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SHOULD BE SEEN AND NOT HEARD—TOO MUCH

From time to time an epidemic of dog poisoning breaks out and not a few family pets depart for the happy hunting ground. There is a wave of anger mingled with alarm over the situation and all concerned swear vengeance upon the party or parties spreading the lethal morsels. It is an unhappy situation and one, like Mark Twain's comment upon the weather, about which something seldom is done.

There is a possibility that a certain amount of the dog poisoning could be eliminated if owners took a little pains to train their pets. Dogs may be taught good manners and will learn to behave well. Some are less capable than others in adapting themselves and it requires patience and firmness, but eventually they get the idea and become docile, well-mannered members of the household.

There is one habit dogs have that is annoying even to the most ardent canine lover. When poochie sits out in the backyard, points his nose toward the sky and yodles to the stars, it may not annoy his household but the neighbors resent it, especially if the practice is persisted in regularly. And there's the running-out-and-barking type, usually indulged in by several dogs and not infrequently resulting in a fight. This, too, has a devastating effect on the neighbor's morale.

These canine habits can be broken up and should be taken in hand by the owners. If not, then beware, for someone who is not as fond of dogs as you are will take steps to eliminate the nuisance.

Some towns have ordinances covering the running at large of dogs. Such ordinances, like many other laws, fail to accomplish their objective, but the fact that they are law gives a plaintiff recourse should he want to refer his complaint to the authorities.

Thus we refer the matter to the owners themselves. If you would prevent an epidemic of dog poisoning give your pets a course of training. Quell his urge to bark and roam; give him comfortable quarters, feed him wisely and then if he doesn't behave get rid of him yourself rather than leave the job to the dog poisoner whose promiscuous planting of bait takes the lives of offending and non-offending pets alike.

NO TIME FOR COMPLACENCY

News of Allied successes at the front continues to come this week, giving more than a faint hope that the tide of battle has turned against the Axis. Most heartening is the apparent opening of a second front using north Africa as the springboard. Rommel's army appears badly beaten by a reformed, revitalized British African

army and all America has thrilled to the sudden sweeping capture of French North Africa by an American expeditionary force. Our forces are holding the Japs in line in the Pacific area, adding color to the picture of growing Allied superiority.

There is no reason to believe that the Allies are already to move in for the kill. Far from it. The road to victory will be long and arduous. We cannot expect the early collapse of war machines that were years in building and represented the greatest military strength known to history. There is too much manpower to overcome, too much war material to destroy and too much territory to redeem to expect victory short of many months. The Axis powers in their early advances seized valuable territory—lands rich in resources needed in maintaining and extending their campaigns. They have had time to establish themselves in defense of these territories and to use them as bases for offensive action. It will take time to blast them from their strongholds, even after their offensive power is broken.

While all this activity is going on at the front, what is the situation at home? Are we keeping pace with our fighting forces? Are we manifesting sufficient interest to keep pace with our war machines? In some ways, yes. We are responding to the calls for financial assistance, scrap drives and the like, but aside from those things the average citizen is manifesting little interest in what is going on.

We are told that this is an all-out war. We know from news reports that our enemies make no discrimination between the armed and the unarmed. In truth, their greatest delight is in bombing defenseless cities and towns and machine gunning helpless women and children. But that is on the other side of the world, you say. So far, yes. But it could happen here. We've been fortunate, that's all. Necessity for preparing to meet such conditions has not come directly home to us, consequently we have neglected to prepare for them. We have followed our usual course of life, looking with a degree of annoyance upon the restrictions which have been imposed and viewing with alarm some of the announced but as yet unenforced rationing programs.

This is a people's war. It is your war. You will have to do your share—not in buying war bonds and stamps alone, not in contributing your scrap metal and rubber, but in standing ready to take your share of the burden of all activities carried on by the civilian population. Other sections are meeting their quotas of bonds and stamps, scrap metal and rubber, and in addition are manning observation posts, carrying on USO activities and a score or more of other activities relating to the war. Social activities have been curtailed, unless directed toward the war effort, and the people have learned to respond to the call for new programs as they are launched by government agencies.

We have been at war almost a year. The going has been rough so far but favorable signs appear over the horizon. Now is the time to buckle down to the job of winning. Those of us at home are playing the game from the sidelines, as it were, and it will be heartening to the boys who are working the ball toward the goal to know that the rooters are with them down to the last tick by that time expired November 2. man, woman and child.

Thompson-Webb Wedding Event of Wednesday Morning

At an impressive double-ring ceremony, Wednesday morning in All Saint's Episcopal church, Kathryn Thompson became the bride of Paul Webb Jr., in the presence of relatives and friends. Rev. Bertrand Warren of Walla Walla officiated and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cleveland were attendants. Norbert Peavy played the wedding march and accompanied Miss Lucille Barlow who sang "I Love You Truly." The church was beautifully decorated with white chrysanthemums with rosebuds and candles on the altar.

The bride, attractive in a brown traveling suit, with matching accessories and an orchid corsage, was given in marriage by her brother, Stephen Thompson. She is the daughter of the late R. A. and Mrs. Thompson. She attended Oregon State college where she affiliated with Delta Delta Delta.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Webb and is a graduate of Whitman college where he was a member of Beta Theta Pi.

After a wedding breakfast at the Lucas place, the young couple departed for a brief honeymoon. Their future plans are indefinite as Mr. Webb is awaiting induction into the armed forces.

Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Webb, Sr., parents of the groom and Miss Helen Webb, his sister; Wade Bergevin and Gene Robinson, fraternity brothers of the groom and Rev. and Mrs. Warren, all of Walla Walla.

The decorations at the church had been arranged by Mrs. Mary Thomson, Mrs. W. H. Cleveland and Mrs. Osmin Hager. Miss Harriett Hager and Miss Marcella Jackson were ushers.

GIRLS IN 4-H VIE FOR ALL-ROUND RECORD

More than 200,000 4-H girls in this and 41 other states are now making the final drive to achieve one of the most coveted objectives in club work—that of being chosen as the outstanding all-round girl clubster in their county, state and nation. To gain one or all of these goals, they are participating in the national 4-H girls' record contest, in which superior achievements in home economic projects and activities are also rewarded by Montgomery Ward in the form of medals, trips and college scholarships.

That participants in this annual contest have well-rounded 4-H club records is reflected in the achievements of previous winners. Their records show that they know how to keep healthy, improve their room, renovate old clothes into "new" and becoming garments, prepare and serve nutritious meals, keep house, can foods, raise gardens, beautify home surroundings, handle poultry and livestock, exhibit, demonstrate, and judge, as well as take active part in community life.

County winners receive gold medals, recipients of state honors are awarded all-expense trips to the 21st National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, Nov. 29-Dec. 2, and national winners are presented with a \$200 college scholarship each.

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