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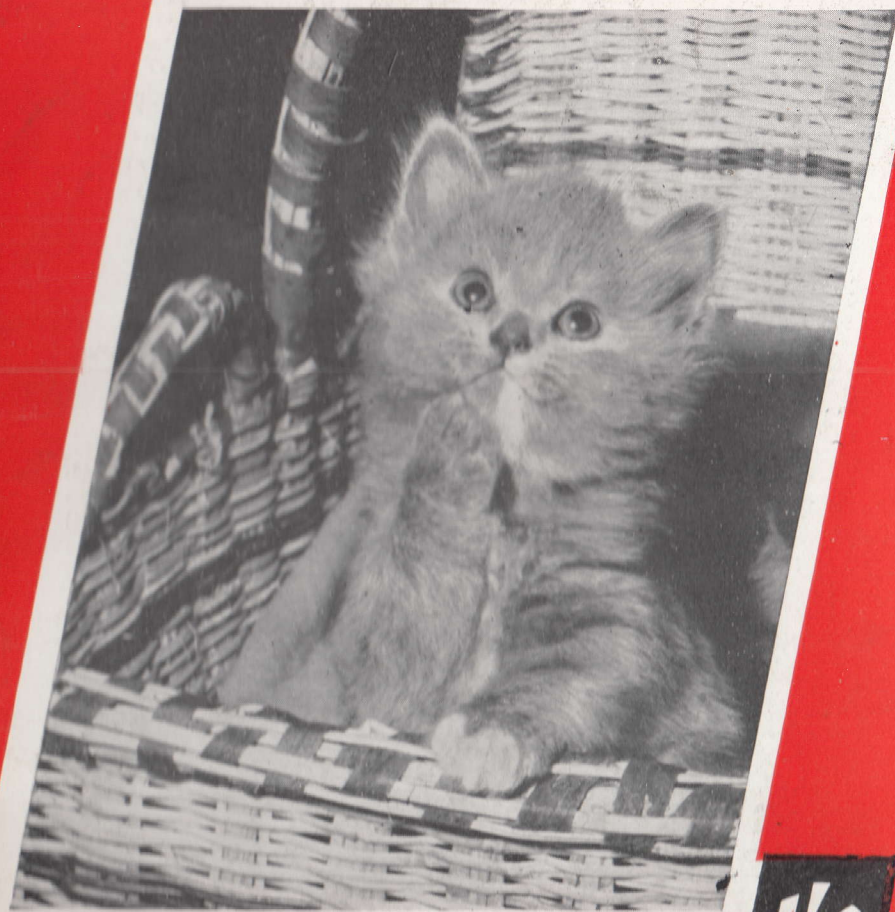
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MELODY, in contemplative pose, is one of the much  
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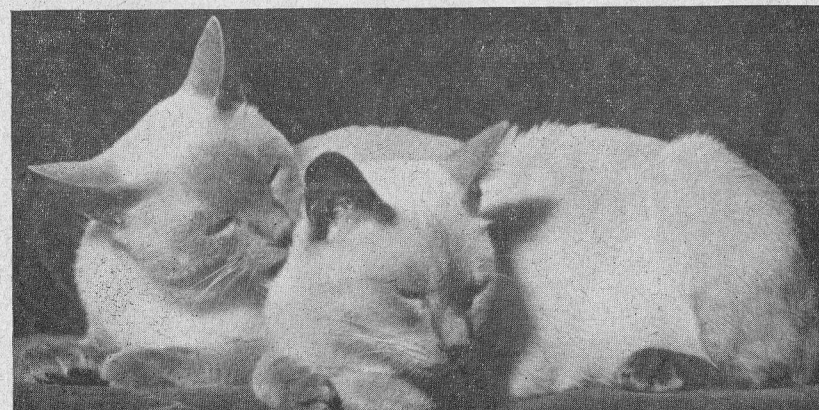
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## A.G.M. of the Abyssinian Cat Club

**W**HEN members of the Abyssinian Cat Club met for their recent Annual General Meeting they rose and stood in silence as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Miss Helen Hill Shaw, "Grand Old Lady of the Cat Fancy." The President, the Lady Barnard, occupied the chair and over 30 members were present.

It was announced that the Committee had not been able to find a successor to the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer (Mr. Harold W. Basnett), who wishes to be relieved from his office. Mr. Basnett agreed to carry on to the best of his ability and circumstances until a successor is appointed.

The list of Abyssinian judges was overhauled and the following were approved: Miss V. Basnett, Miss D. K. Beckett,

Mrs. L. France, Mrs. Elsie Kent, Miss E. Langston, Mr. F. Norris, Rev. B. Rees, Mrs. L. K. Sayers, Mrs. E. Simmonds, Mrs. Joan Thompson, Mrs. K. R. Williams, Miss K. Wilson, Miss K. Yorke and Mr. H. W. Basnett.

The Officers of the Club are now: President, The Lady Barnard; Vice-Presidents, Miss N. Richardson and Mr. Sam Woodiwiss; Chairman, Rev. Basil Rees; Vice-Chairman, Mr. T. S. Denham; Committee: Mrs. C. C. Baines, Mrs. H. Denham (also elected Delegate to the Governing Council), Mrs. I. A. Earnshaw, Mrs. V. Major, Mrs. E. Simmonds and Miss M. Wrightson.

Consideration of the Foundation Book was postponed as insufficient time was left for the members to discuss thoroughly such a complex subject.



**SUNSET, the kitten mascot, looking for all the world like a porcelain figure, insists on being in the picture at this musical evening with Nan Coton (at the piano), Joan Beech (centre) and three members of their Braavleis Quartet. Now read about Sunset and his owners in the article which starts below.**

## Refugees from Mau Mau

**W**HEN song writers Nan Coton and Joan Beech visited the Crystal Cat Show at Olympia in 1950 they little dreamed that it would be the start of a series of adventures for them. Being keen cat lovers, they enjoyed looking at the lines of feline aristocrats on show. They chatted with breeders, voted for Stonor Spiv, the National Savings cat, who was elected "Everybody's Cat," and eventually came away with a little bundle of fur which took their fancy.

The kitten they purchased was a close relative of Stonor Spiv, a blue-cream with attractive colouring bred by Miss G. Sladen, who is so well known for her Manx cats. The kitten was christened Sunset and later was joined by another Stonor recruit, this time a British Blue male, a

brother of Stonor Spiv and a grandson of Blue Sausage, who became duly registered as Beechcote Smoky.

In 1951, Nan Coton's mother was taken seriously ill in Nairobi and so the little party of four travelled out there by air. The two cats soon became well known in Kenya. They inspired Nan and Joan to write a catchy song "My Kitten's Got Rhythm" and a fantasy entitled "How the Cat Got It's Mia-ow." Sunset was always a musical cat and loved to sit on the piano. So when her kittens arrived they were given musical names — Symphony, Rhythm, Melody, Harmony, Nocturne and so on.

Then over the happy scene, there fell the black shadow of Mau Mau, with its horrific symbol of a crucified cat. Nan and Joan

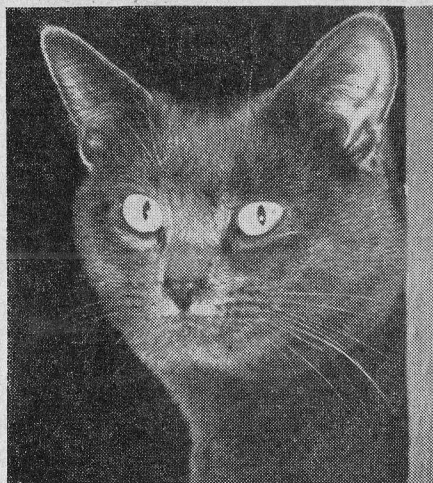


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We reported in our February issue that the Isle of Man Manx Cat Association was in process of formation. It will work to encourage the breeding of the Island's popular cat, the "Rumpie." The Association's little group of pioneers is shown in our picture; they are (reading from left to right) Mr. Teare, Mrs. Twining, Mr. A. Quayle, Mrs. Lace, Mr. D. Kerruish (Chairman), Mr. Cave, Mr. N. S. Twining (Hon. Secretary), Mr. Cannell and Mr. Lace. Three fine "Rumpies" are also present!



soon had good cause for becoming alarmed at what they saw and heard. They laid on plans to guard their feline family which by now had become somewhat large. They also did their best to rescue other cats from an awful fate. But one little black kitten, Magique, was discovered strung up by his paws and in a terribly weak condition. Only after many weeks of careful nursing has he been restored to health and the wonder is that he has regained some confidence in human kindness.



Poor BEEHCOTE SMOKY was a victim of Mau Mau cruelty.

The final blow fell when Beechcote Smoky was found with his head smashed. Nan and Joan made a decision on the spot—it was to return to England with the whole of the Beechcote family and the cats they had rescued. The embalmed remains of Smoky were later conveyed by air to England in a special coffin and buried at the P.D.S.A. cemetery at Wanstead.

After having approached practically all the air and shipping

lines, they discovered that special flight was due to leave Nairobi carrying mostly freight on which it would be possible to take all the cats and kittens. As three mothers produced kittens just before leaving, the feline party numbered 29 in all!

#### Milk 10/- a Pint

Special crates were built to fit the cabin of the aircraft and seats were removed to carry the precious burden. Food and milk were ordered in advance at the two night stops, Wadi Haifa and Malta. At Wadi Haifa the bill for the "food"—which consisted of some very tough meat and two pints of milk—came to over five pounds. Milk was 10s. a pint to begin with!

At Malta, an official came out to greet the cats and their owners—Sunset and Smoky were remembered from the outward journey of the previous year—and arrangements were made for the cats to be taken off the aircraft and accommodated in one of the airport offices. This temporary freedom after two days' travelling was greatly enjoyed.

On their arrival in England, the cats and their owners were officially welcomed by a representative of a firm of carrying agents and the whole party was smoothly transported to the quarantine kennels at Hackbridge, where special arrangements had to be made to accommodate this large family. Old kennels were hurriedly renovated and the Beechcote cats were able to occupy one large house.

Since they have had time in which to settle down after their adventures Nan Coton and Joan Beech have interested themselves in the quarantine regulations and

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## Focus on Kittens

By KATHLEEN YORKE

**Being the second and final instalment on the seasonal subject of kitten rearing and management. Follow these tips and you will be well on the way to having healthy litters.**

LAST month's instalment ended with the kittens having reached the fifth week stage. Now they will be looking round to see what mother is eating. So put her food up on a table so that the kittens cannot get to it. Start the kits eating steamed or lightly boiled fish at six weeks old, about a good teaspoonful to start with once a day plus two little milk feeds. Some people mash in wheat flakes with the fish; it is very good for the kittens.

At eight weeks, if you can get rabbit, boil it very gently until tender, pick from the bone and give this occasionally. Also, for a change, some scraped raw horse-flesh is splendid, but it must be of the "for human consumption" kind. The other sort is dangerous and will set up all kinds of internal troubles.

To develop the jaw and help the teeth through, I always give a good-sized piece of raw meat. It provides exercise for the kittens and helps their digestion; so, too, does a large chop bone with some meat on it. When the kits tire, take the pieces from them and cut them up for mother's supper, collect any bones and burn them.

Watch should now be kept for the cutting of teeth, which starts for the second teeth about 3½ to 4 months and goes on often to 7 months, when all teeth should be through. Some kittens go through this period very quickly and are not at all upset. Others may take longer and get sore mouths. If a kit is off its food, look in the mouth, and if the gums look inflamed and tender, bathe them with warm water to which you

have added T.C.P. A kitten will often eat immediately after this treatment. T.C.P. is safe and effective in many ways.

Sometimes two teeth will be in the same place and the old one is not able to fall out, thus causing a lot of pain. Try to work out the old tooth, bathing the gum with T.C.P., which deadens the pain and acts as a healer.

If a big litter, the kittens should be weaned at 8 to 9 weeks. Do this gradually otherwise it is very hard on the mother and her milk glands will harden and cause her suffering. Take her away for a few hours at a time each day and each day or two make the break a little longer. Put the mother back at night. Then take her away at night and return her to her kittens for a short while in the morning, so that should she have any milk the kits can suckle it away. They should never suckle her after they have eaten meals nor should they have a milk feed for at least four hours after a meat meal. This routine prevents acidity and consequent digestive troubles.

#### Introduction to Grooming

When the mother is taken away for the night give a late little feed of Benger's, Midlothian Oat Flour or Farex and milk to satisfy them, as up to now the kittens have been feeding from her at least once during the night. This last feed will help keep them from being too hungry in the morning.

You will find that after a week to ten days the kittens will have settled down and that the mother will not want to feed them. She will naturally want to clean and play with them. Some mothers are terribly upset when taken from their



babies. You must then try to keep her with you as much as possible, making a great fuss of her but preventing her from seeing the kittens. It is always a sad time when you have to part them.

Just a few final words of advice on the important subject of grooming. You should start grooming kittens at an early age so that in later life they will not resent it. There must be no harsh brushing and combing. Take a kit in your lap, let it play with the brush or comb or a woolly toy whilst you carefully groom the frill, back, sides, tummy and tail. Hold each leg up and comb under to keep any fur from matting. If this is done daily, they will learn to expect and appreciate it.

With a piece of clean cotton wool for each kitten, wipe each eye and each ear out and occasionally dab the wool on boracic powder before doing the ears. This keeps them clean and free from grease.

At eight weeks old, give homœopathic

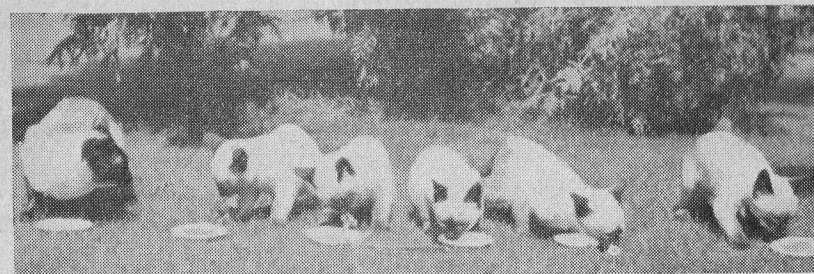
cina-anth drops in case of worms. All kittens should have this. Mrs. Brunton told me of this precautionary treatment several years ago and I have handed it on to others. Give the dose in the morning when the kitten's tummy is empty, having left no food about during the night. No starving is necessary. Doses are : 8 weeks, 2 drops ; 10 weeks, 3 drops ; 3 months, 4 drops ; 4 to 6 months, 5 drops ; 7 months, 6 drops ; 10 months and over, 7 or 8 drops. These doses should be given three consecutive days before breakfast. Repeat in a week, then give fortnightly up to 4½ months, then monthly or as required.

Veterinary surgeons now have tablets which save any withholding of meals overnight. These are given according to the weight of the cat or kitten. *Never* worm them unless you have the advice of your vet., kittens have been lost through ignorance on this important point and it is always wise to call in expert advice.



Brian L. Smith

**A lively basketful of Cream Longhair kittens bred by Mrs. Nash, Banstead, Surrey. "Little Mo," perched erect on the left of the picture, was a first prize winner at the 1952 Crystal Cat Show at Olympia.**



**Individual lunches in the garden for five bonny Siamese kittens by Doneraile Dekho ex Doneraile Bette. Photograph from breeder Mrs. H. Challoner of Alford, Aberdeenshire.**

It is most important also to keep cats and kittens free from fleas. Anæmia is caused through these pests sucking into the skin and drawing away blood, and if it is not stopped it will cause the death of a kitten. I have seen, though fortunately not very often, a kitten's coat choked with flea dirt and fleas, and when I have pointed this out to the owners they have said that they never noticed it ! It is a disgraceful thing to allow a kitten to get into this state. The coat is harsh and short and takes a long time to get right and the health of the kitten suffers in no uncertain manner.

### Dosing for Worms

Worms are also caused through fleas. The kitten cleans itself, licking through the fur and biting into the body to stop irritation, swallows the flea and thus the cycle of the tapeworm starts. As long as kittens have worms they will never have healthy insides, grow strong, or have long, soft-textured coats.

I always dose my cats three times a year and they are always healthy and clean internally and externally. If you see kittens with diarrhoea it is nearly always caused by worms and not by wrong feeding.

As your kittens grow up, increase the size of their meals and if they eat them up quickly you can give still more. If some is left, give a little less for the next feed. Boiled rice is very good for kittens and mixed with their fish or rabbit is very much appreciated.

I would like to stress here the great benefit of barley water as a drink for all felines. Make it fresh each day and let the kittens have access to it at all times. Water is a necessity for all animals and with barley water you are helping to keep kidneys and bladder free from troubles in later life.

I have heard of a lot of bladder trouble during the past twelve months. I know that an American veterinarian recommends rain water for drinking purposes. Distilled water can be procured and might be preferred. I am using this now for my own cats and hope to help prevent the loss of any of them from troubles arising from stones, gravel, etc., in the bladder. I lost two very dearly loved pets a few months ago from trouble of this kind, one an entire male, the other a neuter.

If the rain or distilled water is not taken readily at first, a little glucose could be added to make it more palatable. And always put it in a shallow bowl for the kittens.

Where studs are kept, it is advisable to always have on hand some form of medication. A veterinary surgeon will always let you have a supply of some tablets or liquid to use regularly, or when needed. I say "regularly" because it is far better to be prepared to meet trouble at its start.

Fine biscuit meal of a good proprietary make (but not a *malting* one) can be used at about four months old. Soaked in fish water or rabbit broth and a little mixed with the fish, rabbit or meat is liked very



much. It must not be liquid. Keep solid feeds dry and milky feeds liquid; this is an important thing to remember.

Personally, I have never used biscuit, but I have seen some of the finest and healthiest kittens that have been fed in this way and I confess that I could not have raised better myself; they were a credit to their breeders. If you can get cod liver oil puppy biscuits, these crushed up and moistened and mixed with the food are excellent for older kittens, two or three times a week. Given in largish pieces dry for the kittens to gnaw at, they are excellent to help the teeth through. In the past, I have had mother cats take the biscuits out of my dog's bowl and carry them off to their kittens. I always found them chewing away at them and thoroughly enjoying life. Mother knows what is best!

I hope these few notes will be helpful to many. They are intended for household pets as well as for kittens of all

varieties being bred for show. I wish you all a very good breeding season with many lovely kittens.

### Refugees from Mau Mau

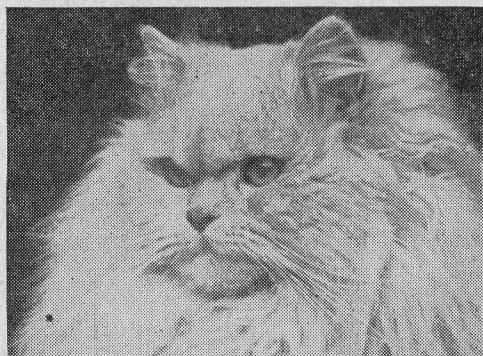
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conditions which obtain in this country. They are concerned to discover that there is really no officially recognised station which specialises in the care and handling of cats and kittens. They would like nothing better than to establish a well-equipped cattery in the country where, with official sanction and a staff of specialists, they could offer breeders and pet owners really happy and comfortable quarters for their animals where the "For Cats Only" sign would be prominently displayed.

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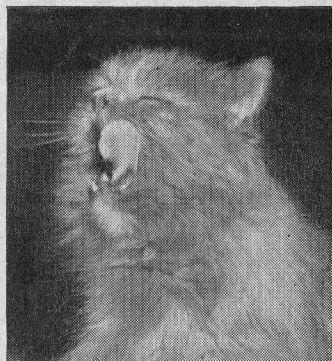


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## Quiz!

In which "thirsters after knowledge" are handed over to our panel of experts. Readers are invited to submit their questions—by post, please, marking their envelopes "Quiz" in the top left-hand corner.

### Raising Orphans

**Can an orphan kitten be raised on cow's milk?**

Yes, cow's milk is similar in composition to that of a queen. The comparable constituents in each are approximately: Cat's milk—82% water, 7% protein, 5% sugar, 5% fat and 0.6% ash. Cow's milk—86.5% water, 3.8% protein, 4.7% sugar, 4.3% fat, 0.7% ash.

### On Catnip

**Would you describe the plant catnip as a tonic for a cat?**

Because of its aroma, catnip is undoubtedly a mental tonic but we doubt if taken internally it could ever be anything more than a mild nerve stimulant for a cat. As one writer has put it very appositely, "a cat loves nothing better than a voluptuous roll in a bed of catnip." We don't hear a lot about the plant in this country, but in America, for example, it is grown and marketed commercially in quite a big way and we have read of catnip scratching posts, catnip toys and specially prepared catnip in bottles. Cats seem to prefer it dried. Another plant which cats find exciting is the garden heliotrope, particularly the roots, and we have heard of some who are fascinated by the sage herb.

### Hints on Grooming

**I have a Cream Persian who requires a great deal of brushing.**

**Unfortunately he cannot bear his tummy or hind quarters brushed or combed and I am rather lenient with him and stop operations directly he protests. Consequently, about this time of the year he develops balls of fur along his sides and on his hind legs. Could you please tell me the best way to approach the problem of the daily brush when the old fur has gone.**

The daily business of brushing and combing Longhairs is one that must be handled resolutely. It may well be in your case that another pair of hands would be useful until the cat gets used to the idea of firm handling. Very often an adult cat is difficult to groom because it has not been trained properly from kittenhood. Most cats like brushing and resent combing, especially combing of the underparts. After a brief brushing, you should start combing with one of the special metal combs made for the job and usually obtainable from any good pet stores. Stand the cat upright and start with the head. When you proceed to comb down the back and sides, grasp a fold of the cat's skin and hold it firmly, making the pull of the comb come against the handful of fur. Anymatted bits of fur should be removed by cutting away with a sharp pair of scissors. Take care not to pull on the flesh, especially when you get to the more tender parts. If your pet continues to be resentful of combing operations, then obviously you need some help, someone to hold him while you get on with the job.



## Lime Water

**Is it advisable to give lime water to a cat? I have been told it is beneficial.**

We strongly advise against the use of lime water. A cat needs all the acid in her stomach which nature provides for the process of digestion. Lime water would neutralise this acid.

## Siamese Registration

**I have a pedigree Siamese cat which I wish to register. Would you advise me how to make the necessary arrangements and what is the cost?**

The form of registration can be obtained from the Assistant Secretary of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy, Mr. K. J. Aitken, 2 Commonfield Road, Banstead, Surrey. The fee per registration is 2s. 6d. If you wish merely to register a change of ownership for a cat who has already been registered, the fee is 2s. It should be noted that the address given is for Siamese registrations only.

## Born Open-eyed

**My Red Tabby Persian gave birth to four beautiful kittens with their eyes open. The veterinarian who saw them told me to leave them for a while. However, at three weeks he had to put them to sleep as they were blind. I would like to know the cause. The succeeding litter was quite healthy.**

Animals which are homozygos for the gene (open eyes at birth) do not get their lids joined completely before birth and are therefore born with their eyes open or partly open. The eyes are therefore exposed to injuries as movements of the lids do not take place. The cause of this condition is usually genetic and in this particular case it is likely that the cause is environmental. It was probably brought on by a shock to the mother or perhaps a damage just after birth. The normal condition with eyes closed at birth is provided by nature as a protective measure. The lids are joined up before birth by a bridge of epithelium.

## Thoughts on Cat Shows

By P. M. SODERBERG

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Chairman of the Siamese Cat Club.

I'VE been thinking! I have to admit that this mental process does not always lead to conclusions of momentous import, and I am not too certain that this present effort will achieve satisfactory results. I shall, at least, have thought, and that is better than doing nothing. I do not think that what I have to say is highly controversial, for I had no preconceived notions when I started. I thought quite objectively, but had arrived at no definite conclusions when I had finished.

My theme this month is cat shows—cat shows in London—for I have little knowledge of the many that are now held in the provinces. London has a larger population than any other city in the world, it has transport facilities second to none, yet when it comes to staging a cat show the interest of the public seems pathetically small.

Now the reason for this apparent lack of public enthusiasm is certainly not due to the poor quality of our cats, for all in all British-bred pedigree cats are the best in the world. If you need proof of this statement, you have only to read the reports of foreign shows. You will find that cats which have been exported from this country hold their own when shown against those which have been bred in the country where the show is held. France, Holland, Australia and the United States all possess champion cats which have been bred by British fanciers, and those four countries are not the only ones in which our cats have achieved outstanding successes.

I must confess that I have not the actual figures of attendance at London

shows, but I do know that by comparison they generally fall far short of those reported from abroad. In 1949, a one-day show was held in Melbourne and on this occasion the paying public exceeded 1400. Few English shows can touch that figure, in fact, I can only think of three shows since the war which have exceeded 1400 on any one day while the majority have fallen far below this figure. Since the war, in Switzerland there has been a three-day show which topped the 15,000 mark, and only last year a three-day show in Copenhagen attracted a public of nearly 13,000. Figures of that magnitude make one think. At least they make me think!

Surely it is a sound assumption that the financial success of a show is almost entirely dependent upon the gate. Perhaps it would be more precise to say that for most shows the gate is the factor that tips the balance. If one is to judge from the financial statements issued after many shows, it is just this factor which has tipped the balance the wrong way. Clubs are finding it difficult to make their shows balance on the right side.

## Better Publicity

I have a few ideas which may be of some value in this matter, but, as I have never run a show and sincerely hope that I never shall, I put them forward with some degree of deference.

The first assumption I want to make is that the British public, although an owner of cats to the tune of something like eight million, is not on the whole pedigree-minded, and the owners of pedigree cats form a very small part of the cat-owning public in general. If you accept this fact, it seems to me that



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It has always struck me that there is such a sameness about cat shows that when you have seen one you have seen the lot. A row of Blues, Chinchillas or Siamese look much alike to the inexperienced, and by the time the public are admitted most of these cats are well tucked down for their afternoon nap; a number of them satisfactorily hidden beneath their blankets.

### Give Value for Money

Can we not indulge in more showmanship without departing from that real integrity which is such a characteristic of English judging? I could not do it myself, but there are show managers who could think up methods of judging which would receive official sanction but which would allow the public not only to see but also to know what was going on. Obviously we cannot imitate dog shows for the simple reason that the cat is not suited to such methods, but I do know from personal experience that the public which attends rabbit shows gets more value for its entrance fee.

Attempts have been made since the war to introduce interest at shows beyond that provided by the actual cats themselves, and such ideas are worth developing even further. What a wealth of cat photos has appeared in the press since the end of the war! It ought to be possible to collect enough photographs from such sources alone to draw a gate as large as that achieved by any cat show since 1945.

To-day there are several photographers of cats who are essentially artists and whose work, if collected in one hall, would attract a large public. Difficult—yes, but not impossible.

The history of the cat from earliest times could be shown by illustration and also by other means if the museums were prepared to co-operate. Some certainly would help if asked by a responsible body. As Mr. Denham has proved in his admirable little book "Cats Between Covers," there is a real literature, both English and foreign, dealing with the cat, and to see such a collection of books, even if they could not be handled, would be an attraction to many people.

What would there be against the decoration of pens when the judging was completed? It might be a trouble, but it could be attractive.

Another thing which has always seemed to me valuable at shows is a

closer contact between those who know cats intimately and those who don't. An advice bureau, if you like, a quiz if you prefer it, but do give the visitor something more for his money than a saunter round the pens followed by a cup of tea and a bun at the buffet.

To those of you who have ideas of your own it will be obvious that I have only touched upon the fringe of the many possibilities which exist for making shows more popular attractions for the man and woman in the street.

Club treasurers and their committees have realised during recent years how difficult it is to make shows pay their way. Surely, if new ideas are tried out, there should be a profit. Add to that something which is even more important, the possibility that many owners of ordinary cats might feel the desire to own a cat of pedigree. That would surely be a step in the right direction.

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### The Sad Plight of Government Cats

THE case of the underpaid cats employed in the Government service has been hitting the headlines. Quite a lot, in fact, was said and written about them last month and for a few brief moments they were the subject of exchanges in the House of Commons. For over three-quarters of a century it would appear that the plight of these cats has been completely overlooked by humans who have been much too preoccupied in securing advantages for themselves and generally trying to put their troubled world to rights.

Back in October last year that admirable newspaper, the *Manchester Guardian*, drew the attention of its readers to what was termed "the worst case of wage discrimination in the British public service." A Special Correspondent revealed that certain Post Office workers in London were receiving weekly wages 50 per cent greater than workers doing the identical job in Manchester and the North. What was worse, there had been no wage increase for either group since 1873.

The workers in question were the cats employed by the Post Office who first went on the staff in 1868 at a salary of 4d. per week. In 1873 the London rate went up to 1s. 6d. per week with the rather sticky stipulation that "they shall depend on mice for the remainder of their emoluments." There the rate has remained ever since but the Manchester and Northern cats have had to be content with the lower rate of 1s. per week.

The *Guardian* points out that the whole sordid catalogue of events would have gone unsuspected by the public had it not been for the vigour and enterprise of the Editor of a Civil Service journal, who exposed the facts in a trenchant article. Knowing the capabilities of the cats, said the Editor, it is high time they got together and formed a Civil Service Feline Union.

On 18th March in the House of Commons, Captain L. P. S. Orr, Conservative member for Down South, asked the Assistant Postmaster-General when the allowance payable for the maintenance of cats in his Department was last raised; what is the total amount involved; what is the present rate per cat in Northern Ireland; and how this compares with the rate in London.

Mr. David Gammans (Assistant Postmaster-General) replied: There is, I am afraid, a certain amount of industrial chaos in the Post Office cat world. Allowances vary in different places, possibly according to the alleged efficiency of the animals and other factors. It has proved impossible to organise any scheme for payment by results or output bonus. These servants of the State are, however, frequently unreliable, capricious in their duties and liable to prolonged absenteeism. My hon. and gallant friend has been misinformed regarding the differences between rates for cats in Northern Ireland and other parts of the United Kingdom.



There are no Post Office cats in Northern Ireland.

Capt. Orr : How does my hon. friend account for the fact that no allowances are payable for cats in Northern Ireland? Is it because the post offices there are more sanitary, and will he say what happens if a cat has kittens? Is there a family allowance payment?

Mr. Gammans : There are no cats in Northern Ireland, I presume, because there are no mice in post office buildings. With regard to children's allowances, I am afraid there is none. But the head postmasters have full discretion to give a maternity grant.

Another member (Miss Ward) then asked Mr. Gammans whether this is one of the occasions on which equal pay prevails. Mr. Gammans : Equal pay has been accepted both in principle and in practice.

The debate was concluded by Captain Orr who said he would raise the matter again in view of the unsatisfactory nature of the reply.

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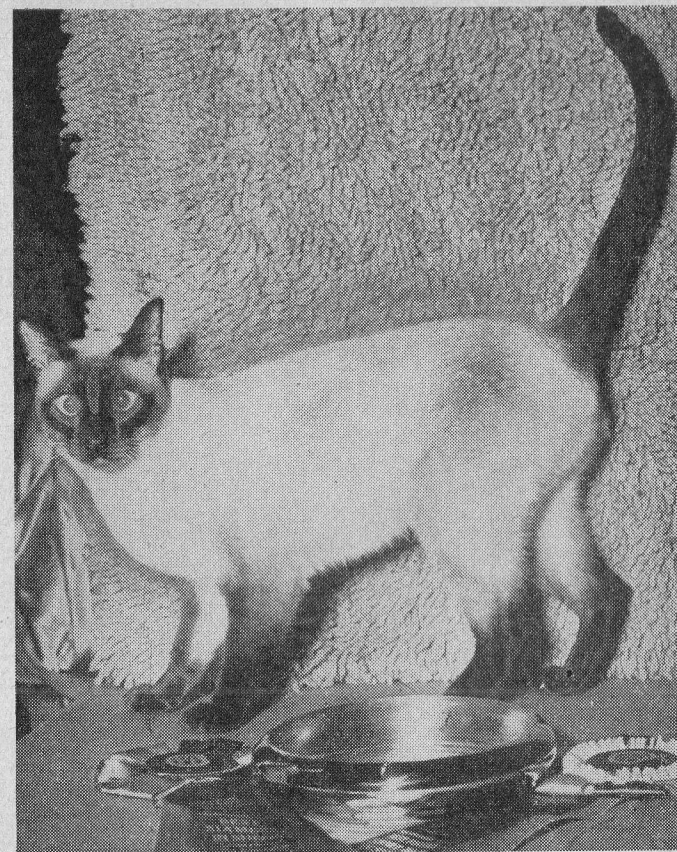
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owner in a general feature in next month's issue which will  
deal with English exports.

EDITORIAL NOTE : As, at this writing, Mrs. Joan Thompson is on board  
the R.M.S. "Orontes" on her way to fulfil judging engagements at  
Australian and New Zealand shows during the coming summer months,  
"Just Fancy" is missing from this month's issue. This is the first time  
her popular feature has been an absentee in 50 issues. There will,  
however, be news from her next month and later she will be contributing  
exclusive news and impressions about cats and personalities "down  
under." *Bon voyage, J.T. !*

In last month's issue the caption under the picture of Anson Eros  
stated that the number of silver trophies won by this striking young Blue  
Longhair male was two. This should have read "nine" and we much  
regret the error.



## Correspondence Corner

Readers are invited to send contributions to this feature and so to join in the useful exchange of ideas, experiences and knowledge. Letters should be concise and deal preferably with items of general interest.

### COLOUR CONSCIOUS CATS

I've just read Tailpieces in your January issue and was interested to note how scientists have established the colour vision of cats and how they (the cats) invariably picked out the red from an array of various coloured buttons.

I have been making and selling to cat lovers various coloured felt mice. When given the choice, cats invariably choose the red one and proceed to play with it like a real mouse.

Miss B. Ostrehan,  
Torquay, Devon.

### SIA-MANX

I see in your issue of January that a Siamese-Manx cross has been exhibited in San Diego. I think the Western Province Cat Club of Cape Town may claim precedence. The late Father Fowler's Sia-Manx was exhibited at their show last year. He resembles a Siamese Seal Point with definitely high hind quarters and complete absence of tail. He is also a very charming person.

Miss P. Ashby-Spilhaus, Registrar,  
South African Cat Union.

### WHAT IS A SIAMESE ?

It is said that "onlookers see most of the game." If onlookers have "catty" friends they certainly *hear* most of it. The "game" at the moment, arising out of proposed regulations regarding the pedigree of cats eligible for registration, appears to be summed up in a quiz question: "What is a Siamese cat?"

Commonsense and the rules of the Fancy have hitherto provided a simple answer: "One that looks like one, i.e., has the familiar short hair, body shape

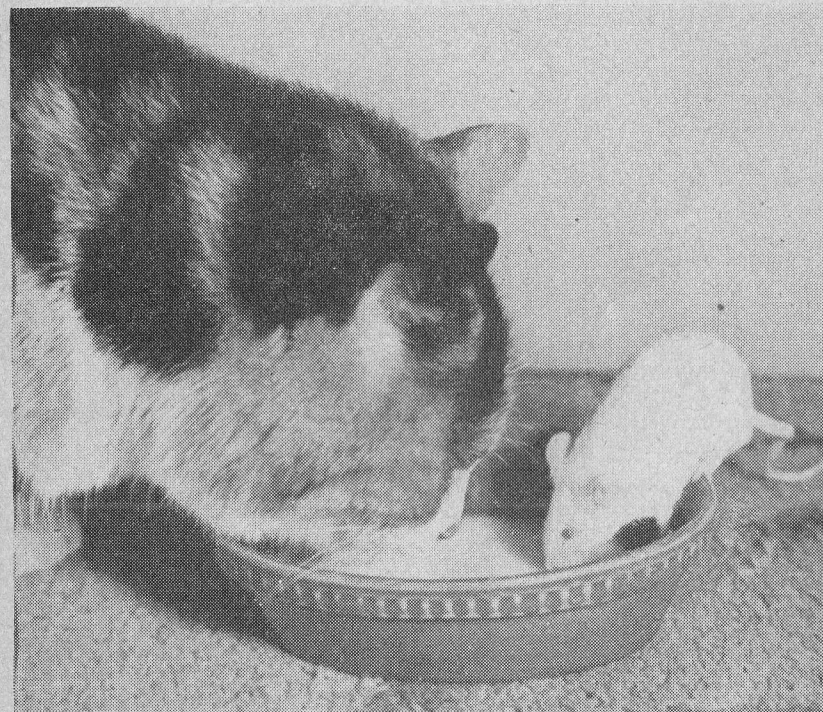
and colour pattern." Now it has been suggested that its owners must first be catechised. What were its parents like, its grandparents and its great-grandparents? Only when all questions are answered satisfactorily can one say "Siamese" or, if one is the owner, send the cat to a show.

Any onlooker with a spice of curiosity wants to know the cogent reasons for altering such a tradition. He will be told that cats with questionable ancestry had won prizes and that it would be a terrible disaster if someone bought one of these to breed from and was faced with a red, white and blue Coronation kitten. Not being an admirer of grandmotherly legislation, the onlooker might be inclined to reply, "If anyone was such a fool as to buy a cat for breeding without studying its pedigree, serve them right."

Enquiry among biological friends satisfied the onlooker that the idea that two cats with the familiar Siamese markings could have black, blue, brown, rainbow or any other colour but Siamese was an old wives' tale. They would breed true till Judgment Day. His scientific friends also told him that a S.P. Siamese was really a black cat with a factor inherited from both parents restricting the dark colour to its points; that a B.P. Siamese was a blue cat with similar restriction, quite possibly having originated from a cross between a S.P. Siamese and a Blue self; and that all the fuss was "much ado about nothing."

Then our onlooker was told: "They do it with dogs." He was amazed that any lover of the lordly and superior cat would want to bring it into line with dogs. Certainly, if he had suggested exchanging the royal name by which the

## A page for the proletarian puss No. 34



Mr. James Hampson of Farnborough, Hants, contributes this delightful picture of a not-very-usual partnership. His son's pet cat and white mouse are on the friendliest of terms even—as you see—when it comes to sharing a bowl of milk.



female cat is designated for that denoting the female dog, he would have been excluded not only from "catty" but from polite society. "But," he was told, "they do it in U.S.A." The Americans are great people but while onlooker was cogitating over reasons for imitating them, he went to sleep and dreamed of S.P. Siamese with bodies of golden sovereigns and B.P. Siamese made of silver dollars, which suggested not only a clue to the matter but the solution of the problem.

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#### TREATMENT FOR COLLAPSE

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The patient was placed near an open window, wrapped in blankets with a hot water bottle. As he recovered he became rather wild, jumping up and staggering against the electric fire. We never left him for a moment, of course, and 48 hours afterwards he was quite himself again, though it took ten days or so before the shock to wear right off.

Miss A. Isambard-Owen,  
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## Siamese in 1793

By SIDNEY DENHAM, F.Z.S.

THE authentic history of Siamese cats given in most books on them begins with their importation to Britain direct from Siam in 1884. But it seems that there were Siamese cats or at least three Siamese cats in Europe before that date. In a rather rare but classic travel book called "Travels Through the Southern Provinces of the Russian Empire in the Years 1793-1794," by P. S. Pallas, there is a description of a cat, together with a coloured plate, that he came across near the Caspian Sea, a cat which is unmistakably Siamese, although he did not call it that.

The description is worth printing in full. In the translation published in London in 1812, Pallas writes :

"A particular species of mongrel variety of the domestic cat engaged a considerable share of my attention. It was the offspring of a black which belonged to Yegor Michailovitch Shedrinskoi, Counsellor of State, and had kitted three young ones that exactly resembled each other. The mother lived alone in the village of Nikloskoi in the district of Insara, on this nobleman's estate and often returned to a young forest behind a garden which is laid out in the English style.

"The domestics had remarked that the cat was absent during the rutting season and it was also reputed that she formerly had kittens of the common kind which she devoured a few days after their birth. I saw two of her brood in the house of Counsellor Martyof and one in that of the Lord Lieutenant. The form of this cat and particularly the nature and colour of the hair exhibited so extraordinary an appearance that I was induced to give a report of it in the first plate.

"It is of a middle size, has somewhat smaller legs than the common cat and the head is longer towards the nose. The tail is thrice the length of the head. The colour of the body is a light chestnut brown like that of a polecat but blacker on the back, especially towards the tail and paler along the sides and belly. The throat is whiter and the female has a white spot on the lower part of the neck. A black streak runs along and surrounds the eyes and ends in front of the forehead. The ears, paws and tail are quite black. The hair, like that of the polecat, is softer than that of the common cat and the lower or furry part is of a whitish grey. The hair of the tail is somewhat elastic and lies flat in divisions.

#### Agile and Wild

"The exquisite olfactory sense, agility and other characteristics of these three animals are similar to those of the common cat, but they had been extremely wild at first, hid themselves in cellars and holes, nay even burrowed underground and had not yet acquired the sociable qualities of our domestic cats. I shall not attempt to determine whether they may be considered as a mongrel breed."

The description is unmistakably that of a cat of the breed we call Siamese. How could they appear so far from Siam at such a time? Pallas was a trained observer and interested in cats and undoubtedly if he had seen other similar specimens during his travels would have mentioned them. In fact the two large volumes contain no other reference to cats.

Dr. Nora Archer, when I drew her attention to the passage, suggested two lines of thought. One assumes that only one single mutation giving rise to the gene arrangement corresponding to the Siamese restriction of colour has ever



happened. In that case we might surmise that these "Siamese" in Southern Russia were the result of the passage of a caravan along the trade routes between East and West. A single virile cat, heterozygos for the Siamese factor, escaping from a merchant's caravan and fending for itself on the outskirts of a village would pass on the factor to its offspring and in time the homozygos Siamese cat would appear in all its striking strangeness of colour.

The other line of thought is that what a chromosome has done once, another similar chromosome can do again with a similar result and that the same mutations, or very similar mutations, may have occurred more than once in different parts of the world. I hope I have correctly recorded Dr. Archer's very interesting deductions.

### Hand-coloured Plates

If Herr Pallas had been enterprising, or not otherwise engaged, and imported these cats with the idea of breeding from them, the cat we now call Siamese might be known as a Caspian or even a Russian!

Unfortunately the plates in this 140-year-old volume are hand-coloured and the exact colouring of the cat shown varies in different volumes. In all the "points" are unmistakable, but in some the cat is very much darker than we should expect with a Siamese. In the London Library copy, on the other hand, it is unmistakably light chestnut. No doubt the people responsible for the

plates in London in 1812, never having seen a "Siamese" had difficulty in imagining just what it was like! The book and plate will be shown, I hope, at the "Cats Through the Ages" Exhibition at the R.W.S. Gallery in July.

### Not the Pallas Cat

I should make it clear that this cat described by Pallas is not the same cat as that called "Pallas's Cat," first described by Pallas in 1776. A specimen of this beautiful cat was recently acquired by the London Zoo but it has unfortunately died. Pallas's Cat is rather smaller than the average cat, has a thick long coat, a short ringed tail, with black markings on its chest and upper limbs. Its head is broad and high above the eyes. Much of the hair appears to be "ticked" running through grey, yellow and white. For those who take an interest in the origins of their pets, it has been suggested that Pallas's cat bears the same relation to the Angora or Persian as the Caffre Cat of Africa to the Shorthair. See sketches on the opposite page.

### BO'SUN!

We regret that up to the time of closing for press with this issue no further news had been received from the yacht "Mary Hillier," and we are therefore unable to resume with the adventures of our Sailor Siamese.

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*Sketches by Alexander Ross Bryant*



# Tailpieces

A regular newsy feature  
with a selection of the best  
items from home and overseas

AS the silent files of people took their farewell of our beloved Queen Mary, a handsome ginger cat provided a homely touch only a few yards from the catafalque. He sat there unconcerned on a raised ledge bordering the public pathway and hundreds of the mourners who had just paid their tribute to the dead Queen stooped to bestow a pat. "Ginger," I am told, is often seen in the precincts of the House of Commons. I wonder if he attended the recent debate on underpaid cats in the Post Office service!

There were 662 road accidents in Southend during 1952. Dogs were responsible for 220 of them.

When actress Claire Bloom returned to her London flat from Germany where she has been making a new film, "The Berlin Story," with James Mason, there was a special welcome waiting for her from her pet cat Adalaise.

I gladly give prominence to a worthwhile charity which has its roots in Hove, Sussex. Its title is "The Sanctuary" and its aim is to provide protection, care, food and shelter for all stray and unwanted domestic animals. An opening fund of £1,000 has been raised to create the first of the Sanctuaries which is to be dedicated to H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Second on the occasion of her Coronation. Later, funds permitting, it is hoped to establish more Sanctuaries in different parts of the country. This fine enterprise merits your interest and support and I hope that many of our readers at home and overseas will get in touch with the Founder and Hon. Secretary

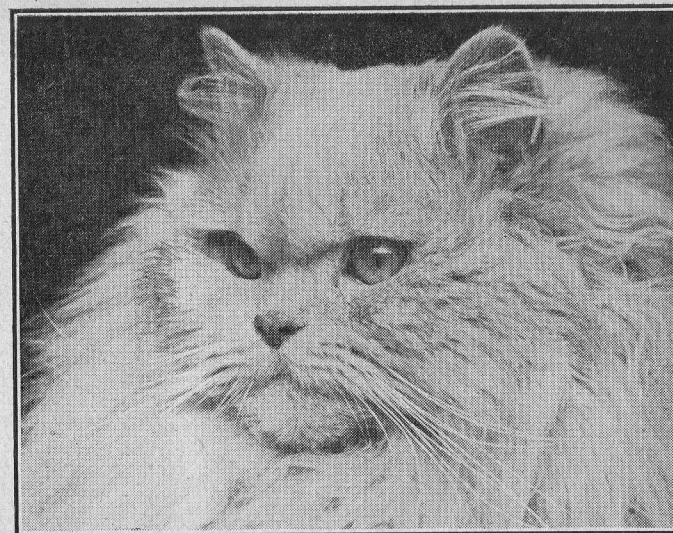
Miss I. M. Wormull, 32 Church Road, Hove, who will be pleased to supply the fullest information. Patron of the movement is actress Nancy Price, C.B.E.

"Our 8½-year-old cat has, so far, had 107 kittens." J. P. Hardie, of Rock Ferry, Cheshire, in a letter to *The Sunday Express*.

Since it opened about five months ago, more than 25,000 guests have been accommodated at the Animal Hotel at London's Airport. The Hotel is controlled by the R.S.P.C.A. and a staff of four people keep it open 24 hours a day and seven days a week. They have to be ready at short notice to receive anything from a plane-load of birds to a consignment of monkeys. There is a quarantine section where cats are kept for a short time before their removal to more permanent quarantine.

Miss Kathleen Yorke, Chairman of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy, and our own Mrs. Joan Thompson have been made honorary members of Racekatten, the progressive organisation which has its headquarters in "Wonderful, Wonderful, Copenhagen." The honour is awarded "in appreciation of their indefatigable work for and interest in the sport feline in common and for Racekatten in particular."

I hear from Mr. R. Marshall, Hon. Secretary of the New Zealand Governing Council of the Cat Fancy, that interest in the pending visit of Mrs. Joan Thompson is intense and that "nothing like it has happened in New Zealand before." Mrs. Thompson judges in Auckland on 19th



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and 20th June, in Palmerston North on 27th June, in Invercargill on 4th July and Christchurch on 8th July.

Mention of New Zealand, reminds me that this delectable country now has its own cat journal. It is called *Cats Monthly* and is devoted to the welfare, breeding and exchange of cats. Editor and publisher is Miss Dulcie Hore, 52 Roy Street, Palmerston North, New Zealand, and the price is 1s. 4d. per copy. The issues I have seen have carried some useful veterinary notes, general interest features with illustrations and news items about the English Fancy by Mrs. D. Brice-Webb. The launching of this journal is a courageous venture that merits the support of cat lovers everywhere.

It is reported that the Vatican State in Rome is alarmed at the rise of its feline population. A weeding out of undesirables has been made by a squad of pontifical gendarmes and as a result some thirty cats have been transferred to an animal home.

There is no getting away from the truth—writes Michael Joseph in a contribution to the magazine *Men Only*—that cat lovers are in a sense separated from their fellow men, and that they share with each other the peculiar devotion to the cat which confers on them the privileges and exclusiveness of a freemasonry. It is a society which has no rules, no subscriptions, and no signs or badges enabling members to recognise one another. But it is an indisputable fact that true cat lovers always do recognise other cat lovers, at any rate in the presence of a cat.

Newspaper correspondent Mrs. E. Rhodes, of Deganwy, Wales, writes: My 14-year-old cat never purred in all his life until we moved from the Midlands to Wales 18 months ago. Now he is always purring.

Playwright Terence Rattigan lives in a delightful fourth-floor penthouse in Belgravia which is decorated to give an

out-of-doors impression. A balcony gay with window boxes opens out to a tree-filled square. Most subdued guest at a recent celebration was Mr. Rattigan's black cat Ruffles, who fell 75 ft. from the balcony to the pavement below. Ruffles escaped with a fright and a bruising.

An X-ray apparatus has been installed at Wood Green Animal Shelter. It is the gift of an anonymous woman donor in memory of her dead sister. The apparatus will make possible a speedy diagnosis of animal complaints and supply details of fractures within minutes of a patient's arrival at the Shelter. It is expected that the police and officials of humane societies will avail themselves of these unique facilities.

In the House of Commons on 18th March the Minister of Agriculture was asked whether he had carried out tests of the new humane rabbit trap and whether the results were sufficiently satisfactory for him to be able to make the use of the gin trap illegal. The Minister (Sir Thomas Dugdale) replied that supplies of the Imbra trap were being despatched to county agricultural executive committees.

The current Newsletter of the Scottish Cat Club reveals that the financial position of the Club is sound. Mr. Peter P. Connor was elected President at the recent Annual General Meeting. Mrs. F. M. Richardson continues in office as Hon. Secretary/Treasurer. This year's show will be held on 28th November in Paisley Town Hall, a new venue.

Dr. Neguib, younger brother of the Egyptian Premier, recently arrived in England with his wife and three children for the purpose of studying veterinary surgery.

To-day's popular song parodied:  
How much is that moggie in the window?  
The one with the beautiful tail.  
How much is that moggie in the window?  
I do hope that moggie's for sale.

MICKEY.

## AMERICAN NEWSLETTER

### *Paws across "The Pond"*

From BILLIE BANCROFT (American Associate Editor)

THE shows are all over in America and now the Fancy is concerned with breeding. According to all reports coming in we are really going to have a new generation of winners. The clubs are planning next year's shows and hotel and hall managers are being interviewed as to the best location. A few of the older clubs never change their venue. A keen eye is kept on the results at English shows and our breeders are following keenly the course of the winners you have over there. Already I have heard a few say "I'm going to write so-and-so. Did you see what her Siamese did under Judge X?" "Pincop Simon must be some fellow." Or else it's "I keep every issue of OUR CATS, how else would I ever learn of the top-ranking Creams and Blues. Before I write a breeder in England, I thumb through all my back issues for the last year." Such remarks, my friends, give you an insight as to what the breeders over here are considering. All of our worth-while breeders are trying, and trying their hardest, always to better their best. Miss Kathleen Yorke's "Thanks, America" (February issue OUR CATS), was widely read and commented upon.

A novice breeder out of Chicago has just written me he has a Blue-Cream queen, Bancroft's Turquoise Matrix, who has just presented him with a Cream girl and a male Blue-Cream. I'm quite thrilled as Turquoise Matrix was one of the dearest queens I ever bred. The lucky owner is Dick Heinold and he is going around on tip-toe in breathless anticipation of what "Turk's" little son may do.

Another novice in New York State can hardly make up her mind as to whether or not she will invest in Persians or horses! I find she has gone into both—one horse and two Persians to date. Pretty little Mary Stuk informs me she is getting two more Persians. So it rather looks as if Fancy felines are winning.

Out Chicago way another novice is doing a crusading job worth mentioning. I refer to Mrs. Muriel Morton who insists on top-bracket pedigrees, which she personally clears through the Associations as to their authority. She insists on knowing the history of each cat. Right now she is burned up with enthusiasm for the White Persians and nothing but the best will please her. Mrs. Morton being a registered nurse is very interested in genetics and will give full time to the study of deafness in the Whites. She is also interested in importing.

To those of you who have kindly written me regarding my cat children, may I say that my cattery name is Timberbrook, named after a stream of water flowing through our property. The name of our home is Cloud Top. So many of you have written me addressing your letters to "Cloud Top Cattery."

That charming little importer out Wisconsin way, Mrs. Corcen Petta, is broken hearted. Her husband, Dr. Andrew Petta, has been called back to the Service. Dr. "Andy" is a prime favorite with all the Fancy. He was President of the Mid-west Feline Club, forming a team of husband and wife when Mrs. Petta was Secretary.



One of the saddest items of news came in last week. Judge Crystol Small had the misfortune to lose by death her Grand Champion Red queen, Smallhurst's Girl in the Sun. All who knew this little queen loved her. She was a visitor here at Timberbrook and we came to love her dearly. Girl passed in her sleep, quietly. She had lived a long and good life, her children live after her. I can see Girl even now, head tilted to one side, paying strict attention to what you said and purring like a musicbox in full agreement.

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Letters are still coming in regarding Miss Yorke's trip to America. Scores of letters from Kansas City as well as here in the east. One came in this morning that I am forwarding to Miss Yorke; it is that charming.

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Here is a question that is quite moot. Many breeders—and I do not mean officers of various Associations—feel that when a breeder does not keep his cats in good clean housing as well as good health, said breeder should be “dropped” because he does not live up to the ideals of the Associations. The officers of the Associations claim they have no jurisdiction over the private actions of any breeder. So many complaints have come in to my desk that I have referred them to the high brass of the Crusaders. I have also suggested that those who have sold any stock from a questionable source should buy it back if possible. Another point is to know the buyers of your stock, and if necessary make a few discreet enquiries.

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*Cats Magazine*, of Smithfield Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, prints a Chart of Gestation every spring and it is a great boon to the novice. So many of you novice English breeders have written me regarding this chart. I use it all the time and have it pasted in my “Litter Book.”

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It has been said by many breeders that a Persian is not a good mouse-catcher;

that feeding them cream will kill that instinct. Here at Cloud Top we have a Cream queen named Sucre who has her daily helping of cream. She is an excellent mouser. This shows that the following verse is not true by any manner of means:

“Perhaps you may not have heard

That cats are cats, however furred,

And once they've had a taste of cream,

Rat catching's not their favorite dream.”

### *American Personality*

#### **MRS. NICKI HORNER**

NICKI HORNER, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Willoughby, from the state of Kentucky, is a breeder of rare persistence and prestige. At the age of sixteen she was the owner of a White Persian given to her as a birthday present. He was huge, so our Nikki promptly dubbed him Tiny. Not knowing too much about cats—outside of giving them plenty of love—Nikki could not figure out why Tiny did not stay home more. So the next thing she did was to purchase a little Red queen for company but not being of age it failed to keep the errant Tiny home at nights. Then came the day when Tiny never returned!

Snookie, the kitten, really attracted a lot of attention. She was duly mated to a large Red male named Jinks—and the Willoughby family were blessed with their first feline family. One day Jinks sprayed a guest and Nikki's mother promptly expressed him off to a friend. Nikki was broken-hearted until her father promised to build a house for another male and it is reported he is still building houses for her various cats, both artistic and elaborate in structure!

Now began a search by Nikki for the best of pedigrees. She studied everything she could lay hands on, books, magazines, articles and even the histories of many breeders. Of course, her love was Red Persians. She has spared

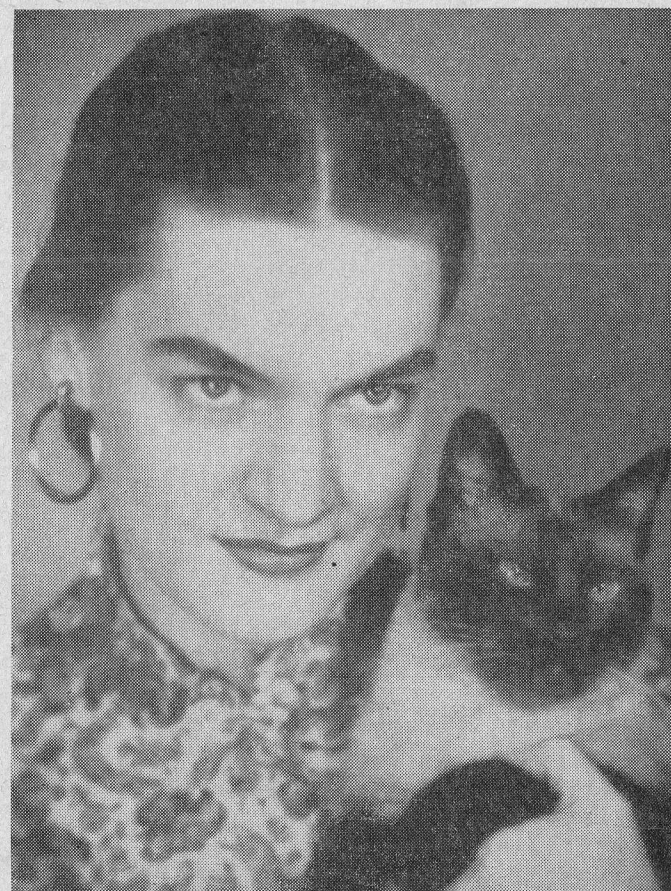
neither effort nor finance in bettering her strain and now has to her credit many champions bred at her Shawnee Cattery. Her aim has always been to better the best of her Reds and depth and darkness of color has been her constant aim. Her success is written for all to see on the show records; constantly I hear the remark “If you want a good Red Persian, contact Nikki Horner.”

Arriving at the state of incomparable Reds has not been easy. There have been many experiments and cross-breeding, out-breeding and line-breeding until the required brilliancy of eye color, type, luxury of coat and dense coloring were

acquired. But Nikki possesses that English quality of “stickitivity” that pays dividends in the long run. She has in her background such names as Willoughby, Yates, Lightfoot and Dobbs.

Her first cat show was in Milwaukee and after attending only the one show she organised a club in her home town. This club held a show and Nikki, the manager, made it a smashing success. Moving to Pittsburgh, she was asked to manage her second show, which was the All-American show because of a special judging of All-Sectional rated cats. Besides this there was a Solid Color

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**Mrs. Nicki Horner with one of her favourite Siamese — a Seal Point male named Shawnee Rama Kahn.**



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## American Personality

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Speciality, a Silver Speciality and a Siamese Speciality, all this along with the All-Breed. A short time later Nikki returned to Louisville, Kentucky, where she found herself managing another show. And with this show, she bowed-out as manager. But she remains always ready and willing to help the novice.

At this writing Nikki is the proud owner of Shawnee Copperson, and the two Champions, Red Coach and Copper Lustre. I have found her informal in our talk together. She has a charming personality, warm, vibrant and animated. I also found that she is a born crusader. She will tilt windmills with anyone to right a wrong where her feline friends are concerned.

This well-known friend of the Fancy has been a career girl but now she has been annexed by Scoville Stephen Horner, Jr., from Indiana. He came to

buy a cat and ended up owning all of them at Shawnee Cattery. Nikki modestly admits that her hobby is voice lessons but as this seems to be the least of her accomplishments, both monetarily and publicity wise, it is worth mentioning that she also collects books and magazines on cats, clippings, etc. She probably can recite, book and bell, the registered pedigree of every Red Persian of note in America to-day. Truly many honors have come to Nikki for there are few dark Red breeders of Persians who can measure up to her high efficiency in the Fancy.

BILLIE BANCROFT.

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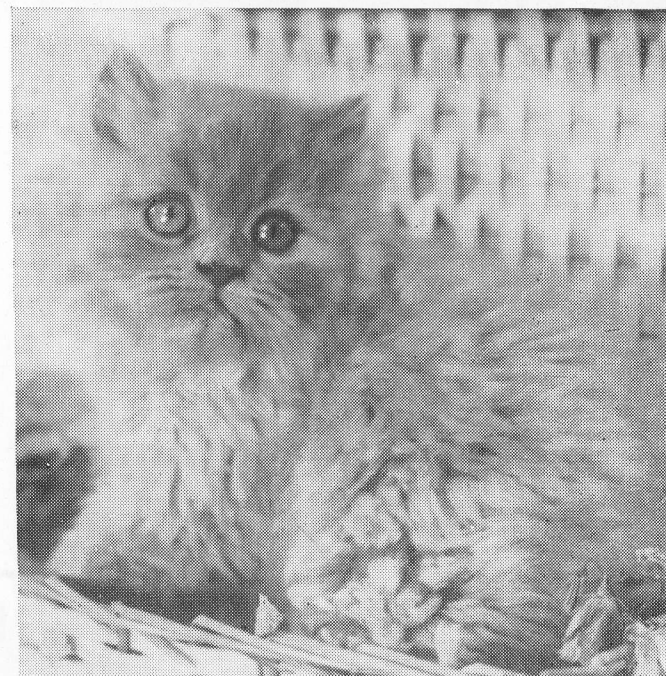
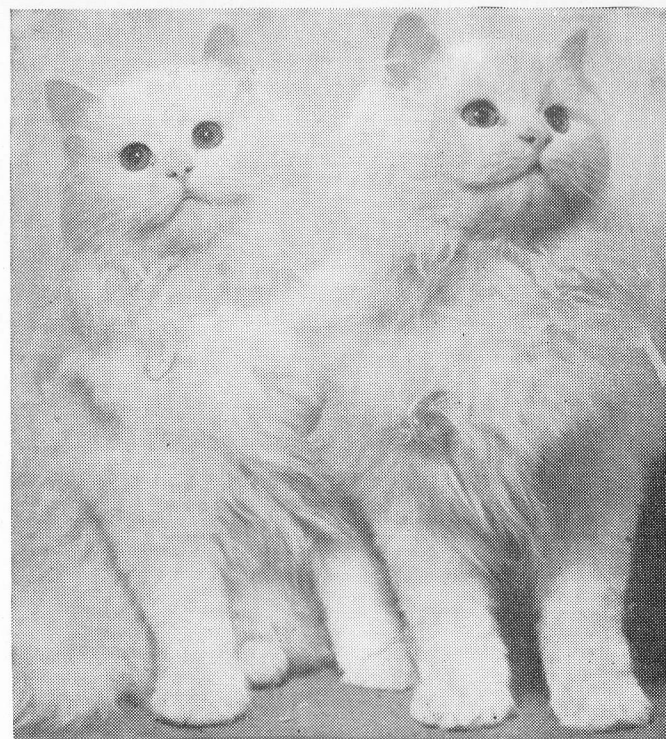
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(Lower picture). PYMBLE BLUE KAREN at 10-weeks-old, bred by Mrs. Price Hawkins, of Norbury, London, S.W.



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