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By MARGARET MILLER



Good gracious

The man who is saying "Good gracious, child, don't do that, I drank champagne last night," is Jim Benson, taking the role of Uncle Willie in Farmington Players production of "The Philadelphia Story." Bonnie Harrower plays his niece, Dinah Lord. The play continues through the next two weekends in the Players Barn on 12 Mile Road, between Farmington and Orchard Lake roads. Tickets are available by calling the Players box office, 477-1086.

"This place is beginning to look like a home for wayward cats!" Our daughter had just stumbled over a couple of them on her way in the back door and found the situation rather unusual.

That's because we've always, in deference to the current in-house pet and with more than a little inertia mixed in, been pretty firm about the limits of our charity toward the rest of the animal kingdom.

Strays might come to call, and we might even put in a telephone call to our good friend who can't resist any living creature. But they never found a whole lot of welcome at our door.

But that was before Percy, or maybe George. He is the cat that has cracked our defenses and populated our doorstep.

He was a mid-sized kitten when we first met him last summer, pussywillow grey and exuding liveliness and charm.

Our daughter fell promptly in love with him, and the man of our house and

I had to agree he was mighty cute. Our own cat voiced her usual disapproval in the form of loud hisses.

But Percy stayed, and as several days went on we found ourselves petting him more frequently and wondering often if two cats could possibly get along at our house as they seemed to do elsewhere.

And then, as he was about to be invited in, he disappeared completely. After a search, we decided he had returned to a happy home or located another, and he was pretty much out of mind.

Until a few weeks ago, when a handsome young tomcat, pussywillow grey and with some remembered white markings, arrived on the doorstep and announced in a familiar voice that he was hungry.

We were so glad to see him we gave him some catfood, the man of our house deciding he no longer looked like a Percy and should be dubbed George. And then before we knew it George had called in Mabel for more catfood, and our own cat was evidencing definite

displeasure over the whole arrangement. Things have shaken down a bit since then. Mabel has found other sources of

nourishment and there's only Percy-George camped on the doorstep. He and the cat that already owns us are showing signs of tolerating each other.

Baptists host evangelist for week of services

Dr. James A. Zaspel, considered one of America's foremost fundamentalist leaders, will be speaking each night at 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, in First Baptist Church of Farmington, 33400 Shiawassee.

The evangelist and Bible teacher, who has been preaching for 28 years, obtained his doctorate of divinity de-

gree from San Francisco Seminary, and is listed in Fundamentalist's Hall of Fame.

He has had a part in the founding of six independent fundamental Baptist churches, and more than 20 are now training for, or are in Baptist ministry due to his influence and leadership. Two of that number are his sons.

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