

Is That So?

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Some 300 generations ago, so to speak, a wolf-like animal wagged its tail, pleaded with two soulful eyes and clearly said: Let me share your campfire and be your partner.

Into that circle of early men, sitting about the fire, went a wolf: after many centuries, out stepped a dog. In those 8,000 years he has been a faithful friend; helping man get his game, guarding his home, collecting his livestock, pulling his sled.

Today there are in North America alone some 22,000,000 dogs. But it must come as a cruel shock to many to know how much downright misinfor-

During his first few months a puppy should simply be kept in a paper-covered playpen, or enclosed space, with a blanket at one end. By nature, dogs are clean and quickly learn to use paper in preference to their blankets. Dog experts claim that four months is plenty early to begin changing from paper to true housebreaking—that is taking Towser outside first thing in the morning, after meals, after romps, last thing at night. And praising him excessively when he had done his duty as he had oughter.

FALLACY: Summer clipping makes a dog feel cooler.

FACT: Dogs sweat extremely little through their skins but mostly through their mouths and the pads of their feet. Shearing a dog all over does not make him feel a bit cooler—only miserably uncomfortable. Besides, clipping often renders a dog more susceptible to colds and insect bites.

FALLACY: Frequent bathing is beneficial.

FACT: Actually this can be harmful. For that matter, puppies under six months should not be bathed at all. Daily brushing, however, against the grain of the hair is good.

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Dulles Receives Entertainment Fund

Washington—(U.P.)—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles now can entertain visiting dignitaries with government funds, rather than using money from his own wallet.

Although lawmakers sometimes grumble about it, Congress for years has voted funds to the State Department for so-called "representation allowances"—or as some Capitol cynics call it, "whisky money." This allows American envoys overseas to hold a diplomatic soiree occasionally without digging too deeply into their own pockets.

But in the past the secretary of state has received no representation allowance, although he does a lot of official entertaining. Under a bill signed by President Eisenhower Thursday the government will give the secretary one.

The bill also includes the usual funds to buy ice water for overseas embassies. This is necessary because local water in some cases is not fit to drink.

It takes nature from 500 to 1,000 years to make an inch of good topsoil.

Andrea Doria Crew Defended Against Cowardice Charges

New York—(U.P.)—Charges of incompetence and cowardice against crewmen of the Italian liner Andrea Doria were condemned today by some seamen from the SS Cape Ann, the first ship to reach the scene of the collision off Nantucket nine days ago.

The Pilot, official newspaper of the National Maritime Union, quoted NNU members who were aboard the Cape Ann as saying the Doria crew performed in "as seamanlike a manner as possible under the difficult circumstances."

No Signs of Stampede
Norman Yon, an able seaman, told the Pilot he saw "no signs of mad stampede or panic" among Doria crewmen. He said that most of the stories "maligning" the Italian crew were put into the mouths of "bewildered passengers" by "overzealous newspapermen."

The Pilot said the charges against the Doria crewmen that they were first in the lifeboats could be explained by "what was not apparent to the seamen's critics, that some crewmen must get into the boats first, both to man the oars and to help the passengers."

Crew 'Did Fine Job'
A member of a Cape Ann lifeboat crew, able seaman Sidney Miller, said the Italian crew did "a fine job" of providing emergency lowering gear of rope, line, fire hoses, and nets for the passengers to clamber down the Doria's steep side.

Meanwhile, damage suits totaling \$827,000 were filed Thursday by passengers and a textile firm claiming losses in the sinking of the Doria July 26, after it collided with the Stockholm the night before. Suits for more than \$700,000 were to be filed today.

Public Relations Director Murdered

Hollywood—(U.P.)—A public relations director was found murdered early today in his home off the Sunset Strip. He apparently had been pistol-whipped and his skull was crushed.

William C. Wescott Jr., 30, director of publicity for the Out-door Greek theater in the Hollywood Hills, attended a party at the Brown Derby restaurant after Thursday night's show. His body was found by a caretaker at about 4:20 a.m.

Police said the killer was believed to have fled in Wescott's white 1934 Lincoln convertible. Robbery may have been the motive, police said, because Wescott's pockets were pulled inside out.

Paul Trebitsch, manager of the theater where the victim had worked for the past five years, said he understood Wescott, who was unmarried, was the son of a wealthy retired manufacturer now living at Sarasota, Fla.

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Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

United Nations, N. Y.—U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold on his refusal to comment about private talks with Soviet leaders Nikolai Bulganin and Nikita Khrushchev: "I never discuss discussions."

Washington—President Eisenhower on the death of 109-year-old Albert Woolson, last member of the Union Army: "The American people have lost the last personal link with the Union Army."

North Hollywood, Calif.—Boxer-turned-actor Pat Comiskey on his redheaded six-foot, two-inch girl friend who shot him in the thigh as he lay in bed: "I guess this is what you call true love. She didn't have any other way of expressing herself, so she shot me."

London—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles on the Suez Canal talks with Britain and France: "I think we have made solid progress."

Hollywood—Ilver Brumfield, campaign manager for blonde, curvaceous actress Cleo Moore on her plans to run for governor of Louisiana in 1958: "She's serious about it, but this doesn't mean she'll have to retire as an actress. She still could make one picture a year if she wins."

Monaco—Prince Rainier III to his people on the baby his wife, former actress Grace Kelly, expects in February: "The princess and I take great joy in associating you with this great happiness."

Parris Island—S-Sgt. Matthew C. McKeon, on trial for the death of six Marines in a swamp during a night march, on retired Lt. Gen. Lewis B. Chesty Puller, tough, much-decorated leatherneck, who testified for the defense: "Oh, God, I'd follow that old man to hell."

Slant, Va.—John Salling, 110, one of three survivors of the Confederate army, on the death of 109-year-old Albert Woolson, the last survivor of the Union army: "God bless you, Yankee. I hope you go to rest. I hope to see you sometime."

Around Hollywood

By ALINE MOSBY
United Press Correspondent

Hollywood—(U.P.)—Actor John Ireland now is a resort owner, too. But what price big business.

His fancy new tennis club, he confessed today, is what he thinks caused the "black snag" in his marriage.

For nearly two years the rugged-looking actor and his beautiful wife, actress Joanne Dru, have been busy readying their \$340,000 Paradise Valley Racquet club in a swank suburb of Phoenix, Ariz., for its Oct. 9 opening.

But the actor says the strain of the project caused the explosion that ended with Joanne in the hospital with black eyes and Ireland in another room recovering from some sleeping pills.

He took two pills to sleep, he explained, "and as I had taken two earlier on the plane they knocked me out." Her injury was "three fourths from an accident when I jammed on the car brakes too hard."

But the basic reason for their separation, he reasons, was his excursion into business.

"If I knew two years ago what I know now I would prefer not to invest in business," Ireland reflected at NBC-TV where he was rehearsing for today's "Matinee Theater."

"From now on, I will concentrate on acting. We'll go to the club on week ends, but we're hiring a manager and will lease the bar and restaurant. Now that

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—THREE

Air Force Rocket Makes 1900 MPH

Washington—(U.P.)—An Air Force stainless steel X2 rocket plane has streaked over California at more than 1,900 miles an hour—an all-time high speed mark for piloted aircraft.

Authorities disclosed Thursday night that Lt. Col. Frank Everest, chief of flight test at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., set the speed mark July 25 in the X2 research airplane. He traveled almost three times the speed of sound.

The X2 was designed to investigate the so-called "thermal barrier"—the enormous heat generated on the skin of a high-speed airplane by air friction. Bell Aircraft Corp. built the plane.

Normal aluminum alloys would be dangerously weakened by the 600-degree temperatures generated by a 2,000 miles an hour velocity.

The X2 has a high stainless steel content which can withstand temperatures up to about 1,600 degrees. Friction would cause that temperature at about a 3,300 mile an hour speed.

Everest's speed can not be entered as a new world speed record because the flight was of short duration, was not clocked by official timers and the plane was carried aloft by a bomber and released at high altitude.

The present world speed record is 1,150 miles an hour. It was set over a measured course by a British experimental airplane.

Nude Woman Goes Unnoticed by Press

Cleveland—(U.P.)—There wasn't much doing in the wee hours of the morning, so reporters in the press room at Central Police Station were having a card game.

The press room is on the first floor, just off the main corridor. So the newsmen thought it no more than routine when a young woman stuck her head into the room and asked, "Where can I find a policeman?"

One of the reporters directed her to the proper office. The others continued the card game, taking little notice of the fact the lady was naked.

She told the officers her husband tore off her clothing during an argument.

A SKIMPY BUDGET
Bingham, England—(U.P.)—A judge suspended sentence against Mrs. Myrtle Carrington Thursday when an attorney said her husband assisted her in the theft of sheets from a hospital where she worked, then told police she stole them. What's more, the attorney said, her husband gave her only \$28 in house-keeping money over a three-year period.

CADDIES THREATEN STRIKE
Detroit—(U.P.)—Golfers at Lochmore Golf club in suburban Grosse Pointe Woods may have more than the normal hazards to hurdle today. Club caddies have threatened to strike and throw up picket lines unless they get higher pay.

HUGE REUNION
Los Angeles—(U.P.)—Los Angeles International Airport was the scene of a large family reunion Thursday night. Three-year-old Suzie rubbed trunks with her 15-month-old sister, just arrived from Singapore. The two elephants are with the Pan-American Amusement Company.

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mation exists about our partner, the dog. Here then is a Fact vs. Fallacy column. Perhaps it will help you understand your own dog or your neighbor's.

FALLACY: A cold nose indicates a healthy dog; a hot nose a sick one.

FACT: A dog may have a cold, wet nose and be dying of distemper; or a hot, dry one and may be in perfect health. There is only one reliable way to check a dog's condition. Take his temperature rectally. Normal is around 101 degrees. When above 103, get a veterinarian's advice.

FALLACY: Some dogs are just naturally born with a mean streak in them.

FACT: Most professional dog trainers will tell you: "There is no such thing as a bad dog—only a bad owner." Mean streaks develop when dogs are neglected or punished for reasons they do not understand. Along this line, I'd like to suggest that you go to your library and look up in the Reader's Digest 1941, the article: How to Train Your Dog. Also for a dime and a self-addressed return envelope you can get a book on scientific dog raising from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 50 Madison Ave., New York City 10.

Dogs Equally Healthy

FALLACY: Mongrel dogs are healthier than pure bred dogs.

FACT: They are equally healthy says Dr. James R. Kinney, head of New York's Speyer Hospital for Animals.

FALLACY: It is cruel to keep dogs in cities.

FACT: The average city dog lives from two to three years longer than his country cousin. Besides he is usually better groomed and more carefully nourished.

FALLACY: Dogs can be house-broken in infancy.

FACT: A few dogs may acquire house manners at three months. The average is closer to six.

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