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**EDITORIAL**

We greet you with the first issue of the SAINT FANCIER, an official publication of the St. Bernard Club of America.

This first issue is more or less of an experiment. We have no promises to make and freely admit that this may be the last as well as the first issue. That depends wholly on the response and support which this first issue is accorded.

Adhering to the principle that one must creep before he walks and walk before he begins to run, we are starting this off as a quarterly publication, with view to making it a monthly in the very near future if the demand warrants it.

The SAINT FANCIER is being sent to the members of the Club, to all St. Bernard owners whose names and addresses are on file at the Club headquarters, and lastly, to all persons interested in the breed who have written to the Club for information.

**Francis A. Nemeč**

The officers and governors of the St. Bernard Club of America take this occasion to extend their sincerest sympathies to the widow of the late Francis A. Nemeč, owner of Alpridge Kennels, Glen Ellyn, Ill.

Mr. Nemeč passed away in July following an illness of many months. The sorrow which accompanied parting with his dogs when it became apparent that he could not regain his health served to hasten the end, according to Mrs. Nemeč who all through her husband's illness stood by him and kept up the kennels until they were disbanded at the last moment.

In Mr. Nemeč's passing both the St. Bernard Club of America and the noble breed which he loved so well have lost a loyal and staunch friend. Mr. Nemeč was among the first to support and later to join the reorganized club, and although his failing health prevented him from taking an active part in its affairs his unfailing moral support served as inspiration and encouragement to the leaders. St. Bernard breeders of America may indeed profit by the splendid example set by Mr. Nemeč. He was an idealist, one who loved the breed of St. Bernard beyond all trace of commercialism — a man who gave the best years of his life to perfecting the type as found here in America.

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**Club Elects New Judges**

Follows the list of newly elected approved judges:

FRANK H. ADDYMAN, Ardsley, N. Y.

C. J. CASSELMAN, Chicago, Ill.

DR. R. C. CLEMENTS, Peoria, Ill.

GEORGE A. CANFIELD, Santa Monica, Calif.

G. V. GLEBE, Bryn Athyn, Pa.

OTTO H. GROSS, Pittsburgh, Pa.

ENNO MEYER, Milford, O.

THEODORE OFFERMAN, New York, N. Y.

LOUIS WALTHER, Pittsburgh, Pa.

ANDREW I. SCOTT, Pasadena, Calif.

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**Advance Dogs**

In order that the fancier may become better acquainted with the background fortifying the past of the St. Bernard, I heartily recommend a thorough reading of the clear-cut translations being published in the St. Bernard department in the AMERICAN KENNEL GAZETTE. This excellent work is being carried on by our vice president, Joseph H. Fleischli of Springfield, Ill.

As we pass from the ideas pertaining to what we should do to what we have accomplished, it is interesting to note that scarcely a year has passed since our genial secretary, LeRoy E. Fess, made his initial attempt to rehabilitate not only the St. Bernard Club of America but also to revive interest in the breed.

Month after month he wrote articles in the GAZETTE. Unquestionably they were newsy, but many of the ardent admirers of the breed were reading them with an air of skepticism because they realized only too well that the task he had accepted was a stupendous undertaking.

Slowly but surely the barrier of skepticism was lowered by the constant hammering of the persistent Mr. Fess, and at the psychological moment when a plan was needed most, we were confronted with the great idea of reorganizing the club.

The rest is history. We have embarked on a voyage which is a bit calmer than we had anticipated. Help has been forthcoming from the sincerest of sources, and in the near future, with the same unstinted help being contributed, it is safe to predict that we will be in a position to cope with the most adequate specialty clubs.

Your Board of Governors constantly is being offered new and progressive ideas which it readily welcomes. Perhaps the most recent of these to be approved is a plan to divide the United States into four districts and place each under the jurisdiction of a Governor General, to be appointed by the President and to act as the latter's executive representative in his or her respective district.

The idea behind this is that the area covered by our membership is entirely too large and far-flung to hope ever to get all the members together in an annual meeting, whereas under the district organization plan, each section of

the country can hold its own meetings and perhaps elect delegates to send to the national meeting.

Vice President Fleischli has proposed a judicious method for the dissemination of the Club trophies and prizes at dog shows. His plan, which also has been voted approval by the Board of Governors, calls for a uniform offer of awards to every dog show in the country where St. Bernards are allowed to compete under A. K. C. rules, instead of designating shows here and there where the Club trophies will be awarded, thus eliminating the possibility that any show may be missed.

This is a splendid plan because of its national scope and fairness to all. Naturally a reservation is made to augment the awards at the major shows because of the greater number of dogs competing.

The progress of an organization such as our Club is naturally slow. We must crawl before we walk; we must walk before we run. But at all times the basic principal of promoting the welfare of the loyal St. Bernard should be a dominating factor in the future development of our Club.

It is my belief that the future of this breed in America virtually is an assured success, because of the intense interest being displayed by the Club members.

This little magazine which you are reading is indeed a marked achievement along the highway to success. Breeders, fanciers and admirers of the St. Bernard will enjoy the opportunity of talking to each other and getting acquainted through the medium of the SAINT FANCIER.

Prospective purchasers will be afforded an opportunity to make connections with reputable breeders by consulting the voice of the St. Bernard Club of America. Breeders and fanciers will be able to keep their thumbs and forefingers on the pulse of Saint activities by reading this magazine. At the same time the breed will be benefited by the proper kind of conservative publicity.

In closing I make an earnest plea that you take advantage of every opportunity afforded to again make the dog of the Frozen Alps the well respected animal he was under the leadership of such men as Col. Jacob Ruppert, Jr., Frank Jay Gould, the late Dudley E. Waters and a host of others who made St. Bernard history and established a precedent that if followed will lead only to success.