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"HUMANE INTEREST"

Dr. Jim Butterworth, has consented to write a "doggy" column of Humane interest, which we hope will receive the approval of all of our readers. The first of a series of these stories appears in today's issue of THE PRESS.

Dear Charlie:

"Now that a long time has passed by since you brought Topsy over to see me that night, it is relatively simple and easy to think back over the situation and talk about it. I must confess, however, that things looked far worse than I let on, although you probably guessed as much from the look on my face when you told me that Topsy couldn't use her legs very well and that it had appeared from the way she had pleaded with her big, round eyes for you to do something to help her that there was a great deal amiss.

Then, as the days went by and instead of just a little weakness and wobbliness and maybe a few dizzy spells there appeared a definite paralysis of her legs I can't begin to tell you what was going through my mind. Of course, I know that you were awfully worried, too, all this time, though you tried to appear very much the opposite. You aren't a very good poker player, Charlie. Maybe you had better stick to bridge. It wasn't so much you or Mrs. Charlie that I was thinking of, or even Topsy either, for I knew that your mature judgment and reasoning could always find an "out," in any situation, and as far as Topsy was concerned, Doggy Heaven isn't such a bad place, and all dogs aspire to it ultimately.

But Carol was different. After all, she was just about as old as Topsy, maybe not quite as old, and the two of them had practically grown up together. It was going to be pretty hard to explain to Carol that Topsy wasn't ever going to come home again.

Then, to top it all off, Fae called one day to ask how Topsy was, and there was a catch in his voice as he talked. Now, he was old enough to know better, but then so were you and Mrs. Charlie, and right then it became very apparent to me what a tremendous tragedy it would be if Topsy just didn't make the grade. It also struck me very forcibly that yourself, and Mrs. Charlie, and Fae, and Carol had a lot of faith in me that perhaps wasn't quite justified, which made the situation at least not any better.

You know, Charlie, you hear people talking about what a wonderful thing Faith is, but I wonder how many of those same people realize how terrible it can be. I knew that Topsy had only one chance in a thousand to ever get better, and all the faith in me and in Topsy that you could muster would not and could not make the odds any smaller. And yet, despite your faith, I was just as powerless and helpless to create a miracle as a wisp of smoke in a raging gale.

But we operated, as you know, late in the evening of the day that we had just about given up all hope. It was the only thing we could do and we had to take the chance. What happened during the next week was as unbelievable to me as it was to you, but the important thing to all of us is that Topsy was learning to walk again at the end of seven days, and that each day thereafter she struggled a few more steps until to walk all the way across a room was nothing at all. And Charlie, I'll never forget the day she walked out of the car all by herself and climbed the front steps there at home. It was almost like homecoming at college, and the only thing that was lacking was the band and the parades and the crowds. At least everyone felt pretty good about it all.

"Incidentally, Charlie, tell Uncle Fae that when he blew his nose that day, he did it entirely too nonchalantly, but that doesn't matter. It's all in the past now, and we can forget about everything but the fact that Carol and Topsy can still play together on the front lawn and ruin all of your pet tulips this Spring and do all the other things that little dogs like Topsy and little girls like Carol can do together, oblivious to everything but now, and away from the worries of the world.

As always,
Doctor Jim.

Eighty-Two Attend Annual Ladies' Night Of Rotary Club

Eighty-two Rotary club members and their ladies attended the annual Ladies' Night party Tuesday evening at the Georgian hotel in Evanston. There were ten guests from Deerfield and a few outside guests in attendance.

Counsellor Franklin Q. Doyle, noted lecturer and humorist, entertained the gathering with a dissertation on the Signs of the Zodiac. He explained how the Zodiac has 12 divisions governed by the moon and all principal planets. Persons born within these divisions react to the symbols under these signs. He claimed that both President Roosevelt and Adolph Hitler governed their lives by the zodiac. During the last presidential election, Mr. Doyle said, President Roosevelt did not act until the signs were favorable for him.

Counsellor Doyle prophesied the election of Roosevelt in 1936. He also prophesied that there will be no war in 1941 or no minority war in 1942.

He evoked considerable laughter on his character reading of members present, under their individual zodiacal symbols. It was amusing to discover, how few men actually knew the date of their wife's birthday.

A community sing was conducted by Mr. X., closing a most enjoyable evening.

Former Resident Called To Ohio By Father's Death

Prof. Karl Roth of the Department of Religion of Lake Forest College, was called to Cleveland, Ohio, Monday because of the death of his father, the Rev. Karl Roth Sr., who was a retired minister of the Evangelical and Reformed Church of America. The survivors are the widow and four sons and five daughters. The Rev. Mr. Roth had celebrated his 80th birthday in September, and had been in failing health for several months. Prof. Roth was former pastor of St. John's Evangelical church of this city.

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