

HAPPY HOLIDAY

By MARY NELSON

"HAPPY new year!"

The cry echoed and re-echoed down the street as Penny made her way toward the bus stop. Everywhere about her people were light-hearted and gay and busily wishing their friends good fortune for the coming year. She buttoned her coat at the neck and turned up the collar. It was a bitterly cold day and she told herself she would be happy to reach home and stay in for the night. Let those with pioneer blood go out and stand in the raw wind down at Dayton Circle just to blow a silly horn at midnight ostensibly to usher in the new year.

Penny had always been known at home as a sensible girl with good common sense. She was proud of that reputation and now that she lived in the city alone she was more determined than ever to live up to it. She didn't want to become a sophisticated, worldly-wise city girl. Thus, she summed up mentally, it was just as well she didn't.

"Going out tonight, Penny?" The words interrupted her thoughts and she turned to greet Ruby, a fellow worker who was always going out with someone she called "Beanie." You could always tell the status of Ruby's romance by her mood; if she was exuberant to the point of being giddy, she was going to see Beanie that night; if she was quiet and petulant, she hadn't heard from him, and if she was downright rude with a sarcastic twist to every remark she made, then they had quarreled.

"Penny smiled. "No, I'm not, Ruby," she replied. Odd that she should feel such emptiness within her as she said the words. She noted Ruby's quick glance of sympathy and it irritated her. "I don't know



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anyone here," she defended herself. Then added curtly, "And anyway, I wouldn't dream of going out in such ghastly weather."

Ruby shrugged. "Oh, well, if you feel that way about it . . . happy new year, Penny." She hurried away before the wretched girl could make any response. "Now why did I act so nasty?" she asked under her breath. Ruby hadn't meant any offense—she was simply so wrapped up in her own little world that she felt sorry for anyone who had no Beanie to which to cling. She was essentially a generous person and now Penny had deliberately hurt her.

AS SHE stood in the middle of the sidewalk, angry and discouraged, she saw her bus speeding recklessly down the street and without another thought to anything else she hurried toward the corner. "Wait, oh, wait!" she called, running breathlessly. No one else was waiting, however, and he careened sharply off the curb, hurrying on his way. "Oh, dear!" She burst into tears at this new disappointment and reached blindly for the curb.

But her foot missed and came down on a sheet of ice sending her into an astonished heap in the street. For a moment she was too stunned to move. She heard footsteps hurrying toward her and managed to sit up dazedly. A man knelt down beside her but his face was a blur of features. "Take it easy," he admonished, placing an arm across her back. She tried to focus her eyes upon him and hadn't quite succeeded when he cried, "Penny! Why, Penny Lindsay! What in the world are you doing out here?"

And then everything cleared and she saw the handsome, blond features of a former school friend. "Oh, Alan!" Tears tumbled over each other in hasty exit. He helped her to her feet. "Gee, it's good to see someone from the old home town. I've been so doggone lonely," he told her, manipulating the handkerchief skillfully around her nose and eyes.

"I'm lonely, too," she gasped. "I've only been here a month."

"Say! What are you doing tonight? Anything?"

"Nothing." Her heart skipped a beat in anticipation.

"Then why don't we go somewhere and talk over old times? Gee, I'm dying to hear some gossip about the Turners and the Mitchells and all the rest. Will you, Penny?"

And Penny smiled happily this time. "Yes, Alan. Even this ghastly weather couldn't stop me from talking over old times with you."

N. C.'s Corn Champ To Be Recognized

A \$100 Saving Bond will be awarded to North Carolina's farmers who produced the highest yield of corn per acre in 1947 at the joint annual meeting of the North Carolina Crop Improvement Association, North Carolina Foundation Seed Producers, Incorporated, and the 100 Bushel Corn Club.

The joint two-day meeting will be held in Rocky Mount, January 8-9, says A. D. Stuart, Extension Seed Improvement specialist at State College, and will be sponsored by the Rocky Mount Chamber of Commerce.

The second and third highest corn producers in the state during 1947 will also be awarded a \$50 dollar and 50 dollar Saving Bond respectively. Other awards to be made at the meeting include those to one 4-H Club boy and one FFA boy winning in the speaking contest, telling how they raised 100 bushels or more corn per acre.

A seed exposition which is open only to members of the North Carolina Crop Improvement Association, will have among the many exhibits complete sets of marketable grades of hybrid corn. This is the first time such exhibits have been prepared at the exposition, Mr. Stuart said. Since most of the state's hybrid seed growers are marketing their corn under these grades, it will offer the public a chance to see and study how the grades are divided.

LETTER FROM SANTA

North Pole
Dec. 18, 1947

Dear Rockfish children:

I received your 120 letters asking that I visit you Friday morning at 10:00 o'clock at your school. Well, children, if my plane doesn't crash I'll be there—you can just look for me.

I am sorry you have had such an epidemic of mumps in your school this year. But I promise you boys and girls you won't have them again next year.

Your jolly old friend,
Santa Claus

ANOTHER FREE BIRD

Harry Epstein and Clayton Buoy announced this week that they would give away another John Frank Chisholm turkey next Wednesday at the conclusion of a bowling tournament at the Metro Bowling Alleys here. The six high scorers in between now and next Wednesday will participate.

CARD OF THANKS

I am grateful for the many kindnesses shown at the death of my husband.

Mrs. Carl Hendrix

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We wish to express our thanks and appreciation for the kindness shown us at the death of our brother.

The family of J. Vance Norton

MORE ABOUT Farm Notes

pig chain will be continued. Jack Kelly, Extension Swine Specialist, was present and judged the pigs. He stated that the boys had done a very good job of feeding and handling their pigs. He pointed out to the boys some of the important points about feeding and managing pigs. He stated that every person who has hogs should have a pasture in which to help grow and develop a good brood sow.

Good management and sanitation, feeding balanced rations to thrifty, well-bred hogs, and limiting market weights to 200 to 225 pounds are recommended for profitable pork production under today's conditions. Ample protein, vitamins and minerals are essential in swine rations, and Experiment Stations have found that one pound of protein supplement in a balanced ration saves five to six pounds of grain.

Liberal feeding, from birth until sale at 200 to 225 pounds, makes the most rapid and usually most economical gains. Pigs should have access to self-feeder during weaning, and may be self-fed throughout the fattening period. Clean, fresh water and a mineral mixture should always be available. Good swine management is especially important this season

to reduce costs and save feed. Feeding on the ground is wasteful; well-constructed troughs, feeders and feeding floors should be provided. Clean, fresh water and sanitary lots and housing aid health and reduce losses from diseases and parasites.

A large number of farmers have recently reported that their poultry flocks had reduced greatly in egg production and a number of them had gone into a molt. There may be many reasons why this condition now exists. For one thing, the weather has become cold and damp causing a natural let-down in egg production. Then too, feed has been so high that very little laying mash has been fed. This caused a deficiency in protein and mineral in the bird's body, and when the cool weather came the flock was not in condition to continue laying. It is suggested that where this condition exists, that the poor producing birds be culled from the flock

and more laying mash be fed to those kept. During the winter, it is advisable to keep warm water for the birds early in the morning if practical. At any rate, birds should be supplied with a fresh supply of water each day. It is best to feed mash each day in order to keep it fresh as the poultry will eat it more regularly.

WANT ADS

GUNS repaired and restocked. Keys made, Safes opened and repaired. Edwards Sports Shop, Lumberton, N. C. TFC

Dealer wanted to handle exclusive county sales for direct all gear drivers Garden Tractors. Attractive prices. Roberts and Timmerman, Box 6005, Asheville, N. C. 27-30C

DO YOU like Home-cooked meals? Try Mrs. E. L. Hunt's boarding house—Reasonable rates—appointment please. Phone 5456

Turkeys for sale. Foster McBryde.

OFFICE SUPPLIES—When in need of anything for the office from a pencil to a typewriter come in to see our line. Dixie Printing Co. Aberdeen. TFC

I still have a few choice Raeford cemetery lots for sale. Harry Greene. 27C

FOR SALE—7 100 pound shoats. See Edwin (Bud) Johnson 28P

"HELP WANTED, MALE, WHITE" Eighteenth anniversary expansion program calls for service of good man to supply established customers in southeastern Hoke County with Watkins quality products. We will finance and train the right man. Write or wire The J. R. Watkins Company, Richmond, Va. 29-31C

FOR SALE — Two five room dwelling houses, one seven room house and one ten room house, all in Raeford. See W. L. Poole. 29C

FOR SALE—Three small farms with tobacco allotment. Cheap. See W. L. Poole. 28C

APARTMENT FOR RENT—Call J. C. McLean at 5791. TFC

TURKEYS FOR SALE—Tom, 40c per pound. N. H. G. Balfour 29

"HELP WANTED, FEMALE" NURSES WANTED by 350 bed fully-approved general hospital. General duty start at \$140, plus full maintenance. Head nurses start at \$170. Automatic raise at end of each year, \$10 extra for afternoon or evening shifts. Liberal vacation, sick leave. Contract Director of Nurses, James Walker Memorial Hospital, Wilmington, N. C.

Chemical plant has opening for a man as operator and maintenance. Experience unnecessary, but must be able to learn easily. Approved for on-the-job training. Taylor Chemical Company, Box 377, Aberdeen, N. C. TFC

FOR SALE—Red Hart seed wheat and Fulgrain seed oats, prices attractive. Clarence Lytch TFC

FOR SALE—John Deere combine with motor, in good condition. See W. J. McNeill. 29-31P

WANTED—Young men between 17 and 34 years of age for pleasant and educational part time work. Starting pay \$1.25 per hour. Call at Armory in Raeford Monday nights 7:30 to 9:30.

Sewing wanted. All work neatly finished. F. E. Kearney, P. O. Box 512, residence near Upchurch school. 28-30p

FOR SALE—Brick chimney that stands in my back yard. Very cheap. Mrs. Paul Dickson. Sr.

Reliable man with car wanted to call on farmers in Hoke County. Wonderful opportunity. \$15 to \$20 in a day. No experience or capital required. Permanent. Write today. MCNESS COMPANY, Dept. C, Candler Building, Baltimore 2, Md. 28-29P

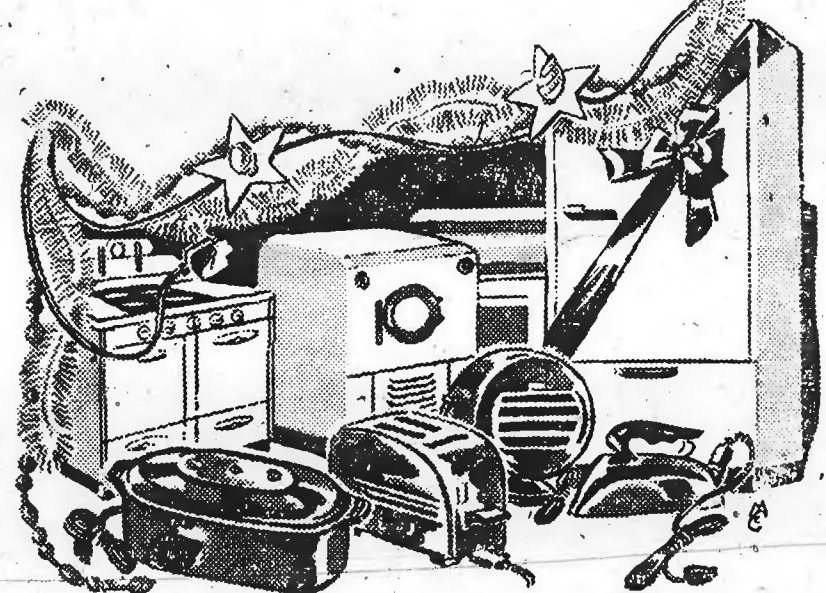
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