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## BULLETIN NO. 13—MARCH, 1946

Including a Special Message from the President Concerning Club Plans for 1947, a Report of This Year's Annual Meeting and Irish Impressions at Westminster.

### TO THE MEMBERS OF THE IRISH TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA:

As you will learn from the Secretary's account of the annual meeting of the Club in New York, the membership gave hearty endorsement to a GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY SPECIALTY SHOW to be held in New York in February, 1947.

Your officers are working upon plans for this show which will make it an outstanding event in Irish Terrier history—an event which all Irish fanciers, even those from great distances, cannot afford to miss.

These plans will be revealed to you from time to time as their details become firm. Later you will be given an opportunity to contribute to the fund which will be required to finance a venture of this kind.

At this time I desire to bring to you this brief message: YOUR ENTRY AT THIS SHOW IS THE GREATEST CONTRIBUTION YOU CAN MAKE TO THE IRISH TERRIER FANCY. Our purpose is to promote the breeding and showing of better Irish Terriers. What better way can we each carry out our responsibility to the breed than to have our entry at the Golden Anniversary Show?

The trophies and ribbons will be distinctive and decidedly worth while. They can be won only at this show.

Please keep these points in mind:

1. Your officers are working up a great show—BUT THE SHOW IS YOURS.
2. The one thing that you can do now toward preparation for the Golden Anniversary Irish Terrier Specialty Show is to perfect your plans to be represented there by an entry.
3. The regular classes at this show, as usual, will be open to all, and will not be restricted to terriers owned by members of the Club. Therefore, carry the news of this coming event to the Irish Terrier fanciers in your community who are not Club members, in order that they may be making their plans to prepare their entries for this, the most important event in American Irish Terrier history.
4. Frequent announcements of this nature will keep you informed of the details of the show plans as they are perfected.

EDWARD B. M'KINLEY  
Brigadier General, U. S. Army  
President

### RINGSIDE IMPRESSIONS OF THE IRISH TERRIER CLASSES AT WESTMINSTER

The entry was disappointing. Twenty-eight were entered, of which twenty-two were present. In casual conversation news was gathered of twenty Irish Terrier entries which were returned because Westminster had reached the limit which it places upon its entries. There may have been more Irish entries excluded which did not come to our attention. The

presence of those twenty excluded Micks would have made a tremendous difference.

Even at this early date, let all prospective exhibitors at our Golden Anniversary Irish Terrier Specialty Show in 1947 take warning to make their Westminster entries early in order to be assured of making the two shows on the one trip.

In dogs twelve were present in the regular classes. The real contest developed in the open class of six wherein Miss M. Beckert's Derg Drum Major of Coleraine prevailed over Elsie Boyd Peters' Captain Jinx of Ross-Mar and Felix A. Donnelly's Maradon Leader, in that order. The first two provided the winners and reserve winners.

Eight of the twelve bitches entered contested the issue. The open class of four was marred by two absentees. Martha G. Hall's Ahtram Miss Commando appeared to win this class rather handily from Mrs. Gertrude Kennedy's Redwyre Glorious. These two bitches went on to become the winners and reserve winners.

The winners dog, Drum Major, was made Best of Winners on what appeared from the ringside as superior coat condition and general balance.

The "Specials Only" class brought forth A. Palmer's recent importation, Slemish Samari-

tan, and Joseph J. Corcoran's seasoned campaigner, Ch. Stormy Splendour, not looking her best but looking well enough to be placed best of opposite sex to Samaritan, the Best of Breed. The Best of Breed win was very popular, not only because everyone rejoiced to see the top rung reached by a fancier from Toronto, Canada, who has supported this show year after year, but also because he showed a splendid mick, one that is down to size, with the fire and temperament that an Irish should possess and with a real neck and an eye, ear and expression that goes to make up that "dirty look"; that real Irish expression which, unfortunately, is woefully lacking in many of our present day exhibition specimens. Congratulations to "Sandy" Palmer.

The judging was done by Mr. Lewis G. Spence of Dallas, Texas, and from where we stood at the ringside it left nothing to be desired.

## OUR 1946 ANNUAL

Held the evening before Westminster, hours ahead of the ban which upset the big show's first-day plans, the annual meeting of the I. T. C. of A. had none of the "atmosphere of futility" that surrounded and pervaded Madison Square Garden a short time later. Close to 30 members, including several from Canada and one from the Pacific coast, were in attendance and there was a full and frank discussion of various matters pertaining to the club and the breed it sponsors.

Main interest centered around plans for observance of the club's 50th anniversary in 1947 (as outlined in the president's letter) and it was generally agreed that such observance should take the form of a specialty show in New York at "Garden time" next year, if possible as part of a revived Associated Terriers event. The club's A.K.C. delegate, Thomas H. Mullins, was authorized to represent us in all matters pertaining to participation in an Associated Terriers show. At the suggestion of one member a poll was taken of the number of entries that might be expected and the result showed a promised total of 47 from breeders and exhibitors present.

It was also voted to explore the possibility of making the classes of the fall show of the Irish Terrier Club of Chicago the I. T. C. of A. specialty for 1946, and your president is now in the process of exploration.

The report of the secretary-treasurer showed the club in sound financial condition

with a bank balance in excess of \$2,000 and a membership just under 90. During the year four were dropped for non-payment of dues, one (James Freely) was lost by death and seven taken in.

Through adoption of the report of the nominating committee the old board of governors was reelected.

Nine were present at the governors' meeting following that of the membership and officers as listed at the head of this bulletin were reelected.

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As this bulletin goes to press less than 20 club members have failed to pay their 1946 dues. This is a reminder of their obligation, also a reminder that if the club is to go through with its anniversary plans contributions to the specials fund, at present totalling around \$300, will be needed.

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In compliance with section 7 of chapter 8 of the American Kennel Club rules members are hereby notified that the following trophies are in competition for 1946, as they have been in years past: John R. Thorndyke Memorial, Hubert R. Brown Memorial, James Eager Memorial, Andrew A. McCabe Memorial, Wilmot R. Evans Memorial, Champion Spokesman trophy. Governing conditions are the same as heretofore.

H. C. RICE, Secretary-treasurer

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