

### Joe, Dark-Skinned Dane; Latest Cop on Wilmette Force

"Traveling a beat may be pretty hard on the two feet of the average policeman," says Joe Bigelow, newest member of the Wilmette police department, "but it will only be half as hard on me. It will be my aim, while a member of the department, to do my duty as I see it and to obey the commands of my superior officers."

Thus quoth Patrolman Joe Bigelow shortly after he was inducted into the police department by Chief Brautigam late last week. Joe is the dark, handsome officer with the large ears and the bright new star whom you may have noticed wandering about the village late at night and early in the morning, in fact at all times.

"He is a 'hound' for punishment," says Chief Brautigam after assigning the new officer to the 'dog' watch, the middle watch and part of the day watch. He wants to work like a dog so we'll let him."

#### Two Joes Inseparable

Joe's regular traveling partner is another Joe, whose other name is Schmidt. Long since, the newest recruit attached himself to Patrolman Schmidt. He appears at the station as regularly as nightfall and accompanies his friend, rain or shine, warm weather or cold, until Schmidt completes his shift. The Dane, for that's Joe's classification, then repairs to the Bigelow residence for his brief quota of sleep. Later in the day he pays a visit to headquarters, reports to Chief Brautigam, returns home for dinner, and, shortly before midnight reappears for the night's travels. He has patrolled every post in the village and is conceded to be the best informed canine on community gossip and happenings.

Joe's pay is one "bone" a day, be-

sides frequent and rich gleanings from various cooks on the beats. Oh, yes, he likes the kitchens.

#### Dog Has His Day

It was a proud day for Joe when they made him a policeman, for it has been his greatest ambition for the past two years to become a member of the local force. When the ceremonies were conducted and Chief Brautigam told him to report at 9 o'clock, Joe scampered home to show his new star to E. E. Bigelow, 826 Park avenue, with whom he stays.

After he received the congratulations of Mr. and Mrs. Bigelow he consented to an interview with a representative of WILMETTE LIFE.

"All I have to say," said Joe, as he prepared to retire for a short nap, "is that I consider it quite an honor to be the first official police dog of Wilmette. It is said that every dog has its day and this is evidently mine."

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