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We Heard It Said By
 Miss Frances Curtin, school nurse. "The mothers in Birmingham are to be congratulated for the splendid work they have done during the past weeks while hearing and sight tests were being given here. They have worked hard in giving these tests, with no thought of remuneration other than the knowledge that they were aiding school children to holding their own in school and public life."

'Sarge' Released from Dog Hospital

Great Lakes Camera Photo
 "Sarge", the pointer who was mysteriously shot a few weeks ago, poses for the camera now that he is back home and slowly recovering.

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Sarge Holds No Ill Will After Having Been Shot
 By "Sarge"
 As told to Alice E. Morgan

"Well, I'm home. Home after one of the worst experiences of my life and home after a couple of weeks spent in a dog hospital. I say 'one of,' because when I was just a puppy, before I came to live with the R. S. Rankins, 815 Rivenoak, a part of my kennel burned, and I've been afraid of fire ever since. I'd like, so much, to go in and lie by the fireplace when the family all sit around it, but I just can't do it. But enough of this—that all happened a long time ago.

The thing now is, I'm afraid of people. I just can't help it. I'm suspicious of every loud noise and sudden move and I tremble almost all the time. If you move slowly, avoid the banging things and don't reach toward me too fast. I can get some of my old friendliness back and wag my tail a bit. I've even gotten so I can offer my paw again. Like most pointers, I've always had quite a bit of natural dignity and, if I may boast a little, I used to be a pretty good looking dog.

Blinded in Left Eye
 Now I'm not so sure. There must be a lot of people who don't like to look at a face like mine. All these little spots are wounds, and some of 'em still have the shot in them. There are a couple in my left eye, which is blind, and that's what makes that flip over it. That eye won't stay open very well, either, and runs a lot. What? Oh yes, it hurts constantly.

I'm pretty hazy about what happened, but from hearing Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rankin and the twins, Bob and Chuck, talking about it to my doctor, I think it's something like this:

The family came back from a long trip about 3:30 one Sunday morning Nov. 14. I think it was. Of course, after I welcomed them all, they let me out. They were pretty tired and went right to bed, but that was all right because I would come home and go in my little house in the yard. Well, it had been some time since I'd had a chance to check and see if all our neighbors were okay, so I started out on my rounds. I guess I was pretty much of a good dog like to have his whole neighborhood in good shape, as well as his own family, you know.

A Terrific Noise
 I wandered around, and was over checking the folks on Poppleton when it happened. I heard a noise, and turned to look. I can just remember dimly seeing a person standing there and noticing a gun—when it happened. There was a terrific noise, a flash in my face, and then this awful pain. I guess I was pretty much of a baby about it all, because I remember screaming. It hurt and scared me so that I ran around foolishly for a few minutes. Then I thought of home, and that's where I wanted to be.

I dragged myself through the yards until I came to our house. I didn't have strength enough to go to call my family, so I crept into my little house, and tried to take care of my wounds. The ones over my head could get at; both the really bad ones I couldn't touch. I was so cold, the roof of my nose, and all those little pellets burned like fire. Nothing on earth should have to go through the agony that that shot cost me.

Taken to See a Vet
 The Rankins missed me at my usual spot, the back door, when they got up and called. I just couldn't go, so finally they looked for me. Bob and Chuck found me, and were pretty scared boys. The family pitched right in and hustled me off to the vet. He took some sort of gadget that he could look through my skin with, and went right to work. I'm not mad at him because he hurt; he was trying to help. He picked a lot of shot out of me, but what worried him most was the fact that I'd bled so much inside. This loose skin on my neck was a regular sack of blood.

That doctor certainly worked hard to put me back in shape. I can't say I'm any stronger, nor begin to repay him.

It makes me feel a little self-conscious, but if I don't tell you about my new career, Mrs. Rankin will. You see I'd been in several benches, and I lacked two points of my championship. That was okay, but of course I liked the idea of my family better. Mrs. Rankin tells me I'm a nuisance some times, but she nearly always gives me a pat on the head when she says it. I think Mr. Rankin is a swell guy, too, but I worship the twins. The show pack doesn't bother me too much, but I can't hunt any more!

I Liked to Hunt
 I liked to hunt. That's what I was born to do. There's a big kick to be had out of bringing birds to point and flushing them out at a sign from the boss. It's a great feeling, too, to head for home, tired to the bone, and watching the boss as he admires the day's bag. I'm a big guy, and it makes me feel pretty useless to think of just sitting around the house all day, every day, when the rest of the fellows are out with their bosses. I guess I've got

what soldiers called 'battle fatigue'.

"I know, what I can't figure out is why anyone did this to me. As far as I know I've always been a good dog. At least I've tried. I didn't tear gardens up, and I never even thought of biting anyone. Like all dogs, I barked some times, but not very much. Any way, if I'd been bothering some of the neighbors, all they had to do is tell my family, and they would have had me stop. No one had to shoot me!

Thank People
 Say, before you go, I'd like to have you thank all the people who were so kind though. Dozens of them called the house to find out how I was coming along. And thank the youngsters around who helped Bob and Chuck try to find out who shot me, too, please. That goes for the policemen. They worked hard, but of course, no one knew except the person who did it. They, the police and neighbors, certainly were swell, and that doctor. Gosh! I wish I could do something nice for him.

What? Oh yes, I think that some ones on my legs could get at today. I'll stop being quite so nervous. I'm trying hard, see, just look at that paw, isn't that steady? I'm sure trying. I don't want to be mad at anybody—it isn't my way.

Thanks again to everyone who was so kind to my family while I was away, and those who asked about me every day.

Barnum School Will Present Christmas Program on Tuesday

Barnum Junior High School will present "Good King Wenceslaus" next Tuesday in the school auditorium at 8 o'clock. Miss Lyla E. McCormick and Victor Ulrich are directing the performance.

They are being assisted by other faculty members including Ralph Battenhouse, Alice McHugh, Marilyn Smiley, Rome Stark and Harriet Watson. Scenery has been prepared by Joanna Harley, Nancy Gilliam and Gael Greig.

Roles of the king will be taken by Larry McCracken, with Miral Knights as Anne, the queen. Others in the cast will be Clarence Doney, Craig Kallen, Fred Sheldon, John Lutz, Peggy Jo Crin, Linda Ball, David Campbell, George Mosby, Ned Sharples, Sylvia Chalk and Judy Frost, Julian Chalk, and David Morgan are in charge of props.

Victor Ulrich will direct the girls glee club and ensemble in the musical scores of the performance. The former will sing "Jesus in the Manger," "Once in Royal David's City," "Shepherds Shake Off Your Drowsy Sleep" and "As Little as I Am."

We Watched. Soloists for "The Seven Joys of Mary" will be Connie Dantz, Gael Greig, Dorothy Ojala and Stella Traylor.

The ensemble, which is composed of Jean Donnelly, Connie Dantz, Janet Cray, Arlyn Badler, Joanna Greiner, Bev Stralinger, Sheila Traylor, Kitty Kinn, Elizabeth Rodle, Katy Micou, Phyllis Abbott and Marilyn Burdick will sing "Whence Comes This Rush of Wings Aflap," "The Holly and the Ivy," "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" and "There's a Song in the Air." Janey Cray will be the featured soloist in the latter number.

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