

Cat Locates Its Owners In Trip Of 1,000 Miles

CHICAGO — (AP) — Rusty, an orange and white cat, is a most remarkable animal, according to Joseph J. Toste, his wife and their three daughters.

Toste, a grocer, moved his family to suburban Forest Park last September from Belmont, Mass., a Boston suburb, and left Rusty with his father in Belmont.

Rusty, he said, showed up at his home last week. Toste said

he was so amazed he telephoned his father, John Toste. He said his father told him Rusty left his home Sept. 28, soon after the family had moved to Forest Park.

"He couldn't believe the cat found us," Toste said. "He thought it had just run away."

According to the Toste family, Rusty apparently did run away—and without ever having been in the Chicago area before—traveled about 1,000 miles from Massachusetts to Forest Park. Some of Toste's neighbors have told him it must be just a similar cat.

But Toste, his wife, Christina and their daughters, Mildred, 11, Johanna, 8, and Lucrezia, 10, insist the cat is the one they had in Belmont. They back up their

claim by pointing out an old injury to one of Rusty's legs and by photographs of the cat they had in Belmont.

Further, they say, the cat knows his name, sleeps on Mildred's bed just as it did in Belmont and has other habits which are identical.

Dr. W. A. Young, president of the American Cat association and director of the anti-cruelty society, didn't scoff at their story.

"It sounds beyond comprehension that the cat could have found them in all America," Young said. "But I certainly wouldn't say it couldn't happen. A cat's senses are incredibly keen and, although it sounds incredible, it's possible."

A mixture of the weed-killers 2, 4-D and 2, 4, 5-T has been found effective against brush.



CLARK GABLE WEDS—Movie Actor Clark Gable and his bride, the former Lady Sylvia Stanley, widow of Douglas Fairbanks Sr., smile happily following their surprise wedding ceremony at the ranch home of a friend near Solvang, Cal. They will honeymoon in Hawaii.

Churchill Rated Greatest Man Of Half-Century

NEW YORK, Dec. 29. — (AP) — Winston Churchill — Time magazine editors say — is the "Man of the half-century."

The portrait of the wartime British prime minister by American artist Ernest Hamlin Baker, is on the cover of the Jan. 2 Time which contains a 16-page supplement "The Half-Century."

"No man's history," Time says, "can sum up the dreadful wonderful years 1900-50. Churchill's story comes closest."

Describing the British leader as "one of the half-century's greater politicians," Time says: "Sometimes wrong, often right, he fought his way toward the heart of every storm."

"In 1900, Churchill, like his contemporaries, looked forward to pleasant years. Like his contemporaries, Churchill was to struggle through depths and rise to heights unimaginable to 1900."

In summarizing the period, Time weaves Churchill's career into the international picture.

"His chief contribution was to warn of rocks ahead, and to lead the rescue parties. He was not the man who designed the ship, what he did was to launch the lifeboats. That a free world survived in 1950, with a hope of more progress and less calamity, was due in large measure to his exertions."

Time adds that Churchill "as mobilizer of two great national defense efforts 'two world wars' unwittingly contributed more — an all the Fabians to the triumphs of the socialist state."

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Many Veterans "Forgotten" As Hospital Patients

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Some veterans now in mental hospitals could step back into normal life if their relatives and friends would help them, the Veterans administration believes.

But the nation's "forgotten men" are shunned by those who knew them before their illness; one third of the more than 52,000 mental patients in veterans hospitals have not had a visitor in over a year, a VA survey shows.

One man, a World War I veteran, has not been visited in 12 years; another, in numb despair, made up a "family" from hospital attendants when his own wife and children ignored him.

Telling this story of tragic neglect, the VA explained that families "just drift away" or want nothing to do with "crazy" men.

It told of "Mr. X," 58, who entered a VA hospital in 1944, and since then has been ignored by his wife and several children.

They have neither written to him nor visited him, said the VA. Sensitive about this disinterest, Mr. X has "adopted" a family. It consists of the ward physician, whom he fondly calls "Dad" or "Uncle George" and the social worker handling his case who is either "Baby" or "Baby Dear."

If Mr. X doesn't see one member of his "family" every day, he

becomes depressed and reveals his feeling of being unwanted.

The statement said "there are men in VA hospitals who are mentally and physically capable of returning to normal life and in some cases earning a living if they could return to their homes and families."

Bodies Of 2 Missing Children Found In Pond

BEDFORD, N. H., Dec. 29. — (AP) — Bodies of two youngsters missing in woodlands here were found Wednesday in Stebbens pond.

Thirteen-year-old Irene Biron and her young cousin, Robert Bourque, 7, had been objects of a widespread search by possees since they disappeared Tuesday afternoon.

Searchers spotted a reflection in the water from the girl's red sweater—leading to discovery of the bodies.

The two children apparently fell into the water while playing on ice that fringed the pond in a wooded area near where they were last seen.

BUCK RUNS RIGHT AWAY LAKE CITY, Fla. — (AP) — A big buck with fine head of antlers dashed through a residential area and straight across the county line—out of the territory where hunters are plentiful and into Columbia county game sanctuary.

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