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MARCUS BOYD, President (Deceased) Mrs. M. CARTER HALL, Vice-President
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NOTE:—This is the 32d in a series of bulletins your officers will issue from time to time on activities of interest to the membership. If you have bulletin material send it to the secretary.

MARCUS BOYD—A TRIBUTE

The Irish Terrier fancy as well as the Irish Terrier Club of America lost a staunch and long-time supporter, and many of the club members a cherished friend, when President Marcus Boyd died July 5 in Sewickley, Pa., after a brief illness. Although his interest in dogs was general, Irish always had been his special love, and his connection with the breed goes back close to the turn of the century. For a number of years he and John A. Bell showed under the name of Holmehill Kennels, bringing out some of the great Micks of the early 20's. Among their famous champions were Wrose Badger, a contemporary of Double Shear, and Brentmoor Blinker, Shear's son, whose head study adorns the club's Breed Book cover. Between 1942 and 1945 he made further Irish history with Ch. Another Nora, a bitch he bred and campaigned under the name of his daughter, Mrs. Elsa Boyd Peters.

President of the club at the time of his death, Marcus Boyd was one of its oldest members, having served in the same capacity in 1923-24 and on its Board of Governors ever since. His interest in the breed was genuine and whole-hearted and at the same time impersonal in the sense that he never let his desire to win interfere with his ability to see the good points in dogs owned by others. Possessed of such qualities, it is only natural that his services as a breed judge were in great demand. In such a capacity he had officiated repeatedly at Westminster, the club's annual Specialty and at other large shows throughout the country.

His passing leaves a big gap in Irish Terrier ranks—one that current breeders and exhibitors can best help to fill by emulating the traits that marked his long association with the breed.

THE SPECIALTY SHOW DATE—SUNDAY, FEB. 12, 1950

Thus far the date of the club's next Specialty Show, to be held in New York as usual in conjunction with the All Terrier Club's event on the aforementioned date, is about the only definitely determined fact in connection with it. But in another early bulletin the membership will be given further news including the name of the chosen judge, the amount of prize money, the exact location, etc.

This is chiefly a plea for contributions to the club's Specials Fund, as well as for trophy donations. For on the extent and promptness

of the response depends what the club is able to offer. There never was a time when there was a greater need for making the Specialty an event attractive to members and non-members alike. And an additional need for contributions lies in the fact that the club intends to offer a Marcus Boyd Memorial trophy in place of that usually given by the president.

So please make your response as early as possible. What the I.T.C.A. can do for the breed rests on your generosity.

H.C. RICE, Secretary.