

OUT-OF-DOORS STUFF

By Lans Leneve

Last week I mentioned the fact that wherever poison was used to kill any sort of animals that human beings usually suffered death in some manner by contacting the poison. Many times it has been mistaken for something else and used in-cooking with dire results.

I had only just handed in my last week's copy to the editor when word was flashed that a little four year old girl of Roseburg, had died from eating a poisoned sandwich put out for dogs.

Not long ago I had the honor of addressing the Douglas County Kennel Club. This club was formed for the express purpose of advocating the protection and lending efforts toward the protection of dogs from the hands of the poison-slingers.

I found the members to be fine, up-standing citizens and each and every one a lover of dogs; men who had become indignant at the death of several dogs in the neighborhood of Roseburg and wished to lend their aid in putting a stop to the poisoning that was being carried on.

During my talk before the body, I stressed the fact that a little child could very easily pick up a poisoned morsel put out for a dog and that such a thing could happen any time. My prophecy came true. It is regrettable that the little girl died in such a manner and it is something to rouse the ire of every citizen of Roseburg and the state as well. I cannot find words in which to classify the person who cast out the poison which killed the child. The lowest type of a yellow-bellied cur; the lowest crawling, slimy reptile, is a credit to such a person. To call him a murderer—a common murderer—is putting it too mildly. Such a person has no regard for human life. For the sake of ridding a neighborhood of dogs, the cowardly cur caused the death of a child.

Dogs and kids have so much in common that they are natural pals. They are both playful, innocent and, above all else, trusting in the extreme and the majority of them will accept without question a morsel handed them.

The poisoner who was responsible for the child's death no doubt placed the poisoned food where either a child or dog could easily pick it up. Perhaps it was not handed to the child, but nevertheless I maintain that any human being that is low down enough to poison a dog hasn't any regard or consideration for his fellowman.

Mrs. John Bullack sends in the following interesting dog story which she clipped from the Lebanon, Pennsylvania, News:

"Herman, Said to Be Oldest Dog, Returns"

Herman's home! Herman's the oldest and homeliest dog in the world—he will be 31 years old on next May 8th—and yesterday his master, Arthur L. Spangler, of Green Hill Farm, found him 15 miles west of Philadelphia where he disappeared 22 days before.

"Herman's a hopeless romantic despite his advanced years," stated Mr. Spangler. "It was romance that caused his disappearance in Philadelphia three weeks ago. I took him there with me on a visit and Herman fell in love with a lady dog and ran away with her. Ever since then I have had the police and the State Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals looking for him. He was found on the road to Lebanon from Philadelphia."

Herman is a little bitty yellow dog with an underslung chassis and deep set eyes with dark circles. Mr. Spangler got him from Freddy Welsh, former lightweight champion 29 years ago and since then he and Herman have been inseparable pals. When Herman and Spangler first met the master had dark hair. Now his hair is snowy white. Herman has turned grey twice during the intervening years and turned back to yellow again. The last time Herman turned grey was two years ago. Nine years before that he changed color. Nobody can explain Herman's length of life. The average dog does not live much beyond 13 or 14 years. Herman has doubled the usual span and, still in good health, is on his way now toward trebling the tally. Teeth that have been removed have grown in again. Since Spangler acquired Herman, he and the dog have traveled more than 200,000 miles together. Much of their time has been spent in Florida where Herman improved his time by shaking hands with notables. John D. Rockefeller, Sr., was an easy conquest for Herman who won the aged multi-millionaire's heart with his plaintive "woofs." Robert (Believe It or Not) Ripley met Herman at a beer party and featured him in one of his cartoons. Jack Dempsey, Tex Rickard, Mickey Walker, Jimmy Walker and Will Rogers are numbered among his acquaintances. Grace Allen's dog Herman is named for the Lebanon Herman and Mr. Spangler met Will Rogers through the dog. Will Rogers was playing in a polo game in Florida and Herman climbed over the guard rails, sat down in

front of Rogers and presented his paw.

"Hello, little doggy," said Rogers. "Woof," said Herman.

Mr. Spangler retrieving Herman from the polo field was greeted by Rogers. "I'm Will Rogers," the comedian said, "that sure is some pup of yours."

The recent romantic interlude is not the first in Herman's life. Before Tex Rickard died the promoter built a dog track in Florida and as a special feature of the formal opening held the "Southeast Handicap" for dogs. Herman, then a venerable old gent of 25, was entered and was leading the field down the home stretch while his backers cheered, when love entered his life. Herman spotted a lady dog among the spectators and left the track and the race to open an impetuous courtship.

Herman holds a blue ribbon, too, is the only Dalmatian cheesehound in the country. He was entered as a chee in a Florida Kennel Club Show, sponsored by Louis Sevier, noted aviator. His master benched him as "Herman the Great, Dalmatian Cheesehound by Roquefort out of Limburger" and much to everybody's surprise Herman won a first place; a cup and a green ribbon as the third best dog of all classes in the show.

Herman is a hunting dog, too. He chases rabbits with him within gunshot of his master.

"I wait until I see a yellow streak go by," said Mr. Spangler. "That's Herman. Then I count five and another streak goes by. That's the rabbit chasing Herman. Then I shoot." Herman seemed singularly bored by the details of his recovery and his inordinately long life.

"To what do you attribute your longevity, Herman," asked a reporter. "Woof!" said Herman. "Woof!"

But anyhow, there's rejoicing and clapping of hands at the Spangler Green Hill Farm. Herman's home!

Well, that's a real dog story and I am very grateful to Mrs. Bullack for mailing it to me. I am sure all readers have enjoyed it, even as I have.

There is only one flaw in the story that is noticeable to me and that did not pertain directly to Herman. It was that reporter's statement that the average life of a dog was from 13 to 14 years of age. A dog's average life is under ten years.

And here is another clipping sent in by the same lady.

Vineyard Haven, Mass.—Four year old Punkie, a white pipe-smoking spaniel owned by Louise Hodge, has to have his nightly snack before going to sleep. Punkie smokes his pipe and has a peppermint padie before retiring.

How about some of you other readers? Haven't you a dog story, a bear story, a fishin' or huntin' story? If you have send it in.

Fairview

Mr. and Mrs. Alphie Saylor and children, John and Loree, of Coos River, visited in the valley over Saturday and Sunday. Perry Neal, who works at Coos River, spent the week-end with his family in the valley.

Coos Bay put several of the local men to work this week. Although the full quota of workers has not yet been recalled, they will soon return to their jobs.

Miss Lorraine Kenison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Kenison, was confined to the Coquille Hospital this week following an attack of appendicitis. Her many friends wish Lorraine a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Geo. Stevenson is well on the road to recovery by this time, according to latest reports. She is able to be up and about most of the day and will soon be out again.

The Fairview-North Fork held its regular meeting in the community hall Saturday evening, February 8. Following the business meeting, the open lecture hour was presented with Mrs. Sophie Tosten in charge. This entertainment proved of the greatest interest to all who attended. The outstanding numbers of the program were: Lorraine Norris as the spirit of St. Valentine's day, C. A. Holverstott as Abe Lincoln, and Mr. and Mrs. John Sinclair depicting the scene of "Silver Threads Among the Gold."

The Fairview Townsend Club No. 1 will meet in the community hall, Saturday evening, February 15. A big time is planned for all, and everyone is invited to attend this meeting. A plea for better care of the community building and the properties therein will be made at this meeting. Of late, the crowds have been extremely careless and if this continues, further steps will have to be taken to prevent such destruction.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Holverstott of this community and Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox, of Portland, are vacationing in California at the present time. They expect to remain for several weeks.

Miss Virginia Page, of Coquille, spent the week-end as a guest of Miss Audrey Judd, of this locality, last week.

The Hayseed Quertette met at the home of Mrs. Gertrude Leneve on Tuesday of this week. Following the delicious luncheon served at noon, the ladies practiced for a special

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number to be presented at the next Townsend meeting. Those who attended were: Mesdames Lillie Berkeheimer, Verna Menning, Blanche Ypoman, Daisy Henagin, Hazel Benham, Nita Neal and the hostess.

Thursday of this week the ladies met with Mrs. John Sinclair, at her home. Besides the usual business meeting, they called to give Mrs. Sinclair a farewell party. The Sinclairs will leave soon to make their home in Gardiner, Oregon.

BRIDGE

There was a very good attendance at the Grange meeting Friday night, and all enjoyed the following Lincoln program: song, "Battle Hymn of the Republic," by all; talk, "Lincoln's Wit," by Beth Culver; Gettysburg Speech by John Koch; several short talks or anecdotes of Lincoln by Velma Johnson, Henry Brownson and C. F. Gilroy; reading in Lincoln by Marion Magill; song, "America the Beautiful," by all. C. F. Gilroy's birthday, which occurs on Valentine's Day, was celebrated also. Irene Hatfield read an original poem about the honored guest, after which he was given a cheer by the Grange and conducted to the altar where he was presented with a large decorated box which had been filled with cookies made by the various sisters of the Grange. Alice Evernden, Home Economics chairman, made the presentation and Mr. Gilroy gave a short talk of appreciation, after which he was given a Valentine shower. Miss Marvel Brode sang "Molly," a song composed by Mr. Gilroy, which depicted some incidents in his own life. At the close of the evening, chicken salad and sandwiches, beans, cake and coffee were served, with a huge white birthday cake with red candles as the table decoration. This week's meeting of the Home Economics Club will be at the home of Irene Hatfield.

The following members of the local Christian Endeavor society attended the monthly executive meeting of Myrtle Union in Coquille Sunday: John Duncleley, Nadine Ellis, Mae Hatcher, Lou and Maude Hooton. About 45 Endeavorers from various parts of the union were present for the potluck dinner and business meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Hooton enjoyed a trip to Roseburg Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Forrest L. Moon and Mrs. Zellie B. Parker of Myrtle Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Culver returned Friday evening from a trip to Portland and vicinity. Mrs. Culver's niece, Miss Charlotte Cribbins, accompanied them on the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Lund and their son, Theodore, and wife, of Marshfield, were Saturday evening visitors at the home of Mrs. Lund's sister, Mrs. Chas. Mack.

The E. F. Davidson family moved Saturday to Coquille. Jack, the small son of Mr. and Mrs. John Paulsen, who has been ill with pneumonia at the Mast Hospital for a week, was able to come home Monday.

Mrs. John Duncleley has been suffering the past two or three days with an abscess in her throat.

Mrs. W. A. Lett went to Sitkum Tuesday, having received word that her son-in-law, Elmer Wilson, was quite ill.

Mrs. I. B. England, of Remote, has

been here with her daughter, Mrs. Ovid Bryant, part of this week, as the latter has been suffering with ear trouble.

MYRTLE POINT ITEMS

Mr. and Milton Lee, of Myrtle Point, and their son, Chester, of Salem, have gone to San Bernardino, California, for a visit at the home of their son and brother, George Lee and family.

Charles Schroeder, of Bandon, and H. A. Schroeder, of this city, spent the week-end in Portland on business. Miss Dorothy Bender, of Norway, accompanied them as far as McMinnville and visited her brother, Edward, and family.

Mrs. Ferris Lundy has been ill the past week with heart trouble.

Mrs. M. J. Morrison and Mrs. Bertha McKerrow returned home Friday from a several days' trip to Portland. Mrs. Morrison drove home a new Chrysler car which they purchased while in the city.

Stanley Furman entered the Mast Hospital Thursday for treatment for an injured back, received while working in the Jim Rookard camp on Coos River.

The annual meeting of the Coos County Fair association was held one day last week. All of the board members were re-elected. Those on the board are Albert Powers, of Powers, Ernest Clauson, of Broadbent, P. O. Lund and Henry Hess, of Coquille, Joe Larson, of Marshfield, Henry Kern, of North Bend, Ray McNair, Bandon, Ellis Dement, Wallace Dement, Austin Dodge and L. H. Pearce, of Myrtle Point. The board will hold a meeting soon and will elect officers for the new year.

Miss Geraldine Reed returned to her home after a month's stay in Roseburg.

Robert Young returned to his home in Portland after a short visit with friends in Myrtle Point.

Mrs. Lida Keene returned to her home in Salem after a few days' visit at the home of her son, W. C. Keene and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Southmayd are the proud parents of a baby daughter born at their home February 1. This is their first daughter and second child.

Norwood Brown was able to leave the Mast Hospital where he had been receiving treatments for an infected hand.

Mrs. Bonnie Dutton and two daughters returned to their home in Coquille after a few days' visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Laird.

The Bridge junior high school girls played the Myrtle Point junior high here Friday evening. The score was 41 to 38 in favor of the local team. After this game the Bridge basket ball junior high boys' team played the local junior high team and this game resulted in a score of 29 to 19 in favor of the Myrtle Point team.

Mrs. D. Case, of Gold Beach, spent the week-end in Myrtle Point with her husband, who is in the Mast hospital, receiving treatment for an injured leg received while working in camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Arnold left Wednesday morning on a few days' business and pleasure trip to Portland.

Robert Greenley left Wednesday

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