

upon going through with this regular check-up of the O'Dwyers' yard. She always hoped that *sometime* the gate would be open so she could go in to get a closer sniff at the rabbits and cats, but it never was.

The best thing about the walk north was that Piper met a lot of friendly people. Many of the people who lived in the houses along this way came out to talk to her. She heard a lot of compliments like, "What a beautiful (friendly, smart-looking) dog!" Of course, Piper showed her appreciation for all this attention by wagging her tail furiously, laying her ears back, and standing up on her hind feet for a pat on the head. This seemed to please everybody, especially Mr. and Mrs. Duncan, who always smiled and thanked the people for saying nice things about their Scottie dog.

