

Know Your Neighbor



Ernie Ball and "Dilly"

by Charlot M. Denmon
Most dog owners know that it takes a lot of love and patience to train a pet just to sit up or roll over. It takes double that patience and time to train a dog to behave on command. This is especially so when one realizes that most owners want not only a dog to protect or guard but one that will be gentle and a pet to family and friends.

There are few individuals who are successful at doing this sort of training but among these few is Ernest Ball of Kingston, native of Edwardsville.
Ernie, as he is known to most people, always had dogs of his own and was interested in training them. Several years ago while in New York he saw a demonstration of command dogs presented

by Jack Healy, well-known trainer.
Healy told Ball if he qualified he would train him to work with the various breeds of dogs. Ball agreed to try and went to work for Healy, learning everything from the ground up including maintenance, cleaning kennels, feeding and walking the dogs.

existence for only 75 years and was bred by Louis Doberman in Germany. The Shepherd has been in existence for more years than one knows but gained renown in World War I.

Ball places training into three categories: natural protector—nine to 12 months old, naturally aggressive, obedience trained; the guard dog—used as canine guards by industry, stores, warehouses, and sports stadiums, strictly a worker; and the command dog—obedience and perimeter-trained to hold an enemy at bay, attack or cease to attack at command.

Some 90 per cent of the calls Ball receives are for dog protection for people living alone. They want their household pet trained to protect as well as keep them company.

There are no cruel methods used in K-9 training center. Each dog is handled as a personal pet. The training is done by Ball or Volpe.

When asked about the statement that Dobermans or Shepherds are vicious Ball stated that most dogs are born gentle; it is their breeding later which determines their personalities. Dilly is a living example of a gentle dog. He comes forward for attention; would sit on your lap if he could but, as stated previously, if

commanded to attack, he can and will.

Ball demonstrates his trained dogs for any group interested in seeing how they work. He appears before service clubs, high school groups, community agencies, colleges, or other organizations.

Ball breeds his own dogs with kennels located in Yonkers, N.Y. The dogs

are bred primarily for their working ability. All are AKC registered.

When he trains an animal, he usually keeps it about two weeks and asks the owner to come to the center on weekends to work with the dog. Carolyn usually works with women who have their dogs trained by Ball and his partner, Volpe.

Sweet Valley

by Frances A. Sabalusi
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Cub Scout Pack 444 invites all of their neighbors and friends in Sweet Valley to join them Sunday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. when they light the community Christmas tree and sing Christmas carols.
Good bye and good luck to the Russell Steele family

as they leave here for their new assignment in Iran.
Everyone had a good time at last week's PTA Christmas banquet.
New officers were elected to the Sweet Valley Fire Co. last week. They are Kenneth Williams, president, Mike Castellani, vice president, and Bob Walsh was re-elected to the office of fire chief.

Kingston Twp. sets 1976 budget

An increase in millage from five to seven mills was the key note in the tentative 1976 budget of Kingston Township, announced at the supervisors meeting last week. Major expenses in the budget include a new truck, snow removal, street lights, road paving, recreation facilities and salaries of employees.

Solicitor Ben Jones III drew up a resolution regarding Firecut Road which was passed by the supervisors. The road will be a public road 15 feet in width and considered an alleyway.

Jones explained that under the new home rule form of government, effective in January, the first election stipulates the two new supervisors elected by the highest number of votes, Daniel Wisniewski and Herbert Hill, will serve for four years, and next highest, Ambrose Gavigan, will serve for two years.

Gavigan resigned from the zoning board as he will be sworn in as supervisor

in January. Earl Fritzes resigned from the civil service commission. Allan Nichols of Trucksville was appointed to the position.

David Schooley donated a large Christmas tree which is at the side of the municipal building and Unclaimed Freight donated an artificial tree which is in the meeting room.

Michael Stanley, manager, stated that the \$48,000 owed DAMA is not included in the budget since it would not be fair for taxpayers to be taxed to pay the sewer rentals of those persons who do not meet their obligations. \$31,000 of the \$48,000 is owed by Kester Mobile Park.

Stanley will release a list of all delinquent accounts and he will write to DAMA in regard to the unpaid rentals and authorize them to instruct the water companies to have water turned off to delinquents.
The supervisors reorganization meeting will be held Jan. 5.

Happy birthday Jesus set

The Back Mountain Marriage Encounter Community will hold a "Happy Birthday Jesus" party for their children on Saturday, Dec. 20 from 1 to 3 p.m. at St. Therese's Church, Pioneer Ave., Shavertown.

Any ME family is welcome to attend. For information and reservations contact Mary Lou and Andy Stahovec, Dallas, by Friday, Dec. 19.

BMML plans open house

The Back Mountain Memorial Library is holding a Christmas Open House in the main building on Tuesday, Dec. 23 from 2 to 4 p.m.

This year's fireside family Christmas hour is on Saturday, Dec. 20 at 3 p.m. in the annex. Mrs. Edwyn Jones will present a program of stories and songs.

Davis Christmas party

The members of the Jonathan R. Davis Fire Co. will hold their annual childrens Christmas party on Dec. 21 at the fire hall. Movies will be shown and gifts distributed by

Santa Claus to children up to ten years of age between 1 and 4 p.m.
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