

# Dogs Always Seem To Get Into The News Some How

By Billy Arthur

Several years back I got to worrying about the future and going through the rest of my life alone. In my old age I wanted someone to bring me my pipe and slippers. So I did it—I bought myself a dog.

He was a good watch dog. At the least noise, all I had to do was wake him up and he'd bark.

One wouldn't call him a hunting dog, because he wouldn't follow a scent. In fact, he wouldn't go after anything less than a dollar.

About the best hunting dogs I ever heard of were those claimed by E. R. Buchan of Kinston and W. O. Pratt, late of Williams-ton. Mr. Buchan claimed this his bird dog pointed a covey of quail back of a brush heap one day. Presently one bird flew up, was shot and killed. Then another, and another—just as skeet pop out. When the limit was killed, Mr. Buchan walked back of the brush heap and found that his dog not only pointed the covey but also had backed its members into a gopher hole. The dog had his paw over the hole and let the quail out one at a time.

Mr. Pratt claimed that he had finally found the bird dog that he had lost while hunting the year before. "That is, I found his bones in an open field and iden-

tified him by the tag on a collar that lay close by," said Mr. Pratt. "He was still on a point, because about four feet away was the skeleton of a quail. He had held the bird on a point so long that both of them starved to death."

I had to dispose of my dog when I got married. The dog and the wife fussed over little things like a bone. He wanted to bury it; she wanted to put in in the soup.

Dogs and their antics have figured even in North Carolina history and in our churches.

Colonel Creecy reports in his "Grandfather's Tails" that "one of the rules governing the first General Assembly meeting in Pasquotank County was that members should wear shoes during the sessions and that they should not throw their chicken and other bones under the large oak under which they met. Wearing of shoes was to impress upon the common people the dignity of the body, and throwing of chicken bones was not allowed doubtless to keep the dogs from prowling around after those bones and fighting over them while the assembly was engaged

in legislative work. We can imagine the scene around when the bones were thrown out; the many fights which occurred among the dogs and the much bad feeling engendered when a member with shoes on kicked another member's dog."

Rev. R. H. Whitaker, a Methodist minister and author about the turn of the century, had two aversions, both dogs. One was the church dog. He reports that about 1850, Rev. W. I. Langdon kicked a dog that drank from his pulpit water pitcher, and it took the church years to recover from the division of its membership. Part of the members supported Rev. Mr. Langdon, feeling that the dog had no business in the pulpit drinking from the preacher's pitcher. The other members thought that dogs ought to be allowed to do as and go where they pleased, so long as they did not bite people.

He reported that at Pleasant Springs church near Raleigh a church-going dog got into the sacramental bread one Sunday and would have devoured it all but for the timely interference of a member.

explained in his own words: "I am sorry for a woman who has to lead or be led by a pug dog. When I see a woman and a pug dog hitched together, it raises the question in my mind whether the woman or the pug is honored by the association."

However, Rev. Mr. Whitaker knew of one dog, belonging to Rev. Moses J. Hunt of the Warren-Granville-Franklin-Wake-Nash district of the Methodist conference, which was smart. The dog went fishing with Rev. Mr. Hunt and his Baptist associate, Brother Pernell. The two ministers caught fish as fast as they could drop their bait in; but when they were ready to depart, they saw not a single one. Astonished, Rev. Mr. Hunt asked his dog where the fish were.

"Ponto cut his eyes and wagged his tail. They went to Ponto and there lay two piles of fish, the Hunt catching in one pile and the Pernell catching in another pile, with Ponto standing between," the minister relates.

All of which brings us to date and to the dog Max, a hemophilic now under observation at the UNC Department of Pathology. For medical science Max has been called upon to sire 300 sons and daughters. Admirable being that he is, Max has not yelped the first time about his working conditions, and hours of

## Marine Indicted

PFC Joseph C. Rose of Camp Lejeune is being held under \$1,000 bond in the Jones County jail charged with drunken driving, driving without a driver's license and stealing the car of another Marine. He was arrested Sunday afternoon near Friendship Free Will Baptist Church by Deputy Sheriff Roy Mallard.

## Sgt. Edgar L. Bell Is Serving In Korea

3D DIV., KOREA--Sgt. Edgar L. Bell, whose wife, Katherine, and mother, Mrs. Emma S. Bell, live at 107 W. Capitola ave., Kinston, is serving in Korea with the 3d Infantry Division.

The "Rock of the Marne" division, which saw bitter fighting in the Iron Triangle and at Outpost Harry, is now training as part of the U. S. security force on the peninsula.

Sergeant Bell, a survey specialist in Battery C of the 10th Field Artillery Battalion, entered the Army in January 1954 and arrived in Korea last June.

labor. He seems to be enjoying his contribution to posterity.

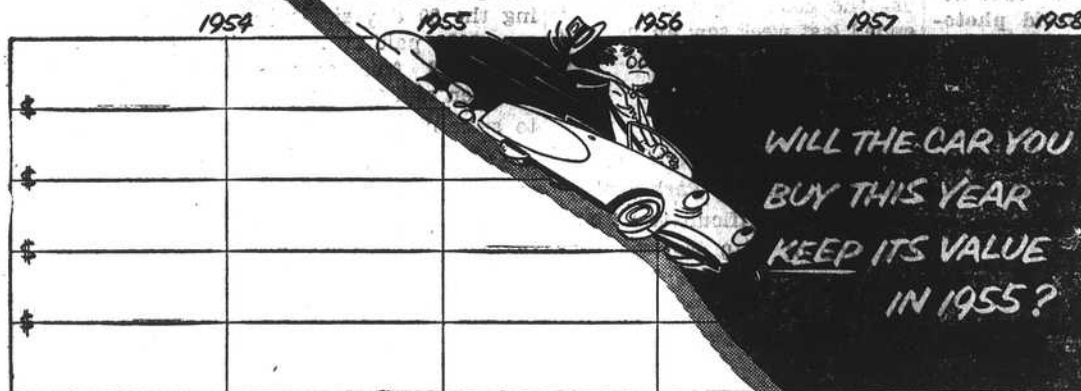
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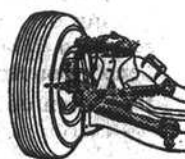
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