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JUNE IS THE MONTH of school graduations. Public, High and University. The climax of the year's work and for the High School this year graduation marked another highlight — the publication of their school magazine, "The Challenge." This is a really worthwhile extra-curricular project. As I have mentioned before, the other two issues of "The Challenge" published during the time I went to High School, are treasured items in our household, and becoming even more so as the years go by.

PRINTED SO THAT it could be posted in the various public schools throughout the district, the prospectus avers that candidates will be prepared for Teachers' Certificates and for Matriculation into the different Universities. Further it states "For the information of outsiders, the locality is healthful, the town easy of access by rail, and board can be obtained at reasonable rates. The fees to be as follows: \$5.00 per annum for the first member of a family, and \$3.00 for each additional member."

AND FEEDING HER is quite something too. Remember I mentioned her gluttonous joy in the scraps from the lunch table when we first got her? That was the first and last time she has descended to eat what we eat. At first I merely thought she was a small eater as she left the scraps of meat and vegetables carefully minced up and put in her plate. Then I thought she was sick. Then I got tired of carefully mincing up food I thought might appeal to her and broke down and bought a tin of cat food. The cheapest variety. This she liked fairly well, and completely ignored our scraps. Then the next time I went shopping I thought I'd try the more expensive brand with added vitamins (it has B1 and I thought her nervous system could stand toning up after the change in environment and her operation) — and of course from that day to this Boots has refused to touch any kind of cat food but the most expensive brand. Cats evidently know how to get their own way.

ONLY SOMETIMES THEY can't make up their mind what their own way is. Like when she thinks she wants in the bathroom window first thing in the morning. She gets up on the back verandah roof — a favourite haunt on account of the good bird hunting. And incidentally, she has induced all her cat friends in the neighbourhood to come up on our roof and join in the hunt. They love it up there. I never know when I look out of an upstairs window whose cat is sitting out there staring me in the face.

But to go back to the bathroom window. As soon as she hears anyone in there first thing in the morning, she caws plaintively until you go over to the window, raise the venetian blinds, take out the screen and wait for her to come in. I hardly need add that at that hour



THE AMERICAN LEAGUE HERSHEY BEARS pose as they receive their crests, emblematic of league leadership. Front left, are: Jim Barclay, Glen Cooper, Paul Hale, David Kentner, John McClements, Gary Armstrong, David Graham, Fred Hills, Wayne Compton. Standing, left to right: Barry Hamilton, Gilbert Preston, Rev. Alex Calder and Jim Sargent.

you about the new addition to our household — a cat. For 10, these many years, the children have reproached us with the fact that they are practically the only kids in town without a pet. So, when a grimy, half-grown grey and white kitten, presented itself to the Herald Office, and took no notice of the many unsubtle urgings to depart for distant fields, friend husband took pity on it and decided perhaps this would be our long delayed "pet." He brought it home and surreptitiously called me down to the basement to have a preview of the kitten before saying anything to the family. I looked at it — it does have a pretty little face — and said all right, we'll give it a try.

NEEDLESS TO SAY, joy abounded in the household. The kitten purred loud and long as we piled it with bits of our lunch which she bolted greedily. Yes, "she." Right after lunch we took her up to Dr. Sayers for diagnosis. A little girl cat she was, but healthy in spite of her grime and her fleas. All these conditions would have to be attended to. And they were.

Now Boots is a clean cat, and fleasless. But not flawless. Or just can't understand cats. Or maybe it's only ours. A hangover or fear complex — from her infancy when she was a wild rover, no doubt, I shouldn't try to analyze a cat. But I do. She likes to be petted only when likes to be petted. Usually this is when she is three parts asleep on the softest chair in the house. Or when she is hungry and you are dashing around trying to get the family dinner with her intertwining herself around your ankles purring loudly, and meowing insistently. I have found the easiest way of dealing with this situation is to let my family go hang, and feed the cat first. Unless I want to run a serious risk of breaking a leg tripping over her.

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I am not exactly dressed for public appearance. But that is what it amounts to as I stand there for several minutes poking my head thro' the window all-too-visible to any passerby, as I wait for that cat going to come in or not. The indecision never strikes her until I actually have the screen out of the window. And I have learned better than to try for a "grab" when she is balancing one foot on the sill. That's a grand game and could go on for hours. Sometimes my exasperation gets the best of me and I must admit I have slammed the window shut in her face. Just, I wickedly hope, when she has really made up her mind to come in.

BUT I CAN never be sure. With cats you can never be sure. The word "inscrutable" assumes a deeper meaning when you actually own a cat. And also the word "independence." Discussing my problem of trying to get to love our cat, a friend said you can never really "own" a cat. Well, we "have" a cat, and I'm trying hard to turn it into a "pet." In spite of all her faults, she is a winsome creature when she lies purring contentedly in your arms. Which she doesn't deign to do very often. And which brings us back to the point at which I began telling about the strange cat-like way our cat behaves.

Public School Teachers Given Presentation

Five teachers leaving the staffs of the three local public schools were presented with gifts last week as the staff members held going away parties at their respective schools.

At a party at Harrison Public School on Wednesday, June 26th gifts were presented to Shirley Dawson and Mrs. Robert Borland who are leaving the staff after one year. Both taught previously with Chapel Street school. Mrs. Borland is retiring from teaching, and Miss Dawson, who is to be married this summer, is moving to Etobicoke.

On Thursday, Wrigglesworth staffers made presentations to Mrs. Ted Fenning and Mrs. Frank Cleave. Mrs. Cleave has been with the staff for four years, while Mrs. Fenning has taught in Georgetown for 3 and a half years. Both teachers taught in Toronto prior to their positions here.

The Chapel Street party was held at the Georgetown Dairy Bar on Thursday when a presentation was made to Mrs. Len Dixon. With the Chapel Street staff one year, Mrs. Dixon is returning to Montreal where her husband has been stationed with TCA.

NEW SKELTON MOVIE IS HILARIOUS COMEDY

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Red plays a dumb-but-nice lunch-room attendant in this one. He and Janet have saved up \$1500 to get married, of which over \$40 is Red's contribution. But glib Red entrusts their savings to a bunch of stock swindlers whose gorgeous "front" is none other than Vivian Blaine, in her first movie since the fabulous "Guns and Dolls."

Elow Red winds up as an unwitting courier for the swindlers, he goes to prison and breaks out in a riotous scene is all told with gusto and high good humor in "Public Pigeon No. 1." Red, Vivian and Janet are all superb in their roles. The songs are fine, too.

SHOWERS HONOUR MRS. ALLAN BRAIDEN

Prior to her marriage on Saturday June 20th to Allan Braiden, Jean Benamont was honoured with two miscellaneous showers. On June 17th, Mrs. Gerry McCrea was hostess at a shower at her home in Georgetown for friends from Smith and Stone.

On June 20th, Mrs. Gordon Bell, Miss Bernice Tarwell and Mrs. John Rossiter were hostesses at a shower at the home of Mrs. Bell in Georgetown. On June 26th the bride was presented with a lovely trillight lamp from her fellow employees at Smith and Stone Limited.

Rev. Ronald Hall is Ordained as Minister

Last Friday evening Rev. Ronald Hall was ordained into the ministry of the Pentecostal Church. The ordination took place at the Evangelistic Centre, 68 Gerrard St. Toronto, at the annual Conference of the Pentecostals in Holiness Church. Rev. James H. Taylor was the officiating clergyman. Rev. Hall has been called back to the Georgetown charge for another year.

One other minister of the church was ordained, Rev. Graham, whose father is the pastor of the Milton Pentecostal Church. Rev. Graham will serve in Ottawa.

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