

DOG TALES

by Kellie

(Submitted by Miss Ruth Villa, Roselle Park, New Jersey)



MANY tales are told about big brave dogs, who, judging from their pedigrees and their seeming intelligence, would always perform heroic deeds as may be expected because of their ancestry and environment.

Well, "Rags" was just a mongrel with questionable heritage and his environment was any place where food was found and a friendly pat on the head was offered. Yet to this plain dog, I'm indebted for my life.

Some friends and I spent our Xmas vacation skiing up in Manchester, Vermont. "Rags" was "temporarily boarding" at the lodge, for, because of the large skiing crowd, the kitchen was working overtime and there were often many choice bits of meat left over for "Rags".

My friends were good skiers. I, a novice at the sport, decided to go off and practice in solitude before endeavoring a public debut.

It wasn't long before my skiing took me further from the lodge than I should have strayed. On one slope, I took the wrong turn and crashed into a steep incline. My ankle was in terrible pain, and I couldn't move myself to crawl out of the hole. Night came, and it grew very cold. Snow began to fall and my calls for help brought no response.

When all seemed in vain, and I was certain I'd freeze to death—who should appear on the edge of the hole—but good old "Rags"! I was very excited to see him so far from the lodge, and I called him down to where I was. Removing my scarf, I knotted it around his shaggy head and sent him back—hoping that someone would see the scarf and recognize it as mine.

Sure enough—he got to the lodge, attracted so much attention by his hairy, and peculiar behavior, that everyone saw him, and my friends, who had gone off in the wrong directions to search for me, recognized the scarf and followed "Rags".

He led them to where I was, and jumped around in glee when they lifted me from the hole. As I was carried back to the lodge, "Rags" led the parade by marching proudly in front.

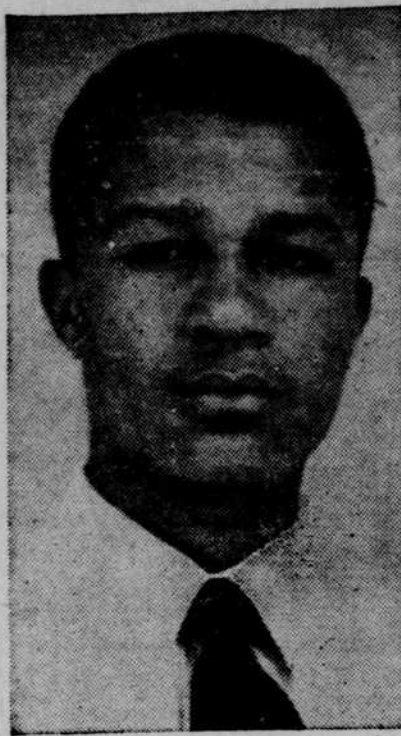
Give your dog an extra pat for his constant loyalty. And feed him well with the nutritious dog food, unadorned, at your grocer's.

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KELLIE—his mark

Wins Craftsman Award



TOP HONORS for Georgia in the 1947 model car design competition of the Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild were won by William G. Walker, Jr., of Columbus, who took the first place state senior division award of \$100 for his sleek looking model car. Young Walker won a second place state award in the 1946 competition. An educational organization sponsored by General Motors, the Craftsman's Guild encourages the development of creative ability, handwork and craftsmanship among teen-age boys.

Oil Interests Continue Fight for Tidelands

The momentous decision of the Supreme Court, upholding Federal ownership of the valuable oil lands off the coast of California, has not ended the rapacity of oil barons, seeking to exploit nature's resources, or private profit.

A billion dollars may be involved. Justice Black who wrote the opinion said:—

"The crucial question on the merits is not merely who owns the bare legal title to the lands under the marginal sea. The United States here asserts rights in two capacities transcending those of a mere property owner. In one capacity it asserts the right and responsibility to exercise what ever power and dominion are necessary to protect this country against dangers to the security and tranquility of its people incident to the fact that the United States is located immediately adjacent to the ocean. The Government also appears in its capacity as a member of the family of nations. In that capacity it is responsible for conducting United States relations with other nations. It asserts that proper exercise of these constitutional responsibilities requires that it have power, unencumbered by state commitments, always to determine what agreements will be made concerning the control and use of the marginal sea and the land under it. Legislation nationalizing oil would settle the issue.

Instead, oil interests will make another great effort to get legislation vesting ownership in the state of California, which has granted many permits for prospecting, and a good deal of oil has already been extracted from this area.

Congressman Norris Paulson of California has started working for legislation surrendering the Federal Government's interest in Tidelands to the states.

Senator Sheridan Downey of California also urged that Congress enact legislation "to secure a quitclaim"—so states could legalize private exploitation of this vanishing natural resource, which belongs to the people of America. Attorney General Tom C. Clark will seek legislation to set national policy on tide land oils, and is co-operating with the Department of the Interior on regulations to permit present holders of state leases to continue exploration and exploitation of oil in what is known as "the marginal sea area"—with royalties payable to the Federal Government, instead of to California.

Federal officials are now studying what part of the California sea area shall be set apart as naval oil reserves, and what shall be left for private exploitation.



The International Business Machines corporation of Endicott, N. Y., was host a short time ago Negro Insurance association, who

attended an IBM customers' school for improving general insurance office employees, over and above transportation, to take advance courses in handling their machines installations and services

House Committee in Anti-Lynch Bill Dodge

NEW YORK.—Roy Wilkins, NAACP assistant secretary, today took issue with Congressman Earl C. Michener, (R-Mich) Chairman of the House Committee on the Judiciary, who contended that advocates of H. R. 3488, a Federal Anti-Lynch bill, should concentrate their efforts

on the Senate. The Michigan Republican declared, "there is no doubt in my mind that if the bill in question were reported by this Committee to the House its passage would be assured. However there is considerable doubt as to whether or not the Senate would give it favorable action, since opposition there is more determined than in the House."

Mr. Wilkins, in commenting on this Congressional "buck-passing" in a letter to Congressman Michener stated, "We note once again your position that the legislation should first be taken up in the Senate since the opposition there is much more determined than in the House." Also your feeling that "the House of Representatives not be called upon to go through useless motions." "This Association directs your attention to the action of the House, in passing his anti-lynch bill 290-112. This legislation was not out of committee in a matter of minutes and was called up under suspension of the rules and driven through by the House leadership despite the fact that everyone concerned as well aware that the opposition to this legislation in the Senate is, to use your words, "much more determined than in the House."

Knockabout Chairs If you have knockabout chairs in the sunroom or on "sabbatical leave" from the summer porch and their appearance is not everything you desire, consider making simple slipcovers for them. Use strong fabrics like ticking or oilcloth in fast colors, so they can be tossed regularly into the washing machine.

Nebraska Veteran Population 127,000

Recent surveys indicate an eventual World War II veteran population of 127,000 in Nebraska, it was revealed today by Ashley Westmoreland said, includes the veterans already discharged by the armed forces and the soldiers, sailors and marines still in service. The potential will increase until the official termination of the war which has not yet been declared, he added.

The minimum potential veteran population of World War II for the nation is estimated at 16,000,000, Westmoreland disclosed. By comparison, World War I produced 4,627,000 veterans; the Civil War, 1,849,000 Union Army veterans and the Spanish-American War, 381,000, for a combined total of 6,857,000, which is considerably less than one-half of the minimum estimated for World War II alone, he added.

The estimated veteran populations for the other four states in VA's Branch 8 area, with headquarters at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, are: Minnesota—296,000; Iowa, 252,800; Nebraska 127,200; North Dakota 63,200, and South Dakota 60,800.

Clover From Italy

Crimson clover was introduced into the United States from Italy in 1818.

Hail Governor Herbert's Action in Wilberforce Crisis As Statesmanlike

COLUMBUS, O.—Indicated will inness of Governor Thomas J. Herbert to take steps to cause all property and facilities owned by the State of Ohio at Wilberforce to be turned over to the University Board of Trustees on condition that no further appropriations be asked from the State was unanimously hailed as statesmanlike this week by citizens throughout Ohio.

This is now being generally regarded as the real answer to the question as to what should be done relative to the operation of two separate colleges at Wilberforce—one sponsored by the State of Ohio and one by the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Definite action by the University Board of Trustees and high church officials declaring their readiness to assume full responsibility and place the entire resources of the AME Church as a guarantee of the future continued operation and maintenance of the University is being widely applauded.

Conferring with Governor Herbert this week on possible favorable action was a delegation of citizens, representing the Ohio Citizens Committee, headed by Dr. Wallace M. Wright, Cincinnati; Wm. Hodge, Chairman, Cleveland; Mrs. Ethel Prear, Dayton; Miss Cora Jordan White, Columbus; Mrs. R. E. Taylor, Secretary, Newark; Foster Rucker, Columbus; Mrs. Virginia Guy, Steubenville, C. M. Reid, Columbus; N. L. McGhee, Cleveland; Dr. R. E. Taylor, Newark; Dr. D. O. Walker, Wilberforce; Mrs. May Cockrel, Cincinnati; Frank R. Veal, Cincinnati; Granville Reid, Dayton; Mrs. Maude Ford, Toledo; Dr. A. S. King, Columbus; D. D. Irvin, Warren; Dr. Charles Spivey, Cleveland

T. W. Chryer, Sandusky; A. H. Sumpter, Toledo; Mrs. Dorence Travers, Alliance; L. G. Long, Dayton; Elmer Burns, Columbus; Evermont Robinson, Beltre; and others.

It is freely predicted that action by Governor Herbert to accomplish this desired purpose will be regarded as one of the most significant and far-reaching moves ever undertaken to encourage self-reliance of citizens seeking determinedly to raise their cultural and economic status.

BLINDING HEADLIGHTS CAUSE MANY ACCIDENTS

Last year in Nebraska, 570 highway accidents and 12 fatalities were the result of blinding headlights. Dwight Havens, President of the Nebraska State Safety Council, points out that "most of these accidents could have been prevented had these drivers observed the courtesy of the road and simply depressed the beam of their driving lights as they approached on-coming cars on the highways."

Mr. Havens further reminds drivers that night driving will be even more hazardous this summer due to a great increase in the number of vacationing motorists. Captain Sanders of the Safety Patrol states that headlights which are dim and inadequate are equally as dangerous on the highway as the blindingly bright headlights which is not properly focused or the car which has only one headlight in operation. He urges drivers to make the proper adjustment, replacements, or repair of their headlights and make certain they do not blind on-coming motorists.

Katherine Shryver New Sec'y of Missouri F A C

Miss Katherine Shryver, formerly executive secretary of the National Committee to Abolish the



CATHERINE SHRYVER

Poll Tax and public relations secretary of the National Council of Negro Women, has been appointed state director of the Missouri Progressive Citizens of America. PCA announced this week.

Miss Shryver was born in Coffeyville, Kansas in 1907. After graduating Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Colorado in 1929 she took a walking tour of Ireland, returned to the United States to do editorial work for Scribners Magazine. In 1936 she wrote a book length report on the "History and Culture of the Southern Mountain People" for the Tennessee Valley Authority. She did editorial work for Rand. From 1938 to 1940 Miss Shryver was the her first assignment was the "Collected Works of FDR."

During the war Miss Shryver did volunteer blood bank work in Washington, D. C. and promoted interracial entertainment for soldiers.

From 1944 to 1946, as Executive Secretary for the National Committee To Abolish the Poll Tax, she travelled throughout the country rallying support in the committee's behalf. She also lobbied for anti-poll tax laws in Washington.

In the summer of 1945 she received a medal from the University of Colorado for "contributions to American culture and fight against the vicious poll tax". She served as public relations secretary to the National Council of Negro Women (first vice member of the staff) from 1946 to February, 1947. Miss Shryver is a member of the Capital Club the NAACP, Washington, D. C. chapter executive board, and worked on publicity for the 1947 NAACP National Convention.

"PCA—dedicated to winning FEPC, anti-poll tax laws, anti-lynch bills, equal educational opportunities through federal aid to education and Missouri and other Valley Authorities like TVA the rights of labor and world peace—in an organization that can and is fighting effectively on the Federal, state and local

The Progressive Citizens of America, is composed of independent liberals and progressives organized now in some 400 community chapters and 23 state organizations. PCA works closely with the Southern Conference of Humane Welfare, whose President, Clark Foreman, is a PCA Vice-Chairman.

Offensive Candy Label Removed

NEW YORK.—The recent protest which the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People lodged with the manufacturers and distributors of a candy box enclosed in a racially offensive label and container top was considered satisfactorily acknowledged when Madison S. Jones, Jr., NAACP administrative assistant, received assurances from the Blum Candy Company of San Francisco and New York's Lord and Taylor Company, where the candy was sold, that the product in its present label would be withdrawn from sale immediately.

In replying to the Association's protest, Dorothy Shaver, Lord and Taylor executive stated: "Immediately upon receipt of your letter regarding 'Blum's 17 Darkies' I requested the department to remove this merchandise from sale. Your are right in stating that the policy of Lord & Taylor is one that strives to avoid being offensive to any American.

"Quite naturally, we regret that we did not catch this unintentional inference in this package before you called it to our attention.

"I was particularly pleased with the attitude of the President of the Blum Candy Company. I am sure you already have received his reaction. His letter, I thought, a very fine one.

"Thank you again for calling our attention to this matter." The Blum Candy Company immediately acknowledged receipt of the NAACP's protest with a letter in which he stated: "We appreciate your letter of July eighth. In our thoughtlessness, we felt that little on our licorice package were lovable and cute, and assure you that no ridicule or insult was intended. Apparently we erred, and we are quite willing to accept your reasoning in the matter—instructions have been issued to see that a change is made in the art work and labeling that you consider, at odds with your principles.

One-Fifth of Food Used in America Wasted

A year ago the Fish and Wildlife Service estimated there are probably two rats for each person in the United States and that each rat consumes about fifty pounds of food a year, and wastes of destroys three times as much. The loss of foods chargeable to rate, amounts therefore, to about 56 billion pounds of 28 million tons a year.

Efforts to get more funds for rat eradication failed. In September, 1943, the Food Information Division of the U. S. Department of Agriculture reported on food waste that studies of garbage collected in 247 cities showed it contained "an average of 300 pounds of food which is purchased by American house-holders."

"Adding together (1) the waste from farm to retail store, and (2) the waste in the home, but excluding losses on the farm prior to harvest, total food losses or over-all reduction in weight between amounts harvested and amounts actually consumed appear to be between 20 and 30 percent. The lower figure of 20 percent probably would represent a conservative estimate of over-all losses in this country, even in 1943."

The People's Lobby has submitted these facts to the President and asked him to appeal to the American people to end the food waste which means starvation for many millions in other countries, and to allot adequate funds for rat extermination. This would save a lot of taxes in enabling America to help the world, as we all really wish to.

NAACP PETITIONED SENTENCE REDUCED

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The NAACP has been informed by the War Department that as a result of consideration of a petition for clemency which was submitted on behalf of Calvin Baker, former serviceman tried by General Court-Martial sitting at Augsburg, Germany, on June 9, 1945, his sentence of confinement has been reduced from 25 years to 18 years. Pvt. Baker was tried for alleged violations of the 92nd and 93rd Articles of War—rape and assault with intent to do bodily harm.

STRINGER IS TYPICAL LABOR EXECUTIVE

Typical of the dynamic, young leadership in today's unions is civic-minded 36 year old Monroe



MONROE T. STRINGER

T. Stringer Jr., assistant Manager of the Construction and General Laborers' Union, Local 689, of the American Federation of Labor.

Born in Shreveport, La., Stringer was graduated from New Orleans University and taught school in Morgan City, La., until he cast his lot with organized labor in 1938. He has been an officer since 1940. The labor leader who is married to the former Oena Duputy of Donaldsonville, La., is president of the Steward Board of Mt. Zion M. E. Church, Jackson ave.

BROTHERHOOD SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH DENVER RIO GRANDE RAILROAD

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Last week in the offices of the Denver Rio Grande Western Railroad in Denver, Colorado, negotiation of an agreement concerning wages and working conditions was completed by A. Philip Randolph, International President and M. P. Webster, International Vice-President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, with the Management of the Denver Rio Grande Western Railroad. The Brotherhood, through constant negotiation with the Management of the Railroad was able to secure the restoration of half of the porters who were laid off with prospects of the other half being put back to work in the near future. An increase in pay of fifteen dollars a month was also won for the men, stated A. Philip Randolph.

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