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PLANS for our Specialty Show at White Plains, N. Y., Dec. 24 are progressing in a very pleasing manner. The response to our request for trophies has been especially fine, being better than 100 trophies at the time the list closed, including many money prizes, which will be awarded to those dogs that place in the classes or subsequently receive better placings. We are getting encouraging reports as to the prospective entries and, all things considered, we are confident that the Show will be well received. As has been said before, sponsoring a Specialty Show of this type is a rather ambitious program but from a long-range view we feel it is well worth the hazards that may be incurred. If our show is well received this year it is our hope to collaborate in the future with other non-sporting breeds and thus make the occasion one of the year's outstanding events.

One feature of this year's Show will be a drawing for a latest model television set. A number of members have been actively engaged in disposing of tickets for this drawing and we are quite confident that the proceeds thus derived will go a long way toward-or perhaps may be adequate-in meeting the extraordinary expenses which are incurred in sponsoring a Specialty Show such as this. So come out, friends, and be with us; you will have an enjoyable time and the Bulldog Club of America will receive much needed support by your presence.

It is very encouraging to see the many new members enrolling in our club. The membership at the time of this writing totaled some 90, with about 60 per cent increase within the past year. Such an increase in membership, in itself, is very gratifying but beyond this is the very pleasing fact that many of our members are folks residing at distant points, for example, in the Middle West and the Far West. Enrollment of new members, such as we are now receiving, is rapidly making our Club a national institution and will undoubtedly enhance our status as a truly Parent Club.

I am pleased to inform our readers that your very good friend, and our Treasurer, Robert S. Horne is now on what appears to be a rapid road to recovery. Mr. Horne as you undoubtedly have heard, has been confined in the hospital, and later at his home, with a rather serious ailment. We have missed Bob's very constructive counsel at our board meetings and look forward with a great deal of pleasure to his early return.

When this article appears our 1947 annual meeting will be a thing of the past. From a Club organization viewpoint this is the most important single event of the year. It is on this occasion when the entire membership is invited to convene for the purpose of hearing our officers give an account of their respective stewardships and, also, it is on this occasion when we elect at least three members to serve for the next three years on the Board of Governors. Whatever the result of this election may be it can be said that the retiring members, should there be any, have done their jobs with considerable proficiency and should there be new members on the Board, let us join in wishing them success and best wishes.

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