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By DANIEL F. LINDSAY

TOM LARKIN opened the kitchen door. His wife looked up with a hopeful smile as he entered. He just shook his head.

"No mail at all?" she said as she went on fixing dinner.

"Oh, there were a couple of ads and a bill from the seed company." He hung his hat on a hook and crossed to the pump. His white hair was damp around his face when he straightened up again.

"It's just not like Bill," she sighed. "Bill's got an unforgivin' streak, always did have, even when he was a little feller." Pa's old briar gave off a pungent odor as he lit it.

"But this is different, Tom," she said, putting a pan of biscuits in the oven. "tomorrow is Christmas. It's a long way to the coast. Maybe he wrote but didn't mail it in time."

"Ma," his tired old voice was filled with bitterness, "there's no



"She could see Pa striding into the living room."

need to stick pins in yourself by hopin'. Christmas or no Christmas... that boy is still mad."

The old lady's eyes shone with faith. "He might stay mad all year long but when Christmas comes... he'll write. I know. I'm his Ma."

"Don't forget," Tom said as he blew smoke at the ceiling. His eyes crinkled at the corners. "I'm his father."

"Dinner's ready, Pa," she said, filled with a deep longing and fought to keep the tears out of her voice. "I can understand that boy still bein' mad at me, but why does he have to take it out on you?"

"You're wrong, Tom," Ma replied as she lifted her head and smiled. "The day after Christmas, first delivery, we'll get a letter. You'll see."

"Not from him," he shook his head grimly. "You're forgettin' Judy," she reminded him as they sat down. "She's a good daughter-in-law."

"Oh, I'm not blamin' her," replying as he covered his biscuits with gravy. "Judy's a fine girl. It's his bull headed pride."

She got up and taking the coffee pot off the cook stove filled his cup. They ate on in silence. Finally he pushed his plate back.

"You aren't eatin' much," he scolded.

"I'm just not hungry, Pa." "I see," he stood up. "I'm goin' out and turn the heater on in the hen house. It'll be cold tonight." His old shoulders slumped forward as he went outside. She shook her head and started picking up the dishes. Her mind sank back into the past. To the days when Christmas was alive with the excitement and laughter of young voices. She could see Pa striding into the living room bearing a large evergreen on his shoulder. Behind him there was always a highly excited little boy, bearing an axe. She wondered if the little boy ever thought of it.

PA CAME back on the porch. She smiled as he kicked his toe against the threshold. It's a wonder, she thought, that there's any threshold left after all these years. He came into the kitchen, dumping an arm load of kindling in the box behind the range. "Snowin', Pa?" He shook his head and took off his wraps, replying, "Stopped." She hung the dish towels up to dry. He pulled a rocker in from the living room and sat down. "Everything all right in the barn?" Ma asked as she threw a few lumps of coal in the fire. "Sure," Pa said. A sad smile crossed his lips. "What's the use pretendin', Ma? We're both feelin' blue."

She sat down at the old kitchen table and started peeling apples, ut-tered, "I know it."

"Gonna bake me a pie?" he asked. She nodded. "Apple was always Billy's favorite, too."

"Now, Ma, what's the use of... he stopped as they heard a car drive up in the yard. "Must be Jim Rogers. Said today that new calf of his was sick." He opened the kitchen door and peered out into the night. She could hear him catch his breath as he watched a man and a woman get out. "Ma, who do you think?" his voice was low.

"I knew," Ma laughed as she laid the paring knife down with a happy smile. "I knew it all the time."

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Legend tells us that a young shepherd girl was weeping bitterly as she watched the Wise Men on their way to take gifts to the Christ Child.



An angel appeared, and after ascertaining why the young girl was crying, she waved her wand, and instantly the ground was carpeted with glittering white Christmas roses. The young girl quickly gathered these blooms. When she presented her gift, the Christ Child smiled, and as his fingers touched the white flowers the petals became tinged with pink.

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LEGALS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The undersigned, having qualified as administratrix of the estate of J. E. Sumner, deceased, late of Hoke County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them, duly verified, to the undersigned administratrix on or before the 13th day of November, 1948, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned administratrix.

This 13th day of November, 1947.

Mrs. J. E. Sumner, administratrix. 24-29P

NOTICE OF SUMMONS

Chauncy McLaughlin vs Jennie McLaughlin

The defendant above named will take notice that an action has been instituted in the Superior Court of Hoke County, N.C. as entitled above, by the plaintiff for an absolute divorce on the grounds of 2 years separation; and said defendant is hereby required to appear at the office of the clerk of the superior court within 20 days after the 5th day of January, 1948 and answer or demur to the complaint filed herein or the plaintiff will apply to the court for relief as demanded in said complaint.

This the 5th day of December, 1947.

J. B. Cameron, Clerk of the Superior Court 28-31C

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The undersigned, having qualified as executor of the estate of Mrs. Margaret Livingston, deceased, late of Hoke County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them duly verified, to the undersigned executor on or before the 4th day of December, 1948, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned executor.

This 4th day of December, 1947.

George Leslie Livingston, executor, 405, North Poplar St., Apt. No. 2, Charlotte, N. C. 27-32P

NOTICE OF LAND SALE

Pursuant to authority granted by order of court I as commissioner will offer for cash at public sale at the courthouse door in Raeford, N. C. at 12 o'clock, noon, on the 31 day of December, A. D., 1947, the following part of the real estate of Mrs. Julia Ann Black, deceased, to-wit:

Lots Numbers 20; 21; and 22, lot No. 20 bounded by a line beginning at the corner of Lot No. 21 next to Laurinburg & Sou. railroad and in a northeasterly direction 30 feet to corner of lot No. 19; thence with Lot No 19 in a northwesterly direction 86 feet to corner of Lots 22 and 23; thence with line of Lot 22 and a distance of 33 feet to corner of Lot No. 21; thence with line of Lot 21 in a northwesterly direction 75 feet to the beginning.

Lot No. 21, beginning at a corner in edge of a street and runs thence about 223 feet to lot No.

22; thence along its line 67 feet to Lot No. 20; thence along No. 20 a distance of 75 feet to Laurinburg & Sou. railroad line; thence with it 220 feet to the beginning. Lot No. 22, beginning at the northeast corner of Lot No. 21 and in edge of said street, and runs with line of Lot No. 21 a distance of 67 feet to a stake; thence with line of Lot No. 20 a northeasterly direction 33 feet to a stake; thence with line of Lot No. 23 in a northern direction 75.5 feet to a stake in edge of street; thence with edge of street 32 feet to the beginning.

For further reference see Book of Deeds Nos. 67 and 69 and pages 60 and 549 respectively, of Hoke County public registry; and J. N. Maxwell subdivision map made by J. H. Blue in October 1927. Arthure D. Gore, Commissioner. 27-30C

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND

Under authority conferred by Deed of Trust executed by F. D. McDonald and wife, Pennie C. McDonald to J. Vance Rowe, Trustee, for J. Earl Parker, dated November 26th, 1946 and recorded in Mortgage Book 80, at page 577, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Hoke County, the said Trustee will at 12 o'clock NOON on

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6th, 1948 at the Court House door of Hoke County in Raeford, North Carolina, sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder, the following described property:

FIRST TRACT: That certain tract of land in Antioch Township, Hoke County, North Carolina, and bounded and described as follows: Adjoining the lands of Lotklear, formerly O. Leon Seymour and C. H. McDonald and others and described as follows: Lying on the east side of the Raft Swamp and beginning at a point in the run of Raft Swamp under what is known as "Bethune's" Bridge where the road leading from Red Springs to what is known as the "Old Timothy Currie Place" crosses said Raft Swamp, and runs thence with said road N 44 deg. 15' E 8 chains; thence with said road N 34 deg. 30' E 9 chains; thence continuing with said road to Antioch to Shannon Road and crossing said Antioch and Shannon Road N 41 deg. 15' E 21.30 chains to an iron stake in C. H. McDonald's line on the north side of said Antioch to Shannon Road; thence with C. H. McDonald's line S 60 deg. 30' E 8.44 chains to an iron stake, with two red oak pointers, McDonald's corner; thence S 32 deg. 30' W 1.20 chains to center of Antioch to Shannon Road; thence with said road S 52 deg. E 6.17 chains to the run of a branch; thence down the run of said branch about S 40 deg. W 44.00 chains to the run of Raft Swamp; thence up the various course of the run of Raft Swamp to the beginning, containing the 61 acre tract as shown on map made by G. S. Harrell, Registered Land Surveyor, of the "Currie" Farms of J. H. Huggins, copy of which map is in possession of the party of the second part.

SECOND TRACT: Adjoining the tract described above, the lands

of Currie and others and described as follows: Beginning as a point in the Antioch to Shannon Road where said road crosses the branch known as the "Timothy Currie Branch", said point being the sixth corner of the "FIRST TRACT" above described, and runs thence S 69 deg. 45' E 14.79 chains to an iron stake in Miss Trissy Currie's line; thence with her line S 42 deg. W 55.48 chains to the run of Raft Swamp; thence up the run of Raft Swamp with its various courses to a point where the "Timothy Currie Branch" runs into Raft Swamp; thence up the various courses of said Branch

about N 40 deg. E 44.00 chains to the beginning, containing 71 acres, more or less, and being the 71 acres as shown on map or plat made by G. S. Harrell, Registered Surveyor, of the "Currie" Farms of J. H. Huggins, a copy of which map or plat is in the possession of party of the second part.

This sale is made on account of default in the payment of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust.

A deposit with the Clerk of the Superior Court, of 10% will be required of the successful bidder.

Dated this 2nd day of December, 1947.

J. Vance Rowe, Trustee. 28-31C

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