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A Rat a Person

EACH DESTROY HALF CENT WORTH GOODS DAILY

Department Urges War On Pest Which Seem To Serve No Purpose Other Than To Destroy; Line Up With Campaign.

How do you like to give up one-half of one cent every day for the support and sustenance of a measly brown rat?

In substance this is exactly what you are doing, according to figures compiled by the United States Public Health Service, following a careful study in cities where the Service has made a survey.

There is one rat, at least, for every person in the United States. This estimate is considered conservative, but coincides with that for Great Britain and Ireland and also with authoritative figures for Denmark, France and Germany. The annual upkeep per rodent was computed by the same authorities as \$1.80 in Great Britain, \$1.20 in Denmark and \$1.00 in France. The depredations in this country will very probably exceed the estimate for Great Britain. One-half a cent a day is considered conservative, but even on this computation it costs the United States \$180,000,000 a year to support its rat population. (This does not include mice).

It is because of this terrific economic loss and the additional fact that rats are a constant menace to the public health, that the Public Health Service has issued a warning to the country to take the necessary measures to destroy them. In a new bulletin, "The Rat," very convincing arguments are advanced as to why and how the rodent should be destroyed.

There are just three kinds of rats in this country included in the survey; the "Norway," or brown rat, the black rat and "Alexandrian" rat. The "Norway" rat, larger, more ferocious and antagonistic than the other two, has pretty generally killed them off and today the black rat and "Alexandrian" rat are seldom found except in seaports.

Not so the brown, or "Norway" rat. Since he discovered America he has literally blazed a trail across the continent and taken possession of it as he went along. Today it is conservatively estimated that there is at least one rat for every dweller in the cities and that on the farm there is at least three rats for every person on the estate.

None of these rats are native to the United States. The black rat, which is now regarded as a visitor to our seaports, came to America long before the "Norway" rat, probably in the Sixteenth century. He thrived until about the time of the American revolution when the "Norway" rat was first observed. The latter's arrival was generally followed by the disappearance of the black rat, which is about the only good the "Norway" rat ever accomplished. The black rat generally is considered more dangerous to the public health since it inhabits dwellings more often than its brown brother and comes in closer contact with man.

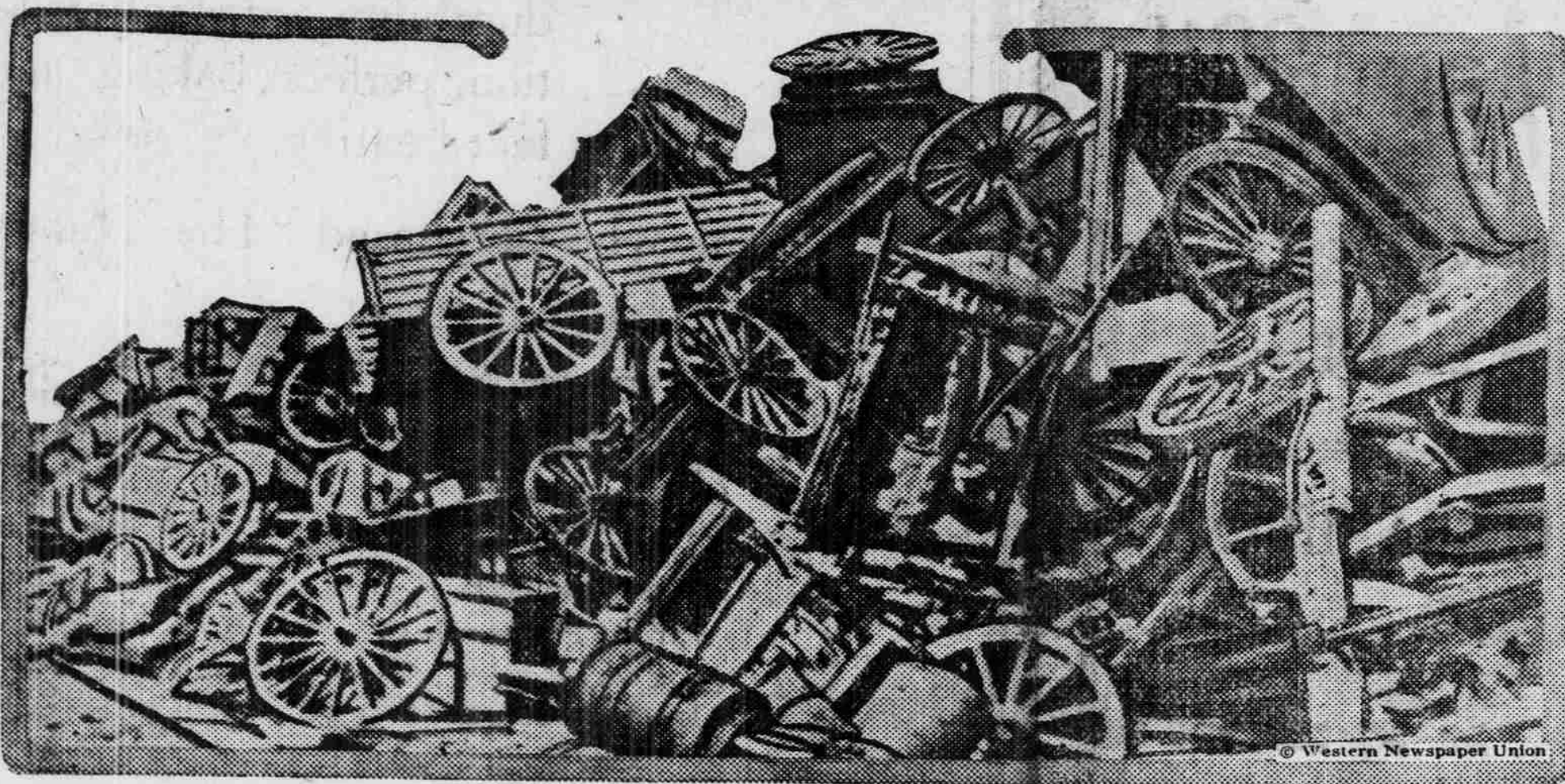
This does not mean, however, that the brown, or "Norway" rat is not dangerous. His destruction has been necessary before plague could be controlled in the few instances of its outbreak in America. Also he is very probably responsible for the greatest amount of destruction.

By preference he is a burrower and usually lives in excavations, generally from one-half to a foot in depth. He is too cunning and resourceful to limit himself to this monotony of existence, however. He has been known to eat his way through a solid brick wall, a piece of slate, or lead pipe. With cunning found in very few animals he adapts himself to almost any condition, or situation in life. When living in swampy regions he very quickly becomes semiaquatic and can swim long distances. He can climb ropes or trees.

The "Norway" rat will eat anything while the black rat is more select and prefers grain, or clean food. Because the rat is nocturnal in its habits its depredations very frequently are not noticed.

There are some very well authenticated instances which give a good insight into the cost of their upkeep. In a ship reaching an American port

A. E. F. WAGON TRUCKS JUNKED IN FRANCE



An interesting photograph of wagon trucks of the A. E. F. in France discarded as unfit for further use and placed in the hands of the "Liquidation commission." A minimum value is placed on the stuff, and it is advertised for sale by the commission.

from Brazil with 40,000 bags of coffee it was found that 30,000 bags had been so badly damaged as to require re-sacking. The cost of this in material and labor was \$2,000 exclusive of the loss of coffee and the damage adjustment with the shippers. The number of rats on this ship was ascertained to be about 200.

On a certain Iowa farm rats in one winter destroyed 500 bushels of corn, or one-fourth of the farmer's entire crop. Another farmer lost an entire summer's hatching of chickens and still another farmer in this section estimated his loss in grain and poultry due to rats as sufficient to pay his taxes for three years.

Many measures are suggested for destroying the rat, but the Public Health Service advocates one primarily as most effective. It is ratproofing the buildings so that rats cannot get in to get food, thereby starving them to death. Copies of the new Government bulletin can be obtained by writing to the U. S. Public Health Service, Washington, D. C.

Business Meeting Womans' Club 2nd

There will be a regular business meeting of the Woman's Club next Tuesday, September 2nd, at 4 o'clock in the State High School Building. According to custom the club, with the exception of the Department of Home Economics adjourned during the summer. During this period the Home Economics work under the able direction of Mrs. Connell and Miss Rankin has made good progress, and the club has rented the opera house in the hope of bringing clean, instructive entertainment to the town. The house has been sublet for a part of the time for motion pictures and plans have been perfected for concerts and lectures.

With the coming of September all departments will become active. Every woman is asked to affiliate with the club without a personal invitation. The club belongs to the women of this community. Great work needs to be done, and much can be accomplished by united effort. The civic and educational departments offer fields for unselfish, patriotic service. The literary, music and home economics departments offer opportunity for individual growth and pleasure.

Of course, the organization is not entirely perfected, but we hope to have all departments fully organized in a few weeks. Our ambition is the enrollment of every woman in our community. Each woman is asked to join. If she can not register in any department, she can help with the work by giving her influence and her fee.

JULIA DAMERON, Pres.

Warrenton Electric Light Co. Moves

The Warrenton Electric Light and Water Company moved this week into their new quarters recently fitted out for this purpose in the Town Hall. The new office occupies the space formerly used as a market. The Board of Commissioners some time ago refused to allow the Town hall to be used as a market and remodelled this section of the building into an ideal home for the Electric Light Company.

The store vacated on main street will be occupied immediately by the Warrenton Grocery Company.

News From Over County

AFTON ITEMS

Providence Sunday School gave a picnic last Friday on the church ground which was enjoyed by all who attended. A large crowd was present.

Mrs. Pattie Wade, of Oxford, is the guest of her nephew, Mr. L. L. Fuller, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Leebetter and family, of Oklahoma, are spending some time with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. William Limer.

Dr. Limer Payne, of Raleigh, is the guest of his uncle Mr. S. H. Limer, to the delight of his many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Burroughs and family spent Sunday very pleasantly in the home of Mr. Jim Burroughs.

Mr. John Young Beasley, of Louisville, was a pleasant visitor in the community last Sunday. Wonder what the attraction was?

Miss Katy Burroughs returned Saturday from an extended visit to Wilmington, Wrightville, Bolton and Lake Maccamaw, the guest of her aunt Mrs. W. H. Parker.

Mr. Clifton Brummell, of Henderson, attended the picnic at Providence last Friday.

Miss Annie Limer left a few days ago for Mars Hill where she will enter school.

Miss Ella Egerton, of New York City, who for some time has been the pleasant guest of her aunt Mrs. W. A. J. Pinnell, we regret will return to her home September 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Daniel are all smiles, ("a boy") R. G. Daniel, Jr.

Mr. J. W. Burroughs made a business trip to Warrenton Tuesday.

LITTLETON ITEMS

Mrs. Sara Sherin, of Weldon, has been visiting relatives in town for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Parker and son, of Enfield, have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Myrick.

Mrs. H. A. Hunt and children are visiting relatives at Franklinton.

Mr. M. E. Newsom, of Durham, spent the week-end here with relatives.

Miss Irene Walker, of Fayetteville, has returned to her home, after spending a few days here as the guest of Miss Mary Nicholson.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Moore and Miss Annie Tucker Moore spent last week in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Foster and children are spending a few weeks at Virginia Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Stallings and Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Johnston have returned from a visit to the western part of the State.

Mr. Sam Turner and children, of Davy, W. Va., are visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Bonny and children are spending a few days in Norfolk.

Miss Margaret Crater, of Charlotte, is the guest of Mrs. J. H. Newsom.

Mr. H. L. Harris is spending a few days in Norfolk and Newport News.

Mrs. T. C. Alston spent Sunday in Warrenton with relatives.

Rev. and Mrs. Frances Joyner have returned from a few days visit to Roanoke Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bobbitt and Mrs.

H. A. Hunt spent Sunday in Macon.

Mr. J. C. Myrick left Monday for a few days in Wilmington.

Mrs. Willis Perkins has returned from a visit to Castalia. She was accompanied home by her sister, Miss Evelyn Bartholomew.

Mr. M. J. Grant attended the Bankers Association at Winston-Salem last week.

Miss Annie Stevens, of Suffolk, is the guest of Miss Edith Browning.

Mrs. M. J. Grant and children visited relatives in Raleigh a few days last week.

Miss Elizabeth Gilbert, of Norfolk, is spending a few days with Miss Carrie Myrick.

Mrs. Joe Lambert and son are spending the week in Norfolk.

The beautiful new home of Mrs. Bill Daniel is nearing completion.

Mrs. T. N. Harrison has returned from a visit to friends at Roanoke Rapids.

Mr. J. H. Newsome and John Harrison, were in Warrenton yesterday on business.

Crippled Soldiers Want Gov. Farms

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 25.—Southern soldiers who are "starting life over again" despite such handicaps as wooden legs and crippled arms, are displaying the keenest interest in scientific farming, according to records on file in the After Care department of the southern division of the American Red Cross.

It is the province of the After Care department to act as the mediator between the federal board for vocational educational training and the crippled soldiers who want such training, to seek out the soldiers and show them their opportunities, to forward their applications to the board and as far as possible in every way to stimulate the reconstruction work.

That the Red Cross is performing notable service in this connection is proven by the fact that a large per-

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MICKIE SATS



Letter to Folks Wilson to Talk

REV. J. A. HORNADAY TELLS OF THINGS OF INTEREST

Writes of Death of Messrs. Hicks and White; Is To Preach From Sitting Posture After September First.

Editor of the Record, Warrenton, N. C.

Dear Sir:—

The visits of the Record to our home are appreciated as much as any periodical that comes our way. Every issue brings to us information that interests us, sometimes making us sad and sometimes making us glad. During the four years we spent at Ridgeway, and the one year more recently spent in Warrenton, we learned to appreciate and love the people of Warren county as every one who knows them must appreciate and love them.

The information brought to us in the issue of August 22nd of the death of our good friends, T. J. Hicks and Jesse Williams, brought sincere sadness to our hearts. During the four years we spent as pastor of the Ridgeway Circuit Bro. T. J. Hicks (Dock Hicks) was a faithful Steward in Jerusalem Church. He was a friend and sure support to his pastor in all the work of the church, and it was always pleasant and restful to stop in his comfortable home. This writer also esteemed Bro. Williams as a loyal friend, and the going away of these two friends has really left us poorer as we wait a little while longer for our call.

A recent issue of the Record brought to us the information that Rev. A. B. Crumpler was assisting Dr. Gibbs in a series of meetings at Hebron. The mention of that Church made me wish I could be there to aid in the fight against sin. A year ago I was there, and in a series of meetings, with good Dr. Zollcoffer to assist me. Rheumatism, the old enemy that has given me so much trouble this year, was preying upon me then, so that I was not able to throw myself into the work as I wished, but it was good to be there and take the part I did in the campaign. Indeed it was good to be associated with the people of that community, and I often think of them, and pray that they may finally win the crown of everlasting life.

I remember with great pleasure the great meeting we had at Warren Plains in September. Dr. Zollcoffer was with me at this Church also, and I never knew him to do better service for our common Lord than he did in this series of meetings. Toward the close of the series of meetings influenza interfered in some measure with the services, but quite a number of persons were converted, and a large class was received into the Church at the last service of the series. Speaking of Warren Plains Church, I say how what I have said before: taken as a whole, it is as fine a body of Christian workers as I have ever found anywhere.

The greatest regret I have concerning my pastorate of the Warrenton Circuit is that I could not hold special evangelistic services at Macon and Warrenton. I had planned for such services at each of these churches, but influenza prevailed to such an extent that all Churches were closed just at the time we had planned for the meeting.

For the information of my friends in the good old county of Warren, let me say, my general health is very good, better than it was at any time last year, but my left knee is yet drawn and swollen, so that I must use crutches when I walk. In this condition I am, of course, incapacitated to do the work of a pastor of a flock, so at present my purpose is to ask for superannuation at the next session of our Conference, a thing I have dreaded for all the years. The first of next month I shall take up the work here and try to close it up for the year. To do this I will have to sit while I preach, and I will not be able to do any pastoral visiting, but the people of the charge seem perfectly satisfied with what I can render in the way of service. While I was in Richmond the charge was supplied by Rev. C. C. Alexander, and since we came back the first of June Rev. J. W. Hoyle, Jr.,

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Wilson to Talk

TO TOUR COUNTRY IN DEFENSE LEAGUE NATIONS

Itinerary of "Swing Around The Circle," Which Will Extend To Pacific Coast; Will Not Review Fleet As First Planned.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—The itinerary of President Wilson "swing around the circle" with addresses in behalf of the peace treaty in at least fifty of the principal cities of the country is expected to be announced tomorrow at the White House.

After weeks of uncertainty concerning the proposed trip, which will extend to the Pacific coast, definite announcement was made today that the President would leave Washington as soon as arrangements could be made. It was intimated that the start might be made within ten days or two weeks. Will Not Review Fleet.

When this announcement was made, it was understood by White House officials that the review of the new Pacific fleet at San Francisco originally set for September 2 or 3, had been postponed until September 15, and Secretary Tumulty said he believed the President would be at the Golden Gate by the latter date to take part in the ceremony.

Late in the day, however, Acting Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt announced that the review would be held on September 1. This was decided upon, he said, when the President several days ago had requested that plans for the review go forward without reference to his trip to the Pacific coast.

According to plans now being worked out in connection with the itinerary, President Wilson will spend twenty-five days laying before the people of the country his reasons for the immediate ratification of the peace treaty without change.

May Meet Pershing Later

Although the President desired to greet General Pershing on his arrival at New York early next month, he was said to consider the tour to explain the peace treaty to the people as of more importance. It was possible Secretary Tumulty said, the President might overcome this obstacle to an early start by meeting General Pershing enroute to the West, probably in St. Louis.

PRICES BEGINNING TO TURN DOWNWARD A BIT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—Prices are beginning to turn downward in various parts of the country, but the slump has not yet gathered momentum sufficient to affect purchases being made for immediate use, according to reports to the Department of Justice.

Attorney General Palmer asked today how soon results could be expected from the campaign to reduce the cost of living, the outcome of which railroad employes have been requested to await before pressing demands for wage increases, said all the government wanted was a fair chance to show what could be done to take the artificial inflation out of the market. He said officials were well pleased with the success so far attained and that cumulative results were expected when Congress enacts amendments to the food control law, by which criminal penalties can be imposed on profiteers and hoarders.

"We hope the public will begin to reap the benefit of our efforts before long," Mr. Palmer said. "For instance, we are making progress in obtaining promises from shoe manufacturers as to fixing a limit beyond which prices shall not go."

Propaganda, which apparently is nation-wide, on the part of shop keepers seeking to induce purchases now on the pretext that prices will be materially higher next season, was condemned by Mr. Palmer as one certain thing which would make prices continue rising if heeded. His attention was called to advertisements in various papers in which it was stated that straw hats, clothing and other non-perishable articles should be bought before next year's prices become effective.

"It is very unfortunate that some merchants take that attitude and we have been studying the situation," the Attorney General said.