

HUCKLEBERRY FINN



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By T. MELVIN

COST OF RATS HIGH

Meet Skulky, the rat. You might as well get better acquainted with the filthy gray destroyer. You and fellow Omahans are supporting him and his family—at an estimated cost of \$4,400,000 per year.

City-County Health Director Dr. L. L. Fatheree estimates that Skulky has about 200 thousand equally filthy relatives in Omaha. Multiply that by \$22, the Department of Agriculture's pre-war estimate of the value of food eaten and property destroyed by a rat in one year.

GARBAGE MAIN FARE

Skulky's country cousins are even more destructive, Dr. Fatheree said. They eat grain, while Skulky dines largely on garbage.

Dr. Fatheree urged prompt action to stamp out Skulky and his kin. Omaha's rat problem "can continue to row unless something is done about it," he said.

Omahans don't bother Skulky much. In fact, they often give him food and lodging by leaving the covers off garbage cans and allowing trash to accumulate in the back yard or the basement.

He is free to gnaw on food stuffs, destroy property, spread disease and produce more rats.

MAY MENACE HEALTH

Dr. Fatheree says Skulky and his relatives are a "potential health menace." They spread polio, typhus, infectious jaundice and other sewage and filth-borne diseases.

How can Omahans make things tough for Skulky and his brood? Dr. Fatheree says it will take a "well organized community-wide program devoted entirely to rat control." He wishes some civic group, "strong enough to tackle a tough job and stick with it," would volunteer.

To control rats, you have to be smarter and better organized than they are, Dr. Fatheree said. People aren't always able to meet those qualifications.

CAN WE GET ALONG WITH RUSSIA?

Zerita Throver (Peac Caravan) Since we are now living in an atomic age millions of people know how too tragic another war would be. When the Town Meeting of the Air asked its vast radio audience, "Does our foreign policy lead us toward peace or war?" Every 7 out of 10 respondents declared that the United States policy was leading toward war. The question in everyone's mind now is—How can we keep the peace?

Although Russia entered the war very late it was she that helped to end the war quicker than it would have been. It was she that broke through the German lines. The entire world rejoiced then and praised Russia, all of a sudden bang! the tables turned and we have turned against our former allies. If we can get along with her during a war we can surely get along with her in the peace.

Russia is without doubt a great power. She emerged from the war as one of the victor nations. Although she has been denied the atomic bomb and warm water outlets, she is annoyed with many fears. Russia knows what war is. Her fear grows out of anguish and suffering. During this war she lost 15,000,000 men. The United States only lost a quarter of a million of men. Much of Russia's soil was devastated and her people left homeless and helpless due to the Nazis invasions.

Now Russia is seeking to obtain control of the Straits of Dardanelles which is the gateway to the Black Sea. We can take for granted that Russia, feeling more than ever that it is a great power will ask for the prerequisites of great power on a basis of equality with Britain and the United States. If Britain and the United States show an interest in the internal affairs of Russia's neighbors (Bulgaria and Rumania) Russia sees no reason why he shouldn't show some interest in the affairs of Latin America or Greece.

This sort of game of tag could go on forever with growing danger to the World Peace. The only way to stop this is to have all nations conform to the principles of the United Nations.

Pvt Woods

Continued From Page 1, attorney, and Carlos Ramos, executive secretary of the Philippine Lawyers Guild who uncovered most of the on-the-spot evidence being presented at the trial and who flew back to this country from the international Lawyers Conference in Brussels to be on hand when the proceedings opened.

Former star witness for the prosecution, John Hicks, was so vague about the events which took place on the morning of the shooting that the prosecutor was forced to impeach his own witness. Hick told a story at variance to the talk he had only several days previously with the prosecutor. It was Hicks who testified that he had seen Woods lift Patterson, heard him say "wake up" and then saw Woods shoot his tentmate. Hicks, at the time of the shooting, was in tent 100 yards away lying down.

The stories of two star witnesses for the prosecution were torn apart in cross examination by Goodman with regard to the confession Woods had allegedly made. Two Criminal Investigation Dept. agents who claimed they took the confession several days after the shooting could not agree to whether Woods had used the word "murder," one recalling that he hadn't paid much attention to the conversation and wasn't quite sure what Woods had said. There was no such testimony by him in the transcript of the court martial.

Important in determining whether the shooting was accidental or murder, as contended by the prosecution, would be the distance from which the shot was fired. However, Dr. Eray O. Hawk, who performed the autopsy upon Patterson and whose testimony was accepted without question at the Manila trial, under questioning admitted that he knew very little about the highly specialized field of ballistics and other related matters, that he could not qualify as an expert in medicolegal matters as were involved in this case.

Identified by Jack Waddy, an exsergeant who served with Woods' company, was the bullet-torn net which covered the cot of Patterson at the time of the shooting. The holes in the net refute the testimony of Hicks who had stated that Woods lifted the net before shooting the sleeping GI. The trial is expected to last for another week. Confidence was expressed by the Lemas Woods Defense Committee of the Civil Rights Congress, that on the basis of the proceedings so far, the soldier would surely be freed.

U. S. OUTPUT HALF OF TOTAL

Industrial output in the United States has jumped from 23 to 50 per cent of the world total during the past 75 years. This is reported by World's Business and Guide, the export business publication.

The formula responsible for this sharp increase is more productive power, more tools and machinery, plus technical know-how.

An American factory worker now uses six thousand dollars worth of equipment and four horsepower of electrical and mechanical energy several times that of the world average.

Showing how the formula pays off in higher living standards, these statistics are given: The United States, with 7 per cent of the world's population has 80 per cent of the automobiles in the world and 60 per cent of the telephones. It has 54 per cent of the refrigerators and 42 per cent of the radios. Current factory wage rates in the United States are almost double those of Canada, the next highest, and approximately five times that of Czechoslovakia and Russia.

One of the immediate causes of current economic ills, the publication says, is war damage to industrial facilities. But a more basic reason is the failure of world manufacturing to keep pace with advances in tool and machine efficiency.

As a result, machinery has moved into the No. 1 spot among United States exports and demand for American technical know-how is equally high.

Mrs. Jacqueline Pruitt, who has been ill in St. Joseph's hospital is convalescing at home, 2436 Grant st.

This is the only way for a strong world government which has got to come in the very near future. If not there are two alternatives—war or peace. Which will you choose?

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Horizontal

1 Mimic
4 Land measure
6 Hedgepods
11 Most important river of southern Europe
13 Secretary of State
15 Bone
16 Rejection
18 See!
19 Preposition
21 Son of Jacob
22 She was deserted by Aeneas
24 To protrude the lips
26 Side of a triangle
28 Child
29 Malicious burning
31 Long period of time
33 Pronoun
34 Snare
38 Fare
39 In the capacity of
40 To become fatigued
42 Composer of "The Merry Widow"
45 French coin
47 Crevice in ore-bearing rock
49 Roster
50 Capital of Yemen, Arabia
52 Nuisance
54 Low note
55 Conjunction
56 Former heavyweight champion
59 Preposition
61 Procession
63 Head of an ecclesiastical province
65 Basque's cap
66 Compass point
27 Earth
30 To secure
32 Poetic: at no time
35 Prognosticator
37 Archaic: you

Vertical

2 Spiritual overseer
3 Printer's measure
4 Second son of Adam
5 To drive back
6 Constrained
7 River in France and Belgium
8 Angered
9 Upon
10 Rarely
12 Chaldean city
14 Blackened
17 Part of the eye
20 To expel
23 Pronoun
24 Colloquial: father
25 Wrongful act
27 Earth
30 To secure
32 Poetic: at no time
35 Prognosticator
37 Archaic: you

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Answer to Puzzle Number 7

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WDL PROTESTS BLOCKING OF SCHOOL FOR MIGRATORY WORKERS' KIDS

CRANBURY, N. J.—The blocking of anti-Negro elements of a state-sponsored school for migratory workers' kids here was protested by Rowland Watts, acting national secretary of the Workers Defense League.

The school board had promised use of its buildings, but reversed itself after a "citizens protest rally" which accused Negroes, 98 per cent of the workers, of carrying communicable diseases and of being undesirable to the area.

Watts wired state officials: "Urged you back up original decision of local school board to resist discrimination against these children."

The activities of the WDL are well known here in Cranbury. It is still recalled how the League in 1940 won \$9,000 damages for seven migratory workers who were assaulted by a mob.

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