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Merry Christmas!

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The Spirit Of Christmas

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(Editor's Note: The following is an excerpt from the one-act, three scene play being written by three Pamlico County High School students under the direction of Visiting Artist Richard Krawiec. The play centers around Mary and her friend, Charity. Mary is poor but has always celebrated a traditional, family-oriented Christmas. For Charity, Christmas has always been a time to receive, not give and she and her family have lost, through the years, the true meaning of the holiday.

In this scene, Mary is spending Christmas Eve with Charity and her parents. Mary's mother has

just recently died and she is now living with a foster family. As the scene opens, the family is exchanging gifts.)

CHARACTERS

Mary - Poor 16 year old girl, whose mother has just died.
Charity - Mary's friend; child of Jonathon and Courtney.
Jon and Courtney - Rich couple.

SETTING/TIME

At the home of Jonathon and Courtney on Christmas Eve...in the living room with a high tech "computer tree."

ACT 1, SCENE 2

Scene opens with Jonathon and Courtney at the bar. Courtney closest to the door. Drinks, maybe

a cigar for Jonathon.

Courtney - By the way, Jonathon, I meant to ask you, do you think the fruitcake was too dry this year?

Jonathon - Yes, I suppose it was too dry. Maybe we should use a better brandy in it.

Courtney - Yes, I suppose a better brandy would help. But the question is, can we trust that cook with an expensive bottle?

Jonathon - All he probably knows how to do is drink it. Can't get good, trustworthy help these days.

Courtney - Oh, what do you know? You hardly even taste the cake. I don't even know why I asked you.

Jonathon - But I do know what a good fruitcake should taste like. Seems like I would know something, since I am the president of one of the leading companies in America.

Courtney - Well, you don't have to act so obnoxious about it. I just asked you a simple question.

Jonathon - Well, I stated a simple answer - buy a better brandy.

Courtney - All right, I'll buy a better brandy next year, and hopefully that cook won't drink it. He's so much lower than us. I suppose he really doesn't know any better.

Jonathon - (tiring of the conversation) Let's just solve all of this and get another cook. And to satisfy you, get one who specializes in fruit cakes.

Courtney - Maybe we should get another cook, but you wouldn't allow me to get one unless you could make some profit from it.

Jonathon - If a new cook can make you stop screaming about fruit cakes, then that will be a profit in itself.

Courtney - Jonathon, I don't... (stops when she sees Charity enter. Mary lingers at the door).

Charity - Mother, Father, do you remember my telling you about Mary?

Courtney - Yes, of course, dear. Aren't you the girl whose mother died? We're so sorry to hear that.

Jonathon - Yes, we are sorry, but we have a present for you that'll liven things up. We spent 32 percent more on it when we heard about your unfortunate situation.

Charity - Let me get it for you, Mary (Gets present from under the tree. Motions to her with it to bring her into the room) Here, Mary, you can open it while I get everyone else's present.

(Charity throws Mary's coat on the couch and hands her a present

and some to her parents who rip theirs open and toss them onto the bar. Charity takes a present for herself and sits on the couch. Mary opens her present slowly and with care.)

Charity - Mary, how do you like your gift?

Mary - Well, it's nice...a subscription to cable TV...but I don't have a TV.

Charity - (Turning to her father) Father, I thought I told you Mary doesn't have a TV.

Jonathon - (Moving to sit in the chair and lift open a newspaper) Oh, she doesn't? (Looking at Mary) Mary, you don't have a TV? (Mary shakes her head). Well, it is a nice gift and I'm sure you can find some use for it somewhere.

Charity - (Her present now unwrapped). Mother, this is not the album I wanted. I wanted the new one, not this stone age one.

Courtney - (Moving over behind the couch and putting a hand to Charity's shoulder) I'm sorry, dear, I didn't know I'd purchased the old one. (Charity stands up and moves away.) How about if we go exchange it?

Charity - But then everyone will already have theirs except me.

Courtney - Charity, calm down. We'll go to the stores Monday and buy you five new ones to make up for this, okay, dear?

(Mary looks over her left shoulder at Charity and clears her throat. Looks are exchanged)

Charity - Okay, but I don't want this one.

Jonathon - (Lowers the newspaper) Then give it to Mary. I'm sure she doesn't have it.

Charity - (goes to Mary) Mary, you can have this. I don't want it.

Mary - Thanks but I don't know if they have a record player at the foster home.

Charity - Well, take it anyway. I'm sure you can get some use out of it.

Jonathon - (Looking at paper) What time is it, Courtney?

Courtney - (Still standing behind the couch) It's 8, Jonathon, why don't you look at your watch?

Jonathon - (Gets up and moves to the TV) It's time for the Wall Street Christmas Special to come on. We should watch this, even Charity and her friend. This show is about emerging growth stocks. (Looks at his watch) Ah...what time are you leaving, Mary? (He stands by the TV, watching the screen).

Mary - I'm sorry I have to leave so soon, but my foster mother should be here soon. She said around 8.

Jonathon - Good. (He swoops to the couch and picks up Mary's coat) I'll just get your coat and put it by the door so when she comes you can run along and not keep her waiting. (He drops the coat on the coat rack. Meanwhile, Courtney sits in the chair. Jonathon returns to the couch). Now let's all gather around and learn how to beat the Dow Jones Industrial Average next year...I love Christmas.

Mary - (Looking at Charity over her left shoulder) Don't...don't you sing Christmas carols, or tell the Christmas story on Christmas Eve?

Charity - Oh no, nothing can interrupt Father's show. I guess it's sort of boring, but it's pretty interesting finding out that it all has to do with money.

Jon - SSSHHH! (Looks at watch) What time did Mary say she was leaving?

Charity - Any time now, father.

Jonathon - At 8?

Courtney - Yes, dear, around 8.

Jonathon - Around 8, or 8:30? (car horn honks) Thank God. That must be your foster mother. (He goes to the door, all the time watching the TV, picks up Mary's coat, and, as she walks over to get it, he releases it before she can grab it and it falls to the floor. He's oblivious and just goes back to the couch.)

Mary - Thank you all for letting me come over and for the gifts.

Charity - Bye, Mary, see you at school.

Courtney - I'm glad we could have her over. I'm glad we had a chance to help the less fortunate at Christmastime.

Jonathon - That's what the more fortunate are for.



The Triangle Volunteer Fire Department received a check for \$31,800 Monday, December 10, from the Farmers Home Administration. The money, a loan to be repaid over 15 years at 9-5/8 percent, will be used to

construct a new fire house. Pictured are (seated, left to right) Cassius Williams, assistant district director for FmHa; Kenny Smith, Triangle VFD chief; (standing, left to right) Henry

Carawan, Triangle VFD; Martin Morgan, FmHa county supervisor for Pamlico and Craven Counties; Robbie Sadler, Triangle VFD; and Carl Mills, representing Wimco, the contractors.

Commissioners Discuss Water, Boats

Water was a main topic of discussion, directly and indirectly, at Monday night's meeting of the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners. One resident of Goose Creek Island was present to air complaints about inadequate water pressure; the county's engineers appeared to present plans for getting more water to the island; and a representative of a group that appeared at a previous meeting asked again about the tax valuations placed on boats for 1984.

Reg Caroon of Lowland told the board that the water pressure in Lowland needs to be increased. With the closest tower in Vandemere, he explained, by the time the water reaches his commercial operation in Lowland, he has to provide booster pumps in order to get an adequate amount of pressure. If a hydrant is opened, he said, there is no water. "I think we're entitled to water," Caroon commented, adding "...Lowland has had the short end of the stick for thirty years." The ditches along the road from

Hobucken to Lowland also need to be cleaned and the shoulders to the road maintained, he said. At the present time, a car cannot pull off the road, onto the shoulder without getting stuck, creating a dangerous situation when it has to park partly in the road, he said. Caroon also had some com-

ments to make about the location of Pamlico Technical College, citing its distance from Goose Creek Island. He told the board that it is almost as convenient for most Lowland residents to go to New Bern. "We're paying our

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Principal Suing Teacher for \$100,000

The Chocowinity High School saga continues. Last week, the principal of that school filed a counter-suit against a former Chocowinity High teacher maintaining that he has been slandered and libeled.

On December 10, in Federal District Court in New Bern, an amended answer and counter-claim against Otis Cox, now a teacher at Aurora High School, was filed on behalf of James Henderson, principal of

Chocowinity. The suit claims that during the 1983-84 school year, as well as at times after that, Cox made false statements about Henderson, specifically that he was a liar and that he had been fired from a position with the Chesapeake, Virginia, school system. Henderson denied these allegations at a meeting of the board of education, presenting letters to that effect from ad-

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Two Pamlico County Men Killed In Maine Truck Accident

The search resumed Monday in Maine for the body of one of two Pamlico County men who lost their lives last week after the tractor-trailer rig they were driving crashed through the guardrail of a bridge and into the icy river beneath.

Herbert Lupton, 72, of Lowland and Manley Price, 45, of Stonewall left Mars Hill, Maine, about 4:30 pm Tuesday, December 11, ac-

ording to reports, heading for Hastings, Florida, to deliver a load of seed potatoes.

Price, who leased the truck from B.F. Potter Trucking, Bayboro, and Lupton, a retired truck driver, were traveling in the southbound lane of Interstate 95 in Howland, Maine, when the truck ran into the closed and barricaded right hand lane and through the guardrail. The interstate had been

under construction since the summer. The entire rig plunged into the Piscataquis River. There is still some confusion as to the cause of the accident and the exact sequence of events.

Lupton's body was recovered Wednesday, pinned behind the steering wheel. The load of potatoes was removed from the river Monday and divers found Price's body around noon.

Potter Pleads No Contest; Gets 60 Days

Although the decision was reversed by the state court of appeals and the state Supreme Court refused to hear the case when requested by the state, a Lowland man pled no contest to two counts of assault on a law enforcement officer last week.

District attorney David McFadyen said Monday that Orien Potter, found guilty of assault on two

Wildlife law enforcement officers, received a sentence of 60 days active and a \$2,000 fine after pleading no contest to the charges.

Potter had appealed the earlier conviction and it was reversed by the Court of Appeals on technical grounds—specifically a line of questioning regarding a prior assault conviction and statements made to the jury, explained

McFadyen—and sent back for another trial. McFadyen said his office then requested that the state Supreme Court review the case but they refused. Potter then came in and pled no contest, he said.

McFadyen said Potter is scheduled to begin his sentence, which will be served in the Pamlico County jail, in January.