

Lassie Was Missing



The show went on — Officer Pressley's popular traffic show, we mean — but Lassie was missing. When the Charlotte traffic officer appeared at Camp Sapphire Sunday, June 8, his cast was one short. Lassie, his leading dog, died the day before of a violent sickness.

**Something Old . . .
Something New**

Many nuptial superstitions have been handed down through the ages, and some of them have most intriguing histories. JEALOUSY is the basis for various superstitions, best wishes for others. For example

In ancient Egypt, Arabia and India the groom never saw the face of the bride until, on the day of the wedding, he lifted the VEIL and that custom is still with us.

The HONEYMOON dates back to the days when a suitor took his woman by force and spirited her away until such time as it was again safe to come out. It is rumored that the actual word HONEYMOON comes from the custom of Northern Europeans who drank Mead (wine made from honey) for thirty days after the wedding. From this came "honey mouth" then "honeymoon."

The BRIDAL ESCORT stems from the custom of long ago when man gained a wife first by catching her and then subduing her by force. The wise groom of yesterday took a buddy along to help him out if the vixen fought too hard. The BRIDESMAIDS of today are the strong-armed amazons of years gone by and they were the ones who helped the hunted bride battle the ambitious groom.

Rice is the staple food of millions of the earth's people, and therefore is also the emblem of productivity and fruitfulness. So when we toss rice at the bride and groom we are wishing them a happy marriage. The Greeks used to pour flour and sweetmeats over the bride signifying that she is sweet, good and desirable.

The old Russian father of the bride whipped his daughter and then handed the whip to the groom. That proved who was "boss" in those days . . . but such techniques are strictly not in the modern manner, if for no other reason than the title of "boss" has possibly changed hands!

"For months I couldn't discover where my husband spent his evenings."

"And did you find out?"
"Why, one evening I went home and there he was!"

**New Stunt At Fourth Of July Picnic
To Feature "The Battle Of The Bag"**

**Trip To Brevard
Sad For Pressley**

Although his visit to Brevard proved a source of enjoyment to many, Officer Ernest Pressley's trip here with his trained dogs and pigeons was a sad one for him. He lost his show's leading lady, Lassie.

Lassie became violently sick about 10 o'clock Saturday morning, June 7. Mr. Pressley rushed her to Veterenarian Verne Hill at 221 Maple street, but whatever the cause of her sickness was, it was destined to take Lassie's life at 4:30 o'clock that afternoon. Both Mr. Hill and Mr. Pressley were unable to account for her death.

Mr. Pressley carried on with his two appearances here, and although the dogs were a little hesitant at times with their leading lady missing, the show went on. The widely-known Charlotte officer is now looking high and low for a year old Collie to replace Lassie. During the summer he will train another Lassie and his famous safety show will again be on the road next fall to entertain and educate thousands of school children in this section of the country. It is hoped that he can return to Brevard then while school is in session.

Early printers did not divide words at the end of lines with hyphens. Instead, they left out letters and used marks over the nearest vowels to denote omissions.

**Contestants Will Try To
Punch Way Out Of Huge
Paper Bag. Many Failed**

You've heard one boxer tell another that he "couldn't punch his way out of a paper bag." Based on this age-old taunt, a new stunt will be introduced at the Fourth of July picnic.

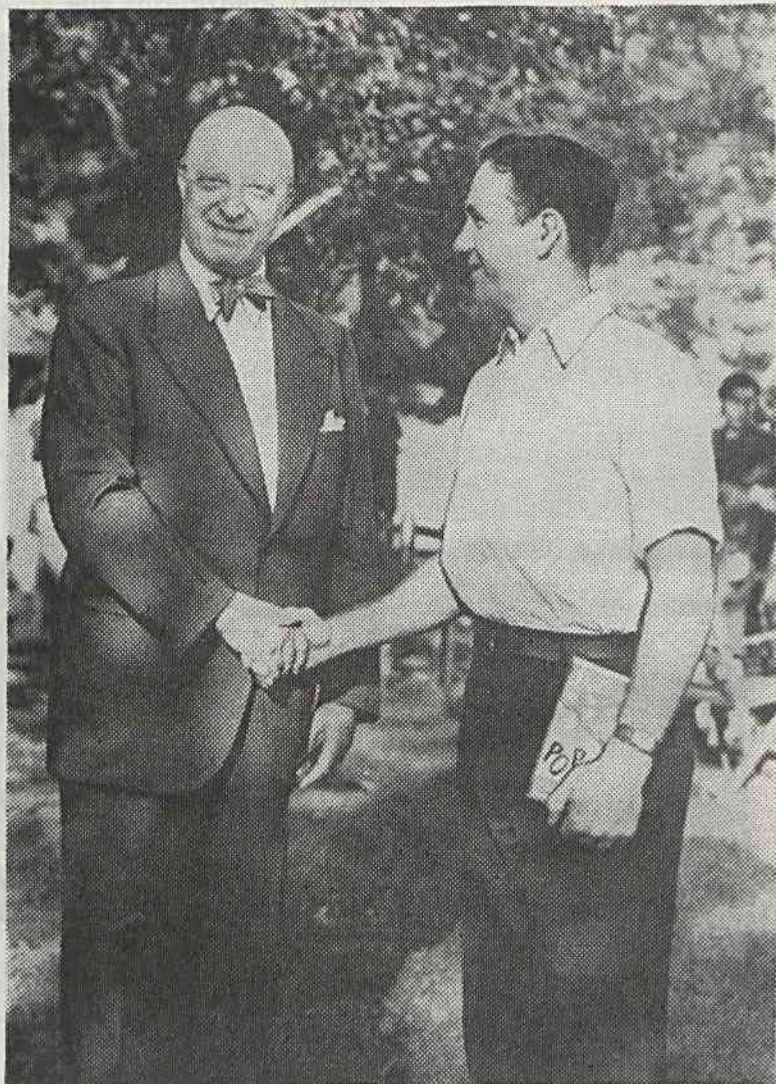
For the occasion, the Union Bag and Paper Company has constructed a multi-wall paper bag of regular grocer's Kraft paper. No special treatment or reinforcement will be added. The bag measures eight feet by two feet, the size of a telephone booth. It is believed to be the largest paper bag in the world.

During the exhibition at the picnic, contestants will be placed in this bag to determine whether or not they can "punch" their way out. A suitable prize will be given to the one who is able to accomplish this feat.

Boxers and other broad-chested athletes around the country have tried—and failed. Among the unsuccessful ones were Bob Feller, Benny Leonard, and Barney Ross. The bag fooled them all until Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Francis Dorsey of Worcester, Mass., licked the bag on their honeymoon trip in New York City.

The popularity of the bag increased to the point where it has captured nationwide interest. As the stunt continued on its merry way, it became known variously as "The Battle of the Bag," "The Paper Punching Bag," and "The Paperweight Championship."

Mr. Harry Straus At Sapphire Opening



One of the busiest men at Camp Sapphire on opening day was our president, Mr. Harry H. Straus. It was not many days after his return from a pleasant vacation in Europe and he was circulating around renewing acquaintances. He is shown above greeting Wilson Gregory of the Machine Room.

Old Faithful



Newfangled contraptions may come and go, but Furman Cansler is still of the opinion that a good mule is hard to beat when it comes to gardening. He is shown above plowing his garden which is one of the best around here.

**What Would America
Be Minus Its Forests?**

By ERNEST BURCH

What would America be like without its woodlands? This is a question that is causing great concern to many of our people. Each year an average of 31,000,000 acres of forest land is burned, and over 5,500,000 acres of timber are cut, thus depleting our forest reserves. This loss to our resources can be partly overcome by fire prevention and restoration in which we all must help.

Restoration itself is a slow process as it takes the average trees from forty to one hundred years to reach maturity, therefore our timber losses by fire destruction and cutting are in excess of new timber growth.

Three centuries ago, America's virgin timber covered 822,000,000 acres, but at the present time covers around 130,000,000 acres. Unless this depletion of our forest reserves is stopped, this country may one day be in a state of complete deforestation. This brings up the question, "What would America be like without its woodlands?"

Well, the obvious results would mean the virtual elimination of lumber for building and other purposes, and make us dependent upon imported wood pulp for the manufacture of newsprint. The soil would become parched; large areas that now retain moisture because of their blanketing trees would become barren wastes; vegetation of all kinds would suffer from alternate drenching and baking; our streams, rivers, and irrigation and water supply systems would be deprived of the gradual feeding that is one of the indispensable services of the forests. Development of water power would cease. Ground surfaces would undergo a complete change if forests disappeared. Mountain slopes would give way rapidly for the lack of interlacing tree roots which now keeps them in place. Waterways and water supply would thicken with silt and create new problems in filtration. Nearly all species of wild animal life would become extinct.

By the forging we can readily see that forest fires can be a tragedy, and that by preventing them, we not only safeguard the present but protect the future. We can all help by taking extreme caution while in the woods. Never build a fire in woods or fields when they are dry, and never against a tree or log. Open soil or stoney areas are good places in which to start a camp fire if the fire is watched. When leaving a camp fire, drench it with water or cover with sand or soil. Above all, LEAVE THE FORESTS AS GREEN AS YOU FOUND THEM.