sugar, a bit of garlic and one-half cupful of water or any good broth. Stuff the steak and tie securely with a string. Sear all over until brown. Cook in a dutch oven slowly until tender.

*Nellie Maxwell*

### MRS. DORA LEE MASON DIES IN SLEEP SUNDAY MORNING

Funeral services were conducted at the home of W. C. Willis in Morehead City at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon August 29th by the Reverends B. B. Slaughter and A. P. Stevens for

the late Mrs. Dora Lee Mason, who passed away in her sleep at her home near Pinners' Point early Sunday morning August 28th. She was found dead in bed Sunday morning, and Dr. F. E. Hyde—who was called in—diagnosed the death as coming from a heart attack and said she had probably been dead for four or five hours.

Interment was in Sound View Cemetery at Morehead City.

Those who survive Mrs. Mason are: one daughter, Mrs. Will Lupton, of Beaufort; three sons, Primrose, Odell and Earl Mason, who lived near their mother at Pinners' Point; one brother, Elisha Bowins, of West Beaufort; and one sister, Mrs. Addie Piner, of Morehead City.

A write-up of the death and funeral of Mrs. Mason was printed in the News last week, but as a portion of this was inadvertently left out in making up the paper, the foregoing is printed this week. The News is very sorry that this mistake occurred.

### TIMELY FARM QUESTIONS ANSWERED AT STATE COLLEGE

By F. H. Jeter

RALEIGH, Sept. 5—

Q. In building a sweet potato curing and storage house should I use bins or crates? What is the best size for storage?

Ans. Crates have been found to be more satisfactory than bins. There is less handling by using crates which prevents much bruising and skinning of the sweets. A crate holding one bushel and measuring twelve inches wide, 15 inches long, and twelve inches deep is the one most commonly used and is the most economical. This size crate is easily handled and also gives a convenient method of measure.

Q. After removing the males from the breeding pens how long will it be before I can be sure of getting infertile eggs?

Ans. There is some variance in reports on this question but experimental studies show that two weeks is the least time recommended between fertility and infertility after the males are removed. It is best, however, to allow for a variation in breeds and birds and to wait three weeks before guaranteeing as infertile the eggs from the layers.

Q. Can trench silos be used for large as well as small herds?

Ans. Yes—but it is not so economical. A herd of from six to fifteen mature cows is best adapted for using the trench silo due to the cost of building the vertical silo. As a usual thing the income from the larger herds will be sufficient to take care of this overhead expense. Silage can also be removed from the vertical type much easier than from the trench and where there is a large herd to feed this added labor will make some difference. There is no difference in the silos as far as pre-

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