

HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

New Year Happy, Not Yappy No Lodgers In Dog Pound

There were no howls from downhearted mutts who would rather be elsewhere at the Georgetown Dog Pound at Limehouse New Year's Eve. There were no howls because there were no mutts.

"It's a rare occasion when we have at least one lodger, but that's the way it was when the old year passed out," pound keeper and dog control officer George Herrington said. The Herald.

He attributed the "empty" cells to a last minute wave of pet seekers who traditionally cause great reductions in the number of canine inmates at Christmas and throughout the holidays—but a complete shell-out, well, it just doesn't happen often enough to be accepted without comment by the Georgetown hydro-line men cum dog-catcher.

"An average of ten to a dozen dogs a week enter the pound and find homes either by being sold or given away," Mr. Herrington said. "Usually we can count on having at least four in the pound at a time."

He explained that the dogs will be given to a good home if their stay behind bars has been but a brief one, but if pooh has been around long enough to run up a healthy feed tab there is normally a charge.

"About 40 per cent of the dogs that come in here are given away, and maybe 20 per cent are sold. Of course many are reclaimed but only a few have had to be destroyed," Mr. Herrington said.

"The maximum time I'm obliged to keep any dog is three days. If we don't have a home for him by then I'm free to dispose of the animal by putting it away, but that seldom happens. I hate to destroy a dog and I guess that's one of the reasons I've had some become almost permanent residents. I've held on to some hopeless cases as long as three months," he said.

The dogs that are put away are either sick or injured or extremely cross. Mr. Herrington said.

"With over 400 dogs passing through the pound in a year



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we're bound to get some purebreds, good dogs with papers, but not once I'm thankful to say have I had to have a purebred done away with," he said. "However, most of the dogs we get have entangled family trees and only 1 in about 5 is blue blood."

Mr. Herrington makes it clear that the pound isn't a dumping ground for dogs nor is it a death chamber. He said people from time to time approach him to take a pup off their hands by looking after it or by destroying it. He may consent to take another boarder in at the request of the owner, but only for the \$4 fee. To requests to take a dog and have it destroyed he usually says no, but if it is obvious the

Y Activities Are Curtailed By Sudden Holiday Mild Spell

Lack of snow during most of the holidays put the dampers on a number of YM-YWCA activities. "Casualties" were toboggan and skating parties which had been planned by the Junior Y Team and the Co-ed Club.

However, the Co-ed Club did hold a Christmas dance in the Canadian Legion Hall Wednesday Dec. 23. Approximately a hundred high school teens attended and danced to the music of "Yayes" and The Cruisers. The Co-eds will dance again January 13.

The club held its first meeting of the year Monday Jan. 4 at the home of Gary Armstrong. The members attended to business during the first half of the meeting and then enjoyed a social time.

All YM-YWCA programs have resumed this week.

A series of four ski lessons sponsored by the YM-YWCA of Georgetown starts next week with instructor Francis Hulme giving the first instruction Saturday Jan. 18. The other lessons are scheduled for Jan. 23, 30 and Feb. 5.

The lessons will be given in Sacred Heart Church December 30 with intermission in Marymount Cemetery.

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