

Kanine Korner

By Francis X. Lohmann

A giant step toward solving the problem of lost or stolen dogs has been taken with the formation of a nationwide organization called the Canine Bureau of Identification (CBI).

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bona-fide system operates as follows:

- Dog owners register their pets with the CBI and receive a permanent registration number which the owners will arrange to have tattooed on the dog's flank or ear.
- By arrangement between CBI and the Western Union Telegraph Co., the finder of a lost or stolen dog can wire collect to the CBI with the location of the dog and the finder's name, address, and telephone number.
- Within minutes after receipt of such a message, over the Western Union Telex machine in its offices at 17 Battery Place, New York City,

the CBI will notify the owner by pre-paid telegram where his dog is and who has it, so that he can arrange to retrieve Bowser.

Each registered owner will receive at the time of registration a metal tag for the dog's collar with the inscription, "Warning—Registered Dog—If Found, Telegraph Collect Tattoo No. on Flank or Ear to Canine Bureau of Identification, NYC."

THE NATIONWIDE CBI system will implement the law in battling the infamous petnapper and serve as a deterrent and warning to dog dealers and research labora-

tories that the dog has an identified owner who wants his dog back.

The cost for this multi-tudinous service is strikingly low—just \$5 covers initial registration, special tag, and first year's service. After that it is only \$2 a year. For further information, write Canine Bureau of Identification, 17 Battery Place, New York, N. Y. 10004.

I wholeheartedly recommend this tremendous organization to my dog loving readers.

BARKS AND YAPS—I was greatly privileged to have had General Omar Bradley and

his sparkling bride as guests of mine recently on my radio version of Kanine Korner via KTYM. The Bradleys are avid dog lovers and the proud owners of two handsome black miniature poodles named Omaha and Utah. In my books General Omar Bradley is one of the great men of our time.

Two of my favorite girls, Maryann and Linda Weichsel, narrowly escaped serious injury in a freeway auto mishap returning from a dog show. . . . Rod Serling is an avid Irish Setter fancier, Joan Blondell goes for the Pug, and broadcaster Joe

Pyne favors the Doberman Pinscher.

IT IS MOST interesting to note that Sunnybank, the estate of the late Albert Payson Terhume, author of the series of books about his famous Collie, is now owned by a real estate broker. . . . Shortly before Christmas a girl walked into the pet shop at Farmers Market and asked for a sweater for her dog. She didn't know the exact size, so the clerk politely suggested that she bring the dog in for a fitting. "Oh, I couldn't do that," she explained.

"You see it's a Christmas present and I want to surprise him." . . . Cute sign in a dog grooming parlor: If it has hair, we trim it. . . . The war dogs of the ancient Gauls were outfitted in armor and collars bristling with spikes. . . . The coat of the Kerry Blue Terrier is black at birth, gradually turns to a light shade and then to a rich dark blue.

BREED OF THE WEEK—Chow Chow. . . . There is a good deal of question in the minds of dog authorities as to the origin of the Chow Chow. One theory is that he is the result of a crossing of the Tibetan Mastiff and the Samoyed. Others believe that the Chow is one of the original basic breeds and is the forebear of the Samoyed, Eskimo, Keeshond, Norwegian Elkhound, Pomeranian, and other similar type dogs. . . . Whatever his beginning may have been, the Chow Chow is a very ancient breed and there is evidence that he existed at least 2,000 years ago, used at that time in his native land of China as a hunting dog. . . . The Chow is one of the most individual of all breeds of dog. First, he has a physical feature, a blue-black tongue, which is unknown in any other breed of dog, and is considered so typical that a pink or red tongue is mentioned as a disqualification in the AKC standard.

SECONDLY, his temperament sets him apart from other breeds, in that he has a reserved dignity, a lordly scowl, and his disposition is discerning, sober, snobbish, and independent. . . . The first time a Chow made an American dog show appearance was in 1890 in Madison Square Garden and he was in his glory. Thirty years later he ranked among the top 10 breeds on this side of the Atlantic. . . . For those who value a dog of devotion only for his master, the Chow is ideal, for he is truly a one-man dog. As a puppy the Chow is most appealing. He looks like a plump, cuddly teddy bear. The Chow Chow tips the scales at about 60 pounds and in height 20 inches.

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Standard Brands Honored

A Torrance firm, Standard Brand Paint Co., 4300 W. 190th St., has received a Goodwill Industry "Appreciation Award." The presentation was made at a dinner held at the Goodwill plant, 800 W. Pacific Coast Hwy., Long Beach.

Awards were made to eight individuals, organizations, and businesses. Some were for outstanding activities. Others were for contributions. . . . The award made to Standard Brands cited the business as "representative of many who have given Goodwill merchandise that has sale value, but no longer meets their sales criterion. Such contributions may be as good as cash gifts because they provide a measure of work-therapy along with the money their sale provides."

Readings Slated for 'Odd Couple'

Open readings for the Long Beach Community Players forthcoming production "The Odd Couple" by Neil Simon, will be held next week. . . . The readings will be held at the Community Playhouse, 5021 E. Anaheim St., Long Beach. Director E. Cotter will conduct them Monday and Tuesday at 8 p.m.

There are six roles for men ranging in ages from 30 to 50, and two roles for women ranging in ages from 25 to 35. . . . "This is one of the funniest and most successful plays to come out of Broadway in 10 years and the Community Playhouse patrons are in for a real treat in this production," said director Cotter.

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