

R1 Gold Hill, N.C.  
Feb 2, 1927.

My Dear Husband:-

Can't tell you how much I appreciated your good letter of the 30<sup>th</sup>. It helped me to feel so much better. I had got - so I could hardly see any bright side any more, & certainly hope the Holly Ridge job, turns out better with less trouble and expense, than the others have. I have been thinking of asking you to send me regular, about every two weeks the money you can spare me, I don't like to have to write asking every time I need some. you need not think it will go any faster than necessary, and if you send more than we need just at the time I will save it, for bills are extra at school closing, also we will have to try to save a few hundred extra for fall buying this year, as we are all at home going to have our clothes shoes etc just about cleaned up before summer is over.

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and it will be new books all around again. Am going to see Bennett about selling our lumber. A.D. doesn't have time to do things for his own wife, ha!

They are counting on starting the new church in May. I mean to put all we get for the lumber in the church, may keep part of the oak. I have engaged two pigs, don't want to feel so starved for pork and sausage next year, and will need some money to pay for them in about two wks. Fred is repairing the pasture fence.

I recieved your clothes, but will not get them back to you before the last of next week. Gertrude seemed to be better for more than two weeks she didn't have any nervous spell, but she had two last week, I haven't had her to the Dr yet, Write as often as you can. let me know how all is going.

There is not much news reaches me. I am expecting to begin going to preaching Sunday. This certainly is like spring for Ground Hog day.

Fred is gone to basket-ball. Wish you could be here for a while now, so we could talk of the things that would take too much time and space to write. I guess my health is below normal, it may be I have been blue too much, the weakness about my heart has been worse than it ever was, and aches my back.

Norman is so lively. Polly & Dimples\* were proud of their dimes and notes.

The girls are all gone to bed and I guess I will soon, it is lonesome for me. I want to thank you for the nice letter. Love lightens labor. If I could feel sure always that you love me as I do you, I don't think I would be easy to get blue. Guess Mr Blacklock will save? Is Parter still in jail? With best wishes and lots of love

Your wife  
Mary.

\* Polly & Dimples - Pearl & Gertrude

Holly Ridge n.c.  
Friday 12:30 Feb 4 - 27

My Dear wife: -

As I am now waiting in  
Wilmington on some repair work  
will write short letter. Been waiting to  
write hoping would get payroll  
but have not come yet, and I know  
you need some money very bad.  
Started to load car lumber at Scotts  
Hill this morning and Mr Lee stopped  
loading. Said he wired Arny.

I do not know what next, but the  
wall I guess and if that is the only  
thing the sooner the better I guess.  
I can not ans. your letter in full as  
just now. I have not drawn up any  
contract as to last or profit at  
Holly Ridge as every thing <sup>there</sup> is in  
Arny's name. The Scotts Hill timber  
was deeded to Arny. The Johnson

Timber was mad to Frick and arcs  
and I do not know about the  
Rowland timber.

I will draw up contract at Holly Ridge  
if I work on there as I am to  
work the job if I get any profit  
otherwise he can not count any  
loss to me. as it is his and  
operating in his name.

I do not know now if best to tell  
him now that I will not renew  
note when due or not. I certainly  
will not go on any more notes  
then I am already on and will  
not renew the one I am now on  
for 3000<sup>00</sup> which comes due April the 1  
unless I hafta with your consent.  
in order to keep the bank from  
closing in on note at that time  
if he can't sell lumber to satisfy  
same. Dear I must close and

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and will write you a gain soon  
as find out something or when  
get pay rool. Arey owes me now  
115.<sup>00</sup> but only 60.<sup>00</sup> due now  
bal due next sat.

I certainly will do all I can to  
get note payed off and settlement  
from Scotts hill.

now Dear I can not blame you  
for any of this, but you can  
rightly blame me for it all and  
it is an awful injustus to you  
and an awful load for me to  
bear. so I do not know if you  
can accept words of love.

Hope Gertude is better and all  
well. Hope payrool will come soon  
folks here will not work off in  
swamp this way. makes it hard for  
me to get any thing done.

my heart goes out to you  
and these dear Children

Your Hub

Haly Ridge

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My Dear Wife:

Very glad to  
get yours of the second  
my health is some better  
but I am very lonesome  
all the crowd is no  
company to me just  
you could be real  
company to me.

Hope you feel better

Please Dear. do not worry  
more than you can  
help. I am so sorry  
you have to ask for  
money not that I do  
not think of you but

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I do not get a pay day  
now only every two  
weeks with one week  
held back.

Please find enclosed  
check for \$40<sup>00</sup> as it will  
be a week yet before  
I get a pay day.

I am glad you can  
go to church again.

Porter is still in jail.

but I think Mr. Gray  
will take him out soon.

Should if ever circumstan-  
ces permit God the Lord  
delivers me from this  
place through your  
prayers I will come home



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to spend the rest of  
this short life with  
you and do all I can  
to not hurt your  
feelings any more.

Please do not forget  
me in your prayers.  
I am boarding now  
for a short time until  
I can get a quantity built.  
The folks is very good  
to me. Yours with lasting  
love.

Your Husband