

A Little Boy Discovers A Home Is Anywhere Folks Have A Heart

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Citizens-Times Reporter

Randy Russell Cutshall is a small boy who possesses one set of loving natural parents and numbers and numbers of extras, all his own.

Randy was born four years ago June 12, and his first home was the premature ward at Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville.

When he was nearly a year old, he was brought back to the pediatrics floor and except for a month or two at a time spent in his home on Spillcorn Road several miles out of Marshall, Randy's lived his life among his extra parents of Memorial Mission's staff.

And if you want to see someone's eyes light up, just mention Randy's name to Mrs. Doris Plemmons, head nurse on the children's floor, who's been there all four years of Randy's life.

Or to Mary Briggs in the pediatric pantry, who "has Randy spoiled rotten" cooking his favorite dishes.

Or to the young intern who first ran into Randy in the line of duty in the clinic, who still comes up every day—even though he's no longer in pediatrics—to see his little buddy.

Or to Mrs. Eric Donner of the hospital's public relations staff, who'll ride up to the fifth floor just to talk to Randy.

Or to his many doctors, countless nurses, X-ray attendants, laboratory staff—seems like the whole of the personnel of the busy hospital wants to take a little time for "their" boy.

He's not an especially striking-looking child at first glance, nor the sort of young man to cause the feminine populace to sigh, "what a doll!"

But first thing you know, those direct brown eyes and the sudden springtime smile have reached out to you, too, and you're like all the others—trapped!

Randy's heart seems to be his worst trouble. "Plemm," as Randy calls his friend Mrs. Plemmons, says usually he'll catch a little



IT'S A 'HOLDUP' — Randy surprises Miss Erdine Petteway, R. N., at Memorial Mission Hospital.

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medicine—he's sure to need it—and in a couple of months, Sheriff Ponder rushes Randy back to Mission.

Lloyd and Wavel Cutshall, Randy's mother and father, aren't able to visit often, but the sheriff brings them over as frequently as he can manage.

The little fellow spent last Christmas in the hospital—and what a Christmas!

The nurses love all the children—though the special place belongs to Randy!—and they built a make-believe fireplace out of the playroom's big blocks, covered it with paper to make it look real.

Each child's stocking was hung from the fireplace, and before it was set a rocking chair. Over by the elevators towered a huge, 7-foot Santa! And it was a touching sight to see a nurse, a small child snuggled close in her lap, rocking and singing and waiting for Santa.

Christmas morning, the hospital's Joe Livesay—"dressed all in red from his head to his foot!"—came up to see the Christmas crop of children.

But his special stop was Randy. My! How Santa did shower Randy!

Especially with toy guns. The nurses knew he specially wished for a cowboy pistol, so among the many gifts Santa gave him, Randy found six toy guns!

In addition to the ordinary nursery duties, his friends have added a new one—they use regular barber's clippers to give him a haircut!

When the tall doctors come to stand around him, poking gently at his various portions, murmuring doctor-talk above his head, Randy lies flat and still scarcely moving, except when something touches a tender place.

His nurses say he's always that good—except when they have to give him a shot. Even then, he doesn't fight them—just cries lustily like any four-year-old!

It's good to know that a child can adjust to a "home away from home"—especially when the lack of that home would be a matter of life or death—more likely—death.

cold, it advances to pneumonia, then the trouble with his heart follows, and he has to fight his way back again. And come back to his home at Mission to do it.

Is he sorry to come back?

Not at all! He seems to be happy to be back among his toys and friends and settles right down to making himself at home.

Speaking of toys, he has all the law allows to play with up there, and each night, before he goes to bed, he has to get all his favorites to lug along with him.

until, the nurses say, "it looks like there won't be room for Randy!"

He's an active little boy—though he tires easily—and can usually manage to go where he wishes just before he's discharged to go home again.

When it's time to go home, the nurses make a phone call to Madison County's Sheriff E. Y. Ponder and he goes to fetch Randy's mama and papa. And he takes them home again.

They take with them a supply of vitamins and Randy's heart.

Eldridge Leake who is the president of the group will preside as usual. All members are asked to attend.

The attendance at the Daily Vacation Bible School during the past week has been very satisfactory.

The title of the sermon was "A Man Named Job." The text was taken from the first chapter of the Book of Job. At the close of the service there was an observance of the Lord's Supper at which time the following assisted the pastor: Elder Chapel Tweed and Elder Dewey Wallin.

After the Communion Service there was the regular session of the Sunday School at which the pastor was present. At that time several matters of general interest to the church and Sunday School were discussed and one of them was a Daily Bible School. During the latter part of last week the pastor will attend the annual meeting of the Synod of the Mid-South, which will be held at Maryville College in Maryville, Tennessee.

Hot Springs

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White Rock

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NEWS from the Services

Fort Jackson, S. C. — Pvt. Bobby J. Blackwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Blackwell, of Marshall, and Pvt. D. C. Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Robinson, of RFD 6, Marshall N. C., have been assigned to Company D, 6th Battalion, 2nd Training Regiment at Fort Jackson, S. C., for eight weeks' basic combat training.

Upon arrival at Fort Jackson, they were issued clothing and given a complete physical examination and a comprehensive battery of aptitude tests.

As part of their basic training they will be taught rifle marksmanship under the Army's new TRAINFIRE program. In TRAINFIRE, they will learn to use an M-1 rifle by firing at pop-up targets on terrain which duplicates combat areas.

They will also be taught drill, tactics, camouflage, military courtesy, first aid and other basic subjects. They will learn how to throw a grenade, fire in pitch darkness, crawl under barbed wire with machine gun fire overhead, and defend themselves in simulated chemical, biological and radiological warfare situations.

During their seventh week of training, they will march 13 miles with full field pack to a bivouac area to spend a week living in the field and learning to integrate the skills they have been taught.

After completing basic training, they normally will receive a two-week leave before reporting for their next assignment.

Great Lakes, Ill (PHNC) — Clarence W. Ogle, machinist's mate fireman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Ogle of Route 6, Marshall, serving aboard the destroyer USS Waldron, and Frank B. Norton, boatswain's mate first class, USN, son of Mrs. Bessie Norton of Hot Springs, and husband of the former Miss Linda O. Smith of Bristol, Tenn., serving aboard the attack cargo ship USS Oglethorpe, are participating in "Operation Inland Seas," a cruise of 28 United States Navy warships to cities in the Great Lakes this summer.

The Navy fleet, which includes destroyers, a heavy cruiser and an amphibious force of seven ships, will visit 27 cities in the 7 states bordering the Great Lakes. The ships will enter the Great Lakes on June 25 and return to the Atlantic Fleet in late July.

This is the first time a major fleet has been on the Great Lakes since the war of 1812. The entry of the ocean-going fleet is made possible by the opening of the recently completed St. Lawrence Seaway.

The ships will visit the following cities and states: Illinois: Chicago; Indiana: Michigan City; Michigan: Bay City, Detroit, Marquette, Muskegon, Port Huron, Mackinaw City, Sault Ste. Marie, Cheboygan; Minnesota: Duluth; New York: Buffalo, Oswego, Rochester, Dunkirk; Ohio: Cleveland, Toledo, Lorain, Ashtabula; Pennsylvania: Erie; Wisconsin: Milwaukee; Martinette-Menominee, Sheboygan, Green Bay, Ashland.

Tamara Briggs

Passes Sunday; Rites Held Tuesday

Tamara Shawn Briggs, six-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Briggs of Richmond, Va., and formerly of Mars Hill, died Sunday morning, June 14, 1959 in a Richmond hospital.

Surviving in addition to the parents are a sister, Deborah, and a brother, Gregg, of the home; the maternal grandmother, Mrs. J. T. Redmond of Mars Hill; and the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Briggs of Mars Hill.

Services were held Tuesday at 11 a. m. in the chapel of Holcombe Funeral Home in Mars Hill.

The Rev. W. L. Lynch officiated, and burial was in the Mars Hill Cemetery.

Ross the following were present: Mrs. Morris Bacon, Mrs. Samuel Homewood, Mrs. Nell Ross, Rev. Joseph Wakefield and Miss Margaret Reeves. The theme of the Bible School will be "The Bible". All those who are interested in assisting in any way are asked to contact either Mrs. Ross or Mr. William Palmer.

Mars Hill News

MR. J. W. RUFF, Correspondent

Mrs. Locke Robinson and daughter, Miss Patricia Robinson, left by plane from New York, June 8 for a two-months visit to Paris, France, with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Grove Robinson, who have been there since last fall while Mr. Robinson is studying art.

Dr. and Mrs. Hoyt Blackwell and sons, Albert and Eric left Monday on a trip to Boston, where Albert is to enroll as a student in MIT.

Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Vance and sons, Bobby, Sam, and Dick visited friends here last Friday. They are now with Dr. Vance's mother in Pineola. Dr. and Mrs. Vance and Bobby, who had been in Ghana since last August, were recently granted emergency leave to return home because of illness in the family.

Mrs. W. E. Wilkins is here for a visit with friends in the community and on the campus.

Miss Beulah Bowden, who for many years was a member of the College faculty and who had continued to live in her home here, following retirement, left Monday for Daytona Beach, Fla., where she plans to reside.

Miss Betty Anderson and her nephew, Richard Anderson, left Monday by plane for Havana, Cuba, where they are to be guests of cousins for about two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Cooper, of Sanford, Fla., have arrived to spend the summer at their home here.

Mrs. Graham Hoffman, and little son and daughter, of Knoxville, and Mrs. Carl Vance, of Bristol, spent last week here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John

McLeod. Mr. Walter Smith left Saturday for Ames, Iowa, where he is enrolled for graduate study for the summer in the University.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Minton and family left Monday for Savannah, Ga., for their vacation. For 15 days, Mr. Minton will be working at the U. S. Air Force Reserve. Then after a short visit in Ga., with members of Mrs. Minton's family, they will be returning to The Hill, July 3rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Griffin and daughters, of Columbia, S. C., are visiting their parents here this week while on vacation.

Mrs. Tom Burgess, of Ocala, Fla., arrived last Friday to spend some time here with her sister, Mrs. D. M. Robinson. Mrs. George Ballard, who had been here since Mrs. Robinson's return from the hospital, left on Friday to return to her home in Harriman, Tenn.

Miss Daisy Anderson, librarian at Sullins College, Bristol has returned to her home here for the summer.

Miss Dinah Wall and her cousins Joe and Kirby Euk, of Mocksville were guests last week of their granddaughter, Mrs. Roy Wall.

BRIDE and GROOM HONORED

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Jarvis have invited their friends to their home this evening, Tuesday June 16, 7:30 to 9:30 to Open-House honoring their son and his bride, Dr. and Mrs. Luther Jarvis. On Saturday evening Dr. and Mrs. Jarvis were honor guests at a dinner party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon E. Wood, who had as associate hosts their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wood, of Johnson City, Tenn.

ALLANSTAND

MRS. BIRCHARD SHELTON
Correspondent

(Too Late For Last Week)

We are glad to report that all our sick folks have returned home from the hospital. Among them are Mrs. Milburn Gosnell from Tacoma Hospital, in Greenville, Tenn.; Mrs. Jack Shelton, Memorial Mission, Asheville; and Lois Greene, Loftain's Clinic. All seem to be recuperating.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Trimble returned home from their honeymoon at Fontana Village last Saturday and are staying a few weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Trimble.

Mr. Jeter Thomas and Mr. Dean Trimble went to Warren Wilson College Monday to work this summer and enter college in the fall.

Miss June Shelton spent last week with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Styles of Asheville.

Misses Terry and Brenda Cook of Candler returned home Sunday after spending a week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Birchard Shelton.

Rice To Conduct Black Root Rot Demonstration

During recent years there has been an increase in tobacco loss from Black Root Rot, according to James Stewart, assistant county agent. Last year Bill Rice, of Walnut, had the most severe outbreak of Black Root Rot reported in Madison County.

This year Rice will start a five-year rotation program designed to control Black Root Rot. In the infested area, 0.1 acre will be grown in tobacco continually, and in another 0.1 tobacco and a grain crop will be rotated.

In order to find tobacco varieties which the more resistant to this disease, planting of 17 varieties will be planted in the severely infested portion of the tobacco field. It is hoped in using this large selection of plants that some variety will show a definite resistance to Black Root Rot. This tobacco plot will be located on Bill Rice's farm about one and one-half miles Northwest of Walnut on Highway 70. Interested farmers may wish to look at this plot during the growing season.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to our many friends who tendered expressions of sympathy during the illness and after the death of our sister and aunt, Mrs. Kate Rector. Also for the beautiful floral tributes, and the kind consideration of Bowman-Rector Funeral Home.

JOHN ANDERS, MRS. LILLIE CANDLER, MRS. FULLER BURNS, Nieces and Nephews.

Walnut Creek Church Sponsors Singing Here On June 20

There will be a gospel singing in the Marshall High School Saturday night, June 20 at eight o'clock. A small admission will be charged and the proceeds will be applied to the Building Fund of the Walnut Creek Baptist Church.

Featured singers will be the Kingsmen Quartet of Asheville; Parker Trio of Haywood; Sluder Trio of Alexander; and the Ladies' Quartet, also of Alexander.

Decoration

The annual Homecoming and Decoration Service will be held at North Fork, Big Pine, Sunday, June 21st, beginning at 10 o'clock. This is an all-day service. All singers and listeners are invited to attend.

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