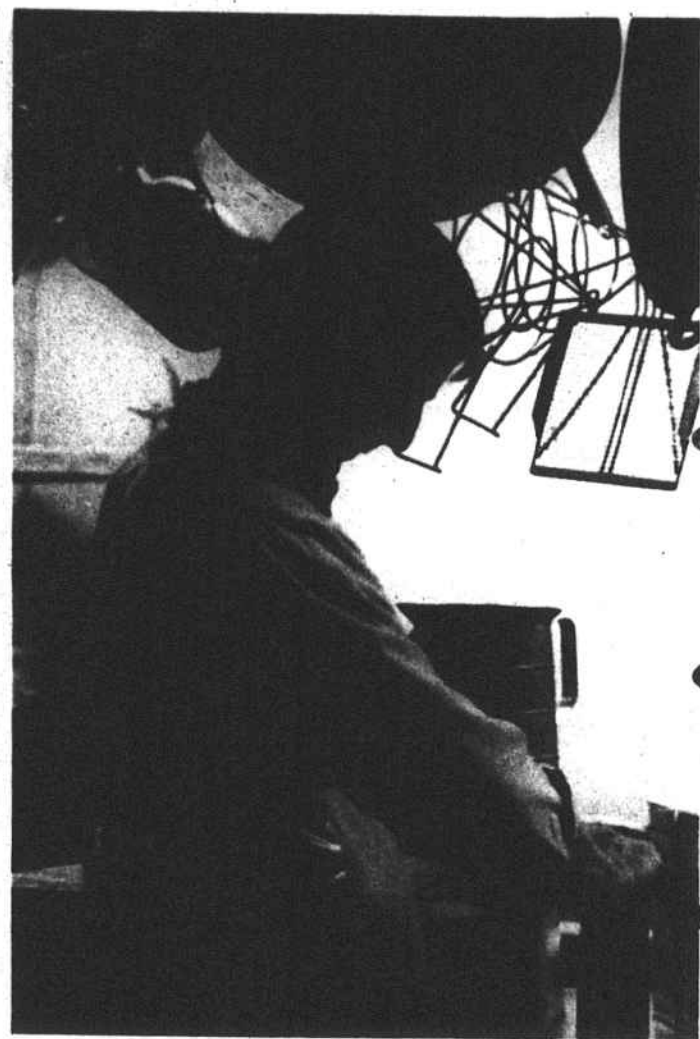


**Troop 401 still marching**  
After nearly a year of inactivity Boy Scout Troop 401, with a little help from the Raeford Kiwanis Club, has been revised. This was their

first official showing during Saturday's Christmas parade. (Photo by Pam Frederick)



**Preparing the mix**  
John Currin opens another box of pancake mix and prepares to whip up another batch during last Thursday night's supper that netted the Kiwanis Club over \$3,800 that will go to benefit local charities.

# Problem Of Cat On Roof Solved By Tinned Tree

**DEAR DOCTOR:** Do you know of anything I can do to keep a cat from going up a tree to get on top of my mobile home? Maybe a spray, or I might have to buy tin to wrap around it. Please let me hear from you. She nearly drives me crazy at times.

**ANSWER:** I would suggest putting two feet of tin around the tree 3 to 4 feet from the ground so the cat can not climb the tree.

**DEAR DOCTOR:** Our dog scratches and scratches until it drives me crazy. She wears a flea collar, we use flea powder on her and we give her baths in Lustre shampoo. Why does she scratch so much, what can we do for her, what kind of shampoo should we use and how often should we bathe her?

**ANSWER:** This is an excellent time of year to examine your pet's coat and skin for external parasites "hitch-hikers", such as fleas, lice, mites or ticks, picked up over the summer. Your pet may have become the host for one of these pests through contact with a "carrier" animal or by roaming through the pest's natural outdoor habitat.

Excessive scratching, hair loss, inflammation of the skin, a foul odor or twitching of the ears are all indications of pest infestation. A careful examination of your pet around the neck area, between the toes, in and around the ears and in the folds between the legs and body may confirm or deny my suspicions.

These external parasites not only damage the skin of your pet, but are capable of causing secondary infections. Many suck the blood of their hosts which could lead to anemia, a lowered resistance, skin allergies or the onset of viral and bacterial diseases.

If you notice any of these symptoms -- and to find out what remedies are recommended -- you must consult a veterinarian. Do not attempt home remedies.

Insecticides, as an example, are a modern miracle, but they are tox-

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ic products that could cause harm to you and your pet, especially if used in combination. Treatments vary for both type of pest and pet species. Let your veterinarian determine the treatment and prevention.

Also, please remember that many of these external parasites feed and breed on your pet and then shed eggs within and outside of your home. Since the key to control of these pests is breaking their life cycles, the attack against them must take place simultaneously on all fronts.

Your veterinarian will most likely recommend either bathing or dipping your pet in a special preparation at specified intervals. In the case of ear mites, a professional procedure may be needed. You also may be advised to "de-pest" your pet's living quarters, in-

cluding the bedding, furniture and flooring frequented by your pet. Be sure to empty the vacuum cleaner bag immediately, to eliminate the possibility of providing a new nesting place for these pests.

Clean hard surfaces with a good household disinfectant. Your veterinarian may even suggest the use of fogging type insecticides or the services for a professional exterminator. Fleas are probably the

most common external parasite problem that pet owners encounter, in addition to being one of the toughest adversaries to eliminate. Anybody with flea-ridden pets can sympathize with you.

If your pet does not have fleas and if its skin is healthy and you brush regularly, she should rarely need a bath. Poor haircoat, odor, flaking and sores indicate problems which require medical atten-

tion, not just bathing. Finally, the flea collar itself may be causing an allergic reaction. And as a sole means of flea control, collars are just plain ineffective.

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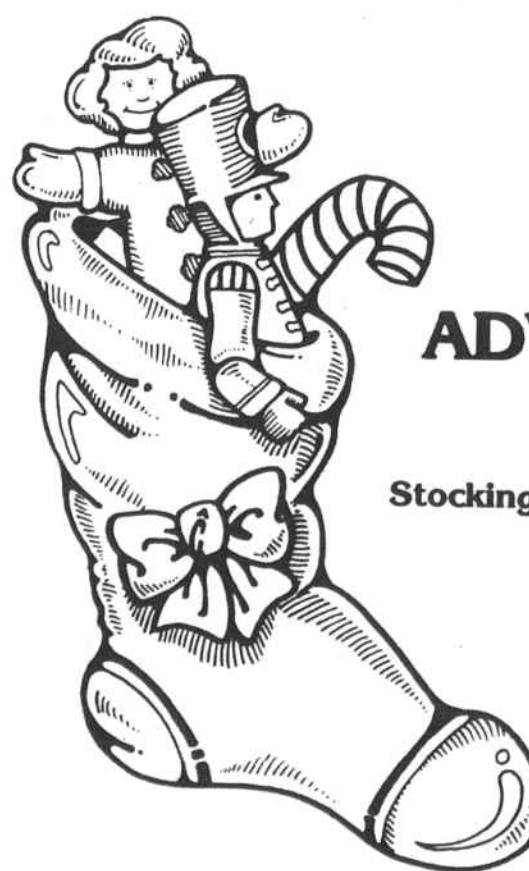


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