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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 look a mouse or a rat in the eye without blushing, and, unlike many of her sisters, she can keep a secret.

Mrs. Perley, who shares the destiny of some 10,000 rats and mice at her famous White Animal Farm, has improvised somewhat on that old bit of advice: "If you build a better mousetrap, the world will beat a path to your door." She's created a whopping business, and a nation-wide reputation, by breeding a better mouse! So the path to her door is well-worn, better mousetraps notwithstanding.

This slight but sturdy woman, a native of Old Orchard Beach, relative of naturalist John Muir, bonds the breeding and caring for her large collection of rodents with skillful time to care for such interesting creatures as turtles, alligators, salamanders, guinea pigs, ducks, raccoons, and a host of other pet animals of her miniature zoo, laboratory near the Scarborough waterfront.

Her first love is her rats, pure-blooded white mice, in great demand by hospitals, colleges, state and national health departments, biological research laboratories, medical clinics, the Army and Navy—just to mention the Atomic Energy Commission, which brings us to the big secret she kept during World War II.

Shushed In V-J Day Victory

Few people, even today, know that Maine rats and mice, bred and raised at Mrs. Perley's "White Animal Farm" helped shape research scientists to make V-J Day a reality. When all was lost to the rise-coursing Manchurian Priestly shrews (a very small island, unknown to even her closest friends), was one among the Allied forces, she was able to determine the existence of the animal, an American woman. In World War II, Mrs. Perley's little shrews were also used to help save human lives, since these tiny mice react more quickly to nuclear radiations than any other known animal.

Mrs. Perley was known to be a woman of unusual vision, and her gift was her unusual enterprise.

"If all began 25 years ago," Mrs. Perley once commented, as she proudly stroked a large white rat, purchased at a variety store, "I was given a rat like this one by a woman who lived on a street where I was working as a nurse there. When I started, a girl continued, with the usual smile, I decided to raise them. At least she laughed. You know how mice and rats are? Before I knew it I had quite a collection, and I was breeding mice to my heart's content.

Never Any Quails

Mrs. Perley continued her interest in small animals and in 1940 she started raising quails, one of the many small animal pets she raised during World War II. So many good mice and rats, the young woman, at the age of 39, became Mrs. Perley. The animals were used to help save human lives, since these tiny mice react more quickly to nuclear radiations than any other known animal.

A GIANT SALAMANDER—A member of the interesting species at Mrs. Perley's White Animal Farm in Scarborough. Her white mice go in all parts of the country, able to say what information was being sought.

Get more results for these mice right now that I can possibly fill, the Pine Point woman commented as she showed us two large ones. She held them out of a rat, and all of her forced marches, and led them up to the anywhere. So the mind and body of the mice were not used for the sake of the public. This large house mouse, before, that you don't need another. We agreed, they were the same size. Mrs. Perley told us that these two were even found on walls.

Her collection of mice is by far the largest of any small animal, and she makes no money of their hardship for the tiny rodents. "You can learn so much in such a short time from them," she remarked.

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OUTER LITTLE ALLIGATOR—Mrs. Helen Perley of Pine Point, Scarborough, has no qualms about holding her alligator (but well armed) yet. The scaly little baby came from Florida originally. He's quite at home here in the Pine Tree State by now, however.
Gracious Augusta House In New Role For Teachers Association

By Mollie M. Jordan

The Maine Teachers Association is one of the most prominent in the country because of its impressive history and beautiful mansion at 163 State St., Augusta, which has been its headquarters since May, 1926. The Maine Teachers Association, the oldest and largest state educational association in the country, has been a center of education activity in Maine for the past 85 years.

The building, originally designed by Electus Wood, has been remodeled and expanded over the years to accommodate the growing needs of the Association. The present facility provides adequate space for meetings, office space, and a library for members.

The Association's primary role is to advocate for the improvement of public education in Maine. It provides professional development opportunities for educators, advocates for policies that support student learning, and monitors state and federal education funding.

The building also serves as a gathering place for educators from across the state. The Association hosts various events throughout the year, including conferences, workshops, and meetings.

The building is open to the public, and visitors are encouraged to explore the history and significance of the site. The Association welcomes visitors to learn more about its role in education and the impact it has on the state.

One Room In New Role

The Maine Teachers Association Building is located on the campus of the University of Maine, providing easy access to educational resources and opportunities. The building is a valuable asset to the community and represents the dedication of educators to the improvement of education in Maine.

The building is a symbol of the Association's commitment to education and its history of advocacy. It stands as a testament to the power of collective action and the importance of supporting education at the local, state, and national levels.
Covered Bridges, Now Romantic Relics, Once Important Routes

By M.R. TITUS RAVEN

Back in history, even before the beginning of the 19th century, covered bridges had become an integral part of America's landscape. These engineering marvels, with their graceful curves and covered roofs, were more than just a utilitarian solution to crossing bodies of water; they were symbols of community pride and economic development.

Due to their rustic charm, many such bridges have been preserved through the years. However, Covered Bridge Festival has been held annually in some towns, celebrating these historical structures.

OLDE TAYLORBRIDGE - In 1891, this bridge was dedicated to the town's hero, the famous violinist, Joseph Taylor. The bridge's elegant design also serves as a reminder of the town's rich cultural heritage.

TOPS FOR TALENT - Actors and actresses are recognized by the prestigious awarding of Tonys. The Tony Awards are given annually to honor excellence in Broadway theater. The ceremony is always held in late April, just before the opening of Tony Award season.

The Local Screenings

That's a Smile and Not a Leur
That Dorothy Is Getting From Oscar

By JOHNNY RICHMOND

The Academy Awards, commonly referred to as "Oscar," are presented to recognize excellence in the film industry. This year, the show, held in Hollywood, was attended by many stars. The ceremony is always held on the last Sunday in February, just before Valentine's Day.

Suburban Films

WINTER'S STORY

THE MADRAG

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

ACCENT BRIDGES

SPRINGTIME IN GRAND CHUTE

NORRISWOOD BRIDGE - This old mill bridge over the river was built in the late 19th century. The bridge is named for a nearby historic mill that was destroyed by fire in 1927. It's a popular spot for bird watching and nature lovers.

THE MARRIAGE OF LIZ AND BOBBY

AFRICA

JUST LOOKING

RIDE IT - THE DREAM COMES TRUE
Pacific Luxury Liner Originally Named For State Of Maine

SEE THE TRANSFORMATION. The white part of the hull is the original "Pine Tree Mariner," dark portions show the new "Mariposa."
Stories, Games, Teen Age News
Loony Laws Cramp Style, Shoes Have Colorful Story, Some Sportsmen Discover

Twins Not Always Lucky

Puzzle Pete Tries to Outwit You

Crossword Puzzle And Pictures
Sea Monster Lives Again

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OLD TIMES—This model of the newsletter (SLF/ZnWa) may be enjoyed by everyone. The parents sent some of the papers and the boys have fun reading them. The boys, born in New York, are twins, but one of them is a boy and the other is a girl.

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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 whistle sound and Mike would dump his little friend in no time flat. No-Name just appeared at the station from out of nowhere.