Pine Point Woman Kept Secret Of Animals During Atom Tests

By JACK BOYD

A rare and interesting woman is Mrs. Helen Perley of Pine Point, Scarborough. She can keep a mouse or a rat in the eye without blanching, and, unlike many of her sisters, she can keep a secret.

Mrs. Perley, who in 1945 became the Dallas News of rats and mice at her famous White Animal Farm, has improved somewhat on that old bit of advice: "If you build a better mousetrap, the world will beat a path to your door." She has created a whopping business, and a nationwide reputation, by keeping a better mousetrap than her neighbors.

This slight but sturdy woman, a native of Old Orchard Beach, relative of naturalist John Muir, hodads breeding and raising for her large collection of rodents still finds time to care for such interesting creatures as turtles, alligators, monkey, salamanders, guppies, pigeons, ducks, raccoons, snakes and a host of other pets at her miniature zoo laboratory near the Scarborough seashore.

Her first love is in her rare, pure-bred white mice, to great demand by hospitals, colleges, state and national health departments, biological research laboratories, medical clinics, the Army and Navy—not to mention the Atomic Energy Commission, which brings us to the big secret she kept during World War II.

Shared In V-J Day Victory

You people, even today, know that Maine rats and mice, bred and raised at Mrs. Perley's "laboratory" bunch about them, so much so that the research scientists to make V-J Day a reality. When all else failed, to the young staff of the Towne Brothers Laboratory, Mrs. Perley, one of the few scientists, was using 28,000 white mice to help determine the effects of the atomic bomb on the American people.

In fact, until the 28,000 laboratory mice, Mrs. Perley's little charges were also used to help save human lives, since rats and mice react most nearly to people.

I was curious to learn how the overabundance of rodents in our state has about children, and hear how rats and mice got in the museum during World War II. "It all began 25 years ago," Mrs. Perley recounted as she slowly stroked a large white rat, purched from Mrs. Perley. "I was given a rat like this one by my grandmother when I was a new born to my grandmother. I decided to call it "Bill." At this point she laughed. "You know how parents name their kids? Before I knew it I had quite a collection, and my grandmother was sending me to my examination.

Never Any Qualms

Mrs. Perley continued her interest in small animals and insects even over the war years. She has never had the children's pet rat, and yet there is a pet rat at Mrs. Perley's.

Although lacking formal educational training in zoology or biology, she has found through diet of much patience, much work and a consuming desire to know why certain foods and other conditions of her animals, acquired a broad knowledge of genetics, nutrition and animal behavior. "When the experiments of others are not duplicated closely, she has supplemented them with careful study of medical and scientific journals and textbooks. "The average person doesn't realize how important pets and mice are to the health of the nation, that they are excellent pets and can provide real help to the family," she said.

Mrs. Perley has also contributed to medical science. She has observed that certain diets can prevent "rat fever," a disease that can spread.

A GIANT SALAMANDER

It measures 16 inches long, is a mighty good size for a creature of this sort. He's just one of the interesting specimens at Mrs. Perley's White Animal Farm in Scarborough. Her white mice go in all parts of the country. She is able to say what information was being sought.

"I get more requests for rats right now than I can possibly fill," the Pine Point woman commented as she showed me two large ones. She had donated a baby girl from her own breed to the Canadian military, and had another large one that she had given to the Chinese military. "I have a lot of rats and mice, and I've seen them in all parts of the world."

Mrs. Perley explained that these rodents are the most common animals in the world, and that they are very easy to keep. "I was brought up with them, and I've been interested in them my whole life."

Her collection of mice is by far the largest of her many small animals, and she makes no bones of her business for the tiny rodents. "You can learn so much in such a small space," she remarked.

OUTER LITTLE ALLIGATOR

Mrs. Helen Perley of Pine Point, Scarborough, has no qualms about lending her little-looking (but well armed) pet. This lovely little baby came from Florida originally. He's quite at home here in the Pine Tree State by now, however.

A rat's reaction to food that domesticated rats are unusual

The health of the animal can be kept in order with healthy food. Mrs. Perley keeps a mouse that eats all sorts of food, and the pet rat goes to her. "The pet rat gives me a lot of trouble," she remarked.

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Hardy Grandmother Tends Traps To Support Her Growing Family

To the Future!

By BLISS J. MORDAN

If there is one thing that you can be sure of, it is that you can never be too careful when it comes to money. A few years ago, a friend of mine said, "It's not how much you have, but how much you save." I couldn't agree more. I've always been one to believe in the power of frugality and the importance of saving money. After all, if you don't have it, you can't spend it.

There are many ways to save money, but one of the most effective is to save a little bit every day. By doing this, you can build up a substantial amount of money over time. And, if you're lucky enough to have a side job or a business, you can use that extra income to invest in your future.

One way to do this is to be careful with your spending. It's easy to get caught up in the moment and spend money on things you don't need. But, if you take a step back and think about it, you'll realize that you don't really need those things anyway.

Another way to save money is to be mindful of your expenses. You can do this by keeping track of your expenses and looking for areas where you can cut back. For example, if you find that you're spending too much on eating out, try cooking more meals at home. Or, if you find that you're spending too much on entertainment, try cutting back on your cable bill or your internet usage.

In the end, the key to saving money is to be disciplined. It's easy to get sidetracked by the moment and make impulsive decisions. But, if you can stay focused and make smart choices, you'll be able to build up a substantial amount of money over time.

So, whether you're saving for retirement, a down payment on a house, or just to have some extra cash in your pocket, remember to be careful with your money. And, if you're lucky enough to have a side job or a business, use that extra income to invest in your future.
Covered Bridges, Now Romantic Relics, Once Important Routes

By NINA TITUS BAYLES

Back in history, even before the beginning of the 18th century, covered bridges were a common sight along rural roads and smaller rivers. These sturdy structures were built to withstand the elements and provide a safe passage for travelers and livestock. Unfortunately, with the advent of steel and concrete bridges, many of these old covered bridges were replaced or allowed to fall into disrepair.

Here in Maine, the history of covered bridges is rich and varied. Some of the oldest covered bridges in the state can be found in Aroostook County. One such bridge is the Old Tappan Bridge, which crosses the Aroostook River. This bridge was built in 1820 and is still in use today. Another notable covered bridge is the Norridgewock Falls Bridge, which spans the Kennebec River. This bridge was built in 1839 and is the longest covered bridge in the state.

As more and more people began to travel by car, the need for covered bridges diminished. Many of these bridges were abandoned or fell into disrepair. However, in recent years there has been a renewed interest in preserving these historic structures. Organizations such as the Maine Covered Bridge Association work to restore and maintain these bridges, ensuring that they remain a part of our state's heritage.

Despite their practical origins, covered bridges have also become symbols of romance and nostalgia. Many couples seek out these picturesque bridges for photographs and romantic getaways. In fact, some covered bridges have even been featured in movies and TV shows.

Covered bridges are a testament to the ingenuity and perseverance of past generations. While they may have been built for practical purposes, they have also become a source of pride and inspiration for those who appreciate the beauty and history of our state.
Pacific Luxury Liner Originally Named for State of Maine

The transformation of a cargo vessel into a luxury liner is depicted in the images. The image shows the shipyard with workers and engineers overseeing the conversion process. The ship is then shown in its new guise as a luxury liner, with vast suites and public rooms visible. The final transformation is highlighted with the ship sailing through a body of water, symbolizing its new life as a passenger ship.
New Offerings In American Book Marts

Covered Bridges

Between The Bookends

Animal Farm

Pine Tree Mariner

Waugh Novel Is Slow Moving

Honey of a Dessert

Real Interest in Life Gives A Person Charm

Fashions by Anne Adams
Stories, Games, Teen Age News

Loony Laws Cramp Style, Shoes Have Colorful Story, Some Sportsmen Discover

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Crossword Puzzle And Pictures

Sea Monster Lives Again

OLD TIMES—This model of the medusah (Dendrath) was made by the late Mr. E. H. J. Speck, who was one of the greatest authorities on this subject. The model is made from paper and glue, and is about 18 inches in length. It is believed that this model was made by Mr. Speck in the early part of the 19th century.

AURORA FAMILY—The Aurora family is one of the oldest in the state of New York. The family has a long and distinguished history, and has been associated with many notable events.

Puzzle Pete Tries To Outwit You

Dots Notes Don't Get Any More On

LEWISTON BROTHERS—The brothers, who are aged 22 and Michael, are expected to visit the city of New York on Sunday. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Doe, who reside at 123 Maple Street, Lewiston. They have been invited to stay with them by Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, who reside at 456 Oak Street, New York.

BRINDA TRYS TO HELP OUT

Arrested for Theft

Crinoid Fossil Found

LEWISTON BISHOP—The Bishop, who is a well-known figure in the city of Lewiston, is expected to return to the city from his vacation in Europe. He is expected to arrive on Sunday morning.

LEWISTON JOURNAL MAGAZINE SECTION

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EVER ON THE ALERT FOR THE FIRE BELL—Mike, the official Lewiston Fire Dept. four-footed assistant, looks relaxed here with No-Name, the kitten perched on his back. But—let the whistles sound and Mike would dump his little friend in no time flat. No-Name just appeared at the station from out of nowhere.