

Siamese Puts Oxfam Money On Sonny's Walking Prowess

Sonny, the Great Dane pet of the Underhills, is asking himself the same question asked by another Great Dane, Hamlet, "To be or not to be, that is the question, whether it is nobler in the feet to suffer corns and callouses of a thirty mile walk, for twenty cents a mile, or to quit this sea of trouble."

Mr. and Mrs. John Underhill and six year old daughter Beth, are also doubting the wisdom of the walk unless more sponsors come forth for the "Miles for Millions" Oxfam walk. A Siamese cat, Pablo, owned

by Mrs. Helen Agg, in the interest of East-West relations has offered five cents a mile and done so in verse. The feline poet says:

Pablo, the pear shaped Siamese Will indeed be very pleased, To sponsor the Great Dane: Sonny

On the Oxfam walk for money of course, only a dog would do it And you may very well rue it But I'll pledge five cents a mile And watch you all with a superior smile.

Sonny is confident of his ability to finish the walk, but is doubtful of his human fellow walkers. "They may even say their dogs are killing them," he remarked. However, he hopes the slimming effect of the hike will spur them along.

"After all," commented Sonny, "that talkative Great Dane 'Oh that this too, too solid flesh would melt, and I, a more resilient type feel a thirty mile walk will do it."

Sonny, whom even Al Jolson couldn't ask to climb upon his knee, is only a year and three months, but stands well over six feet, on his hind legs, is asking for help to feed the hungry of the world, not only the dogs, but even the people.

Being sponsored by a cat seems fitting for Sonny, since he has three cats in his family, for whom he acts as protector, and a king-sized one at that. It would take a brave dog to attack a cat guarded by a Great Dane.

Being a gentleman, Sonny sent a letter of thanks to his sponsor Pablo, the Siamese. However, admitting his inability to compose some canine quatrains, he let Mrs. Underhill reply for him. The reply says:

Our Great Dane dog named Sonny Thinks your Siamese cat is a honey, For Pablo's five cents a mile He'll walk with a smile And shake hands when you give him the money.

His family walking beside him, I know will be wishing to ride him. But we're the "bulldog" breed So we will not concede And for Oxfam we'll do it or "diet."

Upon reading the sonnet written for him, Sonny sadly commented "Poetry is certainly going to the people."



Little Beth Underhill with friend Pablo.

Group Home is Solution For Some C.A. Children

Many people think that all the children in the Children's Aid Society should be adopted. Every year, about 12,000 children come into the care of C.A.S. in Ontario, but about one third of these are returned to their parents. A little less than half are children of unmarried mothers and quite a number of these will be returned to their mothers. Only the remainder will be legally free for adoption.

A survey conducted by the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies in 1967 showed that many children legally free for adoption could not be adopted for these reasons: too attached to natural parents (423), too old to adjust to adoption (1,288) and too attached to foster parents who cannot adopt them (557).

The challenge to the Children's Aid Societies is to give these children as normal an upbringing as possible, despite the fact that they do not have "own" parents. How do they try to solve this problem?

Recently, through their Association, the Children's Aid Societies approached the Government asking that they consider "subsidized" adoption. This would make it possible for many devoted foster parents to adopt their foster children legally without giving up the small amount of financial help they now receive from the societies.

Many of the children too attached to their natural parents to accept adoptive ones, cannot accept foster parents either. Many, too old to adjust to adoption, are also in this category. Together these groups numbered nearly 2,000 in Ontario in 1967. That figure could be expected to be larger today. To keep a child chafing in the care of a private family he resents is asking for all kinds of trouble — behaviour problems, failure and delin-

quency. In addition 585 children were counted as emotionally disturbed and needing specialized care, who were not getting it.

For all these children, the small institution or group home of six to eight children, staffed by trained child-care workers, is seen by many professionals to be an answer. Here, the child is not expected to regard anyone as a substitute for the parents he has lost. His difficult feelings of loneliness and rejection can be managed so that he can soon feel a part of the community he now feels rejects him. This restorative process is absolutely necessary to many of these children for their own protection and the community's.

The community can help by accepting them as neighbours. Group homes are having a hard time getting started in some areas because of the resistance of home owners, who feel threatened by these children. "Incredible though it is," said Dr. Askwith, C.A.S. Director for Halton, "in affluent Canada, 10 and 12 year old boys and girls are being denied the

the week of April 20-26, the Halton CAS will be "at home" at 48 Hugh St., Milton, where people may pick up literature on this and other subjects, concerning children's welfare.

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Call Tenders for Extensive Renovations to Legion Hall

by Ralph Hawes
Last Wednesday evening, a momentous decision was made by the building committee which will be a milestone in the progressive existence of Branch 120. The significant event was the call for tenders for addition and alterations to Branch 120.

This is the first step towards big things. Listening to the architect describing the design and the finish of the new lounge Branch 120 will have the plushest one this side of the Rockies. Sure sounds good.

A Branch pundit was heard to say "All we need is the cash to pay for all this." Have faith. Wally will locate that very necessary commodity for the Branch.

The die is cast and is irrevocable or as Jackie Gleason would say, "And away we go!"
At the executive meeting on Tuesday, the district convention was discussed. It will be held in Delhi on Sunday, April 20. Members of the executive will attend along with members of the Branch who wish to go. The Branch Pipe Band and colour party will also be on hand.

Seeks Second Term
The election of district officers will take place on this occasion. Branch Dave Capper will seek his second term as district commander. We wish him success for although we may be accused of being partial, we cannot see anyone else as district commander.

No one, even with the wildest stretch of imagination, could deny that Gord Alcott put Georgetown on the map when he conceived the idea of minor hockey. Now Gord has another brainchild. A minor hockey Hall of Fame and where will this hall be located? Why, in Georgetown naturally, the birthplace of minor hockey. Who will sponsor this project? Branch 120, who else. Gord Alcott plans to have this ready to go in 1972 which happens to be Georgetown's 50th birthday. The blessings of mayor Emmerson have already been received.

Mr. Alcott told the executive the three years wait will be taken up with much work and travelling. He wishes for three members to form a committee with him: The Branch PRO is to look after the publicity, keeping members and public informed regarding developments. The

good publicity this project will bring Georgetown and Branch 120 is unlimited. It will be nationwide.

Because of other commitments Harry Bottoms has resigned as Branch Liaison Officer to the pipe band. The executive have appointed Pat Chamberlain, a member of some renown. Pat has in the past been an executive member. He is a member of the pipe band as well as being a curler of some repute and will no doubt make a natural liaison officer.

Suddenly Crash!
In a Branch such as 120, things run smoothly for month after month. The dart shoots, dances, etc. are successful and paying propositions. Then suddenly crash! Someone or something lowers the boom and the Branch has a colossal flop. Such was the case last week. The Friday night fun night was most disappointing. The response from other branches invited was almost nil. Perhaps the evening should have been postponed when it was discovered that the guest branches had other commitments. However, that is water under the bridge.

The winners of the dart shoot prizes which were roasts on this occasion were: H. Bulmer, R. Hedley, A. Porter, A. Roberts, M. Norris. The car club winners were E. Brown, P. Comer, F. Engleby, F. Barnes and W. Anderson.

The Saturday Night Dance which was expected to be crowded also backfired and in spite of the Peel County Gents, was very poorly attended.

The Ways and Means prices went to K. Gordon, R. Bradley and O. White.

Saturday afternoon the Branch was honoured to have the District organization and development meeting held in the auditorium. This meeting is held prior to all District Conventions and as well as the committee, seven zone commanders were present. These people have to set up and finalize all phases of the foregoing convention which is this Sunday.

Oxfam Walker
We understand the Branch is sponsoring Iris Rannachan in the Oxfam Walk. Iris is the first walker to approach the Branch. Others are expected.
The Zone meeting was held at Milton last Sunday and am-

ong other things, it was disclosed that the Zone is to have a membership contest where the Branch with the largest increase percentage wise will receive a trophy.

The election of zone officers, which was held after all business was completed caused a change in command. There were three candidates for zone commander, Hank Steele, Brampton Bill Shields, Oakville and Charles Heath, Port Credit. Charlie Heath was elected as Zone Commander for the coming two years. His deputy is L. Greenwood of Bronte who won a tight race with Hank Steele. The remaining positions on the Zone Command will be filled by appointment.

The Branch Air Cadets had a wonderful day at Downsview. The weather last Sunday was ideal for flying. 57 Cadets, 4 officers and the sponsoring committee arrived at the base at 9 a.m. and remained there until 3 p.m. They toured the base visiting the control tower, fire hall, engine plant, etc. They also enjoyed swimming and a visit to the mess hall but the highlight of the day was flying. Eight boys flew in other aircraft. Eight boys to each plane, they were up for an hour and naturally during that time they had a birds-eye view of Georgetown. The day was well organized by the Airforce boys so that every cadet enjoyed his visit.

Next Saturday is Aircraft Tag Day and also the first day of Air Cadet week. Sunday, the Georgetown squadron will be at Guelph where they will attend a tri-service church parade.

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