



GETTING ACQUAINTED — Three Ashland 4-H club members get acquainted with young guide dog candidates they will raise during the next few months. Left to right are Pat Gillette, Nancy Luck and Lucinda Wright. At far right is Clarence Pfaffenberger, vice-president of Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc. While raising the dogs the girls will give them special training in such things as living with people. Later, the dogs will be returned to Guide Dogs headquarters in San Rafael, Calif., for more training before they are given to blind masters.

Three German Shepherd Pups Are Delivered to 4-H Club Members

A dog undergoes critical periods during its lifetime. The type of treatment a potential guide dog for the blind receives during these periods determines the dog's disposition, character and general usefulness to a blind person.

The statement was made this week by Clarence J. Pfaffenberger, vice-president of Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc., San Rafael, Calif. Pfaffenberger came to Jackson county Monday, bringing three German shepherd pups to be raised as guide dogs by three Ashland 4-H club members, Patty Gillette, Nancy Luck, and Cindy Wright.

Aware of Surroundings

Pfaffenberger explained that during the first three weeks of life a long can neither see or hear and is sensitive only to heat, cold, pain and hunger. From 21 to 28 days of life, the dog's brain develops rapidly. At that point the dog becomes aware of its surroundings, begins showing curiosity and evidences the need for maternal attention. The dog's treatment then sets the pattern of its character.

"If the dog is weaned at that time," Pfaffenberger said, "he becomes emotionally upset. This upset carries over into maturity and can make the dog unfit as a guide dog for a blind person."

Under the Guide Dogs for the Blind program, a "socialization" period starts for dogs at the age of eight weeks. At that time they are placed in contact with human beings and a five-week testing program begins. The trainers are highly educated in the program and are especially

selected for the work.

Intelligence Test

The tests determine a dog's intelligence, temperament and physical sensitivity.

"The tests administered to the dogs are geared to the experiences the dogs will be expected to have when they reach maturity," Pfaffenberger explained. "For instance, in the tests, the dogs are exposed to such sounds as a door bell, chimes and auto horn. We watch the dogs' alertness when they hear the sounds. If they look for the source of the sound, a measure of intelligence is indicated."

He explained that a dog lacking intelligence or a dog that has a bad temperament can not be trusted with a blind person. Another major factor in a dog's value to a blind person is the extent of physical sensitivity.

"Thin Skinned"

"If a dog is too 'thin skinned' or is too sensitive to touch, he is of little value to a blind person. Likewise, a dog that is too 'thick skinned' or oblivious to touch would be likely to lead a blind person into danger," he said.

During the early training period, the dogs learn such duties as retrieving balls, "heeling" on leashes, coming when called and sitting on command. The ease with which a dog learns to perform these tasks also a determining factor in whether or not it is potentially suitable as a guide dog for the blind.

Pfaffenberger commented that the testing program has proven 90 per cent accurate in screening dogs for guide purposes.

At the age of 12 weeks, the dogs are placed in private homes for nine-month training periods in natural environments. Pfaffenberger explained that homes with children are preferred for these dogs. "We feel that a dog needs a child just as much as a child needs a dog," he said.

Home Investigated

He also pointed out that the disposition of the dog's master as well as conditions in the dog's "foster home" are thoroughly investigated before the dog is placed.

Youths selected to raise guide dogs are instructed as to special care and training of the dog. Importance of such things as affection, absence of physical punishment, lavish use of praise and general companionship are stressed.

The young trainers are taught to keep the dog's mind active in a constructive line. Most of the dogs naturally have an active mind and will pick up bad habits unless they are kept busy learning good and useful ones, he explained.

"Homesickness" Cure

When the dog is a year old it is returned to Guide Dogs for the Blind. Just as a 4-H club dog trainer will miss his pet, the dog is likely to miss his young master. To combat "homesickness" as well as to continue the dog's development for purposes as a guide for the blind, a rigorous three-month training period begins under a highly trained professional instructor.

During the last four weeks of this final training period, potential owners undergo instruction with the dogs. During this time both the blind potential owners and the dogs are carefully studied and are matched as to personality, compatibility and other factors, Pfaffenberger said.

He also commented that before receiving a dog, an owner must promise never to beg or use the dog as a means of livelihood. Also, it is understood that the dog is to be returned to Guide Dogs for the Blind if the owner mistreats it or when the owner no longer needs the dog's services.

Pfaffenberger said that German shepherd and Labrador retrievers have proven to be the most satisfactory guide dogs. Experiments are also being conducted with Golden retrievers, Chesapeake Bay retrievers and German short hairs. Size, temperament and physical endurance characteristics are among factors considered in selecting

Jupiter Year Is 12 Times Longer Than Earth's Year

By **FAY VAN SCHOIACK**

"When I was coming home from the show," announced the eager voice of a teen-ager over the telephone, "I saw an awful big star high in the east. It is brighter than any other star in that part of the sky and doesn't

winkle like they do. Can you tell me the name of it?"

This keen-eyed youth had observed Jupiter, largest of all the nine planets that make up the sun's family. Namesake of the king of the ancient gods, it is truly "king of the planets."

Addressograph To Be Used on Pamphlets

Voters pamphlets will be addressed this year on the county addressograph machine, Bereth Hopkins, county clerk, announced Friday.

Mrs. Hopkins suggested to the registrar in the secretary of state's office that since selective party lists can be run on the addressograph that he send stickers to be addressed locally for use on the primary election voter's pamphlets. The suggestion was accepted.

The move will guarantee a higher percentage of delivery than in former elections, mailing can be done earlier by the state since stickers will be ready immediately after the registration deadline, and late registrants will be sure to receive the pamphlet, Mrs. Hopkins said.

Registrants whose addresses are not correct are urged to call at the clerk's office to assure correct addresses on the voter's pamphlet list. If a voter moves to another precinct or changes his name or party he must re-register, Mrs. Hopkins reminded. Deadline for registering for the primary elections is April 17.

Red Cross Hospital Council Meets Here

Classes on travel, book reviewing, handicrafts and square dancing are being well received by hospitalized veterans, members of the Red Cross hospital council learned at a meeting Friday afternoon at Camp White.

Various Red Cross chapters are working together in supplying comfort and recreational articles for patients at the Roseburg hospital and members of the Camp White domiciliary, according to Mrs. Helen Wilson, executive secretary of the Jackson county Red Cross chapter.

Conducting the meeting was Mrs. Rita Barcus, Roseburg, president of the council. Reports were presented by council representatives of Benton, Curry, Douglas, Josephine, Lane, Lynn, and Jackson counties.

Speaker were Robert Kidder and Frank Glonning, special service officers for the veterans administration; E. K. Ricker, manager, Harold H. Jaffrey, assistant manager, and Theodore Nicholson, procurement chief, of the Camp White domiciliary.

Also attending the session were Mrs. Betty Simons, Mrs. Ruth Otto, Mrs. Rose Helmick and Mrs. Eva Harper, Grants Pass; Mrs. Lida Neise, Coos Bay; Mrs. Opal Sensen and Robert Kidder, Roseburg; Mr. and Mrs. William Turner and Mrs. John Rollins, Corvallis; Mrs. E. Al Littrell, Mrs. Marie Rehing, Mrs. Lillian Salade, Mrs. Clarice Spatz and Mrs. Wilson, all of Jackson county.

breeds.

While in Jackson county, Pfaffenberger delivered the three pups to their new trainers in Ashland, spoke at the guide dog program at a meeting at the fairgrounds Tuesday night and visited homes where guide dogs are now being raised. Raising dogs for the program during the past few months have been Patsy Charley, Marilyn Cordy, Bill Charley, Nyla Murray, Jim Martin, Medford 4-H club members, and Miss Grace Smith, also of Medford.

hood," said Rhea, the goddess-mother at Jupiter's birth. This she succeeded in accomplishing.

Jupiter Returns

Years later, Jupiter returned, freed his brothers and sisters from prison, over-powered his father after a war of 10 years, and made himself the ruler of the gods as well as the mortals. His brother, Neptune, was given the sea to govern, and a second

brother, Pluto, was placed in charge of the underworld.

To find this greatest of planets, look to the east. By 7:30 p.m. it is fairly high in the sky. In quiet dignity its steady, non-twinkling light outshines any other star-like body in that part of the sky. (Venus in the west is more brilliant.)

During the early hours of darkness it climbs steadily

higher and is overhead in the south about 11 p.m. From this point the "king of planets" descends majestically toward the western horizon, fading from view when daylight approaches.

Jupiter will be visible till the latter part of August. Each night it rises a little higher in the sky, moving in a westerly direction. By the end of summer it will rise and set low in the west.

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