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Chatting

A. H. B.

• ALL CAT-LOVERS will doubtless be happy to know that the cat kingdom has wreaked vengeance on me after that catty chat I had with you about our Boots a few weeks ago. Now, if you please, her almost identical twin has descended on us from the vagabond brigade and I am completing my feline education by leaps and bounds. My leaps and bounds are both indoors and out, now, because we are keeping the vagabond outside.

It happened like this. Early one morning as friend husband came down to breakfast, he heard insistent meowing at the back door. Seeing that our familiar grey and white cat was producing the yowls, he quickly let her in and gave her a favourite breakfast—Cherrios and milk. In case anyone's interested. When finally the cat lifted her head from the depths of its bowl of breakfast, the man of the house thought she looked a little on the disreputable side. So he took her solicitously in hand, and attempted to wipe off a particularly dirty smudge from her chin, with a wet kleenex.

• IN THE MIST of this touching operation, another barrage of meows smote his ears. Looking up, he saw a grey and white cat beseeching him thru the kitchen window. His faith in himself wavered momentarily until he went to the door and saw that this cat was truly our Boots. That gray smudge on the other cat's chin was there to stay. And so, apparently, is the cat that goes with it. The "twin" is still hanging around, ravenously lapping up plain bread and milk, which our spoiled Boots scorns. Wish it would go find itself another benefactor. After writing this I fully expect to find another stray camping on my doorstep next week.

Incidentally, speaking about stray cats, I heard a radio commentator say, the other day, that 65% of all cats are homeless. Quite a surprising statistic isn't it.

• LOOKING FROM THE Herald Office window one day last week, there appeared to be a small grey cloud nearly obscuring a chestnut tree on Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gray's front lawn. Curious, someone went over to see what it was. They didn't get too close however, because the cloud turned out to be a huge swarm of honey bees.

The bees swarmed there for a couple of days. I talked with Mrs. Gray about it, and asked what they did to get rid of the bees. Her answer was, "Nothing". Bees like to have a roof over their heads, she knew they wouldn't stay too long in the tree. The Grays were not particularly afraid of being stung, either, because Mrs. Gray opines that if you don't bother the bees, they won't bother you. In other words, the simplest way to avoid trouble is to keep out of its way.

• MRS. GRAY KNOWS quite a lot about bees, her father having kept a small apiary when she was a girl. She told me the reason the bees were swarming in such an odd place was because their original hive must have been too crowded.

When there becomes too many bees in a hive, a queen bee with a swarm of followers immediately starts a search for another home. That is why all apiaries have an empty hive or two for the bees to go to when they "swarm".

If there isn't an empty hive handy, however, the bees will travel for miles if necessary, before starting a foundation for a hive in a suitable location. The queen bee is always in the lead, and wherever she goes the rest will follow. Needless to say, it is quite a loss to the farmer when he loses a whole swarm.

It was quite fortunate that Mrs. Gray knew something about bees

and so was able to keep calm, and collected, during their visitation. Many other people, myself included, might have become quite agitated at playing hostess to several thousand honey bees in their front yard.

• TALKING ABOUT BEES reminds me of a story about bears. A local lady who has a summer home at Bala tells about two English ladies spending their vacation in Muskoka this year. They are very anxious to see a bear so they can tell the folks back home about it. This is apparently quite a lot on their minds because when they spied a child's shoes and socks lying carelessly on the roadside, they immediately became very excited and wanted to know if a bear had carried the child off.

Well, the English visitors may not see a bear at Bala, but in all probability they will see some of our smaller wild animals such as coons and porcupines. And they wouldn't have to be in Muskoka to see them either, because coons have been making quite a nuisance of themselves to residents of Maple Ave., and a porcupine was seen ambling around town recently. As a matter of fact, last week I saw a porcupine whose wandering days were over. A car had hit it, and it was lying on the highway just below Silvercreek hill.

• HAVING CHATTED about cats, bees, bears, coons and porcupines, I feel it's only fair to include dogs in the conversation too. While I was on vacation, I heard about the shockiest mixture of a mongrel—a dog which was part police and part spaniel. I didn't have an opportunity to see it, but fully intend to view this canine oddity next year. In the meantime I can entertain myself with visions of a police dog with drooping spaniel ears—and vice versa.

\$300 DAMAGE IN CAR COLLISION, WATER STREET

A two car collision at the corner of Guelph and Water Streets early last Wednesday evening damaged cars owned by James E. Peterkin, 14 Market Street, and Clarence Kennedy, 2 Water Street, to the total extent of about \$300. The accident occurred when Mr. Peterkin, driving west on Guelph at about 6:30 p.m. made a left turn onto Water Street, striking the right front fender of the Kennedy car which was parked on the west side of the street.

Mr. Peterkin told police that he was blinded by the sun and was unable to see the parked car. Both cars received about the same amount of damage in the collision investigated by Cst. Ted Scott.

Notice to Creditors

In the Estate of ALBERT E. ROGERS, deceased.

ALL PERSONS having claims against the estate of Albert E. Rogers, late of the Township of E. Queensing, who died on or about the 6th day of June, 1957, are hereby notified to send particulars of same to the undersigned on or before the 7th day of September, 1957, after which date the estate will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice, and the undersigned will not be liable to any person of whose claim she shall not then have notice.

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DATED at Georgetown, this 13th day of August, 1957.

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Jehovah Training Program Will Bring Visitors from Wide Area

Plans are now completed for the three-day training program to be held August 22-25 at Georgetown. Mr. Otto Dojczman, the presiding minister of the Georgetown congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses announces. This assembly will include congregations extending from Burlington and Oakville on the south, to Orangeville and Guelph on the north.

Mr. Dojczman commented to the local congregation on the timeliness of the theme of the assembly "Tell the Good News". The abundance of bad news in the world today and the dangers that go with this atomic age makes it essential for all to hear of the good news of God's Kingdom. This is in keeping with the words of the Apostle Paul at Ephesians 4: 25 "Speak every man truth with his neighbor", and the prophecy of Christ Jesus at Matthew 24: 14 "this gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations". He further stated that to effectively accomplish this, knowledge and training are necessary and this assembly will help provide these essentials.

Mr. Dojczman pointed out that this training is an addition to the five weekly study classes now being carried on locally by the Georgetown congregation in their Kingdom Hall. Two of these classes

are conducted as advanced studies of the bible, another is to improve speech and speaking ability with practice sermons given by the students enrolled. Another is a ministry improvement class, where problems of the ministry are discussed. The fifth meeting is a public sermon on a bible subject.

The Watchtower Bible and Tract Society is the sponsor of this assembly and has delegated a special representative to oversee the arrangements. All sessions of the assembly will be held at the Memorial Arena in Georgetown. The highlight will be delivery of a bible discourse, "Removing the Barriers Dividing Mankind", by the District Supervisor, Mr. George Saltmarsh, on Sunday, August 25, at 3 p.m.

Jehovah's Witnesses extend to all good-will persons an invitation to hear this timely subject discussed.

Social & Personal

Mrs. Iva Margeson of the Cordvale School staff is spending this month in Halifax, N.S. with her mother, brothers and sisters. Miss Paula Arthurs, a fellow member of the staff left Thursday to visit with them in Halifax also.

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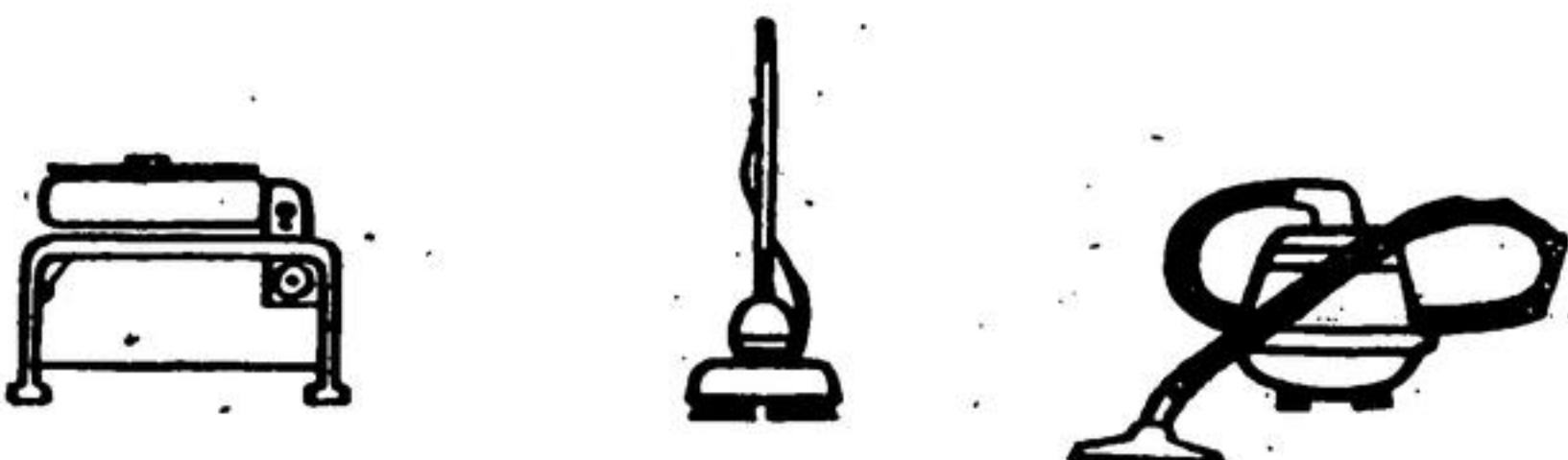


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