Spaniel, Setter Top Westminster Champ at Detroit

By ALICE E. MORGAN

Predictions and traditions went tumbling Sunday evening when Best of the Show awards at the Detroit Kennel Club show went to two Birmingham dogs, Ch. King Peter of Salilyn, first, and Int. Ch. Lundar of Blue Bar, second.

The pair defeated Ch. Carmor's Rise and Shine, who only last month out-pointed them for the coveted Best of Show title at the Westminster Show at New York's Madison Square Garden.

The upset came as a complete surprise to spectators, as Mrs. Julie Gasow's big liver and white spaniel entered the ring "just asking for the title." Second place winner, an English setter, is owned by William Sears, Crabtree lane, Foxcroft, secretary of the Oakland County Kennel club.

THE FINAL hours of the show saw all three dogs tired from the competition and the thousands of persons who had crowded around their boxes during the day.

Speaking of her winner, Mrs. Gasow said, "Peter was just asking for it when he went into the ring. I don't think anything could have beaten him Sunday night.

"He was in perfect form and behaved beautifully. I was terribly proud of him throughout the whole test."

Dr. A. A. Mitten, all-round judge from Rock Hall, Md., said King Peter is "one of the grandest English springer spaniels I've seen in many years. He was perfectly balanced and had a clean movement and perfect color contrast."

THE DEFEATED champion, a buff cocker, broke several times as he was called upon to demonstrate gait.

In addition to the fact that a Westminster champion seldom is defeated so soon after taking the title, it is unusual to have three sporting dogs competing for top honors in an all-breed show.

Although she has not attained championship stature yet, little buff Bancroft's Return Engagement did acquire three points toward this goal after a year of undue hardship for her and her owner, Margaret Austin, 1773 Banbury road.

A year ago the little dog began to get show experience when at the age of three months she was entered in several puppy classes. As her progress seemed to hit stride, she became sick and three veterinarians gave her a 50-50 chance to recover.

CONSTANT CARE and nursing pulled the little dog through, only to have her shed her coat completely.

With these two hurdles successfully past, Mrs. Austin was involved in a train-car crash and confined to the hospital for two weeks. She returned home Friday night, benched her dog Saturday and finished grooming only a few hours before "Peter", entered the ring to take her share of the prizes.

Sears said his three-and-a-half year old dog had had 15 best in show awards in the United States and Canada and had rated second place in the sporting group at the DKC show.

KING PETER, four years old, took best of show 19 times last year, was named the top show dog in the Midwest, and is second for all breeds as a top winner in the entire country during the 1953 season.

In addition to the two champions, several other area dogs earned high ratings at the DKC show.

A German short-haired pointer, German Cary Von Lel, owned by Mrs. John B. Jackson, rated best of winners.

FURTHER HONORS went to the Belgian sheepdog, Zenobia Lafitte, Ruth E. Pritchard; bassett hound, Fanny of Enhu, Chris G. Teeter; Keeshonden, Jason of Van Bie, A. H. Aprey; Boston terrier, Ch. Fascinating Little Dandy, R. H. Calbeck and Irish terrier, Salilyn's Shillelagh, Mrs. Gasow and Mrs. W. A. Harper.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smalley, former Birmingham residents now of Livonia, took best of breed with their airedale, Teri-Aire's MacTavish.

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Topples Westminster winner

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Rates second at Detroit

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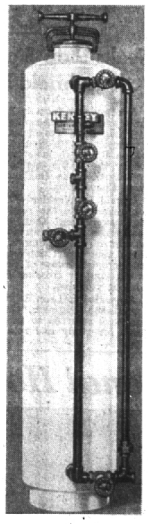

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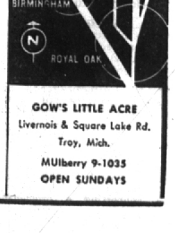

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School Board Gives Nod to Condemnation

Final step toward condemnation of 22 acres of land south of Derby road and east of Adams road for use as a junior high school building site was taken Tuesday night by the Birmingham board of education.

The board voted 6 to 0 in favor of the resolution to proceed with the condemnation on the contention that the property was vital to the needs of the school district and that possibilities of purchasing the property have been exhausted. Owners of the property, the Birmingham Development company, and the board cannot agree on price. Board Member Richard Saurbrun was absent.

The resolution by the board authorizes board attorney John Martz to immediately initiate condemnation proceedings.

AN OFFER by the board in October to buy the property for $1,250 per acre resulted in a counter proposal of $4,571 by the company. The offer to either sell their property at that price or to buy approximately 3½ acres in the area presently owned by the district.

The board contends that Birmingham Development's proposal is exorbitant.

Board President Ernest W. Seaholm said present plans of the board call for a 1,000-student junior high school to be built on the site. He said the board cannot be satisfied with less than the 22 acres because of the all-around space requirements of a school that size.

Cage Season Ends As Riteway Wins

Riteway Water Softener came from behind in an overtime game with Emmanuel Baptist church last week to win 39 to 37 and gain the second half trophy of the Birminghma YMCA Intramural Basketball League.

Roger Reynold's two lay-up shots came after Paul Grant had tossed in two free throws to put the Emmanuel quintet in front. Half time score was 17 to 16 in favor of Riteway. Both teams were tied at 25 points each at the end of the third quarter.

Scoring honors went to Roger Reynolds who netted 22 points for the winners while Don Orthner tallied 18 for Emmanuel Baptist. The win gave Riteway a 5 and 1 record for the second half of play.

Birmingham Cleaners romped over Fawcett Automatic Heating by a 79 to 38 score to take second place in the standings. Terry O'Laughlin's 23 points were high for the victors who had 34 to 14 at half time.

These games brought the local "Y" Intramural schedule to an end with Birmingham Cleaners as First Half winners and Riteway Water Softeners as second half winners. Birmingham Cleaners had an overall 11 and 2 record while Riteway enjoyed a 9 and 3 standing.

Troy Police Grab Burglary Suspect

A 39-year-old Ferndale man is being held in Oakland county jail under $1,000 bond on a charge of breaking and entering in the night time in connection with an attempted Sunday night burglary of Lolly's Drive-In, 2520 Rochester road, according to Troy township police.

Police Chief David Gratopp said patrolmen surprised William H. Lister, 2147 Sonoma, Ferndale in the drive-in at 4:30 Sunday morning. Gratopp said several packages of cigarettes and cash from broken machines were found in Lister's pocket.

Lister was arraigned before Rochester Justice Luther Green and bound over to circuit court for trial March 15.

Roll Call Still Below 1954's $45,000 Goal

The receipt of an additional $3,000 since last week has brought the Community House Roll Call to the $41,000 mark, still $4,000 below its 1954 goal.

Letters are being mailed this week to residents who have indicated their intention to contribute asking them to mail checks as soon as possible.

Additional letters will be sent out soon to those who were missed by solicitors and vacationers not at home during the drive.

HEADED FOR THE TOP
Bancroft's Return Engagement (Eccentric Photo)

B-5 Plans Visit To Sports Show

Troop B-5 Scouts and Explorers will attend the opening matinee of the Detroit Sportsmans show Saturday afternoon, March 13, at the state fair grounds.

The troop will leave Quarton school at 1 p.m. Saturday in a motorcade in time for the first show. Various dads of patrols are arranging transportation and will supervise individual groups throughout the show.

Explorers of B-5 in a separate meeting last Monday night heard Bill Tucker, Royal Oak unit supervisor, explain successful Explorer organization in this area. Fifteen Explorers and 14-year-old Scouts who attended the meeting formed a new B5X unit, electing officers and setting up activities of the organization.

Warren Hardy was elected Senior crew leader with Richard Ward as deputy patrol leader. Jim Fry was named unit treasurer and Phil Staelin as treasurer.

Charter members include Richard Ayers, Phil Barger, Jim Basford, John Dowd, Alan Dybvig, Steve Pew, Frank McGinnis, Larry Nickel, Dennis Parks, Richard Riley and Bill Wiggins.

Both Scouts and Explorers meet regularly on Monday nights at Quarton school gym with basketball practice from 7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and scheduled troop activities after the cage session.

Take Second Look At Street Paving

Rescinding action taken at a previous meeting, Birmingham city commissioners Monday night approved a new hearing March 29 on necessity on paving of Chesterfield from Maple to the northern point of the proposed fire station site and expanded the limits of the assessment district.

The district was increased to include eight lots west on Maple because of suspected benefits to be derived from access to side streets. The new hearing on necessity will be held March 29.

Ask Committee To Study Code

A five-man committee to study revisions to the Troy township building code will be named by Supervisor Norman Barnard, Troy board members decided Monday night.

One reason for the need of revisions is a request pending to allow construction of pre-fabricated homes in the township. Board members expressed interest in what changes would have to be made in the code to allow construction.

Representatives of the Joh Construction company asked action be taken on the compa request to build pre-fabs as q ly as possible and added that al Oak, Pontiac, West Bloom township and Detroit already approved construction of the fabricated homes.

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