

# Weary Housewife Ends World Tour At Alaska City

Anchorage, Alaska, Feb. 21 (AP)—A broke and travel-weary English housewife who wanted to fly around the world appears to be at the end of the trail.

Mrs. Richard Morrow-Tait, 25-year-old red-haired aviatrix, was back in Alaska vainly trying to raise some money to fix her plane after hitch-hiking up the Alcan highway in mid-winter weather.

**Plane Crashes**

The British housewife and her navigator, Michael Townsend, crashed in their British type Percival Proctor near Tok junction, Alaska, late in December last year. Townsend returned to England, while Mrs. Morrow-Tait traveled to the University of Alberta where she modeled for two weeks.

She left there to return to her plane, hitch-hiking up the snow-bound Alaskan highway and camping by the side of the road at night in sub-zero weather without blankets.

**Meets Companions**

Along the way, she met two other "knights of the road" and traveled with them as far as Palmer, Alaska, where she boarded a bus to Anchorage.

"I'm never going back on the Alcan highway again," she said. "I nearly froze."

The immigration inspectors at Tok junction at first refused to admit her to the territory, she said. But they finally relented and allowed her two weeks in Alaska. She said she would go to Seattle, Wash., after that and stay with some friends while she tried to raise money.

Mrs. Morrow-Tait said she had received a letter from her husband recently. "He's not mad at me at all," she smiled. "He says he understands everything."

### CHOPPERS DIDN'T WORK

Tacoma, Wash. (AP)—A woman entered a local cafe and ordered her food "all chopped up." The puzzled chef, Antonio Barcott, followed instructions. After the woman left, a waitress brought him a folded napkin from her table. It contained a new set of false teeth.

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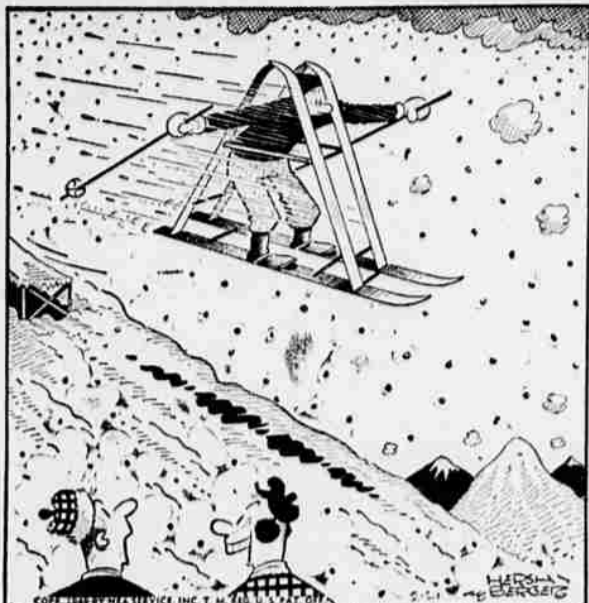
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## FUNNY BUSINESS

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# Tale of Cat in History, Art Shows Puss Is Here to Stay

New York (AP)—The cat is here to stay.

The reason was made obvious when the Cooper Union museum gave an exhibit titled: "Nine Lives: The Tale of the Cat in History and Art."

The exhibit traced the historical ups and downs of the cat with paintings, prints, drawings, sculpture, and the textile, metal and wood work of the great masters.

The exhibit showed that the ancient Egyptians regarded cats as sacred and that the goddess Bast and even Isis sometimes were feature with a cat's head. Cats were often mummified and mummified mice were buried with them to provide food in the after life. Cats were so important that the death penalty was imposed on anyone who killed them.

During the Renaissance, allegedly because of the German goddess Freya, the cat lost favor. Freya supposedly rode in a chariot drawn by cats. Those who worshipped Freya were persecuted and the cat became associated with witches and the devil.

Came the Victorian era and the cats were in again. Coy, sweet sentimental cats appeared on Christmas and trade cards.

Cat lovers included Cardinal Richelieu, Pope Pius IX, Henry James, Thomas Carlyle, Theodore Roosevelt and Georges Clemenceau.

The artists recorded it all very nicely. That is, until the 20th century. Then, they became vague. It appeared that they could take their cat or leave them alone.

The most contemporary work was an abstract painting. If it hadn't been labeled "cat," it surely would have been removed from the exhibit.

Naturally, the question—"How rates the cat of today?"—posed itself.

The American Feline Society, Inc., tried to help out.

"The cat is more popular than ever and its popularity gains every year," the society's president, Robert Lothar Kendall, said enthusiastically.

Kendall, in backing up his claim, said there were 21,000,000 cats in America; 120 cat breeder associations; 1,000 concerns that handled cat commodities exclusively; 100 or more cat model agencies and 125 studios that photographed nothing but cats.

It sounded very impressive and quite conclusive. But somebody let the cats out of the bag, or, more likely, the cellar. They were a pair named Inky and Stinky.

A custodian saw them purring and preening about the exhibit. He turned purple at the sight. He quivered.

Raising his broom like a javelin, he took aim and fired. "SCAAAT!" he roared.

Not everyone, you see, likes cats.

### PORTLAND PRODUCE

Portland, Ore., Feb. 21 (AP)—Egg prices dropped one cent a dozen on all grades and sizes today.

Butter prices held unchanged and firm. — Price to retailers: Grade AA prints 72c; AA cartons 73c; A prints 72c; A cartons 73c; B prints 69c.

Eggs — Prices to retailers: Grade AA large 55-56c doz.; certified A large 56c doz.; A large 53-55c; AA medium 53-54c; certified A medium 54c; A medium 51-53c; cartons 2c additional.

# Swine Sale Set At Prineville

Prineville, Feb. 21 — Ben A. Newell of Salem, Marion county agent in charge of livestock and dairying and secretary of the Oregon Swine Breeders' association, in a letter to E. L. Woods, secretary-treasurer of the Oregon Shorthorn Breeders' association, says the first annual eastern Oregon sale of bred gilts of his group is now well lined up and that Willamette valley swine men will offer here 31 gilts of eight standard breeds. He declared that the swine men were pleased that they were able to secure Joe Church of New Plymouth, Ind., as their auctioneer. Church, he declared, has a broad knowledge of swine raising. He has successfully cried four sales for the swine association in Salem.

As a criterion for prices of bred gilts this year, Newell said that 33 head at Salem on February 5 had averaged \$23.18. Top animal was a Chester White consigned by Elton Watts of Silverton, which brought \$185. Berkshires averaged \$145. Lyle McKinley of Shedd, president of the swine breeders, and Floran Zielinski of St. Paul, chairman of the sale committee, Newell wrote, say they feel their offerings at Prineville, to be made on the afternoon of March 2, the first day of a two-day sale and show of the Shorthorn breeders association, will meet with the approval of Central Oregon farmers.

**FACES LIQUOR CHARGE**

Richard W. Golden, who was arrested February 18 on an intoxication charge, was released on a \$15 bond.

# National Forest Plans Expansion

Prineville, Feb. 21 — H. C. Hulett, supervisor of the Ochoco National forest, reporting on a meeting of all rangers of the forest of the area here last week, said plans call for an expanded program the coming summer. The main physical feature for increasing fire protection, he said, will be the construction as soon as weather conditions permit of a new lookout tower at Black butte in the Snow mountain area. The new structure, built of prefabricated creosoted wood, will be 65 feet high. It will be manned by a lookout during the season of fire hazards.

Where as the Ochoco forest last year was able to secure 10 student foresters from Pacific northwest and other colleges and universities, Hulett says that it is indicated that 20 students will be available for integration into crews engaged in varying duties this year. One crew will start early in the season on surveys for new access roads into timber ready for harvest. Two crews will engage in timber stand improvement. Two other crews will start appraisal of timber that has been affected by needle blight with the aim of salvage plans. Hulett says that the Ochoco forest has around 40,000,000 feet of pine affected by this disease.

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# Writer and Actor Speaker in Bend

More than 170 members of the Bend Knife and Fork club and guests Saturday night at a dinner in the Pilot Butte inn heard Harold J. Kennedy discuss "Back Stage Adventures," with Rev. G.

R. V. Bolster, club president, as toastmaster. Kennedy, a writer of plays and a former actor, touched on his stage experience in the lighter vein.

Highlighting Kennedy's stage experiences was his part as an assistant to Orson Welles in the presentation in the fall of 1938 of "The War of the World," a radio play that scared a nation; Kennedy discussed that broadcast in connection with the recent broadcast of the same play in South America.

Kennedy said that one of the interesting developments of the American broadcast in 1938 was the "eye witness accounts of the landing of Martians" telephoned to radio stations and newspapers. The speaker was critical of the type of plays being shown in theaters and the type of programs being broadcast over radios. However, he said, these plays and programs are what Americans desire.

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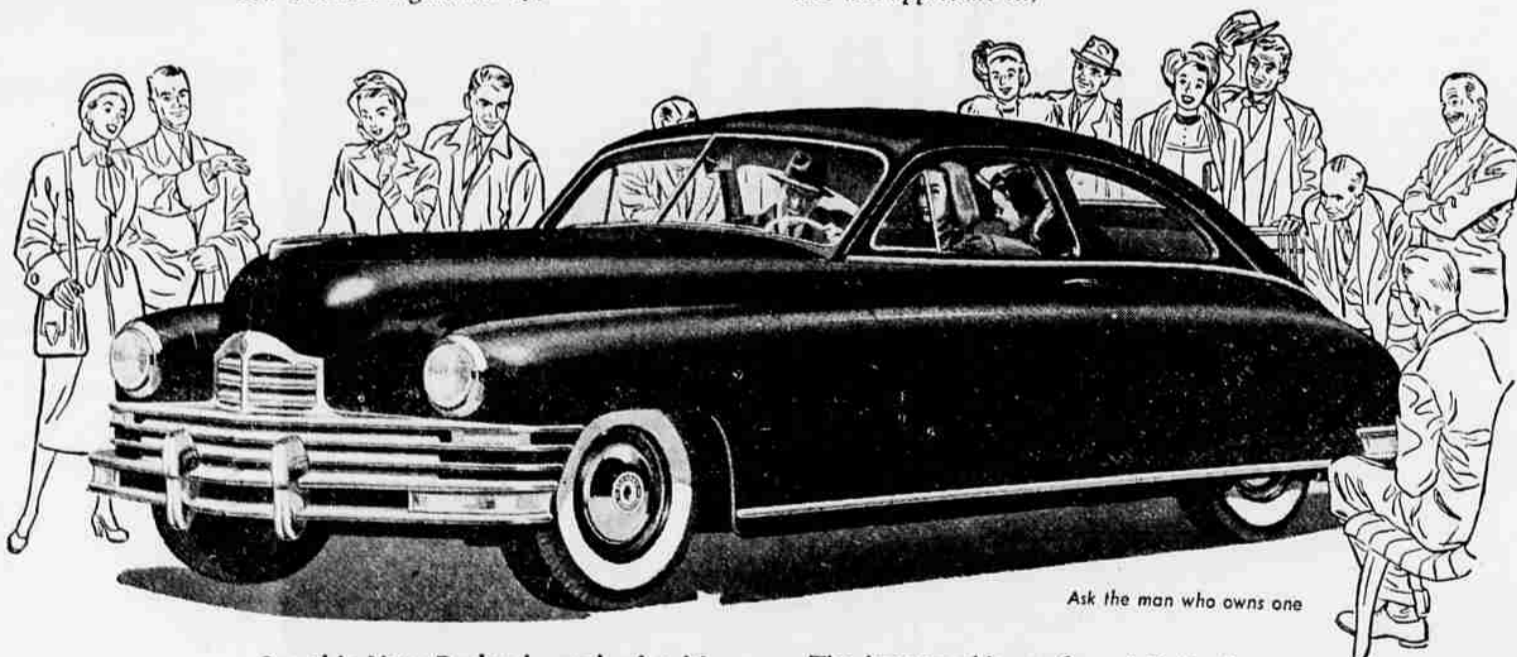
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