

Super Snoops In Sunny Italy

A red jeep loaded with riot police raced through the narrow streets of Rome. Its tires screaming as it wheeled sharply up to Brinkley's famous nightclub on the star-studded, scandal-haunted Via Veneto. The jeep screamed to a halt. A man and woman emerged from the club, arm in arm. She wore a leopard-skin coat; he had a rumpled head of hair. Once again, the running story of Liz and Dickie was in high gear.

And in high gear, too, was the flamboyant, fast-moving band of news photographers known as the paparazzi. Before the carabinieri could jump from their jeeps, the paparazzi surged forward. Flashbulbs blazed from every angle.

"Come on, let's get out of here fast," said Dickie to Liz. "Easy, easy now," said Liz to Dickie. They pressed toward Dickie's gray Cadillac, more flashes lighting the way. As the police kept the paparazzi at bay, the Caddy roared off through the sleepy streets.

The car eased to a stop at Liz's place. Except for the chauffeur, they thought they were alone. But as Liz and Dickie stepped from the car, they found company. From the bushes, cameras flashing, leaped more of the peppy paparazzi.

Everywhere, the press rang the Liz and Dickie and Eddie teletype. To news columns and gossip columns, this was The Affair. The big news—official word from Liz and Eddie would not

stop the news flood. Mopping up, New York reporters noted that Eddie never really suspected that his marriage was on the rocks. ("He must have been getting his information from the CIA," said comic Dick Gregory.) And the day after the split, reporters reported that Dickie left Liz's villa at 8:30 a.m. "after entering sometime earlier, unnoticed by watching photographers." When the paparazzi spotted Liz, Dickie dropped the Siamese cat he was carrying. Suzy, New York Mirror gossip columnist, promptly revealed that Dickie's male Siamese had a thing about a female cat of the same name.

Meanwhile, back at the set of "Cleopatra," a movie Liz and Dickie are making in Rome, the show went on. "The Unsinkable Liz Is All Biz as She Sails Into Orgy Scene," was the way The New York Daily News headlined it. But one Italian newspaper broke into the set's buzz, the paper said it wasn't Dickie, but Liz who was the headline. It was Joseph L. Mankiewicz, director of "Cleopatra," Liz was in love with Mankiewicz. Dickie was a cover-up. Mankiewicz parried the report: "The real truth is that I am in love with Burton." Liz would go for the divorce, probably Las Vegas, site of the marriage three years ago.

Everybody had a guess, but no group got more fun out of the

shenanigans than the paparazzi, the scavengers named after a photographer, Paparazzo, in director Federico Fellini's film "La Dolce Vita." Fellini devised the name, he said, because it made him "think of a buzzing, darting, stinging insect."

Some Roman photographers, that whom perhaps do specialize in invading the privacy of celebrities, recent being lumped with the paparazzi. "I am no paparazzo," said Umberto Spagna, a free-lance who sells his shots to weekly magazines and foreign press agencies for \$5 to \$500 each. "They are bums, and I am a professional." Spagna, the professional, boasts: "I was the photographer who hid under Filippo Orsini's bed for seven hours waiting for him to enter with Belinda Lee. When I shot the picture he hit me over the head with a chair, but I got my cul-paccio."

A cul-paccio is a big scoop!

Prefer 'Brandy Dogs' To Helicopters

The mountain folk of French Savoy prefer dogs to helicopters as a means of rescue. They claim that St. Bernards are more efficient in rough weather.

These famous rescue dogs—traditionally equipped with a small barrel of brandy—are now making a comeback after having been in danger of becoming extinct.

A Frenchman, M. Charles Clement, and his wife, who own five dogs, are opening a breeding farm at Bourg St. Maurice, in the Savoy. This picturesque village is near Petit St. Bernard, and its now-abandoned monastery, one of the passes across the main chain of the Alps.

The monastery was once the centre for these massive dogs which stand up to twenty-seven and-a-half inches at the shoulder. But over the years, the monks at the Hospice of St. Bernard in the Swiss Alps, and the part of the seventeenth century. But over the years, the monks at the Hospice of St. Bernard in the Swiss Alps, and the part of the seventeenth century. But over the years, the monks at the Hospice of St. Bernard in the Swiss Alps, and the part of the seventeenth century.

Monks still keep some St. Bernards today. But there are only about 100 left in France and less than fifty in Switzerland.

There are just two breeds of dogs whose task is saving life—St. Bernards and Newfoundland. St. Bernards, accompanying monks, have saved hundreds of lives, particularly workmen trapped by snow or storm.

St. Bernards are faithful, gentle and highly intelligent. The original breed is extinct and the present breed was produced by crossing Newfoundland with Pyrenean shepherds.

The only training puppers need is to run with the older dogs on patrol tours.

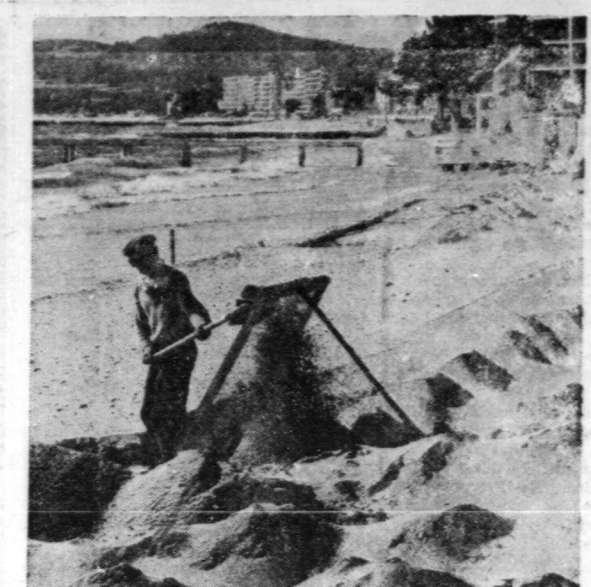
They are difficult to rear, but it is untrue that they can be raised only in Switzerland. There are a few breeders in America and elsewhere.

St. Bernards can be trained to become "nannies"—they will look after children with great care and tenderness.

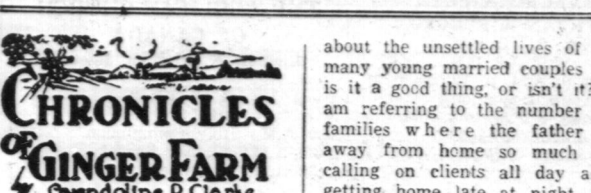
Much of the St. Bernard's rescue work is legendary. People in the French Savoy district still talk of the famous "Barry." He once carried food and drink to eighty-five people overcome during storms, but he died in the snow looking for his master.

Q. If a man is standing on a crowded bus near his fiancée, who is seated, and the seat next to her is vacated, may he properly seat himself next to her, or is he supposed to allow one of the standing women nearby to take the seat?

A. He should certainly allow a nearby woman to take the seat.



SAND DOIN'S — With summer just around the corner, the beach sand of the French Riviera is screened to get it clean, preparing for the many holiday and vacation sunbathers.



Good Friday, as everyone knows, was a beautiful day and were the neighbours ever busy in their gardens! And so were the fire-eaters. Three times in this district bonfires got out of control; three times fire sirens came screaming along the highway. Twice they turned down the road leading to our little subdivision and in a short while each fire was subdued. Thank goodness no buildings were involved—but there could have been an odd shack or two except for the prompt action of the fire department. What a lot of waste ground around here and of course it is infested with weeds. Naturally the owners get cutting, raking and burning, not realizing the ground is unusually dry for this time of the year.

Needless to say the fire created plenty of excitement for the children. Edie everyone else we have been poking around in the garden, looking to see what trees and shrubs have survived the winter. Actually, they all look pretty healthy. The rabbits didn't get a chance to nibble at the roots as Partner had a tarpaper wrapping around each shrub. Our biggest surprise was inside the house, not out. Our Christmas cactus, that was in full bloom at Christmas, is now blooming again for Easter. I had that happen once before. Seems to me the cactus is out of season all right but oh dear, how much better it was to see the cactus blooming out of season than the cactus coming into leaf. But, of course, you know it goes—late Easter, late spring.

Well, there have been more interesting topics for conversation this last week than gardens and bare trees. The dissolution of Parliament for instance and the promise of a federal election on June 18. One thing you can be sure of... this column will not indulge in one-sided politics. It is bad enough to read of two months' political propaganda without adding to it. Anyway, Partner and I have never been biased to the extent of saying: "This is my party, right or wrong?" We think there is always good and bad on either side. Naturally when it comes to a vote we have to make a decision. And then if we lose our votes we don't immediately think the country is doomed to destruction, nor that former friends automatically become our enemies. This is still a free country so why shouldn't we admit that we don't all have to think alike.

Also last week there was plenty of excitement about NHL Hockey—especially about those two unpredictable games in Chicago and Toronto. Everyone wants to know why the Leafs do so badly in Chicago and play such a good game on home ice. Partner has an idea it is because Toronto ice is twenty feet longer. I say no. Leafs never play well in white sweaters! Anyway, by the time this column gets in the mail we may know who has won the coveted Stanley Cup—and then the suspense will be over.

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Truth Slow To Overtake A Lie

Like many another company, K.L. du Pont de Nemours has been dogged for years by a damaging rumor about one of its products. As usual, the canard was as indestructible as it was inaccurate. The fiction: "Teflon," a tough, nearly frictionless plastic used in a variety of industrial tasks, emits lethal fumes when heated.

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Mrs. Crowbar's Bed Causes Much Trouble

It was a bed to dream about. Actually constructed by Britain's Multi-Springs, Ltd., it was first employed at a furniture exhibition and then deposited in all its splendour in an Oxford Street window of Selfridge's department store. Six feet 6 inches long and 5 feet wide, it had 1240 bed-springs and a framework gilded in 24-carat gold. Above the bed cover of highest quality brocade, a gold-plated crown let loose ensembles of white nylon.

Although they coiled and abated, women shoppers passed by after reading the price tag: £2,000 (\$8,400). Not bright-eyed, Mrs. Edusei said, "I saw it. I liked it. I bought it."

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