

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

### Interview With Louise Sample Past President CFA

**When did you get your first Cat?** It was in 1937, I had been bitten by the "show bug."

**What breed?** It was a Siamese, Seal Point, I wanted a cat to breed and show. (Year Book 1966 has an amusing story by Mrs. Sample about her first show).

**What is your favorite breed?** It was Siamese for many years, then Abyss and finally Burmese.

**Like most Fanciers did you buy cats originally for your children?** No, my daughter liked dogs.

**Do you plan to be active in Judging, showing or breeding?** I will have heavy duties with the Twin City Shows, and will attend shows but chiefly as a spectator.

**What clubs do you belong to?** The Twin City Cat Fanciers, Minneapolis, The Siamese Cat Club (Charter member) National Shorthair Except Siamese (Secretary). The Siamese Cat Club was the first such club to be admitted to CFA. The Twin City donates show proceeds to the local Animal Welfare League.

**What progress do you see ahead, for CFA?** I think the time will come when CFA regions will be autonomous; they will license their own shows, deal with their own problems; the Central Office will exist for records and registrations only. Ideally this would answer the "communication problem," some feel we are experiencing, without "bigness". Breed Committees would decide standards, and a board of regionals and national officers would decide at a once-a-year policy meeting what changes were needed. Perhaps one national officer could be a communications officer, who would have a wide knowledge of CFA; this office would not be an enviable job and would require much time. There should always be a central committee of officers to maintain the greater body of CFA, and to whom breeders may appeal for reform and adjustment.

**What traits do you think a cat fancier should cultivate to achieve fulfillment and happiness in this field?** I would say to him, read much, seek good advice and abide by it. Don't let enthusiasm get you head over heels in cats so that your hobby becomes a burden; breed fewer but better cats; take your losses with composure, and your triumphs with good grace. This sounds trite but is there a better way to say it?

