

# Every Dog Has His Day

The City Council at its last meeting requested Ed Ackley, city attorney to draw up an ordinance licensing and controlling dogs within the city limits. Complaints have been made by late citizens about their children being bitten and their property having been ruined by roving dogs.

A story was related about some person, who having been presented with a litter of pups, put the pups in a sack, and carried them into Brookings. The pups were there dumped out to forage for themselves. Other tales were told of dogs coming in from outlying areas and settling down here as uninvited guests. One dog pack, it is said, came over from Harbor and attempted to take over and usurp their will upon our local dogs.

Now don't get us wrong. We



make no complaint here about the pet of some kid or some dog who is the faithful protected of the family home. We declare that there are good dogs which are highly regarded by their masters. But we also declare that there are a certain percentage of dogs wandering about our streets and creating damage in our city that we could do without.

Time and space does not allow us to go fully into the statutes of Oregon which control our pooch

population. But as we read these statutes we begin to wonder if our dogs have not been, somewhere along the line, advised of their rights under our law.

The regulation of dogs in Oregon is mostly set forth in Chapter 609, sections 609.010 to 609.990 Oregon Revised statutes. If a dog bites a child or kills a man in Oregon it has its day in Court. But if a dog, off of the premises of its owner, kills, wound or injures a sheep, rabbit, turkey, duck or chicken not belonging to its owner it may immediately be killed by any person observing such an act.

Also if the dog is caught chasing any such live stock, not on the premises of its owner or in a public place or on the highway such person, who observes this offense may immediately kill the dog. But, if the dog can escape unscathed to the sanctuary of its owner's home it may thump its tail on the floor in glee. If it has killed a chicken its owner may pay the price of the bird and the dog remains frisky.

If it has killed any live stock the owner may turn the dog over to the clutches of the law. Or the owner may take the dog to the limits of his property, bid it a fond farewell and wave the dog on with the final admonition, "Fido, you are now on your own."

In Curry County the County Court has established a procedure to license dogs. We shall refer to this later.

Curry County has not established a dog control district wherein dogs shall not run at large. The running of dogs at large can only be controlled in the event that, at a special election held for such a purpose, a majority of the electors vote in favor of such a pro-

position. The legal procedure set up for the holding of such an election and presenting such a question to the people is a technical and perhaps, more involved that the procedure set up for the election of our Governor of Oregon.

Dogs can run at large in Curry County, they can show their teeth to their hearts content, and as far as humans are concerned, can take an occasional bite on any of of. But, at its peril and risk of being declared an outlaw the dog must not leave its teeth marks on any sheep, goat, horse, cow, turkey, duck or chicken not belonging to its owner. If this live stock belongs to the dogs owner then the sky is the limit for the dog.

If a game warden catches a dog chasing game, he can shoot the dog. Oh, no. First the game warden must look at the dog as it goes speedily past him. If the dog has a leather collar and a license number thereon or a dog tag hanging there from the State of Oregon proclaims, "This dog shall not be killed." Instead the warden must catch the dog and take it to the licensed owner.

If the owner of the dog fails there after to prevent the dog from chasing game and if it is caught in a second offense, it may be killed by the game warden. How a game warden is able to determine that a dog is committing its second offense is not known to us.

Perhaps somewhere in the Game Code there is some procedure set forth by which the game warden may confer with the dog and get the facts. Maybe the game warden discovers the truth by the aid of a lie detector. We don't know.

Of course we get some relief in Section 166.150 O.R.S. This section permits a court to assess a fine of not less than \$10.00 or more than \$50.00 upon any dog owner who permits a vicious animal to be at large, providing such owner knows the dog to be vicious or dangerous. Which adds up to the fact that the dog must have first taken a bite out of or viciously attacked some human being before it can be held to be vicious or dangerous. If the owner pays the fine, the dog goes back to its owner. Thereafter the dog can bite at will providing its owner will pay the freight.

But let no person, who has been so bitten or attacked take the law into his own hands and, for the purpose of venging his wrath upon the culprit, take the dog from its owner. Section 164.380 O.R.S. protects the dog at this point. It

provides that any such person upon conviction, shall be punished by 10 years in prison, not less than three months or more than one year in the County Jail, by a fine of not less than \$50.00 or more than \$1000.00 either or both.

As has been above stated the County Court of Curry County has established a licensing of dogs in the County. If the city of Brookings desires to license dogs within its city limits it must first apply to the County Court for its permission. If this permission is granted the city retains 80% of the dog license fee and pays the remaining 20% to the County. If the County Court determines that the City is not diligent in collecting such dog licenses it may revoke the City's authority Section 609.120 O.R.S. sets up an elaborate and detailed procedure under which the City is compelled to act.

Again we proclaim that we here draw up no indictments of dogs. We have always been of the opinion that we controlled our dog and that it did not control us. But after reading Chapter 609 of the Oregon Code we begin to wonder.

Maybe some time our pooch, in some matter, may acquire some knowledge of how his tribe is protected by the laws of our great State. Our dog may then let us know, in no uncertain manner, that we can't do it because it is against the law.

But if that time ever arrives, either with our dog or any other dog, one member of the canine family is going to be rudely awakened to some of the facts of life, law or no law.

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New officers for the coming year were elected at the Parent-Teachers association last Thursday. Elected were Mrs. Bert Kerr President, Mrs. Joseph Murphy, vice president; Mrs. Chester Davis, secretary; and Mrs. R.L. Smith treasurer.

The new officer will be installed at the April meeting, which will be held at the first Thursday of the month.

## Hello World

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Badger last Friday, at Seaside hospital in Crescent City. Dr. Ronniger was in attendance.

## FAMILY NIGHT IS WELL ATTENDED

The pot luck supper and get together party and family night sponsored by the Smith River Women's Club, held on the evening of Feb. 24 at the Community Hall was a success, with a large crowd attending.

Mrs. Mabel Browne was general chairman, assisted by other club members.

## Too Late to Classify

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The Cub Scout Soap Sale was a huge success, with the boys selling 20 cases of soap. Another 40 cases has been ordered and the Cubs are out taking orders. Delivery on the orders will be made later this week. The money collected will be used in the Scout work.



TO HAVE PARTY  
A card party will be given by the Rebekah Social Club on Thursday, March 17, at 2 p.m. in the I.O.O.F. Hall. Pinochle and Canasta will be played. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments served.

North Forty Lodge  
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## BETTER BUYS AT LESMEISTER'S

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2 acres with approx. 900 ft. on U.S. 101 about 3 miles north of Brookings. Ideal for industrial or trailer court site. Total price \$5750 on terms.

3 good level acres of cleared land, outside and north of city with nice garage house. \$5000 on easy terms or reduction for cash. LLLL

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