

OUTLINE RILEY HOSPITAL WORK

Further Plans for Memorial to Be Made Thursday.

A meeting of the Riley Memorial Association will be held at the University Club Thursday noon to hear the report of the subcommittee on the financial and other conditions representing the trustees of Indiana University to work out the mutual relations between the two organizations relative to the building and maintenance of the children's hospital in Indianapolis that will constitute the memorial.

A joint executive committee, consisting of an equal number of representatives of the Riley Memorial Association and Indiana University, is to be selected by the respective bodies and the first meeting of this joint executive committee is to be held at the University Club next Tuesday, at which definite plans will be taken up.

The Riley Memorial Association is now composed of twenty-one men who personally knew James Whitcomb Riley, but now is proposed to increase it to include all those who may be interested in the project and to make it national in scope.

The matter of a suitable Riley memorial was taken up a short time after the disappearance of pet dogs whose owners have reason to believe they were stolen. Among these owners of dogs there is a growing belief that the animals have found their way into the college kennels from which no dog ever comes alive.

Inquiry at the medical college brings no satisfactory information to owners of dogs concerning them.

The college does not permit persons who believe the pets in the kennels should be returned for the purpose of seeking to identify them.

FORCED TO USE SEARCH WARRANT.

The operations on the dogs are conducted before college classes and the college refuses to permit laymen to attend these classes.

The only assurance that the treatment of the animals or the possible destruction of valued pets is the word of the college authorities that humane methods are used behind the doors that the college has so far seen fit to keep closed.

A search warrant issued in the city court last week was the instrument through which it was ascertained that highly valued pet dogs do find their way to the "death kennels" in spite of the assurances of the college to the contrary.

The Indiana law concerning cruelty to animals reads as follows:

"Whoever overdrives, overloads, drives when overloaded, overworks, tortures, deprives of necessary sustenance, cruelly kills, maims, or overdrives or overkills or causes or procures to be so overdriven, overloaded, driven when overworked, tortured, tormented, deprived of necessary sustenance, cruelly beaten, mutilated or cruelly killed, any animal; and whoever, having charge or custody of any animal, either as owner or otherwise, inflicts needless cruelty upon any animal, deprives it of natural means of defense or protection, or cruelly or unnecessarily fails to provide the same with proper food, drink, shelter or protection from the weather, shall, on conviction, be fined in any sum not more than \$200, to which may be added imprisonment in the county jail for any period not exceeding six months; that the provisions of this section shall not apply to the docking of lambs, debarking of cattle, or clipping of horses."

STOLEN PETS SUBJECT TO MEDICAL KNIFE

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the operations on them are necessary to the proper instruction of medical students and that regardless of the objections of laymen to the practice, operations on the dogs should be carried on as at present.

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As against these charges the college authorities assert:

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2. That the dogs are kept in specially constructed kennels, are kept clean and have straw on which to lie.

3. That unless the operation on the dog is of a minor nature the animal is never allowed to come from under the influence of an anesthetic, but is destroyed.

4. That in operations if the dog is permitted to live the best of surgical care is taken of the wounds and the keepers have instructions to destroy the dogs whenever it is apparent that the dogs are suffering extreme pain.

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