



Castor Earl

Good ol' Butch

This time, I thought I'd tell you about my cat, Butch. I wasn't goin' to give the ornery little cuss that much credit but I got a request from one of the readers. I got a lot of different requests from other readers but I'm goin' to keep writin' my column anyway.

Butch. Nasty, mean, cantankerous ol' Butch. Just what can I say about that cat that hasn't been said better by angry neighbors.

He's a big, orange tom-cat with that thick fur that's always gettin' all knotted up. The only way to get rid of the knots is to take him to the vet and have him shaved.

Butch is so big you could throw a saddle on him. Fact, I did that once when we were snowed in. Rode him right into town. Course, my feet were draggin' and he was out of breath when we got there, but we made it. He didn't like it too much, though, when I tried to hang a feed bag around his head.

Dogs? Butch just ignores

them. We had to look after this fidgety little Spaniel for the neighbours once. It was in the winter and we put her down in the basement to sleep with Butch. The ol' cat likes it down there because we have a big converted coal furnace and he snuggles up real close to it. Fact, he gets right inside it through the air vent and sleeps between the liner and the fire box.

Well, this dog decides she's goin' to show Butch who's boss even though he's bigger than she is. So she starts yappin' and chasin' him around the basement. Butch runs for awhile just to humor her then stops dead in his tracks, turns around, and gives her a look that could stop a runaway train. That was that. Butch didn't even have to use those switch-blades he keeps at the end of his feet. All it took was the evil eye. Just to make sure that Spaniel knew her place, Butch took over her bed and wouldn't let her back into it for the two weeks we kept her.

Cars? Butch loves them. Well, he's not so fussy about them anymore since the time we were drivin' home in the jalopy and I

stopped at the gate to get the mail. I let the dang cat out to walk up to the house but for some reason he decided to take a look under the car. When I set out again, I ran over his tail.

Boy oh boy, was that cat mad. He let out one loud squawk and when I stopped the car he marched right up to it and took a swipe at the tire that did the runnin' over. He punctured the dang-busted thing and sat there smirkin' while I changed it. For weeks, he wouldn't give me the time of day. Of course, he doesn't have a watch anyway.

When Butch is in a good mood — it happens once in a blue moon — he can be playful. Just last week, the two of us were playin' peek-a-boo at the barn with me stickin' my face between the boards and him tryin' to swipe me with his paw. I was dodgin' him pretty good until he landed one that tore a chunk off my nose. Sure was fun.

By the way, if anybody out there has a humorous tale to tell about their favorite pet, just drop a line to Castor Earl, The Castor Review, Box 359, Russell, Ont.

The Happy Gang

April proved to be a busy month for the Russell Senior Citizens. April 3 we played host to the Bearbrook club with a delicious dinner followed by guest speakers Moe Royer, P.C. candidate for Vanier-Ottawa; Dorothy Shorrt, Pres. of the P.C. Ladies of Eastern Ontario, and Russell registrar Wendall Stanley. April 10 we went on a bus trip through the picturesque Gatineau hills to Mont Ste. Marie where we enjoyed a lovely smorgasbord at the resort chateau. April 14 we were off again, this time to Ottawa and the Minto Follies. Our Saturday night euchre games are proving very successfully, and we plan on continuing them throughout the summer. A welcome reminder, if you are a senior citizen and would like to join our group, please don't hesitate to call either Bertha Smith, 445-2965 or Mildred Harrison, 445-2041. We are very pleased to report we are now certified officially by the Ontario Senior Citizen Organization. Our best wishes are heartily sent to Grace Webster, who celebrated her 90th birthday this past month.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- May 2 — We play host to the Vernon Club, 8:00 p.m.
- May 8 — Regular weekly meeting, 1:30 p.m.
- May 16 — A rug and quilt demonstration, 1:30 p.m.
- May 22 — Regular weekly meeting, 1:30 p.m.
- May 29 — Regular weekly meeting, 1:30 p.m.

Meditorial

By Rev. James Paul

The world is full of diets for the overweight. There are low calorie diets, carbohydrate diets, fish and fruit diets, but did you know that there is a Divine Diet? In Matthew 4:4, Jesus tells of a Divine Diet that is suited for everyone, male or female, fat or tall, big or small. The Creator of man himself states, that "man shall not live by bread alone, but

by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Herein lies the two-fold secret.

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Notice

A meeting of the Russell Horticultural Society will be held May 15 at the Anglican Church Hall, 8 p.m., and will feature a plant exchange. Bring a plant or cutting and take one home. New members are welcome; membership is \$1.50.

United Church News

On Sunday, April 9, Mrs. Robert Gamble (Georgie) was ordained as an elder of St. Andrew's and St. Paul's United Church, at the regular morning celebration. The ceremony was conducted by the pastor, Rev. L. S. Woolfrey. The Right of Fellowship was extended to Mrs. Gamble by the members of the session and retired elders. Mr. Stanley Boothe was re-admitted and welcomed to the session after one year's retirement.

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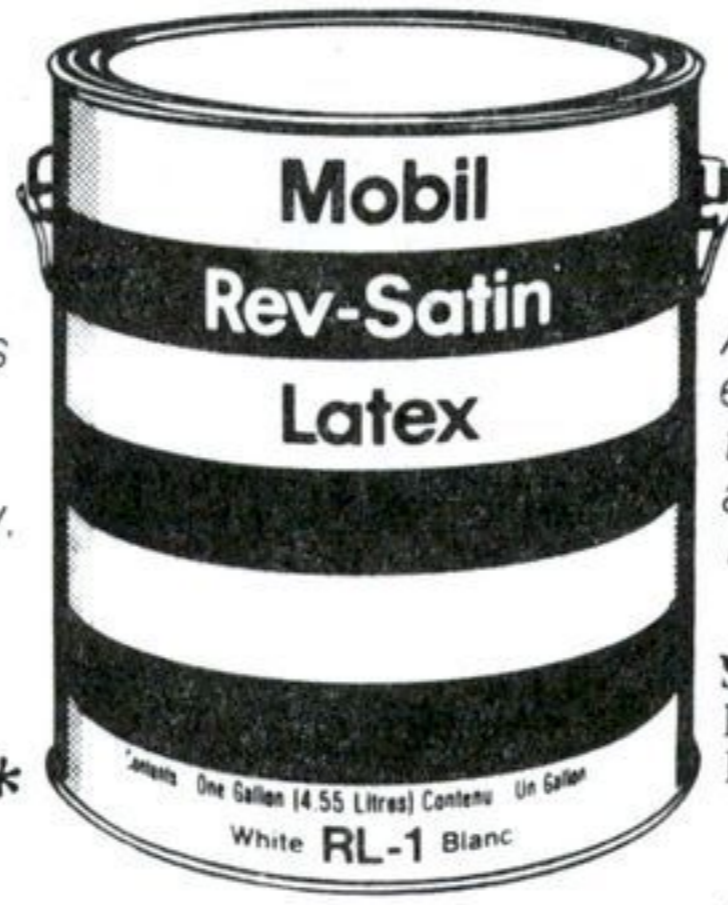
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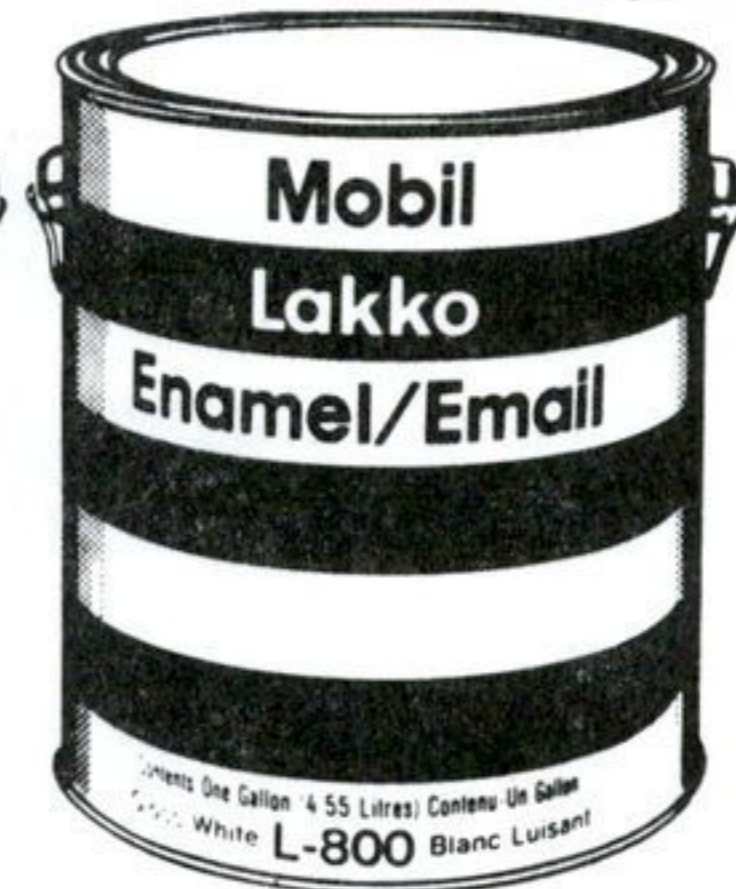
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