

Parent Problems

If You Give Your Child a Pet

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YESTERDAY we observed that a child old enough to take sole care of a pet, who rarely or never does care for it, tends to lose more in moral growth than he gains, from having this pet.

Suppose you are planning to get a puppy for your son eight or ten. He has, of course, assured you in good faith that he will take complete care of this pet as long as it lives. How are you going to help this boy to fulfill his promise literally?

You will help him learn from books and other sources just how to take the best care of the puppy and bring it up well. You will employ the best possible skill at keeping your son's interest in the dog and in responsibility for it.

If you are a devotee to the widely-prevailing philosophy that you can and should so motivate this boy by pleasant means that he will choose on his own free will and accord to care for this pet completely and faithfully for this year, the next and next, you can be just about as sure to be disillusioned as that night will follow day. Then you may conclude that you had failed. Who else do you know that has not failed to find such a pot of gold at the rainbow's end? Why not face reality?

Interest Wanes

Now you know very well that after a few days or weeks this boy's zeal over caring for his pet will almost surely wane, that when feeding, watering or airing the puppy interferes with something else the lad would rather do, he will incline to neglect the pet. If he so neglects it often or too long at a stretch, you or some other member of the family will look after this pet. Every time you do you will remind him less responsible for the pet. In the meantime, you will probably send him

for his negligence and remind him of his broken promise (about the worst thing you could do). And the more you employ such irritating talk the weaker still his sense of responsibility for the pet becomes.

Just because you easily foresee such possibilities you may choose to plan a program somewhat as follows: Do your very best to stimulate the boy's continued interest in the pet and faithful care of it. Set up no warnings, nor unfavorable suggestions. Make no commands or threats. Be alert to the first clear instance of his neglect of the pet. When this comes announce distinctly to him a penalty for his next item of neglect. The penalty might well be a denial of a cherished privilege or a sitting in unamused in a chair for one hour. It should be something impressively unpleasant. Rule out exhorting, arguing, jawing. Keep checking very carefully to make sure no single neglect of this pet can happen without his bearing a strongly unpleasant consequence. In the meanwhile strive harder than before to help this boy find satisfaction from proper care of the pet, celebrating his successes. The principles of this program are the same as those involved in training the child to help at regular jobs about the home, discussed in my bulletin, "How Teach Child To Help at Home," (to be had in a stamped envelope).

In harder, long-drawn out cases in which you are still caring for the boy's pet—and still jawing about it, the foregoing might not be very workable. Other courses open to you are: To dispose of the pet, or to go on caring for it. Be sure to omit the jawing. There may be a third way for exceptional parents: To win the child through reasoning (without any heat, in spite of prior fires) to choose sole responsibility for the pet.



"Miss Hillsboro" And Candidates Honored at Dinner

Miss Gloria Bates, who won the title of "Miss Hillsboro" to represent the city at the "Miss Oregon" contest to be held at Seaside this week-end, was the guest of honor at a banquet Tuesday night at the Legion hall. Other contestants, the Misses Dorothy Folsom, Lorraine Erickson, Donna Schultz and their mothers were also honored guests. Donna Dorland was detained, but arrived later for dinner.

Mrs. Jack Rushlow, president of the Legion Auxiliary sponsoring group, presided and Mrs. Vernon Hadley, chairman of the contest, presided during the program, which included a toast to "Miss Hillsboro" by Mayor Harry Seabold, solos by Mrs. V. W. Gardner, accompanied by Mrs. Fred Sewell; accordion music by Mrs. Vincent Robbins; presentation of gifts to Miss Bates by Hillsboro's First Citizens of 1948, Mrs. Emma McKinney and T. G. Bromlewe; and expressions of "Good Luck, Gloria" by heads of various clubs and the chamber of commerce.

Mrs. Hadley, chaperon for Miss Bates at the Seaside event, explained the project which is sponsored annually by the Auxiliary as a contest for "Miss Oregon," who in turn represents Oregon at the national contest for "Miss America" to be held at Atlantic City, N. J., and which carries valuable scholarship prizes.

Mrs. Hadley and Miss Bates left this afternoon (Thursday) for Seaside to take part in the pageants, etc., with the final contest to be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Central school.

Tickets for this event will be available at a booth in the Seaside hotel or at the chamber of commerce.

Auxiliary drill team will go to Seaside Sunday morning to take part in the parade which forms at noon at the park and will be up town at 12:30. It is suggested that local people planning to go should put Hillsboro signs on their cars and take part in the parade.



OREGON'S EPOCHAL FOREST REHABILITATION Program was launched Monday in the Tillamook burn area in Washington county at Owl camp on the Wilson river highway. In the top picture, Governor Douglas McKay is signing the resolution for the sale of bonds covering some of the cost of the project as members of the state board of forestry and the bond commission look on. They are from left, George Spaur, deputy state forester; Salem; Floyd Hart, Medford; Leo Hahn, Antelope; Dean Paul M. Dunn, Corvallis; H. J. Andrews, northwest regional forester; U. S. forest service; Portland; J. F. Daggett, Prineville; and T. B. Tanner, Portland. Lower picture shows crowd in attendance for ceremonies at Owl camp. At the top right of the lower picture is the helicopter, flown by H. A. Poulin of Central Helicopter, Inc., Seattle, in a demonstration of tree planting by plane.—(Argus photos by Walt McKinney)

San Franciscans Visit—
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hunt of San Francisco were guests Monday of Mrs. Hunt's sister, Mrs. Hattie Imbrie, and James Imbrie and family. They were accompanied by Dr. Carbo of San Francisco, who is visiting his daughter at Cedar Hills. Mr. and Mrs. Hunt were en route to Canada on a vacation trip.

Former Resident Visits—
Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Hande of Salem and Mrs. Hande's sister, Miss Minnie Bergh of Madison, Minn., visited Mrs. Alice Connell July 13. Mr. Hande formerly owned the five and ten cent store, which is now the Sprouse-Reitz store.

Former Residents Here—
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Meyer and daughters Ann and Betty of Santa Ana, Cal. are visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Meyer, in Portland and Hillsboro friends. The Meyer families formerly lived in Hillsboro, when Mr. Meyer was county probation officer.

Relief Corps to Meet

The Women's Relief Corps will meet at 9 a.m. July 28 at the home of Mrs. Ina Bowman to make contributions for the Red Cross. A pot-luck luncheon will be served at noon. On August 5 they will hold their annual pot-luck picnic at the home of Mrs. Bertha Kalkwarf. Arrangements are being made for transportation by Mrs. Bowman and Mrs. Amanda Spears.

Stalder Family Holds Reunion

The Stalder family held a reunion Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emel Stalder at Bellamy, the old farm home of the Stalder. A pot-luck dinner was served to the 163 registered and three visitors. There are 404 members of the Stalder clan, and since 1926 the clan has met annually excepting once.

Grandfather and Grandmother Jacob Stalder celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1900. Features of the day's celebration were a hayrack ride for the younger generation and showing of old-fashioned family pictures.

Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Gerdine Halsas of Marquette, Brazil, where they have been missionaries for three years, and their small son, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wetzel of Long Beach, Cal.; Mrs. Stalder sisters, Lena, Lydia, Martha, Elizabeth, and one brother, Emil.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bromlewe and son Gordon of Hillsboro attended. Mrs. Bromlewe being a niece of the host.

Kansans to Picnic

Former Kansas residents will meet July 31 at Bryant park, Albany for their annual picnic. Coffee at the noon basket dinner will be furnished by the club committee. Contests with appropriate prizes for ladies and games and races for children are planned.

Will Leave for California

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Watts will leave for San Francisco and Oakland, Cal. August 1 to spend a week's vacation with relatives there. While they are gone their two children, Carol and Nancy will stay at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Teufel.

Vacation in Spokane

Sylvia and Ann Coussens are spending a week vacationing with friends in Spokane, Wash.

Boyd County Picnic

Boyd county Nebraska picnic will be held at Shute park Sunday.

Here From Illinois

Miss Minnie Johnson of Rock Island, Ill. arrived Monday for a few days visit with Mrs. J. L. Anderson. She was accompanied by Mrs. Irene Niquist of Los Angeles, Cal.

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Jack Goodman Named Gales Creek Principal

Jack Goodman of Hillsboro has been named principal of the Gales Creek elementary school, according to word received last week from the school board. Mr. and Mrs. Goodman returned last month from Greeley, Colo., where Mr. Goodman took his master's degree in education at Colorado State College of Education.

Family Camps in Idaho

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pounds and children, Marjorie, Roseann and Jimmy, left July 1 for a visit with relatives in Idaho. During their trip they also camped in the Sawtooth mountain range near Sun Valley. They reported fishing good and ate all they wanted at camp. Crops in the region were looking good. They returned to their home July 12.

Visits Sisters Here

Mrs. Reka Quick of Toledo was a guest of her sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Reeves and Mrs. W. A. Tupper, for several days during the week of the Fourth.

Cousin Visits Here

A guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Meyer this week is John Fleming of Tribune, Kansas, a cousin of Mrs. Meyer.

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