

### Boots, Companion of Veteran Mail Carrier, Fatally Hurt

Boots is no longer delivering mail in Wilmette. Last Friday, for the first time in several years, she failed to make her morning and afternoon rounds with Postman Jake McDaniel.

Hundreds of times Boots, a police dog owned by the Rosen family, 1045



Boots with his mistress, Lois Rosen

Elmwood avenue, has safely crossed the railroad to meet Mr. McDaniel at the post office door and accompany him from house to house. Thursday of last week, however, at Greenleaf avenue, where workmen have been repairing the tracks, she became confused and was struck by a North Shore line train. Her injuries were so serious it was necessary for the police to destroy her.

#### Faithful to Duty

Since then, inquiries about Boots have been pouring into the Rosen home by telephone, and everyone has been asking Mr. McDaniel what happened to his pal.

Boots adopted Jake McDaniel several years ago, and assigned herself the duties of bodyguard. Every morning at 8 o'clock she was waiting for him outside the post office. Rain or shine, below zero or in broiling heat, Boots was on the job. And in

the afternoon before 1:15, back she came for the second delivery. Together they walked up to every mail box on the route, and no dog along the way, it is unnecessary to add, barked at Jake—Boots saw to that.

#### Highly Intelligent

She was highly intelligent, and knew what hours she was supposed to be at the post office. Occasionally she arrived too early and had to wait twenty minutes or more, but she never came late.

Smart as Boots was, a few things were beyond her grasp. First, she failed to understand why Mr. McDaniel did not deliver mail on Sunday and on Saturday afternoon, and this often caused her many hours of anxious waiting. Second, Boots was puzzled and greatly distressed last winter when Jake went to Texas on a vacation and left her shivering in the cold, with icicles forming around her mouth on freezing mornings. The substitute carrier on the route and some of the other mailmen made friendly advances, but Boots wasn't interested. She was waiting for Jake.

#### Uncle Sam Provides Puzzle

A second incident, much like the vacation interval, also occurred last winter, when the post office moved into new headquarters on Central avenue. Uncle Sam forgot to notify Boots, so she continued to arrive at the old location on Wilmette avenue. Failing to meet Mr. McDaniel she would pick him up on the route somewhere, repeating this day after day until some one took her over to the new building. The next morning she showed up at the Central avenue office and had been coming across the tracks regularly ever since—that is, until last Friday.

#### VISITS AT DENISON

Mrs. George D. Allison, 1028 Forest avenue, spent the week-end with her son, Tom, at Denison university. Tom is in his junior year and is editor of the school paper.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Kingery and their son, Hal, 519 Forest avenue, have returned from a vacation of four months spent at Mooney's Point, Fla.

Mrs. John W. McCurdy and Jacqueline and John Casey, 929 Michigan avenue, returned recently from a vacation of four months spent in Palm beach.

Mr. and Mrs. James Badger and their two sons, Frank and Jim, Jr., 801 Forest avenue, spent the week-end with Mr. Badger's mother, Mrs. Emma Young, in LaFontaine, Ind.

Mrs. John W. Fisher, Jr., entertained the members of her reading club for luncheon at her home, 826 Greenwood avenue, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Farrell plan to spend the summer in Wilmette. They moved from Chicago to 1215 Elmwood avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Maher, 1024 Pontiac road, are new residents in Wilmette, having moved from the South side April 3.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Sith and their small son, Richard, 422 Ninth street, are new residents in Wilmette, having moved here from Des Moines.

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