

Kanine Korner

By Francis X. Lohmann

O. O. McIntyre! An immortal name from the Fourth of your nubbins tail, and it Estate. O. O. McIntyre will be remembered as long as people read newspapers. He was the undisputed dean of American newspaper columnists. This now legendary byliner was also an avid dog lover. He wrote about man's best friend, the dog, countless times. A great favorite of mine is O. O. McIntyre's "A Letter To Dog Heaven." Its classic!

"A Letter to Dog Heaven: "Dear Billy—I came across your badly chewed but favorite ball in a closet today and put it away quickly with a slight choke. It has been more than a year now since you left us and we miss you as much as ever.

"I think it was largely because after great suffering you faced the Last Terror with such magnificent valor

"I have been thinking of that dreadful misty night we arrived in Paris and the pink-cheeked page boy in the tambourine cap took you out for an airing, and despite the warning took off your leash—and in your bewilderment you bolted. When he returned white-faced, holding the empty harness, it was the nearest I ever came to fainting.

"BECAUSE you were deaf and so dependent, I suppose you entwined our hearts more than the average dog. And left such an enormous gap. Mankind in its feeble gropings is always, and for excellent reasons I firmly believe, puzzled by death. You now know what someday all of us must learn. That is: What is on the other side. For if dogs haven't souls, neither has man, and the end is extinction. So I believe!

"I like to imagine you romping through lush Elysian fields, jumping high like a rabbit, stopping now and then quizzically to look back and listen for familiar voices and footfalls. For certainly you will no longer be deaf in doggie heaven.

"YOU WILL recall Ben Ali Haggin's dog Nimble that Ben Ali so thoughtfully gave us during the last few months of your earthy stay. You growled at one another at first and once or twice forgot mutual manners and the fur flew. But in a short time you were trotting off together, tagging for the same sniffs of fascinating odors.

"For a time Nimble missed you, too, and when going out for an airing would suddenly stop, look back and whimper. He did not understand. I cannot say Nimble has taken your place in my heart. No dog ever will. But he eased the ache. The cloud is that some day he, too, must go and again wrench our hearts. We do give our hearts to dogs to tear."

BREED OF THE WEEK—Great Pyrenees . . . In his home territory, the Pyrenees Mountain district of Southern France, the Great Pyrenees is given the affectionate nickname "Mat Dog." He has earned this moniker because he is a home loving fellow and if not out and about his business can usually be found stretched out like a big shag-

gy rug before the entrance of his master's home.

The Pyrenees is a breed of great antiquity. He is descended from enormous mastiff-type fighting dogs, which came to Europe from Central Asia in the company of invading and migrating hordes of tribesmen from the East.

There is nothing snobbish about the Pyrenees. He lends his great strength and stamina to any task he is capable of performing; pulling a cart, toiling as a pack animal or acting as a devoted protector and unseparated to children.

THE ARMED forces during World War II utilized the Pyrenees for carrying parts of dismantled machine guns, toting ammunition and hauling sleds and toboggans packed with medical supplies.

The Great Pyrenees tips the scales at about 115 pounds and in height 30 inches.

Student Has Role
Dennis deLeon of 2819 W. 17th St., will appear in "Dark of the Moon" at Occidental College, today through Saturday in the Playmill Theatre. He will play the part of Burt Dinwitty.

VFW Post Will Host Australians
Some 200 Australian sailors will be entertained by Gen. Rosecrans Post 3261 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Friday at the VFW Memorial Hall in Gardena.

The sailors are crewmen of the HMAS Melbourne, flagship of the Royal Australian Navy. The carrier is in port at Long Beach on a goodwill visit.

A fish dinner will be served, followed by dancing, according to Ray Treval, chairman for the event.

Private 1/C Ronald H. Carman, 20, son of Mrs. Ruth E. Grenier of Glendale, received the Army Parachutist Badge Aug. 16, upon completion of the infantry's three-week airborne course at Ft. Benning, Ga.

His father, William A. Carman, lives at 3922 Emerald St., Torrance, and his wife, Christine, lives in Fayetteville, Calif.

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