

AROUND THE FARM

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Rats don't lay eggs but three rats will eat as much as two hens. If it's chicken feed, calf feed, or grain, or even the stored apples and potatoes for the family use, rats can take a heavy toll.

This is a good time of year to be on the look out for rats around the buildings and to carry on a program of eradicating these pests.

The brown rat is a field rodent to a certain extent, at least. By this we mean that he is not limited to living in buildings. In the summer particularly rats will move from congested areas out into the country side and locate wherever food and protection are available.

In the fall when the rains and cold weather come on many of these rats forsake their summer homes and move back into the buildings.

In St. Helens, for example, we get calls about rats mainly in the spring and in the fall. In the spring rats will move from over populated water front and business areas out into the residential areas. City dwellers and even those in suburban areas will call about seeing rats in their back yards and around the gar-

bage can. Most of these rats are on the move and will not stay unless there is food and shelter available. Many of these hole up for the summer in the rubbish strewn rocky gulches in the town living off food picked up around nearby residences.

Then in the fall with the coming of heavy rains and cool weather many rats abandon their country residence. Some move back to the waterfront and business areas. Others move in to adjoining houses, garages, or out buildings if they can find suitable homes in these buildings. Again home owners call about rats seen around the yard and often the rats may have moved into the basement, attic, or the garage.

Having suffered persecution by the human race for years and years the brown rats has become very wary. He refuses to take most poisons. If he does take poison but is not killed you will not get him to try it a second time.

A recently developed rat poison, Warfarin, promises to help in the job of rat control. Rats seem to have no hesitance in taking Warfarin poisoned bait and will continue to take it until

Former Treharne Resident Ill

TREHARNE — Bob Sunnell visited the Bert Tisdale Sunday. He brought word that his brother, Clare, a former resident of Treharne is ill and has been placed in the Veteran's hospital in Portland. He will have to be there for a year. His illness is complications from fever overexerted during world war II.

Loren Dodge and Dave Carver were Portland visitors Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Davenport were Tuesday visitors in Portland on business.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Pierson and son, Elvin, were Tuesday Portland business visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Tisdale were in Scoggins Valley Sunday to visit Mr. Armstrong who is ill with a heart ailment.

George Esau of Rickreall visited his nephew, Dick, Sunday.

Midge Reynolds got a call that her brother-in-law, Ernest Chambers, is better.

its slow poisoning effect kills them.

Do you think it is an easy job to go out and buy a good dairy bull—one that will improve your dairy herd. A total of 4,335 bulls were proved by the dairy herd improvement association records in the U. S. in 1949. Only 43 of these increased production over the 500 pound level. Of these 4,335 sires, 2,071 decreased production. Even so these 4,335 bulls averaged up to a good figure. The average production of daughters used in these provings was 9,725 lbs. milk, 4.5%, and 397 lbs. butterfat.

Cooking Class Draws Names for Yule Party

The Mist 4-H Cooking Class II met at the home of Mrs. Lottie Pugh with Laurie Brown being a visitor. After drawing names for the Christmas party to be held December 21 at the home of the leader, Mrs. Inger Ashley, the girls served a delicious dish of macaroni and cheese with waldorf salad.

Operation Is Result of Fall

TREHARNE — Harry Weaver slipped and fell December 9 in a grease rack and injured his side which resulted in a ruptured kidney. He was rushed into Portland to the Good Samaritan hospital Thursday night where he was operated on Friday morning. The injury required the removal of the kidney which the doctor said was deformed and had been all his life. Harry came out of the operation fine and is still in the hospital.

Bill Reynolds of Monument, brother of Robert Reynolds and nephew of Albert Reynolds, was accidentally shot Friday, December 15 while logging near John Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Gift of Seapooose called on Mr. Walker Friday and gave them a box of Christmas candy.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Tisdale and Mrs. Sam Beck were in Portland Friday evening and visited with Claude McCool.

Eastern Star Rites Attended

RIVERVIEW — Mrs. W. F. MacDonald and Mrs. T. H. Galoway went to Gresham Wednesday on business, returning by way of Portland where they visited for a while at the Marvin Emerson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hawkins went to St. Helens Saturday evening. Mr. Hawkins visited while Mrs. Hawkins attended Eastern Star installation.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Conway of Portland and Mr. and Mrs. Richard McNair spent Sunday at the Jack Riley home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Callister and son of Logsdon, Oregon spent the week end at the Lloyd Callister home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Johnson and Mrs. D. R. Fowler enjoyed dinner at the Clarence Fowler home Wednesday. The occasion was Mr. Fowler's birthday.

Despite the fact that national forest lands have increased only 11 per cent since 1933, financial requirements for administering them have risen 280 per cent.

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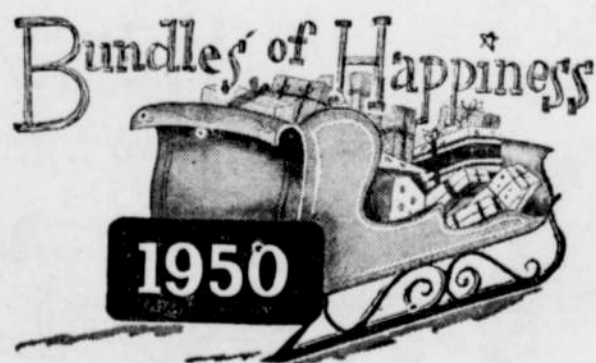


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