SEE MEADE FIRST—DECIDE THEN

Fort Meade is bustling with building these days. Brand-new communities are rising as a result of NSA's invasion of the quiet Maryland countryside; nearby housing developments are beginning to appear on the scene.

That long-planned-for interim move to Meade is only a month away. Sooner or later, all employees will have to determine whether or not they will move to one of the new communities near the Meade site.

To help NSA employees make this decision, the Personnel Task Unit is still conducting Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday (family) bus tours through residential areas surrounding the new Agency buildings. Those taking the week-day trips see approximately 40 housing and apartment developments, while families taking Saturday tours have the opportunity to go through three or four sample homes in the better housing developments.

Many employees have not yet taken advantage of the tours. The grapevine gets the word around, it's true. But frequently, opinions and decisions based on hearsay are prejudiced and incorrect.

If you are considering a home closer to your job, why not try a "see for yourself" tour? For information, call Mr. Forest Rickett on Ext. 60385 or call the Meadomobile, Ext. 147/467.

150 ATTEND CO-OP HOUSING MEETING

The NSA employees' cooperative housing organization, Country Manor Estates Corporation, attracted 150 people to its first general meeting, held November 18 at the AHS Post theater.

This group plans to erect a cooperative development of single-family homes at a desirable site near Fort Meade. Lower building costs, excellent land planning and subdivision layout, and desirable lot and house designs are offered to members.

Already 53 families of an expected 100-family membership have joined the organization which incorporated on November 17.

Tentative contracts for technical services have been negotiated with a local attorney and with the Foundation for Cooperative Housing Company, a New York firm.

BETTER HOUSING FOR ENLISTED MEN

Department of Army has authorized Ft. Meade to renovate the buildings in the 300 area for enlisted personnel of the Agency. The project includes 24 two-story mobilization-type barracks, 8 day rooms, and four mess halls.

CAFETERIA SERVICE AT MEADE

Lt. Col. William Dildine, chairman of the Restaurant Facility Committee, states that for making the interim move, cafeterias will be operating in Bldgs. 1 and 2. A snack bar will be in Bldg. 4. Vending machines will be placed in all buildings.

SECURITY POSTER CONTEST WINNERS NAMED

Cash awards were presented to the winners of the NSA Security poster contest by S. Wesley Reynolds, Galef, Security Division, at a ceremony in his office on November 29.

The winners were:

1st place - S/Sgt J. H. Quinan $20.00
2nd place - John L. Hammert $15.00
3rd place - Lawrence A. Keef $10.00
4th place - Willie Dinkins, Jr. $5.00
5th place - Joseph C. Chavez $3.00
6th place - Hazel Chalmers $2.50
7th place - Theodore J. Nelson $2.50
8th place - Olga McKellar $2.00

Honorable mentions went to Willie Dinkins, Jr., Joseph Chavez, Henry E. Riley, Hazel Chalmers, and Lt. Thorpe E. Wright.

The winning posters will be reproduced for display throughout NSA installations.

S/Sgt. J. H. Quinan, first place winner in the contest, in head of the Training Aids Section of the NSA School. A commercial artist before entering the Air Force, he hopes to continue in that field when he separates from the service.

The difficult job of selecting winners from the 93 entries was shouldered by Security members Mr. Reynolds, Lt. Col. Claude J. Kraner, Mr. William J. Klina, Maj. William T. Conor, and Mr. H. E. Yeager.

AHS NCO CLUB — DECEMBER CALENDAR

BINGO — The Club has cancelled games until January.

SATURDAY DANCE—December 18—NSA Band
NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE—December 31—9 p.m.
   to 1 a.m.—Everyone is invited.

I FORGOT MY BADGE

This monthly Newsletter is published, as required, by the Personnel Division to provide information to interest to all Agency military and civilian personnel. Items for publication should be forwarded to the Editor, NSA Newsletter, PST, Bldg. 17, Room 212, NovSecStn. Ext. 60437.
NEW FILE SYSTEM BOON TO OPERATIONS

A revolutionary idea in file systems has been borrowed from industry by Operations Division, COM, The Operations Division, which is flooded with paper work, is blessed with more room, an increase in time-saving, and a reduction in the number of necessary file room employees as a result of its new Trans-dex files.

Lt. Col. G. B. Brock, USAF, Operations Division Chief, discovered the Trans-dex system while making a tour of a New York radio company. Anxious to add more efficient devices to his Division’s operations, he saw the advantages in the Trans-dex system. He adapted it to his operations and declared the necessary equipment. His staff assembled the files themselves.

The Trans-dex consists of three parallel troughs, about 2½ feet off the floor and 16 feet in length. Each trough resembles one long, stretched-out drawer. Materials to be filed are simply inserted in the troughs behind manilla dividers.

File clerks sit on moveable chairs which glide back and forth on tracks in the aisles between the troughs. The troughs are within comfortable arm-reach of the clerks, reducing the exertion connected with other filing methods.

The simplicity of the Trans-dex system speeds its effectiveness. Filing is made faster and easier, claims Col. Brock. The compactness of the Trans-dex files gives the Division greater space in which to work. The simplicity of method and its time-saving qualities make possible the release of 7 to 9 employees per 24 hour period for work in other areas.

If other NSA supervisors wish to gain further information about the Trans-dex, Col. Brock’s office will be glad to supply them with details.

Persons meeting and conferring in the Arlington Hall Post Theater are carelessly littering the building with cigarette butts and crumpled bits of paper. The job of policing the theater is becoming increasingly tedious. Greater regard for the neatness of the theater’s facilities will be appreciated.

HOBBY SHOW A HIT

“Most outstanding.”
“Unique.”
“Terrific.”
“The greatest.”

These and many other superlatives were heard at NSA School on December 4 and 5, when our talented Agency people displayed their achievements in the First Annual NSA Hobby Show.

Not only the hobbies themselves, but their dramatic presentation and arrangement contributed to the exciting effect. Crowds of admiring lookers-on strolled past the 82 displays of handicrafts, graphic arts, and collections.

The unusually favorable response to the show has prompted its sponsors, the NSA Welfare and Recreation Council, to start planning for an even larger one within a few months.

SUPERVISORY RESERVE PROGRAM PLANNED

The NSA Management Development Program, currently confined to executives and supervisors, will soon enlarge its sphere to include a Pre-supervisory Development Program for nonsupervisors. This program offers another opportunity for career development for Agency personnel.

The new program has two objectives: (1) to identify those nonsupervisors in the Agency who have a high degree of supervisory potential, and (2) to assist these individuals in the development of their potential.

Employees will be nominated for the program by their immediate supervisors and screened by a selection panel from their own Division. Those best qualified will be recommended to the Division Chief for final selection.

Employees selected for the program will be introduced to the basic principles of supervision in a variety of ways. They will also be given an opportunity to employ these principles in a series of special trial assignments. Supplementary training in conference leadership, public speaking, and report writing will be made available on an individual need basis.

The program will be administered by the Training Division. The Personnel Division will direct the selection phase by a series of written tests designed to help determine supervisory potential.

The first group of trainees will be selected from PROD. They will begin their training on January 10 and complete it on May 20, 1955.

Additional information about the program may be obtained from the Pre-supervisory Development Program Director, Training Division, Code 131, Ext. 60662.

CDR. PENDERGRASS TO BUPERS

CDR. James T. Pendergrass, USN, the first Chief of the Technical Information Division, was detached from duty with NSA on December 13 to assume his responsibilities as Head of the Naval Security Placement Unit of the Bureau of Personnel.

CDR. Pendergrass first came to NavSecSta in June, 1943 and with the exception of two overseas tours has served since that time in responsible positions in NSA.

NAVSECSTA MARINES COLLECT “TOYS FOR TOTS”

“Toys for Tots,” a national Christmas-side charity, has for generous benefactors the Marine guards at NavSecSta. These Marines, a unit of the 13th Infantry Battalion, are asking all employees at NavSecSta to leave new and unused toys in boxes located at compound entrances. Toys will then be distributed to needy children mainly in the Washington area.

Toys which need reconditioning are welcomed as well as brand new ones. Painting and patching of used toys will be done by D. C. firemen.

The “Toys for Tots” drive, now in progress, will continue until December 22. A Marine Santa will then deliver the toys to their new owners.
VARSITY BASKETBALL AT NAVSECSTA

A men's varsity basketball team will represent NAVSECSTA in contests with other Navy Stations in the Washington area. Special Services has announced. Ensign J. T. Patterson, new Special Services Officer is to coach the team, which will begin play right after Christmas. The team will be entered in the Potomac River Basketball Tournament next March.

Coach Patterson received his B.A. in Physical Education from Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn. Before entering the Navy, he was physical instructor for the Nashville YMCA, and served as a junior high school coach.

Tryouts for the varsity basketball team may be arranged by calling the Special Services Office, Ext. 60294. All Navy personnel, either at NAVSECSTA or AHS are eligible.

WEATHER NO OBSTACLE TO NAVY GOLFERS

Monthly NAVSECSTA golf tournaments, which are played on various local public links, will continue right through the winter. Golfers are contending for prizes of golf carts, bags and clubs. All Navy personnel who wish to enter the January tournament should call NAVSECSTA Special Services, Ext. 60294.

Colonel Gordon Wildes, USAF, has been assigned Assistant to the Deputy Director, PROD. He comes to NSA from Headquarters, USAFSS, Kelly AFB.

AIR FORCE 1ST SERGEANT'S CHEVRON

The Air Force has developed and approved a distinctive chevron for wear by first sergeants. However official release of the new chevron, authorization for its wear and directives describing its proper wear will be delayed for approximately six to nine months.

The new chevron will consist of the traditional diamond modified to match the styling of the present Air Force chevron and worn above the "V" formed by the chevron. Exact specifications and date of availability have not yet been established.

The new design was developed as a result of recommendations received from the SAC NCO Academy at March AFB, and from the Commander, ATC. It is expected that it will help distinguish first sergeants from other noncommissioned officers. All inquiries should be withheld until the official release is announced.

Navy Personnel are invited to use the facilities of the Special Services Library at NAVSECSTA. Books and records may be checked out for a period of two weeks. Located in Building 2, the Library is open from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. daily.

REGULAR NAVY COMMISSIONS OFFERED

Naval Reserve officers, and temporary Regular Navy officers (enlisted men, Commissioned Warrant and Warrant officers now serving under temporary commissions) have until March 1, 1955 to file their applications for appointment as Regular Navy commissioned officers.

Eligibility requirements and processing procedures for this augmentation program are outlined in BUPERS Instruction 1120.12C.

For further information, contact the Education Office, Room 1133, NAVSECSTA, Ext. 60464.

ADVANCEMENT IN RATING STUDY FACILITIES

Study lists and training publications for the February service-wide examination for advancement in rating are available at the following offices:

- Education Office, Room 1133, NAVSECSTA
- Education Office, Room 2315 A Bldg., AHS

Section N-30, Room 3205, NAVSECSTA may be taken off the Station for use after normal working hours only)

Non-classified publications may be signed out from either of the above Education Offices for a period of two weeks or a month and may be taken off the Station for use at home or in the barracks.

Certain classified publications may be signed out from either the NAVSECSTA or AHS Education Office for a period of two weeks but must not be taken off the Stations.

Other classified and registered publications on the list study cannot be signed out. These are available for study in both Education Offices during working hours. After regular working hours and on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, cleared NAVSECSTA personnel may study these publications in Section N-30 (Refer to NAVSECSTA Inst. 1510.1). Personnel who wish to utilize this facility should obtain a memorandum from their department head or from the NAVSECSTA Education Officer requesting the Communications Watch Officer in N-30 to issue study material. Study space will be provided within Room 3205. Publications must not be removed from this room. AHS personnel may make arrangements for after-hour study with Chief Clayton at the Education Office.

Facilities for practice in operational requirements are also available for cleared NAVSECSTA personnel in Section N-30, Room 3205. These facilities are available at all times—working days, evenings, weekends, and holidays. Personnel who wish to practice for the operational examinations should report to the Supervisor of the Watch, N-30, Room 3205, NAVSECSTA.

Practice facilities for AHS personnel are available in the Education Office, Room 2315 A Bldg. Arrangements may be made with Chief Clayton for practice after normal working hours.

"COMMUNISM"
DEFINED BY EBENEZER ELLIOTT IN 1831

What is a Communist? One who hath yeasnings For equal division of unequal earnings, Idler or bungler, or both, he is willing To fork out his copper and pocket your shilling. (and it hasn't changed a bit in 124 years!)
How do you do

My second installment of light-sheathing in regard to your NSA privileges and responsibilities deals with LOANS, and also with your PAY.

LOAN agencies, including FHA, require letters or forms which certify that the borrower is employed, before they will approve a loan. NSA employees may obtain this certification from Chief, Administrative Services, Civilian Personnel, Mrs. Dorothy Jaeger. Mrs. Jaeger is located at AHS, Ext. 652.

Within NSA itself the CREDIT UNION grants loans to its members. Agency military and civilian personnel who join the Credit Union may borrow $100 per share of stock they own. They may not borrow over $400, however. The rate of interest is 1% per month on the loan balance.

The Union has loan protection insurance. This means that if you die or become disabled, your debt to the Union is paid for you by an insurance company. The Credit Union Office is located in Headquarters Building, Room A 210, AHS, Ext. 545.

PAY CHECKS:

If you are not at work on your pay day and do not return before the following Tuesday, your check will be returned to the payroll Section (located in "A" Bldg., AHS) where you can obtain it upon your return to duty. Should you desire to have it mailed to you or to your bank, notify the Payroll Section. Your check cannot be given to another person without your authorization. Mail authorities cannot forward government checks. If they are unclaimed, they are returned to the issuing office.

PERIODIC PAY INCREASES:

Periodic pay increases are granted eligible employees. When you receive a pay increase, it will advance you to the next higher rate within your grade.

To be eligible you must:
1. Have a satisfactory rating.
2. Have had no promotion to another grade since you received your last periodic pay increase.
3. Meet the time-in-service requirements.

NEW CHAPLAIN ARRIVES AT NAVSECESTA

A new Chaplain, LCDR Oliver W. Jones, USN, has assumed the duties connected with the Navy Chapel, NavSecSta. Chaplain Jones came to Washington from the Naval Air Station, Barber’s Point, Oahu, Hawaiian Islands. He fills the vacancy created by the transfer of LCDR Merlin A. Ditmer, Jr., CHC USN, to Izmir, Turkey.

Chaplain Jones, a Pennsylvanian, is a graduate of the Garrett Biblical Institute, Northwestern University. Before entering the Navy in 1944, he was Assistant Minister of the South Avenue Methodist Church, Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania.

U.S. NAVAL CHAPEL - CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

PROTESTANT SERVICES:

December 19 - Christmas Sunday - 10:45 a.m.
RAD M. W. Salisbury, CHC, USN, Retired

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve (candlelight) - 10:30 p.m.
RAD M. B. Harp, Jr., CHC, USN, Chief of Chaplains
Special music - Chapel Choir

Dec. 25 - Christmas Day Communion - 10:45 a.m.
LCDR D. W. Jones, CHC, USN, Chaplain, U.S. Naval Chapel

CATHOLIC MASSES:

December 24 - High Mass - 12 Midnight
CDR F. L. Mc Gann, CHC, USN, Chaplains Div., Bureau of Naval Personnel

Trinity College Choir

December 25 - Christmas Day Mass - 9:00 a.m.
CDR Mc Gann

CHAPLAIN SEEKS PARTICIPANTS FOR AHS SERVICES

One-day services in the AHS Chapel have been enriched by the participation of Agency personnel. Retired ministers and missionaries, theological students, social workers and musicians have stepped from the ranks of civilians and military to contribute to the fifteen minute daily devotions.

Post Chaplain Lonnie W. Knight (Lt. Colonel) is anxious to have increasing numbers of Agency employees take part in the services. Those who feel they would like to participate should contact Chaplain Knight on Ext. 523.

AHS CHAPEL - CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

PROTESTANT SERVICES:

December 19 - Christmas Sunday - 10:30 a.m.
Lt. Col. Lonnie W. Knight, (Chaplain), AHS

December 24 - Christmas Eve (candlelight) - 9 p.m.
Chaplain Knight

December 25 - Christmas Day Service - 11 a.m.
Chaplain Knight

The quarterly collection for Group Hospitalization will be made between January 12 and 17, 1955.

Length of Service Certificates will be presented to 300 employees on January 20 at AHS Post Theater.
MARINES ADOPT ORPHANAGE FOR CHRISTMAS

So you think all Marines are tough? Children at Christmas melt any man’s heart. Proof is found at NavSecSea where the Marine guards, together with Naval Gun Factory Marines, have adopted an orphanage for Christmas.

The Marines play Santa at a Christmas party for a group of boys and girls, age 9 through 13, at the Junior Village Home, 5200 Loughboro Rd., n.w., on December 20. Gifts of clothes will be given to the children by the leatherneck Santas.

Junior Village is the D. C. home for dependent children. Two-hundred and thirty white and negro youngsters, ranging from 6 months to 13 years of age, eat, sleep, play, and attend school at the Home.

AHS FILLS "DOLL HOUSE" WITH TOYS

Toys for the "Doll House" Christmas drive are being collected all over AHS. The "Doll House" sponsored by a local radio station, gives the toys, new or used, to needy youngsters in this area.

Boxes to receive the toys have been placed in "A" Bldg., "B" Bldg., the Chapel, Headquarters Bldg., and the Service Club. The drive continues until December 22.

AHS OFFICERS' OPEN MESS—DECEMBER CALENDAR

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE – December 31 – 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.–Orchestra

BINGO – The Club has cancelled games until January.

TEN LITTLE OFFICE WORKERS—ALAS!

| 10 | office workers feeling fit and fine one scooted the handrail then there were nine. |
| 9  | office workers hurrying for a date pencil lying on the floor whoops! Now it's eight. |
| 8  | office workers thoughts 'way up in heaven one slammed hand on filing spike that left only seven. |
| 7  | office workers trying out some tricks one jerked a chair away now there were six. |
| 6  | office workers tired from too much jive one forgot the open door so there were five. |
| 5  | office workers 'round the corners tore one had too big a load that left only four. |
| 4  | office workers helpful as could be one yanked hard on heavy drawer then there were three. |
| 3  | office workers one could be you someone "fixed" a light cord and that left two. |
| 2  | office workers running in a hall met head on at corner now there's one—that's all! |
| 1  | office worker when his task was done tilted back his chair too far guess what—now there's none! |

Office workers all the worse for wear from now on they'll be happy using sense and care. —National Safety Council.
NEW INCENTIVE AWARDS BROADENS PROGRAM

The scope of the incentive awards program is greatly broadened by the new legislation, "Government Employees Incentive Awards Act" (Title III, Public Law 763, 83rd Congress). The new law replaces several other laws, some of which were outmoded and ineffective.

The highlights of the new legislation are covered in the questions and answers which follow:

- When did the new law become effective?
  - On 30 November 1954. All suggestions and recommendations that were not approved before this date will be processed under the new law.

- How is the new program an improvement over previous laws?
  - It makes all civilian personnel, individually or by groups, eligible for honorary and cash awards for contributions which are either (a) outside job responsibilities, or (b) within job responsibilities but so superior as to warrant special recognition.
  - Larger cash awards may be approved.
  - Suggestions that may benefit other government agencies will now be forwarded through well defined channels. If put into effect by any other agency, the using agency grants an additional award to the suggester.

- What is the area within which suggestions and recommendations for NSA civilian personnel are considered in the Incentive Awards Program?
  - Suggestions and recommendations for NSA personnel are processed within NSA. Review and approval by the DOD and Civil Service Commission are required for some actions.

- What does the term "Contribution" mean?
  - It may be the suggestion of a constructive idea, including those which are patentable; sustained work performance which is over and above the normal position requirements of the individual or group; or other meritorious personal efforts or special acts or service in connection with or related to official employment.

- What types of award may be made?
  - Cash awards will be based on the value of the tangible and/or intangible contributions derived by the government from the contributions.

- What are the minimum and maximum cash awards which may be given?
  - The minimum award is $10.
  - The maximum award is normally $5,000 except that the U.S. Civil Service Commission may approve awards up to $25,000 in extraordinary cases.

- When the award is based solely on sustained superior or outstanding performance of assigned duties, how is the amount of the award determined?
  - Such amounts are based upon the annual base pay of the individual, that is:
    - Annual Base Pay    Amount of Award
    - Up to $3,500     $100
    - $3,500 to $7,000    $200
    - $7,001 and over    $300

- How are recommendations for sustained superior or outstanding performance made?

The employee's supervisor makes the recommendation based upon one of these:

For sustained superior performance over a minimum period of six months at one grade level. Promotion subsequent to the recommendation will not affect the employee's eligibility.

For sustained outstanding performance over a period of twelve months, with all aspects of performance so outstanding as to deserve special recognition over and above the approval of an Outstanding Performance Rating. Such recommendations must be submitted within sixty days after approval of the Outstanding Rating.

The basic objective of the NSA Efficiency Awards Program is to give recognition to all personnel who contribute in significant manner to increased operating efficiency. The new law covers civilian personnel only. To date a substantial number of our most valuable contributions have been made by NSA military personnel.

In the absence of cash awards, maximum utilization will be made of existing military incentive measures to give due recognition to military personnel in the NSA Efficiency Awards Program.

The type of awards granted to military personnel is based on the value of the contribution in terms of extent of application, significance, and the importance of programs affected. Military personnel may be granted Letters of Appreciation, and Letters of Commendation, and may be recommended for the Commendation Ribbon, the Legion of Merit, and the Bronze Star.

For further information on this subject, contact the Executive Secretary of the Efficiency Awards Subcommittee in your area. They are:

Command, Staff, School—Miss B.B. Cunningham, NSS PRD — Mr. Willard Edwards — AHS C/SEC — Mr. Fred Zander — NavSecSta R/D — Miss Sybil Mawyer — NavSecSta

Our Inspector General, Captain E. S. L. Goodwin, USN, recently returned from an inspection trip abroad.

DR. PETTENGILL RETIRES

Dr. Ray W. Pettengill, Special Assistant to TEC since the fall of 1952, will retire December 31. Dr. Pettengill concludes a 15 year career with the Agency, characterized by a performance reflecting the highest standards of technical ability and personal dedication. Before coming to the Agency in 1939, Dr. Pettengill was already well known as a professor of German, having taught at Harvard, Davidson, and Skidmore.

A Letter of Appreciation was presented to Dr. Pettengill by the Director before assembled top officials of the Agency and other friends of Dr. Pettengill, on December 16 in the Director's office.

Dr. Pettengill's retirement plans will take him to the warm sun of St. Petersburg, Florida. His many friends regret his departure and wish for him every happiness in the future.
### TRANSPORTATION

(This service will no longer be carried in the Newsletter. For transportation information, call Employee Relations, Ext. 6062.)

**CAR POOLS AVAILABLE TO AHS:**

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### AHS LOST AND FOUND

The following items, found on the Post, AHS, may be recovered by calling at Bldg. T-102 (Post Theater) at the rear. Items must be identified within 30 days from the date of this publication.

**BOOKS**
- *Four Plays by Bernard Shaw*...Property D.C. Library
- *Cigarette Lighter*—Silver, "Prince" w/initials "FLG"
- *Ear Rings*—w/earlier spirals
- *Gold, red and pink settings*
- *Gold, leaf, porcelain and glass setting*
- *Gold, green ball drop*
- *Gold, green setting*
- *Gold, belled-shaped drop*
- *Silver, six loops*
- *Pipe*—"Shelling", straight stem
- *Yellow Bolei*—small size
- *Pliers*—"Kleenex" 16"-6
- *Raincoat*—gray plastic
- *Gray plastic in plastic bag*
- *Gold, green setting in heart-shaped design*
- *Silver, black setting*
- *Shoe*—May have fallen out of car on Post
- *Thermos Bottle*—Plat size
- *Umbrella*—Lady's black w/clear plastic handle
- *Lady's green, black, red and gray plaid*
- *Wristwatch*—"Timex", silver w/gray strap

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**HE REMEMBERED THE:**

One of the most common characters in current newspaper fiction is the "self-made man" who makes a point of hunting up his early benefactors. But the Chicago Post tells the old tale—with a difference.

"By the way," said the man who had stopped at a farmhouse to water his horse, "fifteen years ago a poor boy came this way and you took him in."

"Yes?" queried the farmer, somewhat surprised.

"You were kind to him," went on the stranger. "You fed him, gave him words of encouragement and an old suit of clothes, put a dollar in his pocket and sent him on his way rejoicing. He told you at the time that he never would forget your kindness. Am I right?"

"I reckon you are," replied the farmer.

"He said that if he prospered he would see that you never had occasion to regret your kindness to a poor, struggling lad."

"And asks?" exclaimed the farmer's wife, excitedly. "It sounds almost like a fairy tale, don't it? Why, you must have seen him!"

"I have," said the stranger, "and he sent a message to you."

"What is it?" they both asked, expectantly.

"He told me to tell you that he is still poor."

As the stranger drove away, the farmer went out and kicked the pump, while his wife threw a rolling pin at the chickens.

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*The Youth's Companion. September 27, 1900.*