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### PRODUCTION NOTES

#### CHARACTERS

#### CAST

JIN.....HARVEY HAYS

JERRY.....FRANK DANE

MRS. CARTER.....ANGELINE ORR

#### SOUND

#### REMARKS

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1 ANNCR: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers!

2 MUSIC: THEME

3 ANNCR: Like the family doctor, the Forest Ranger is always on call,  
4 always ready for any emergency. Many a time he has had to rush  
5 to the scene of an airplane crash deep within the forest, or to  
6 the aid of some lost hunter or an injured resident of the  
7 backwoods. And often, like the family doctor, the Forest Ranger  
8 finds himself in a position to give aid and comfort to  
9 individuals suffering, not physically, but mentally and  
10 emotionally. And though he sometimes goes far beyond the call  
11 of duty, he usually considers such things just part of the job  
12 of managing and protecting the forest in the public interest...  
13 Well, now to the Pine Cone Ranger Station (FADE IN WIND) where  
14 the first snow-storm of the winter season has arrived. And  
15 while the elements rage outside (FADE DOWN WIND AND STORM) ,  
16 in the living room of the Ranger Station we find Ranger Jim  
17 Robbins and his assistant, Jerry Quick, warm and comfortable  
18 before the open fire....Here they are;

19 JERRY: (FADING IN) Gee it sure ain't fitten for man nor beast out there  
20 tonight, Jim. She's blowing plenty.

21 JIM: Kinda rough out, all right.

22 JERRY: And am I glad tomorrow's Sunday!

23 JIM: (CHUCKLING) Going to sleep late in the morning, huh?  
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1 JERRY: You bet. Only regret I got right now is that I didn't hit the  
2 hay earlier tonight too, like Mrs. Robbins did....But it's been  
3 kinda nice sitting here by the fire with you, Jim, just the same

4 JIM: Yep, I don't know anything I'd rather do, Jerry, than sit before  
5 the fire on a winter night....watching the flames, and sorta  
6 letting my mind sift out all but the pleasant thoughts...It's  
7 sure a relief from the day's worries, ain't it....real peace  
8 and .....h-m-m-, ...a car just drove up outside, Jerry.

9 JERRY: Huh? I didn't hear it.

10 SOUND OF POUNDING ON DOOR OFF, REPEAT

11 JIM: Somebody's gotten off the main road, I reckon...Want to go to  
12 the door?

13 JERRY: Yeah, I'll go see. (GOING OFF) Now I know I shoulda gone to bed  
14 early. (SLIGHTLY OFF AS POUNDING CONTINUES) All right, all  
15 right, I'm coming. (DOOR OPENS OFF ON WIND) Holy smokes! It's  
16 a woman! Come on in, ma'am. (DOOR CLOSES ON WIND) Right in  
17 there by the fire. That's right....

18 JIM: Here, this way, ma'am. Take this chair.

19 MRS. CARTER: (UPSET) No, no thanks. There's no time...Are you the  
20 Forest Ranger?

21 JIM: Yes ma'am. I'm Jim Robbins. This is Jerry Quick, the assistant  
22 ranger here.

23 MRS. C: I'm Mrs. Carter, from Willow Glen. They told me down at the  
24 village that you would help me, that....(BREAKING DOWN) It  
25 was all my fault, my own fault...I was just stupid and....

JIM: There, there, ma'am...S'pose you tell us what's wrong.





JERRY: Think I ought to get Mrs. Robbins, Jim?

JIM: No, wait, Jerry...All right now, Mrs. Carter, what's the trouble?

MRS. C: My sons, Jack and Bobby, they're....they're out in the forest  
somewhere, all alone.

JERRY: (WHISTLES) Out in the forest? Tonight?

MRS. C: Yes.

JIM: You're sure, ma'am?

MRS. C: Oh yes. Here, see? This note. I found it when I got home about  
an hour ago.

JERRY: Let's see it. (READING) Dear Mother, Bobby and I are going  
camping. We are going up to Pilot Knob...

JIM: Pilot Knob?

JERRY: That's what it says....(READING) up to Pilot Knob in the Pine  
Cone Forest and camp out like we did that time with Dad. We are  
taking plenty of food and blankets and Dad's tent so we will be  
all right. And, Mother, Bobby and I are sorry we made you angry  
at us this morning and....

MRS. CARTER STARTS TO SOB

JIM: Please ma'am...Go on, Jerry.

JERRY: (READING) and we promise we won't bother you like that again. We  
will be all right, so please don't worry. Your loving son, Jack.  
(STRAIGHT) That's it, Jim.

MRS. C: (TEARFULLY) It was all my fault. They ran away because I.....  
because .....

JIM: Where is your husband, Mrs. Carter?

MRS. C: Bill's in the Navy...somewhere in the Pacific.





1 JIM: Oh, I see.

2 MRS. C: Will you please help me find my boys?

3 JERRY: We better not waste any more time, Jim.

4 JIM: You're right....Mrs. Carter, I think you better stay here. I'll  
5 go get Mrs. Robbins and....

6 MRS. C: No, sir. I'm going with you.

7 JERRY: In those low galoshes and that thin dress and coat? That'd be  
8 crazy, ma'am. It's no picnic hiking up to Pilot Knob on a night  
9 like this.

10 MRS. C: It's as bad as I feared then, isn't it? My children are in  
11 danger?

12 JIM: How old are your boys?

13 MRS. C: Jack's twelve, and Bobby's only ten.

14 JERRY: Gosh, just a couple of kids! Have they ever done much camping  
15 before?

16 MRS. C: They used to go out camping with Bill but this is the first time  
17 alone.

18 JIM: H-m-m. And you really insist on going with us?

19 MRS. C: Yes, Mr. Robbins. I tell you they wouldn't have gone off like  
20 this if I hadn't been so selfish and blind...I must help find  
21 them, I must

22 JERRY: Look, we've got some hiking boots and clothes here at the  
23 Station that oughta fit Mrs. Carter, Jim...They belong to my  
24 girl-friend, Mrs. Carter, You're just about her size.

25 MRS. C: Oh, please let me have them.

JIM

Oh, I see

MRS. G: Will you please help me find my keys?

JERRY: We haven't seen any keys here, Jim

JIM: I think you better look in the car

MRS. G: I'll look with you

JERRY: In those few minutes and that's all I can do for you

MRS. G: It's no picnic thing up to find keys on a

like that

MRS. G: It's as bad as I feared when Jim's in my children's

company

JIM: How old are your boys?

MRS. G: Jack's twelve, and Bob's only ten

JERRY: Jack, just a couple of days have you ever been with

him?

MRS. G: They used to go out walking with him but now in the winter

time

JIM: And you really meant to go with him?

MRS. G: Yes, Mr. Robinson, I tell you they would have gone with

him if I hadn't been so selfish and afraid... I would have

gone, I mean

JERRY: Look, we've got some things here and others here at the

station that you can take home with you. They belong in the

car-trunk, Mrs. G. You'll find them there.

MRS. G: Oh, please let me have them

1 JIM: Go get 'em, Jerry...Try not to disturb Bess. No reason to get  
2 her out of bed until we're back, anyhow....

3 JERRY: Okay, Jim....(GOING OFF) Won't be but a minute....

4 MRS. C: You're very kind.

5 JIM: Mrs. Carter, I'll be frank with you. It is going to be tough,  
6 the climb up to Pilot Knob.

7 MRS. C: I don't care.

8 JIM: We're closer here to Pilot Knob than anyone else in the forest.  
9 Otherwise I'd have sent one of the guards before now...We're got  
10 to have to hustle, all the way.

11 MRS. C: I won't be a drag on you. You'll see.

12 JIM: And if we find those kids of yours...well, I hope they did learn  
13 something about camping from their father, that's all....

14 MRS. C: You're trying to keep me from going, aren't you, Mr. Robbins?  
15 Well, you can't.

16 JIM: All right, ma'am....Here's Jerry with that outfit.

17 JERRY: (COMING ON) Here you are, Mrs. Carter.

18 JIM: You can dress in here, Mrs. Carter...while Jerry and I go get  
19 our things...

20 JERRY: (GOING OFF) The storm's letting up, Jim.

21 JIM: (SLIGHTLY OFF) That's a break...CALLS FROM OFF) Better hurry,  
22 ma'am...we want to get out on that trail (FADES) fast as we can.

23 PAUSE

24 FADE IN SOUND OF WIND, SHUFFLING IN SNOW, SUSTAIN

25 JERRY: (BREATHIN HARD) How's it going, Mrs. Carter?

MRS. C: I...I'm all right...I'm not holding you back?



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 3 JERRY: ...  
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JIM: Not a bit, ma'am ...You've been swell.

JERRY: It won't be long now, Jim. I hope your hunch works out...about  
1 that picnic spot on the south side of the Knob.

2 MRS. C: If they're camped there they may be safe? Is that it?

3 JIM: Well, that's a likely spot if it's started to storm by the time  
4 you're boys got up here. It's kinda sheltered there....We'll just  
5 have to wait and see...(MRS. C. STARTS TO CRY) Aw now, take it  
6 easy, ma'am.

7 MRS. C: (CRYING) I....I can't help it. If anything happened to the  
8 boys.....

9 JIM: Let's take a five, Jerry...We've been going at it pretty steady  
10 and we can stand a little rest.

11 SHUFFLING OUT

12 JERRY: Suits me...Whew!

13 MRS. C: Do we have to stop, Mr. Robbins...I'd like to go on...

14 JIM: (KINDLY) I think it's best...Just catch our breath a little.

15 MRS. C: All right...Mr. Robbins?

16 JIM: Yes ma'am?

17 MRS. C: I'll try not to carry on anymore like I just did.

18 JIM: Skip it....You're really a very brave woman, Mrs. Carter. There  
19 aren't many women who could've stood up to this thing like you  
20 have tonight.

21 MRS. C: We've just got to find my boys, that's all...I feel you ought  
22 to know the whole story, Mr. Robbins.

23 JIM: Now, now, you don't have to tell us anything, Mrs. Carter.  
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... You've been well.

It won't be long now, Jim. I hope your hand gets out...

... the south side of the Knob.

It they've dugged there they may be able to get it.

Well, that's a likely spot if it's covered in snow for all...

you're dig up here. It's kind of sheltered there...

have to wait and see. (Mrs. C. starts to cry) Oh, how...

... again.

(Mrs. C. continues) ... It's nothing happened to me...

... I'm not holding you back?

... he's been going at it pretty hard...

and we can't do a little more?

BEHIND THE CURTAIN

... (Mrs. C. continues)

... I'd like to go down...

(Mrs. C. continues) ... I don't want to go down a little...

... (Mrs. C. continues)

... (Mrs. C. continues)

... I just don't want to go down a little more...

... (Mrs. C. continues)

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MRS. C: I want to. I've been terribly selfish and stupid, Mr. Robbins...

JERRY: Aw now, Mrs. Carter.

MRS. C: It's true. Ever since my husband was called to the Navy, I've been on the go all the time. I kept awfully busy with war work, but then I've been doing a lot of other things too,... just going out with friends and all.....trying to keep my mind off things, I guess. I forgot - yes - I forgot and neglected the most important thing of all, right at home....the job of being a real mother to my two little boys. I realize now they've been just as lonesome, just as heartsick as I ever was since their father left us....

JIM: And this little squabble you had this morning? The one Jack mentioned in this note. That's part of it all?

MRS. C: (WEARILY) Yes...The boys have been really wonderful all along. Our argument this morning was because I told them I was going out with friends tonight and couldn't stay home as they wanted me to. I asked them why in the world they couldn't be more considerate of me.... yes, I accused them of selfishness.....

JERRY: Gosh.

MRS. C: It wasn't the first time they've reached out to me for love and understanding...and I let them down. But I never realized it until I found Jack's note tonight, after I'd come back from my own selfish pleasures.

JIM: Yeah, I see,...Well, I reckon we better get going again...Ready?

MRS. C: I'm ready...And thank you both (FADE) for listening so patiently.

FADE IN SHUFFLING IN SNOW

I want to... I've been terribly selfish and stupid. Mr. [Name]...  
[Name]... [Name]...

It's true... ever since my husband was called to the [Name]...  
I kept [Name]... I kept [Name]... I kept [Name]...

but then I've been doing a lot of other things too...  
[Name]... [Name]... [Name]... [Name]... [Name]...

I guess I forgot - yes - I forgot and neglected the [Name]...  
[Name]... [Name]... [Name]... [Name]... [Name]...

real mother to my two little boys. I realize now that [Name]...  
[Name]... [Name]... [Name]... [Name]... [Name]...

father left me...  
[Name]... [Name]... [Name]... [Name]... [Name]...

restored in [Name]... [Name]... [Name]... [Name]... [Name]...  
[Name]... [Name]... [Name]... [Name]... [Name]...

one agreement this morning was because I said that I was [Name]...  
[Name]... [Name]... [Name]... [Name]... [Name]...

as for I asked them why in the world they couldn't be [Name]...  
[Name]... [Name]... [Name]... [Name]... [Name]...

It wasn't the first time they've cashed out to me for [Name]...  
[Name]... [Name]... [Name]... [Name]... [Name]...

until I found [Name]... after I'd come back from [Name]...  
[Name]... [Name]... [Name]... [Name]... [Name]...

Yeah, I see... Well, I reckon we better get going again...  
[Name]... [Name]... [Name]... [Name]... [Name]...



1 JERRY: Say, the storm's over and the moon's coming out, folks. We're  
2 about there, Mrs. Carter.....

3 JIM: We'll know very soon now if we guessed right about their camp.

4 MRS. C: (EXCITEDLY) Look! Just over there...this side of the big rock....  
5 Isn't that a tent?

6 JIM: It sure is! Sagging a bit with the snow but still standing  
7 anyway.....

8 JERRY: The kids couldn't have pitched it in a better place, and....

9 JIM: Watch her, Jerry! She's going to faint....

10 MRS.C: (WEAKLY) No, I'm all right....My knees, they gave way a bit, that  
11 all....

12 JIM: I'm going to go on ahead. (GOING OFF) You two wait here a  
13 minute.....

14 MRS. C: Thank you... Oh, if they're only there, and safe.

15 JERRY: Jim'll know in a minute. He's opening the tent flap now, see?  
16 (FASTER) Look, Mrs. Carter. They must be alright, 'cause he's  
17 grinning...Jim's grinning, see? He's coming back here....

18 MRS. C: Then they are all right, they are!

19 JIM: (COMING ON - CHEERFUL) They're OK, Mrs. Carter, all OK. Snug  
20 as a couple of bear cubs in a den.....They've got their arms  
21 wrapped around ~~one~~ another and well, they're sound asleep.

22 MRS. C: Could I look in on them, Mr. Robbins? And then ...then I guess  
23 maybe we'd better waken them and get them back home soon as  
24 we can.  
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...the door's open and the woman's coming out, really, really  
about there, the, the, the...

...I'll know that soon now if we succeed right about their camp  
...this side of the big rock...

...I can't see a thing  
...it's some red (something) a bit with the snow but still something  
...anyway...

...The kids couldn't have pitched it in a better place, and...  
...which one, Jerry? Don't you know to which...

...I'm going to go on ahead... (GOING OUT) You two wait here  
...all...

...I'm going to go on ahead... (GOING OUT) You two wait here  
...all...

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...I'm going to go on ahead... (GOING OUT) You two wait here  
...all...

...I'm going to go on ahead... (GOING OUT) You two wait here  
...all...

1 JIM: Maybe not, Mrs. Carter. I've got a sort of idea....

2 MRS. C: What do you mean?

3 JIM: There's room for another in that little tent, ma'am, and  
4 blankets enough, I reckon.....

5 JERRY: Say, that's a swell idea. Why don't you just move in on 'em  
6 Mrs. Carter?

7 MRS. C: In their tent? (EAGERLY) Yes, yes of course....And maybe when  
8 they wake up in my arms....they'll make room for me in their  
9 hearts again.

10 JIM: I don't think those kids would ever close their hearts to you,  
11 ma'am. Not those boys ..... And with this new understanding  
12 you've got, everything's going to be okay, I know.....Well,  
13 we'll be up to meet you first thing in the morning.

14 JERRY: Sure. Goodnight, Mrs. Carter, and good luck.

15 MRS. C: Wait....All this trouble I've given you tonight...getting you  
16 out like this and....

17 JIM: Forget it, ma'am.

18 MRS. C: I came to you to help me find my boys...but you did more...you  
19 Forest Rangers helped me to find myself again, too. Thank you,  
20 from the bottom of my heart...(FADE) Thank you.....

21 MUSICAL FINALE

22 ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers comes to you each week during the  
23 National Farm and Home Hour as a network presentation with the  
24 cooperation of the Forest Service, United States Department of  
25 Agriculture....

(BERGOFFEN)

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JJ: 1:30  
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...I've got a copy of that...

...I want to see that

There's a note for you in the little box, and...

...I'm sorry...

...I don't know if you just want to see...

...I'm sorry

...I'm sorry (I'm sorry) Yes, you're right... And sorry...

...they want to see it... They'll want to see it...

...I'm sorry

I don't think those kids would ever close their minds to you

...I'm sorry... And with this new understanding

...you've got everything's going to be okay, I know...

...I'll be so glad you think in the morning.

...I'm sorry, but I'm sorry... and good luck

...I'm sorry... I've given you tonight... setting you

...I'm sorry

...I'm sorry

...I'm sorry to see you go... but you did come...

...I'm sorry... I'll find you again, you'll see...

...I'm sorry... (I'm sorry) Thank you...

...I'm sorry

...I'm sorry... I'm sorry... I'm sorry...

...I'm sorry... I'm sorry... I'm sorry...

...I'm sorry... I'm sorry... I'm sorry...

...I'm sorry... I'm sorry... I'm sorry...

(I'm sorry)

...I'm sorry

...I'm sorry