

Deciding if that pet is right for you

By Alice Scott

Christmas is a popular time of the year for bringing a new pet into your home.

How do you pick the perfect pup for your home? First, decide on the size of the dog most suited to your house.

How active are you and your family? If you are fairly active, then a sporting, birding or working breed may be the most suitable dog for you.

If you are looking for a less active dog, then a terrier or non-sporting breed may be better for your home.

If you decide to purchase a dog, purebred or mutt, then there are a few puppy tests that you can use to pick the right dog.

These tests should be used on a puppy that is 5 1/2 to 8 weeks old. Choose the puppies that interest you the most. Separate them from their litter mates.

Pick one at a time and bring them into a room that they have never been in before.

You should have someone else

helping you do these tests.

1. Place the puppy at the end of the room, call the puppy by whatever means you would like to use. If the puppy runs to you immediately then he is a very social puppy. Some may take more coaxing than others. They are more insecure and will need extra praise.

2. Place the puppy gently on his back, hold him in this position. If the puppy doesn't stop struggling, then he may be to independent for your home. If he calms down after a few seconds, then he is very comfortable and trusts you handling him.

3. Have someone keep the puppy's attention when you are sure he has forgotten about you, band a pot with a spoon. Watch the puppy's reaction. If he is nervous, then he will need more reassuring than a puppy who runs to investigate the noise.

Remember, don't bring a pet into your home unless you are ready to give your commitment and love to this animal.

Abortion one topic of discussion

By Winnie Campbell

On Sunday, Nov. 19 Holy Angels' CWL sponsored a workshop by Miss Beverly Hadland from Toronto.

Miss Hadland is the founder of Straight Talk, a counselling service for youth. She spoke on abortion and other issues.

Among the topics discussed was the change in Canadian abortion laws. Prior to new legislation, abortions had to be performed in a hospital and only after a panel of three doctors had decided each case.

Now, abortions will be between a doctor and a patient. There will also be no time limit (an abortion can be performed up to the time of labor), and the

father of the child will have no rights.

Miss Hadland also discussed some interesting statistics on the women who get abortions and on organizations involved in family planning counselling.

It was pointed out that just addressing the issue of abortion is not adequate. Family planning and a change in lifestyle must also be looked at. Programs that promote chastity among young people are needed to reduce the need for abortions.

For the youth that attended the workshop, topics such as peer pressure, the double standard for men and women and reasons for sex only within marriage were introduced. She pointed out that

the youth today are faced with "choice overload" and that they are just now realizing that they have the choice to wait for sexual contact until they are married.

She suggested that young people consider sex a gift to be given to one's husband/wife on the wedding night.

One of the interesting observations made about our society today was that abortion is only a symptom of a society that doesn't understand relationships.

Miss Hadland was a dynamic speaker and all who attended enjoyed the presentation. Her wit and sharing of personal experiences added much to the workshop.

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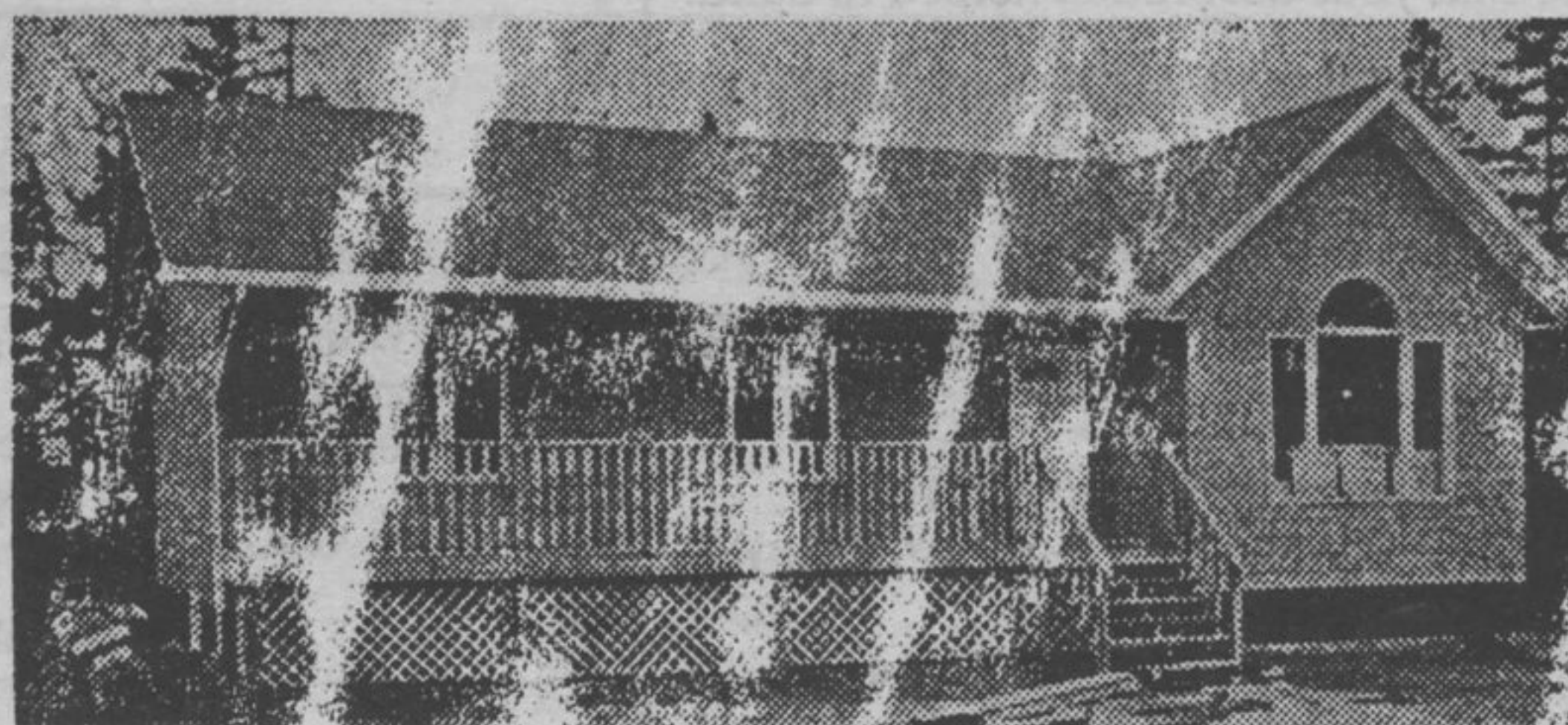
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