

You and Your Pet

(Prepared under the auspices of the Southern Oregon Humane Society)

If every picture of a "Boy and his dog" were laid end to end, the earth would probably be girded several times.

Every boy and girl should have a dog; but there is one angle of the dog picture that seems to have been overlooked almost entirely. The elderly person and his dog.

A child is young and can romp and play and run hither and yon, but the elder person partly from weariness of living and partly from infirmities that accompany age has to stay put, more or less. For such, a dog is of incomparable value.

This elder person may be able to take long walks, seldom can any younger member of the family find time to accompany grandfather or grandmother on these walks. So grandfather walks alone, looking as if he liked it, hoping he may find some crony with whom he has sat on the park benches a few times. But a dog on the end of the leash, grandfather will find himself occupied and interested. This should not be the family dog but his own pet.

Actually, the dog is worth far, far more to old people than to the boy. The boy has so many interests and the aged, despite their valiant courageous effort to pretend "busy-ness", have so few.

A boy and his dog? It is fine, yes. But an older and his dog—ah, that should be quite as well known, and in time to come, no doubt, every son and daughter will see to it that mom and dad or grandpa and grandma possess a dog for companionship and for protection.

If you want a good pet talk to the humane officer at 2902 Table Rock rd., or call NOrmandy 4-2406. Tell him what kind of dog or cat you would like, perhaps he may not have the one you want, but dogs and cats are coming in all the time. So if you can qualify, you can get a wonderful pet!

Apparently lost, a small dog was running about on a bus boarded recently. When a little boy and his mother

got on, he immediately adopted the boy, and the child was enchanted. Soon he was begging to be allowed to take the puppy home, but his mother explained that he already belonged to someone.

"No he doesn't, lady," the bus driver said. "He was left here and I'm afraid I'll have to take him to the pound." It was a happy boy and dog that got off the bus. A few days afterward on a bus I again saw a puppy, this time making friends with an elderly gentleman. I patted the dog and asked what kind he was.

"I don't know," said the man, "but I wish I had one like him." At once the bus driver spoke up—the same driver. "If you want him you can have him. Someone left him here." As the man got off with the puppy, I questioned the driver. "My dog Bessie had pups," he explained. "I'm helping her find good homes for them."

Nearly 17 million American families own upward of 22 million dogs. Perhaps as many more wonder if they should own one. So from both groups comes a steady stream of queries.

Can every dog be trained to obey? Yes, indeed; but the rule holds: "You must know more than the dog." Canine delinquency, like juvenile delinquency, stems from lack of proper home-training.

The best way to learn how to "bring up" your dog is to enroll in an Obedience Training course, sponsored by the Southern Oregon Kennel Club. You can get all the information by calling your Humane Society.

Four years in a row Medford people have taken the top place in the Obedience Trial at the Roseburg Dog show. This year Melvin Weaver with his German shepherd, Major, was the winner of the novice A class with a score of 193 out of a possible 200 points. This dog is only 11 months old and is a graduate of only one 10-week obedience course.

Second place was taken by Kay Nelson and her Collie, Keller, with a score of 192½.

Uninhibited dogs are as offensive as uninhibited children. The first and most important lesson for your dog is to learn the word "come."

Teach this word to a puppy by calling him in a coaxing tone and giving him some little reward. Make "come" the most affectionate and important thing in his life, and in two days he will know what it means.

The common and most exasperating fault of the untrained dog is not to come when called. Letting a dog out for his final run on a cold or rainy night can be unpleasant when the dog decides to investigate the doings of nocturnal neighbors. But an obedience-trained dog comes on call instantly.

HUMANE JOE.

Educational TV Agreement for Oregon Signed

Portland — (UPI) — An agreement between the Extension Division of the Oregon System of Higher Education and Community Television, Inc., was signed here Thursday with a view toward bringing educational television to Oregon.

The two agencies hope to have Channel 10 in Portland on the air, with relay connection to Channel 7, KOAC-TV in Corvallis, by next September.

Community Television, Inc. is a Portland area citizens group which has laid the groundwork over the past few years for an FCC application for Channel 10 by getting gifts of equipment and facilities. The 1957 Legislature made a commitment for State operating support but this was not used.

To Ask Capital Outlay A bill is expected to be submitted to the current Legislature to provide capital outlay money and operational funds for the 1959-61 biennium.

The General Extension Division is the outlet for all Oregon's tax-supported institutions of higher learning and it operates the state educational station at Corvallis.

Under the agreement signed by Mrs. Robert E. Stearns, president of Community Television, Inc., and Dean James Sherburne of the Extension Division, the Oregon Board of Higher Education and Chancellor John R. Richards will apply for license to operate Channel 10.

NOW HEAR THIS

Tonggu, South Korea — (UPI) — When the bugler sounds reveille for one company of the First Cavalry Division here, it sounds like a brass band. The unit is located in a natural echo chamber. There's a compensation for the men, though. When the sergeant calls the roll, one GI answering "here" can sound like an entire platoon.

May Brown, handling her Sheltie, Bridget, for the first time in a licensed trial, tied for fourth place with a score of 190. Twelve dogs were in competition in this class.

He also said it was hard on the morale of other men at the prison and on the nine men themselves.

Voting against the bill were Reps. Winton Hunt (R-Woodburn) and Victor Atiyah (R-Portland).

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Habitual Criminal Parole Bill Passed

Salem — (UPI) — The House Friday passed with only two dissenting votes a bill permitting the possibility of parole for nine men now at Oregon State penitentiary.

Rep. George Van Hoomissen (D-Portland) explained that all the men were sentenced under the habitual criminal act.

Van Hoomissen said that the fact that persons sentenced under the habitual criminal act did not have the possibility of parole was against the provision of the Oregon constitution that imprisonment was for the sole purpose of reformation.

He also said it was hard on the morale of other men at the prison and on the nine men themselves.

The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Mrs. E. S. — Brenda's hints hurt Harriet.

Brenda P. — They want nothing to do with us now that they don't need us.

Mrs. E. S. — I am the mother of two fine daughters. Both are married and have children and it seems to me that they should be far above quarrels and pettiness. But I'm afraid that isn't the case.

Brenda happens to be married to a well-off businessman and Harriet is married to a very fine actor who has a hard time making ends meet. There was one period in which he made nothing at all and Brenda took Harriet and her family into her home. She had plenty of room so it was no great problem to her.

During the past year Harriet's husband has been quite successful and Brenda has been hinting that they ought to pay back a part of the money they owe. This hurt Harriet very much. She feels Brenda ought to understand that their situation is very uncertain. I told Brenda how wrong she is in view of the fact that she doesn't need the money.

Brenda P. — My mother has always sided with Harriet, no matter what the issue. For years she has been sighing to me about poor Harriet and her hardships, but I don't see that sister of mine going out and rustling up the family bacon on her own as do the wives of many actors. My mother looked horrified when I even suggested the idea.

We had room for my sister and her family in our home, but that doesn't mean it was just nothing to us. We went out of our way to make them comfortable. Now that they are out on their own, they don't even bother to get in touch with us or to invite us to their parties.

When I mentioned this last fact to my mother she said that after all, my husband and I "wouldn't fit in with their friends."

The Council: Brenda expresses her resentment a bit crudely, but we think she is justified in feeling it. Her hints that the money Harriet and her husband owe ought to be repaid may be just a way of saying she'd appreciate a reasonable amount of respect from her sister and brother-in-law.

We get the impression that Mrs. E. S. is responsible for fostering the ill-feeling that exists between the sisters.

Apparently she is pleased with Brenda's convenient marriage to a well-off businessman, but she takes real pride in Harriet's marriage.

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Cannery Operator Dies at The Dalles

The Dalles — (UPI) — William J. Seufert, 72, of The Dalles, who operated a huge cannery east of here with his brothers for many years, died Friday after a heart attack.

Since 1929 Seufert had served as secretary of Seufert Brothers Co., pioneer packing firm, and until recently was president of the board of the Wasco County People's Utility district. He was also a director of the U.S. National Bank.

The canning enterprise, developed by the Seufert family in 1884, was later sold to the Army Corps of Engineers in connection with construction of The Dalles dam.

Benton County Commissioner Dies

Corvallis — (UPI) — Benton County Commissioner Albert H. Faxton died Friday of a heart attack.

He was in a doctor's office at the time of death. He was 66. Faxton was a highway construction contractor from 1922 to 1952. He had been in the county court since 1954. Survivors include the widow, Lena, and four children.

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