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A TRUE ALASKAN STORY THANK YOU, MIKE

WHAT HAS GONE BEFORE—
Jeanne Ahlton, left alone on their Alaskan homestead when her husband Bruce is forced to stay overnight in town, leaves their old air-dale dog at home as she goes out to pick raspberries. She injures her ankle and is trapped on a pile of logs. Her cries for help are futile and the vicious Alaskan mosquitos are driving her frantic.

The murky air made them persistent and sticky. The only way to dislodge them was to actually brush them off. Her hands couldn't get around fast enough. Frantically she looked for a branch or bunch of grass, anything to help brush them away. There was nothing she could reach.

She tried hiding her head in her arms, but then they settled in a stinging black mass on her bare arms, her shoulders and her back under the thin tee shirt. They feasted on her well ankle and crawled up the leg of the jeans nearly to the knee. She supposed they were biting the injured one also, but it was nearly dumb and she didn't notice.

The incessant humming was almost as bad as the bites. They would hover just outside her ears, then "race their motors." The impact of sound became maddening to nerves already taut. She started to cry, partly in panic, partly in anger at herself for getting caught in such a situation.

"You're as dumb as a cheechako," she told herself in exasperation.

Suddenly, above the drone of the mosquitos, her ears picked up a new sound—Mike's bark! Mike! The thought of him sent renewed hope surging through her veins. Perhaps Mike could help her.

She and Bruce used to send Mike with messages for each other. One time he traveled five miles to bring Bruce to her, out in the hills with a deer she had shot and was unable to drag home. He had been young then, but Jeanne felt certain he would remember. If he would just trail her now!

Jeanne knew it would do no good to call or whistle—the loyal old fellow was almost stone deaf. His eyesight was poor too, one eye being nearly blind, the result of an injury incurred years before during a battle with a collie, and the other growing steadily dimmer with increasing age. But his nose was still fairly good.

Hopefully she listened. Again he gave his peculiar calling bark, the one he used when he wanted her. "Come on, Mike. Come find Jeanne," Jeanne pleaded over and over under her breath, willing him to come. "Don't go back in the house. Please Mike, don't go back in the house. Jeanne needs you, Mike. Come find Jeanne."

The barking ceased. Breathlessly, slapping and brushing at the hungry mosquitos, she waited. The unceasing sting and bites, accompanied by that ominous humming, was making her a little light headed. It was two-thirty now, nearly seven hours since she had started out so blithely. She was beginning to despair when Mike called again.

This time the sound seemed nearer, as if he had left the house and was following along the driveway. Then came a silence followed, not by a bark, but a howl, kind of choked-up and ending with a coughing spasm. Jeanne's heart sank.

Often she had watched Mike when he wanted to go with Bruce and been told to stay home. He would follow the trail to the end of the driveway, then stop and howl before returning to the house. She could mentally picture him standing there, looking dejected up the road.

"Come on, Mike. Don't stop now. Come on. Find Jeanne."

Over and over she repeated the words, hoping the power of suggestion would lead him on. Then came the answer—the short high bark of a dog on the trail—on her side of the highway and coming steadily closer.

Finally she could see him working his way through the willows. She waved her arms, endeavoring to catch his eye and hasten his arrival, but his nose was down almost to the ground as he followed the weakening scent. She could hear him wheezing and snorting as he wove back and forth through the grass.

To Be Continued

NOTICE OF ELECTION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Election will be held on the 18th day of August, 1950, at the City Library in the City of Central Point, Jackson County, Oregon, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Pacific

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Daylight Saving Time, and the legal voters of the City of Central Point are hereby invited to vote on that date and between those hours upon the following proposition:

To annex to and include within the City boundaries of the City of Central Point the following described real property, being territory contiguous to the City of Central Point:

Beginning at a 1"x37" iron pin monument, being the center of Section 3, Township 37 South, Range 2 West of the Willamette Meridian, Jackson County, Oregon, also being the Northwest corner of Lot No. 4, Amy's Cottage Addition to Central Point, Oregon; thence North 89° 51' 15" East, 1330.9 feet to a 1"x31" iron pin monument, being the Southeast one-sixteenth section corner and the Northeast corner of said Lot No. 4; thence South 0° 18' 15" East along the one-sixteenth section line, being the East boundary of said Addition, 1128.8 feet (from which point the Southeast one-six-

teenth section corner of the said Section 3 bears South 0° 18' 15" East, 199.0 feet) thence West 608.0 feet; thence South 0.35 feet; thence North 89° 56' 20" West, 255.5 feet; thence North 0° 14' West, 83 feet to an iron bolt corner monument referred to in the Jackson County Deed Record, Vol. 288, Page 513; thence South 89° 46' West, 156.05 feet to the intersection with the Northeasterly right of way line of United States Highway No. 99; thence North 35° 9' 30" West along said right of way line 547.9 feet to the intersection of the north and south center line of said Section 3; thence North 0° 19' West along the North and South center line of said Section 3, also, being the

West boundary of said addition, 595.35 feet to the point of beginning, containing 31.96 acres, more or less.
The Judges of said Election shall be Elizabeth B. Scott, Dora A. Jones, and Lettie L. Gregory. The Clerks of said Election shall be Elizabeth B. Scott, and Dora A. Jones.
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71—July 20, 27, Aug. 3, 10.

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