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July 2008

A MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

1928 Campaign to "Oust the Rat"

In 1928 several counties in Arkansas were plagued by a rat infestation. The infestation resulted in heavy losses for area farmers and businesses. The rodents caused great damage to buildings storing grain and ruined entire fields of crops such as corn. In the Extension Service's Annual Narrative and Statistical Report for Mississippi County, Arkansas, it was reported that the U.S. Bureau of Biological Survey calculated the cost of destruction per rat at \$1.87 per year. The rising costs urged the County Extension Services to work with local organizations, school boards, and individuals to initiate rat removal campaigns.

In Northern Mississippi County the campaign encouraged the public to "Oust the Rat" by any method including poisoning. The favored poison was barium carbonate mixed with food. However, the poster indicates that red squill should be used around domestic animals and irresponsible people. Red squill is a type of sea onion that produces a red powder used as a rat poison.

The "War on Rats" campaign in Northern Mississippi County extended to include all rodents that were detrimental to the public welfare. A letter from the County Extension Agents to individuals in the community states, "Three mice equal one rat, one mole equals two rats, and one gopher equals three rats." The desire to rid the county of all types of rodents is evidence of the epidemic's severity.

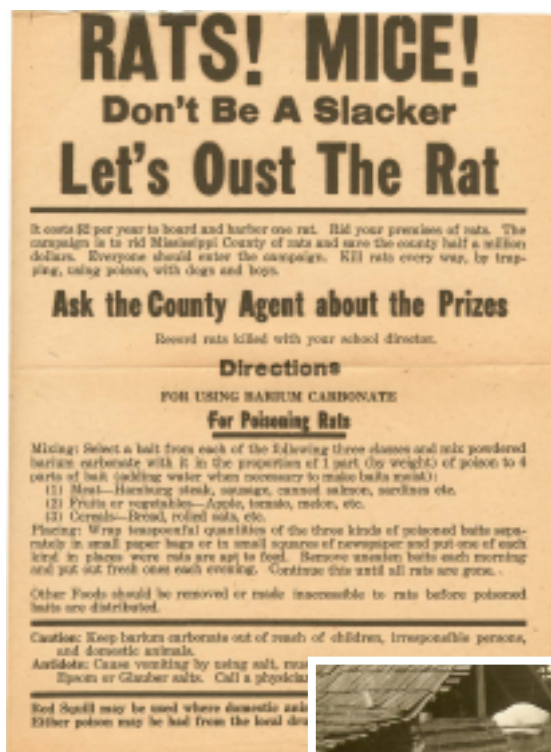
The most successful rat removal campaigns were those that enlisted the help of school children. In Miller County the campaign was launched through the schools and encouraged participation at an individual and school level. The Chamber of Commerce backed the campaign by providing prizes for participants. The first place prizes in each category included: \$50 in books for the schools, a Winchester Repeating Rifle worth \$22.50 for the boys, and a \$25 wrist watch for the girls. There were three prizes in the school category and four prizes for the individual

boy and girl categories. The County Extension Agents and Superintendent of schools sent out letters to every teacher explaining the campaign rules. The Miller County school rat removal campaign lasted six weeks, and a total of 50 schools and 649 children participated. The Extension Agent reported that the campaign was a success with an astounding 95,849 rats removed.

In the Southwest Region, the Records of the Extension Service (RG

33) include the Annual Narrative and Statistical Reports for the state of Arkansas between the years of 1911-66. Most of the narrative reports include photographs, maps, newspaper clippings, pamphlets, and other publications pertaining to extension activities. The function of the Extension Service is to coordinate extension activities of the Department of Agriculture with those of state agricultural colleges. The service provides counties with both agricultural and home demonstration agents.

Narrative Report of County Extension Workers
North End of Mississippi County, 2/1/27-12/1/28
Mississippi County North; Annual Narrative & Statistical Reports, 1911-66; Arkansas; Records of the Extension Service, RG 33, NARA-Southwest Region, Fort Worth, Texas



Narrative Report of County Extension Workers
South Half of Mississippi County, 12/1/27-1/1/28
Mississippi County South Half; Annual Narrative & Statistical Reports 1911-66; Arkansas; Records of the Extension Service, RG 33, NARA-Southwest Region, Fort Worth, Texas

NARA West Coast July 2008

The Ogden Arsenal 'Bombshell, August 1944
Ogden Arsenal History, Quarterly Period July–Sept 1944
Orders, Reports, and Memorandums, 1940-50
Ogden Arsenal; Records of the Office of the Chief of
Ordnance RG 156; NARA–Rocky Mountain Region,
Denver



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Exhibit: Seattle, WA Picturing the Century in the Pacific Northwest 5/6/08–Ongoing				Denver, CO Heart Mountain Symposium and Conference General Public 303-407-5749			
6	Colorado Springs, CO Teaching American History Workshop Workshop K–12 Teachers 303-407-5749 <hr/> San Bruno, CA Federal Land Records Workshop/Genealogists 650-238-3485	7	8	9	10	11	
				Seattle, WA Brick Wall Discussion Group Workshop/Genealogists 206-336-5115		12	
13	Denver, CO 4-day Primarily Teaching Workshop–Denver Symposium K–12 Teachers 303-407-5749 7/14–7/17/08	14	15	16	17	18	
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NARA East Coast July 2008

Philadelphia, PA

**Melting Pot Woes: Ethnic Suspicions
on the Home Front, 1917-1918**
9/24/07-8/31/08

**Looking upstream along Merrimack
Street to Washington Square during
1936 Flood at Haverhill, Massachusetts**
Construction Project Photographs,
Emergency Operations; Records of the Office
of the Chief of Engineers, RG 77; NARA
Northeast Region, Boston



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			Pittsfield, MA Beginning Your Genealogy Research at NARA Workshop/Genealogists 413-236-3600	Federal Hall National Memorial, NY New York's National Treasures General Public 866-840-1752		
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		Pittsfield, MA Beginning and Managing Your Genealogy Lecture/General Public 413-236-3604 Waltham, MA Census, Passenger Lists, and Naturalization Records Lecture Open to the Public 781-663-0121	Pittsfield, MA Using Federal Census at the National Archives Workshop/Genealogists 413-236-3600	Waltham, MA Passport Agency Tour, 10 A.M. General Public 781-663-0139		
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		Morrow, GA General Primary Open House and Tour General Public 770-968-2555	Pittsfield, MA Using Military Records at NARA Workshop/Genealogists 413-236-3600	Ellis Island, NY Family History Game Show Workshop/General Public 866-840-1752 Philadelphia, PA Tuskegee Airmen Convention Veterans/General Public 215-384-7363 7/17/08 - 7/20/08		
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	Fitchburg, MA Library School Graduate Program On-site Facility Introduction/Tour 10:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M. 781-663-0121		Atlanta, GA NAGARA Information Booth Archival and Allied Professionals 770-968-2555 7/23-7/26/08	Waltham, MA Civil Rights in Federal Records Onsite Educators Workshop 781-663-0139 Pittsfield, MA Finding Your Immigrant Ancestor at NARA Workshop/Genealogists 413-236-3600		Atlanta, GA NAGARA/CoSA Lecture Archival and Allied Professionals 770-968-2555
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	Waltham, MA Primarily Teaching Workshop Educators General Public 781-663-0121 7/28-8/1/08		Pittsfield, MA Genealogy on the Internet Workshop/Genealogists 413-236-3600			

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NARA Midwest July 2008

Narrative Report of County Extension Workers
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	Exhibit: Kansas City, MO Wild, Wild Archives 7/7-7/20/08				Chicago, IL Researching World War II Veterans Lecture/General Public 773-948-9001 <hr/> Harrisonville, MO How to Use ARC and AAD Lecture/General Public 816-268-8072	
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	Chicago, IL Primarily Teaching Workshop K-12 Teachers 773-948-9001 7/14-7/18/08					
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	Exhibit: Raytown, MO Lewis and Clark in Court 7/21-8/3/08			Exhibit: Kansas City, MO Mugged! 5/24/08-7/20/08		
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