

'Wave,' Big German Shepherd Important Member of Crew Of Naval Ship in SW Pacific

(The following story was written by Sergeant Ward Walker of Chicago, Ill., a Marine Corps combat correspondent) SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC—(Delayed)—The tiny US naval vessel lifted her bow to the threatening skies, shuddered down one of the South Pacific's bigger waves, rolled onto her side...

Down the vertical ladder from the flying deck came a giant German shepherd dog, picking her way swiftly. A bound, and she hit the sea-swept main deck, raced along the pitching surface, and reached a naval officer just stepping out of a companionway.

It was Wave, nine months old, whose destiny has been linked to the vessel since she was six weeks old. The ship is her home and the men aboard are her masters and chums.

The ship was built in Cleveland, Ohio, and while she was a building, Wave was born at the Beach Cliff kennels of Mrs. Irma Werner in Westlake, Ohio.

The men on the craft were hunting for a mascot. Mrs. Werner heard about it and offered Wave, whose pedigree is as long as she is big. That was December 26, 1942, and since then the ship and the dog have covered nearly 16,000 miles—fair weather and foul.

Wave has been a lot of work for the crew. First, Pharmacist's Mate First Class Alfred Maitre, 23, of Somerville, Mass., gave her rabies shots and laid in a supply of dog medicines.

Boatswain's Mate Second Class David T. Mimms, Jr., 24, of Nashville, Tenn., built her a kennel in the mess hall and patiently undertook to ship-break her.

Ship's Cook Second Class Samuel A. Smith, 22, of Rainelle, W. Va., brushed up on the proper care and feeding of a dog—and Wave's continued good health and magnificent coat bear testimony to his study.

But has she been worth it? Let Signalman Second Class Charles E. Dwyer, 20, of Kansas City, Kan., explain:

"You're standing a lonely, cold watch in the middle of the night on a gun post—tired and a long way from home. Suddenly a cold nose nudges your hand, Wave braces against your leg, and she'll share an hour or two of your watch."

Some of the crew accuse her of being gold-braided conscious, for she seems to fancy Lieutenant Jacques Chevalier, 30, of 456 Miramar Avenue, San Rafael, Calif., a former San Francisco free lance artist and newspaperman, who is the commanding officer.

But outside of that, Wave plays no favorites.

She's learned to play hide and seek. She'll stand patiently at the fan tail, looking at the sea and forcing herself not to peek until one of the crew has a chance to hide. A sharp whistle and she's off.

Since Wave knows every inch of the ship and the number of hiding places are necessarily limited, the game would soon be over if she really looked. But she'll go right by her playmates, ostentatiously looking the other way.

Her tricks and her antics occupy at least half of the crew's conversation when everything is lashed down for the night and they're sitting around the galley drinking black coffee and spinning yarns.

They claim she doesn't know she is a dog and tell of her surprised "Woof!" the first time she saw one when the ship was tied up at a wharf. Her hackles rose and the other dog scooted.

Fatalistically, the crew supposes that some day that situation will change and on the off chance they've insisted that "Doc" Maitre study canine obstetrics.

It would be a brave rat that would come aboard when the vessel is tied up in port, and so the rodents haven't been a problem. She also makes a formidable aid to whoever stands the gangplank watch: no one can come aboard unless accompanied by one of the ship's company.

When it's too rough for the crew to negotiate the decks and play

Revised State Setup Talked For Missouri

By DON DOANE (AP Features) JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.—Missouri's constitutional convention is proving to be a hotbed of new ideas for state governmental reform.

Most of them seek to "streamline" the state's complicated governmental structure or to take politics out of its administration.

Ordered by the voters last November to revise Missouri's 68-year-old constitution, the convention in its first month of session has received such proposals—revolutionary in this state—as:

- 1. A one-house legislature.
2. A cabinet form of administration with only one or two elected officials.
3. Non-partisan election of legislators.
4. A streamlined judiciary shorn of hundreds of minor courts.
5. Simplified county governments with as few as four—instead of 12 or more—elected officials.

Party Basis Now Missouri's government, only slightly altered since the constitution of 1875, now has five officials besides the governor, a 150-member house of representatives and a 34-member senate, all elected on a political party basis.

From this framework has been hung a patch-work of 82 uncoordinated boards, bureaus, commissions and departments. The idea of simplifying that complicated structure is prominent in amendments proposed by the 83 convention delegates.

Stratford Lee Morton, Clayton republican, offered the most complete streamlining plan—and also the most completely non-partisan proposals. He would elect only a governor, who would appoint an administrative manager and 12 department heads. He would take politics out of the patronage by putting all their employees under civil service.

Unicameral Legislature Two forms of unicameral legislation were proposed, both much like the Nebraska plan, with a single law-making body of not more than 75 members. Morton offered one of them, and here again he followed through on his non-partisan theory by proposing to elect legislators "on a separate ballot bearing no party label."

The county governments—and even the courts—would be streamlined by some of the proposals.

There are 114 counties in Missouri, and even the smallest of them are burdened with at least a dozen elected officials. One delegate offered a method for several counties to consolidate. Another proposed limiting small counties to four officials, with not more than six for any counties, except those containing large cities.

State Court Council One new court plan, backed by the State Bar association and Judicial conference, would eliminate the hundreds of justice of the peace courts and set up an administrative council to supervise and coordinate all state courts.

Missouri's supreme and appellate judges already are under a non-partisan plan of appointment. The convention, which some members expect to spend nearly a year fitting these proposals into a new constitution, is composed of 42 democrats and 41 republicans—with the extra democrat approved by the central committees of both parties.

Under the present constitution, the question must be submitted to the voters every 20 years: "Shall there be a convention to revise the constitution?" Last November the voters said "yes." They voted likewise in 1922. But they adopted only seven minor amendments of the 22 the convention submitted.

Anything this convention adopts must run the same hazards at the polls before it becomes the state's new supreme law.

Golden Eagle In Captivity Laziest Bird

AP Features BOULDER, Colo.—Malcolm Jollie says there may be a sermon, of a sort, in the story of his Smokey, the American golden eagle.

Smokey comes from a fabulous breed; in its natural state the American golden eagle is about the most ferocious thing on wings, legs or fins.

"But in captivity Smokey has become the laziest thing that ever shook a tail feather," says Jollie. Smokey is perhaps the world's only incubator golden eagle.

Jollie, a graduate student at Colorado University, and Verna Mace, another student, captured the golden eagle when she was but an egg in a nest high in the pinnacles of a front range cliff of the Rocky Mountains. The egg was taken by the two students to Boulder and placed in an incubator to hatch. That was more than five months ago.

Smokey was reared, delicately, by hand. She's been fed by Jollie and Miss Mace ever since she was born. Recently she has been turned loose for exercise.

"Instead of soaring ecstatically over the foothills, for hours at a time, as you would imagine she would want to do, she takes a five

Specialist Advises No Manual Guidance

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—(AP)—Now there's even a new term for a spanking. It is "manual guidance" among the experts, Dr. Willard C. Olson, director of research and child development at Michigan university, told a meeting of mothers of pre-school children.

Children will be glad to hear also that Dr. Olson believes the wise parent can avoid "manual guidance" to a great extent. However, he didn't rule it out entirely as a disciplinary measure.

Everybody Wanted To Help Raise Ship

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS—(AP) Cdr. William A. Sullivan who directed salvaging of the fire-gutted liner Normandie in New York, told today of the many letters he received on how to do the job.

One, he said, proposed that all New York cocktail parties be called off for one week and that ice cubes saved be placed in the Normandie's hold.

The theory: Since ice floats, it might have-floated the ship.

minute flight and then perches in a tree," says Jollie.

"That's the signal that she's all through flying for the day. She won't even try to catch her own food. She wants to be fed."

Bright Future



Hollywood film directors have picked Jean Strasser (above), 22, as the "show girl of 1943 most likely to succeed" because of "beauty, poise and personality." She is a graduate of Beverly Hills, Calif., high school.

British Investors Buy Peace Stocks

LONDON (AP)—The trend of the London stock market would indicate the public, which was once investing in war, is now investing in peace.

The index number of ten leading war production stocks in June 1940 was 100; by June 1942 it had risen to 200. During the same period peace stocks had risen from 100 to 134.

Since June 1942, however, the index for peace stocks has climbed to 176 while that for war stocks has dropped back to 194.

Enlists Herself

FORT OGLETHORPE, Ga. (AP)—As a civilian clerk-typist in the Dallas WAC recruiting station, Maribeth McFadin interviewed applicants and typed enlistment papers for hundreds of women joining the service. Then one day she typed out an application and enlisted herself.

Official Hitch Hikes

DEADWOOD, SD (AP)—"No gasoline," ruled the rationing board so Neil Simpson, president of the South Dakota junior chamber of commerce, revised his plans for an automobile tour of the state's junior chambers. He hitch-hiked.

Weaker Sex Routs Would-Be Thieves

NORFOLK, Va. (AP)—The weaker sex?

Mrs. Ella Slade and Mrs. M. A. Simmons were alone in their ice cream parlor when three young men entered and tried to rifle the cash drawer.

Mrs. Slade socked one on the head with an iron hook. Mrs. Simmons swung a butcher knife at the second.

The young men fled—empty handed.

'Twas an All-Fired Fancy Wedding

KINGSFORD, Tenn.—(AP)—Miss Martha Juanita Barger, a fireman's daughter, married Fireman Lucy Rudd. The minister was a fireman and all attendants were firemen.

The vows were said in Kingsport Fire Hall—with the fire truck as the altar.

Cupid's Gone to War

RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—The wedding bells haven't been ringing as often in Virginia the past six months. Bureau of vital statistics figures show that marriages reported for the six months ending July 30 totaled 16,924 as compared with 19,769 for the corresponding period of 1942—a decline of 2845.

Western's Toy & Gift VALUES SANTA SEZ: 'I'm staying at Western again this Christmas season. And where I'm stopping it will pay you to do your shopping. Here you'll find variety and value in gift selections for every name on your Christmas List. Here you'll see a seemingly unlimited array of suggestions at low, money-saving prices.' FOR HIM... a dandy WINTER JACKET \$2.89 20-Piece DINNERWARE SET \$3.98 11-Piece GLASBAKE SET \$1.98 Tier Top TABLE ONLY \$9.95 OCCASIONAL TABLE \$13.95 ARTISTIC PICTURES that lend charm to any room 65c 2-CUP SILEX COFFEE MAKER 89c 5-Piece Glass HOSTESS SET In Gift Box 95c WARM COMFORTERS \$3.98 PHOTO ALBUM 35c Auto Compass 98c Toyland ROCKING HORSE 11.95 DONNA LEE BEDROOM Furniture for the doll house finished in deep walnut, also dining room 89c LIONEL WAR-TIME FREIGHT TRAIN Ready to assemble authentic, realistic, brilliantly colored, made of fiberboard, over 250 pieces, 1.00 CUTLERY SERVICE FOR SIX 18 pieces in all, 6 knives, 6 forks, 6 spoons made of plastic. 25c ASSORTED GAMES Every one a honey, chuck full of suspense and laughs. Each 10c



BOMBER NOSE—Mary Howard, songstress, examines the nose section of a bomber at a plastics exhibit in New York City. The "save waste fat" drive has for one of its objects salvaging material for making the plastic bomber-noses.

Hold Your Hat, Major, Here We Go Again

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—It took nine weeks of hypodermic shots to prepare a major at the army bomber base for a prospective assignment overseas.

They were for typhoid, typhus, tetanus, cholera, yellow fever, etc., not to mention revaccination for smallpox.

The immediate effects wore off. The major felt fit, robust, hearty—and patriotic. So he dropped in at the blood bank and gave generously of his blood.

Thereupon the army medics, having heard of it, ordered him to take the whole nine weeks of shots over again.

Soldier Gets Hotel Room Due to Sentiment

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Sentiment prompted Pvt. William Rees Prosser to spend his furlough at the crowded St. Charles hotel.

The clerk said he was sorry but there were no rooms. "I was born in this hotel 32 years ago," said Prosser, "while my parents were on a minstrel tour and spent a month and a half here then. Sentimental, perhaps, but I have been wanting to come back here for a long, long time." He got his room.