

Playful Pet or Killer? Experts Study Zoo Bear

Summer Appears to Change Nature of the Beast Into Dangerous Animal.

CHICAGO.—What is it about summertime that turns the friendly bear into a growling killer is perplexing the minds of zoo officials here, says the Herald American.

They were trying to probe into the "personality" of the beast to see whether it was fundamentally a fun-loving pet or a dangerous animal.

A big, lumbering clown of the animal kingdom, a Tibetan bear, has proved that in the hot weather it is more treacherous than a snake, more ferocious than a tiger, and not to be trusted even by the keeper who has fed and kept it for many years.

In its cage at Lincoln Park zoo it went berserk, mauling and chewing the arms of a veteran attendant, Anton Rauch, 59, who had entered the cage to clean it. Rauch later died in the hospital.

Rauch's screams attracted Park Policeman John Lanning, who entered the barred enclosure armed with a sawed-off shotgun. The big bear dropped the limp form of Rauch and lunged for the policeman only to be felled by three shots. Both Rauch's arms had been chewed and the right one had been torn into shreds.

No Difficulty Before.

In 30 years at the zoo, Rauch had never had the slightest difficulty with the animals, and had come to trust many of the inmates of the bear cages, which Rauch had helped build himself.

Rauch's experience emphasizes that the bear is even more of a potential killer than the tiger or lion. It also serves as a warning that the summer season, which means increased attendance at zoos and circuses, is always a bad time to let down the bars of safety when it comes to dealing with them.

In a search through newspaper files of several years, it was found that the increased excitement of crowds seems to irritate the big animals and change their normal desire for fun into a mad fury of murder.

It was on July 17, 1944, when Catherine Searles, 25, a New York socialite and daughter of a wealthy zinc manufacturer, went to see the bears at Central Park zoo following a night club party.

According to the police, Miss Searles climbed over a three-foot guard rail and waved a handkerchief through the steel bars of a cage. The bear grabbed her arm and gnawed it from finger tips to elbow.

Bear Breaks Loose.

It was on August 5, some years ago, when a ferocious grizzly broke from a steel-barred cage in Highland Park zoo in Pittsburgh and spread terror through the adjoining residential district, before being shot and killed.

She attacked Zoo Superintendent Arnold Schummamm on sight. Schummamm, armed with a shotgun, shot the beast as it roared at him, dropping the animal eight feet away.

In almost exactly similar circumstances as the Lincoln Park mauling, Thomas Earl, 56, keeper at Cleveland's Brookside zoo, was ripped to death on July 8, 1932.

Earl, unarmed, went into the bearpen with a breakfast of raw meat, bread and carrots for "Sunshine," a 900-pound bear named for his usually even temper.

The animal rose up suddenly, encircled Earl's shoulders with one paw and began clawing at him with the other.

Other workers failed to drive the bear off by poking at him with rakes, and it finally took 10 rifle shots to kill him. Earl was dead.

Turtle Has Neck Trouble; Operation Yields Cyst

SAN FRANCISCO.—Napoleon, the turtle, stuck his neck out here for a tonsillectomy.

There was danger that the big green reptile at San Francisco's Steinhart aquarium would become but a hollow shell, for every time he stuck his neck out he got a lump in it and couldn't eat.

He shriveled up between decks to a scant 58 pounds, so Dr. Wilbert Chapman, curator of fishes for the California Academy of Sciences, ordered an operation.

A few swift incisions, a tied artery and the whole thing was over in 15 minutes. Napoleon showed signs of immediate recovery.

The tonsillectomy, not the turtle, was mock. The "surgeons" got credit for a cyst.

Private Soldier Wins Pass and a Promotion

SHEPPARD FIELD, TEXAS.—Pfc. Robert L. Hall, Memphis, Tenn., was booked for a three-day pass—and wound up with a promotion.

It all happened because the private was tempted by the suggestion of a three-day pass for ideas in a conservation program while stationed at Craig Field, Selma, Ala. Hall submitted a device for prevention of battery acid overflow.

Now a letter has arrived from Washington headquarters granting authority to promote the aviation student to corporal.

\$1,920 Is Found in Home Laundry Chute

KANSAS CITY.—A laundry chute loosed a shower of \$20, \$50 and \$100 bills along with the soiled clothes when Mrs. Cleota Atwood pulled open the chute outlet in her basement. The money—\$1,920 of it—had disappeared from a strongbox belonging to a guest of the Atwoods. Now everyone is a lot happier.

Society Wakes Up; Wrong Is Righted

Debt to Cripple to Be Paid; Builds Him Home.

ST. LOUIS.—Theodore Harris, 43-year-old cripple who has been living in an abandoned double-decker bus, soon will move into a dream house of his own—complete with shrubbery and a vine-covered fence.

Harris' plight came to the public attention recently when he was charged with violating the zoning ordinance. Alderman Vernon G. Riehl, who served as provisional city judge in the cripple's case, dismissed the charge and said:

"Society owes you an apology for singling you out and bringing you into court on a charge when there is so much wrong in the world." Society is going to add action to kind words.

Twenty sympathetic St. Louisans are banding together to help in the house-raising. They have bought a lot on which the home is to be built. It will be held in trust for Harris, and later it will be turned over to a charitable institution.

Doors, windows, roofing material and paint will be donated by firms dealing in such commodities.

The cripple, who makes a meager living repairing clocks and old-fashioned music boxes, said he had acquired a gift of 240 feet of wooden handrails from the old excursion steamer Capital, now being scrapped.

"I'm going to make a fence out of that," he said, "with vines."

There will be a special ramp into the house to facilitate Harris' entrance on his motor-propelled three-wheeled car.

The move in his behalf, he said, was started by three persons who appeared as character witnesses in his case.

"I've already got a name for my home," Harris said. "I'm going to call it 'The Little Ranch House on the Hill.'"

Physician's Trust Fund Helps 12,519 Students

MARSHALL, MO.—The quinine pills of Dr. John Sappington, pioneer Missouri physician, have helped 12,519 Saline county boys and girls get an education at a total cost of \$211,803, the annual report of the Sappington school fund discloses.

The fund dates back to 1857 when Dr. Sappington, one of the state's first physicians, set up a \$20,000 trust, the income from which was to be used in giving common school education to deserving, needy children. This was before public schools had been established.

The proud and whimsical "Old Doc" was the first to use quinine extensively for malaria and made a fortune selling the drug to malaria sufferers of the Missouri and Mississippi valleys.

With the advent of public school systems, proceeds of the fund were directed toward aiding boys and girls of high school and college ages, with a big share of the money going to the latter group. Beneficiaries of the fund are required to maintain good scholastic standing.

The original \$20,000 has earned nearly \$300,000. The fund has a current balance of \$82,500.

The colorful Sappington family figured prominently in early Missouri history.

Selling Restrictions On Domestic Wool Relax

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The government recently lifted restrictions on the sale of domestic wool which made the Commodity Credit Corporation the sole legal buyer.

Growers may sell to any one, but under present market conditions little wool is expected to go to any one except the CCC. The agency is committed to buy all wool offered at it at ceiling prices until June 30, 1946. The ceiling is about 2 per cent above the price of foreign wools readily available to manufacturers.

The department of agriculture is considering a proposal to cut the price of government-owned domestic wool to levels competitive with foreign wools.

Hear Better in Noisy Spot With Plugged Ears

SCHENECTADY, N. Y.—If you have difficulty hearing an ordinary conversation above the din of a machine shop or a busy street corner, try putting your fingers in your ears.

Dr. Edwin G. Boring, Harvard university psychologist, said that when noise is extremely loud, the ear loses its ability to discriminate differences in sound such as the tone of a voice.

When the mass of the sound is blocked out, the ear can distinguish voice tones and other sounds above the loud noise, he said.

Softly Draped Handbags Tuned to Stunning Fall and Winter Costumes

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



draping, as you see. The supple goatskin that fashions this bag is most attractive not only to the eye but to the touch. The mock tortoise that makes such a good-looking trim is outstanding in the news when it comes to adding the touch that tells to this season's smartest handbags.

Sleek, smooth, quality-kind broadcloth, the fabric that fraternizes with most every costume, makes the good-looking bag to the right. In this instance, the designer takes the ever-popular underarm handle bag and artfully drapes a pleated flange through a graceful span of mock tortoise.

Speaking in general of what's what in new handbag fashions, the most exciting innovation in many a season is the advent of little bulbous pouch bags done in eye-catching silhouettes. These pouch bags certainly have cunning ways and they are staging a display of breathtaking novelty. Made of practical broadcloth, faille and various wearable media, they carry on in a modest way by day. When it comes to the dressy cocktail party and gala after-five occasion, however, the little pouch bag puts on a spectacular display that fairly bubbles over with all the glitter and intriguing fussiness imagination can devise.

Just now it's the whimsical pouch bag of black satin that holds forth in the fashion spotlight. Women are buying these bags to go with the satin hat and with the all-satin gown that is so style-important this fall. These black satin bags are perfect with afternoon and evening clothes. The party bags fairly scintillate with the glitter of sequins or tiny steel or jet beads. Most of the box bags have straps to sling over the arm. The newest news of all is the little shoulder strap bags that become a decorative part of the frock when dancing.

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Simple enough for tailored casuals, feminine enough for all your trills is the handbag centered above. It tells you that the underarm bag has lost its strictly tailored look, has been lifted out of it this season with soft pleats and deft

Evening Sweater Has New Style Features

Shorter Lengths and Molded Lines Are Bewitching.

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Cheerio! Evening sweaters have returned to the fashion picture in all their glory and then some. And you will yield to temptation and buy one at first sight. Just can't resist their charm and their fashion appeal.

When you buy one of these bewitching knitted fantasies, the style details to keep in mind are shorter lengths (that is if you are looking for "last minute" chic), molded lines, mandarin or off-shoulder necklines and ladylike glitter rather than a flamboyant display of dazzle-dazzle. Remember too the style-importance of black. However, later on the supremacy of black will be challenged by many a beguiling sweater in white or a delectable color.

The new arrivals in black are very exciting, some of them looking more like dressmaker bodice tops, they fit so snugly, and those that stop at the waist are ever so smart. One perky little black chenille-knit model with glitter accent is a slender fitted type that has a portrait look with its voguish boat neckline that is so low cut it looks like a picturesque drop-shoulder decolletage. The drooping shoulders achieve a cap sleeve effect. Glitter is seen in the tiny jeweled-button fastening, together with delicate sprays embroidered from shoulder across the front neckline, the design punctuated with dainty sequin accents.

Close-fitting necklines of Chinese inspiration are also high style. The front of this type evening sweater is embellished with a gorgeous emblem or a heraldic design that looks very distinguished.

Decidedly new and good looking is the black cocktail sweater with a glittering neckline treatment. This charming sweater which already has become a success fashion has a peplum flare and is dressy enough for evening wear as well as afternoon. It is available in dark and light colors as well as white. Gilt or jet sequins and beads form the embroidered neckline.

College girls who are growing more and more fashion-conscious regarding clothes for date wear have discovered that a modish black sweater can be accessorized with sequin-type necklaces, glitter pins, jeweled clips, up to any degree of formality wanted. In this way they can have all the glamour of the evening sweater which is back again in a big way. Then too, the girl who can sew is doing a lot of glitter embroidering of her own to give the evening look to her favorite sweater.

High-Style Slacks

This distinctive-looking slack suit measures up a thoroughbred on every count. The materials are superfine wool, there is an air of aristocracy in its impeccable tailoring, the use of check with plain tones definitely to last-minute styling and its color theme, chocolate brown with brown and white check, gives it ultra-modish accent. It's smart in black with black and white check, too. It is one of those good-looking wearable types that can go places with perfect propriety because of its conservative styling.

American claret is a smart new accessory color. Jacket tops of rich brocade are on the dress-up list.

Evening sweaters have returned in all their glory.

Doll waists and wider skirts is latest silhouette trend.

The new trend is toward longer skirts for daytime dresses.

There's style distinction in the handsome tweeds best dressed women are wearing.

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Blouse Favorites

Sheer lingerie blouses of loveliest texture, and exquisitely detailed with lace register as tonight fashion with the young set this fall to wear with the dress-up suit. Shown at the top is a charming "come hither" blouse in batiste by Judy Bond, a young college girl and stylist who is combining a career and schooling with high success. The other blouse in judiana rayon crepe is the wanted kind for college wear. Its highspot style details are the triple-stitched convertible V-neck, closely set pearl buttons and french cuffs. Comes in white and voguish colors.

Furred Cloth Coats Make Fashion News

The short cloth coat with intriguing fur trim is taking over in a tremendous way for fall. The top news is luxurious wool coats with gorgeous borders that either trim the flare hemline or are applied in a tuxedo manner down the front. Important is the style message of fur sleeves in cloth coats, such as the belted wool shorties in neutral shades that are fashioned with waist deep sleeves of black Persian. Interesting also is the cloth coat with a fur yoke. Contrasting the voluptuous fur trims is the use of fur in discreet ways, as for instance, the cloth coat that is bound all around the edges with Persian or beaver or other smooth peltry. There is also indication that one type fur will trim another. Designers are doing wonderful things with fur, not only in trimming but in accessories, and fur hats are being turned out in endless versions.

Color Contrast Extended To New Evening Dresses

The idea of color contrast is associated in our minds for the most part in connection with sports clothes and daytime dresses. It's interesting to note that this color technique is carrying on in the realm of formal evening gowns. In one instance a noted designer introduces a panel that extends from the right shoulder to the floor hemline of the dress. The panel is made up of lime and red, flashed against a black background.

Sequin Ornaments on Combs

Sequin flower motifs on combs are among the hair ornaments that are best sellers. Some are designed especially for top hairdress and others for top-knot hair-do.

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