

MRS. ALLEN BACK, NOW CAT GONE

T. R. Allen, of 1024 Hickory Ave., has a hard time keeping track of his family.

A year ago, it took an act of Congress for him to get Mrs. Allen back from Canada where she had gone on a trip. Since she was Canadian-born and had come to the United States on a visitor's visa 14 years before. After a 14-month wait, Rep. Cecil R. King helped get a bill through Congress enabling her to return.

On the first anniversary of his wife's return, last week, Allen discovered that "Ming," his pet Siamese cat and boon companion during the long months his wife was gone, had disappeared. He is easy to identify, Allen says, because a piece of his tail is missing.

The Allens have owned "Ming" since he was a kitten six years ago. They are puzzled over his disappearance since the cat frequently left home, meeting Allen nightly on his return from work.

They are hoping that it won't take an act of Congress to get their cat back now.



TRouble AGAIN . . . It took an act of Congress for T. R. Allen, of 1024 Hickory Ave., to get his Canadian-born wife across the border after a visit to America's northern neighbor. Now his Siamese cat and constant companion during his wife's absence has turned up missing and Allen is trying to find him. They are pictured here just after Mrs. Allen's return a year ago.

ELLINWOOD

Mrs. Solveif Kier Returns From Three-Month Visit to Finland

By JANET ROBINSON and BARBARA WEAVER
Sue Austin, of 4615 Green Meadows Ave., gave a welcome home party for Solveif Kier shortly after her return from a three-month stay in Finland with her two children.

Solveif brought back 14-year-old Marianna Alden, from Helsinki, who will stay here a year. She attended the party with Solveif and although she cannot speak or understand English she still enjoyed the colored slides of Finland and the delicious apple pie, ice cream, and coffee.

Others attending the welcoming party were Marilyn Torstenson, Donna Franks, Cecil Banaszynski, Marian Zurborg, Jane Pope, and Jean Asher. Solveif is full of exciting things she did while abroad. During her stay in Helsinki the delegates to the "World Congress" convened there. As Solveif used to be a guide before her marriage she was called upon again. She guided a Sheik from Iraq around for a few days. He expects to visit the United States next year with the King of Iraq.

Later Solveif left her two children, Ralph, 5, and Gail, 1, with her mother, Mrs. Sven Grundstrom, in Helsinki, and traveled by car through Germany and Holland along the Rhine. She also spent two days in Stockholm and traveled through Sweden. Altogether she visited 12 countries and 64 towns and cities.

Now Solveif is celebrating the latest news. An old friend of 14 years standing, Gunvor Shields, is making her new home in El Segundo with her husband, Capt. Bill Shields, a captain in the McCormack Lines.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Little of 4715 Highgrove welcomed a baby girl recently in St. Mary's Hospital in Long Beach. Pamela Ann Tipped the scales at 7 lbs., 15 oz. The Littles also have a son Gaylen, age 4. The baby's maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Waage of Red Oak, Iowa. Paternal grandmother is Mrs. Ethel Little of Creston, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Halasey, of 5501 Green Meadows Ave., announce the arrival of a daughter, Margaret Blair Halasey, born Aug. 31 at San Pedro Community Hospital. Margaret weighed 5 lbs., 15 1/2 oz. She has a brother and sister, Joe, 3, and Janet, 1 1/2. Her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. McCall, of Torrance, and her paternal grandmother is Mrs. Lillian Malasey of Hooper, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Hatcher Jr., of 4502 Newton St., are the proud parents of twins, a boy and a girl—born Sept. 25. Debra Scott weighed 7 lbs. and Debra Lee 5 lbs. 6 oz. Big brother Grover C. III is 2 1/2. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Hatcher Sr., of Corbin Ky, and maternal grandparents are Mrs. Gertha Jameser of Tampa, Florida, and Thomas Bennett of Denver, Col.

Marilyn Forrester, of 4533 Green Meadows Ave., planned an afternoon's outing for several of her neighbors recently. They traveled to Westwood for luncheon and a fashion show and, incidentally, celebrated the birthday of Dorothy Frey. When the waitress appeared

with the small cakes and flaming candles Dottie was almost speechless for a moment! Others joining in the celebration besides Marilyn and Dorothy were Lucy Pesusich, Mary Wilhelm, Jean Bowman, Janet Robinson, Merla Wilson, and Agnes Rogers.

Billie Jean Bowman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bowman, of 4526 Pacific Coast Hwy., celebrated her tenth birthday on Oct. 2, with a patio barbecue. Her father barbecued hot dogs for the many guests. With them they were served macaroni salad, potato chips, cake, ice cream, and punch.

Those celebrating with Billie were Susan Johnson, Janet Clark, Linda Fairfield, Ann McKinley, Susie O'Conner, Linda Rogers, Anita Michaelson, Lynn Hamilton, Barbara Weaver, Karen Wykorka, Janny Roginson, Dianne Herford, Wanda Brown, Marylyn Haekbusch, Vonnice Whitecotton, and Jan Harold. Billie's brother Tommy also was there with a boy friend, Mickey Michaelson.

Adults attending were Billie's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Bowman, Mrs. M. Michaelson, Ray and Ruth Miller.

Local Woman Named 'Queen For a Day'

Mrs. Sual Frank, of 803 W. 229th St., saw a number of her dreams come true Monday after she was named "Queen for a Day" on the Radio-TV shows of the same name in Hollywood.

A Japanese war bride, Mrs. Frank's husband, David, is with the Navy in this area. Her wish was for a set of braces for her adopted son, Johnny, 4, and she saw that dream come true when she was acclaimed queen by measure of audience applause. The young boy is unable to use his legs at all and diagnosis of his affliction has not determined the cause of the trouble. He still is going to clinics, where medics are continuing their examinations of the case.

After being crowned "Queen for a Day" by host Jack Bailey, Mrs. Frank was given gifts that included a complete wardrobe, jewelry, appliances, cosmetics, merchandise orders and presents for her husband. Beginning Tuesday at noon, she was whisked away by a Gold Cadillac on a whirlwind tour of Movieland. The trip included a stopover at 20th Century-Fox, where she ate lunch and watched movie making on location. She received complete beauty treatment at a Hollywood make-up studio and topped the day off with dinner at the Moulin Rouge.

The show was simulcast for radio and television over the Mutual of Don Lee Broadcasting System.

CROWDED HIVES
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REYNOLDS KNIGHT

New House Construction Booms Again After Two-Month Decline

Home sales, after a two-month lull, have picked up again. When June and July saw new home starts falling below the like months of 1954—the first such year-to-year decline in several years—some commentators hastened to say the vast housing boom was beginning to taper off.

August starts reversed the brief dip, with 123,000 starts—8000 more than in July—it was the best August since 1950. While the upturn seemed to be in the face of the slightly more stringent terms on housing loans, put into effect July 30, those terms were not effective for most August-started homes. That is because the new regulations exempted homes for which commitments on the older basis had already been made.

Strength in the economy outside the home-building field must be given much of the credit for continuance of the housing boom. So many observers have been saying that postwar prosperity rested solely on demand for homes and automobiles that many of us had come to believe it. This

summer, with sales of both non-durable goods and hard goods other than automobiles making new highs, the boom has shown itself to have a much broader basis than any two industries, important as those industries are.

CAN OUTPUT RISES—Americans are getting more and more from tin cans. Fruit vegetables, juices, beer and pet foods were mainly responsible for the increase of almost six per cent in can production for the first half of 1955 compared with first-half 1954, according to the American Can Company.

More than four and a quarter billion cans were produced for fruits, vegetables and juices in the six-month period, and more than three billion beer cans were turned out. Both figures represent 10 per cent gains, the company said.

Another gainer was the tinless motor oil can, a pioneer in Canco's constant campaign to free the nation from the danger of tin shortages. Production of these tinless cans rose six per cent. Other production

increases were registered in seafood and shortening containers.

THINGS TO COME—One pipe stem, made of gold-plated aluminum, comes with as many as nine removable bowls. . . . An electronic dingbat for signaling when a shaft or bearing is wobbling can be attached to any machine which must operate for long periods. . . . An aluminum device to be attached to a fishing line between hook and sinker is supposed to help the rig miss submerged obstacles as it's retrieved. . . . A folding picnic table, complete with two benches, seats 16 persons.

BOTTLENECK BROKEN—For all the advantage of aluminum in castings, its users have for years been faced with the problem of the metal's high oxidation, which made it necessary to melt ingots in small batches.

Now comes news that for a year the first automatic continuous in-line melting of aluminum alloys for castings has been going on in the Pittsburgh plant of the Monarch Aluminum

Manufacturing Co., a large maker of aluminum shapes in permanent molds.

A new type of radiant gas-fired tunnel furnace, engineered jointly by Monarch and Selas Corporation of America, Philadelphia heat engineering firm, has made possible this radical advance in aluminum casting practice. Furnace can be built to process 3000 pounds of castings an hour, and starting time is cut from 24 hours to three. Gas consumption is less than two-thirds that of the earlier "batch" process, and heat in the working area is no longer a problem.

The tunnel furnace uses 60 Selas ceramic burners in the last 10 feet of the roof of the 30-foot-long furnace. Combustion gases flow back up the furnace to preheat the ingots.

WEATHER WORRIES—This summer has seen two visitations of hurricanes in farming areas of the East, spreading blessings and disaster. Unfortunately, from the viewpoint of the worried Washington director of national policy, the disaster came where it hurt and

the blessing where they didn't help too much.

High winds and lashing rains ruined Connecticut shade-tobacco crop, and left little of North Carolina's fluorescent tobacco. Aided by rising export demand, those two crops had been good earners for their growers, and not much trouble to the price proppers.

On the other hand, the accompanying rain was just what the Piedmont cotton crop needed, so now there will be a few scarce trunks more bale of excess cotton.

At the western edge of the Mississippi Valley, crops are now suffering from drought, with corn and wheat not worth harvesting. The main Corn Belt, however, is having ideal growing weather, so far. Which means that the unfortunate Minnesotans and Dakotans won't even have the solace of good prices for what they do manage to market.

BITS O' BUSINESS—Auto dealers sold 5.1 million new cars and 7 million used ones in the first eight months of 1955. . . . The Labor Day week-end cut \$7,617 cars off weekly loadings, said the Association of American Railroads. . . . Department store sales in the Sept. 10 week were 11 per cent above the year-before period.

Shoestring Board Names New Chairman

Thomas Murphy was named chairman of Shoestring Advisory Board held Tuesday at the Normandale Recreation Center.

Other new officers are Mrs. Frank Nelson, vice chairman; Mrs. F. C. Beech, secretary, and Mrs. Ralph Robertson, treasurer.

Joe Goss, assistant to Councilman John Gibson outlined plans for future paving on 224th and 227th Sts., and informed the group that a library bookmobile service has been obtained for the 18th St. School, starting today.

Don Heath, of Halldale School, volunteered to discuss the school crossing situation at 212th and Normandale Ave. with mothers and Mrs. R. T. Zaub, of the school board.

A donation was given to Miss Alice Dunbar, director of the Normandale playground on Oct. 31.

4 Take Shots After Rabid Canine Dies

The 15th rabid dog in the Torrance area this year died last week after coming into saliva contact with four persons, including his owners and two veterinary employees.

The small brown terrier was owned by H. Knapp, of 231 Ave. G, Redondo Beach. It came into saliva contact with its owners, and bit one veterinarian and possible infected another. All are taking Pasteur shots at the present time.

The dog was confined to its yard, the owners said, but was sometimes tied in the front yard, where it may have come in contact with another rabid dog.

Man Booked After Crash

Three persons received minor injuries in a two-car crash Friday night at 182nd St. and Doty Ave., police reports say.

Ronald G. Nicholson, 19, of 3331 W. 190th St., was treated at Harbor General Hospital, then released to police custody and booked on drunk driving following the mishap.

Curtis Cunningham, 51, of 3726 W. 181st St., and his son, Curtis Jr., were treated and released by Harbor Hospital authorities after the wreck, reports indicate.

Police say Cunningham was attempting a left turn from 182nd St., onto Doty Ave., and Nicholson's vehicle pulled out to pass when the accident happened.

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