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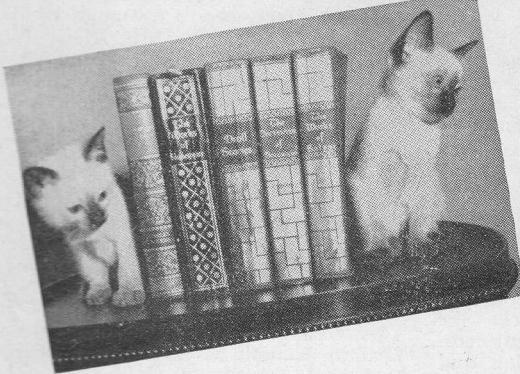
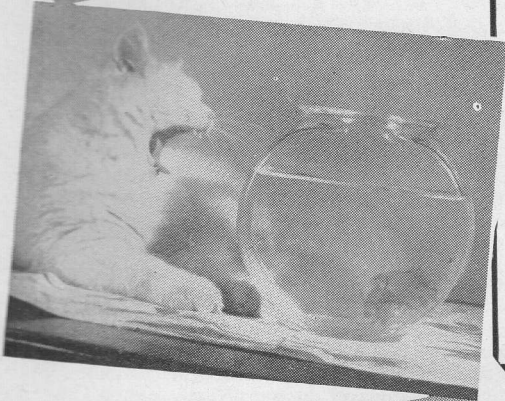
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COVER CAT

My sister is a subscriber to your magazine and is very much upset over the picture on the front page, May 1951, as she thinks it was taken of a dead cat, and it certainly looks that way, although I can not believe you would allow such a thing to happen.

We shall be glad to hear from you.
(name withheld)

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Bill Early

Samoa, California

—For the benefit of the many readers who have written asking where they can secure a copy of "Bottle-Baby", Mr. Early has kindly agreed to make them available. Send \$1.50 for each picture wanted to Mr. Bill Early, Samoa, Humboldt County, California.

RE: SHOW ANNOUNCEMENTS

I am a regular, and I might add, a satisfied subscriber to your publication. I am writing to offer a suggestion with respect to its publication.

I usually receive CATS magazine around the 17th or 18th of the month when it is dated. During the winter months when most of the nation's cat shows are being held, this means that when I receive CATS Magazine about half the shows for any given month have already been held. I suggest that you list the cat shows for any given month in your issue for the preceeding month. Thus your September issue would carry the October shows, the October issue the November shows, and so on. I would further suggest that the various cat clubs run the advertisements announcing their shows in a similar manner. If this were to be done, then readers like myself would have sufficient notice of forthcoming shows to enter their cats. Under your present system, I find that I have almost no chance to do so.

I was particularly pleased by your excellent coverage of the California anti-cat legislation.

John McCormack

New Rochelle, N. Y.

Thank you, Mr. McCormack. We hope to follow your suggestion completely this year, and urge Club and Show secretaries to send in announcement of their show dates and show advertising at the earliest possible moment. Only then can they be sure that all prospective exhibitors will learn of their shows in time to plan to enter them. (The Genesee Cat Fanciers' Club and the North Texas Cat Club both began advertising their shows in the June issue of CATS). CATS Magazine will list all October shows in the September issue, and in October will carry a complete show calendar for the 1951-52 season, listing every show of which we have been advised by press time. In addition each issue during the season will carry a revised up-to-date listing of the following month's shows.

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COVER

This charming study in contrasts was taken by a Chicago Tribune Photographer at the North Shore Cat Club show in December. Champion Hi-Hat Champaign, owned by Mrs. Marie Wilson of 8072 Meyers Road, Detroit 28, is one of the Mid-West's outstanding Creams. His friend in the Photo is Dorothy Peterson, 12, of Chicago.

GOOD ACTION

I have just written a letter to Miss Charny in California. I just got so mad when I read of her unfair attack on Cats — Why can't people live and let live?

I am also writing to Mr. Lester T. Davis of Partola District California. Then I am going to write a letter in our Readers' Column in the local newspaper in Bristol, as some misguided members of a bird club here are writing against the Cat.

The absurdity of belling a cat makes me see red. I was at one of our big packing houses here recently—and they told me that they had a group of cats that they wouldn't take a million dollars for. They are fed regularly and keep every rat away. Now how would they kill a rat with a collar with bells?

There is entirely too much agitation against cats to suit me, and I believe all cat-lovers should take action some way, so I'm starting with these letters. These attacks on our cats are so unfair. The harm, if any, that some do to birds is negligible compared to the good they do as pets and in killing rats.

I'm glad Miss Charny's bill has now been buried for a while at least. I certainly think that Dr. Guy Bogart and other Californians deserve great appreciation for their splendid efforts in behalf of the Cat.

Sincerely,
Delle D. Smith

Bristol, Tenn.

July 1, 1951

To the Readers of CATS MAGAZINE:

Effective with this issue, the ownership and editorship of CATS magazine changes from Charles A. Kenny to Raymond D. Smith. Despite his close association with the Cat Fancy and his strong personal attachment to CATS magazine, other pressing demands upon his time forced Mr. Kenny reluctantly to relinquish it. We know that you all join with us in wishing him good health, success and happiness in his new work.

Mr. Kenny founded CATS magazine in January 1945, and has carefully nurtured it from kittenhood on to the healthy maturity it has attained today.

Although he still plans to retain as much as possible of his interest in cats in general and CATS in particular, his guiding hand will be absent, and his inspired leadership and counsel will be sorely missed by every member of the Fancy and by every cat-lover. From the day when he began putting together the first blank dummy for the first issue of CATS, until the increasing demands of other interests forced his resignation, Mr. Kenny has promoted vigorously and unselfishly the welfare of cats and of their owners throughout America.

He was the first to envision a cat magazine which while serving the needs of the Cat Fancy would also appeal to all cat-lovers. The magazine became CATS, the one cat magazine in America, and it is today more than ever accomplishing his purpose of increasing interest in cats among the general public.

Mr. Kenny early recognized the need for nation-wide counter-action against the anti-cat attacks of misguided, ill-informed individuals and groups. Through such popularly-appealing features as "Heroic Cats", "Cat-Picture-of-the-Year", "CATS Magazine Award", and Na-

tional Cat Week (now carried on independently by a group of dedicated cat-lovers, but founded by Mr. Kenny), he has secured the finest kind of favorable publicity for cats, and has built for cats and for cat-lovers a far more wide-spread understanding and appreciation among the non-cat-owning public than they have ever had before.

For the cat-breeder and exhibitor, one of Mr. Kenny's greatest achievements was the establishment of a uniform, mathematically sound system of determining the outstanding show cats in America. His All-Sectional and All-American method of ratings met a pressing need for a rational, impersonal method of nation-wide rankings, and they are now uniformly recognized as the final authority throughout the United States and Canada.

These All-American selections, too, have been recognized as news-worthy by leading press services and newspapers and magazines, and have been another notable factor in extending interest in the pure-bred cat.

Our readers will recall countless other accomplishments of Mr. Kenny both for the cat-world as a whole and for individual cat-owners. His decision to leave CATS, while a necessary one, will be most deeply regretted by all cat-lovers, for it means a vital loss to the cat world.

We at CATS Magazine intend to carry on to the best of our abilities the policies initiated by Mr. Kenny. CATS magazine will continue to bring its readers the same type of features, news, articles as it has before, and we shall continue to use every means to promote the interests of cats and cat-owners as Mr. Kenny has done.

We invite your letters, your suggestions. Help us continue to give you the best in cat news and cat entertainment.

Sincerely,

The Staff of CATS

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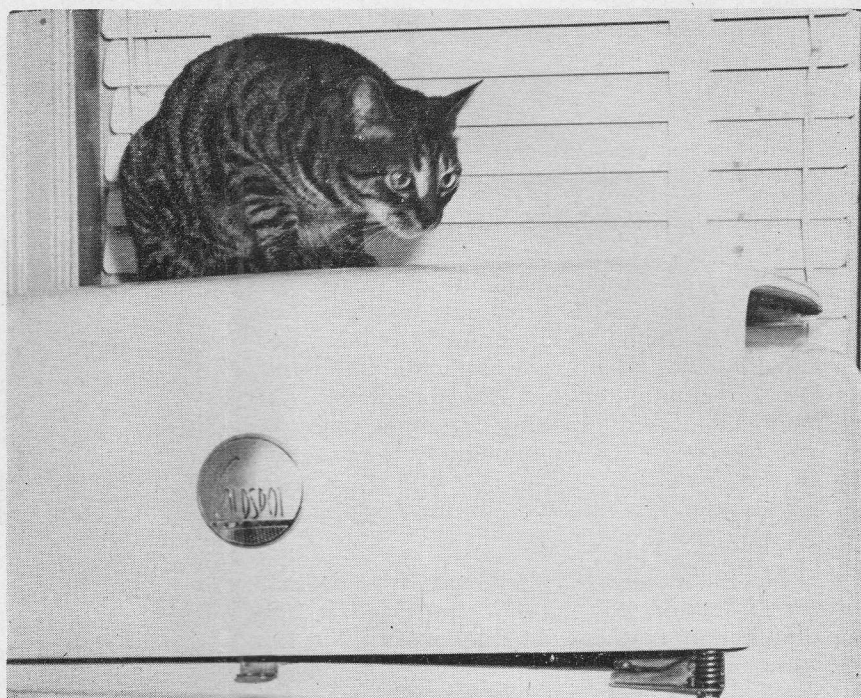
Jimmy — Pet Tabby Sounds Refrigerator Gas Fume Alarm

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick D. Smith and their son, Lt. Fred G. Smith of the U. S. Air Force, World War II, owe their lives today to the heroic action of Jimmie, their two year old Tabby pet.

Jimmie and the Smith's live at 4402 N. Third St., Philadelphia, and recently all the Philadelphia daily papers and radio stations carried the news of how at 3:30 a.m. on May 16 when all the family was asleep Jimmie jumped on the chest of Mr. Smith whose room is on the first floor and began pawing at his face. Mr. Smith awakened and tried to push Jimmie away, but began choking on sulphur fumes. Mr. Smith was a Gas Officer in World War I with the 28th Division in France, and with difficulty made his way to the front door and revived himself sufficiently to call his wife and son who were thus also able to escape in time.

Meanwhile the police had arrived, but Jimmie had disappeared, and in trying to find him both young Mr. Smith and a police officer were again partially overcome by the fumes before the real hero was found alive under a bed on the second floor.

When firemen with gas proof equipment arrived they traced the trouble to a leak in the Smith's refrigerator freezing system, and after carrying the refrigerator into the back yard and examining it,



JIMMIE—Heroic Cat—Shows How He Did It

Photo by Wm. A. Nichols

reported that Jimmie had definitely saved the whole family from suffocation.

Jimmie suffered no ill effects from exposure to the fumes. He was given a special dish of cream as a reward, and the Smiths say is, of course, TOPS in their family.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith found Jimmie as a kitten hungry and crying, abandoned on their porch about two years ago. As good Samaritans, they fed him, and then at the insistence of their son decided to keep him. He grew into a

beautiful charming pet and even before the suffocation threat gave him a chance to show his full abilities he had proved to be an unusual cat. He enjoys being taken on a leash, and has been a constant companion to Mr. Smith, who has not been well. Like most well-cared-for cats, he insists on regular attention, and wakes Mr. Smith for his breakfast at exactly 6:00 o'clock every morning.

Jimmie seems to enjoy his hero role, as he well-deserves to, and while the picture of him on the refrigerator is not his most beautiful, he did consent to pose for it to show how he first sniffed the fumes coming out of the box.

CATS magazine is proud to award Jimmie its Heroic Cat Medal for his wonderful example of courage, intelligence and devotion he displayed.

The Heroic Cat Medal was instituted by CATS magazine to call to the attention of cat-lovers and the general public these acts of bravery and rational thinking which seems to indicate cats command an intelligence of a high order.

Jimmie is the second cat to receive the award this year, the first going to Kelly, a white long hair female of Grand Gorge, N. Y., who saved her mistress by waking her when the house was afire.

MRS. SMALL RESIGNS

Mrs. J. J. Small of Cleveland, a leading judge and active member of the Cat Fancy recently resigned as Vice-President of A.C.A. and as Board-Member and Judge of that organization.

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Male Tortoise Shell

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"Once in a blue moon," so the phrase goes, a Tortoiseshell male kitten appears, and those in the know believe they have "hit the jackpot". Of course they must wait on time to determine if they are permitted to own the rare specimen, and time usually decrees it not to be, since Tortoiseshell male kittens seldom live beyond the span of kittenhood.

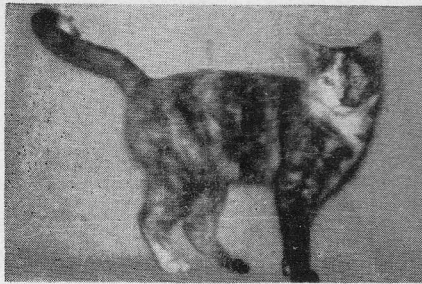
A year ago (1950) a Tortoiseshell male kitten was born in Texas. Today he has grown into a strong, well-developed Tom Cat. He is owned now by Mrs. C. A. Hahn of St. Louis, well known breeder-exhibitor. She calls him Torti Man of Gallus. The unusual cat was sent to Mrs. Hahn by her son, residing in Texas, who, fortunately, knew of the rarity of such specimens.

Other than sex, the male Tortoiseshell is no different than any other Tortoiseshell, all of which are females. Mrs. Hahn reports however, that Torti Man of Gallus has its "blaze" in cream on the right side of his face, while on the three females she possesses it appears (in cream) on the left side of their faces.

The "blaze" is a splash of solid color, usually cream or red, that extends perpendicularly from the nose upward, spreading fanlike.

Since 1945, when CATS Magazine was founded, the Hahn Male Tortoiseshell is only the third reported Tortoiseshell male cat that has come to the attention of the American Cat Fancy. There have been some male Tortoiseshells born, but unpublicized by their owners, quite naturally, simply because said owners have not been aware of the rarity of the sex in this classification.

The first of the male Tortoiseshells to be reported by the Cat Fancy occurred in 1947 at Portland, Oregon, when a male Tortoiseshell was exhibited at the Rose City Cat Club show. Sex of the entry was not determined by the owner. The fact that the cat was a male was discovered by the judge, Phil Jacobs, while in the process of officiating. The owner was not a "member" of the Cat Fancy and entered her cat in the household pet class of the show. A check was made by CATS Magazine with the owner for information about the rare Tortoiseshell, but all mail was returned



with the notation that the owner had moved and left no forwarding address. As far as is known the "famous" male was never shown again.

It is presumed that the owner received several offers for her cat after it was "discovered" at the exhibition, however she probably decided that her pet was worth more to her as a cherished companion.

Last year (1950), a male Tortoiseshell cropped up in Denver. It was duly advertised for sale in the classified columns of CATS Magazine. Whether it was purchased has not been learned. A drawback in the sale could have been the asking price which was over \$100. In the Cat Fancy a hundred dollar bill for a specimen, other than a "proven male" or one with a successful show record is indeed as big a rarity as a male Tortoiseshell at a year old.

For those who take the breeding of cats seriously, Tortoiseshell cats can be obtained only through intelligent cross-breeding, coupled with disappointments and good fortune. Best results are said to be obtained by breeding a Tortoiseshell with Solid Color males, Blue being the most desirable.

Tortoiseshell males cannot be used for breeding purposes, it is reported, because they are sterile.

Tortoiseshells are a patchwork of three colors—Black, Red and Cream. The colors should not incline to brindling, but instead each hair in each color patch

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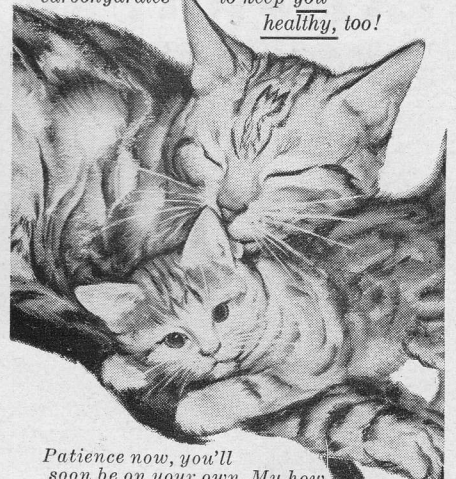
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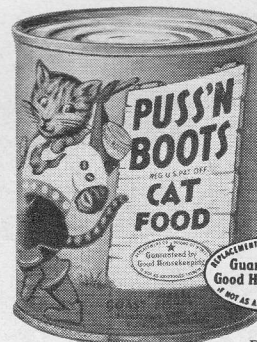
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JULY CAT PICTURE OF THE MONTH

Frank Goldkuhle of White Plains, N. Y. is July Winner

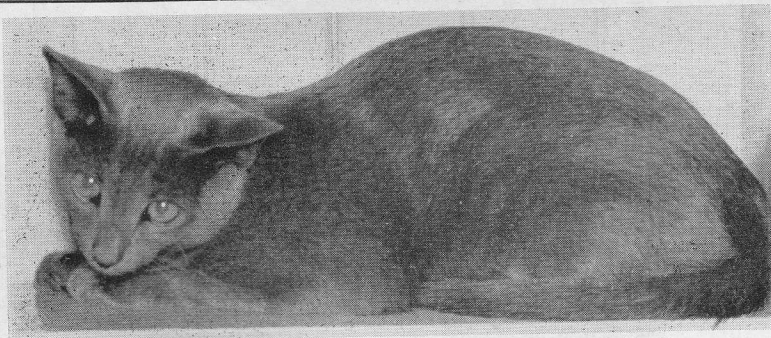
The \$25.00 U. S. Savings Bond for the July Cat Picture of the Month goes to Frank Goldkuhle of White Plains, N. Y., who submitted the pleasing Kitten photo shown here. Mr. Goldkuhle's entry won out over an unusually large number of excellent photographs because of the striking combination of textures—the soft fur of the kitten, the brittle rushes woven in the basket, the fine veins of the leaves—plus the excellent arrangement of the parts of the pictures, and, of course, the interesting expression of the principal subject—the kitten.

Mr. Goldkuhle is an ardent amateur photographer, and while this particular picture is of a domestic short hair, his preferred subjects are Siamese. And to insure a plentiful supply of suitable material he has branched out from photographing Siamese into breeding them. He uses color film almost exclusively, and his prize-winning picture was originally a brilliant color transparency. To enter the contest, however, he made a black and white photo from the color shot, and it is this reproduction which won the prize. (Color shots themselves are not eligible and should not be submitted.)

Whether you are a cat-minded photographer or a photography-minded cat-lover, you are urged to enter at least one or two photos in the remaining five months of the 1951 Cat Picture of the Month Contest, sponsored by Three Little Kittens Cat Food in conjunction with CATS Magazine. Five more \$25.00 Bonds will be awarded, and at the end of the year the Grand Prize of an additional \$100.00 Bond will go to the photo judged "Picture of the Year".

Every cat, every photographer is eligible for the contest. Of the winners so far this year, four have been pure-breds: Abyssinians in January, Persians in February and May, and Siamese in March, but the other three prizes have gone to equally interesting photos of unpedigreed domestic short hairs. Any cat, any good picture idea recorded by any camera can win. The few simple rules appear in CATS Magazine each month, or you may write to CAT CONTEST, P. O. Box 403, Boston 2, Mass., for contest information sheets. Contest entries and all requests for information should be sent direct to the Cat Contest address.

Entries are coming in by the hundreds each month, but Three Little Kittens Cat Food and Cat Magazine want to be sure that every cat photograph of 1951 is given consideration in the search for the Cat-Picture-of-the-Year. Don't wait—take your pictures now—give yourself chance for the total of \$125.00 in bonds which will go to the grand prize winner.



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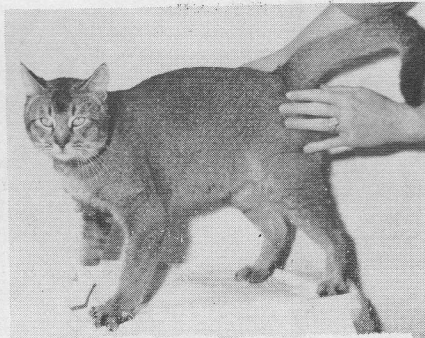
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Mrs. Charny's Group Flocks on Congress

George Dixon, King Features syndicated columnist reports as follows from Washington on Miss Charny's latest efforts in her crusade against cats:

Every member of Congress has just received a communication from an organization in Santa Barbara, Calif., with the fascinating name of Friends of the Birds, Inc.

I am sure Friends of the Birds, Inc., is a worthy organization doing a splendid work, and I would not make fun of it for anything. However, I am completely enchanted by its communication to Congress, if only for the strange way it uses words. For instance, it refers to cats as an "agency."

It also jumps from trees to insects to birds to cats to rats with such nonchalance it is often difficult to determine which is under discussion. For instance there is one place where I can't decide whether it is cats or birds which nest in Canada.

You'll have to figure it out for yourselves. Here's Friends of the Birds, Inc.'s message to Congress:

"Statistics of the forestry division show that losses to forest timber from insects are over eight times as large as losses from fire. Insects also cause an annual loss to U. S. agriculture of \$4,000,000,000. It's on the record that one downy woodpecker in 2½ hours inspected and cleaned up 181 trees of nests of termites that would have destroyed the trees.

"The 'economically perfect' birds are the best protection of forests, and without them agriculture in the U. S. would be impossible. They are being destroyed today to a larger extent by cats than by any other agency.

"Many nest in Canada, which has a drastic cat control law. The young birds on their way south are massacred on a large scale by the huge army of vagrant cats in the U. S., particularly the warblers, arch enemies of aphids, and wonderful tree protectors.

"One warbler disposes of 3300 aphids in 40 minutes. Most of our 'economically perfect' birds are ground or near-ground nesting or feeding, easy prey for the cat, an imported animal, which upset the balance of nature and against which our native birds have no protection.

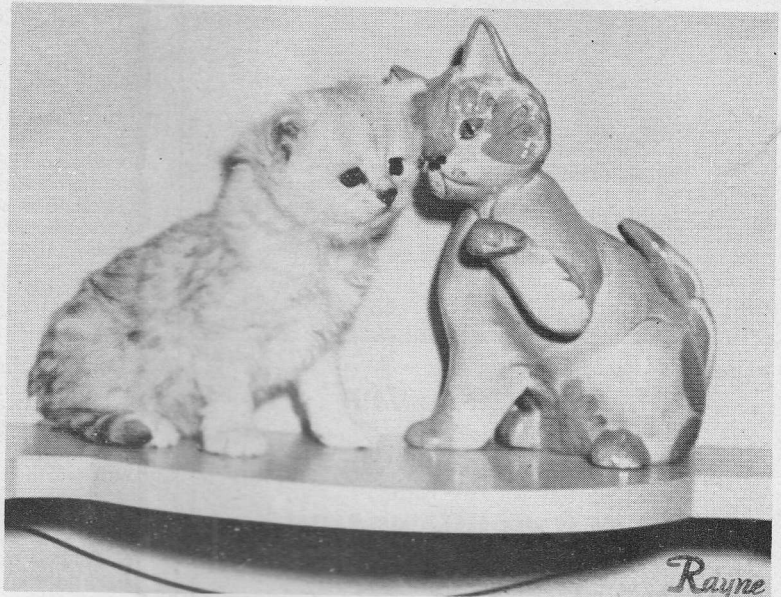
"The U. S. has no law for cats. This is unfair to Canada as well as disastrous to us. It is really a national, in fact an international matter.

"Although most cats are tramps, those that have owners constantly recruit the vagrants, owing to the running at large, the rapid breeding and the dumping.

"The much-vaunted alibi that cats must run at large on account of

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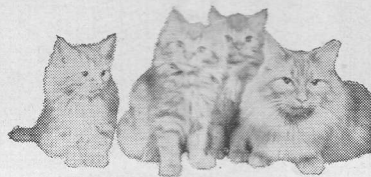
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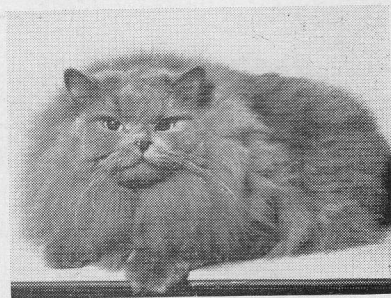
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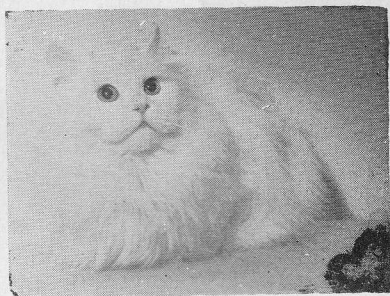
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Behind the Scenes at the Bill Early Productions

On pages twelve and thirteen of this issue of CATS appears a four-act playlet staged, directed, and photographed by Bill Early of Samoa, Humboldt County, California. Its hero is Tuffy, brother of Fluffy, who as our "Bottle-Baby" cover-cat for May created quite a stir in his own right (see Readers Always Write).

Like a Mid-Victorian tale, the story of Bill Early, Tuffy, and Fluffy is one with a moral. "Patience is a virtue", "Virtue is its own reward", "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again",—any one of these might do.

Bill found the cats abandoned on his Samoa porch about a year ago, and after trying unsuccessfully to locate their homes, decided to adopt them himself. Not only did he undertake to adopt, feed and raise them, but he liked the foster parent job so well that he built them the special twin cat-beds and twin cat-canopies complete with drapes which you see in the pictures.

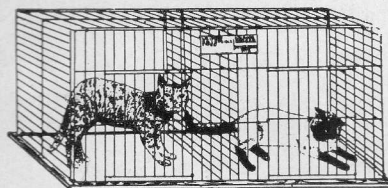
Recently he added three more cats to his "clowder"—so it seems likely his addiction to the felines has become permanent.

Bill was first inspired to teach the children to drink from a bottle when he remember having seen such a stunt pictured in the San Francisco Examiner some 20 years ago. In his words, "It was quite discouraging when I first started to train them to nurse at the bottle. They would chew the nipples like ten cents worth of dog meat and milk would squirt in 14 different directions. One month and many nipples later, they finally got through their little cat skulls what their Daddy wanted". There was some difficulty, too, he tells us, in their getting a toe-hold on the glass bottles, but eventually they mastered that knack as well. It must have been just as hard to train Tuffy to "read" a certain magazine or to "talk" to his boss over the telephone, but somehow Bill accomplished it.

The patience of the cats and the author-trainer-director-photographer really paid dividends, though, in this outstanding series of pictures, and not only that, but now Tuffy and Fluffy their owner tells us, "really look forward to their snack of liquid groceries in an upside-down position."

Despite the time, trouble and hard work it costs him, Bill Early writes us eagerly, "This is fun!", so he seems to be enjoying the fruits of his labor, too. Readers of CATS will enjoy them, we're sure, but we'll wait until you've turned to pages twelve and thirteen for the final verdict.

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ALL SOUTHERN RANKINGS

All Mid-Wests Named 31 CATS GAIN HONORS

1951 All-Midwestern honors for thirty-one outstanding cats of the Middle-West Show World are announced in this issue of CATS magazine. These are the cats who by reason of their number of wins of all kinds as rated by the special CATS magazine system have proved their superiority during the 1950-51 show season. Competition was unusually close this year in most classes, and several surprise winners came through because they had earned a sufficient number of "Best Opposite Sex" wins to overcome a competitor who was tied or who lead them slightly in "Best" ratings.

Geographically, the winners were divided among Ohio with nine, Missouri with eight, and Michigan with six. Minnesota claimed three, Iowa two, and Colorado, Illinois, and Wisconsin one each. Although Ohio and Missouri retained the same first and runner-up position they held last year, other standings by states changed considerably. With thirty-five All-Midwesterns named in 1950, the score stood—Ohio, ten; Missouri, seven; Illinois, six; Michigan, five; Wisconsin, three; Minnesota, two; Iowa and Colorado, one each. Indiana, Nebraska, Kansas, and North and South Dakota failed to place either year.

Leading the Mid-West for Cat of the Year honors is Dbl. Ch. Great Lakes Timothy of Rosemont, Blue Male Long Hair owned by Mrs. Frances Kosierowski. Best Opposite Sex honors will be contested by Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Small's Red Female Long Hair, Grand and Dbl. Champion Smallhurst's Girl of the Sun. Both must now compete against the other top All-Sectionals to determine the Best American Cat for 1951 and the Best Opposite Sex cat.

In number of winners, Mrs. R. H. Hecht with three, leads in 1951 as she has in every year since the All-Sectional and All-American ratings were established in 1947. Exhibitors gaining two winners each are Mrs. Ella Conroy, Mrs. James E. McCain, Mrs. Willard Shy, and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Small.

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I hope I don't have to introduce myself. I am the daughter of Tremunith Montgomery (he sired my half-brother, Dbl. Ch. Knight's Peter Piper, 1947 and 1948 All-American), and I'm sure lucky to have a sire linebred from Dbl. Ch. Siam's Chief Noda Purachatr. Also, I have been in all the magazines—here and in England, and I have been at so many cat shows and won so many nice prizes.

I have many famous relatives, and I am so proud of them—especially my little son you saw last month by Dbl. Ch. Vee Roi's Blue Knight, Shawnee's Lad-O-Nite.

This year I have six beautiful little blues by Ch. Rasna's Ilo of Shawnee, and I know I will be very proud to boast of their wins next year about this time . . . wonder who will be the proud owners?

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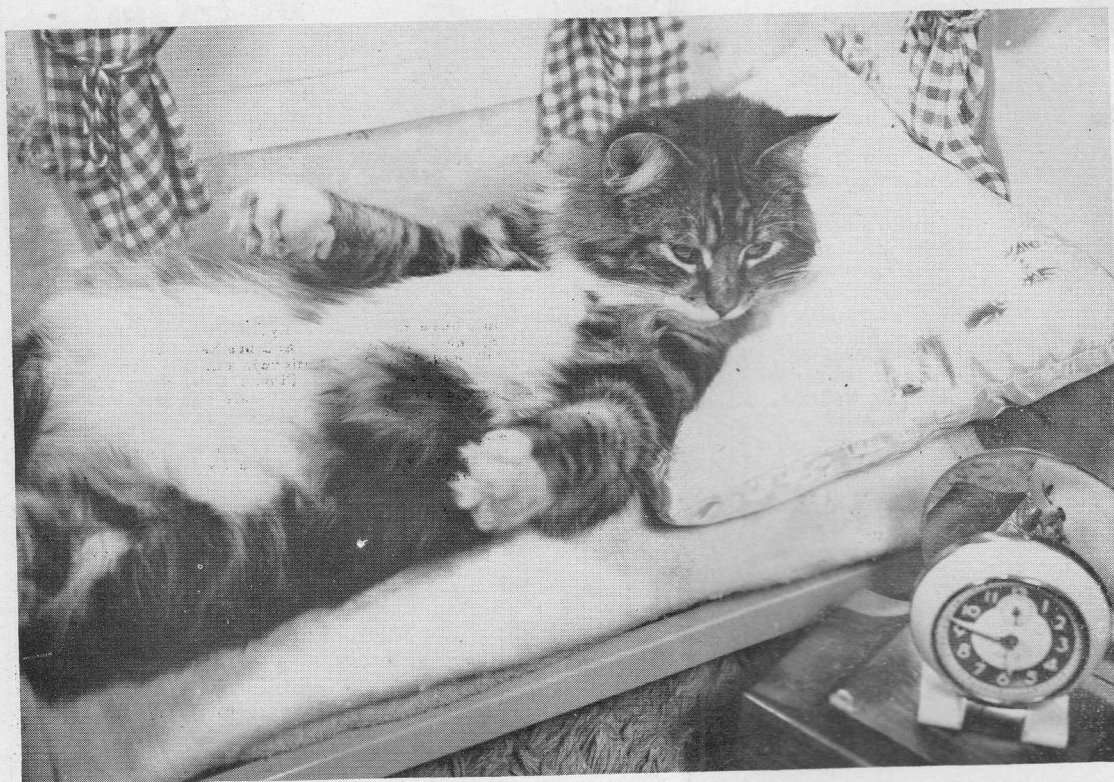
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"Then to take a good look at my favorite magazine and see what's cooking."

And then go right back to sleep.



Good Night



For Story on
Bill Early's
Hobby Cats
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FEW LINES 'BOUT FELINES

Collected by ANNE METCALF

THE TYGER

By William Blake

Tyger! Tyger! burning bright
In the forests of the night.
What immortal hand or eye
Could frame thy fearful symmetry?

In what distant deeps or skies
Burnt the fire of thine eyes?
On what wings dare he aspire?
What the hand dare seize the fire?

And what shoulder, and what art,
Could twist the sinews of thy heart?
And when thy heart began to beat,
What dread hand? and what dread feet?

What the hammer? and what the chain?
In what furnace was thy brain?
What the anvil? what dread grasp
Dare its deadly terrors clasp?

When the stars threw down their spears,
And water'd heaven with their tears,
Did he smile his work to see?
Did he who made the Lamb make thee?

Tyger! Tyger! burning bright
In the forests of the night,
What immortal hand or eye,
Dare frame thy fearful symmetry?

GARDEN BREEZES WALK SOFTLY

(To Lucy and Dudley)

By Guy Bogart

*Garden breezes walk with the padded
softness of my cat.*

*Curved and smooth they stir flowers
and trees to soothing purrs.*

*The wind perhaps is the nine-souled
return of departed kittens.*

GOLDEN FELINES

By Laura Lourene LeGear

The golden girls,
Goldilocks and Marigold,
With shining long Angora curls,
Step satin-soled.
Soft, golden girls,
Angel-gentle, amber eyed—
Yet lithesome yellow grace unfurls
A topaz tide.

It is better to be beautiful than to fetch and carry from the rising to
the setting of the sun.

Agnes Repplier, of her cat Agrippina.

LE CHAT NOIR

By Graham Tomson

Half loving-kindness, and half disdain,
Thou comest to my call, serenely suave,
With humming speech and gracious ges-
ture grave,

In salutation courtly and urbane.
Yet must I humble me thy grace to gain,
For wiles may win thee, but no arts en-
slave,

And nowhere gladly thou abidest save
Where naught disturbs the concord of
thy reign.

Sphinx of my quiet hearth! who deignst
to dwell

Friend of my toil, companion of my ease,
Thine is the lore of Ra and Rameses;
That men forget thou dost remember
well,

Beholden still in blinking reveries,
With sombre, sea-green gaze inscrutable.

God made the cat to give man the
pleasure of caressing a tiger.

Mery

LIL ANGELINA ME TOO

By Martha P. Andrew

Three little white Persian babies
Fluffy and cuddly and new:
We named them Romeo, Figaro,
And Lil Angelina Me Too.

With her angelic expression,
Her plaintive, demanding "Miew"
How could we call her anything else
Then Lil Angelina Me Too?

Her brothers so husky and rugged
Always starting some mischief anew
Can never complete what they're doing
Without Angelina Me Too.

We have a very large family
Of Persians of many a hue:
But the absolute positive cutest
Is Lil Angelina Me Too.

We've smoke ones and black ones and
blue ones,
Of white ones we have quite a few:
But none so demands our attention
As Lil Angelina Me Too.

My knitting's been spilled from the
basket:

"Now who would do that?" I ask,
"Who?"

But I know without anyone's telling
'Twas Lil Angelina Me Too.

For she's hiding right under the table
Peeking up, and so what can I do?
But just take her and pet her and love
her
My Lil Angelina Me Too.

She hasn't a naughty intention
Of getting my things all askew
But naturally she has to do something
That Lil Angelina Me Too.

Besides isn't she the littlest?
Her brothers are bigger and two:
So she has to have extra petting
Lil Angelina Me Too.

Her brothers they simply adore her:
To her bossing they simply say "Pooh".
And good-naturedly let her join in their
games
Their Lil Angelina Me Too.

They may push and shove her around
But she's always right back good as new.
Insisting to mix right into the fun
That Lil Angelina Me Too.

She's quite the boss of the ranch:
Without a bit of ado
She manages to get whatever she wants
Our Lil Angelina Me Too.

EDUCATION

By Oliver Herford

When people think that kittens play,
It's really quite the other way;
For when they chase the Ball or Bobbin,
They learn to catch a Mouse or Robin.

The Kitten, deaf to Duty's call,
Who will not chase the bounding Ball,
A hungry Cathood will enjoy,
The scorn of Mouse, and Bird and Boy.
Contributed by Alice Smith

A CAT

By Jules Lemaitre

(Trans. Agnes Repplier)

Philosopher and comrade, not for thee
The fond and foolish love which binds
the dog;
Only a quiet sympathy which sees
Through all my faults, and bears with
them awhile.
Be lenient still, and have some faith in
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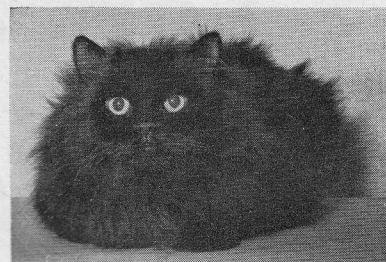
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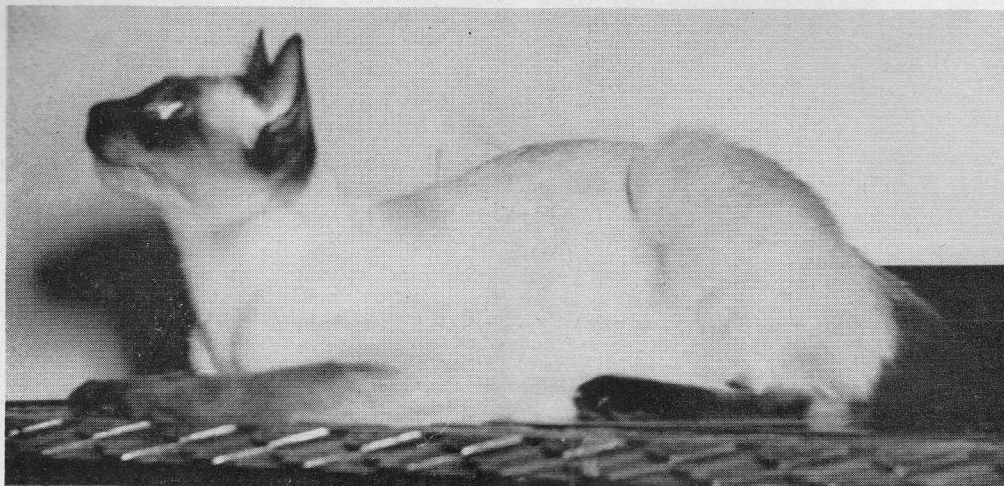
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Two of the cats earning 1951 honors have been All-Midwestern every year since 1947. These are Mrs. R. H. Hecht's B. P. Siamese Male, Dbl. Ch. Vee Roi's Blue Knight and Mr. R. A. Bochow's Smoke Male, Ba-Lo's Jamsey Boy. Vee Roi's Blue Knight was All-American in 1948 and 1949, and Ba-Lo's Jamsey Boy earned this distinction in 1947, 1948, and 1949. Mr. and Mrs. Small's Girl of the Sun has been All-Midwest for four consecutive years—since 1948, and All-American for '48, '49, and '50. Miss Kay M. Thoma's Shaded Silver Male, Ch. Silver Quest Fantasie, was All-Midwest for these same years, and the same ratings were won by Gr. Ch. Guthred of Manx of Glen Orry, Red Tabby Manx owned by the Misses Ruth and Ellen Carlson, who was also 1950 All-American. Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Caldwell's Dbl. Ch. Vee Roi's Ban Shee, S.P. Female, and Mr. and Mrs. Millbeck's Tortie, Dbl. Ch. Dawn's Gypsy Doll were both All-Midwest and All-American in 1950. Three other cats repeating 1950 All-Midwest recognition are Mrs. James E. McCain's Ch. Macca's Slipper, Smoke Female; Mrs. Carl Keller's Shaded Silver Female, Chewanna Sweet Sentiment; and Mrs. T. C. Trent's Red Peke Male, Ch. Siesta Barney Google.

Our congratulations to all the winners. Your cat has established himself as the cat with the best show record for his class, sex and breed in the Middle-West. To all exhibitors, the appreciation and the thanks of every cat lover for your efforts in behalf of the entire cat-world.

CAT TAIL



Milwaukee Police are deciding just where and what they should do about Jimmie Larson, a 'teen age youngster who insists on taking his big black Persian on shopping trips. This cat is the joy of Jimmie Larson's life—he takes him everywhere, to the sand lot baseball practice, mumblety-peg sessions and has a basket on his wheel for riding him on fishing trips to the lake. An older sister named this fellow 'Black Narcissus'. Jimmie thought this name absolutely tops until he found out it was the name of a perfume. When left at home, Narcissus will howl like a banshee. Somehow he has learned to distinguish school days from week-ends. The other

Saturday Jimmie was sent to the store. Half way down the walk he heard Narcissus howling. He dashed back, picked up the appreciative cat and put the leash in his pocket. Now if there is one thing this black boy dislikes is to be carried. He considers it sissy, so he squirmed and twisted until Jimmie put him in harness. When Jimmie arrived at the Grocery store, it was crowded and he was afraid Narcissus would be stepped on. He took his pet outside and fastened him to a parking meter and placed three pennies in meter to be safe. The cat seemed quite satisfied. He immediately sat down and surveyed traffic. Jimmie went back to the store to finish his shopping. When he returned there was a cop eyeing Narcissus in a puzzled manner—Jimmie untied his cat, put an extra penny in the meter and started off. The cop halted him. "Young man, you overparked eleven minutes and there is a violation against you of double parking. That Buick has been here as long as your cat"—"That's O. K.—the Buick has been using my meter, I am the one that paid," Jimmie replied. "And another thing, suppose a dog had come along—how long do you think that cat of yours would last"—the cop stated in his best authoritative man-

ner. "I guess you do not know my cat"—Jimmie replied with equal authority. "Why he could lick any dog twice his size even if he is tied"—. There is one of Milwaukee's finest who is taking quite a ribbing from his brother officers, when he enters the station he is greeted with meows, cat-calls and yowls. The Lieutenant is now referred to as the Maharajah Nabob of his precinct.

Have you read that new, and I mean new—book called 'Scratchy' by John Parke—? It is written with brilliant imagination of a cat who left a place he didn't like and found a home perfect beyond his dreams. Altogether a charmingly told tale. It is almost as good as 'The Story of Serapina' by Anne H. White, which pictures a cat who adopted a family and life was never the same afterwards. What fun it was to have a cat for a baby sitter, kitchen maid and ball-player. A very delightful book indeed.

Elsie May Woods, Canyon City, Oregon, air-mails me of a birthday party her little daughter had. Daughter Jean is six years and is more or less a Disc-jockey. She has her own phonograph, given her by her grandmother who says it is much too expensive for a mere baby. Jean invited six little friends, not one of them knew the others—they were from small towns near the Woods home. The table was decorated with favors, cakes

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By Martha L. Zecher

"Little cat lost"—who cares? With the cat population overflowing all boundaries, what is the homesick agony of one cat more or less? But this cat is Petey.

This is Petey, whose harum scarum little mother was unexpectedly given a royal accouchement in a clean bed in my house, instead of in the store where she lived, whose babies were welcomed and petted, and whose little golden son Petey, never did go to live in the store, but remained in comfort and kitten-luxury for four years. Then one winter afternoon he disappeared.

It was a Thursday in January when he begged so hard to go out, though it was too cold for golden cats to remain long away from the warmth of home. In vain I called as his feeding time came and went, and the evening darkened into night. Round his familiar haunts we searched, calling, listening, telephoning here and there to advise those who knew him that he was lost. But no least meow nor golden glint rewarded our efforts.

At long last it was Friday, and still no sign. Put an ad in the local newspaper, call the SPCA—Has a yellow and white male cat been picked up? Will you notify me if he is? Keep him for me if he is alive, but call me in any case. Enlist the children next—a reward if you find Petey. Friday's cold darkness settled down. "Oh it's only a little cat lost. I had one that went away just like yours, and I never saw him again from that day to this!"—Job's comforters all. "I think I saw a yellow cat—it went that way. But it was not Petey."

Saturday, and we are almost reconciled now. To the best of our knowledge he has not been killed, or caught in any obstruction. He is gone as cats before him have gone, and as cats will go from time to time. If there is any hope of his being found, we have contacted the proper agencies. There is nothing more to do, nothing but to listen and to call softly; softly or the neighbors will laugh at such concern for a mere cat. It's like losing a member of the family, but who cares? It's just a little cat lost.

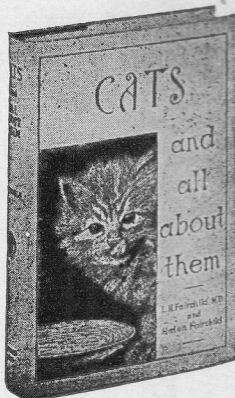
For the third day the cold darkness settled down, and one could not repress a fleeting thought—is Petey cold somewhere? It's nearly bedtime and no faintest sound has broken the stillness. Then with deliberate movement I rose saying "There's Petey" and being laughed at for my foolishness—indeed laughing at myself. I had heard nothing. But I went to the door and sent my familiar call out into the night, once and again, and so far away as to be almost inaudible came a faint high-pitched mew. Closer it came, getting louder and more desperate, a repeated "Mew! Mew! Mew!" of nightish quality, and suddenly Petey was on my feet, his golden fur a mass of coal dust, his voice hoarse from crying, his



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Loved, fed, cleaned, and comforted, Petey walked around the familiar rooms, patted his toys but quite unable to play with them, folded his paws to sleep, and leaped awake with a cry of terror. Days passed before Petey recovered and dared believe he was safe at home. But he has forgotten now for five more years have passed, and sleek and golden he glides about the house, the proud possessor of everything and every one in it including Melody the little dog.

Was it worth it—you who caught the stranger and shut him in your cellar? It was an easy way to get a cat, taking a pet wearing collar and bell. But what satisfaction was there in the stranger's fear when he fled from you, refused food, cried constantly, escaped at the first opportunity? Did you hear his pitiful cries as he made his way home, and did they haunt you for the needless cruelty you inflicted on an animal who was neither lost nor in need of help? Had you given him the chance, he would have explored a little, then gone quietly home, but your selfishness trapped him. Oh I know he was just a "little cat lost" and worth nothing in money, but you would be a better man or woman if you learned to respect the fear and homesickness of a little animal, gave him his freedom, and knew the satisfaction of having helped him return home, and be a "little cat found."



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MRS. M. E. TURNERBryn Ayrton
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and candles, ice-cream and nuts and the party was from three to five. Even a local photographer was there to get a social item for his paper, The Blue Mountain Eagle. Jean's party made the front page. Each guest had brought her a record and it was "I Tut I Taw a Puddy Tat".

Out in Sacramento, California, little Ruth Lawson was given a small black Persian cat-baby by her god-mother. Now Ruthie was five—and had just entered Kindergarten. The teacher asked each child in the room to stand up and tell about the pets. Ruth's hand went up first—Marco Polo is bee-u-tee-ful, she stated, he is my very own too—and he purrs just like a music-box. What kind of a cat is Marco Polo, asked the teacher. Ruthie thought a moment, My brother Laurence says he is 'The—the-opi-un'—the teacher looked startled. Tell your big brother to write out the kind of a cat your pet is and we will do some research tomorrow. The next day Ruthie handed in a paper stating that the kitten was black—so he was an Ethiopian. Laurence further suggested they do some research on Cat's-eyes, Cat-Tails, Cathamarans, Catagories, Catapults and Catnip. (Laurence was first year High).

Out in Utah, John Allen, from Bingham Canyon, Salt Lake County, writes that he has been given a lovely Siamese boy. This kitty-cat comes from down Texas way. There is quite a bit of excitement in the Allen home as to what this cat baby is to be called. Johnnie thinks as long as it comes from the Lone Star State, and it is to be his very own personal property that he should name him and has decided that the 'Lone Ranger' would be quite the thing. But every night when Dad comes home he inquires all the latest news of 'Scat'—!

In the state of Vermont, Square-Dancing is having quite a vogue. In fact there are several schools teaching this folk art. On the Connecticut river in the east-central section there is a Club that goes in for this dancing in a big way. One of the 'Callers' brings with him each night his seal point Siamese who sits on

the table by the mike. This Siamese will take it all in his stride, never making a sound, there is nothing that will upset his dignity unless someone calls for 'Turkey in the Straw'—then Banshee will raise his voice in an cery, weird wail of protest. Amos Callahan, the owner of Banshee, says that is the only dance that the cat dislikes.

Johanna Simpson writes me from Columbus, Ohio, that her little daughter seven years of age has attended three church weddings recently and is quite thrilled over all the details and is rather sad there are to be no weddings in her immediate family. Mary-lee has a blue Persian queen named Lorna Doon who was mated to Peter Bell a next door neighbor. Mary-lee called the local home paper (Citizen), asked for the Society editor and gave her this item. 'Miss Lorna Doon Simpson was married today to Mr. Peter Bell, only the immediate family were present.' The Simpsons are in the Social Register. A Citizen photographer was sent out to get some pixs. Mary-lee's mother was as surprised as anyone else but Lorna Doon made the front page with a nice write-up too.

TORTIE

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should be of the color of that patch. Red appears to be the most elusive of the three colors, and in many instances the so-called Red is really a Brown.

Offsprings of a mating of a Tortoiseshell (female) with a Solid Color male usually results in Solid Color kittens, with an occasional Tortie.

Interest in Tortoiseshells is on the increase as borne out by the fact that during the past year there have been several successful Tortie and Tabby specialty events held in connection with the All-Breed events.

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New Factor in Wheat Germ Oil

Cat owners and breeders will benefit from the findings of three University of Illinois scientists who have been studying the effects of the feeding of wheat germ oil and various other oils on the survival of litters of laboratory animals.

On a diet containing a synthetic fat the investigators found that the mothers could raise absolutely none of their young, while when wheat germ oil was substituted as a fat source, the mothers raised 88½% of their litters successfully.

The study therefore proves that there is some factor in wheat germ oil, not yet identified, which is essential to the survival and well-being of baby animals. The three workers from the University College of Agriculture believe that the new substance, still unnamed, may be a new vitamin or a material that helps some known vitamin do its work. While it probably occurs quite widely, it is known to be present in effective quantity in wheat germ oil. These scientists are working now to isolate the new substance and then describe it chemically.

The tests were conducted by feeding to three groups of females (for a period extending before and after the birth of the young) diets identical in all respects except that for one group the fat source was the synthetic fat glyceryl trilaurate, for another it was wheat germ oil, and for the third corn oil.

On the glyceryl trilaurate diet, 108 litters were born, but not one single animal lived to weaning age. All of them died before reaching 9 days of age. However, when two and one-half per cent of

wheat germ oil was added to the base ration, 47 litters were born and 88½ percent of them lived to weaning age.

The survival rate on the control group of 55 litters fed corn oil as a fat source was 60%. Corn oil is more highly purified than wheat germ oil which indicates that as crude fats are chemically purified, the new factor affecting livability may be either lost or destroyed.

In addition to the newly discovered survival factor, wheat germ oil was previously known to contain a hormone which stimulates ovulation, and it has a sex hormone activity equivalent to significant amounts of estrone and testosterone. It thus has proved of value in increasing the fertility of mature animals as well as insuring maximum survival of the young.

These findings by the scientists only bear out what cat owners and other animal breeders using wheat germ oil have learned from their own experience. The value of wheat germ oil for these purposes has long been known, and since it is one of the world's richest substances in the important reproductive vitamin E many authorities have tried to attribute its results solely to its vitamin content. Now, however, these new findings prove that the success of animal breeders in the use of wheat germ oil has been due not so much to that as to the mysterious new factors whose presence have at last been proved.

Viobin Corporation, makers of Rex Wheat Germ Oil is assisting the University of Illinois in the wheat germ oil study which began in 1948.

"FRIENDS OF BIRDS"

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rats has been disproved by top authorities. Non-native cats were brought over in ships, in which were stow-aways—rats, also non-native.

"In the long-ocean voyages the cats had ample time and opportunity to get the rats. If they did, this country wouldn't be overrun with rats."

"Cat lovers, what have you got to say to these charges?" concludes Mr. Dixon.

Yes, from her failures in Illinois and California, Miss Charny and her "Friends of Birds" now feel competent to flock on Washington. While her whole campaign and especially this most recent letter has its humorous side as Mr. Dixon shows, let us not lose sight of its serious aspects. Similarly ridiculed fanatics have had frightening success in many fields, simply because the people they threatened most failed to take them seriously.

We of the cat-world cannot afford to sit on the side-lines and laugh at Miss Charny's misguided efforts no matter how funny they seem. Our representatives in Congress must know of our opposition, or they, like the legislators of Illinois, may believe that in favoring Miss Charny's inhuman project they are actually acting in accordance with the wishes of the people back home.

Dr. Guy Bogart in his article on page 18 of May CATS foresaw this possi-

bility and thoroughly discusses means of dealing with it.

The best action any of us can take to combat this latest tactic, is to sit down and write letters—even short notes will do—telling our Senators and Congressmen in Washington that as cat-lovers we deplore the campaign of the Friends of Birds and trust that they as our representatives will thoroughly investigate Miss Charny's unfounded claims before taking any action on her proposed legislation. Let's keep those birds away from Washington.

A nation-wide club of Siamese cat owners to be affiliated with the C. F. F., with specialty shows staged in conjunction with all-breed events, is being organized by Mrs. Florence Leopold, 33 Keystone Ave., Upper Darby, Pa. Interested breeders are requested to write the organizer.

ANNA M. RAY

Miss Anna M. Ray, of Cleveland, Ohio, died at Detwiler Memorial Hospital, Wadsworth, Ohio, June 7, 1951, after a long illness.

Miss Ray was long an A.C.A. Judge. She was well-liked, and her judgment and knowledge were appreciated by all the breeders and exhibitors who knew her. For several months before her death she made her home with Mrs. R. J. Pardee of Delta, Ohio.

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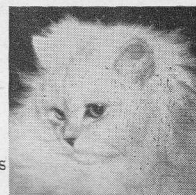
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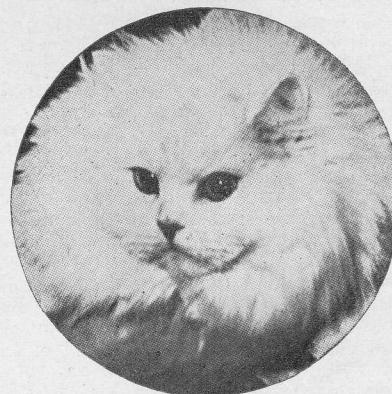
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The London Times, the New York Times, and even Time magazine are having quite a time for themselves over finding a noun to apply to an assembly of cats. Letter-writing etymologists have given cat-lovers their choice of "clowder of cats", and a "kendle of kittens" and present evidence to show that these are good English words which have been in use for several centuries. At any event, the NATIONAL SIAMESE CAT CLUB has made it official, and has announced that on August 25 their annual "KYNDYLL" (an assembly of young cattis—says the Boke of St. Albans printed in 1486), kitten-match to those not up on their "bokes", will be held at the home of Mrs. CLAIRE O'BRYON in Scarsdale, N. Y. An altogether fetching announcement—may it help to add these interesting words to our present day usage.

In both Norfolk, Virginia and Levittown, N. Y., kittens have gotten in the news lately because they have been adopted by dogs. At Norfolk, SKEE, a male terrier, brought an abandoned week-old kitten home to his owners, MR. and MRS. ROBERT E. BORKOSKI, and now is taking great interest in seeing that it is brought up right. CINDY LOU is a cocker owned by MRS. EDWARD KONOP of Levittown, and when Mr. Konop brought home three kittens whose mother had been killed, Cindy Lou lost all interest in the Konops and paid strict attention to seeing that the kittens were well-warmed, cleaned, and cared for. Both families are coming along nicely, we hear . . . SISTER MARY ROMANUS, R.S.M. of the Mercy Hospital is already at work at National Cat Week Chairman for Durango, Colorado. She writes, "My mother once told me that when I was a small girl, three or four years old, I came home one day with a large, strange cat in my arms, so you see, I have always been fond of them."

Indications of a splendid 1951-52 show season are already being seen. Last month CATS carried announcements of the two Canadian shows at Toronto and Vancouver, both of which will be held this year on August 27, 28, and 29. And the Genesee Cat Fanciers and North Texas Cat Club have both announced their shows to be held in November and December. CATS will carry complete show schedules starting in September . . . Maybe it isn't betraying confidence to say that DR. LEON F. WHITNEY, whose recent volume, "The Complete Book of Home Pet Care," is said to have enjoyed the widest sale of any similar work yet published, is preparing a new cat book. He has written to a reader of CATS: "When the cat book is out, I think you'll enjoy the chapter on heredity. I've spent a lot of time assembling all that is known scientifically about cat inheritance and then translating it into layman's language so anyone can know what to expect from any given mating." . . . MISS WINNIE SHAFFER of Mt. Carmel, Pennsylvania, has a cat, KITTY, who likes fish and seems to know how they're caught—she has learned to dig up fishworms and deposits them on Miss Shaffer's front porch. A true friend of the fishermen of Mt. Carmel . . . On a road fifteen miles or so from Charlotte, N. C., JIM MORAN was driving along when he saw a cat which appeared to be injured. He stopped to pick it up, but the cat who didn't want to take a chance on a stranger ran under the car and vanished. Jim got down on the ground to look underneath, and finally saw it perched on a rear spring right next to the axle. Calling, coaxing, mewing, threatening did no good: the cat refused to come out or to let anyone touch it and it looked so badly injured that Jim was afraid he'd hurt it if he used force. But there was nothing he could do there, and Jim had to be on his way, so taking a good look to see that the cat was free of any moving parts of the car, Jim drove the fifteen miles to Charlotte and found a policeman. The officer couldn't first believe his eyes, but took a good look at the cat and at the blood on the ground; "Better take him to a veterinarian," was the advice of the law, so on to the LEWIS ANIMAL HOSPITAL, with the cat still holding on as if he'd ridden rear axles all his life. There Dr. Lewis and his assistant made a preliminary examination, got a large cloth, and with little trouble had the patient from under the car to the top of their examination table. "A broken leg, a cut mouth, but he'll be all right," the doctor assured Moran.

As for keeping active in one's old age, there's another cat down in North Carolina—SUSIE, owned by the C. T. Rader family of Chesterfield community, who deserves attention. Susie was twenty-three in December—well over a hundred by human standards—and has lost all her teeth, yet she still takes full responsibility for keeping the Rader grocery store free from rats. Her claws are still long and sharp, and she uses them with fatal effect on any rat bold enough to think he can stake a claim anywhere in Susie's territory. She has kept the store and Rader home free of rats for many years and when things are slow on her side of the fence feels free to cross the highway to a neighbor's store and other homes for a neighborly deed and the sport of doing a little rat killing. Retire? "None of that Social Security for me," says Susie. "I like my work too well to quit now, and besides, there isn't a youngster in the place could do half the job I'm doing." And, sure enough, the Rader's say, she's right . . . TWENTY-TWO cats are twenty too many if you don't like them JUDGE THOMAS J. MURPHY decided in the divorce suit of MRS. C. VENETTA MACDONALD of Garden City, Mich. Her husband acquired the cats soon after they were married and preferred them to her, Mrs. MacDonald charged. They were married September 22, 1945, and separated two years and twenty-two cats later.

"Cat Runs Wild in Home, Fights Off 3 Men", is the way the Buffalo Courier Express headlined a recent story. When CHARLES E. DOTZLER came home about 11:00 o'clock one night his children told him that a stray cat had gotten into the house and refused to leave. "I got a broom and went after him," Dotzler says, but instead of leaving, the cat went after Dotzler. He started running through the house, tore down a pair of curtains in the living room and more in the kitchen, knocked a mirror off the wall, and finally settled himself behind the television set. At this point Dotzler admitted that he didn't understand cats, so gave up and called the police. Even when two husky officers arrived, the cat showed no willingness to surrender his squatters rights, but sneered and spit at them for several minutes. Finally, though, outnumbered, tired, and probably remembering he was late for a date, the cat noticed an open window and with a final glance of disdain left the ruined house and the baffled Dotzlers forever.

It has been announced that Shipping charges for a cat from England to the United States are scheduled to rise five per cent to bring the rate to approximately 25 Pounds (\$71.50, USA), plus 5 per cent insurance per cat.

In Ottawa, Canada, an ordinary household pet cat recently gave birth to five kittens all of which were joined together at the middle. The freak litter was reported by an Ottawa veterinarian, who said that the kittens would not survive, and they could not be separated by surgery. Name of the cat was Mathilde. She had great difficulty feeding the kittens until their death.

In the June "Back Fence" we mentioned the organization of a new Short Hair Club in El Paso, Texas. MRS. C. C. STRANGE tells us that the club is the old El Paso Cat Club reorganized, and is now known as the El Paso Short Hair Cat Council. Founded in January, it already has seventy members and is still growing.

Two British house pets, TIM, the cat and SANDY, the dog sit across from each other before a checkerboard, where they nudge the checkers with their snouts, much to the merriment of their owner's friends . . . WHITEY, a mother cat of Syracuse, N. Y., saved four of her five kittens from the blaze which destroyed her mistress' home. The fifth kit was brought safely by one of the firemen. After the smoke cleared away, WHITEY disappeared with her quintet . . . JOSEPHINE BAKER, St. Louis-born sepia dancing star, now on a tour of America, who took out French citizenship and calls a 14th century castle her home, travels with five trunks, two dozen suitcases, a French husband, and three Persian cats named HARLEM, FLUFFY and BEAUTY.

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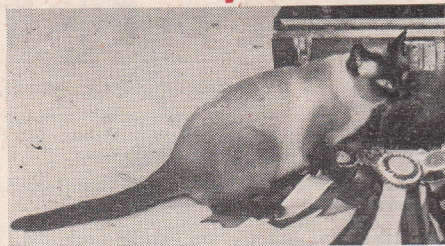
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