

Rats Menace City's Health

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public through rats make "those of us in public health work very much concerned about rodent control as a means of disease control," the officer added.

"The opportunity for food to become contaminated with rat and mice droppings is frequent in slaughter houses, butcher shops, grocery stores, restaurants and homes, and in storage and transportation," Dr. Triolo said.

"Rat-proofing is effective and permanent," he advised. "The chief refuges for rats in cities are provision warehouses, markets, slaughter houses, restaurants, bakery shops, candy factories and other food manufacturing and storing establishments."

"Effective rat-proofing is essential. It is of the utmost importance in assisting other suppressive measures that as little food as possible be available for rats." He explained that poisoning alone can only hold the line against the prolific rodents, since a single pair could increase to 395,000,000 at the end of three years.

In addition they are keen and intelligent animals, seldom fooled a second time by a poison which they have once survived. Extermination is "probably a biological impossibility," but good suppression and control provide effective means of counteracting the danger of infection of the public.

Eugene has an ordinance requiring rat-proofing of all buildings in which foodstuffs are stored or used. Enforcement of this ordinance, plus continued efforts to suppress the rodents by poisoning, should bring them under control, the health officer believes.

Scott Reviews State Finance

PORTLAND — (AP) — State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott said here Tuesday night that Oregon finances are in fine condition but the demands of many groups for more public funds could drain the treasury rapidly.

Scott told the 41st annual convention of the Assn. of Oregon Counties that future retrenchment was necessary by state departments to avoid deficit financing. He urged cities and counties to reappraise their building programs in the light of tax sources. "If you draw from the highway fund, you cut down the work the State Highway Commission can do," he said, "and it must be remembered this might result in a loss of federal funds" matching the state appropriations on some projects.

He said drawing additional money from the liquor fund would slash the work of the State Welfare Commission and the counties would then be saddled with additional welfare burdens.

AAF General Sees Another War Ahead

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — Declaring flatly that "there will be another war," Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, deputy chief of staff of the Army Air Forces, warned Wednesday that America "never stood in a period of greater danger."

Speaking before the American Institute of Journalists Tuesday night, Gen. Eaker denied he was war-mongering any more than "a doctor advocates disease when he talks about it or a preacher advocates sin when he talks about it."

The former commander of the 8th Air Force called for industry and labor to find a way to solve their differences, pointing out that U. S. industrial capacity, which won the last war, was now hamstrung by management-labor strife.

"Within a very few years it is quite likely there will be super-rockets able to travel 5000 to 6000 miles in one hour, carrying 10 to 20 tons of explosives or atomic war-heads," he said.

Horticulture Society Hears of Experiment

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McKennon, division of plant industry chief, who also gave a synopsis of the work of his division during the year.

The growth of the frozen food products industry was described by Leon Hubbard, horticulturist for the Birdseye-Snyder laboratories at Hillsboro, who noted that Oregon and Washington produce one-third of all frozen foods consumed in the United States.

He noted that four pounds of frozen foods per capita were consumed in 1945, and predicted a large increase this year. The total represents two and one-half per cent of fruits and vegetables consumed.

The breakdown for vegetables consumed per capita showed 269 pounds of fresh, 41 of canned and 1 1/2 of frozen; for fruits the figures were 145 pounds of fresh, 26 of canned and 2 1/2 of frozen.

Hubbard noted that frozen foods have appealed particularly to younger housewives, with 36 per cent of the purchasers being under 30 years old. However, he said the future for frozen food expansion would depend upon quality—since the process turns out a product only as good as it was before freezing.

Agriculture in the British Isles was described by Dean William A. Schoenfeld of the OSC school of agriculture. He told of the wartime county agriculture executive committees, which had the power of determining how fertilizer, equipment and materials were distributed.

"Even the king couldn't get a new tractor on his farm, as long as his old one was serviceable," Schoenfeld declared.

New president of the society, chosen Tuesday afternoon, was A. P. Mohr, Hood River. Other officers chosen include: Leonard Carpenter, Medford, first vice-president; Lon Hawkins, Eugene, second vice-president; J. Robert Nunamaker, Hood River, third vice-president; Howard Merriam, Eugene, Ray Reter, Medford, Lyle McIssac, Hood River, trustees; C. O. Rawlings, secretary-treasurer.

Controls on Small Business Assailed

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Ralph Harrison, president of the Nashville, Tenn., Contractors Assn., showed a Senate sub-committee a two-inch high stack of regulations Wednesday and said they all applied to his small millwork plant.

"I have counted these sheets and there are 430 here which apply only to us in the millwork business," Harrison said. "It is impossible to expect small businesses like ours which are the backbone of America to exist under such regimentation." Harrison was the first of a group of businessmen who urged the Complaints Subcommittee of the Senate Small Business Committee to recommend that all controls over construction be removed.

He said this is necessary to "eliminate the fear in the minds of businessmen that perhaps some housing expediter will take over who will impose impossible restrictions on them."

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DURANT WINS DELAY

FRANKFURT, Germany — (AP) — Complaining that he had been denied a fair opportunity to prepare his defense, Col. Jack W. Durant Wednesday won a five-day postponement of his court martial on charges of participating in the theft of the \$1,500,000 Hesse family jewels.

A number of cotton mill towns in the agricultural South operate community canning plants to enable employees to preserve home-grown fruits and vegetables.

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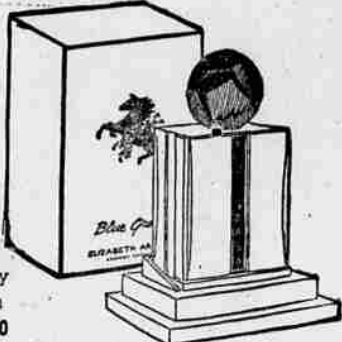
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