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Hostetter Hardware Mount Joy

Just moved to our area? Recently engaged? Had a baby? To have the most famous basket in the world at your doorstep, please call—Pat Burton, 653-1963 or Cherie Dillow, 653-1609 [Mount Joy area]; or Hazel Baker, 426-3643 [Marietta area].

WELCOME WAGON

I am interested in obtaining articles of old Mount Joy, photos, manufactured items, advertising cards, for my Mount Joy museum. Joe Shaeffer, phone 653-4604.

ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of David H. Eby, late of Mount Joy Borough, Lancaster County, PA:

Letters testamentary on said estate having been granted to the undersigned all persons indebted hereto are requested to make immediate payment and all those having claims of demands against the same will present them without delay for settlement to the undersigned.

Ruth N. Eby, 630 Donegal Springs Road, Mount Joy, PA 17552 and Union National Mount Joy Bank, Mount Joy, PA 17552.

Carl R. Hallgren for Morgan, Hallgren & Heinly, Attorneys

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Mount Joy Borough Authority will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, January 17, 1979, at 8:00 P.M., in the Borough Offices Building, 21 East Main Street, Mount Joy. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the upcoming sewer bond issue.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Paris H. Sweigart Secretary

...return of Ophion (cont.)

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Olympus before the king of the gods, Zeus. Asked what the name of his cat was on Monday, Dr. Wittell at first said the cat did not have a name, but then suddenly said, "Come to think of it, I think I'll call the cat 'Ophion.'"

Dr. Wittell went on to praise cats as a species. "Biologists," he said, "say that cats are so fully developed from an evolutionary point of view that they can be developed no further. With a vertical slit in their

eyes, they can see as well in the dark as in light...They have a special tongue which is as rough as a file for killing their prey...They have specialized teeth... Whiskers for getting through narrow openings...

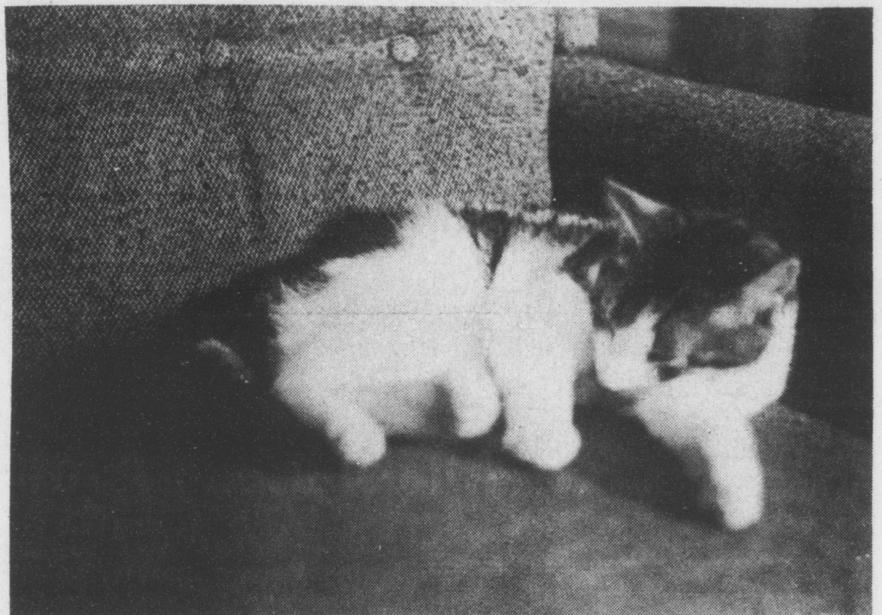
A long tail that acts as a balance pole in making a leap...Specially padded claws, so that you can't hear it walking two feet away. Those pads conceal deadly weapons...And over and above all, a set of reflexes unsurpassed by any living thing. You can throw a cat

into the air any way you please—but it will always land on its feet.

"Don't despise the alley cat."

Dr. Wittell went on to praise a creature universally despised by human beings: the cockroach, which, he said, "sits triumphant at the apex of civilization, because it has mastered the most difficult of arts—how to let men build houses for him."

During Dr. Wittell's commendatory remarks about his own species and that of cockroaches, Ophion slept soundly.



Ophion

Alligator or crocodile?

Floating quietly at the river's edge, eyes and nostrils barely visible above water, the reptile zeroes in on the unsuspecting muskrat. Suddenly, what appeared to be a harmless log comes to life and the muskrat is dragged into deep water by smashing jaws and thrashing tail.

Was that an alligator or a crocodile?

Both reptiles are "crocodilians" and they do look very much alike, according to the current (November) issue of Ranger Rick's Nature Magazine, the children's monthly published by the National Wildlife Federation. But there are ways to tell crocs from gators.

An alligator's snout is wide and rounded, while a crocodile's is longer, thinner, and more pointed. Those sharp teeth also are a clue — with its mouth closed, a crocodile has a big tooth protruding on each side, fitting into grooves

on the outside of his upper jaw. But in alligators, those two lower teeth slip into a pocket inside his upper jaw, hidden from view.

Crocodilians live in very warm, wet parts of North and South America, Africa, Asia and Australia, in swamps, marshes, lakes, rivers, or bays.

Although they can stand on all fours and run rapidly for short distances on land, crocs and gators are much more at home in the water, says Ranger Rick.

The unfortunate muskrat is a typical meal for adult gators and crocs. Adults will eat anything they can catch and hold onto — fish, wading birds, turtles, snakes, ducks, raccoons, and other mammals. Both species also swallow rocks as "ballast" to help them maintain their balance in the water.

Even animals the size of deer or pigs may be pulled

down into the water and drowned.

What about people? Are crocs and gators "man-eaters"? Seldom, if ever, says Ranger Rick. "Unless cornered and not allowed to escape, they would much rather hide or run from humans." However, there are two kinds of crocodiles that have attacked people many times — the Nile crocodile of Africa and the saltwater crocodile of southern Asia.

Today's crocs and gators grow to be from four feet to 25 feet long. Fossils have been found which reveal that

in prehistoric times some crocodiles were as much as fifty feet long.

Baby crocs and gators have many enemies — raccoons, otters, wading birds, and other larger animals. But adult crocodilians have no enemies other than man. Great numbers of baby alli-

gators have been captured and sold as pets, although this is now illegal. And of, course, millions of larger gators have been killed for their leathery skins, which are used to make shoes, handbags, luggage, and belts.

As a result, the American alligator was once nearly wiped out and was put on the U.S. endangered species list. They've made a great comeback in many areas, and in 1977 about 75 percent of U.S. alligators were reclassified from "endangered" to "threatened." Today the U.S. alligator population is estimated to total about 800,000. In contrast, the American crocodile is still in very grave danger. They exist in the U.S. only in Florida where there are about a dozen breeding females.

With care, these mighty reptiles may escape the fate of the dinosaurs with whom they once shared the earth.



Donald C. Snyder, III