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IN MEMORY OF W A "Bill" Olson

W. A. Olson - "Bill" to countless friends and acquaintances - passed away Sunday, January 15, 1961, at his home in Minneapolis.

Almost everyone in sporting dogs knew, or knew of, Bill Olson of Minneapolis. He bred some of the outstanding German Shorthaired Pointers; Weimaraners of his breeding went on to field and bench championships; his was the first Vizsla to win CD.

One of the organizers of the parent German Shorthaired Pointer Club, he served several terms on the Board of Directors, as President, and on various committees. An early member of the Weimaraner Club of America, Bill consistently ranked among the first five for new members gained. One of the original importers of Vizslas, he was active in organizing the Magyar Vizsla Club of America, serving on the Board until failing health caused him to decline nomination again in 1960.

It was Bill's quiet persuasion that induced the Secretary to accept that office when the Vizsla Club came into being; his experience and advice that helped the Club in its formative years.

He gave generously of time and money to advance the cause of sporting dogs and just as generously, but quietly, gave of his time and money to his church and charities. And always assisting was his wife Leone - Lee to many of us.

Bill was born in Pierce County, Wisconsin, July, 25th, 1899, spending most of his life in Minneapolis.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Leone Olson; son, Dale; daughters Mrs. Duane (Sally) Boyle and Miss Judy Olson and two grandchildren; sister, Mrs. Ernest Carlson and brothers Herman, Alfred, Melvin and Curtis.

"... will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever"
from the Twenty Third Psalm

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MORE ABOUT DUES

The VIZSLA NEWS faces a forced vacation unless members promptly remit their dues when billed. Statements were mailed late in January for the first two months in 1961 but returns are disappointing. Unless the membership supports the Club with their dues and efforts to gain new members, we necessarily will have to go on a quarterly basis.

It seems unfortunate that publication has to be curtailed just as we are beginning to receive show reports, news stories from various sections, publication of timely articles about certain diseases and The Mail Bag is filling up with letters.

Members in arrears will not receive The News after this issue.

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APRIL 8-9

ANNUAL MEETING

INTERNATIONAL DOG SHOW

Subject to official call by President Hawkinson, the Annual Meeting of The Vizsla Club of America will be held during the International Dog Show, Chicago. Meeting hours will be adjusted to avoid conflict with Show hours.

Members are urged to enter their Vizslas in this great International.

All members planning to attend the meeting are requested to advise the Secretary as soon as possible. Plan to attend the meeting and show.

T V STAR



Csardas appeared on station WDX channel 11, New York City, Feb. 13 to advertise the Westminster Show.

Scene: announcer standing in front of a row of stalls, simulating a Madison Square Garden area, with Csardas on lead. Script:

"Recognize this dog? well, dont feel too badly if you dont. She's a Vizsla, the latest breed to be accepted for registration by The American Kennel Club- the "supreme court" of dogdom.

This Vizsla's name is Csardas, owned by H. W. Toth, Amenia, N. Y. The Vizsla is by no means a new breed: he's been known in his native Hungary for almost a thousand years. The medieval barons of that country bred him to hunt hare and partridge.

She has an excellent nose and is a good retriever. I wish you could see the beautiful golden color in her coat. The Vizsla is a very distinctive addition to AKCs roster."

(Our thanks to Mr. Will for his cooperation in making Csardas available. Photo by G. N. Toth.)

VIZSLA RESCUES INJURED MAN AT NIGHT

reported by Gaza Katona.

Last March our Frici found an elderly man, about 80 years of age, who sustained a serious injury in an isolated spot. He had gone for a Sunday afternoon walk and, failing to return by nightfall, his family called the Boy Scouts, the local firemen and police for help.

I took Frici along - just in case.

At the man's home, I gave Frici a whiff of the clothing in a closet and immediately Frici took off with his nose to the ground after locating the trail. Three Scouts and myself followed closely behind with flashlights lighting our way across fields, through woods and, finally, to a spur railroad track.

After about two hours of jogging along, Frici dashed ahead to signal that he had found the old gentleman sitting propped against the ties and rail. He had fallen down the steep embankment, breaking his thigh bone, crawled back to the track and had been sitting there for about six hours holding his broken leg and hoping someone would find him. The weather was quite chilly too.

We put an emergency splint on his leg while the Scouts went for the firemen who carried him on a stretcher to an ambulance.

The police were amazed at the fine job Frici had done in leading us to the scene. Needless to say, Frici was well rewarded with a big steak bone from our belated Sunday supper.

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DECALS FOR CAR WINDOWS

How many members would like a decal of a Vizsla head for their car windows?? Write the Secretary ..

If enough members are interested, we will explore the matter for price and quantities.

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A K C RULES ON ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION

THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB will consider for registration a litter of puppies whelped by artificial insemination where a natural mating cannot be accomplished provided that both extraction and insemination are made by, or conducted by, one veterinarian.

An affidavit is required from the VDM covering the extraction and the insemination. Also, affidavits are required from the owner of the dam and the sire that both were present during the extraction and insemination.

A further requirement is notification by letter to the AKC by owner of the dam advising of the intent to employ artificial insemination, and giving reasons why a natural mating cannot take place.

Artificial breeding is not an uncommon practise in certain farm animal husbandry but still is in an experimental and study stage in dog breeding.

LITTER REGISTRATIONS

The following is an excerpt from a letter from Mr. Chester A. Hager, Office Manager, The American Kennel Club, dated January 11, 1961:

"We can consider for registration all Vizsla litters where the sire and dam are both individually registered in our Stud Book. If only one or the other is registered the litter is not eligible. If any of your club members have litters which meet the above requirements, we shall be pleased to send them the necessary litter registration application upon request."

REGISTRATION OF INDIVIDUAL VIZSLAS WITH LESS THAN THREE GENERATION PEDIGREES

Pedigree applications have been returned by A. K. C. to certain Vizsla owners where less than three complete generations are shown on the original or import pedigree.

This subject was discussed with Mr. Albert Dick, Exec. Secty., The American Kennel Club, during the special Board meeting following the 1960 Annual Meeting at Chicago. It was our understanding that pure bred Vizslas lacking a complete third generation would be "listed" or "enrolled" in the Stud Book and a statement of enrollment issued to the owner. Litters from enrolled parents would be eligible for registration and subsequently individual pups from such litters.

The American Field Stud Book adopted this plan upon recognizing the breed several years ago, finding it practical in most instances.

The matter is being explored with the AKC and we hope to report the successful resolution of the matter in the next issue of The Vizsla News.

Several articles have been published in The Vizsla News about imports having less than complete pedigrees: the loss of stud book records in the country of origin due to chaos of World War 2 and its aftermath; the loss of certificates by owners fleeing the country; the confusion in national kennel clubs in post war years due to political unrest; political restraints or personalities involved.

THE MAIL BAG

- R. B. Burdick, Edwards, Calif -hopes to make next natl field trial . . .
- Pat Sullivan, Sharkey, N Y -re AKC reg and local stud dogs . . .
- Col. Moore, Winchester, Va. - for reg info and (proposed) book . . .
- Mr & Mrs Davis, Castro Valley, Calif. -think their Tina is wonderful . . .
- W C McLean, Ogden, Wash. -brags about his pup doing great on pheasants . . .
- Dr. Osborn, LeSueur, Minn- promises article on "Dysplasia" -timely . . .
- W A Felt, Somerville, Mass. - info on studs available in Mass. . . .
- Mr. Riggins, Billings, Mont. - for details on AKC processing regs. . . .
- Carl Schulz, Chicago -Proud "grandpa" to his Peny's 4 boys, 3 girls . . .
- Ben Fisher, Melvindale, Mich. - info re AKC . . .
- Lewis Scott, Jackosn, Miss. - had Vizsla article published in Commer-
cial-Appeal, Memphis. . .
- Martin Black, Pacifica, Calif. - info re AKC reg. . . .
- Earl Sprague, Clarinda, reports Iowa quail short this season- farmers
clearing fence rows, burning brush- no feeder strips. . . .
- Mr. Garr, Pacifica, Calif. - infor re AKC reg. . . .
- T H Lowe, Easton, Md. - some excellent color shots of his Kis Tuske in
action. Wants to meet other Md. owners. . . .
- Mrs. Chase, Kent, Conn. - praising her Tanya . . .
- Mrs. Coleman, K. C. , Mo. - prepping her Dobie for hunting and trials . . .
- Harold Hespeth, formerly of Metarie, La. - now in Houston. . . .
- Paul Sabo, Champaign, Ill. - plans for Canadian trip; promises article. . . .
- "Midge" Baird, Cromwell, Conn. - still in hospital. A long, tough pull for
Midge -and anxious weeks for husband Jack/he the well known
dog writer and Obedience judge. . . .
- Jack Lynch, Erie, Pa. - recovering from a serious operation. . . .
- Joan & Gabe Longo, Long Island - proud parents of a baby boy: 12/28/60. . .
- J W Lansdowne, Indpls, Ind. - Pub. Relations , Eli Lilly Co- report on
Muncie (Ind.) K. C. show. . . .
- Hayward Phillips (MD)Augusta, Ga. - quail hunting this year off due to dry
weather and then winter storms. . . .
- Dr. & Mrs. (Marge) Meminger, Erie, Pa- pleasant weekend host to the Ed. . .
- Aileen Stewart, San Fran. - proposing Ann Chelini for second term on Board. . .
- Helen Hall, San Fran. - urging reelection Ann Chelini for second term. . . .
- Jane Graff, Seward, Nebr. - reports consensus area opinions for one stand-
ard; bench and field. . . . good idea. . .
- Editor to Secretary - wish the Club could afford to pay expert steno for
typing and copy layout for The News. Secty to Ed. : build up
the membership and we can allow \$5.00 a month for typist. . . .
- Ed to Secty: News would look a lot better-no smears. . . Secty to
Ed. : we CANT AFFORD it. . .

COME, ALL YOU MEMBERS PAST DUE! PAY YOUR DUES SO WE CAN
CONTINUE WITH THE NEWS AND ALL THE OTHER CLUB SERVICES.

that reminds me! I better pay ours now.

How about you?

MY VIZSLA PUP

by "Long Tail"

Those of us who have owned dogs at sometime have experienced the grief of losing an old, faithful companion and friend; yet how many of us have not asked history to repeat itself by acquiring a pup as soon as possible to help fill the void. . . A few months ago old age took one of the best gun dogs I have ever owned and, without wishing to strike a sentimental note, I freely admit that the loss caused me much grief and a sense of loneliness filled the house. But now I am a happier man because I have taken unto myself another pup! He has been with me a month and already has crept into my heart - we are great pals.

Let me tell you about him.

Shortly after losing my old dog, quite by chance I happened to be in an area where some Vizsla trials were being held. Although I had never seen a Vizsla, I had heard favorable reports about them, their natural capabilities as gun dogs, so I made it my business to attend.

I had only an hour or two to spend but, as luck would have it, they were running the Puppy Stake while I was there. It was just what I wanted for my purpose: to see how a youngster framed. Candidly; I was agreeably surprised at the excellent performances most of the youngsters put up after what could have been only short training. One or two stood out and I was particularly taken by the intelligence of one pup who certainly would have finished higher on the list if he had received less disturbing attention from his handler.

I decided then and there that my next dog must be a Vizsla. The only doubt in my mind was whether he would make an all-round gun dog suitable for my class of shooting. I was satisfied with nose, style, retrieving and general steadiness; but would they face and hunt in thick cover? That was a risk I had to take and it would be a challenge to my abilities as a trainer.

I was able to buttonhole the Secretary and, after telling him of my requirements, he gave me the addresses of several breeders and, on being pressed, suggested one to whom I should write. This I did the next day, emphasising that the pup I wanted must be from working parents.

Came the reply that he had a litter nine weeks old, that both parents were not only field trial winners but constantly were out with the gun. He named a price which I thought rather stiff and invited me down to see for myself - if I liked them I could select my own pup.

I was in no mood to quibble about price and went down the next day.

I liked the man very much. He wasted no time with sales talk but took me straightway to a modern set of kennels, opened one compartment and there was a bitch with eight lovely pups. On entering, she came forward in a friendly fashion and soon we were surrounded by a heaving mass of pups.

Now, when you see a litter of pups, one of the litter invariably catches your eye and attracts you. So it was with me. I cannot tell you for the life of me what it was that appealed to me but, without knowing the sex, I said, "I'll have that one". It was a dog.

We had a long run home in the car but he slept contentedly on a rug besides me and, when we arrived, was ready for a meal.

my vizsla pup ...by "long tail"..

Of course, my wife immediately fell for him but, I ask you, what normal human being will not fall for a pup?

He was given a few days to get used to the house and the people in it. Then his initial training commenced. All my gun dogs live in the house and are treated as one of the family; after more than fifty years of handling dogs I always have found that it succeeds. For one thing, he learns the meaning of obedience very early and readily accepts and gives affection which is the basis of training all dogs.

I wont bore you with the methods I employ in early training; each trainer has his own mehtods, but I like to make itfun and games,yet coupled with firmness,before starting the sterner stuff. The main objective is to let the pup know what you want him to do and then he will do it but, if you are mudd-leheaded and indecisive, you should not blame him for being confused. Before I forget: correction can be acheived by inflection of the voice in most cases and this was true with this particular pup.

As I say, after only a few weeks we are now great pals and I am building hopes and mind pictures of the happy days ahead in the field and with the gun. One day I hope to tell you how we have got on but, in the meantime, I warn you Field Trial fans that you may meet us so keep your fingers crossed if you are out to win the next puppy stake.

As I write, he is on the carpet at my feet pulling at my shoe laces and, being something of a sentimental old man, I like to pretend that he realizes the loss I experienced in losing the old dog and now it is up to him to fill in.

His name? ^Well; I dont know a word of Hungarian and, as he now is a proper American citizen, I just call him "Ike".

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AT STUD

WAG'S INN BELA

by BRILLIANT (imp) X WAREHAM'S SPORTING KISCH

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CLIPPINGS

N. Y. Sun-Times. Article by Jack Baird- Vizsla recog by AKC. Pix of Elizabeth Mihalyi's Panni XV.

Chicago Tribune. Tom McNally writes about Vizsla recog by AKC- with pix.

Washington News (DC). Front page pix of Dr & Mrs. Sullivan's son with litter of Vizsla pups.

Journal-American (NYC) Marjorie Farnsworth by-line. Story about Sean Keating's Vizsla pup. He's Assistant to Mayor Wagner.

Lancaster (NY) Daily. Charles Gerlock and his Dijana subjects -with pix.

Paris Intelligencer (Paris, Tenn) AKC recog of Vizsla.

Cleveland Plain Dealer. Story with pix of Vizsla recog.

Commercial-Appeal, Memphis. Lewis Scott by-line. AKC recog.

Southern Outdoors. Feb. issue. Sptg Dog Editor Pete Czura. Viz article.

SHOWS

PATON'S "SZOMI SALLE" GOES BEST OF BREED AT MUNCIE, IND.

by J W Lansdowne

In the Athletic Field House at Muncie, Ind., Sunday, Feb. 5th, Vizsla confirmation enthusiasts beamed with the same pride in their dogs as did the field trial devotees at Greenup, Illinois, last fall. Making their first appearance in Indiana as an accepted breed, Vizslas distinguished themselves with poise, beauty, and friendly affection.

Paton's Szomi Salle, pride and joy of the George Paton's, New Augusta, Ind., was Winner in Open Dogs and went on to take Best of Breed. From Indianapolis, Ind., and a relatively newcomer into the Vizsla fold, Fred C Hecker showed his Prince Rick Selle to win Novice Class and then to Reserve Winner in B of B. Linda Burnside, New Whiteland, Ind., placed her Count Mike Selle Second in Open Dogs. In the bred by exhibitor class, Warren Lansdowne's Bid D Salle took home the winner's blue ribbon.

The show was well attended and Vizsla owners were busy answering questions and promoting the breed all afternoon. And another thing--all owners are members of The Vizsla Club of America.

GOLDEN GATE SHOW

Mrs. Aileen Stewart, San Francisco, excitedly writes, "I went into my first dog show in a calm frame of mind Sat., Jan. 21, but, on Sunday at 9:30 AM, I was delirious. "Peter" won four ribbons and a gold medallion that I proudly wear." Aileen fails to mention classes and what ribbons and the Editor guesses he must have gone Bof B.

Mrs. Helen Hall, San Francisco, writes that Board of Directoress (Mrs) Ann Chelini's "Csilla" went Best Bitch, Best Opposite Sex and Reserve at the Golden Gate Show. Also that Ann was on two TV shows and one radio program with her Vizslas Chinook and Csilla prior to the Golden Gate Show.

NOMINATIONS

Mrs. Ann Chelini -San Francisco - reelection to Board of Directors

Dr. I S Osborn -LeSueur, Minn. - President

John Wallner -Raleigh, N. C. - S. E. Coast Regional V-P.

Charles Hunt -Cottage Grove, Tenn- Secretary. (reelection)

Come! Send in your nominations -please.

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THESE CHANGING TIMES !

Early in Feb., your Secty left the snow, ice and near zero temps of Lake Erie on a business trip and, two days later, was in Decatur, Ala.

The languor of "the Thirties" discarded, Decatur has become a progressive, enterprising industrial community-growing pains and all-eager to welcome new industry. Everyone is "selling" Decatur: Banker Johnson, "Hap" of the Steak House, the man in the street.

Realtor Frank Chenault cancelled all plans for two days to show us the area. Dr. John Chenault (MD) used our presence as an excuse to avoid office hours Feb. 9th to take us on a cruise up and down the River (Lake Wheeler). Jack Higginbotham, City Commissioner and contractor, generously interrupted his affairs to consult and advise. Good business, good time, good companionship... that's why your NEWS is late this month.