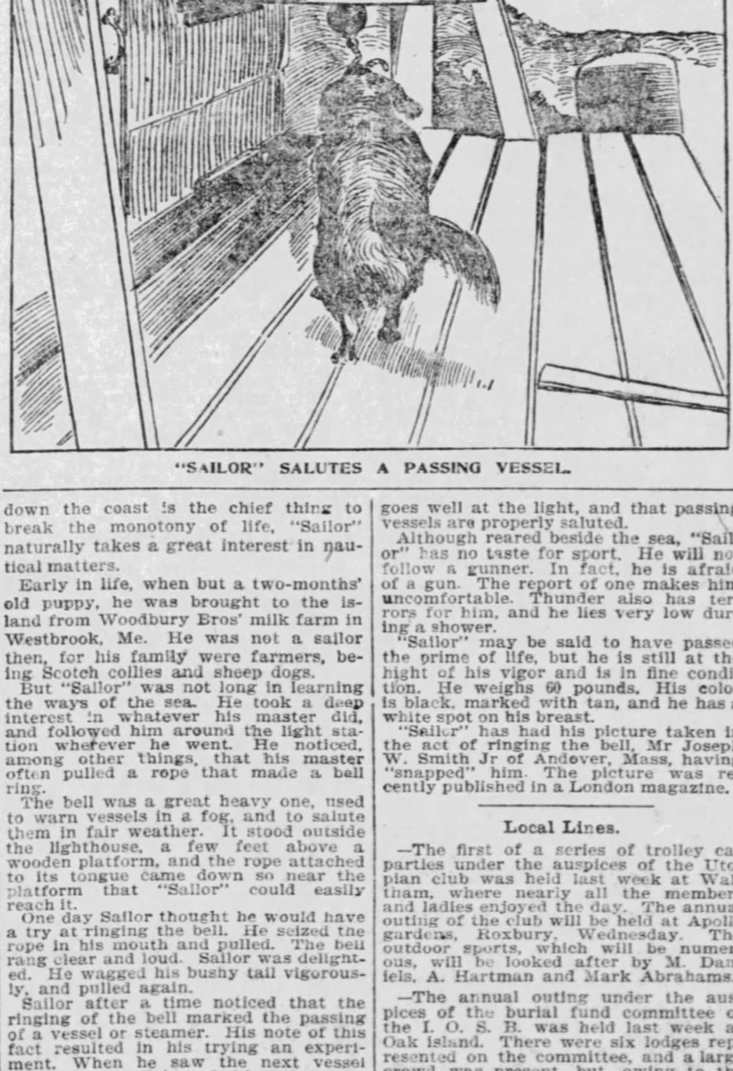
"DOG WATCH" FOR PASSING CRAFT.

"Sailor," a Knowing Dog on Wood Island, Makes This Term Literal—Rings the Lighthouse Bell Vigorously Whenever Vessels Appear—He is the Constant Companion of Mr T. H. Orcutt, Keeper of the Light, Who Takes Great Pride in His Many Accomplishments.

"Sailor" is the name of a wise dog who lives on Wood island, off Biddeford Pool, Me. His master is Thomas H. Orcutt, keeper of the Wood island lighthouse.

Having passed most of his nine years of life on rocky Wood island, where the waves beat ceaselessly on the granite shore, and the passing of vessels up and down the coast is the chief thing to break the monotony of life, "Sailor" naturally takes a great interest in nautical matters.



"SAILOR" SALUTES A PASSING VESSEL.

Early in life, when but a two-months' old puppy, he was brought to the island from Woodbury Bros' milk farm in Westbrook, Me. He was not a sailor then, for his family were farmers, being Scotch collies and sheep dogs.

But "Sailor" was not long in learning the ways of the sea. He took a deep interest in whatever his master did, and followed him around the light station wherever he went. He noticed, among other things, that his master often pulled a rope that made a bell ring.

The bell was a great heavy one, used to warn vessels in a fog, and to salute them in fair weather. It stood outside the lighthouse, a few feet above a wooden platform, and the rope attached to its tongue came down so near the platform that "Sailor" could easily reach it.

One day Sailor thought he would have a try at ringing the bell. He seized the rope in his mouth and pulled. The bell rang clear and loud. Sailor was delighted. He wagged his bushy tail vigorously, and pulled again.

Sailor after a time noticed that the ringing of the bell marked the passing of a vessel or steamer. His note of this fact resulted in his trying an experiment. When he saw the next vessel coming he anticipated his master in ringing the bell.

As the years have passed Sailor has kept on ringing salutes to passing vessels and steamers. Indeed, he feels hurt if not permitted to give the customary salute to passing craft, while skippers whose course takes them often past Wood island are accustomed to see Sailor tugging vigorously at the great bell tongue.

They reply with a will on their ship's bell or horn, and in case of steamers a hearty triple blast is sent back to the canine watcher of Wood island, who gives a new meaning to the good old sea term of "dog watch."

"Sailor" is his master's constant companion, and delights in being made his messenger, especially at dinner time, when he will come bounding from the kitchen to announce that the meal is ready. He will also carry letters, papers or small articles in his mouth.

He understands all that is said to him, and although a sailor dog by adoption, his breeding comes to the fore when some one says "the sheep are in the field."

This is a signal to Sailor to quit sailorizing and light keeping, and get to more serious work. He starts up in a great hurry, rushes to the door, and wants to be off in an instant, as if the surrounding rocks and waters were covered with flocks of stupid sheep, bound to break into some imaginary field of grass or grain.

In his daily life in the household of the lightkeeper Sailor is most unselfish in sharing his perquisites. He has two large cats for companions, and is considerate of them, allowing them to eat from the same dish that he does, and often lying down with them for a quiet little nap, when his duties do not call him to the bell.

"Sailor" does not share the propensity of most sailors for roaming. He loves to stay near the lighthouse, and seldom goes away from Wood island, though he might often make trips to the mainland with his master. His chief aim in life is to see that everything goes well at the light, and that passing vessels are properly saluted.

Although reared beside the sea, "Sailor" has no taste for sport. He will not follow a gunner. In fact, he is afraid of a gun. The report of one makes him uncomfortable. Thunder also has terrors for him, and he lies very low during a shower.

"Sailor" may be said to have passed the prime of life, but he is still at the hight of his vigor and is in fine condition. He weighs 60 pounds. His color is black, marked with tan, and he has a white spot on his breast.

"Sailor" has had his picture taken in the act of ringing the bell. Mr Joseph W. Smith Jr of Andover, Mass, having "snapped" him. The picture was recently published in a London magazine.

Local Lines.

—The first of a series of trolley car parties under the auspices of the Utopian club was held last week at Waltham, where nearly all the members and ladies enjoyed the day. The annual outing of the club will be held at Apollo gardens, Roxbury, Wednesday. The outdoor sports, which will be numerous, will be looked after by M. Daniels, A. Hartman and Mark Abrahams.

—The annual outing under the auspices of the burial fund committee of the I. O. S. B. was held last week at Oak island. There were six lodges represented on the committee, and a large crowd was present, but, owing to the inclemency of the weather, arrangements were made for another outing at the same place Wednesday, Aug 22. The committee in charge of the affair were Rev S. Reinstein, I. Cohen, L. Ritner, M. Corvin, Sol Levy, Dave Abrahams and S. Buxbaum.

—The federation of Jewish charities gave an outing to 325 poor children last week at Long island. It was a Randidge fund excursion, and the children were in charge of Mr Max Mitchell, superintendent of the federation. Those attending were not inmates of any of the Jewish institutions, but were taken from the crowded sections of the city.

—Owing to the rain last week the outing of the Benoth Israel sheltering home was postponed until Wednesday, Aug 8, at Oak island. There will be numerous sporting events.

—The Trident whist club of Winthrop met at the home of Mrs I. Grishaver, 24 Trident av, last week. The prizes were won by Mrs I. Grishaver first, Mrs L. LeBow second and Mrs L. Jacobs third.

—The second whist party at the home of Mr and Mrs George Harris, Trident av, Winthrop, was held last week. The prize winners were Mrs S. A. Isaacson first and Mrs G. Sosnosky second for ladies, William Cohen first and H. Slater second for men. Mr and Mrs Harris will give their guests a concert Thursday evening.

—Among the late arrivals at Winthrop are Mr and Mrs E. Solomon, Mr and Mrs J. Davis and family, Mr and Mrs I. Wolfson and family, Mr and Mrs C. Jacobs and family, Mr and Mrs Julius