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#### COLLIE DOG ATTACKS TOTS

Viciously attacking his owner's two young children aged two and three years, the collie dog owned by Mr. George Zeigler, who resides on the A. D. McKay farm, 4th con. Elderslie, on Tuesday afternoon last came very near to killing at least one of the youngsters before his savage onslaught was halted by the tots' mother, who, with considerable courage, drove the slavering cur off his victims and carried them to safety in the house. As it was, the eldest child was terribly torn down the side and hips, as well as on the legs by the sharp fangs of the animal, and it required over thirty surgical stitches to close all the wounds. The younger child escaped with only minor cuts and bruises from the dog's teeth.

The Zeigler collie, according to his owner, had been a model farm dog, although from the time they obtained him, the children had been unable to make friends with him. However, he had never at any time threatened the safety of the children, or he would have been disposed of immediately.

On Tuesday Mr. Zeigler started away in his car to drive to Southampton on business. The two tiny children were feeling somewhat disappointed at not being permitted to go with their daddy in the car, and to take their minds off this, Mrs. Zeigler suggested that they all go to the barn to gather the eggs. As the children toddled along the eldest swung her little arm toward the collie, who was trotting along nearby, and in a flash the dog had tackled the two youngsters. With a horrible snarling attack the dog knocked down the younger baby, and was mauling it angrily when Mrs. Zeigler dashed to the rescue. She snatched the prostrate kiddie off the ground and ran to the house, but as she turned her back the dog went after the three-year-old boy, and in the short space of seconds which it took Mrs. Zeigler to come running to the spot, the child's legs, hip and back were badly torn and mangled by the slashing, tearing teeth of the blood-mad dog. Armed with a stick the frantic mother beat off the infuriated animal, which slunk to the barn to hide.

There was no telephone in the Zeigler home, and the terrified mother was forced to leave the children locked in the house whimpering with pain and fright, while she ran several hundred yards to the home of Mr. Dan McIntyre for assistance. Dr. R. J. Tucker of Paisley was summoned, and upon his arrival and following an examination of the children's injuries, he called in Dr. Grove of Paisley to assist him in dressing the wounds, which required a great many stitches to close.

Mr. Zeigler was quite unaware of what had occurred until his return in the evening, and needless to say, his first act was to destroy the collie dog which had so terribly mauled his children.

The two children are now doing nicely, and on Tuesday, most of the stitches were removed by Dr. Tucker.