

Friday, 14 Jaunary 1955

My new client of much luggage - despite great expense by plane travel - is Mrs. _____ Gardener - wife of the New York columnist - who recently wrote the book, "Champagne before Breakfast." For several years she has been making about \$2,000.00 a month writing feature articles and a few stories. The Jewish lawyer who sent her to me with a \$250.00 fee probably charged \$5,000.00 to draw the separation agreement. I was in the outer office when she came in this morning. The dog preceded us into my office and when we entered he was sitting up in my chair with his front paws on the desk. If my camera had been handy, it would have made a great shot. He remained there until she told him to get down. Later he jumped up in my lap - then on to the top of the desk and laid down on my desk blotter. He was in that unusual position when Mrs. McQ. came in to take dictation on the statement of facts. I wish I had a picture of the surprised expression on her face when she first saw the dog.

By telephoning around we found 3 ranches that will take the dog - for a price - Palomino - Biltmore and Beatrice Kay's. Mrs. Gardener will look at all 3 on her own and decide where she would rather stay.

After the case business was over, we had quite a chat about writing. I found her a very interesting woman. Sorry I will not be here to become better acquainted with her. She desired to read some of my work, so took with her to-day the year of my diary 1932 - and what I have written so far of "Wool, Beef and Gold."