

News Notes of the North

Paragraphs Pertaining to Happenings of Interest During the Past Week

Suggests New Coaches

Now that the new coaches are in service on the main line of the T. & N.O. and passengers north and south are enjoying modern travel comfort, The Press would suggest to Commissioner Mac Lang and General Manager A. H. Cavanagh that the time would seem to have arrived for replacing the antiquated coaches in use on the N.C.R. between Swastika and the twin cities with passenger cars more in keeping with the progress of the important district served by this line.—Rouyn-Noranda Press.

Nickel Reduction High

While an expenditure of between \$12,000,000 and \$14,000,000 was being made in expansion of mining and metallurgical facilities, steady advances in production were also being recorded in all departments of the nickel-copper industry during 1936. The year establishes a new high mark in output, sales, earnings and dividends.

Preliminary estimates show that the production of nickel, copper and precious metals from the Sudbury district for the 12 months ending today, will reach the huge sum of approximately \$81,000,000.—Sudbury Star.

Raise Money For Band

Under the sponsorship of the local Board of Trade, our new band are preparing a drive for funds in connection with their opening concert to be held at the Club on Jan. 27th. Through General Manager Noble the Spruce Falls Co. has offered to supplement public subscriptions—if the needed objective of \$500 is raised—with a donation of fifty per cent of the amount so raised. There will be further particulars of the concert, and the drive.—Kapus-kasing Tribune.

Epidemic Over

All indications pointed today to the passing of the scarlet fever epidemic scare which started in Timmins early this week. Medical authorities reported that no new cases of the dread disease have been reported to them during the past two days and they are of the opinion that the threatening epidemic has subsided.

No deaths have been reported from the five cases which are now under quarantine.—Timmins Daily Press.

"First Lady" Injured

Able and glad to see her friends now in the room at Kirkland District Hospital which will be her home for the next month at least, is Mrs. Tom Martin, Kirkland Lake's "first lady," who suffered a broken hip in a fall on icy streets here the day before Christmas.

The fine old lady who opened a "halfway house" at Teck-Hughes in 1911-12 and has been here ever since, is resting well now and her son, Gordon, said yesterday the hip will likely be in a cast for three months.

The bone was set with a local anaesthetic and Mrs. Martin, who will be seventy her next birthday came through in fine style.—Northern News.

Finances Improved

Speaking at the nomination meeting last week, Mayor Armstrong of New Liskeard, who did not seek re-election, told the ratepayers that during his term of office the town's overdraft had been reduced from \$47,000 to about \$10,000. A cut of one mill had been made in the tax rate and in other ways the finances of the municipality had been greatly improved. W. H. Walter, a member of the council in 1936, is the new mayor of New Liskeard.

Plane as Ambulance

From Cochrane this week comes a story of a mercy flight by a Northern pilot, Harold Smith, who successfully battled a storm on the way down to that town from Moosonee with Mrs. Gilbert Thompson, wife of the Anglican Missionary at Moose River, who was in urgent need of medical attention. Pilot Smith

Seize Slot Machines

Following quick investigation recently, Constable J. W. F. Pretorius and George White, the local members of the provincial police last week made a series of raids that resulted in the closing down of practically all the slot machines in town. It is understood that several police court cases will appear on the docket tomorrow as a result of the series of raids. Some of the machines were in local restaurants and similar places and proved very popular with customers.—Porcupine Advance.

Winter Fish Story

The following is a despatch from New Liskeard to the North Bay Nugget: "During the recent heavy rains in the holiday period, many cellars of homes in Dymond township were flooded owing to the condition of a nearby creek which is used as a sewage

outlet. One morning a resident was examining his flooded basement when he noticed something darting to and fro in the water. Closer investigation revealed a small minnow having the time of his

life. Not caring to bother with a line hook and bait, the man dashed for the pantry for a dipper. Today Mr. Minnow reposes in a large-sized goldfish bowl and is certain of three meals daily."

Expenditures for equipment and supplies for the mining industry in Canada during 1935 reached a total of \$84,813,605, or almost a quarter million per day, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

"Somebody to See You!"

If everybody with something to interest you should come and ring your bell, what a nuisance it would be! Think of the swarming, jostling crowd, the stamping of feet on your porch and carpets!

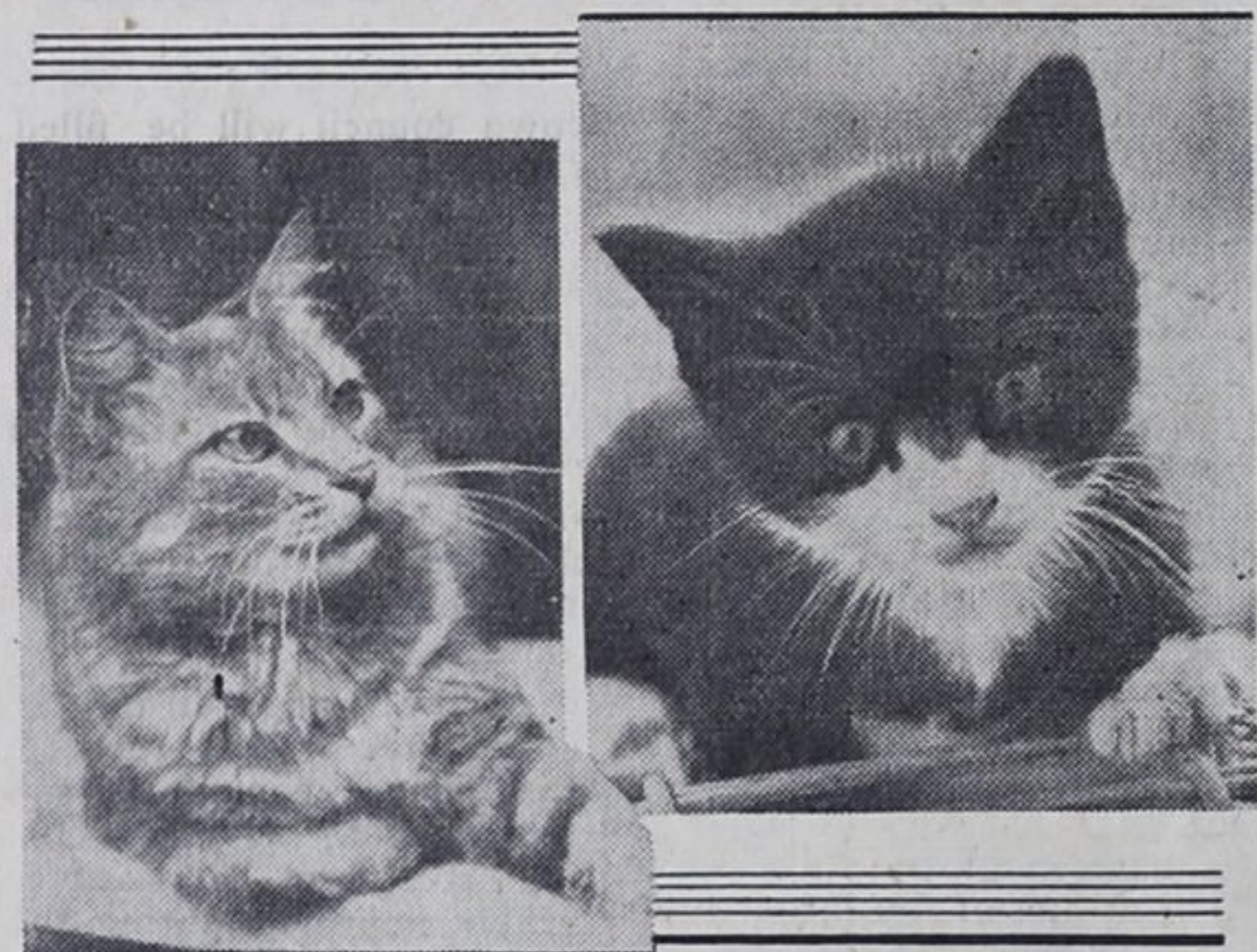
Every week we know of many callers who come to see you. They never jangle the bell—they don't take up your whole day trying to get your attention. Instead they do it in a way that is most considerate of your privacy and your convenience. They Advertise in your newspaper!

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In fairness to yourself look over ALL the advertisements. The smallest and largest—you never can be sure which one will tell something you really want to know.

The SNAPSHOT GUILD

CAT PORTRAITS



Did the photographer say, "Watch the birdie"? This command ought to mean something to a cat, but, as a matter of fact, these poses were obtained by dangling a bright object near the camera.

It is natural for an amateur photographer, according to his tastes and interests, to become intrigued with one kind of picture subject: animals, machinery, trees, skyscrapers, wild life, marine views, and what not. The result, often, is that he finds himself pursuing a fascinating hobby within a hobby—searching for and photographing interesting types of his favorite picture subject.

One of the most enjoyable and challenging of one-subject hobbies is making portraits of cats. You soon learn that the mature cat is an animal of many expressions, and that he rarely fails to reward you with an interesting one. You discover, also, that cats have individuality, even those of the same breed. Consequently, in making cat portraits you obtain a variety of distinctive studies.

Sometimes—and this is the challenging part of cat photography—you need something more than photographic skill to be successful. When it comes to posing for the camera, the feline is often a perverse creature. Dogs beyond the puppy stage are generally obedient, but, to keep a cat in front of the lens, it is usually necessary to entertain him. Even then, Thomas is likely to "take a walk" out of the view finder, with complete indifference to what you say to him or about him. He has a mind of his own. Hence, there will be times when you will need Christian patience and an assistant to recover

the cat. Especially outdoors, when Thomas is in a lively mood, you may find that the best you can get is 9/10 backyard and 1/10 cat. On the other hand, Thomas loves to lie in the sun, especially after a good meal, and then, usually, you find him a most tractable model.

Inside the house the chances are always good because here a cat is generally quieter and disappearing acts can be prevented. Here, too, you can more easily arrange a contrasting background. The surest way to catch a pose is to use a flash bulb. Floodlight lamps seem to cause most cats to lie down and bask. Cats, however, being inquisitive, like to look out of windows for long periods, giving you a chance to creep up on them and snap a good picture by daylight.

A most useful "accessory before the fact" for cat pictures is a portrait attachment over your regular lens permitting close-ups within arm's length. But, if you do not use a portrait attachment, be sure your focus is correct so that the image of the cat will be quite sharp. Then you can mask out the surrounding part of the negative to obtain a big-image enlargement as in the pictures shown above.

Remember that the typical physical characteristics of cats are their whiskers and the liquid gleam in their eyes. The one needs a contrasting background; the other, it must be confessed, needs luck with the light reflections. If you succeed in revealing both, you are a good cat photographer.

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