

These Cambodian Cats Find Lathrup 'Purrfect'

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LATHRUP — An unusual family lives out Lathrup Village way. It is true they are only cats, but—there are cats and cats.

These cats are special—one an odd, hook-tailed Manx, the other a beautiful blue-eyed Siamese. Of course, one sees both types every so often, but these Siamese are imports from far-off Pnum Penh, Cambodia. Their names are Menou and Si-Belle, which in the native tongue means "So-Beautiful."

The former owner of the cats, Stephen Bloyer, was sent by the United States government to teach English in that distant country that borders Viet Nam and Laos. He lives in a small apartment near the school, and since space is limited, he has insufficient room for his collection of pets—a monkey, a lemur, some birds, cats and parrots.

OCCASIONALLY HE makes trips out of the city, which leaves his various companions to shift for themselves. And because Stephen is kind and devoted to animals, good homes for his pals are a must.

Into a wicker cage he entrusted his treasure of the jeweled eyes and the hooked tail. They were whisked by a succession of aircraft from their tropical home, arriving eventually in the Detroit suburb to take up residence with Stephen's parents, Stanley and Katherine Bloyer, 2705 California dr.

AT FIRST, the feline visitors were lonely and homesick for far-away Cambodia, but their new home provided for such eventualities. On the wall of the little study hangs the skin of a tiger, once an inhabitant of that Asian country. Whenever nostalgia overtakes the cats, they are allowed to sniff the exciting pelt of their ferocious cousin and dream they are back home again.

Then, too, there are other objects and mementoes about the house which Stephen has sent his parents from time to time—dolls, pictures, saris, sarongs, and several exquisite replicas of dancing girls from a famous temple—all emitting the comforting smell of Cambodia.

RECENTLY, the cats were delighted by a visit from their old friend Stephen, home on vacation from their native land. Old acquaintances were renewed as well as making some new ones for Menou and his royal consort had presented the senior Bloyers with four of the most mischievous, lovable offspring in a zodiacable. They romped, slept and purred their way into the affections of the adopted family and everyone else with whom they came in contact.

Given the run of the house when there were no visitors, the kittens were sent to the basement for safe-keeping at other times. That is, until they were at an age to fend for themselves—a state not long in arriving. They were equally at home on top of the piano, the clock, the mantel or their master's shoulders. The rugs were in a permanent state of disarray to provide tunnels, caves and hiding

places for the rollicking balls of energy.

WHEN WARM WEATHER made the house uncomfortable for the family of bloodloos, Stephen (equally as devoted to their welfare as his parents) built them a summer-house in the back yard. A screened-in room under a shade tree, equipped with a perch and ladder for climbing, became an object of interest to callers and an airy retreat for the cats.

There is a sandy trench around the edge of the enclosure for their convenience and bunches of coarse grass were planted to supply needed roughage. Here the cats take their ease, dreaming of catnip need and fish laced with liver.

NOW AND THEN these fortunate creatures are allowed back indoors to exercise and "rest," a while in the beds. Their number has dwindled to three, because they grew, as cats will, to sudden adulthood.

"Tail", "Princess" and "No Tail" have been bestowed on deserving acquaintances who promised to give them good homes. That leaves "Stubby-tail" to delight his masters and comfort his regal parents in the twilight of their remaining eight lives.

Lathrup to Take Census Information Until July 31

LATHRUP—City administrator Jerald Stone was instructed by the council Monday to inform residents who have not been counted in the 1960 census that they can still do so through the city government. Deadline is July 31.

The city receives \$140 per person from the state government for each resident.

THE INFORMATION will be included in a mailing scheduled for this week in regard to Lecanton scale. A report was read to the council Monday in which Alvin Plumtree, chairman of the Forestry advisory committee, advised the spraying of ornamental shrubs and plantings as well as trees.

Plumtree showed the council scale mounds and live minute insects and explained how to detect them. He recommended trimming of dead branches which provide a breeding ground for the Dutch knittle and also noted that the city would pick up trimmings on request.

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Break Ground for Bell

SOUTHFIELD—Ground-breaking ceremony for Michigan Bell Telephone company's new \$6,000,000 northwest office center, Southfield and Northwestern highways, was attended Friday by representatives of Southfield and the telephone company. They are (from left) S. James Clarkston, state representative of the fourth district; John Holmwood, councilman; The Rev. Emil Gaverluk, pastor of the First Baptist church of Detroit; Roy E. Bradstrum, chief engineer for Michigan Bell; James S. Richards, division commercial superintendent, and Alva Dou, general accounting manager. The new three-building center will be on the site of the company's 40-acre accounting center.

Lathrup to Apply For Federal Aid

LATHRUP — Council members approved Mayor Richard N. Cogger's recommendation Monday to apply for financial help in the sewer program so that Lathrup can avail itself of the Federal Aid Grant program. The engineering firm of Ayres, Lewis, Norris and May will prepare the application by the Sept. 15 deadline.

The council also authorized Cogger and city attorney Everett Hayes to review the contract prepared by the engineering firm in relation to the storm and sanitary sewer program. The contract covers a study of the system that will summarize design, financing, construction, specifications and plans and other matters involved with the project. The study will cost the city \$5,000.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR Jerald Stone reported on the July 8 meeting of county and DPW officials from cities planning to use the Evergreen and Farmington interceptors. He stated that cities were asked to eliminate infiltration problems and voted that information

Stone to Attend October Conference

LATHRUP—City administrator Jerald Stone was authorized by the council Monday to attend the International city managers conference Oct. 16 to 20 in San Francisco. His expenses are limited to \$300.

The appointment of Bernice Gruse as court clerk and Ruth Bippin as deputy court clerk was also approved.

THE APPOINTMENT of a representative and alternate representative to the Southeastern Oakland county water and rubbish authorities was postponed. The positions are presently held by Charles Kelley and Stone, respectively.

Luscious Little Lori Tasted by Pet Turtle

CRANBROOK VILLAGE—Little Lori Sargent, 2, just may be pondering the ways of a harsh world since finding that turtles do not respond to a wee girl's loving embraces. Lacking a shell to pull over her head, she suffered a bite on the ear—now healed—from the six-inch pet of her friend, Billy Chase. The sympathetic small fry thought it rather a switch from scraped knees and bruised shins—so she is presently a lady of distinction.

Her parents, the William Sargents, tell us they had a wonderful time on their recent jaunt west. Sargent spent an interesting three weeks in reserve training at San Diego aboard a destroyer, submarine and naval amphibious aircraft. He then joined his wife in Los Angeles for an eight-day holiday.

Just back from a nine-day trip to Fort Bragg, N. C., Washington, D. C., and Richmond, the Robert Schafers re-packed their suitcases and headed for Chicago Monday. Father and the three children will visit relatives while Mrs. Schaffer heads for Seattle. She is attending the United Airlines Clipped Wings convention as a delegate. The Clipped Wings, you probably know, is an organization of former airlines stewardesses.

Mr. and Mrs. David Stumm of Pleasant trail are just returned from a house-hunting trip to Pittsburgh, Pa., where they will soon be making their home. The genial couple, who have lived in Cranbrook Village for the past two years, have two children, Michael, 6, and Gregory, 20 months. Stumm has been promoted to the staff of the vice-president of marketing at Westinghouse to set up and administer a training program for field salesmen.

Lots and lots of fishing and lots and lots of perch were caught. Mr. and Mrs. John Lynch of Autumn have helped their hosts haul in 34 perch in one day during their recent 12 days at Mullett lake. They returned July 17.

The Fred Rusches returned July 16 from a holiday at Mullett lake. Sunning, swimming and a lot of fishing were their main activities.

cial at St. Bede's church on Aug. 7 on the church grounds. Hours are from 3 to 7 p.m., with everyone welcome. Sponsored by the St. Patrick's and St. Gerard's guilds of the Sanctuary society, it will feature ice cream or shortcake with strawberries plus coffee, cones and ginger ale. The youth club will provide a fishing pond and movies for small-fry.

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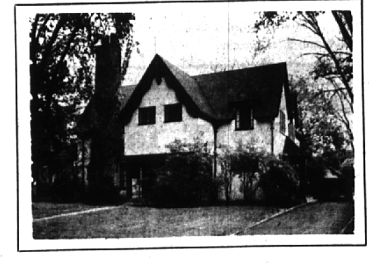
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