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Pooch Wins a Caddy, • Can't Put On the Dog

By JERRY SCHMETTERER

If you could teach an old dog new tricks, a little gray poodle would be driving a 1973 Cadillac around Darien, Conn., today.

But, according to Mrs. Alice Kavoukjian of Darien, her pet poodle Bijou is 8 years old and "it's too late for him to learn to drive" the car he won at a raffle at the Armehian Evangelical Church on E. 34th St. Sunday.

It was Mrs. Kavoukjian's 97-year-old husband, Haik who bought the \$100 raffle ticket in the pooch's name.

"I bought six or seven tickets but ran out of names to put on them, so I told my wife to put one in Bijou's name and one in the name of our cat," Kavoukjian said.

'A Lot of Explaining to Do'

"When they announced the Cadillac was won by Bijou, we had a lot of explaining to do," said Mrs. Kavoukjian.

The raffle gave the winner a choice of \$5,000 in cash or the car, so the couple, who have a Mercedes-Benz and a Gran Torino, decided, in light of Bijou's limited driving skills, to take the cash.

Then they donated the money to the Archdiocese of the Armenian Church of America.

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By MURRAY SCHUMACH

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Actually, the Bronx had already joined Manhattan, piecemeal, by the time Greater New York was created after decades of pressuring the reluctant City of Brooklyn to join Tammany-dominated Manhattan. Queens and Richmond came in with much less resistance.

Though April 30, 1898, was not the day of consolidation, it was a significant date. According to The New York Times of May 1, 1898, the last day of April marked great victories by the United States over Spain in the Spanish-American War, thus starting the nation on its role as a world power.

There was also among the local news indications that in some respects the city was having political drama that matched today's controversies.

On April 30, John Y. McKane, former boss of Coney Island—he headed the Republican as well as the Democratic parties—was released from Sing Sing and received in his home grounds with great enthusiasm.

The Chief, as he was known, was sent to Sing Sing after his aides thrashed prominent Brooklynites who felt they had a right to be poll watchers in the McKay territory, where the total of votes sometimes

he was sent to prison, was:

"Injunctions don't go here."

In the celebrations that begin tomorrow, special roles will be reserved for those businesses that were already established in the city and are still here.

Prices Changed Somewhat

Advertisements in The Times of May 1, 1898, show that Macy's, then from 13th to 15th Street along Sixth Avenue, was selling mantel clocks of china, decorated with wild flowers for \$1.04. Champagne glasses with

gold borders were going for \$1.97 a dozen. B. Altman & Co., at 18th and Sixth, was selling silk capes for women from \$7.50 to \$25. Arnold Constable, at Broadway and 19th Street, did not give prices that day. Abraham & Straus, in Brooklyn, was selling suits for \$7.95.

To get the widest participation in the city's anniversary celebrations, a committee of 1,000 is being formed to work on the programs.

William Haddad, a former reporter who is co-publisher of

The Manhattan Tribune, a weekly newspaper, has been named managing director of the jubilee by the Mayor. Lewis Rudin, president of the Association for a Better New York, is chairman of the Jubilee Committee.

"The events," said Mayor Lindsay, "will take place, in large part, in the very places where New Yorkers live and play—in the neighborhoods, on the streets and sidewalks, in the parks and playgrounds of all boroughs."

Among those joining the Mayor tomorrow in the opening ceremonies, in addition to the Borough Presidents, will be the Borough majority leader Thomas J. Cuite; Robert Morgenthau, head of the Police Athletic League, and clergymen of various faiths.

Mayor Lindsay, in his proclamation opening the celebration, briefly noted the role of the Brooklyn Bridge in the city's greatness, that Staten Island was a vacation resort for the boroughs that became

Greater New York and that a number of referendums were held before the boroughs merged.

"Now, therefore," said the Mayor, "I, John Lindsay, do hereby proclaim 1973 as the 75th Jubilee Year of New York City and urge all New Yorkers to participate in the exciting series of events which will take place all year in all our boroughs and to take pride in the economic and cultural growth of our city since its inception 175 years ago."

The Mayor thanked Phil George and Tony Aviles of the design firm of Harper & George, at 18 East 50th Street, for designing the jubilee emblem without charge to the city.

In case of rain tomorrow, the jubilee kickoff will be held inside City Hall. If this creates congestion, it will be a sort of replay of the day Greater New York was born in sleet, snow and rain, with many arguments at the doors of City Hall as the police tried to screen the uninvited from the invited.