

Rat Control is Year-Round Problem Farm People Urged to Cooperate by Using Modern Methods Now Available

The Wyse Forks Community Club is sponsoring at present a program aimed at rat control and every resident in the community is being urged to participate for their own general welfare as well as helping to make the plan more successful throughout the community.

Each year rats cause an estimated one billion dollars in damage to food, property, humans and livestock in the United States.

Research indicates that damage caused by the rodents is equal to the total production of more than 100,000 average farms.

Each rat costs about \$20 or more a year to board, according to Vernon Cunningham, State Supervisor of the Division of Wildlife Service, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service at North Carolina State University. Rats cause the damages by destroying property, contaminating food and carrying diseases.

As an example of the damage done by rats, Cunningham cites one rat eating about one-third as much feed as a laying hen and contaminating ten times as much as it eats.

Rats are also threats to health. Cunningham says they are known to transmit 35 diseases to men and animals. Rats also carry 18 kinds of lice, fleas, ticks and mites.

Insurance companies blame rodents for extensive damage. They estimate that 25 per cent of fires of undetermined origin

are caused by rats.

A year-round approach should be utilized in controlling rats and mice. Cunningham says one pair of rats can breed five times and produce 50 young per year. Mice are even more prolific. Reproduction occurs all during the year in North Carolina.

Food, water and shelter are essential for rats to live and reproduce. These essentials can be used to eliminate infestations of rats and mice, Cunningham added.

Tall weeds or grass and piles of trash, lumber or bush serve as breeding places for rats and mice. These sources of rat harborage should be eliminated and

followed with good day-to-day housekeeping, Cunningham pointed out.

Building and feed bins should be rat-proof. Concrete, hardware cloth or sheet metal can be used to close cracks, breaks, and spaces around pipes, vents and other openings.

Most ready-to-use or concentrated anticoagulant baits will give good control with proper use, according to Cunningham. "Placing bait near main traveled runways and near centers of activity which mark the living quarters of rats and mice is the most important factor."

Farmers should not conduct clean-up campaigns prior to eliminating rat infestations. Cunningham said this merely causes the rats to find new hiding places and to establish new feeding habits which would make the task of proper bait placement more difficult.

Girls Reminded of Importance in Learning How to Be A Homemaker

by Annette Lowery,
Jones Central Parliamentarian

National F.H.A. week is March 27 through April 2. It is a good time for F.H.A. members to give thanks for the training that we are receiving through our Home Economics Department.

So many girls will not take home economics because they think it is not necessary and feel that they can pick it up along the way. A person should be trained the skill of cutting out a dress, making biscuits, freezing beans or even getting along with the family.

These skills we learn plus many

more. All we learn and do in home economics prepares us for future homemaking.

Homemaking is the most important and one of the most challenging jobs in the world. Girls who apparently think they can make a success of homemaking without the proper training will not be fair to their husbands, to their children or themselves.

The home economics girls at Jones Central had several sales of commercial items and from the money they raised, they purchased needed equipment for the home economics department.

Quite a number of girls have been working hard on their Ju-

J. V. Brittle New National President of American Savings and Loan Institute

Greenville, New Bern, Ayden, Jacksonville, Washington, Warsaw, Farmville, and Snow Hill, with a current membership of 89.

Income from this Life Membership fund helps support the Institute's program of education and training for leadership. This Life Membership was presented to Brittle in recognition of his long service to the Institute, which is the educational arm of the United States Savings and Loan League.

The Institute represents over 6,000 savings and loan associations with a membership enrollment of over 35,000 students enrolled in Chapter and Home Study courses throughout the United States.

President Brittle is currently serving on the U. S. Savings and Loan League's Legislative Committee, which held its 12th Annual Legislative Conference in Washington, D. C. in January, 1966; at which time he also served on the League's "blue ribbon" 24-man Committee on Savings Associations Needs in the Changing World of Finance.

Brittle holds the Graduate Diploma and the key of the Graduate School of Savings and Loan, Class of 1954, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.

A graduate of Wake Forest College, Brittle is a native of Conway. He was a teacher and coach in Durham schools for eight years and worked in the commercial banking field for a number of years before serving in the Army during World War II. He was manager of the Kinston field office of the Department of Revenue before accepting the managership of Home Federal Savings. He has served as manager officer of Home Federal Savings and Loan Association, since 1948, and was named president in 1962.

Active in church and community affairs, Brittle is a member of the Board of Deacons of the First Baptist Church of Kinston, past president of the Kinston Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, Kinston Country Club, past Chairman of the Kinston School Board, and Masonic Lodge and Shrine Club.

J. V. Brittle, President of Kinston's Home Federal Savings and Loan Association, was installed as the 41st President of the American Savings and Loan Institute during the annual conference in Chicago last week.

Brittle was presented with a Life Membership in the Institute by the Coastal Plain Chapter No. 176 after his installation as national president.

Brittle is founder and instructor in the Coastal Plain Chapter, which includes savings and loan association employees from Kinston, La Grange, Goldsboro,

During this National F. H. A. Week, I would like for girls who have not had Home Economics to take for one of her goals to sign up for next year and be a Future Homemaker of America.

Vets Have Plenty Time Under Bill

Veterans planning to go to school under the new GI Bill do not have to rush to meet a deadline, W. R. Phillips, Manager of the North Carolina VA Regional Office, pointed out today.

Although most benefits under the new Bill are effective immediately, Phillips said the education assistance benefits will not begin until June 1, 1966.


Late in April, the VA expects to have application blanks and full information available at all VA offices and at the admission offices in most approved schools.

Veterans will have ample time to select courses and make application without losing either class time or payments from VA, Phillips said.

LAND TRANSFERS


Jones County Register of Deeds Bill Parker reports recording the following land transfers in his office during the past week:

From Eva W. Parker, Helen P. Waters, Edna P. Oliver, Mollie P. Tyndall, F. B. Parker and Mae P. Parker to J. B. Rankin 40 acres in Pollockville Township.



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