

Kanine Korner

By Francis X. Lohmann

William Henry Grimes Jr. was killed in action March 7, 1945, in the Philippine Islands. During his last leave at home, he wrote reflectively about his beloved dog, Duke. His reminiscing thoughts were found recently among family papers. I would like to share this classic with my readers.

"I came home on leave that fall and they told me that Duke was dead.

"At first it didn't seem possible. After all, he had been a part of the family scene for some 16 years and in that time had become a fixture in my mind, something that would go on and on forever.

"I guess there's something about the first dog you own that never can be duplicated.

Like any family that lived in the suburbs and the country, we had our share of pets. There were lots of dogs during the years I was growing up, but none of them ever reached the same status in my affections or memories as did Duke.

"MAYBE IT WAS because we had him almost as far back as I could remember. In a vague sort of fashion I can still recollect the trip to pick him up. And there still remains a picture in my mind of how blue his eyes were and how worried I was because his nose was wet.

"I guess I appreciated him most when we moved from the neighborhood where we had been brought up to an

apartment just outside of New York City. I don't think any of the family ever really at home there, least of all Duke.

"He tried to carry on in his usual fashion, but it just didn't work. Apartments always did have him baffled. There was one time when we lived on the fifth floor. No amount of experience and teaching, however, could induce him to count above three. And there was many a time when a slightly baffled gentleman who lived in the apartment two floors below us found his front door barred by a growling black dog.

"NUMEROUS OTHER pets came and went during his lifetime. None of them was ever accepted as an equal, merely something that was to be tolerated. Duke was, in a sense, something of a snob when it came to his own kind.

"As time passed, I left home, first to go to college

and then into the Army. But even when I was away, I got reports on what Duke was doing and how he was acting. And when I did get home, he would be there to extend his loving greetings. Duke was, in fact, one of the things with which you identify home when you're away and think about it.

"When I came home that fall and found he was gone, it left a gap in things, and I realized one of the bonds between my past and present was gone forever."

"BARKS AND YAPS—Crittterville Pet Shops, the Colonel Saunders' Fried Chicken franchised chain of petdom, invading areas and adding locations in rapid fire machine-gun fashion. John Degenfelder, Crittterville president and founder, and pioneer in franchising pet shops in Southern California has set a new image in pet shopping and infused a much-needed and dynamic hypo to the

time honored pet shop. All Crittterville pet shops are fun, fin, and feather emporiums and a tremendous credit to the pet industry. A king size bark to John Degenfelder and his dream reality—Crittterville Pet Shops.

Lorne Green is an avid German Shepherd fancier, Nancy Kulp goes for the German Shorthair Pointer, and General Omar Bradley favors the miniature Poodle. . . . In actuality a dog wags his tail as a mens of communication. . . . I spotted this sign, recently in a dog kennel — "Kindness is spoken here" . . . A flash from the AKC informs this reporter that the rare Ibizan Hound is now eligible for competition in the "Miscellaneous Class" at dog shows after July 1.

RECOMMENDED for your doggie library: Ethel Braustein's "The Complete Boston Terrier." The many admirers of the dapper little gentleman from Boston will find it most

difficult to put down this book until the last page has been eye-gested. Fifty sparkling photos including many rare shots wrap up these 304 pages. "The Complete Boston Terrier," priced at \$6.96, is obtainable at most bookstalls and pet shops or direct from the publisher, Howell Book House, 845 Third Ave., New York City.

Richard Strauss, the famed actor, gave curls snipped from his Newfoundland when beset by femme admirers for locks of his own. How about that?

BREED OF THE WEEK—Belgian Sheepdog. . . . A large portion of the dog loving public often confuse the Belgian Sheepdog with the German Shepherd. However, to the initiated eye can be seen several structural differences which make it easy to distinguish one breed from the other. But there is enough resemblance to indicate that the two breeds are related.

Both the German Shepherd and the Belgian Sheepdog are descended from dogs which served as farm and herd dogs in central Europe for many, many hundreds of years.

The Belgian Sheepdog is one of the most trainable of all canines. He is an active and alert dog but does not easily take up with strangers. Sometimes unknowing people interpret this characteristic as shyness. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

As a matter of fact, the Belgian Sheepdog Club of America has contributed so much in behalf of their chosen breed.

Belgian Sheepdog entries at top-flight dog shows have brought them to the attention of thousands of dog lovers. The Belgian Sheepdog tips the scales at about 60 pounds and in height 23 inches.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 1968 PRESS-HERALD B-5

Agreement For Police Approved

An agreement providing Sheriff's services to the city of Carson has been approved by the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Kenneth Hahn said the agreement is for a period of one year.

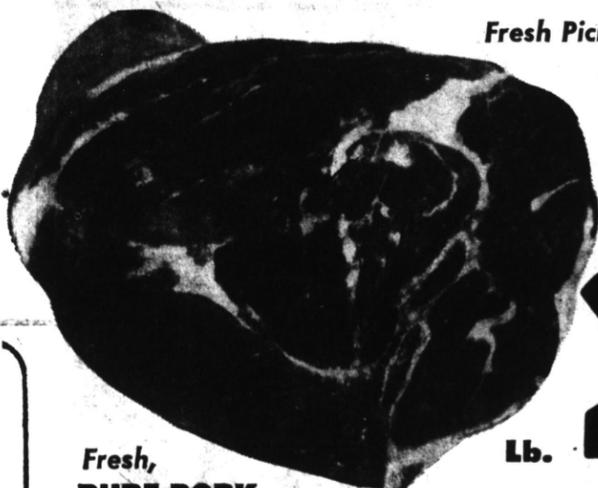
Carson is served by units of the Firestone Sheriff Station. The city will reimburse the county for all costs of police service.

Hahn has initiated studies toward the establishment of a new Sheriff station in or near the Carson area, possibly on land behind Harbor General Hospital.

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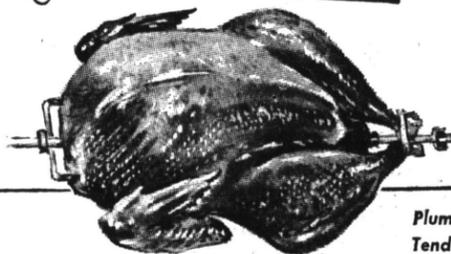
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