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SPRING IS THE SEASON for fresh starts so it may be a good time for this column to get several items straightened out and to start off anew.

First of all, your correspondent was guilty of misstating the members of the specialty show committee who had been authorized to act for the B.C.A. in arranging for our 1947 Specialty show. My apologies to Thomas J. Hayden and our readers for leaving his name out of the committee in the last issue. Mr. Hayden and Frank Fletcher composed that committee and both are to be thanked for their work on it.

Next: the date of the Bulldog Specialty has been changed to early December. This was done when it was found that the date set first would conflict with the Union County K.C.'s fixture at which the Bulldog Club of New Jersey was holding its Futurity judging. This New Jersey Futurity, by the way, has always drawn a good entry and has always been an honor to win. Many of us have puppies that are eligible for that competition so let's keep them in the running and bring them out to compete for the stakes and trophies. It will be well worthwhile.

Third item of importance is not a correction (thank goodness!) but an announcement of importance to all of us who have puppies eligible for the B.C.A. Futurity. Puppies eligible for the first class (whelped before Nov. 1, 1947) will be judged at the Plainfield Show on May 25. There is a good entry of puppies so far, and we urge all breeders to keep their puppies eligible and bring them out to the show. Besides the stakes, the B.C.A. has added \$25 to be divided among the winners. The judging, coming right after Morris and Essex, should attract a fine entry, swelling the stakes, so keep your young hopeful eligible by sending your fee to Miss Bertha Quintana, 32 Glannon Road, Livingston, N. J. Then come out with your puppy and enjoy the fun. Frank D. Carolin, president of the B.C.A., will judge.

Things have been happening pretty fast this spring. Washington has already had its Bulldog Specialty with E.I.Pratt judging. No news has reached this writer as to the winners but the trophy list and all preparations foretold of a real, bang-up show.

New Jersey's Specialty will be judged and over by the time this goes to press. We know that this show will do credit to the club and to the Bulldog.

Your correspondent started getting spring fever a month or so ago and finally succumbed to it completely. The only cure seemed to be a trip to Florida, where sunshine, citrus, fishing, and catching up on reading and loafing have done a world of good. We haven't seen many Bulldogs since we left Fred Ufheil's place in Maryland and don't expect to see any for another week. But on the way North, we plan to visit for an hour or two with the Coghills in Atlanta and the Moseleys in Charlotte, N .C. We have reasons to believe that there are some Bulldogs that are well worth a glance in those two places and chats with their owners have always been a pleasure. We hope to see Alexandria before winding up the trip. If so, we have promised ourselves that we will concentrate all our attention upon Bulldogs and traffic, especially while going through Washington, D. C. Memories of a traffic mishap in our capital city last spring still cloud every picture we see of the Washington Monument-and on our honeymoon, too!

While it would be a pleasure to dwell upon the virtues of a Florida vacation, we will renounce that in favor of one benefit that has come to us through it: there has been time to read books and magazines-the GAZETTE, among others. This columnist has tried to read all the breed clubs' columns in the current issues of the GAZETTE as each issue is delivered, mainly to try to find out how such a column should be written but also to see if there are not problems in common and solutions that can be adopted.

The March issue of the GAZETTE is an excellent one for comparison of problems common to many breed fanciers and the operation of their specialty clubs. There has been plenty of time for me to read that issue and it struck me as a good cross-section of questions that are common to all breeds. This applies to the breed columns and articles alike. There was at least a note of hope to be found in the fact that Bulldoggers are not the only breed fanciers who "disremember" parts of their Standard. While this is still most regrettable, there is strength to be gained by reading the confession of others to the same sin. Having admitted the fault, we can go about its correction by studying the Standard.

There is not space here to review all the columns but we can all benefit by reading them. Take a look at that Collie Club, for instance. Those people have really made something of their organization. Betcha the Bulldoggers can do it, too, with real support from our fanciers! Any reputable person is eligible for membership in the B.C.A. Your support will help back Bulldogs throughout the nation.

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