

How The Year Book Got Started

10 Years Ago

A Salute to the two Previous Editors

Joan Van Zele, First Editor of the CFA Year Book. (1958-59)

The subject of the publication of a CFA "News Magazine" was up for discussion in 1957, in which meeting (Annual) the consensus was CFA should not be responsible for the publication financially; any person interested in assuming such responsibility with support from CFA was asked to present such a proposition to the Board. At this meeting Mrs. Van Zele was elected to the Board.

In 1958 at the Annual, Mrs. Van Zele presented her ideas for a Year Book and listed many items that such a publication might contain, including approximately 30 pages of advertising. She exhibited a proposed dummy 6x9 inches, containing about 124 pages which would lie flat when opened. It was received with much enthusiasm.

Mrs. Van Zele offered to personally underwrite the Year Book so that any loss would be paid by her, any profits would go to CFA. She agreed to edit and business manage it, believing it to be a book which clubs and individuals would want to own. Mr. Winn moved that it be referred to the Board with favorable recommendation. The motion carried. The following Board meeting on March 29, made the decision to publish the Year Book, and approved the price per copy and advertising rates submitted by Mrs. Van Zele, who was appointed Editor by Mrs. Bloem. Mrs. Van Zele's first Year Book was launched in 1958 which she dedicated to Mrs. Elsie G. Hydon. The second Year Book, in 1959, was requested by Mrs. Van Zele, who suggested it be along the lines of the first; Mrs. Bloem appointed her Editor and Chairman in March, 1959. Mrs. Van Zele was returned to the Board for a 2 Year Term. In 1960 Mrs. Van Zele reported that the Year Book sold 300 copies. In New Orleans Mrs. Van Zele resigned from the Board, and at that meeting Mrs. Bloem appointed Mrs. A. M. Dickie as Editor and Chairman of the Year Book for 1960. Thus ended the two year editorship of the book that Joan Van Zele had founded, and had successfully edited.*

Mrs. A. M. Dickie, (Year Book Editor 1960-61)



Mrs. Dickie

The first report from Mrs. Dickie was in 1961, at the Annual Meeting. She reported \$2130.50 gross receipts for the Year Book in 1960 and profits were \$679.39. She also made a plea at the same meeting that the delegates urge their clubs to buy Year Books and advertise in the book. At the June, 1961 Board Meeting Mrs. Dickie requested a ruling on the kind of material which should be used in the Year Book; the Board ruled that the material published should be determined by the Editor. At the time of that Board meeting Mrs. Dickie reported \$220 profit for the 1961 Year Book, but April 1962 the Year Book profits were \$342.82. In Detroit, in 1961 Mrs.

Dickie's letter to the Board meeting asked the Board to take action to get material sent to the Editor more promptly. Mrs. Dickie resigned after the 1961 issue having successfully brought to a close, the first four editions of the Year Book. It was a labor of love for both Joan Van Zele and Ellen Dickie, for no salary was offered or asked. In 1962, Mrs. Lillias Bloem, then the President, had appointed Christine Streetman to the post of Editor.** Mrs. Dickie now holds the past editions of the Year Books, but her chief occupation, after having served as CFA Secretary, in 1965, is editing and publishing the CFA Stud Books. Mrs. Dickie says, "the Year Book has done much to enhance the picture that CFA gives to the world . . . For those of us who are active, it is our "Bible". She points out that all the information a fancier needs is in the Year Book, and that its growth in ten years has been largely due to this need; it has become firmly established in the hearts of Fanciers in CFA and other associations as well. 'It was a very great pleasure to publish the Year Book for two years, and I am proud and happy to have been connected with it in its early years.'" Mrs. Dickie said.

*Excerpts from the 1958, '59 YB and R.H. Winn's Part VI **Our Early Years.**

**Christine Streetman, who followed Mrs. Dickie as editor, has been the Editor from the 1962 edition on up to the present time.