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PLANS ARE RAPIDLY being formulated for our annual Specialty Show. As announced last month our show will be held on Dec.14 in the County Center Building, White Plains, N. Y. We were very fortunate in securing this exceptionally fine location and I am sure that our friends and guests of the day will agree that our selection was a wise one. The response to date to our request for trophies has been very satisfactory and this fact, together with the more than usual amounts for class placings, will make the trip definitely worthwhile for those dogs considered worthy enough to place. In sponsoring a specialty of the type such as this the Bulldog Club of America has undertaken a rather ambitious program. I say this because the show is not being held in conjunction with an all-breed show, as is generally the case, but in this instance our sole collaborators are the Westchester Boston Terrier Club. We believe, and I am sure the Boston Terrier folks are of the same opinion, that this show has excellent possibilities. With intensive effort on our part, and the support of our friends in neighboring and distant specialty clubs, this can become one of the highlights of the dog showing year. Success in 1947 will serve as a stimulant for larger and improved shows in the years to follow with other non-sporting breeds participating.

At the August meeting of the board of governors it was voted to hold the annual membership meeting in October. The Hotel Holley, 36 Washington Square, New York City, has been obtained and the date is Oct. 22. For a time we had considered holding this meeting the night before the Specialty Show but the reaction of many members to this date was such that we thought it better to continue the pattern set last year in holding an October meeting. There is one important change in policy this year in that the Club will not underwrite the expense of the dinner preceding the meeting. This is made necessary by the fact that with the reduction in dues, which was voted by the membership, and the expense of an independent show, the substantial cost of the annual dinner would incur a prohibitive financial obligation on the Club treasury. I sincerely hope our members will view the situation in its proper light and will not permit this feature to prevent them from attending. It is on this occasion when at least three members must be elected to the board of governors, and other vital decisions on policy are made, and a small attendance could result in decisions, which would not be representative of the views of the Club as a whole. Election proxies will be mailed to all members and it is hoped that those who are unable to attend because of distance or for other reasons will exercise their proxy privilege.

Mrs. Carolin and your correspondent are journeying to Indianapolis to be at the specialty of the Bulldog Club of Indiana on Oct. 11. We expect to stay over the next day and attend the Hoosier Kennel Club's all-breed show where our fellow member and good friend, George Beckett, is scheduled to look over Bulldogs. We are looking forward to this trip with a great deal of pleasure as we know our Indiana friends always put on a great show and, also, we will have the opportunity of meeting many old friends and making many new acquaintances.

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