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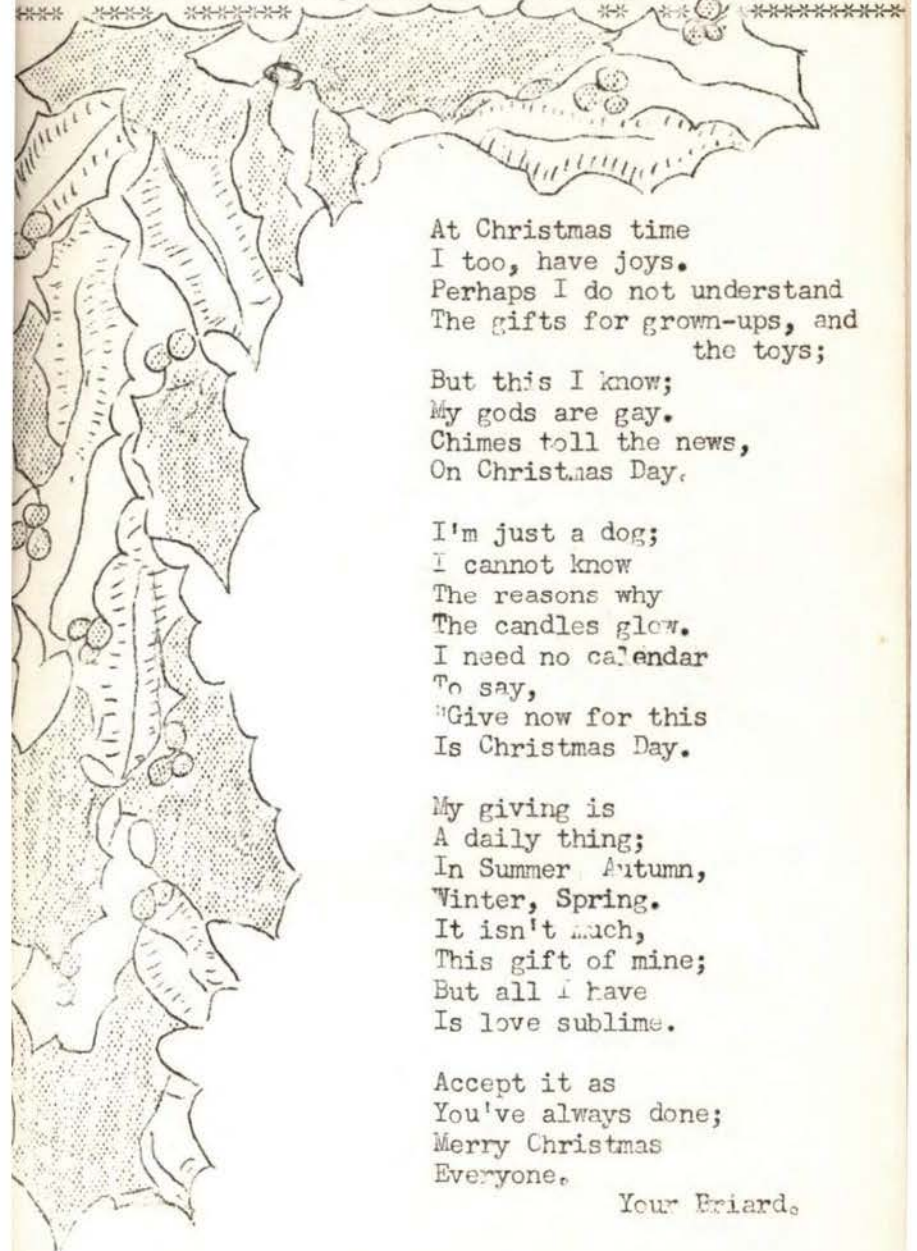
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At Christmas time
I too, have joys.
Perhaps I do not understand
The gifts for grown-ups, and
the toys;

But this I know;
My gods are gay.
Chimes toll the news,
On Christmas Day.

I'm just a dog;
I cannot know
The reasons why
The candles glow.
I need no calendar
To say,
"Give now for this
Is Christmas Day.

My giving is
A daily thing;
In Summer, Autumn,
Winter, Spring.
It isn't much,
This gift of mine;
But all I have
Is love sublime.

Accept it as
You've always done;
Merry Christmas
Everyone.

Your Briard.

PUPPIES AVAILABLE: Litter of 8 males and one bitch out of Amour by Ch. Genius. Genius has been Best in Match and Amour won Best Adult at Fellowship specialty last summer. Many of the litter were sold before whelping but still some available at this writing. Contact Gerald or Edith White, Westlawn, Montville, N.J.

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KENT'S "GOOFUS" WINS UD: Congratulations to the Kents. Their Walton's Etienne (Goofus to the family) has the distinction of winning the UD degree in obedience in three consecutive shows. At Teaneck with 51 dogs in the class he amassed 193 points. At Newark he scored 195 points and at Brooklyn, 192 points. This is as outstanding as having a dog win his ring championship in three straight shows. There is no doubt but what Etienne is the top obedience Briard of all time. In fact with the three-straight show record it would seem impossible to ever have a better result. Bear in mind that in obedience the competition includes every breed, not just Briards.

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SYMPATHY FOR JOHN AND ALICE JONES: Blinker of Strykonn recently passed away. Blinker was one of the last of the Briards bred by Miss Konn and Miss Stryker from the mating of Ch. Rowlie to Ch. Westlawn Gossamer. Blinker was whelped in April of 1950 and was at his prime when stricken with Hodgkins disease. He was ill for many months but steadily grew worse in spite of the efforts of the veterinarians. Always enthusiastic over Briards, we hope another of our favorite breed will soon have a chance to take Blinker's place.

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BRIARDS AGAIN AT MORRIS & ESSEX: After the last M&E show there was a report that the very poor Briard entry had caused Mrs. Dodge to eliminate our breed. Recent newspaper statements indicate that we have been given one more chance and that Briards will again be on the preferred list. ONE THING IS CERTAIN -- EITHER WE COME ACROSS NEXT MAY OR WE WILL BE DROPPED FROM THE MOST IMPORTANT SHOW OF THE YEAR. Further information will be sent to you well in advance of closing time. MAKE M&E A MUST FOR 1957.

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TREASURER'S REPORT; Year of 1956

Income:

Dues received subsequent to January 1st, 1956	\$69.00
Prize Fund	22.47
Match Entries	30.00
Misc. Sales	.25
Forward, January 1st, 1956	<u>240.50</u>

\$373.25

Expenses:

Publishing Briefs	\$41.70
General Postage	22.47
Trophies	62.20
Miscellaneous	<u>12.00</u>
	\$158.37

Balance on hand \$214.88

The above will be filed as accepted unless objections are received before January 15, 1957.

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LAST REGULAR ISSUE OF BRIEFS: As mentioned in the November issue, Briard Briefs will not be regularly published during 1957. On the other hand no bills for dues will be sent out for the coming year. In other words The Fellowship will maintain status quo; the membership remaining at the current level with all hands continuing in good standing. All other activities of the organization will be continued including the presentation of spoons to all Best of Breed winners at all AKC point shows.

Funds now in the treasury are sufficient to cover all of these routine expenses for a year or more without additional dues. When the current funds become depleted you will again be asked to pay dues.

Briefs will be issued from time to time as matters of interest come up. You will be contacted in regard to the possibility of our Annual Match Show.

Please understand that we still want to have your news items, we will still maintain our breeding and show records and furnish information about Briards to all who apply. The new plan is tentative and if enough of you register protests some plan will have to be worked out to satisfy you. The entire idea is to ascertain if irregular publication of a bulletin -- without payment of dues -- will not serve the breed satisfactorily while it also relieves your officers of work that has become increasingly difficult and time consuming. In recent years we have been faced with the unpleasant fact that Briefs costs more in time volunteered by busy officers than it seems to warrant.

We are not saying "Good Bye" but asking only that you give this plan a chance to work.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU, AND YOUR BRIARDS
AND THE HAPPIEST OF NEW YEARS TO ALL.

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