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# PRODUCTION NOTES

### CHARACTERS

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MARY - LUCILLE HUSTING BESS - BESS McCANNON JIM - HARVEY HAYS JERRY - JOHN LARKIN DICK - DAVID ELLIS

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#### REMARKS

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ANNOUNCER: One of the most relentless enemies of the forest is blister rust - the fungous disease which has already killed countless numbers of our valuable five-needled. pince, and still threatens a large part of the forests of northern white pine from Maine to Minnesota and south to Georgia, as well as the western white pine of the Northern Rackles and the sugar pine of California and Oregon ... Blister rust, fortunately, can be controlled; but the control job is a mighty big one, calling for a lot of tough, hard work in the woods. It's a job, however, that must be done, if America's immensely valuable resources of white pine are to be saved. In our National Forests, the fight against blister rust is a continual one, and trained men of the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine join hands will the Forest Rangers to knock out this dread tree disease and keep it knocked out. On the Pine Cone National Forest, for example, a blister rust control camp has been in operation for several weeks. And that's what they're talking about right now as we join our friends Ranger Jim Robbins and his assistant, Jerry Quick, just finishing breakfast at the Ranger Station. Also on hand are Jim's wife, Boss, and Jerry's sweetheart, the local schoolma'an, Mary Hallowayl Here they aro:

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		MARY:	(FADING IN) You just seld the camp was doing a second
	5,		working job, Mr. Robbins. What do you mean by that?
	3.	JIM:	Well, Mary, that Rainy Creek area where the boys are
	4,		working now, we had a crew in there three years ago on
	5.		initial control, see?
	6.	MARY:	And now you're going over the same area the second time.
	7.		I see.
	ి.	BESSI	Why, Jim?
	9	JIM:	Huh?
	20,	BESS:	I say why do you have to go over the same area twice?
	11,		Didn't the workers do a good job the first time?I
	12,		see Jerry grinning away there. Was that a foolish question
	13:		Jørry?
	14,	JERRY:	Oh, no, not at all, Mrs. Robbins. I was just thinking abou
	15.		the CCC boys who did that work three years ago. the way
	16,		they sweat and labored on that job. They really did a swel
	17.		job though, Mrs.Robbing
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JIM: You see, Bess, blister rust control is a tough job. To The keep it from spreading, we've gotta pull out all the 20 ourrants and gooseberry plants anywhere around the pine 3 trees. That's because the disease doesn't spread directly 1 from one pine to another, but only from pines to currant 63 and gooseberry bushes and then back to other pines. 30 6 you see, 11 we get rid of those bushes in the woods, 50 we've got it stopped .... But it means hard, back-breaking 3 work digging out those confounded wild currants and goose-9 berries, Sometimes we get into a heavy growth of 'em and, 10 well, in your first working it's not hard to miss a bush 22 or two. 12

JERRY: And that's not all. Sometimes you don't get all the roots outa the ground and then sprouts come up and 'fore you know it the doggoned plants will be on the spread again, if you don't have a second working. That's about he it is in Rainy Creek, see?

JIM: This second working, though, it's got to be extra thorough
 We oughta be able to forget Rainy Creek though, so far as
 any danger of blister rust coming in on those pines up the
 goes, if the boys do a good job this time.

BESS: You sound a wee bit doubtful, Jim. Are you worried about how good a job they:11 do?

JIM: Oh, I don't know Bess. We've got a good foreman up there of course.

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JERRY: Well, if Jim isn't worried, I am. Shucks, I'm almost afraid to make that first inspection of the work in Rainy Creek we've got scheduled for next week. MARY: Now look here, Mr. Quick. (SPIRITED) I happen to know some of those boys you have at the camp - they used to be students of mine at the school - and I don't see why they shouldn't do just as good a job as anyone else. So, there: JERRY: Ouch! ...Look, Mary, this is the first time we've used high school boys here on the Pine Cone, see? It's

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a green crew, see? They all had a doggonned good training session, but I'm wondering whether it did 'em any good.

JIM: That's right, Mary. I'm wonderin', too, if they're taking this job seriously enough...if they realize that unless the do a careful, thorough job, we might lose our whole investment in saving those pines.

BESS: But Jim, why is it you and Jerry are so doubtful about those boys? You must have some reason.

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Now, don't misunderstand me, Bess. I reckon we're mighty glad to get these boys to help us right now, with the war and labor shortage and all. And maybe Jerry and me are barking up the wrong tree, but, well, frankly there's been a lof of horseplay up at the camp...According to Pete Walsh, he"s our foreman up there you know, accordin' to Pete the boys are spending too much time joking around and playing pranks and, well, they just haven't meshed into the hard-workin<sup>\*</sup> erews they should be.

- MARY: Maybe Mr. Walsh expects too much. He ought to know that boys that age are bound to joke each other and all that sort of thing.
- JERRY: Yes I do. And he's a fine boy too. Don't tell me Tom Bennett has been mixed up in all this hopseplay, because he's not a serious and very conscientious youngster.
- JERRY: Well, he was mixed up in it, all right but not the way you think. As far as I can make out he's been the goat in all this. The other boys have been giving him quite a going-over, I understand.
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A 414 A Page7. BESS: Is that the by whose folks moved into town last year? From the city? Yeah, he's the one, Bess. What happened, Jerry? JERRY: Well, while they were having their field training some of the other boys decided they'd have some fun with their city cousin, as they call him.

7 MARY: That's not far. Just because Tom is a city boy is no reason 8 why the local by s should pick on him.

**JERRY:** Youngsturs don't always play the game that way, Mary. Well, 10 enyway, they took advantage of his ignorance of the woods, 11 and set him to digging in a clump of green buches that shoy 12 told him was wild gooseberry.

13 BESS: Green bushes? What were they, Jerry?

14 JIM: (GRIMLY) I can just about guess.

18 DERRY: Yeah. They were mostly poison oak, Mrs. Robbins.

16 MARY: Oh, what a mean trick!

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17 JERRY: Yep. Young Bennett got a bad dose of poisoning and just got 18 back on the gob a coupla days ago .....

19 BESS: I think that's one of the meanest, most thoughtless practical 20 jokes I've ever heard of.

23. JERRY: Kinda rough on the boy all right, but I guess he'll just have 22 to learn to take it. I understand Pote Walsh gave the boys a plenty hot lecture about it ... (SOUND OF CHAIR PUSHED BACK) 23 24 Hey, where you going, Jin?

JIM; Get the pickup outs the garage, Jerry. We're goin' to do a little inspecting on that blister rust control job in Rainy

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1 BESS: Oh, I'm gled, J1m.

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 JERRY:
 But look, Jim, we didn't plan to make that trip 'til next

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 week.

4 MARY: Plans, plans! Is that all that matters to you, Jerry?

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   JERRY:
   It matters plenty nowadays, with our war-load heavy as it is.

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   JIN:
   No, Jerry. Sometimes you gotta change plans when human

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   behavior and human feelings come into the picture. I've

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   gotta hunch we'd better be looking into things up there at

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   Rainy Creak right now...Excuse us, Bess, and Mafy, will yuh?
- 10 (FADE) Coming, Jerry?
- 11 PAUSE:
- 12 (SOUND OF SPLACH)
- 13 JERRY: (FADING IN) Doggone 1t, Rainy Creek is right! Whoever named
  14 this drainage area, Jim, must've had to walk through it right
  15 after a rainy spell.
- 18 JIM: (CHUCKLING) What's the matter, Jerry. Step in a puddle?
- 17 JERRY: Yeah, clear up to my boot top.
- 18 JIM: Well, it ain't nearly as bad here as it is in that swamp
  area up ahead, Jerry. That's really wet.
- 20 JERRY:Yeah. And those kids we've got working here pulling bushes...21 if we don't watch 'em pretty close, I'll bet they'll pass up22 the wet spots and just work the dry places. Gee, I wish we23 had some of our old crews in here, Jim.
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2	JIM:	It's our job to see that these boys one through, Jerry, just
• 2		like Mary said. I'm thinking if we can get to the bottom of this
• 3		trouble young Tom Bennett's been having and root that out, the
" &	-	boys will come through rooting out the bushes. Sometimes it's
. 6		as simple as that, you know
• 6	JERRX:	I hope you're right, JiaSay, those kids oughte be working
?)		right along here somewhere, according to what the foremen told
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• 9	JIN:	Yeah, they're right up ahead there, see? Looks like they're
10		having a prosty good time anyway
. 32	Sound of 1	DIGGING AND BRING ON LAUGHTER, SHOUTS AND WIESECRECKS:"DIG,
. 75	BROTHER DI	IG, " "WE'RE IN THE ARMY NOW, " ETC.
13	JIM:	(CALLING) Hello there, felles!
.14	DICK:	(SLICHTLY OFF) Holy smokes, it's the Rangers! (SOTTO) Get to
18		work, you guys
16	JIM:	Morning!
.17	VOICES:	Good morning, Ranger.
28	JIM:	Who's in charge here?
19	DICE:	(ON) I an, sir. I'm Dick Johnson. I'm supposed to be crew
- 20		leader, sir.
57	JERRY:	H-m-m. Only five of you, huh?You're working one two-man crew
22		and one three-man outfit, is that it, Dick?
23	DICE:	Yes siruh, I mean no sireI'm really in charge of six
24		men. One of 'en, a fellow by the name of Bennett, Tom
25		Bennett, he's back a ways in the swamp, though. He's got some
		pratty screwy ideas about this job, see? So we kinda let him
		roll al ong on his own

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2.	JIM:	Isn't that kinda dengerous, Dick? Lettin' a man work off by
-		himself in a swamp area?
4	JERRY:	Yesh, and what about breaking up your crew? Seems to me if
.5		you were assigned three-man units, you oughta carry on that
37		wey.
77	DICK:	Well, gosh, Ranger, Bennett's got some screwy notions, I tell
•8	v	Juh. And enother thing, he rufused to follow my orders
•9		Dián't he, fellas?
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-> 5.3	JIH:	If that's the case you should a sent him back to camp, not let
.18		him work on by himself By the way, what were these orders,
, 13		Diok?
1.4	DICK:	Well, I told him to keep up with the crews. But he wouldn't
10		do it; he said we weren't getting all the bushes in the swamp.
. 2.6	JIN:	Weren't you?
17	DICK:	Sure. All except maybe in some of the wettest places.
1.8	JERRY:	Good gravy!
18	J.IN:	And you, Dick, you think Bennett's screwy, huh?
-20	DICK:	Yes sir. I think Bennett's all wet Say that's pretty good,
. 21		huh fellas? Bennett's all wetget 1t?
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	E	(STERNLY) All right, quit it, all of you. If there's my
1		joko I'č say it's on you fellas. Bennett's right about the
3		job, Dlok, and you're wrong, dead wrong. Good gravy, boy
1		this job you're on isn't any Sunday School pionic. You der
174		on to control blister rust, not to play along and skip and
S.		rough going you cane to. We want you to have some fun. all
J.		but we don't sin to secrifice the work of protecting our pl
* #		trees up here against a killing desease.
3	DICK:	Well, goch, we didn't think missing a few plants in the wet
14		spots would matter so much.
in al	JERRY:	Look, Jin, we ought a find this Bennett kid He might get i
10 P.		a sink hole or something and being alone like that.
17 E 200 Par	J.M.:	Cell him in, Dick;
J.	DICK:	All right. (CALLS) Hey Tom Tom Bennett Hey Tom ) PRI
<b>急</b> 代。		Gesh, that's funny. He was just back there a little ways
36		few minutes ago (CALLS) Hey, Tom Bennett
記で	JIN:	(FAST) Come on, all of youGet going. We've gotta find L
and a		Bennett lad pronto.
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	DICX:	(FADING IN) (FRIGHTENED) Well will he be all right, Bange
- Ce	JIM:	Yoah, I think so give me that aromatic spirits of summi
Đĩ.		JorryTherePull it in, feller. That's it. Breathe
234		deep
20	JERRY:	Ha's going to be all right, Jin Lucky he didn't get much
		water in himSee, he's coming around.

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•	JIN:	Good boy! No, don't try to say anything, Tom. Just 119
5	2	quist there That's it Jerry, Take over here, will you?
	3	Keep rubbin' his arms and legsLet these other boys help,
*		too I want to talk to Dick for a minute
63	DIC:	(BRAVELY) Yes sir! And I want to talk to you, sir.
6	JIM:	Good enoughlet's go over there under that tree! Dick.
7	DICR:	Yes sir.
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9	JIM:	All right, Dick, go ahead
1	O DICK:	Ranger, I hope you'll believe me
7	JIM:	Co on, Dick
(Pro-)	Z DICK:	I guess I know now what this is all about, sir Honest I do.
]	3	Andend I'm sorry, sir, that, well, that Tom had to nearly
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1	5 JIM:	You did a good job, getting him out, Dick
4	6 DICKS	That 's not importantk sir What I want to say is this.
1		About this job. I suppose you'll be firing me after all this
j={	8	troubleBut just the same I'd like you to know that I
2	9	understand everything now that you and Mr. Walsh tried to
2	0	to drill into this duab skull of mine. Tom Bennetthe
2	1	had something, right from the start, that the rest of us
2	22	birds didn't have. I can see that now. Tom, he know there
2	3	was more to doin' this job right then just drawing pay and
2	4	filling his belly full of food
	JIM:	Yes, I guess he did, Dick.

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DICK: Tom started out to save the pines...that's just the way he put it, sir...and we all just kidded him and played a lotta nasty tricks on him...Looks like the laugh's on us, now... Well, that's all, Ranger,....'cept this. You won't have to worry none about the other boys now. I can tell they'll never let you down again, and, well, I'm asking that you just let me go and keep the other fellas. They'll be all right from now on, sir....

JIN: Is that all, Dick?

10 DICK: Yes, sir..and...and now youwanted to talk to me?

JIM: Yeah..All I wanted to say was that Jerry and me, we'll take Tom back to capp. We'll have Mr. Walsh send out another man to take his place, for the time being. And as for you... well, Dick, I'd appreciate it if you stayed on here and ran this crew the way, I know now you can run it...I knda think we can depend on you, boy, to help save our pines...

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