

TALES OF REAL DOGS - By Albert P. Terhune

TARSAN: A Glorious Highland Collie

His registration name was "Auchamore Tarsan." He belonged to Sandy Gilmour, head shepherd of the famed Auchamore Farm, in the Scottish West Highlands.

There had been hot rivalry between Auchamore and Ballochyle farms, in the sheep-dog trials that were the chief sporting event of that region.

Hector was the best male collie of Auchamore, Ballochyle Missie was the rival farm's champion herding collie. Tarsan was their son, and was destined to be a greater dog than either of them.

When Tarsan was still a black-and-white-and-tan puppy, nine months old, Sandy Gilmour began to train him. No fight manager ever took more pains in the shaping up of a promising young pugilist than did Gilmour in the education of this collie pup.

From the outset, Tarsan learned almost faster than his owner could teach him, Sandy realized that this collie of his was going to be the wonder of the neighborhood.

Less than a year later, Gilmour took the young dog to a "flat trial," as it was known. In other words, to the sheep-dog trials which were held in a large and level field, in which there were no serious obstacles to be overcome.

There was plenty of keen competition, but Tarsan won with ease. He was little more than a puppy. Yet every expert who saw him in those first trials prophesied a golden future for him.

A year after that, Tarsan was entered for the nation-renowned public field trials at Daillongart, over one of the most difficult courses in Scotland. The prize was a silver cup and fifty dollars in gold.

The best does of the countryside were on hand for a try at winning the double awards. Collie after collie was put over the course, with the sheep chosen for it to work with. Collie after collie acquitted itself brilliantly.

Among the first half dozen that were tried out, Tarsan's mother, Ballochyle Missie, was easily the best. At last Sandy Gilmour was ordered to bring forward young Tarsan.

I am going to describe his exploits in those trials in the vivid words of the Reverend Dr. William Bulloch, who was an expert eye-witness. Dr. Bulloch wrote:

"Six black-faced Moorland shep were let out of a pen, and they rushed wildly for the hills. 'Away-a-wide, Tarsan!' Gilmour ordered. And instantly Tarsan was at work.

"Moving with a long, easy graceful stride, he covered the ground at a great pace, 'keping,' hunting, turning, coaxing obedient to every command of Gilmour's. The fine young collie brought his wild charges through the fenced lane and up to the 'waterfall obstacle.'"

"At sight of the cascade of falling water, the six sheep turned and tried to run back past the dog. But Tarsan was too quick, too sure, for them. The sheep were headed again, by him toward the waterfall.

"With a sudden rush, Tarsan cornered them behind the fall, then drove them trough, and up the hill into the pen. Not a sheep was wet!

"Tarsan penned his six sheep in forty-eight seconds less than the time his ram, Ballochyle Missie had taken to do the same thing. And two of Missie's six sheep had gotten their wool wet.

"At the end of the trials, young Tarsan was declared winner. When the Winner's Rosette was fastened around his neck by the judges, Sandy Gilmour was the proudest man in the Highlands."

In a day, Tarsan had become famous throughout all Scotland. Many a rich man would have paid a big price for the great collie. But Gilmour would not part with him for any sum. He loved the dog as he might have loved a child of his own.

But, that was a hard-working district, and even a prize-winner must work every day and all day for his master's livelihood. He could not be petted and coddled and allowed to loaf, like so many champion show-dogs.

So Tarsan was put back to shepherding as soon as his victory was won.

Winter was drawing near. The choice breeding stock must be separated from the main flock of Auchamore sheep and driven to the low country feeding grounds, for the cold months.

This job fell to Archie Gilmour, Sandy's only son, who was as devoted to Tarsan as was his father. The sheep were to go by boat, and had to be driven to the port and then guided aboard the barge which was to take them to the new pasturage. A judge of dogs who stood on the pier to see the fun wrote:

"It was a delight to the eye to watch Tarsan work that flock of eighty sheep toward the boat. Men whose words were few, but who knew sheep-dogs, said: 'Gilmour, you never worked a better collie than that!'"

A couple of days after reaching the lowland pasturage, Archie decided to move the sheep to another field. As they were driven past a wire fence one of them spied a narrow gap in it and galloped through. Several others followed, before Tarsan could get to them.

Now the wire fence was there to separate that field from the railroad tracks which ran close alongside it. The bunch of runaway sheep had dashed through the gap, straight onto the railroad tracks. Archie Gilmour shouted: "Away-a-away, Tarsan, lad!"

Tarsan flashed through the gap and onto the track, herding the strays and turning them back toward the hole they had scrambled through. It was then that an express train rounded the curve beyond, and came whizzing toward them at something like sixty miles an hour.

The moor-bred collie never before had seen or heard a railroad train. To him it must have seemed like a gigantic black monster rushing down upon him. But he didn't flinch from his work. It was his job to guard those foolish sheep from every peril. And he did.

Swiftly, coolly, brilliantly, he rounded them up, turned them and sent them safely back into the field. As he worked, he snarled furious defiance at the shrieking and rumbling black monster, as if seeking to scare it away.

As the last sheep scuttled back through the gap into the field, the locomotive smote the gallant collie, hurling him high into the air. He fell across the fence, stone-dead, his beautiful body crushed; his neck broken.

He had put duty ahead of his own safety, and it had cost him his life. It had been his job to save those miserable sheep. He had saved them. Unshrinkingly, he had paid the fearful cost.

When the other shepherds came running up, they found Archie Gilmour on the ground, holding the dead collie's head in his arms, and crying his heart out.

When old Sandy heard the news of Tarsan's death, he mourned as though for a member of his own family.

SUGAR TO REMAIN IN STATES
Provo, Utah — (UP) — Approximately 10,000,000 pounds of sugar produced in Utah and Idaho will be used in those states during this year's berry canning season, judging from estimates of six sugar concerns operating in Utah and Idaho.

For Formal Wear



Tailors for formal wear is the winter fashion note and Helen Vinson, film actress, gives us a preview with this costume. The blouse is of organdy with a skirt of white crepe. The stagger coat of crepe is trimmed with silver fox.

is completed, 10 tubes of 200,000 volts and three tubes of 200,000 volts will be in operation.

The additional equipment was rendered necessary by the increased number of patients seeking treatment, Dr. Grendreau, director, declared.

Not for Keeps.

From Smith's Weekly, Sydney. Friend to young wife contemplating divorce? Remember, dear, you took your husband for better or for worse.

Young Wife: But I didn't take him for good, did I?

What Socialites Wear at the Seashore



Dame Fashion is in full play at the smart seashore resorts and here are four of New York's social elite at Southampton, L. I., wearing costumes that attracted considerable attention, including that of our photographer. Left to right are Mrs. Herbert Weston, Mrs. Orson D. Munn, Mrs. John Carney, Mrs. Byron C. Foy.

STATE STUDIES WATER SUPPLY

Harrisburg, Pa. — (UP) — Like Ponce de Leon, Pennsylvania is looking downward for the best water.

Thus Philip H. Dewey, secretary of internal affairs, hopes to solve the drinking water problems of many communities. His first report on a series of underground water studies has just been issued.

The report covers Southwestern Pennsylvania. It sums up climatic conditions, including details of precipitation, surface features, sequence and character of the rock formations, source and occurrence of ground water and problems of its development.

He pointed out that in many areas, particularly those most thickly populated, the surface streams are polluted by sewage and industrial wastes, and water from them is unfit for drinking until purified. As a result, numerous communities have turned to ground water as sources of supply.

Raced With Cotton

Mission, Tex. — (UP) — H. S. Edwards, school principal near here, raced 310 miles with a bale of cotton at 62 miles an hour to deliver the season's first bale at Houston and settle an old football grudge.

He started three hours after Manuel Olivarez left with another bale from Rio Grande, community where Edward's football team was beaten last year and he and his players chased out of town.

Winning the race fulfilled Edwards' vow to beat Rio Grande at something.

State Abolishes Old

Harrisburg, Pa. — (UP) — The old-time county institutes, which for more than three-quarters of

New Dinner Frock



A charming dinner frock, worn by Miriam Hopkins, screen star, is fashioned of white linen with an Aztec design on belt and bodice in green, blue and orange. Note the unusual arrangement of the wide sleeves.

a century have provided rural school teachers an opportunity to gather and discuss their teaching methods and problems, have been abolished in Pennsylvania. In their place, the legislature has suggested that teachers convene in brief, local meetings, called at the discretion of the

county superintendent. Teachers in urban centers will continue to meet at district meetings.

County teacher institutes were started in Pennsylvania before the establishment of normal schools and were intended to give teachers opportunity to study teaching methods. The first known institute was held for two-weeks in 1848 in Warren county. The gatherings became general through the 1850's and were legalized by the General Assembly in 1867.

Mason-Dixon Line Stone Placed in Museum

Harrisburg, Pa. — (UP) — A part of the historic Mason-Dixon line has been placed in the Pennsylvania State museum on permanent exhibition.

Weathered almost beyond recognition, one of the original crown stones that marked the line separating two colonies and later used as a dividing line between Free states and Slave states has been included in exhibits in the Gettysburg museum.

The marker was brought from Britain and set in place in 1767. The coat of arms of Lord Baltimore and William Penn, respectively, on opposite sides of the stone indicate the dividing line between the two colonies.

Governors Pinchot of Pennsylvania and Ritchie of Maryland authorized removal of the stone from its site on a farm between Gettysburg, Pa., and Harney, Md., and a new marker was set on the spot.

The stone is of sandstone formation, 12 x 14 inches in size, and four and one-half feet high.

Plane Rushed Surgeon

300 Miles to Operation

Portland, Ore. — (UP) — A 300-mile hurry call in an airplane to operate on a patient is one of the achievements of Dr. Ralph Fenton, Portland brain specialist.

Recently he left Portland at 3:30 p. m. for Baker, Ore., 300 miles east, across the mountains, operated, packed up his instruments and arrived home by 8:30 a. m. the next day.

Out Our Way



By William

U. S. Becomes Silver

Minded, Experts Declare

New York — (UP) — Discussion at the World Economic Conference over the coinage of silver calls attention to the fact that in 1922 about 20 times as much silver was used in the arts and industries as in new coinage in the United States, according to reports.

The United States readily leads the world in the use of silver in the arts, science and industries, and consumes about three times

as much of the metal as Britain. Nearly 10,000,000 ounces of silver goes into sterling silverware for our homes. As the price of silver has dropped, it also has become generally used for sources of different purposes in science and industry. The chief use of silver in industry is in photography, especially for making the miles of films which unroll in the movie theaters. The smelters and refiners have made a fine art of reclaiming silver, so that 80 per cent of the silver once used in films eventually is recovered and used

again. According to silver authorities 22,000,000 ounces were used in 1922 for a great variety of purposes as compared with 1,200,000 ounces which was coined into the familiar currency of the country.

LIZARD SKELETON SHOWN

St. Louis — (UP) — The skeleton of a 12-foot, 400-pound lizard, which died in the zoo here, is being mounted and will be exhibited at the Chicago World's Fair. The stuffed body of the animal probably will be sent to some large museum.

FRENCH HONOR BLASCO IBANEZ

Paris — (UP) — As a testimony of its great respect for the Spanish writer, Blasco Ibanez, President Albert Lebrun of France has accepted the presidency of a committee named to erect a monument here to the memory of the author of the "Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse." He died on French soil at Mentone two years ago.

The sculptor chosen for the work is M. La Monaca, and the subject of his design represents the figure of the romancer returning from an impetuous ride evoking the "Four Horsemen."

Other members of the committee include M. de Madariaga, Spanish Ambassador; M. de Toledo, Ambassador from the Argentine Republic; M. de Zulueta, Spanish Minister of Foreign Affairs; Louis Barthou, Leopoldo Bellan, Joseph Caillaux, G. Campinchi, Camille Chautemps, Pierre Cot, Marquis d'Anglone, Charles Danielou, J. L. Dumesnil, Jean Fabry, P. E. Flandin, Henry Pate, Edouard Herriot, L. J. Malvy, G. Menire, J. Mistler, Adreïn Oudin, Raymond Patenotre, Marcel Plaisant, J. M. Renaitour, Leon Riotor, Isidore Tournan; Albert Buisson, president of the Tribunal of Commerce; Jean Chiappe, prefect of the police; Emile Fabre, administrator of the Comedie-Francaise; Maurice Sarraut, director of the Depeche de Toulouse; Juan Serra, president of the Spanish Chamber of Commerce here; Albert Bernard, Louis Bertaud, Henry Bordeaux, Georges Lecomte, Paul Valery, of the French Academy; Alfred Bachelet, Alfred Bruneau, Ferdinand Brunot, Paul Chabas, Gustavo Charpentier, Funck Brentano, Paul Leon, Louis Lumiere, Charles Richet of the Institute.

Vine in Dual Role Grows Potatoes and Tomatoes

Holly Springs, Mass. — (UP) — A vine that bears tomatoes at the top and potatoes under the ground at the roots is doing double duty for Sidnep White, here.

Last year he grafted a tomato sprout in a potato vine and saved the potatoes that grew under this vine. The potato planted produced the vine bearing tomatoes at the top and potatoes under the ground.

The vine has leaves shaped like those of a tomato vine, but thick like potato leaves and having no stain or odor. This year the vine bore seven potatoes and 14 tomatoes.

Gust of Wind Reunited Old-Time Friends

Huntington, Ind. — (UP) — A gust of wind which swept across the parading ranks of Civil war veterans during the annual state encampment here reunited two friends separated for 48 years.

The hat of Will H. Hannan, Fort Wayne, war veteran, was swept from his head, William Nelson, Huntington, a bystander caught the hat.

Introductions revealed that Hannan had directed a band in which Nelson played 50 years ago.

Chinese General to Give

F. D. R. Silk Picture

Chicago — (UP) — President Roosevelt will be presented with a hand-woven silk picture of himself by General Ho Chin, governor of the Hunan Province.

The picture, valued at \$1,000 was woven by one of the greatest silk weaving artists of China, Kim Wah Lee. It measures 36 by 48 inches, and is executed in colored silk. So accurate is the portrait as to detail that many of the visitors at the Chinese pavilion, World's fair, have mistaken it for a colored photograph.

Present plans call for the presentation to take place at the Chinese legation at Washington, or at the fair should the president attend.

Idaho Legionnaire Awarded History Prize

Chicago — (UP) — C. A. Robins of St. Maries, Ida., has been awarded first prize in the annual contest conducted by the American Legion for the best history of a legion post.

The title of Robins' essay was "History of Benewah Post 25, St. Maries, Ida."

Second prize was awarded to George C. Robinson of Cedar Falls, Iowa, while Edward E. Lyons of Philadelphia was given third prize.

U. S. COIN FOUND IN FISH

Rock Springs, WYO. — (UP) — William R. Gilpin caught one of the finest Mackinaw trout ever angled from a stream in this section this season. But the high point of this fish story was the discovery Gilpin made when he cleaned the trout. He found a United States coin, an 1898 nickel.

C. C. C. Camp Reunites Brothers After 13 Years

Sequoia National Park Cal.—(UP) — Establishment of a Civilian Conservation Corps camp in Sequoia Park brought together two brothers who had not seen each other in 13 years.

W. H. Herr, Denair, Cal., rancher, and Dr. A. H. Herr, army medical officer attached to the camp, were united when the rancher read a newspaper list of the camp's officers.

Montreal Radium Institute To Increase Capacity

Montreal — (UP) — The Radium Institute here soon will become one of the outstanding cancer treatment institutions in the world.

Already classed among the five leading ones in the North American continent, an extensive program of installation of new equipment and elaborate improvements in the present apparatus will make the Institute one of the greatest of its kind.

When the work now underway