



Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

Looking for Some Fun?
How about Dragging a Board?
Various animals, as well as man himself, have different ideas of what is enjoyment, or what it takes to have a good time.

"More fun than dragging a board," although a common statement, was an expression hard to understand; what possible fun could be derived from such a silly performance?

Who, in all the world of sensible people, including children, actually took a board and dragged it behind them? Of course, a child pathetically short of toys and never having been indoctrinated to "rolling a hoop" or kicking a tin-can for several blocks along a sidewalk, might have pulled a board along, just to see how much dust it would stir up or the noise it made when it hit the cracks in a sidewalk.

Not Human Pastime
However, diligent observation and a suspicion that perhaps the "board dragging" was seldom, if ever, a human pastime, aroused the idea that perhaps other playful characters, aside from small boys might be the ones.

And when we observe a small dog, then the sense of the expression becomes apparent. Seems that a pup, in fact

a dog of any age, gets a whole lot of enjoyment from some silly pastimes; fetching a ball or chasing its own tail. "Dragging a board" poses some perplexing possibilities. It makes a comforting noise, it raises a great deal of dust, and in the pup's mind it's probably a "big dangerous monster" that chases him.

And, too, it seems to be even more fun when the board is large and unwieldy. It's great fun trying to go through a doorway, both ends of the board catch, jarring the pup to his very foundations. Also, it's a delightful thrill to have one's neck wrenched. However, with just a little practice the pup soon learns to turn his head sideways and the board goes through lengthways.

Height of Enjoyment
At this time the degree of real fun reaches hilarious proportions, especially enjoyable for the pup if his master or some visitors are present, for in suddenly turning his head the pup can wallop someone on the shins with the stick. Their grunt of surprise or cry of pain amply repays the pup for his efforts.

Most pups, as well as older dogs, enjoy shaking things. A shoe, a towel or the master's shirt can be given a really good time. If it tears or slaps the dog on the head, the cup of joy runs completely over.

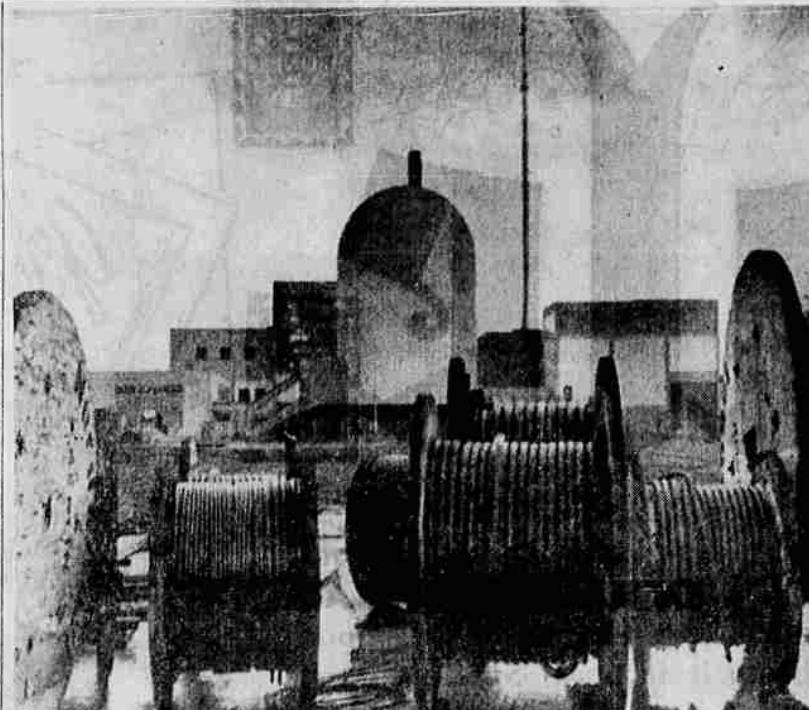
Instead of the old shoe, the long board is the pup's idea of great fun. Who can say for sure, that the most memorable moment of puppyhood is when he is allowed to "chase" what he pleases. And at such a time what could possibly be more fun than dragging a board?

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Medford Youth Gets Bachelor's Degree

Arlo Allen Schultz, 717 Broad st., Medford, received a bachelor of arts degree from Columbia college at the fall convocation of George Washington university in Washington, D. C.

Schultz majored in sociology. He is the son of Mrs. Inger Schultz, Medford. He was one of 388 persons receiving degrees.



GERMAN POWER PLANT—This is a view of the nearly completed first German Atomic power plant at Kahl on the Main river near Frankfurt. The plant is scheduled to go into production this month, with the

energy from its 15,000 kilowatt turbine expected to supply a city of 20,000 inhabitants. Looming from behind reels of cable is the center of the reactor, a silo-shaped reinforced concrete tower. (UPI Telephoto)

Back Stairs: Interesting Possibilities

By MERRIMAN SMITH
UPI White House Reporter
Washington—(UPI)—Backstairs with the president-elect.

If the future first lady, Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy, is serious about riding to hounds with the foxhunters of Virginia after she recovers from the birth of her second child, it could produce some interesting possibilities.

After the inauguration, Mrs. Kennedy will be accompanied wherever she goes by Secret Service agents. This raises the intriguing possibility of Secret Service Chief U. E. Baughman having to go before the House Appropriations Committee to ask money for proper hunting attire, horses and possibly some instruction on the elaborate etiquette of the Virginia hunt country.

Will there be a horse for the pool photographers, another for press association reporters? Will the Secret Service equip their horses with short-wave radios?

Probably no sport in America is taken quite as seriously by the participants as fox hunting in Virginia. The lords of the hunt in their pink coats might have something to say other than "tail-

lyho" at the sight of a majestic hunting horse with radio aerials protruding from the saddle.

Or just imagine the plight of the agent who must write a detailed report on the movement of each member of the presidential family. These reports are masterpieces of understatement and police plotters. Come springtime, Chief Baughman might find himself reading something like this:

"From Agent Black to supervising agent in charge: "5-15-61 departed house with first lady by motor for Golden Acres Farm at 2 p.m. Destination meeting place of Orange County hunt. Arrived farm 2:18 p.m."

20 Nations Sign Pact To Combat Russian Efforts

Paris—(UPI)—The United States, Canada and 18 West European nations have signed a charter of a Free World Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development designed to combat Russian efforts to corner the world trade market.

The charter called for the establishment of an Atlantic council for economic cooperation between the two North American nations and Western Europe.

Representatives of 20 nations put the formal seal of approval on the charter at a meeting at the French Foreign Office. They hailed the charter as a "milestone in the history of economic cooperation between the countries on both sides of the Atlantic."

Prosperity Aim
The plan is an unprecedented attempt to promote economic prosperity throughout the Free World in face of Russia's bid to become the world's mightiest economic power.

The agreement was reached Tuesday night and the new council was expected to be set up by late fall next year after ratification of the convention by the parliaments of the participating countries.

It will be the first time the United States and Canada are fully linked to Europe in the field of organized economic cooperation.

Ashland Vehicles Involved in Crash

Ashland—Two Ashland drivers were in the wrong place at the right time Tuesday and were involved in a two-car accident as a result. The accident occurred about 7 p.m. near the railroad underpass on Main st. A logging truck was carrying a loose fender on top of a load of logs.

The fender fell off the logs onto the pavement in front of a car driven by Chester Earl Porter, 1089 Park st., Ashland. Porter tried to stop but ran over the fender. He was being followed by another motorist, Dr. Dan G. Engle, 565 Elkader st., Ashland. When Porter attempted to stop, Engle collided with the rear of his car, police said.

No injuries were reported and no tickets were issued. Engle's car was extensively damaged. Damage to Porter's car was minor, police said.

The Canada Jay of northern forests, also called the whiskey-jack, is about the size of a robin.



A Reminder

Christmas cards mailed? All your shopping finished? Packages wrapped? Tree - trimmings checked?

Well, take a deep breath, kick off your shoes, relax and . . . oh-oh-wait a minute! Check back over that list again. This won't take long — and it's well worth it.

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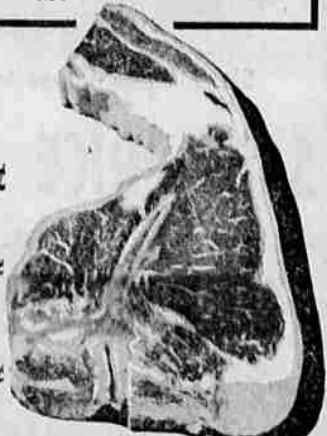
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