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AGREE ON TEST CENTER

London – (UPI) – The United States and Britain have agreed on terms for establishing a joint underseas test and evaluation center in the Bahamas, the House of Commons was told Tuesday.

Small Worlds Around Us

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'Cat's Whiskers' Is Much More Than An Expression

In the vernacular of the present day, the "cat's whiskers" are supposed to be "the very most." This has considerably more meaning than when one says the "cat's pajamas," which is absolutely ridiculous. The cat does have whiskers but doesn't have or need sleeping garments. But whiskers, yes. These stiff face hairs are tremendously important to the cat.

Of course the mouse has whiskers, too; also the dog (to a somewhat lesser extent), the raccoon, whippoorwill, nighthawk and the catfish, to name a few. Whiskers to a living animal—aside from the beard that adorns the human face—serve the creatures that posses them as sonar, radar or alarm systems of a high degree of perfection, and in some instances take the place of eyes.

By Instruments

A mouse, high-tailing it away from threatened danger in a room as dark as the inside of a pocket operates successfully, even with its eyes tightly closed. He navigates entirely "by instruments"—in this instance, its whiskers. It "feels its way" by means of the hairs on its upper lip, the same as the cat.

Of all the domestic animals used as pets, the cat sustains the fewest eye injuries, due largely to the stiff, bristly hairs above the eyes. The whiskers on the upper lip are in proportion to the girth of the animal's body. The hairs tell the cat that its body can or cannot pass through a hole in the fence. Any opening the whiskers do not touch is wide enough. Threading its way through openings can thereby be accomplished in a dark alley in perfect safety.

Contrary to what some folks think, the cat cannot see in total darkness. Neither can an owl or any other animal, but the nocturnal ones see pretty well in subdued light. When it's dark they must depend on other faculties, one of the most important being whiskers.

Any object, regardless of how small or how delicate the contact made with it, is telegraphed to the animal and in plenty of time for whiskers' owner to take evasive action.

Many of the night-flying, insect - eating birds have whisker adornments. The whippoorwill, Chuck's - will-widow and the nighthawk are bewhiskered, making it easy for the birds to avoid collision with trees or bushes when the light is dim.

Informed of Presence

The small gnat makes contact with a whisker on the nighthawk's face, immediately informing the bird of the insect's presence. The nighthawk, possessing active reflexes, can decide to eat the insect or avoid it.

The catfish, occupying as it does the dark bottom of a lake or a pound — even at night—can feel along the bottom with its chin whiskers, or pass through a narrow place by contact response with its face whiskers.

In the catfish, the whiskers are called barbels, but they answer the same purpose for the fish as do the face whiskers of the cat or the mouse. The whiskers measure the size of an opening, locate the food, or bring bits of information to the owner of the "cat's whiskers."

Diagnostic Speech Clinic in Lake County

Ashland – Diagnostic speech clinics were held in Lake county recently in Lakeview under the supervision of Dr. Leon C. Mulling, director of the Southern Oregon college speech and hearing center, and Dean Nichols, of the Lake county school system.

They examined children for speech and hearing problems and prescribed speech improvement lessons for them. They also discussed appropriate parental handling of the children.

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PLANE ON DISPLAY—An Air Force KC-135 Stratotanker, such as the one shown here, will be one of the planes on display at Kingsley Field in Klamath Falls during Armed Forces Day observances Saturday, May 18. The tanker-transport is made by Boeing Aircraft, and is more than 40 feet high. It is used to refuel jet fighters and bombers in mid-air. Its range is beyond 4,500 miles and it has a ceiling of about 50,000 feet.

Continuing Effort by Social Security Office Noted in Observance

In observance of the first national Senior Citizens Month during May, Edward B. Jacobson, Medford social security district manager, emphasized the continuing effort by his agency to maintain a high level of service to the public generally and to the senior citizens in particular.

Jacobson pointed out that President Kennedy's proclamation, designating May as Senior Citizens Month, urges all persons "to cooperate in its observance by increasing community awareness of the problems faced by older men and women, strengthening services and opportunities to meet their special needs, giving recognition to their past and present contributions, and making this special month the beginning of continuing interest and activity on their behalf."

He said the thousands of retired senior citizens in the area receiving monthly social security benefits contribute substantially toward the economic stability of the community.

Studies on Spending

Studies show that the senior citizen spends the biggest part of his social security check in the community for food, clothing, and housing, Jacobson noted. The number of people receiving benefits is constantly increasing as more and more people join the senior citizens ranks each year.

Jacobson invited all non-retired workers over 65 to visit the social security office for a complete explanation of the provisions of the Social Security Law as it applies in the individual's particular circumstances, and he urged senior citizens who are working while receiving social security to call or visit the district office if they have questions about how their earnings will affect their benefits.

The Medford district office is located at 1017 North Riverside ave. and is open from 8:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Ashland Boy Injured In Monday Accident

Ashland – John Alexander Fowler, 16, of 125 Scenic dr., was reported in good condition at Ashland Community hospital yesterday after suffering bruises in an accident here at 5:30 p.m. Monday.

Alexander was riding a motorbike and struck a car operated by Helen Rice, 1022 East Main st., as she was turning into her driveway, Ashland police said.

Hardwood Paneling Plant Opens in GP

Grants Pass – The opening of a new hardwood paneling plant in Grants Pass, the first in this area, was announced here this week.

The plant, Sierra Wood Products, an affiliate of Southern Oregon Plywood Corporation, will produce prefinished hardwood panels to be marketed to wholesalers and jobbers throughout the United States.

Robert G. Davis, Southern Oregon Plywood general manager, said the Sierra plant would be capable of producing at least 100,000 feet of prefinished paneling per day when it reaches full production. One third of the plant has been set aside for research and development of products soon to be marketed.

To Distribute Panels

Southern Oregon Plywood will distribute the new line of panels, which will be finished in all popular types of hardwood as well as a number of newly-developed toned panels which are exclusive with its line. A special panel is being produced by the plywood company for use in the Sierra plant.

Two groups of California lumber retailers are slated to tour the plant during its opening weeks.

This week some 33 retailers will be flown here from southern California as guests of wholesalers in their area to observe production methods of the new line. Next week the plant will be visited by a similar group from the San Francisco area.

AFS Students Talk At Rotary Meeting

Most of Malaya's young men and women who wish to become teachers must travel to England or to other countries abroad to secure the necessary education, Nikki Yahya, American Field Service exchange student here, said in an address Tuesday before the Medford Rotary club.

The young Malayan girl, studying at Medford High school under the sponsorship of the Medford Rotary club, spoke at a luncheon meeting at the Rogue Valley Country club.

"This is not really a hardship," Miss Yahya added. "The young folks in our country love to travel abroad for advance studies. There are, however, two universities generally attended by Malayan students, one in the country itself and the other at Singapore."

Miss Yahya described her homeland with nearly 8 million people and told how the country's parliamentary system and schools operate. Among her courses at Medford High school is art and in this field her posters have won wide recognition in local and state-wide competition.

Jens Hasfeldt, young American Field Service student at Medford High school sponsored by the Crater Lions club, told Rotarians of his life in his homeland, Denmark. He traced the early history of the tiny land, the World War II occupation by the Germans in which the Danes won world-wide admiration for their underground activities, and the present-day role of Denmark in world trade and NATO.

Reserve Facility To Be Open for Message

The Naval Reserve Electronics facility, Medford, will be open from 7 to 9 p.m. to a limited number of people wishing to copy the message sent from the Secretary of Defense on May 18, Armed Forces Day, the stationkeeper has announced.

The message will be sent by Morse code at the speed of 25 words per minute. Any amateur radio operator copying the message perfectly will receive a certificate signed by the Secretary of Defense. Persons wishing to participate or wishing further information should contact Radioman First Class S. M. Udell at 772-2566.

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