

Lenape Tracking Club, Inc.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS NEWSLETTER:

ANNUAL DINNER INFORMATION AND RESERVATION SLIP, DEADLINE 3/18

ARTICLE by Carol Parkinson

NOMINATIONS FOR 1978

NOTES FROM FEBRUARY 13th MEETING

MEMBERS TIDBITS

AND OTHER ASSORTED INFORMATION

Don't miss anything in your newsletter, be among the informed...it's your club and your newsletter, keep the information coming in.....

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Fall Match

Nov. 13th dawned cold and windy, but without precipitation for our fall match. Our judge was Larry Brown from Owings, Maryland. He arrived about noon the day before and the tracks were plotted. Sally Lacy was his hostess for dinner and the night (just one more reason we'll miss Sally). Drawing for the tracks was held at *AM and the match began.

Unfortunately it was not a good day for all those seeking certification, no one was able to pass. Judge Brown even plotted three more tracks and gave three of the dogs second chances, but even that didn't break the jinx that seemed to be on everyone's tracks that day. The only dog to pass was the last dog, Carol Parkinson's Hancz who already had his T.D..

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Feb. Meeting

Postponed because of snow from Feb. 6th, the Feb. 13th meeting nearly had to be postponed again because of ...what else...snow. The meeting was held at the Loos' in Bedminster with ten members present, and was called to order by Vice-President Bill Hoopes at 8:15. Because it was already snowing they hurried through the meeting and were finished with the business and adjourned by 8:55....a new world's record perhaps(?).

Treasurer reported a current balance of \$392.58. That may seem like a lot but we spent nearly \$800 for the club running expenses and all the events last year. So we need more members to give us the needed capital.

Membership report was made by Joanne MacKinnon who told that there were 29 members to date (13 single and 8 family).

Marie Mento made a report on the dinner which will be held at the Village Store Restaurant in Whitehouse Station, N.J. on March 31st with about the same menu as last year and for the same cost. There will be a presentation of slides from the Johnson Scent Seminar. Money must accompany the reservations. (your full information is on a separate sheet in this newsletter.)

Match report, there was no further information available as to the judges for the spring or fall matches. Because of the weather our Secretary Fran

Wilmeth was not present so some parts of the business were not able to be completely covered.

Nominating Committee report was made by its chairman Tim Riley. The person they had nominated for President had turned them down therefore the Committee was seeking nominations from the floor for this office. After much persuasion Tim Riley agreed to accept the nomination for President. The slate the Nominating Committee brought to the meeting is on the left and the final slate is on the right. Final vote will be at Annual Meeting.

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Mention was made of the possibility of asking Carol Parkinson to set up regular training sessions, with herself teaching the first few.

Mention was made that we had been contacted by a Schutzhund club about the possibility of them working on tracking with us and there were no negative feelings expressed by those present. Contact was by phone they were to write a letter to the club but they have not done so yet.

Bill Hoopes passed around a nylon harness (Tracking) available from RESHA, Jeanette Hunkins, R.D.1, Box 449, Alburtis, Pa. 18011. The harness is available in 4 sizes to fit from 20 lbs to 130 lbs, It's adjustable nylon webbing and costs \$6.00. The harness can be made with padding at extra cost. Also they can make up harnesses to our order. Catalog is available from them upon request.

Minutes Respectively submitted by Joanne MacKinnon (Substitute Secretary)

UPDATE.....UPDATE.....UPDATE.....UPDATE.....

The following items from the minutes can now be updated.....

REGULAR TRAINING SESSIONSCarol Parkinson has agreed to start the training sessions on Saturdays, scheduling not yet worked out. But they will start as soon as possible when the weather breaks and we can all see some grass again.

Fall 1978 Match. Art Hartzell has agreed to judge our fall match. The date is not yet settled upon as Art is trying to work out arrangements with the Burlington KC who's test he will be judging this fall so that our match date will fall within their entry dates (before they close). Plus we want the date to be late enough in Nov. to make the certifications which are good for 6 months to last at least through the first weekend in May to give those passing the opportunity to enter most any of the spring tests.

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Johnson Seminar

Glen Johnson Seminar and a certification match with Art Hartzell and Dan Barker judging will be held on May 27,28,29 in State College, Pa. This is sponsored by the Nittanny Kennel Club. Tracking will be subject of the first day, Search and Rescue the second day and the match on the third day. Costs are as follows for the seminar. Two days \$35, One day #25. Second person , same family for two days \$25. Match entry fee \$3.50. The seminar will be held at the Holiday Inn in State College, and they have some rooms reserved at a special rate. Dan Barker is mailing me some flyers, but you

get information from Dan Barker, 360 Lightner St. State College, Pa. 16801. 814-238-5334 or from me when I get the rest. Hope some of members can make this one, and share the information with the rest of us afterwards.

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Members Tidbits

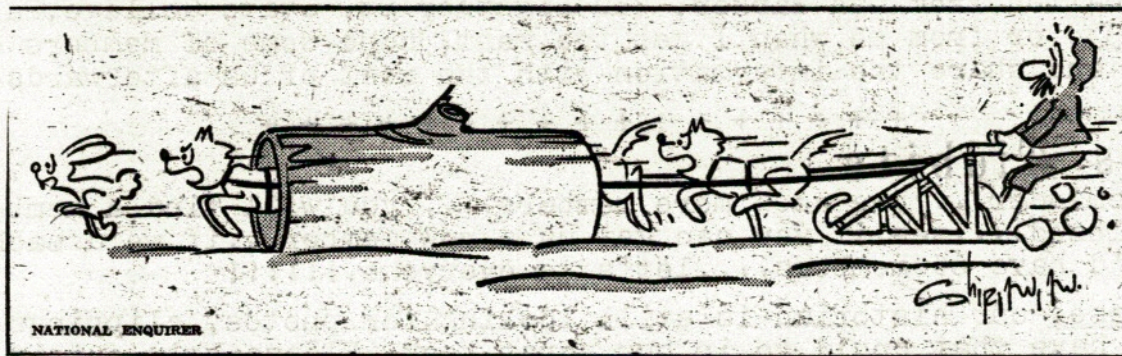
First a reminderwe need more members.... you will find a membership blank enclosed....see if you can get us a new member...if we'd each get one....we'd have 60 members....let's go everyone!!!!!!

Marion Case, our historian is still looking for photos, clippings, anything you might have that could go in our scrap book. Please help out if you can.

Peg Forte, reports she has kept a male puppy from her Tess's litter named Razzo (means rocket in Italian) and is waiting impatiently for better weather so they can get started on tracking. All the rest are gone to terrific people. Their father Davos was best of breed at the Garden this year. Also an interesting bit of news, the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America is going to run a certification match in conjunction with their speciality this May in Pontiac, Michigan. Only three Bernese to date have earned a TD. But when the members was asked if they were interested there was a good response from those now working their dogs that they feel they can hold a match this year and perhaps in the future they will have a Tracking Test as part of their Specialty....way to go working dogs.

Bill Hoops What do you do when there's so much snow on the ground that starting a dog in tracking is nigh impossible, well if you have Bill Hoops and have Malamutes you just naturally turn to sled dog racing. And once again Bill has been proving what you can do with intelligent obedience trained dogs as he has earned a Working Dog Certificate given by the Malamute Club of America to a team who has passed the standards set three times. Bill's team of three passed their three races in three weeks time, undoubtedly a record for Malamutes and perhaps for other breeds as well. Bill and Jane say that the obedience training made the difference as Bill's team worked steadily all the time, while other teams were tangled in their harnesses or led of the trails by the lead dogs, Bill obedient team went right on by. The team holds several obedience titles. Mother Kye has a C.D., Kara has her AM. & CAN. C.D.T.D. and Fargo has his AM.&CAN.C.D. and Am. TD, quite a family. Bill is training three of Kara's puppies to join the team. Fargo who earned his TD this fall at Town and Country's Test is the 6th Malamute ever to hold a TD and the 1st time there were two from a litter, Kara is his sister. There was a whole page in the Democrat (Flemington paper) two weeks ago about sled dog racing and Bill Hoops is in there pictures and all. Have saved a copy and will bring it to the next meeting. The following cartoons show how Bill's team does not behave.





Dan & Janet Horn, address change reported to 1350 Shiloh Trail, East, Kennesaw, Georgia 30144 but be watching for another change as I hear they are heading to the Wash. DC area soon. They are expecting two litters of puppies soon also, Cheasepeakes of course.

Melissa Kell, a puppy from her last litter of Akita's has earned a TD in Michigam this fall in it's first Test.

Sally Lacy has sent us greetings from the "Lenape Tracking Club, West" in Ohio. Her new address is Keswick Farm, 2396 Phillips Rd., Lebanon, Ohio 45036. Do drop her a line. Here are some exerpts from a letter your editor received early in February.

"We did not move south but to the Little House on the Prairie somewhere beyond the Dakotas." "The moving van was snowbound for 5 days at our house in Brookside (NJ), the men, too. I had a short form of the flu. Tom, Badger, Jenny, silver and applesauce blundered through a storm to beat the van -ha!- only to find men weren't coming after all. They slept on the floor of an empty house for 3 days." "I had a plow free our van & then browbeat the movers into getting out of town."

"My trip with the other valuables (Tory, Cat, & houseplants) was eirie. No one was on the Pa. Turnpike but me. The slowpoke movers took two days & a large show horn to get our belongings in here & they no sooner left when the wind picked up & we had the most terrifying storm I've ever been in. 36 hours of 0 and below, & 25-75 mph winds which blew snow in through the walls. Pump froze & we played Ma & Pa Pioneer trekking out to the hand pump with buckets. Still cold but it is beautiful."

"Plan to be back in June for Commissions" "Good luck & keep me informed. I don't know how I'll replace all of you. Maybe you'll have to become sheep." Best to all, Sally.

These were just the highlights and hope we'll be hearing regularly from Sally, our western reporter. Reference to us becoming sheep is because Sally has been teaching Badger to herd sheep (or is it Badger showing Sally what he'd like to be doing. My boys and I had the pleasure of seeing Badger work before they left and he sure loves it. Some rough edges to work out but he definitely knows what a Border Collie should do.

Loos, Ronn & Maeleine Jodi UDT has been doing well at some of the fall shows and here are the highlights. Ulster DTC Highest Combined (won run-off) Highest Scoring Collie and Highest Scoring dog with TD. Scores were Open B, 198 4th place and Utility 196½. Queensbore KC 10/29 Open B 199 1st place, Highest Scoring Dog in Trial, Utility 193½, 3rd place. Phila. DTC 12/10 Highest Combined Score Open B & Utility, 1st leg on the William Hughes Challenge Trophy. Open B 198 (tied for third lost run-off), Utility B score 197½ (tied for first, lost run-off). Congratulations on such fine scores.

Joanne MacKinnon Persistence has payed off again for Joanne, this time with Biff who just turned six. He has finished his CD with the scores of 193½, 193½ and 196½. The last score brought him Highest Scoring Golden and a 1st place in Novice B. We always knew he had it in him, hurrah BIFF.C.D.

John & Florence Miktus John and Ebony passed again at Town & Country's Test. Gypsy has earned her CDX at the ripe old age of 14 months. John and Ebony now

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giving Schutzhund work a try. Know they will do well at this also. Ebony spent some time this fall reoperating from a broken leg, but back in working shape and on to more mountains to conquer.

Ann Nowakaski They will be moving soon to Hunterdon County. Nicki has earned two legs on his CDX.

Carol Parkinson has applied for a provisional tracking judge licsence from the AKC. Her shepherd Bee Jay's Hancz earned his Canadian CD last October with scores of 189-192-194. When's he going to get a Canadian TD to make him out fourth dog with AM&CAN CD's and TD's????

Tim Riley kept a male puppy from Kelly's litter and in anxiously waiting better weather to start training him in tracking.

Richard and Charlotte Yuresak have each finished their dogs CDX titles, Bull and Girl are training in Utility now.

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Editors Notes: Have tried to make this newsletter a bit fancier and more fun filled, but can always use your help. Send me clippings, jokes, cartoons, items of interest and if you like write an article as Carol Parkinson did. All materials are welcome. Now that my position in the club will be changing from President to ~~Board~~ Member I hope that will allow me more time to do a better job each time the newsletter comes out, but I do need your help.

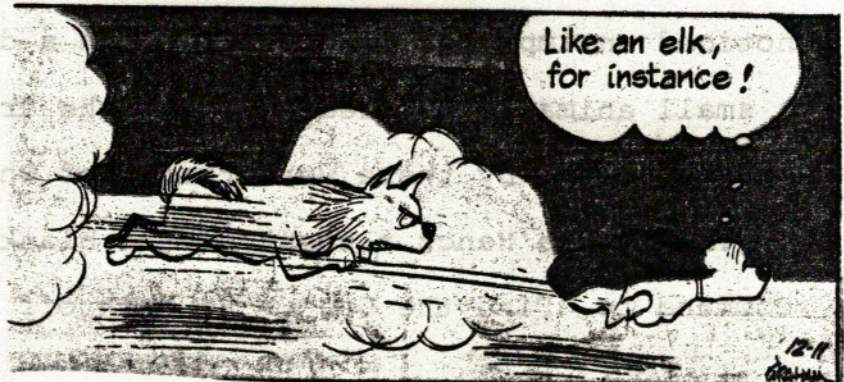
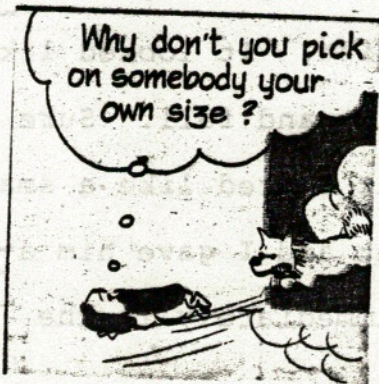
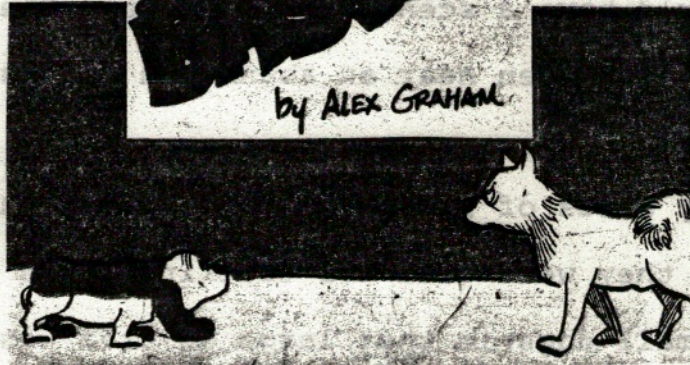
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ADVANCED TRACKING MATCH April 16 for information contact Yvette Katcher, Box 486 Mohegan Lake, N.Y. 10547 Thank you Sally Lacy for this information, you are gone but not forgotten by any means.

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ELKBIT

by ALEX GRAHAM



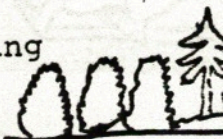
P P USING A TRACKING DOG FOR OTHER THAN COMPETITION X

By Carol Parkinson

On February 6, just as it was getting dark, and after approximately 15 inches of snow, I received a phone call asking me if it would be possible for my German Shepherd to track a Champion Border Terrier and his puppy that were lost since February 4. I said I would be willing to give it a try, provided I could get my car out, but that I would not be able to give any guarantee since the dog had never worked on animal tracks. I got dressed with as many clothes as I could find and drove out to the Jones' farm in Mt. Holly, where the dogs lived. In addition to myself, three other people and a Min. Schnauzer and Rotweiller were also available.

Upon arriving at the home of Diane Jones, we asked where the two small dogs were last seen. We also asked for a part of their bedding to give to Hancz (my German Shepherd) so that he would have a scent to work with. She told us that the dogs were last seen near an abandoned airfield so we headed for that point.

The many acres of land and woods looked much larger than they did when they were used for tracking tests or practicing. Looking for small dogs in that large an area was like looking for a needle in a haystack. As we were driving along, we noticed an impression in the snow in a drift. It looked like a small animal had tried to climb the drift and fell. Sure enough, close by there were tracks of what looked like a small dog. We gave Hancz a scent of the blanket and I gave him a command to "Find the Dog". He took off immediately in the



direction of the footprints as if he knew exactly what we wanted him to do. In the meantime, the two people who had the road patrol were driving in the car down the highway. We noticed several hundred yards down the road that those same small tracks came back out to the road.

Hancz began walking down the middle of the road, casting from side to side, while I continually gave him the command to "Find the Dog". He was very keyed up and knew exactly what I wanted him to do. He stopped suddenly and burrowed his nose into a small drift. We started digging and he found feces from a small animal. We went bananas giving him praise and then continued on. He next stopped and urinated on a small drift, which led us to believe that possibly the male dog had been there. He began walking down the road again and all of a sudden he went like a bat out of hell through a fence. I dropped my 40-foot tracking line, climbed over the fence and had to run quickly to catch up with him. He was on the track again. For safety reasons, another handler came with us. If we got into trouble she would be able to return for help.

We followed the dog deeper and deeper into the woods. At some points the snow was about 2-3' deep. The dog moved at what seemed to be an effortless pace, not even thinking about the deep snow or thick brush. I kept thinking "maybe we should turn back" the further we got into the wooded areas. I had a fear of Hancz possibly getting caught in an animal trap, a pack of stray dogs that were known to be running in that area, coon hunters and being in a totally strange area and

not being able to see. I could not stop though. Something kept me going - I guess it was the beauty of this German Shepherd tracking in this deep snow. At one point there were several sets of animal tracks but he still picked out the same small set and followed them.

After approximately two miles of tracking, we came to a 1 1/2 foot drop. Hancz climbed down and I suddenly realized that we were on ice. My heart was in my throat with each step that I took, wondering if the ice was safe. We finally got to the other side where there was a three foot hill. The next problem - how to get this dog up the hill - it was very icy and he kept slipping. Both the other handler and I pushed him up and he began tracking at the top of the hill. By the time we got up there, we realized it was only about 5 feet wide and there was a creek on the other side. He took us down this narrow strip (it appeared to be a small island) and led us back to the opposite end of the first lake we crossed. At this point we heard running water, we could not see any passable way that we could get through to the other side other than the way we had just come. We had been out about two hours by this time, and we decided that it would be very unsafe to continue in the type of terrain where the tracks appeared to go.

We started back to the car. When we got there, Diane Jones anxiously awaited to hear what we had found. She could not believe the performance Hancz had made in an effort to find her dogs. She was pleased with the news. We found out from the relatively fresh tracks that the dogs were still alive, and gave her a general direction of where she should continue her search. Possibly if they had given us a call during the day

when we could see what we were up against, I feel confident that we would have found her small dogs. However, the tracking dog is usually the last one to be called.

And then at the car -- Hancz received his reward for tracking - a large marrow bone. I would like to have given him a sirloin steak for the performance that he gave.

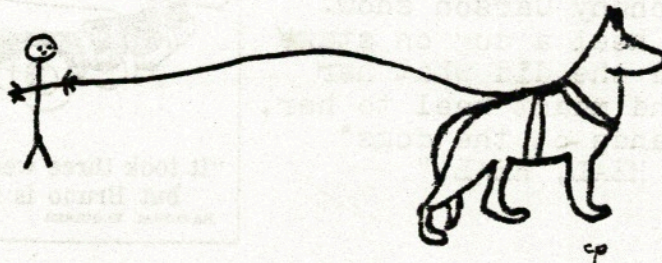
It was one of the most fantastic and exciting experiences I ever had, in addition to getting my Tracking Dog Title. I think this little adventure has helped us on our way to what is for me the ultimate in titles,

TRACKING DOG EXCELLENT.

P.S. A big thank you to my German Shepherd, HANCZ.

A HAPPY ENDING

I received a call the next day. The Dogs were found approximately five miles further from where we tracked them. The two small Border Terriers are now home with Diane, her husband and six children.

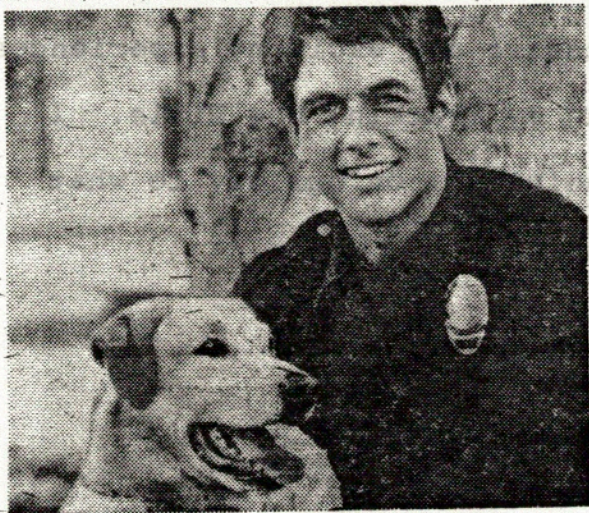


Can 'Sam' Chase Fonzie?

CBS thinks it has found an answer to ABC's "Happy Days" and The Fonz. It's "Sam," a Los Angeles police dog, who is being trained to take a good-size bite out of the ratings of the popular ABC series Tuesday nights at 8, starting March 14.

Sam's partner, Mike Breen, in this new Jack Webb production is Mark Harmon, 26, son of Michigan's "Old 9" Tom Harmon and actress Elyse Knox. The handsome lad, a UCLA quarterback a few seasons ago, has met tough opponents before on the field and he didn't have a super dog like Sam by his side, either, he said. "Sam can do more than any dog in the real canine corps."

The series is based on fact, according to young Harmon, with whom we lunched recently. "It's



"Sam" stars: Mark Harmon and Sam

based on the experiences of a member of the LAPD named Dwayne Shubey, a Vietnam veteran dog trainer, who got permission from Chief Ed Davis to go to Lackland Air Force Base in Texas to start a pilot program with a dog to see if it would work. He was given a mutt named Hanz, part German shepherd, part collie. They teamed up and Hanz turned out to be the darndest bomb dog the force ever had."

Cities with large canine forces are San Francisco, Chicago and Denver, according to the actor. Los Angeles has about eight in its scientific investigation department and all the cities would have more if good trainers could be found. Sam was trained by Carl Spitz Jr., from Fran Inn Associates, the same outfit that trained Benji. He's a Labrador retriever and he can do just about everything. Generally the dogs in the canine corps are specialists—one is trained in narcotics, another in explosives, and so forth. Sam does everything equally well."

DOG TRAINING: The heeling art.

This daffy definition reminds us of a true story Lorretta Lynn told on herself on the Johnny Carson show. She was asked to heel a dog on stage during a show and she did what her country background meant heel to her, she placed her hands on the dogs' back and said, "HEAL, HEAL!"

There are certain additives in classic explosives. All Sam's trainer has to do is to teach him the scent and the dog can find it within seconds. "The dog's incredible," said Harmon. "His reward is a chance to play with a ball. He's ball crazy. He lived with me for six weeks, but he also must stay close to his trainer."

Will he give Max the bionic dog, competition on the tube? We asked Harmon.

"He's not like Max," said Harmon. "Anything Sam does on the show can actually be done today by dogs in canine corps around the country. He's a super dog but not Superdog."

The big question is, of course, will he pick up the scent of The Fonz and give him a merry chase down television lane Tuesday night?

Giving the handsome actor Harmon a good chase is a pretty blonde model from New York who was with him the day we met. Her name, Cindy Harrell, and she tells the kind of Cinderella story all young girls dream of. While living in New York, she said, she used to see pictures of Mark in magazines with his handsome family (mother, father and two sisters).

"I used to fantasize about him. I even told a photographer once that he was the man I wanted to meet." But he lived in L.A. and I lived in New York. Later I became involved in a cover girl campaign in which Mark's sister Kelly, a model, was working. It was through her I finally met him."

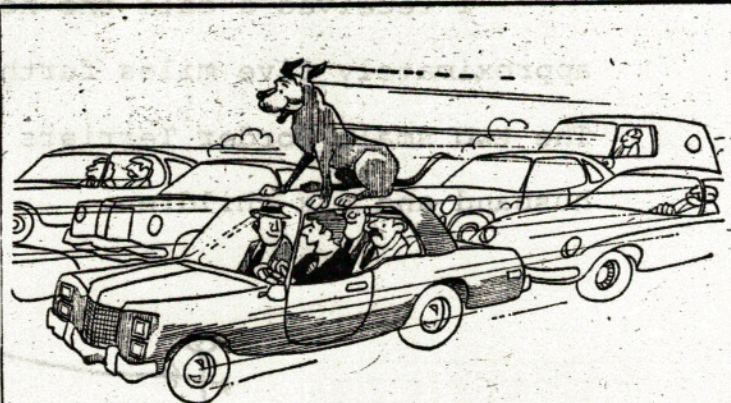
The California-born actor has sisters who are lucky for him. Kris, the oldest, who is 31, is married to Rick Nelson, son of Ozzie Nelson. A little nepotism was involved when Mark landed his first acting job. It was on Ozzie Nelson's show "Ozzie's Girls."

"I knew then acting was what I wanted to do. I later got roles on 'Police Woman,' 'Police Story,' 'Laverne and Shirley,' 'All's Fair,' and other series. I'm also scheduled to do a Movie of the Week entitled 'Little Mo' with Glynnis O'Connor and a two-parter on NBC's 'Class of '65.'"

For a top grid star the natural progression seems to be to turn pro. But Mark said he never wanted to. "I loved football and always played the game for fun. I had a good time at it and when it was time to quit, I did. Now I broadcast an occasional UCLA game. That's enough," said the 6-foot, 170-pound actor. His father, a former all-American and broadcaster today, has always been supportive. "He never forced me to play. He simply helped when he knew I was serious."

BUMPER SNICKERS

BY BILL HOEST



"It took three weeks and 80 bucks at obedience school, but Bruno is finally cured of chasing the car."

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