

IS THAT SO!

London, With SAS—(Delayed)
—An innate longing exists in most of us to have a pet in our home, a bond with the outdoors. It exists everywhere—here in London, in Copenhagen, Oslo, Rome, New York, Chicago and San Francisco.

But again and again the attempt to keep a pet can come to a miserable end simply because people, however much they love the outdoors, insist upon making improper selections.

To make a proper choice, resulting in an enriching experience, a serious examination must be made of these points:

Is the pet appropriate to your dwelling? Some pets, for example, need plenty of room. Others demand lots of sunlight, perhaps more than you can furnish.

Do your hours coincide—that is, is the pet a daytime animal while you are a commuter, leaving home early and returning late? Surely then, you would not derive the greatest pleasure from a songbird. Hence, if you want a bird, might it not be



better to get a pair of nocturnal dwarf owls?

Does the pet have expensive, and peculiar feeding habits? Sad to say, more than 99 per cent of all tortoises are improperly fed in the home, and although hardy, die a lingering death beginning almost from the very day they are made apartment-house captives.

Too Delicate for Child
Who will care for it, your child or you? For the child perhaps it is too delicate. There are hardy pets, you know, easy to take care of even for a 5-year-old.

It is noisy—in short, could your nerves take it? Some songbirds, like the blackbird, are wonderful outdoor singers but bring them indoors and they'll rattle your windowpanes. Or a chaffinch's eternal repetition of its will may drive you absolutely looney.

Bearing these questions in mind—perhaps a pair of small songbirds would meet your needs best—and enliven your apartment pleasantly. Say a pair of bullfinches. In an adequately large cage, they can bring into your home a big helping of happiness. The male's song, husky though sweet and fulsome, can be soothing; and the quiet consideration he shows his wife altogether touching. Besides, to take care of bullfinches requires but a few minutes a day and costs little in seed. But bullfinches must be acquired when young—then, only, will they make tame and friendly household pets.

Siskin Might Be Better
If space is limited, then the little siskin might be better. A sweet singer, it's a bird which will become tame and affectionate even when acquired as an adult. The siskin is quite content with a smaller cage; it requires no expensive prepared foods; and is hard—a bullfinch may die where a siskin will flourish. But don't hurry the little fellow—it will take several months for him to come to you. But once he does, count on him to come to you for your own company's sake.

Should you want a mammal—which one? If you are lonely, then for solid companionship you must choose a dog. (Better read what Konrad Z. Lorenz has to say in King Solomon's Ring.) He says a dog entails great responsibility and requires much attention. You cannot treat a dog as a servant, giving him two-week's notice. And once friendship between you is established, then sadness is inevitable—his lifespan is only 10-15 years, much too short.

From an emotional point of view, many other animals are not nearly so expensive. Some people choose domesticated house mice, guinea pigs, rabbits, tortoises.

Golden Hamster Recommended
But there is another which I would recommend wholeheartedly, namely the golden hamster. The daily-dressed little character, with gold, black and white coat—is a perpetual delight. An altogether cheerful little cuss—and good for evening hours. Too, the cuddly, fat, mouth-sized little golder hamsters are irresistibly funny as they wrestle and roll over and over with squeaks and feigned savagery, chasing each other in wild hops. In addition they are neat and because they seldom climb and gnaw, they can be allowed the run of the room without causing any appreciable damage.

Better yet, a 5-year-old can



THEY WANT MORE—Under watchful eyes of police, workers leave the Ford Rouge plant at Dearborn, Mich., in rebellion over the new contract. As skilled workers, they want an extra five-cent hourly pay hike. Union officials term it a "local matter."

30 Local Boys Leave Today for Boys State For Week of Activity

Thirty Medford area boys are on their way to a week's mixture of education, politics, and play, having left early this morning for the American Legion's Beaver Boys state held at Oregon State college in Corvallis, June 12 through 18.

Part of today the Jackson county and 370 other boys Staters from all corners of Oregon will hear members of the college staff speak on civics, citizenship, and related topics.

Own Government
Biggest item on the Boys State agenda (next to meal time) is the government the young men set up within their own group. When they arrive on campus they will be divided into six "cities." Each city meets early in the week, nominates, and elects its mayor, police and fire chief, and other officials.

The cities then merge into two "countries" which, in turn, elect a district attorney and typical county officers.

Form 'State'
Late in the week, the group unites once again to form one "state" of 400 citizens. These are divided equally into two parties, generally "Nationalist" and "Federalist." However, it isn't unusual for a maverick group to form its own "Bullmoose" organization. Each party then nominates a slate of candidates for governor, other executive offices, members of the house of representatives and senate.

Finally, state-wide elections are held, votes counted, and Boys State "state" officials chosen for the year.

Governor Presides
During the week long session, the boy governor of the past

Shriners Sit In On Impromptu Beer Bust
Grangeville, Ida.—(U.P.)—A bottle of beer exploded here on a bus loaded with Shriners on their way from Boise, Ida., to Spokane, Wash., Friday.

Edward Fair of Ontario, Ore., was injured by the flying glass. The bus stopped long enough for 18 stitches to be taken in Fair's arm and then the Shriners got under way again, one brew short.

RECEIVES DEGREE
Hoboken, N.J.—(U.P.)—John L. Atwood, president of North American Aviation, Inc., Saturday was awarded an honorary degree of doctor of engineering by Stevens Institute of Technology. The Los Angeles aircraft designer and plane builder was presented with the degree in recognition of his contributions to the field of aviation.

Two VA Employees Earn Cash Awards For Suggestions

Camp White—William Harter and Charles Gool, employees of the Veterans Administration domiciliary at Camp White, have been presented certificates of award and checks of \$40 and \$100 for their "originality and initiative" in developing new ideas facilitating their work.

The awards, made by Manager E. K. Ricker at a domiciliary safety training meeting Wednesday are part of a newly initiated Veterans Administration incentives award program.

Basis for Awards
Harter, a meat cutter at the station, developed a method of boning beef assuring 100 per cent utilization of meat products. Gool, chief clerk in the domiciliary division, perfected a folding patient chair making loading and unloading of hospital patients much more comfortable and easy.

Under the awards program, the VA Domiciliary has saved \$744 annually in more efficient operations. Ten cash awards have been made to employees for suggestions and ideas since its initiation.

Clyde E. Shoe, Civil Service Representative for the 11th region, witnessed Wednesday's presentations and spoke briefly on the value of incentive awards.

HELP-WANTED
Fort Madison, Iowa — (U.P.) — Warden Percy Lainsou of the Iowa State prison lost his personal cook. The cook, trustee Lester Purcell, 51, escaped.

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Father's Day: Sunday, June 19



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