



CREAMED KIDDIE - With globs of ice cream and lipstick on her face, Elizabeth Ann Pulliam, 5, of Boston, Mass., appears to be having the time of her life at her mother's expense. Although she didn't become glamorous after invading her mother's beauty supplies, the youngster is way ahead of other children in preparing for Halloween. (UPI Telephoto)



Small Worlds Around Us

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Belling the Cat is a Nice Idea that Doesn't Work

Around her neck she wears a colored ribbon, on which is suspended a tiny bell. "Belling the cat" has been frequently proposed as a positive method of saving countless song-birds. The idea is that the bell warns the bird that its enemy is approaching.

Cats are naturally predators and the bell idea has been tried in many localities. In fact, in some areas it has become a law. On the face of it, it would seem to be a good idea.

The skulking cat sneaking up on the unsuspecting bird would be ringing the tiny bell at every step. In theory the bird would hear the sound long before the animal was close enough to strike; every movement of the pliant animal muscles would twitch the bell enough to cause it to give forth a sound.

Frustrated Cat
With bells on all the cats, the bird-lovers would be satisfied, the cat-owners would be complying with the other's wishes and the birds would be safe. The cat herself would be frustrated; might become slightly neurotic; might even become so discouraged that she would be content to remain always indoors and eat only what she was supposed to eat.

But facts do not always coincide or even partially agree with theory. Especially is this true when we are dealing with living things that have the ability of reasoning things out for themselves.

The inventor or the mechanic always knows exactly what a machine will do, but trying to foretell what an animal will do under differing circumstances or under unusual conditions is something else again. An animal can depart from the routine; can adjust itself to a change, can even learn to do things differently than its ancestors.

Something Fishy
It usually takes but a relatively short time for the "belled cat" to realize that something fishy is going on. By the time it makes a few unsuccessful stalks only to find the bird "has flown the coop," the cat begins to realize its presence is public knowledge.

Consciously or subconsciously the animal decides to do something to correct the situation, so it adjusts its stride to the opposite swing of the bell. By the end of a few days it has learned how to walk without the silly bell making the slightest sound.

The only chance the bell has of ringing is in the final, sudden pounce, and by that time it is too late to warn the bird. Contrary to what the advocates of the bell idea hope for, the "belled cat" will save very few song birds.

The idea of "belling the cat" is about as full of loopholes as a weather forecast. (Released by The Register and Tribune Syndicate, 1960)

YMCA to Offer Classes in Crafts
The Young Men's Christian association of Medford is enrolling students now into the Saturday craft classes that will start Nov. 5. Classes will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each Saturday in the craft shop located in upstairs of the YMCA.

According to Bruce Burns, youth director at the YMCA, the classes will be held to only 10 per class, and one hour in length. Morning classes will be for boys and girls will meet in the afternoon.

Different types of crafts will be offered in the class, from woodworking to leather work and craft striping. A small fee will be charged for some of the items, but most of the material will be used free of charge.

The program will be set up in such a way that boys or girls may take the classes along with the present swimming and gym classes already offered for youth on Saturday.

For further information or registration into the class call the YMCA at Spring 2-6295.

NOT IDENTIFIED
Baltimore - Francis Scott Key was not identified as the author of the Star Spangled Banner until several months after the anthem first appeared.

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