

Dogs Also Had Their Days Of Making News During 1945

Some of the newest news of 1945 literally went to the dogs. The nation's canine population grabbed off some mighty big headlines—some tragic, some funny, some highly touched with controversy.

Champion four-legged space grabber of the year was Blaze, bull mastiff owned by President Roosevelt's son, Elliott. Blaze achieved page one immortality when he was put on an Army transport plane, and three homeward sailors bumped off to make room for the massive 135-pound mastiff. That was in January. In November, Blaze hit the headlines again when he attacked Fala, the famous Scottie of President Roosevelt, and a few days later, it was curtains for Blaze. They shot him because it was feared he had rabies.

Fala in Limelight

Fala got his share of publicity, even without the affaire Blaze. Early in the year he had a honeymoon and landed in the hospital for treatment of a bite inflicted by his lady love. The lady, better known as Buttons, had twins, although the couple was said to be incompatible. Later, Fala got a new friend, a girl named Franny bought by Mrs. F.D.R. to keep the Scottie from being lonesome.

The year brought dogs among the dogs... nine pit bull terriers tore a woman to death... a jealous bulldog fatally bit a serviceman's 21-month-old baby... Ginger, a seeing eye German shepherd, bit four children, was condemned to death. Her master, a blind newsdealer, saved Ginger's life by moving from New York to New Jersey.

Dog Hero

A heroic dog saved the life of a two-year-old lost in the wilds of the Arizona countryside... while the baby slept, the dog fought off coyotes. Two youngsters proved the love of a boy for a dog when they lowered themselves 100 feet into Niagara river gorge to rescue a pet who had plunged down while chasing a pheasant... "I wasn't going to let my dog die down there," said 12-year-old Monty Mathewood.

Fire broke out in a pet cemetery, did \$25,000 worth of damage to an expensively furnished sitting room and \$500 urns where the ashes of pets were placed... a Los Angeles dog named Toby did the

Stettinius Warns Danger Of Hungry Men

LONDON—American UNO Delegate Edward R. Stettinius has warned that hungry men, whether in Greece, Iran and Indonesia, breed unrest and menace the preservation of peace and freedom.

Stettinius and other leading delegates spoke in support of a British resolution appealing to the world to meet the global food crisis by conserving food, collecting crops carefully, avoiding waste and planning a maximum production of grain.

Preservation of the individual is the prime purpose that has brought the United Nations together, Stettinius said.

Referring indirectly to Soviet attempts to set up refugee plans, which in the eyes of the Anglo-American delegation would restrict individual human rights, he appealed to delegates to aid in the "survival and welfare of men and women and children—of individual human beings."

Stettinius said that starvation bred unrest and reminded the delegates that they had been assembled to serve the welfare of the people.

world a good turn by digging up a box containing \$3,200 worth of stolen radium... and a Washington, D. C., canine was the main figure in a case of alienation of affections. A government employe complained that his grocer was alienating Pal by feeding him, and, what's more, fostering a romance between Pal and his own pet. The government employe wanted the D. A. office to help him collect \$500 damages. The D. A. said no.

Canines of War

Like their human masters, dogs made war headlines in '45. The American Legion in New York asked for a national ceremony for the military burial of man's best friend who had died in action... 1,250 K-9 vets sailed for home... some found themselves with a new war assignment as they were turned over to convalescing Army men in hospitals throughout the country... the War Department announced plans for a long-range Army dog-breeding and training program to replace wartime trainings.

Wags, 13-year-old famous black cocker spaniel mascot who remained at his post on the Lexington until the ship was abandoned in the Battle of the Coral Sea, landed in the hospital... he slipped and fell from the Enterprise's flight deck, fractured two vertebrae, finally was turned back to his master, Vice Adm. Frederick C. Sherman. Another mascot, Sugie, whose wartime habitat was a Navy submarine, turned up with the amazing ability to "point" depth charges... and a sorry looking mongrel tabbed Dockside Daisy kept a week-long vigil on a Los Angeles dock. Looking for someone she knew.

WELL BOILED, TOO

The subject for an English composition in the sixth form was to describe an English family on Christmas Day. An innocent-minded pupil wrote: "For lunch we had turkey and plum pudding. For dinner was had guests."—Magazine Digest.

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