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FLUFFY AND SQUEAKY

By CHARLES V. STANTON

We've been adopted by a kitten.

In addition to the yellow Persian tom that strayed into our home and established permanent residence a few years ago, a couple of neighborhood pets drop in frequently for visits and handouts, so that our domicile, upon occasions, resembles a pet shop.

We're quite sure, however, that the new addition to our family is being missed by someone. It is a half-grown kitten, with long, dark blue-grey fur, white nose, muzzle, vest and boots. If the owner will call at our home, he can recover his pet. Our big tom, who takes a very dim view of the new acquisition to the family menagerie, would be quite well pleased by the kitten's departure.

Fluffy—that's the yellow Persian—is a very haughty, sedate, undemonstrative fellow. Also, he's badly spoiled. When he appeared at our home, a small and apparently abandoned kitten, half-starved, unkempt, shivering with winter cold and rain, he would eat anything placed before him. He was grateful for warmth and shelter. He was the best mannered kitten we have ever seen and still remains the perfect gentleman.

But with meat on his bones and his appetite once sated, he became most persnickety. If his food is cooked, he wants it raw, and vice versa. If he is offered cat food and can smell a piece of steak in the icebox, he'll starve until he gets steak. If he does not have his own way, he'll assume a very dignified pose in the center of the room and breathe so noisily it sounds like a leaky radiator until he has attracted attention; then will stalk in *grande hauteur* to the nearest door, flipping his tail in a gesture of disgust as he struts outdoors. Spoiled? Yes, indeed!

The kitten—we call him Squeaky, because he is so talkative with a high-pitched mew—has Fluffy's goat. And he knows it.

Fluffy disapproves most heartily of the kitten's continual romping. Give the kitten a ball, a catnip mouse, or put him in a paper bag and he's all over the place. Fluffy, resenting the invasion of his peace and quiet, will, after a short time, assume his snooty pose, breathe heavily and then ask to be excused from the presence of such an uncouth creature.

Occasionally the kitten decides to romp with Fluffy's bushy tail. Sneaking up on the tom, as the latter lies napping, Squeaky will snatch at the yellow tail then dart quickly away. Usually he gets his ears boxed. But Squeaky is an assertive little cuss. He has a fixation that if his ears are slapped down for something, he's going to repeat the performance regardless. So, like a flash, he makes another quick pass, dodges the blow, then sits back and grins. Fluffy's dignity is being terribly upset.

Fluffy usually is quite tolerant toward any cat of the long-haired species, but will have nothing to do with short-haired varieties. He would sit for hours with an old, blind tom belonging to a neighbor, making a friendly visit nearly every day. He is a pal with another neighbor cat. Whenever he has something especially good to eat, he promptly goes out to invite the neighbor in for a feed. But he refuses to make friends with the kitten. He is intensely jealous. He has no patience or tolerance and rudely rebuffs Squeaky's friendly approaches.

His attitude is strictly Stalinlike—"nyet," he vetoes everything!

Cats can be extremely like people—and vice versa.

Fluffy likes to play and romp, normally. But in his pique and jealousy, he refuses to unbend. He punishes himself to show his disapproval of Squeaky's enthusiasm. Undemonstrative himself, he objects strenuously to Squeaky's exhibitions of affection.

Do you know people like that? People who would like to unbend but don't know how and who cover up with a show of rudeness? Or people, who, if they fail to get their own way, breathe noisily and ask to be excused? People who cannot tolerate seeing others have a good time?

Telephone Union May Join One Of Major Labor Units

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—The Communications Workers of America, biggest union in the telephone industry, may join the CIO or AFL early next year.

The independent union, which has 230,000 members, will vote on affiliation before it begins bargaining with the Bell System next spring on a fourth round pay increase.

President Joseph A. Belne recommended affiliation without stating a preference—although he commented that past offers from the CIO have been more attractive. On the other hand, the AFL Brotherhood of Electrical Workers has a number of members in the telephone industry and wants to keep them—and the jurisdiction power they represent.

Acting on the resolution of the CWA's Spokane convention last June, Belne has appointed a five-man committee to "investigate the status" of affiliation proposals.

The union's weekly news letter yesterday said the committee was asked to meet with AFL and CIO representatives in early January and report its findings to the CWA executive board which meets from January 23 to 29.

Jilted Acid Thrower Slated For Sentence

BOISE, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Thomas Ivey, Portland, will be sentenced Friday after his conviction by a district court jury of throwing acid on a young woman in a Boise club.

He was charged with throwing acid on the neck and shoulders of Mrs. Mary Ann Milford, to whom he was engaged, last Oct. 30.

Mrs. Milford testified yesterday the incident occurred as she was sitting in the club with Ivey. She said she turned to him after he complained of being ignored and "vey threw the acid. She was hospitalized overnight.

Mrs. Milford said she earlier told Ivey she was breaking their engagement and that he threatened to kill her and himself.

Senior High Radio Class Offers Yule Broadcast

The Senior High radio class under Mrs. Broadbent will present a Christmas broadcast today at 2:45 p. m., over station KINR.

Members of the senior class participating include Ronnie Strickling, studio manager and Glen Seofield, sound effects man. The sophomore boys' quartet will sing and Joanne Hugh will play the piano. Another program is scheduled for Dec. 22.

'Where Do You Think You're Going?'



Scrapes from the MENDING BASKET

By Viachett S. Martin

The "room in which General Grant slept," in the Wolf Creek Inn, built in 1857, on Highway 99 south of Roseburg, was far less exciting to me than to see in the collection of "antiques" the little leather trunk with the name of John Calhoun upon it—maybe because I have read many a story about stagecoach days and the intrepid drivers. For years my reading was influenced much by the fact that my neighbor and playmate was a boy who flatly refused to read "sissy books"—by which he meant books written for girls; so perforce I read not only all the books for girls I could lay hands upon, but also all 60 of the Henty books, the Alger books, and heaven knows what else. And a good dose of "westerns," as we call them now. Indeed we read so prodigiously that the librarian "spoke" to our parents and suggested we be limited to "one book each week."

We got around this hardship by having friends draw books for us. When sent to bed and forbidden light, I used to hang out the window and read by moonlight, by flashes of lightning, or even by what light would come through the keyhole in the hall door. Oh yes, a bit of light came up the register in the floor from below; I could, with difficulty, finish a chapter, at least, by that. Well, when one of our sons seemed to be that kind of a reader, I could sympathize—practically. Besides I didn't wish him to burn up a box of matches—and possibly the house—striking one after another to finish a chapter or see what happened next! But I wandered away from Wolf Creek Inn!

My host, John C. Porter, has retained the feeling of "my old days" to the greatest extent possible with the desire of modern visitors for present day conveniences; too, he has a truly interesting collection of guns, powder flasks, bullet molds, a 12-candle mold, old pictures, the tongue and groove plane, and the window sash plane used in the building of the old Inn in 1857. Mr. Porter who has genuine appreciation for such things, drew our attention to the "bubbles in the window panes, made by hand in those days." Incidentally I drew mine host's attention to the name "Norton" scratched, perhaps with a diamond, on a windowpane, and he had "never noticed it before!"

In the old days the stagecoach sometimes arrived after the host of the Inn had retired. The guests found candles on the mantel downstairs equalling the number of rooms vacant. Such guests seized the candles, mounted the long stairs, and found the vacant rooms by pounding on doors till no reply came from an occupant. Even at that, the gratitude for shelter from cold and wet and bandits, that night, probably offset other emotions.

In the Day's News

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vious fact will undermine the power of the present Russian totalitarian (the state everything, the individual nothing) system. Don't lost faith in that.

WE are moving (slowly) to put POWER back of our belief in human rights. Washington dispatches tell us that the final draft of the ATLANTIC ALLIANCE treaty is expected to be ready for Senate action by spring.

What is this Atlantic alliance? If and when it is completed, it will bind together the peoples around the North Atlantic who believe in individual human rights (as opposed to total power of the STATE and those who run the state) and are willing to FIGHT, if they have to, for their beliefs.

In considering this alliance, which runs contrary to our national tradition, let's remember soberly that nothing worth having was ever obtained without fighting for it.

WHY must we consider such an alliance now?

It goes back to the old McGuffey's Reader illustration of the bundle of sticks that when bound firmly together can't be broken by a STRONG ARM, but when split apart can be broken ONE AT A TIME with ease. That's the story in a nutshell.

Legionnaires, Auxiliary Date Annual Yule Party

Members of Umpqua Post No. 16, American Legion, and ladies of Umpqua Unit Auxiliary will hold their annual Christmas party at the Roseburg Armory Tuesday, Dec. 21 at 8 p.m.

All members of the Legion and Auxiliary are requested to attend and bring their wives, husbands, or girl friends. A Christmas tree will be provided and Santa Claus will be present with candy for the youngsters. A fine program, including music, games and specialty acts, has been arranged by the committees. There will also be refreshments and dancing.

George Jackson, general chairman, requests each Legionnaire to bring either a can of fruit cocktail, or two pounds of raisins for Christmas baskets for the Auxiliary program. He urges a big attendance.

Two Sentenced Men Taken to Penitentiary

Francis Stanley White, sentenced recently to a life term for first degree murder, was taken to the state penitentiary Monday by Deputy Sheriff Red Eckhardt. White was convicted of the murder of 80-year-old Willis Moffitt last Aug. 13. An alleged accomplice, Elmer Jesse Moser, is also serving a life term, having pleaded guilty to his part in the crime.

Sheriff O. T. Carter said that Eckhardt also delivered Lawrence Guy Goodman to the penitentiary to serve a five-year term on three charges of obtaining money by false pretenses.

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Police Will Vie In Pistol Shoot At Assn. Meeting

Latest techniques in ventilating two-legged varmints were demonstrated to Roseburg police officers recently by a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who supplemented his talk with a motion picture on marksmanship.

Some items included in the film illustrated various methods of picking off gun-toting bandits with trigger finger itch, and helpful hints for hunting hopped-up gents with a hankering for flouting the law.

Chief Calvin Baird said the demonstration was a preview of what to expect at the Northwest Peace Officers Association's fifth annual winter convention to be held at Coos Bay in March. Five men from the local force will attend the convention, with pistol matches and combat course instruction a part of the program.

Chief Baird said members of the Roseburg police will soon start pistol practice to get in shape for an elimination contest here after Jan. 1, to determine who will represent the Roseburg police at the convention. Peace officers from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana will participate at Coos Bay, with prizes going to the sharpest shooters.

According to information received at the local police station, 50 rounds will be fired at distances up to 60 yards, which should remind law-breakers the long arm of the law is getting more-so.

Order Renews Judgment Against Henry Denn

An order renewing judgment in the sum of \$976.90 upon Henry A. Denn of Camas Valley was signed by Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly Monday. The judgment was renewed at the request of the Douglas Creditors Association.

In a motion submitted by the attorney for the Association, it was set forth that Denn had never paid a judgment of \$976.90 imposed Dec. 17, 1938, nor any interest. The interest, computed at 6 percent per year from Dec.

17, 1938, now amounts to \$1,563, the motion said.

The defendant in this action was named as Henry A. Denn, alias Henry A. Denn Jr., alias H. A. Denn, alias H. A. Denn Jr., alias Hank Denn.

Presbyterian Men Will Hear College President

Dr. Morgan S. Odell, president of Lewis and Clark College, Portland, will address the men of the First Presbyterian Church here at a dinner meeting Thursday evening in the church.

Dinner arrangements are being made by Eugene A. Springer and

the program is in charge of N. D. Johnson.

This will be the regular quarterly meeting of the church's men's group and all members are invited.

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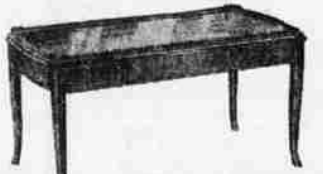


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