



BREEDING EXHIBITION BANTAMS IS PROVING A POPULAR HOBBY

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Hobbies—with increasing leisure time, people are turning to hobbies of all kinds. One high on the list, with ever-increasing popularity, is the breeding of exhibition birds, bantams. An activity originating back to the time of the cave dweller, and which has spread to almost every country, raising bantams appeal to young and old alike. Scientific care and breeding has added to the challenge and interest.

L. W. Hazelbaker, 24683 Woodward Ave., Lomita, breeder of prize-winning Buff Cochins, declares that as a hobby it can't be beat. "For the boy or girl really interested in it, raising bantams puts money in his or her piggy bank, and it furnishes an intriguing hobby as well with the proper coaching. And for people who have retired and older folks who want a hobby, it's the finest thing."

Although his father was a famous breeder, Hazelbaker helped pick tomatoes in his native Indiana one fall before school started in order to earn the money to buy his first pair. He was 8 years old then. He bought the purebred pair from an old line breeder. Through the years Hazelbaker introduced other bloodlines and through the study of genetic factors developed his own prize-winning stock.

"I've never raised a good bird that I didn't have a waiting order for, or even before it was hatched," he said. For those who will follow the simple scientific rules for care and feeding of Bantams, it can be a profitable hobby even on a very small scale with two or three birds. "The Agricultural Department encourages people to breed scientifically so as to raise the standards of livestock and poultry. Through selective breeding, people can evolve new varieties and raise the American standard of perfection," Hazelbaker added.

Over the years Hazelbaker's bantams have won over 500

ribbons and approximately 50 trophies and plaques, including the stock shown with his partner, Richard Sommers, whom Hazelbaker has coached for the last five years. "Dick knows about as much as his teacher now, but I do the breeding because of long experience and knowing the bloodlines so well."

There are eight or ten varieties of Cochins, identical in type but just different in color. Hazelbaker relates that the first Cochins were brought to this country in the mid-1600's by the captain of a sailing vessel from Peking, China. Bantams were also raised by the noblemen of ancient Rome. History tells of a bird called the Sumatra Fowl which was first domesticated and raised by the Pharaohs of ancient Egypt. Practically every country and several states throughout the eastern United States have Bantams which they originated and represents them," he said, "such as the Belgian Quail Bantam, the White-Faced Black Spanish, the Old English Game Bantam and the Black-Tailed Japanese Bantam."

In response to many requests, Hazelbaker is busy preparing material for national publication on the breeding of Buff Cochins Bantams. He has talked before many 4-H groups and has started many children raising the birds. He coaches them along when he knows they are really interested. Raising animals or poultry teaches many values to children. "It takes them off the street and keeps their minds and hands busy. They learn to be kind to their fellowman, it develops a sense of pride and accomplishment, and encourages scientific interests," said Hazelbaker. As an example, he pointed out that one never hears of a 4-H Club child in trouble. Hazelbaker has three children of his own who graduated from Narbonne High School. His daughter Helen is Mrs. Dan Mattox, who has a 5-year-old son Steven. George Hazelbaker, now of Wilmington, works for the Edison Company and has two children, Georgeann, 3½, and Loren, 1 year old. His daughter, Phyllis, goes to Long Beach State and is majoring in education, receiving vocal training outside of college.

When asked about his children's interest in Bantams, Hazelbaker remarked that raising Bantams can be an enjoyable project which the entire family can share as a hobby. "Bantams are actually cleaner than the family dog or cat if cared for in a scientific manner," he added.

P T A ACTIVITIES

Harbor City

Mrs. Leland Van Buren, president, called the monthly PTA meeting to order at Harbor City School last Wednesday. Boy Scouts of Troop 743 led the pledge of allegiance to the flag, and Mrs. John Conshafter gave an inspirational and delightful poem on "Conventions." It was the day for youth groups to be featured and the following Scout organizations had displays of their handicraft: Cub Pack 743C, Boy Scout Troop 743, Girl Scout Troop 765 and Brownie Troops 1990, 1356 and 315.

Mrs. Avis Creech, principal, introduced Mrs. Grace Dreir, supervisor of schools in the South District, guest speaker of the day. Mrs. Dreir's subject "Discipline." Three points emphasized were: (1) A planned program for good development of children at home and at school. (2) A child should know where they stand, and to recognize right and wrong. (3) Setting an example for a child, and teaching them to think, live and play with fellow man, and living honorably by proper discipline rather than using discipline as punishment.

William Cleary, fifth grade teacher and sponsor of the student council, was in charge of the student's portion of the program which featured the presidents of the various service clubs for the improvement of the school who told what their duties and services were to the school. They were: Fumiko Hachiya, student council president (MC) and John Conshafter, Danny Henderson, Cheryl Ingram, Sharon Deatherage, Linda Rohar, Dawn Terada, Jimmie Ward, and Patricia Johnson speaking for Janet White.

Hostesses were mothers from rooms 1, 7 and 7. Room prizes went to Robert Metcalf's sixth grade, and Mrs. Betty Hall's third grade. Mrs. Van Buren closed the meeting with this thought: "Always do right."

Evelyn Carr

Association meeting of the Evelyn Carr Elementary PTA was held in the school cafeteria, April 23. Meeting was brought to order by president, Mrs. Roland Stamm. Highlights of the executive board meeting were: Recommendations—1. The board recommends to the association the purchase of 10 reams of newsprint paper, to complete notices for the year. 2. The board recommends to the association that delegates to the state convention be empowered to vote on revisions of state by-laws. The board recommends to the association that they pay postage to mail juvenile protection letter to each parent in the school.

Room mothers' dinner May 16 will be held at the Western Club at 155th and Western at 7 p.m. Reservations should be made with room mother chairman or call Mrs. Louise Buck or Mrs. Cunery. Tickets must be purchased not later than Monday, May 13.

Program was turned over to Mrs. C. R. Ross who introduced the school orchestra under the direction of Mrs. D. Crosi. Four selections were played: Onward Christian Soldiers, Dutch Shoe Dance, Progressive March and Green Door. Solos by Ronald Gastelum, trumpet; Bill Johnson, trumpet; Marsha Frost, piano; Jamie Tussing, saxophone, and Steve Santor and Steve Drake, drums.

The eighth grade drama class under the direction of D. Anderson presented an one act play by Helen Louise Miller, entitled, "The Missing Link." Characters were: Miss Grey, an irate librarian, Pat Kelly; Peggy Sone, a loyal sister, Annette Settling, Martin Stone, a writer and Lincoln scholar, Barbara Heys; Martha Stone, an understanding stepmother, Lena Hilleman; Mr. Sawyer, an outraged parent, Belinda Bode; Freddie Sawyer, an outraged son, Loretta Cruz; Lincoln Stone, the Missing Link, Loretta Cruz. Hostesses for the evening were the first grade room mothers.

HOWARD WOOD

April board meeting of the Howard Wood PTA was held on Thursday, April 25 at the home of the president, Mrs. Paul M. Crossman, 2143 Middlebrook Rd. at 9:30 a.m.

The agenda included a Mardi Gras report by Paul M. Crossman. District convention at Whittier was reviewed by Mrs. U. G. Tidmarsh.

On May 8 and 10, the Spring Roundup will be held and Mrs. M. D. Scoles, child health chairman will head a committee to serve cookies and coffee to the registering parents.

Executive board will recommend to the association today that the group sponsor another graduation tea and support the after graduation party held by the high school.

The board adjourned to visit the Torrance Unified School office and met various district employes.

(Herald Photo) LOVE OF GRANDPA AND HIS CHICKENS . . . is expressed here on the faces of these two children, Steve Mattox and Georgeann Hazelbaker, as they watch their grandfather, L. W. Hazelbaker, display one of his prize bantams. The breeding of exhibition bantam is an age old hobby. It's fascination has brought numerous prize winning ribbons to the local man. Many of the ribbons are shown displayed on the wall at the Hazelbaker home, 24683 Woodward Ave., Lomita.

May 29 Date For Nativity Carnival

A special meeting was held last week by the officers and room mothers of the Nativity Mothers Club to make plans for their annual carnival to be held on the school grounds at 2371 W. Carson, on Wednesday, May 29th, from noon until 9 p.m.

Among the many booths will be the always popular baseball, balloon dart and gold fish bowl booths plus several new and extremely entertaining games.

Hot dogs, soft drinks, homemade cakes and coffee will be served from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. A special ham plate will be available.

A grand prize of an O'Keefe & Merritt gas range will be awarded at the close of the carnival evening.

A CHANCE TO SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY

Serving the Torrance-Lomita Red Cross area quietly and loyally are the staff aide volunteers who are under the direction of Mrs. Nancy McNeill. Every day, Monday through Friday, morning and afternoon, these women staff the local office at 1347 El Prado for two hours of their time each week. Each has her own day assigned, answering the telephone and assisting those persons who visit the office requesting aid. Hundreds of "home services" calls are handled every month. Unsung "heroes" are Mmes. Sara Muleck, Bea Dekin, Ida Gilbert, Elsie Pyne, Marian Volen, Dorothy Hamilton, Lean Lehan, Genia Arnsdorf, Maria Tarr and McNeill.

There are three openings left for any women volunteers who are interested in serving the community, Monday morning, Tuesday, 3 to 5 p.m., and Friday afternoon. Interested persons may contact Mrs. McNeill on Monday afternoons at the Red Cross office.

ATTEND COUNCIL BREAKFAST TODAY

Attending the Southern California Council of Beta Sigma Phi bi-monthly breakfast at the Los Angeles Breakfast Club this morning are the following members from the chapters in the South Bay Area Council: Mrs. Donald Fisher, Xi Zeta Lambda; Mrs. Robert Phinizy and Mrs. Richard Boal, Lambda Beta; Mrs. B. J. Garrison, Mrs. Stephen Nicely, Mrs. Robert Grable, Mrs. Thayne Connell, Mrs. Donald Bradford, Mrs. Ernest Somerville and guest, Mrs. Dennis Barron, and Miss Dorothy Stearns, Pi Phi chapter.

NDW Benefit Fashion Show Set May 18

Tierra Del Rey Parlor, Native Daughters of the Golden West, Hermosa Beach, will hold a fashion show and luncheon Saturday, May 18, at the Plush House.

Luncheon will be served at 1 p.m. A Redondo Beach dress shop will provide the fashions. Members modeling the fashions will be Mmes. Frank Firoux, Sidney Keller, Richard Olson, David Willison, John Viao, William Rozaira, J. G. Lawrence, and Rose Ridgeway. Narrator will be Mrs. Kenneth Browning. Proceeds will go to the Children's Foundation and Welfare Fund.

Reservations may be made by calling Lucille Huddleston, Elizabeth Tyack or Blanche Cornett.

Eta Mu Unit Holds Social

First social meeting of the newly formed Eta Mu Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha, non-academic international sorority, was held at the home of Mrs. H. D. Bowers, Tuesday evening, April 23.

Theme for the evening was "Let's Get Acquainted." Each member told of herself.

A "white elephant" exchange was held, after which refreshments were served.

Enjoying the evening were Mmes. George Benson, Alvin Tracy, Jack Wallin, C. R. Gullian, Arthur Briggs, Otis Bird, William Hutchins, Donald Hardy, and Harold Bowers.

A business meeting will be held May 14 at the home of Mrs. Norman Boy.

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CFW Circle Meets Are Scheduled

Circles of the Christian Women's Fellowship of the First Christian Church will meet as follows:

Senior Wicks, Carolyn Campbell, president, will meet Wednesday, May 8, at 7:30 p.m., in the Fireside room of the church, with Mary Jean Loyd, as hostess.

Rebecca, Mrs. E. R. Morris, leader, will meet Thursday, May 9, at 12:30 p.m., in the home of Mrs. Esther Walker, 1509 Elm.

Ruth, Mrs. Vida Holloway, leader, will meet Tuesday, May 14, 12:30 p.m., with Mrs. Margaret Hill, 1221 Portola.

Miriam, Mrs. Sharon Dexter, leader, will meet Thursday, May 16, at 9:30 a.m., in the Fireside room of the church.

Tabitha, Mrs. Natalie Ray, leader, will meet Thursday, May 18, at 8 p.m., in the home of Mrs. Golda Beight, 17109 Elgar.

Mary and Martha, Mrs. Rita Lincoln, leader, will meet Tuesday, May 21, at 7:30 p.m., with Mrs. Lincoln, 1229 Cota.

Esther, Mrs. Mayme Stock, leader, will meet Tuesday, May 21, at 1 p.m., with Mrs. Ethel Mosley, 23846 Ward St.

Rachel, Mrs. Pauline Smart, leader, will meet Tuesday, May 21, at 7:30 p.m., in the home of Mrs. Beverly Simpson, 255 W. 234th St., Wilmington.

Phoebe, Mrs. Grace Goad, leader, will meet May 28, at 12:30 p.m., in the home of Mrs. Tom Saine, 1503 Acacia.

Lydia Circle, Mrs. Barbara Parker, leader, will meet Tuesday, May 28, at 7:30 p.m., with Mrs. Pat Huber, 18720 Doty.

CWF Board meeting will be held in the Fireside room at the church, on May 31, at 9:30 a.m.

May 29 will be work day at the church. All are asked to bring sack lunches.

Fete Mothers At Luncheon

Entre Nous club is entertaining at its Mother-Daughter luncheon today at Rand's restaurant. Wanda Martin made arrangements for corsages and reservations were taken by Ruth Lutes. The affair was planned at a meeting held at the home of Dorothy Nobbs.

Easier surprises for the Orthopaedic Hospital were furnished by Evelyn Schooley, Phyllis Fluhrer and Ruth Lutes.

After the business meeting a gift and gadget tour was conducted by Dorothy Campbell. Proceeds from this went to the club's hospital work.

Refreshments were served by the hostess to Ethel Wolford, Iris Wild, Evelyn Schooley, Phyllis Fluhrer, Ruth Lutes, Irene Little, Billie Van Loon, Betty Burchie and Jean Clark.

TRI-DELT ALUMNAE MEET WEDNESDAY

Mrs. Thomas K. Moylan, 1819 W. 28th St., San Pedro, will be hostess to the South Bay Alumnae of Delta Delta Delta at 7:45 p.m., Wednesday, May 8.

Following a short business meeting covering plans for the June Luncheon, a social "get acquainted" evening will be enjoyed.

Mrs. James Dresbach will have the new chapter directories available at this time. Assisting her on this booklet containing up to date information on South Bay Tri-Deltas are Mrs. Philip Slater, art chairman, and Mrs. George Braham, publication.

Dessert and coffee will be served by co-hostesses Mrs. T. Frederick Peel and Mrs. Thomas Traumer.

"Magic in May" Show Scheduled

"Magic in May" is the theme of the Greenthumber Garden Club's annual flower show to be staged at the Sea-Aire Park Fieldhouse, Lupine and Reynolds, in Torrance on Saturday and Sunday, May 11-12. The show will be open to the public, free of charge, on Saturday from 3 until 9 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The club invites everyone interested and fond of growing flowers for pleasure or the art of flower arrangements to participate in the show.

In response to the many requests the club again this year will retain the classification for wedding arrangements.

The following rules will govern the show:

1) Cut flowers and specimen blooms must be grown by exhibitor. Flowers for floral arrangements need not be grown by exhibitor; 2) No artificial flowers; 3) The committee will not be responsible for loss or damage to materials or containers; 4) First, second, and third place ribbons will be awarded under each classification; 5) Trophies will be awarded; 6) Floor displays and potted plants must be entered between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m., Friday, May 10th. Cut flowers, floral arrangements and specimen blooms may be entered Friday evening or Saturday between 8 and 10 a.m., May 11; 7) The exhibit will be open to the public from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. on May 11 and from 11 to 5 on May 12th; 8) Removal of entries, Sunday, May 12th, from 6 to 7; 9) Any meritorious exhibit not provided for in the schedule will be suitably recognized; 10) Name specimen blooms and potted plants; 11) No more than one entry in each class.

Entries will be as follows: I. Floral Arrangements—A. Miniatures (not to exceed 2 inches). B. Miniatures (not to exceed 5 inches). C. Vases. D. Low bowls. E. Special occasion. F. One variety of flowers any foliage. G. Arrangements with rock or wood or figurines. H. Basket. I. Line arrangements. J. Arrangements by men. K. Foliage. L. Dry materials. M. Humorous. N. Weddings. O. Corsages.

II. Cut Flowers—A. Annuals. B. Perennials. C. Tubers. D. Bulbs. E. Pelargoniums. F. Roses.

III. Club Entries—Refer to classification I.

IV. Potted Plants—A. African violets. B. Coleus. C. Pelargoniums. D. Succulents. E. Miscellaneous. F. Fuschias. G. Begonias.

V. Garden Arrangements. A. Dish gardens. B. Terrariums. C. Shadow boxes (not to exceed 24"). D. Fruit or vegetables.

VI. Children's Arrangements—Group 1. Ages 5 to 8. Group 2. Ages 9 to 15. — A.

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