

Dogs Come High . . .

# Discipline, Field Work Are Keys To Training Your Dog

If you hunt without a dog you've undoubtedly run into situations where you would have given a lot to have a steady hunting dog out in front. Especially when that cripple fluttered into cover—never to be found.

Hunting dogs — good trained ones — come high. The price tags start at \$150. And that's too much for many of us to pay for a hunting companion. But John Pippin, Visalia, California, a state liquor control officer, says that shouldn't stop you from having a dog. He suggests training your own.

It's cheaper. It's easy. And you get a lot of fun with your dog in and out of seasons.

"Anyone with a little time and plenty of patience can train a dog for hunting," Pippin says. "All you have to do is get a young dog — say around 8 months or a year old — and spend 15 minutes a day with him. You'll be surprised how fast you can bring one around to doing what you want. In three or four months you've got a dog that will add immeasurably to your hours afield."

And you don't need to start out with a blue blooded pup with a price tag to match. Take Pippin's present dog. He's a cross—that is his dam was one breed (English setter) and his sire another (German pointer).

Nick—the dog — was acquired during the war while Pippin was riding a train as a Navy shore patrol. At Rawlins, Wyo., where the train stopped a few minutes on each trip, he spotted a big German pointer. He needed a dog. So he stopped at a nearby store and asked who owned the dog. The shopkeeper said he would find out.

On successive trips—six months in all—Pippin got in touch with Fred P. Black of Rawlins, Wyo., and finally talked him out of Nick, one of the German pointer's pups. He got him the day Nick was a year old.

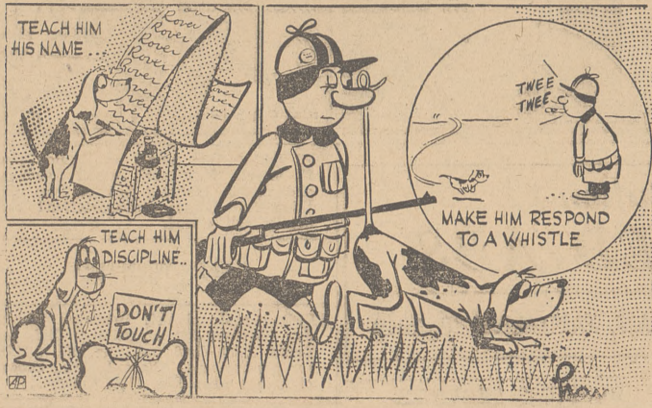
That was late in October, 1945. Shortly after, Pippin, out of the Navy, began Nick's training. John worked him 15 minutes a day, five days a week. In three months he had a good pointer. Now, with three full seasons of hunting behind him, Nick is a beauty to watch when after game.

Pippin cautions that his method of training produces a good hunting companion but not a field trial dog. Professional trainers strive to bring out many things in a dog that you as an individual hunter wouldn't necessarily want.

Pippin breaks up the routine into three groups — yard discipline, field work, and then the polish acquired by actual hunting. Yard discipline is teaching the dog to mind, to obey your commands.

It's surprising how many dogs don't know their name. Start by using his name when calling him to feed. The dog will at first associate the sound with food but later will respond whether food is there or not.

At the same time begin on the discipline. Teach him to sit on command. Using a slip collar and leash is the simplest way. Pull firmly up on the leash and at the same time grab the dog just forward of his hips and press down, repeating the command Sit. Relax the leash and your pressing as he goes into a sitting position.



Do it a few times each day. Inside of a week he'll probably sit on command.

Then teach him to lie down. Take the leash and run it under your foot. Then, pulling on it, you force the dog's head down and at the same time press on his hips, saying the command "down." It'll only be a few days until he'll do it on command.

Next in line is to teach him what "stay" means. Make the dog sit and stay put for a minute. Each day make the time a little longer until he remains in a position as much as 10 minutes as you back away. Then you can even disappear from sight.

This is a good point at which to make your dog respond to a whistle. Break him off the "stay" by calling him to you with a sharp blast on a whistle. It's a lot easier to handle your dog afield with a whistle.

By this time your dog is beginning to mind. But remember, each day you should go through this entire routine, putting most stress, of course, on the new lesson.

Now comes the time for retrieving. Some dogs are natural retrievers and will learn to retrieve merely by chasing a thrown object. But experienced dog men prefer a dog that is force broken. Pippin puts it this way:

"If your dog is force broken he'll always retrieve. If he's not sometime when you're showing him off to friends he'll decide he doesn't want to play and won't retrieve for you."

In the case of a dog, force breaking is teaching the dog to do something he wants to do for you.

Start the retrieving lessons with your dog in a sitting position. Open his mouth by pressing his lower lip on his teeth and tugging gently on the leash. When his mouth opens place a stick in it. At first he'll drop it. Repeat and press his mouth closed on the object. Keep doing this until he holds it. Then lead him around on a leash.

After the dog masters this encourage him to take the stick out of your hand. Gradually lower your hand, giving the command "fetch." Eventually you will have your hand all the way to the ground. You might have to pull gently on the leash to make him reach down.

Then make him pick it up from the ground, gradually moving the object away from him until he has to step out and get it on command. Keep increasing the distance until you can throw the object. On returning make him sit and place the object in your hand.

Pippin cautions the novice dog trainer to be patient. The dog wants to do what you want. Sometime he just doesn't understand.

## Hogs Rally For Win Over TCU

FT. WORTH, Texas, Jan. 17.—Arkansas Coach Gene Lambert forced Old Man chology to give his Razorbacks a second-half lift that netted a 41-to-36 triumph over the Texas Christian Horned Frogs here Monday night.

The Hogs responded gallantly. They overcame a 5-point lead to put the Southwest Conference game out of the fire before a meager crowd in Will Rogers Coliseum.

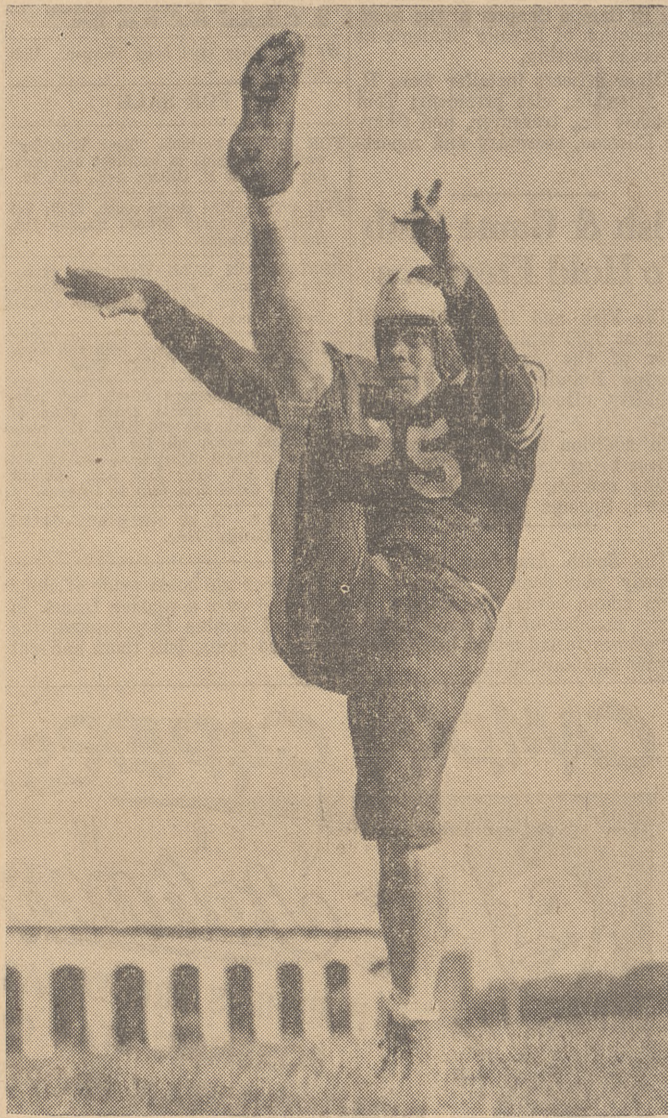
Trailing by 1 point with the second half only five minutes old, Lambert pulled his first team out of the game. He made his starters cool their heels on the bench (literally, for the floor was laid over the ice rink) until they got fired up.

When they came back in four minutes later, they were hotter than a \$2 pistol. They regained the lead on a shot by Forward Jim Cathcart with only 2 minutes and 30 seconds to go. A Cathcart free throw four minutes before the end tied it up at 36-36, and his field goal put the Porkers ahead, 38 to 36.

Center Bob Ambler, highpointer for the Hogs with twelve tallies, tossed in a crisp few seconds later to ice up the game. Ambler had to share individual scoring laurels with TCU's Julius Dolnic, who also scored 12 points.

You have to be firm, but don't beat your dog! If he needs punishing a good way to decide how hard you should whack him is to first crack yourself across the hand. That should tell you how hard you should use the switch.

His yard work learned, your dog is ready to take afield for introduction to game.



## Dick Todd, the Crowell Cyclone, Rumored Likely to Return to A&M

Rumors in Houston say that Coach Harry Stiteler will have a new addition to the staff this year. The new assistant is supposed to be Dick Todd, who announced his retirement from pro football this year.

Todd, a native of Crowell, Texas, was one of the greatest sensations of the high school gridiron of Texas history while performing for Crowell High. While still in high school some sportswriter tabbed him the "Crowell Cyclone."

Averaging over seven yards per carry while at Crowell High, Todd set the schoolboy scoring record that stands today. His last year in school he scored about 320 points.

In his sophomore year at A&M, Todd led the Aggies to a 18-6 triumph over the TCU Horned Frogs who featured the passing of Sammy Baugh. While playing professional ball at Washington, Todd and Baugh became room mates and close friends. In fact, Baugh named his son in honor of Todd. The middle name, that is.

While at A&M Dick, a natural wing back, was hampered to a degree because he had to run from the tail back post, a position that gave him very few chances to reach the side-line where he was at his best.

Ironically, the year after Todd finished his eligibility the Aggies fielded one of the best all around teams in the history of the conference, the national champs of 1939.

Todd signed to play pro football with the Redskins in the capitol after completing his career at A. & M. While with the 'Skins, Todd played outstanding ball in the early forties. During the war he entered the Navy and was sent to Iowa Pre-flight, where he led the football team to a near upset of the Angelo Bertelli sparked Notre Dame squad of 1943. He had to leave the game in the second half with a broken jaw, but when he left, the Sea Hawks were completely stifling the Irish. After his departure Notre Dame came back to win.

If he comes to A&M, Dick will coach the player who put his high school scoring record in the greatest jeopardy, Gallopin' Glenn Lippman of El Campo, who came within a few touchdowns of equalling the old record. There is some speculation that Lippman will wear the numeral "25" that the Cyclone made famous while at A&M.

In his last years with the Redskins the Aggie-ex was used as a defense specialist. This experience might aid the Aggies materially next fall in stopping their opponents passing attack that hurt them so much the past fall.

### TU FILMS TONIGHT

Pictures of the A&M-Texas games will be shown tonight at 7:30 in the PHYSICS Lecture Room. All fans are invited to attend.

## Baylor Plays TU Today In Vital Match

This afternoon the Baylor Bears go to Austin trying to put the conference race on ice by defeating the fading Texas University cagers. The Bruins, even without Jackie Robinson, are on top of the Southwest Conference heap and a win over the Steers will give them an even bigger lead.

Texas fell from the undefeated column last Saturday, falling victim to the Rice Owls, 37 to 45, in their own Gregory Gym. The Steers were rated on a par to Baylor at the season's start, but have not come up to that standard as yet.

Bill Tom of Rice was the big factor in defeating Texas, scoring 16 points to two for his counterpart, Center Phillip George of Texas.

Baylor boasts an all-around squad, all point getters and experienced men. At forwards will be Bill DeWitt and James Owens. DeWitt, brother of Aggie John DeWitt, was supposed to have been the weakest link in the Bear armour, but has been keeping his own in the scoring column lately.

Also strong at the guard posts, Baylor will field such hot shots as Odell Preston and Charles Devereaux, while Don Heathington will perform the center's chores.

## Golf Coach Eyes SWC Crown As Bryan Returns to Squad

By ART HOWARD

Golf Coach Gaythor Nowell got out his needle and thread yesterday and started sewing up the conference golf crown in his bag. The occasion was the news that Travis Bryan, Jr., would be back for the '49 season.

Bryan was scheduled to graduate in January, but has decided to postpone this event until June so that he may play golf. His presence will leave A&M's squad complete from last year, with still another top-notch shooter from a junior college tentatively scheduled to enroll here at mid-term.

Although cautious like most coaches, with the exception of TU's mentor, Nowell heartily affirmed that Bryan's presence would strengthen the Aggies considerably. The hometown golfer shot at the No. 1 post last season, and holds the Country Club record of 63. He has been hitting from 65 to 68 in the last few weeks on the par 70 course.

Last year Bryan suffered from an injured foot, but this has been corrected by an operation. His recent scores testify as to his complete recovery.

All of the other Aggie golfers have been hitting under 70 recently. Bart Haltom has been under-shooting that mark consistently, and Johnny Henry posted a 68 during a cold snap a few days ago. Jack Barnett also toured the course at that score last week.

Official practice will start on February 15, but those Aggies who expect to beat out this foursome for squad positions had better get their irons hot.

Nowell stated that he is expecting to set aside a regular day to give free instructions for Aggies, probably on the drill field. However, this probably will not take place until early spring.

A freshman team is also on his agenda for this spring, for the A&M team will be hard hit for men next year when all of the present members will be gone.

Henry Ransom, Bryan professional golfer who has been competing in the Cadet team some competition lately, will leave January 20 for Phoenix, Arizona to join the pro circuit during the winter and spring months.

He will compete in Phoenix on January 27 in the tournament there, and then will leave for San Antonio to get in his practice licks before the Texas Open starts.

Ransom has been in the top money in several of the play-for-pay matches, but has spent the last few months at home in Bryan.

## Relay Team Called 'Glamor Boys' Of Washington Meet

By BILL POTTS

"There wasn't an Olympian among them but the glamor boys of the meet were the Texas A&M Relay team, champions of the Sugar Bowl, Drake and Kansas Relays and of the Southwest. The Texans flew up to find out what the East, as represented by Seton Hall, Villanova and Penn State, had to offer.

This, the mile relay, was the kil-ler-diller, the piece de resistance, the race of the games. Last night it simply was a splendid demonstration of relay running by a travel-weary Texas A&M quartet footing it on an indoor track for the first time.

A little lead-off man named D. R. Mitchell stole from last to first on the inside of a turn like Race Rider Georgie Woolf used to do, and piled up a lead that never was lost. Texas won from Seton Hall, top Eastern contender and champion of the East in 1948, by 17 yards.

Those were the words of Francis Stann, Sports Editor of the Washington Evening Star, Sunday morning after the Aggies had defeated Seton Hall, Penn State and Villanova in the mile relay Saturday night at the Evening Star Track Meet in the National Guard Armory in that city.

Running in tennis shoes on a hardwood floor covered with a special non-slip paint, the Aggies showed that they could run just as well on boards as on the cinders.

One of the worst things the Aggies had to contend with during the actual running of the race was the corners. The track was jammed into the armory with little space to spare and the corners were not of the gentle curved variety such as Kyle Field has. Another factor

which the trackmen were new to was the length of the track. Two complete laps had to be made instead of the usual one to complete the quarter mile run of each man.

The team, composed of Don Mitchell, Ervin Bilderback, Connally Ludwick, and Ray Holbrook, had little trouble in winning the race and did it in 3:26.1. The track record in that meet is held by Michigan at 3:22.

Holbrook, the member of the team hailing from Baytown, summed up their win best when he said, "We were sure glad to beat them, especially since we were running in their part of the country, and on a board track for the first time."

The quartermilers arrived in Washington last Friday morning at 1 o'clock after leaving here on Thursday. They were met at the Washington airfield by reporters and photographers of the Washington newspapers and their picture, along with that of the plane stewardess, appeared in the Evening Star that afternoon.

Friday at noon, the team and Coach Anderson were the guests of Representative Olin "Tiger" Teague, '32, in the House of Representatives Restaurant in the capitol. Other members of the Texas delegation to Congress present for the lunch were Albert Thomas, Bob Poage, and Paul Lucas.

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### Profs Invited . . .

## Playoffs for Bowling Tourney With Baylor Start in February

Plans for a bowling match with Baylor University are in the final stages, and a play-off tournament will be held here the first week of school to select the best bowlers for the team.

Either two or three teams of five students will be organized, and perhaps one squad of faculty bowlers if possible. Baylor has invited A&M to meet them in a match at Waco in February, to be played in their student center.

All bowling balls and shoes will be furnished, and no charge will be made for the contest. However transportation arrangements will have to be taken care of by the Aggies.

Art Howard, Batt sports editor, is in charge of arrangements, and all questions should be sent to him.

Prospective bowlers are warned that no excused absences can be given, as this is not an official conference sport. However, the trip to Waco and back can probably be made in the same day.

Playoffs are tentatively scheduled to start on February 2, and will continue into the following week if entries warrant it. Applications will be accepted all this week.

Official scorers will be appointed to watch each entry, and their names will be published before the playoffs start.

The top men in the recent Intramural bowling tournament will be given preference if they desire to enter, but other bowlers will have a fair chance to beat their scores. It is expected that each entry will bowl three lines, and the highest average will be taken, all other factors being equal.

The challenge from Baylor also stated that a non-official conference tournament would be attempted later in the spring.

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