

My Favorite Stories

By CARD GOERCH

about half an hour after time, Peggy and Sibyl were in the living room of the cottage at Wrightsville. They were sixteen years old. Two young male vacationers had made arrangements for the evening and Sibyl were awaiting arrival.

There was a knock on the front door. Two soldiers stood on the porch and politely took off their hats.

"Peggy and Sibyl in?" inquired one of them.

"Yes," said Peggy.

"Two soldiers looked at her and she'd like a date for the evening."

"What are they doing at them haughtily?" she said, "but Sibyl is a date for tonight."

"I'm sure something will happen," she said and then departed.

"Do you know them?" inquired the other.

"I've never seen them before in my life," said Peggy.

"Minutes passed by. Again there was a knock on the door. They were," said Peggy, "returning to their dates."

"I went to the door and started to open it slightly as she saw two strange young men standing outside. One of them was in overalls and the other also was dressed in overalls. They appeared to be working men."

"Peggy and Sibyl live here?" she overheard one.

"Yes," said Peggy coldly.

"I thought you might like to go to Station No. 1 for some drinks," said one of them.

"I'm sorry but we have dates," said Peggy.

"I don't see why we can't come in for a little drink," declared Peggy.

"I don't see why you should," she said, "but she closed the door."

"The two girls discussed the matter in the living room. They were both in a state of wonderment. They had never seen such young men. They were suddenly so popular with the boys whom they never had seen before."

"I was even more dumfounded when, after a short interval, two more boys appeared. Peggy had not even bothered to open the door."

"Then came another pair. This time Mr. Davis had been interested in the matter. He couldn't understand why all these strange young men should be coming up to his cottage, trying to make dates with his daughter and her guest. But he determined to find out about it, if he could.

Leaving the cottage by the back door, he went out to the boardwalk to see what he could see.

One of the first things he observed was a small boy, eleven or twelve years old, sitting on the curbing in front of the cottage next door. The youngster was watching passersby closely. He let several of them go by without any interference. Then he saw two boys coming along together. Immediately he rose to his feet and, as they were about to pass him, stopped them. Mr. Davis overheard the following conversation.

"Say, do you fellows want a date with two cute girls?"

"Sure; where are they?"

"They live close by. They ain't got a date tonight and told me if I saw two nice boys to stop them."

"Yeah; we want a date."

"It'll cost you a nickel for me to tell you their names."

"All right. Here's your nickel. Now, where do they live and what are their names?"

"In the cottage next door. And their names are Peggy and Sibyl."

"The two boys didn't tarry for any more conversation. Mr. Davis watched them as they marched up on his front porch and knocked. Peggy responded, and in a moment he saw them swing around and walk away in evident disgust.

The youngster, in the meantime, had disappeared. In a minute or so, however, when the two would-be suitors were safely out of sight, he took up his position on the curbing again.

Mr. Davis decided it was time to break up such proceedings. He sat alongside of the lad and explained to him that his help was needed in protecting the women and girl residents of the cottages.

"You and I," he told him, "are the only men here right now, and we ought to work together. These strange boys might cause us trouble."

The youngster thought that over for a moment. Then he said: "Maybe you're right, Mr. Davis, and I won't do it any more. Just the same, I kinder hate to quit because there sure is good money in it."

No more strange men were waylaid. Sibyl and Peggy's dates arrived in due course and they all went up to Lumina.

I don't know the youngster's name but I'm betting on him to make good in life from a financial point of view. Any eleven-year-old boy who could think up such a scheme all by himself will bear watching when he grows up. He ought to be able to promote practically anything he puts his hands on.



RESCUED AFTER CAVE-IN BURIES HIM—A. W. Reid (facing camera), veteran mica miner, still buried almost to his waist, waits patiently as fellow miners dig him out after he was completely buried in a cave-in of a strip mica mine at Franklin. A fellow worker died in the same mine in a cave-in the day before. Reid owes his life to another miner, Robert Williams, who, though dazed and bruised in the cave-in, clawed dirt from around Reid's head so he could breathe. Rescuers worked for 2½ hours, under threat of another slide, to dig Reid out. (AP Wirephoto).

SENATOR LENNON REPORTS

I had the pleasure of being with Billy Graham, our noted North Carolina preacher, on several occasions last week while he was in Washington. He is leaving shortly for a preaching mission in England and other European spots. I drove back from a speaking engagement in Oxford to be here for his service at the Army last Sunday afternoon. It was also attended by Senator Hoey and a number of Members of the House from North Carolina.

THE PRAYER BREAKFAST

On Thursday morning, I attended the Second Annual Prayer Breakfast at the Mayflower hotel. It is a great experience to see about 600 leaders of our Country, including the President, standing with bowed heads in silent prayer for our nation. Senator Carlson is very active in this movement.

BILLY GRAHAM LUNCHEON

I thought it would be a good idea to have Billy Graham as my guest and give a private luncheon in the Capitol in his honor. We were able to get all but two Members of our House delegation. A number of Senators, including Senators Kefauver, Stennis, Ellender, Maybank, Johnston, McClellan, Mansfield, Johnson of Texas, Daniel and other guests attended. I know we were all impressed with the excellent spiritual message that Billy gave to us. After the luncheon, I took him to meet the Vice-President.

AMENDMENT

As I wrote last week, I was hopeful that the Senate would get some agreement on the proposed Constitutional amendments. (Senate Joint Resolution 1.) Debate

lina realtors who were attending their annual national association meetings. I met about thirty representatives from all over North Carolina. Their meetings were very successful. . . . On Thursday night, I met with the North Carolina State College alumni group here for supper and had the pleasure of being with another fine group of North Carolinians.

MOORE'S CREEK

A number of us have strongly urged the National Park Service of the Interior Department to continue to keep Moore's Creek National Military Park in North Carolina in the system. In our history, we fail to give the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge the significant position to which it is entitled. Had it not been for the bravery of the patriots of that section, had they not stopped the Tor-

Thickety Citizens Hear Talk On Farm Economics

The community meeting was well attended Thursday night at the Rockwood Church, when the assistant county agent, S. S. Cassell, gave an interesting talk on ways of increasing the farm income. He used charts, showing the price trend since 1910, also the increase in population, and the production and marketing of farm crops during that period. He emphasized the importance of making more dollars on small acreage by modern means of fertilization, good seeds, good livestock and proper management.

The pastor, the Rev. W. M. Rathburn, conducted a brief devotional, with Mrs. Jarrett Williamson leading the group in singing.

J. H. Clark, presided over the meeting, and gave a report on the progress made at the recreation center, the completion of a well, and the addition of a small "pump house."

Mrs. George Wright was named treasurer, and collector for the insurance accounts in the community.

Following the meeting, refreshments were enjoyed.

Linda Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harris, was honored at a birthday supper, celebrating her ninth birthday. In addition to the family, her aunt, Mrs. Nathan Wilson, Mr. Wilson, Earl and Elaine, enjoyed the occasion with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Willis are the proud parents of a daughter, Sheila Ann, born at the Haywood County Hospital, February 5th.

H. E. Wright, Jr., has returned to Camp Pickett, Va., to take up leadership training, after spending a week at his home here. He has just completed his basic training at the post there.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Mattock and Miss Flora Murray of Winston-Salem, spent the weekend with Mrs. T. G. Murray and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Sorrells and children spent the weekend in Woodruff, S. C., visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Murphy, parents of Mrs. Sorrells.

Among the young people from Rockwood Church who attended the district MYF institute at Brevard College Friday through Sunday were, Jake and Jane Burrell, Earl Wilson, Charlotte Jones and Bill Trantham. They were accompanied over by Mrs. Ray McDowell, and returned with Dale Willis Sunday afternoon.

Terry Morgan, small son of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Morgan, is recovering from a recent tonsil operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Olen Tatham announce the birth of a daughter, Sherry Dawn, at the Haywood County Hospital February 3.

Nicky Williamson and Mark Willis returned to Raleigh Monday to resume their studies at State College, after a weekend spent at home.

Mrs. John F. Whitted attended a birthday party given for her daughter, Mrs. Ernest Hendrix, in West Asheville last week.

Bruce Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Harris, is home after spending a few days in the Haywood County Hospital.

For a quick company dessert, serve peach halves with a spoonful of whipped cream in each cavity top; with a perky sprig of mint.



JEFF REECE has been named on the Dean's List for the first semester at Oak Ridge Military Institute, an honor shown students who attain a semester average of 91 or over and all scholastic subjects as well as military science. Cadet Reece, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Reece of Waynesville, holds the rank of Private First Class. He entered the Military Institute last fall after graduation from the Waynesville Township High School.

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Dewey Davis 9:30-9:45

Lloyd Messer 10:10-10:40

Sam Ledford 11:00-11:15

Matt Teague 11:30-11:45

Dibe Duckett 12:00-12:20

Joe Davis 12:45-1:10

Monday, Feb. 15

BETHEL - HENSON COVE

Z. D. Morrow 9:20-9:35

Murray's Grocery 9:50-10:10

Sprine Hill School 10:15-11:00

Roy Suttles 11:10-11:25

John Blavlock 11:30-11:45

Robert Clark 12:00-12:30

M. C. Pressley 12:45-1:00

John Rigdon 1:15-1:30

Harrison Henson 1:45-2:05

Wright's Store 2:15-2:30

Tuesday, Feb. 16

CECIL - BETHEL

Parris Store 9:15-9:40

Retreat Cash Groc. 9:50-10:05

James Reeves 10:15-10:30

J. E. Burnett 10:45-11:00

Cecil School 11:15-12:15

W. H. Hargrove 12:30-12:45

J. W. Johnson 12:50-1:00

Bethel School 1:15-3:00

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