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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear S.T.C.A. Member:

Not only is this the first issue of the Bagpiper for 1960, but it is also the first copy for the new editor, printer and format. I am sure you will agree with me that the originator and most capable editor of this publication for the last several years, Mary Titus Kelly, merits our sincere thanks. Mary requested and deserves a well earned rest from this chore.

This is your publication and since its success and future depend on you, won't you please help our new editor, Eileen Lynn Weaver, by submitting any information or Scottie news items that might be of interest to our membership. (Ed. note: and this we do heartily subscribe to.) I have already discovered that our incumbent Madame Editor means business because she has informed me that there will be a President's "Letter" in every issue--or else. So be it!

Speaking of first, these are my first days as President of our esteemed organization--an honor for which I am thankful and I am hopeful of justifying your trust. I wish that I could personally meet and discuss club matters with each one of you (which may happen eventually) but in the meantime we will necessarily have to use other methods of communication such as correspondence and the Bagpiper.

It has been discussed with me so often that I realize one of the matters of greatest concern to our membership is the desire for a more "national" scope of our activities. Many have emphatically expressed their ideas that the interest, control and operation of the S.T.C.A. is confined only to the metropolitan New York area. Several things have been done to correct this idea.

First, I happen to live in Rome, New York, which is well over 200 miles from metropolitan New York. In fact four other present board members live an even greater distance from New York, but all of them usually attend board meetings. Members from at least six different regional breed clubs are on the present board of governors.

President's Message-(continued)

We now have about 250 members from 28 states, Canada, and even one from England. New York State is overwhelmingly in the lead with 54 of which 40 are located in the so-called metropolitan area. New Jersey is next with 22 closely followed by Ohio with 20. Only four other states have over 10 members, Massachusetts, Maryland, Pennsylvania and California.

For the first time in several years we have selected a show site for our next Specialty to be held in October 1960 at a location some distance from metropolitan New York--in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. Based upon the magic 250 mile radius for 90 per cent of the entries, this takes in about 125 members, or half of our membership. Only the New York area itself would similarly inscribe more members, about 135. Any other possible show locations would fall substantially below such representation. For example, either the Boston or Washington area would encompass about 100 and a central point in either Ohio or possibly Michigan encircles only 50 to 60. Other locations are well below these. This subject of show location is under continuous study by the board of governors towards a suitable solution, but we are faced with the fact that the success of a show depends on entries and entries depend mainly on our members.

Our winter specialty has historically been held in New York immediately before Westminster and our annual meeting. This seems to be a proper choice inasmuch as our By Laws state, "All meetings of the membership of the Club and Board shall be held in the Borough of Manhattan, New York, New York.

So much for now. I am looking forward to discussing other subjects with you in the future issues of the Bagpiper.

Sincerely,
R. C. Graham

OCTOBER NINTH IS THE DATE

By this time you know that the Fall Specialty of the S.T.C.A. will be held in conjunction with the Montgomery County All Terrier Show. The site is the very beautiful Gwynedd Valley estate of Mr. Harrison Frazer and the judges, subject to A.K.C. approval, will be Mr. Joseph Kelly, regular classes, and Mr. Alfred Ritchie Mitchell, sweepstakes. Accommodations are excellent and a delicious luncheon is served at the show. Trophies will be outstanding and the money prizes will tempt all. It is a show we would all be unhappy to miss so have those puppies and adults ready.

The Devon K.C. show will be the day before and the following weekend brings three major shows for Scotties. On Friday evening, October 14th, the S.T.C.G.W. will hold its specialty at the Presidential Arms in downtown Washington, D. C. Pending A.K.C. approval, Mr. R.C.E. Sharp of Ottawa, Canada, will judge and due to the many requests, the club will again have the popular Stud Dog and Brood Bitch Classes. The Catonsville K.C. will have their show the following day and the Rock Creek K.C. show will be on Sunday. This should make five major shows in one week!!

WELCOME WAGGIN'

We happily welcome the following new members:

Mrs. June E. West, 780 South Park Drive, Chesterton, Indiana
Miss Gloria Garner, 1680 York Avenue, New York, New York

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald F. Skully, 20 Wicklon Drive, Westwood, Massachusetts
Mr. Robert E. Steward, 958 West 71st Street, Chicago, Illinois
Mr. William E. Kroll, 5720 South Hermitage Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Mr. Stephen N. Elias, 4070 Ralph Street South, Seaford, New York
Mr. Leon Sirota, Bennington College, Bennington, Vermont

KUDOS AND COMPLIMENTS

The following excerpts are taken from an excellent article by Dorothy Caspersz, published in the April 22nd issue of "Our Dogs", Manchester, England.

"Being the grateful recipient of a copy of the 1959 Year Book of the Scottish Terrier Club of America, by the kindness of their president, Mr. Robert C. Graham, I am lost in admiration of such a tip-top production. For all that, the British Isles has no fewer than ten specialist clubs existing to further the interests of the breed, we have nothing to touch this American Year Book. Printed on good quality art paper, it contains 128 pages crammed full of information and of absorbing interest to every diehard breeder or owner.

Their rules imply much greater strictness than any observed in this country and occupy eight pages of print. The various articles included provide reading which is both entertaining and instructive.

In studying the American standard and Mr. Megargee's illuminating observations upon it, I am convinced that the American Scot enthusiasts have a much better conception of the standard and how to interpret it than we have here. In certain respects, of course, it differs from the British version.

After studying the American standard and comparing it with our own, and realizing their superior conception of the basic essentials, I am frankly amazed that anything considered good (by some) and the recipient of high awards over here, can be recognized as good over there, when exported!

For example take their standard description of skull, "Long of medium width, slightly domed and covered with short hard hair. It should not be quite flat, there should be a slight stop or drop between the eyes." Medium width and covered with short hard hair cannot be misunderstood, yet we see top winners here with skulls too narrow to contain much brain, and moreover with hardly a vestige of hair left on it after close clipping.

While judging from some of our judges reports in recent years, the sort of neck which actually receives praise for being long or having reach of neck, must surely go down very badly in America where their standard states "Neck-moderately short, thick and muscular, strongly set on sloping shoulders, but not so short as to appear clumsy." Another contrast is found in relation to forelegs which our standard states should be straight. The American standard has it "Forelegs straight or slight bent with elbows close to the body." As a matter of fact it is difficult to find forelegs which are not to some degree slightly bent, but so many judges make a fetish of looking for straight fronts with forelegs like a couple of gunbarrels.

A scientific and very instructive article is given by Bob Bartos entitled "Mechanical Techniques of Breeding." with helpful illustrations, and a chapter by the late A.G. Cowley is published on "Scientific Terrier Breeding." Mr. T.H. Snethen deals with "Care of the Brood Bitch." Dr. Nancy Lenfesty writes on "Health and Disease." and then we find an 8 1/2 page article by Dorissa Barnes on "How to Strip a Scottie." Mr. Graham gives two pages of useful tips to new exhibitors, then we reach the portraits of eleven notable and consistent winners during the past ten years. From the angle of British interest, these include Ch. W. Winning Trick, Ch. Wyrebury Worthwhile, and Ch. Westpark Derriford Baffle. After that come lists of Club trophies, list of members, etc. and then the book concludes with 34 pages of members and other club advertisements."

She also pays tribute to the articles written by Seth Malby, Blanche Reeg and Alice Exworthy.

Thank you, Dorothy Caspersz for these kind words and compliments and Breeders, don't you agree that every puppy sold should be accompanied by a copy of this excellent book?

FROM THE NOTEBOOK

Ch. BLANART BEWITCHING is continuing her spectacular wins going Best in Show at National Capitol in Washington, D. C., the International in Chicago, and the Ladies Kennel Association of America at Garden City, Long Island. This is truly wonderful for Blanch, Bewitching and the breed as a whole.

WE REGRET TO REPORT the death of Alfred Mitchell's Ch. Blanart Blueprint who was an outstanding dog and greatly loved by his family.

THE SCOTTISH TERRIER CLUB OF CALIFORNIA will hold its speciality with the Harbor Cities KC Show, Long Beach, California, June 25-26. Heywood Hartley will judge. This Club is also sponsoring the Scottie classes at the Santa Barbara KC show in Santa Barbara, California, July 31st with Graham Mead of Australia judging. Both shows are expected to be majors.

THE SCOTTISH TERRIER CLUB OF GREATER WASHINGTON, D. C. held their annual sanctioned match on the beautiful park grounds adjoining the White House on May 21st. Mr. Robert Graham did a most thorough and excellent job of judging the 33 entries and found his Best in Match in a four month puppy dog, Braemar Bold Voyager, owned by Rear Admiral and Mrs. Harry F. Garber. This was a happy send off for the Garbers who, after several years of devoted service to the S.T.C.G.W. left for Seattle, Washington, where they will make their new home. The loss for Washington, D. C. will be a gain for Washington State.

IN PREPARING THIS ISSUE of the Bagpiper, we doubly appreciate the task Mary Kelly has had the past few years. Unfortunately, we do not qualify as a gifted artist and we know that you, as well as we, will greatly miss Mary's humorous drawings, as well as her editorial abilities. To you, Mary Kelly, we salute you for a job well done!