



Small Worlds Around Us

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Not Surprising That Many Legends About Cats Exist

It's not too surprising that so many strange legends and myths have entwined their devious, twisted threads into the tapestry of the common cat's background. Even the origin of the animal is unknown, yet the cat has walked with suber-armed, padded feet alongside the human race for countless centuries. Cats were held in sacred reverence in ancient Egypt thousands of years ago. Great temples were built in their memory.

Of all the animals domesticated by man, the common household cat is the only one which has persistently retained the greatest number of wild characteristics. They can not be subdued by punishment; they may even die in rigid confinement.

By nature they are endowed with great endurance, agility and bodily grace. Probably their stamina and hardiness gave credence to the old superstition that a cat "has nine lives." It is, of course, only a superstition, for a speeding motor car can short-change a cat of at least eight of his lives in the flash of an eye, even before the cat can try them all.

Number Unknown
 No accurate cat-census has ever been taken, but as a rough guess, there are probably a few million more cats in the U.S. than there are dogs, and there are reported to be about 30 million canines. There are some people allergic to cats, and some dislike them; some people even have a morbid fear of them, and many think a black cat crossing one's path is a sure sign of bad luck.

The coiners of proverbs, slogans and superstitions have embellished our language pretty generously with trite sayings that include a cat in their application. Under cool, scientific reasoning about all of them are meaningless.

"It's raining cats and dogs" has come to mean a heavy shower, and the erroneous reference to permanent hostility, "they fight like cats and dogs" to indicate perpetual quarrel, is far from the truth. Cats and dogs do not fight unless urged on by some human.

"A cat and dog affair" is also as wrong. There is no natural animosity between these dissimilar animals. In fact, the members of the entire animal kingdom seldom fight one another. Given a chance the cat, any cat, even

the semi-wild alley cat, will make friends with any dog, and both will give every indication of enjoying the relationship.

Dogs Don't Delight
 The not-so-bright human owner who yells sic-em at his dog and delights in the chase that follows stupidly thinks all dogs delight in chasing all cats. Not so, say students of dog behavior. The dog pursues the cat only because it is attempting to please the master. Of course, once the habit is formed, the dog will continue to harass any cat it sees, thinking that its owner will approve, or will be pleased.

"Quick as a cat" really does have a meaning, for the cat is about as near a poetic motion as any animal can be. "Sleeping like a kitten" certainly indicates peaceful, relaxed slumber. "A cat can look at a king," and many of them do, and actually "live in the lap of Royalty." And Mrs. Cat wears her crown with dignity and hauteur.

The amount of static electricity generated in the electrified fur of a cat gave superstitious folks the silly idea there was a little something supernatural going on, and the black cat became associated with witches and witchcraft—a case of the innocent being made to suffer because some humans were stupid.

The folks that coined the proverbs and fabricated the superstitions should have put their talents to better use, and allowed the cat to have her day.

Survivors of Pearl Harbor To Organize

Leland A. Scott, Grants Pass, has issued a call to all persons who survived the attack on Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941, who may be residing in the southern Oregon area.

During the next 30 days, Scott said, lifetime memberships in an organization of the survivors will be available. A nationwide campaign is under way to locate and register all of the survivors.

A southern Oregon meeting is planned for the near future, Scott said. Anyone wishing additional information regarding the plans is asked to write Scott, the southern Oregon coordinator, whose address is 860 NE Eighth st., Grants Pass.



GIRL MISSING—Pamela Hutul, 14, of Chicago, has been missing from her home since May 11. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Hutul, believe she is in Los Angeles because a railroad ticket seller says he sold a girl resembling the missing youngster a railroad ticket to the California city on May 10. (UPI)

Assembly Slated at College Tonight

Ashland—Interested townspeople are invited to attend the annual Honors and Awards assembly at Southern Oregon college, at 8 o'clock tonight in Britt Ballroom.

Outgoing student body president, Bill Beber, Ashland, will preside. After installation and recognition ceremonies have been conducted for the new student council, there will be awards of scholarships, grants, Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, and activities awards which will include drama, athletics, music, speech and publications.

Council on Aging Meeting Thursday Open To Public

Observance of Senior Citizens Week, which got under way in Medford Monday, will be called to more direct attention of the public Thursday at an open meeting of the Rogue Valley Council on Aging at the Red Cross auditorium at 3 p.m., according to Russ Jamison, president.

The agenda for the meeting highlights the projects which have been carried on by the Council during the year. The public has been invited to participate in the discussion of the needs of senior citizens to be carried on by members of the board and the council membership of 103 persons.

To Outline Plans
 Walter Higgins, housing committee chairman, and committee members William Hoxie and David Kuhns, will outline several low cost housing plans, offered by private and government agencies.

A report of the Northwest Housing conference, recently held in Portland, will be given by Mrs. Fred Rankin.

The future of the Senior Activity Center will be discussed with particular emphasis on a proposed survey.

Other events announced in observance of Senior Citizens Week are an open house at the Medford Fifty Plus club Friday, May 24, from 12:30 to 4 p.m. at the Episcopal Church Guild hall at Fifth st. and Oakdale ave.; and open house at the Senior Activity Center Sunday, May 26, from 1 to 5 p.m. There will be music by the Center orchestra and refreshments will be served.

Miss Schwiebert Fourth in Contest

Ashland—Southern Oregon college coed, Gay Lynn Schwiebert, Ashland, has placed fourth in the national "Miss Photography of 1963" contest, according to Hugh G. Simpson, SOC director of information.

Judging for the contest, which was sponsored by the Master Photo Dealers and Finishers association, was based on the observable beauty in photographs and on charm and intelligence.

Gay, a sophomore in elementary education, was a runner-up in last year's Miss Rogue Valley contest and served as Homecoming Queen last fall. She was entered in the contest by Mrs. Phil Brainerd of Brainerd's Studio, Medford.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schwiebert, reside at 203 North Mountain ave., Ashland.

Many of the falcons used as mascots of the U.S. Air Force academy are captured in cliffs within sight of the academy's building in Colorado.

Cooper Provides Glimpse Into Soul During Space Trip

Washington—L. Gordon Cooper stood in the House chamber Tuesday and gave a thousand persons a glimpse into the soul of a man hurtling through space.

When he finished telling the hushed gathering how he thanked God for letting him make his epic 22.9-orbit flight, there were tears in some eyes.

Hands reached out to clutch his as he made his way out of the chamber after his appearance before spectators, congressmen, cabinet officers, Supreme Court justices, his family and his fellow astronauts.

It was a day of rousing tribute for the 36-year-old Air Force major who remained longer in space than any other American. He received the personal thanks of President Kennedy, and rode in a parade to the Capitol through a cheering throng of 250,000 persons.

Prays on Tape Recorder

The climax came when Cooper, in his Oklahoma draw, told the chamber that "I am not much of a preacher, but while on the flight on the 17th orbit I felt so inclined to put a small prayer on the tape recorder in the spacecraft—it was over the middle of the Indian Ocean in the

middle of the night. "Things had been going so beautifully," Cooper said, "everything had been working perfectly and it was an ideal flight. I was encouraged to read a little transcript of this prayer as an ending:

"I would like to take this time to say a little prayer for all the people, including myself, involved in this launch operation. Father, thank You, especially for letting me fly this flight. Thank You for the privilege of being able to be in this position; to be up in this wondrous place, seeing all these many startling, wonderful things that You have created.

Help Asked for All

"Help guided and direct all of us that we may shape our lives to be much better Christians, trying to help one another, and to work with one another rather than fighting and bickering. Help us to complete this mission successfully. Help us in our future space endeavors that we may show the world that a democracy really can compete, and still be able to do things in a big way, and are able to do research, development, and can conduct many scientific and very technical programs. "Be with all our families.

Grange News

Central Point Grange

Forty-five candidates from eight Granges in Jackson county received the third and fourth degrees on May 17 at the Central Point Grange hall.

The degree team from the Roxy Ann Grange conferred the degrees in full with tableaux and songs.

Thirty-nine of the candidates had received the first and second degrees on May 9 at the Bellview Grange hall when the degree team from Central Point conferred the degrees. This is the largest group of candidates received into the Granges in several years.

Opportunity for these new members to receive the fifth degree will come on May 25, when the degree of Pomona will be given at the Central Point Grange hall.

The sixth degree will be given at the State Grange convention in Portland during

Give them guidance and encouragement, and let them know that everything will be okay.

"We ask in Thy name. Amen."

Cooper said the reasons he named his space capsule Faith 7 were "One, because I believe in God and country; two, because of loyalty to organization, to the two organizations, actually, to which I belong, and, three, because of the confidence in the entire space team."

June and the seventh degree may be taken at the National Grange meeting next November. This meeting will be held in Portland.

Eleven Granges were represented in the meeting. Masters of visiting Granges present were Pomona Master Melvin Lattie; Roxy Ann, Frances Moffatt; Sams Valley, Ernest Radomski; Griffin Creek, Virgil Wilkes; Phoenix, Lloyd Whiteside; Upper Applegate, Edmund Ramsey; Live Oak, Harold Van Hoy; Upper Rogue, Roy Vaughn. Roscoe Roberts, overseer of the Oregon State Grange, was the distinguished guest.

Proceeding the meeting the officers of Central Point Grange performed the officers' seating drill. Master James Cornutt presided for the meeting and all business of Central Point Grange was set aside for the joint meeting.

Following the degrees talks were given by the masters of the visiting Granges. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

Hearst Warns on Sino-Soviet Split

Stanford, Calif.—UPI—William Randolph Hearst Jr., editor in chief of Hearst Newspapers, has warned against premature conclusions about the split between Soviet Russian and Communist China.

Hearst told a meeting of the Foreign Policy Institute at Stanford university that "there is no end in sight yet to this bitter argument. . . . For the United States to leap to any conclusion on the evidence available at this time would be foolhardy and possibly self-defeating."

The editor referred to Nikita Khrushchev and Chinese Communist leader Mao Tse-tung as "two elderly hardheads." The editor added "don't bet against Khrushchev. These are my final words of advice."

Hearst was keynote speaker at the three day institute which is examining the Russia-China ideological conflict.

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