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The famous Dick Whittington who made such a hit in "Since You Went Away," is currently to be seen in "The Spiral Staircase."

Above, Elsa Lanchester and Dorothy McGuire share a scent with Dick. feeding game-cocks had a variety of formulas for making 'cock-bread.' Perhaps one of the earliest references to dog biscuits is found in the State papers dealing with the maintenance of the Royal Hounds. So early as 1529 'chippings' (i. e., dog biscuits) appear in the accounts, 18/6d being paid 'for chippings for the King's Privy Buckhounds for two months, the which be ended the last day of June. These payments continue, and it is interesting to note that in 1531, they had a hound-van for the royal pack. This must be the earliest record of hounds being transported by van. In August, 1531, canvas 'to cover the cart to carry the hounds' cost 7/6d. There are several references to this van being used to convey the pack from Windsor to Chertsey, Hampton Court to Greenwich, and other places."

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The Florida Circuit was on in January but it came just at closing press date and not a word of news has reached us. No catalogues either from the two recent Milwaukee events—why in the world didn't you send us news from your hometown shows, Marie Stone?

We've just one December show to report on—the Worcester County Kennel Club event at Worcester, Mass. It was a good show with a nice entry of eleven and William Quade handed out the ribbons. T. W. Bennett's Ch. Deephaven Warspite took Best of Breed honors and then offered some stiff competition in the group. He wound up in second spot to the Kerry which went on through to Best in Show. For point winners Mr. Quade selected Jos. W. Kelly's Independent Ben and then the other half of the Kelly household captured Winners Bitch with Edgerstoune Topic. Ben is by

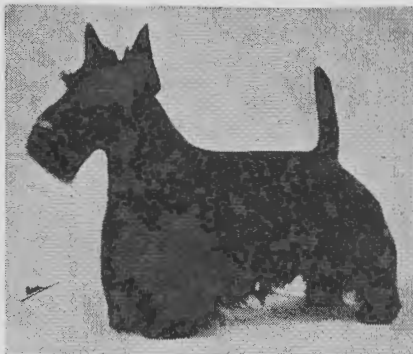
SCOTTISH TERRIERS

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The late President Roosevelt's world-famous Scotty, Fala, is to be the star in a new Technicolor short, "Fala at Hyde Park." It was filmed late in the fall of 1944 and contains the only Technicolor scenes ever made of Mr. Roosevelt and the last pictures taken of him prior to the Yalta Conference.

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"Fala at Hyde Park" is being produced by Metro-Goldwyn Mayer. As an intimate picture of life at the late president's home it is sure to be interesting; as a "boost" for the Scotty breed it should be tremendous.

At one time or another every Scottish Terrier breeder has been plagued with drop ears, or at least with ears that, instead of standing erect as they should, show a tendency to tip over. Every conceivable type of correcting method has been advanced, and most of them seem to work for one person and not another. Some years ago we carried an article in Dog News entitled "Correction of Drop Ears by Cold Solder." It was written by Dr. Ewing, is claimed to be absolutely fool-proof and we will give you a quick

resume of the method. A toothpick is cut the length of the ear. The ear is then laid flat on a hard smooth surface and the toothpick is placed on the **OUTSIDE** and **NOT** the inside of the ear. Fire proof cold solder which comes in a tube (and can be purchased at any ten cent store) is then squeezed out of the tube on to each end as well as on the center of the toothpick. The toothpick is then turned over so that the solder is next the ear with the toothpick lying on top of it. Hold it in this position steady for about five minutes until the solder become perfectly hard and adherent. Incidentally the hair should *not* be shaved from the ear. The advantages of the Ewing method are that it is clean and easy to handle, it is more adherent than other methods. Above all as the splint (i.e.—the toothpick) is on the outside of the ear it does not irritate the dog if properly adjusted and the dog doesn't scratch it loose or rub it in the dirt. Once the splint has been applied it should be permitted to remain in place until the ear stands without aid.

Dr. Ewing states the time the splint will have to remain in place is problematical. On puppies with ears that are trying to elevate themselves, a 24 to 48-hour period may result in a cure. Puppies past six months offer more difficulties and one may not be successful with them. However, the method is worth trying even on puppies past six months.

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By John Kemps,
Enka, N. C.

IT is an established fact that among the worthwhile Scottie breeders we find many scientifically minded people. The medical profession, for instance, is strongly represented. I have often wondered whether the breed, as such, attracts persons who are used to making a thorough study of things or whether raising Scotties is for them a form of interesting relaxation? It seems to me that a doctor's mind should be eminently suited for the job. Animal, critical, and trained to investigate back ground in relation to existing conditions, it has also been fully equipped for "biological research" outside the human sphere. In other words, it should not be surprising at all that doctors make good Scottie breeders!

But what about the rest of us? Is it essential that, in order to make successful breeders, we must possess a certain type of mind? I am inclined to think so after being "in the game" for a number of years and having observed the work of others. I have seen some start with enthusiasm, gradually lose interest and sell out. I have seen others reach a certain point and stay there, smugly satisfied with doubtful results. I have seen people concentrating intensely on some small detail for years, progressing very slowly, but refusing to give up. I have seen breeders forging ahead fast, establishing themselves firmly near the top. And last but not least, I have seen many, too many, people who have no ideals at all but stick to the breed in order to gain "cash by volume" instead of "Quality for satisfaction." Yes, after talking to so many and studying their personalities, I believe that it takes a certain mental attitude in the first place, and a certain type of character in the second place, to make a good Scottie breeder. Not necessarily a scientific mind, but, certainly, a logical mind. However, it isn't all in the way of thinking, there has to be a certain amount of let us say "intestinal forti-

tude" along with it. An ability to take hard knocks, to swallow a lot of things that are hard to swallow, to bide one's time, to wait and experiment until the time finally comes to make a bid. That bid must be strong, the time must be ripe. Even then, disappointments may be ahead. Intelligence and a "die-hard" disposition, the Scottie's main characteristics, are also essential for the Scottie breeder. We admire them so much in our dogs, we need them ourselves! If we think we are ready and send out a dog on which we pin all our hopes and it is proved that that dog just can't do it, we have only ourselves to blame. Not the judges, not the competition, only our own mistaken judgment. That dog just wasn't good enough, that's all. If we continue to concentrate on that one dog, if we sling him about until he is a second-rate champion, we're lost. So many stop right at this point; they will never get anywhere. Only those who realize their error, who quickly get busy again and, in a little while, come out with a better dog, will win out. To swallow one's pride, to ignore all gleeful sneers, to start again where we left off, that is what makes the game worth playing! After all, it's supposed to be a sport we are participating in. The odds may be stacked against us, but in the end the best man always wins! If we become confused, if we get side-tracked by commercialism, we must pause in time to get our bearings. If we don't, it's all over. We must know where we're going and never give up until we get there. It's a hard road for some, an easier one for

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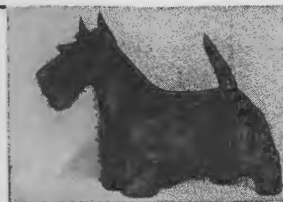
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