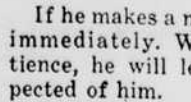


YOU and your DOG

Housebreaking is usually a case of teaching a new dog old tricks. According to the Sergeant's Dog Care Center of Richmond, Va., the best old trick to remember is: praise the pup when he does right; scold him when he does wrong.

The most practical approach is to train him to use newspapers. Put several layers down in the same place every time. Whenever the puppy awakes or starts to sniff around, rush him to the paper. The trick is to catch him in time.



If he makes a mistake, scold him immediately. With a little patience, he will learn what is expected of him.

In housebreaking a puppy, expect him to make mistakes. But housebreaking "accidents" need not mean stained carpets or lingering odors. Get a bottle of stain preventive from the drug store or pet shop and use it as directed to stop damage to the carpeting.

Get a stain preventive that eliminates the odor, too. This is important because a dog's nose tends to lead him back to the scene of a previous "crime."

MISS KNOEFEL IS ON COLLEGE SWIM SHOW

CHARLOTTE—Miss Charlotte Knoefel, Black Mountain, will appear in the spring water show of the Queens College Dolphin club on the campus tonight, tomorrow and Saturday.

The theme for this year's show is "Splashes on Broadway" and will feature swimming and novelty dances based on hit tunes from past and current Broadway musicals.

The Dolphin club, which presents the water show annually, is composed of students skilled in swimming styles and synchronized swimming.

Miss Knoefel is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Knoefel, Jr., Black Mountain.

SURVEY OF HERDS

A survey of herds of DHIA test in North Carolina shows that one-fifth of the state's dairymen are using latest developments in handling milk on the farm.

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Carolinas Set New High In '57 For Power Use

The Carolinas set new high records for electric consumption in 1957, according to a recent review of Carolina Power & Light Company's operations.

Louis V. Sutton, president of C. P. & L., called 1957 a "gratifying" year and attributed the records to the persistent growth which has characterized the Carolinas throughout the post-war period.

As the company approaches its 50th anniversary in mid-1958, the company chief anticipated "an even more fruitful half-century of progress and service."

In terms of high customer acceptance and low rates, the C. P. & L. operation established favorable comparisons with national figures. Residential customers, according to the 1957 review, were using an average of 4,500 kilowatt hours of electricity, compared with the national average of 3,165. The average price was slightly less than two cents per kilowatt hour, compared to the national average of 2.56 cents, the report stated.

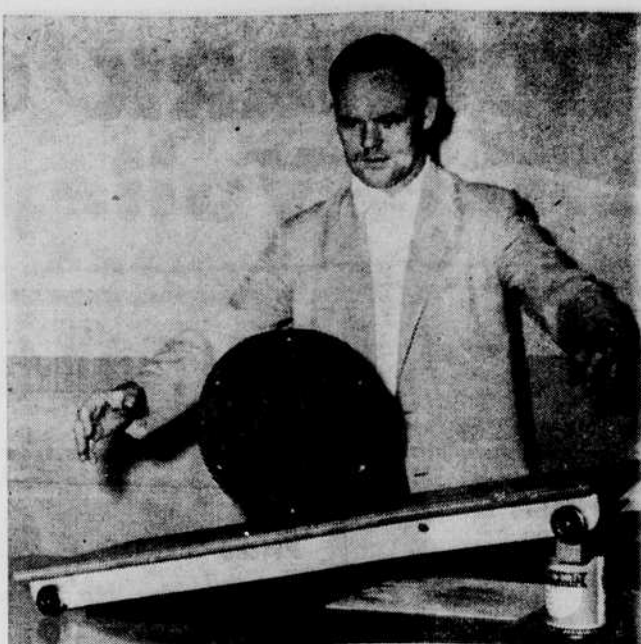
During the year, the company gained about 7,000 new customers, bringing its total to 403,000. About 3,000 of the new users are rural residents. CP & L has 19,400 miles of rural lines and more are scheduled in next year's \$22,500,000 expansion budget.

More residents of the two Carolinas continued to purchase company stock, joining the "family" of 34,500 shareholders who own the company.

Participation in the pioneering phase of atomic power also marked the 1957 operation. At the same time, CP & L continued established practices of industrial, agricultural and community development within its service area.

Operating revenues advanced 8 per cent for the year. Taxes jumped 11 per cent to an estimated \$16,500,000 for 1957.

New construction averaged two million dollars a month and rounded out the company's post-war expenditures for expansion at \$200,000,000. Big item in next year's building is the completion of a 235,000-horsepower generating unit at the Cape Fear steam electric generating plant near Moncure, which will boost CP & L's total generating capability to approximately 1,300,000 kilowatts.



Donald Mayes, above, has been giving a series of five lectures to science students at Owen High school under auspices of the Atomic Energy commission and the Ford Foundation. A film, "A is for Atom", with the entire school as audience, concluded the series which is a part of the nationwide upsurge of stimulation for school science programs.

GARDEN TIME

By M. E. Gardner

A young couple, friends of mine, have just built a beautiful and expensive home. They bought a large lot and planned the house to fit the site. The one thing they did not do was elevate the house enough on the lot. Now they have a problem of appearance as well as drainage on the south and west sides. I did not see the house until the roof was up. If the proper steps are taken, it will require rather heavy grading on two sides and perhaps a retaining wall. In addition, some valuable trees will be lost on the west side which are needed for shade.

I talked with the builder and he told me that the batter boards were raised, before the foundation was started, to show the people what a difference a foot or two in elevation would make. However, they decided against it.

If you are planning to build a house, be sure to consider all factors such as drainage, exposure, shade (if you already have trees), utilities, walks and drives. Slopes are very deceiving to the eye so don't depend on this method. Have some competent person run levels with an instrument so you will have a planned picture of the site, and the house, before a spade of dirt is turned. It will pay big dividends. Plan your work and work your plan.

While we are on the question of new sites, another common problem is selecting trees to have around the house. I helped a neighbor not long ago and found that a large percentage of the oaks and other hardwood trees in the yard, had sprung from old stumps on cut-over land. Many were pruned and stumps were rotting. Such trees are not desirable because they will not live as long as trees on their own roots.

ADVICE TO GROWERS

North Carolina corn growers should be able to get a higher price for their corn this year, according to forecasts gathered by North Carolina State College School of Agriculture.

What's Goin' ... At Owen

By Lynda McGraw

Everyone has really been very busy this last week making up for the week lost on account of the snow. The Valentine bulletin boards on which the homeowners had been working before our unexpected vacation were finished and judged the first of the week. The results are as follows: First place was given to Mrs. Russell's home-room.

The bulletin board consisted of a "Roses are red ..." verse on a red background, with a red and white border and flowers sprinkled around. In the center was a heart lined with doilies and "I Love You" on it. Mrs. McCoy's home-room came in second with a bulletin board with a white background and red border. In the center was a heart with "Be My Valentine" on it. This was surrounded by other hearts representing the family, friends, sweetheart, and such.

Placing third was Mrs. Leinster's home-room. On a white background were the silhouetted heads of a boy and a girl drinking a soda. "Be My Valentine" was written in blue, black, and red letters, and scattered about were blue silhouettes of teenagers, dancing, talking, etc. Above all this "I Love You" was spelled out in small red hearts.

Those home-rooms receiving honorable mentions were Miss Wrenn's, Mr. Medlin's, Mrs. Perley's, and Mrs. Brewster's.

Each year about this time it is necessary to elect the May Court so that pictures can be taken for the annual. This year's participants are certainly worthy of the honor and I am sure each class is very proud of its representatives. The queen for the 1958 May Court is Joan Walker, the maid of honor is Miss Ann Ballard. Following in order are the attendants: Seniors—Nana Owenby and Annette Hall; Juniors, Sue Smith and Joan Connet; Sophomores, Gail Hall and Jannelle Ledbetter, and freshmen, Beverly Bryan and Regina Stafford.

The seniors also "went to the polls" to elect senior superlatives. The boy and girl chosen as best-all-round were Jane Bowness and Ted McCall; as the most talented, Charles Rogers and Annette Hall; Elaine Bastarache and Gary Edwards were selected as the neatest; Kaye Robinson and Chris Mimidis, as the friendliest. An unusual coincidence was the selection of most athletic, which was a sister-brother pair, Ruth and Arthur Clayton. Last was the selection of the most studious, Peggy Cooley and the Kilpatrick twins, Donald and Darrell. Congratulations to everyone!

For the past week all the science classes, biology, chemistry, physics, general science, and senior science, attended a series of five lectures given by Donald Mayes, who is sponsored by the Atomic Energy commission and the Ford foundation. This was a part of the movement to stimulate an interest in science among the young people of the country. This program was concluded Friday by a 15 minute science film which was shown to the whole school. The title of the film was "A Is For Atom."

The chorus and director would again like to thank Allan Guy, choral director at Montreat college, for coming down and helping them in preparations for a coming program.

PVT. MOORE WITH ARMY IN GERMANY

SEVENTH ARMY, GERMANY — Pvt. Charlie B. Moore, son of Mrs. Drucilla Whitener, route 1, Swannanoa, recently participated in "Sabre Hawk," a Seventh Army maneuver which involved more than 100,000 troops in Germany. Moore is regularly assigned as a cannoneer in the 804th Field Artillery Battalion's Battery B in Werthheim, Germany. He entered the Army last March and completed basic training at Fort Chaffee, Ark.

The 18-year-old soldier attended Stephens Lee High school, Asheville.

George Washington, at one time, complained letters from Philadelphia and New York took a month or six weeks to reach him at his beloved Mount Vernon in Virginia. The news of our first President's death, despite day and night riding by post riders, took ten days to reach Boston from Mount Vernon—a distance of around 500 miles.

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HIGH GIRLS LEARN OF FAMILY LIFE IN MANY LANDS

The month of February at Owen High school could have been called "International good will month" in the economics department. The girls were studying family economics and had the following relationships and the following persons discuss the culture of their home lands: Mrs. Turk, Miss Ann Wilson, from Alaska; Miss Angel Bederian, from Russia; Miss Sally Duncan, from Canada; Miss Angel Bederian, from Mexico; and Sheela Akhand, Lebanon. In addition they had the Rev. Wilbur to discuss the importance of religion in the home and the factors which contribute to a successful home life; and Mrs. McWhorter to discuss the duties of a home-maker in America.

These personal contacts gave the girls a greater knowledge of other lands and an opportunity to appreciate their own homes. In the next two weeks the same girls are to have a home-nursing course taught by Mrs. Margaret Finny.

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