

Pet Dog Leads Child Into Swamp Then Shows Rescuers Where He Is

A pet dog led an Allendale tot astray late Friday afternoon, and later redeemed himself by leading Police Department rescuers to the two and a half years old in a swampy woods on the eve of darkness.

Culprit was the dog of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis, Heights Road. Victim was their two and a half year old son, Richard. The dog wandered off, as dogs will. Young Richard, said his mother reconstructing the story later, must have wandered after him, as tots will.

But at 5 o'clock, after the boy had been missing for more than an hour,

his frantic mother telephoned to the police department for aid. Desk marshal Riddell relayed the call to Marshal Leonard Baum.

Marshal Baum accompanied by Mrs. Ellis started their search. The marshal saw a small dog come into Crescent Avenue. "That's our dog," Mrs. Ellis exclaimed. The marshal plunged into the swampy tract from which the dog had emerged.

Some hundred and fifty feet from Crescent Avenue, in the swampy wooded waste, between Ivers Place and Myrtle Avenue, Marshal Baum came upon a muddied, tearful tot crying for "my doggie."

"Lost boy found," was the marshal's succinct report on the Allendale Police blotter. A routine job for a one-man rescue squad! But if the pup hadn't appeared when it did, with darkness fast descending, the search might have been longer, more harrowing and certainly more anguishing to the parents of a missing little boy.