

Eighth Graders Raising Mice to Check Heredity Laws, Watch Diet



MOUSE BUSINESS . . . The class pets in Mrs. Beverly Dyer's eighth grade class at Meadow Park School, Torrance, are a litter of mice, which also are used in the class science and arithmetic studies. Here, looking at a couple of the little animals getting their exercise on a "mouse wheel" are Richard Maxey and Larry Mesna.

Members of Mrs. Beverly Dyer's eighth grade class at Meadow Park Elementary School, Torrance, are all members of the "Mouseketeers" Club, but it isn't the one headed by Mickey Mouse.

Pixie and Dixie Mouse are the heads of the class club, since they are the class pets. They also serve as the basis for some of the class studies in science and arithmetic.

Pixie is a white male mouse and Dixie a black female who gave birth to seven babies on Nov. 4. Since the class has been studying heredity and Mendel's Law regarding heredity, they eagerly waited to see how many black and white babies there would be. As it turned out, there were three black, three white, and one black (with white stripe) babies.

ACCORDING TO Mendel's Law, there should be more black babies than white, with an eventual blending into grays.

The youngsters plan to continue raising little mice, to see further workings of heredity. The class gave three of the

babies away and kept four for breeding. These, they have tagged Salt, Pepper, Pete, and Gladys.

THE CLASS also is planning to study the dietary habits of their pets by giving them different types of diets, then watching the results.

Mrs. Dyer feels that the children can learn much about science through watching the little animals.

In arithmetic studies, the youngsters like to compute the number of times per minute that the mice can make the "mouse wheel" revolve. The "mouse wheel" is a rotary device which allows the little creatures to get their exercise.

ALTHOUGH he is smaller, Papa Pixie can outrun Mama Dixie on the mouse wheel. His average is about 44 revolutions per minute (with bursts of speed up to 58), while Dixie averages only about 32. The class figured that Pixie probably could go slightly faster than a mile an hour.

The class is also building a maze to test the reactions of their pets. At last report, the

Sewer Line Work Slated

Construction of a sanitary sewer line along Western Ave. between 205th St. and 209th St. will add the finishing touches to improvements in the Shoestring Strip Area, or in that portion of the area, according to word today from Councilman John S. Gibson.

This improvement, plus the \$225,000 now in progress between Western and Denker, will give the "Strip Area" the most completely improved section south of Los Angeles, the Councilman noted.

Zavas and Sons submitted the lowest of nine bids, and will complete the work at a cost of \$5771. This was approximately 14 per cent less than the estimated cost.

A. W. McKinney, National Supply President, Retires

Arthur W. McKinney is retiring after more than 40 years service with The National Supply Co.

In his steady climb for a salesman's job in 1920 to the presidency in 1954, McKinney became one of the most widely known men in the oil field supply industry.

McKinney left Thursday for an extended vacation. He will continue as consultant to and member of the board of directors of Armo Steel Corp. National Supply, which is the world's largest manufacturer and distributor of oil field machinery and equipment, has been an Armo subsidiary since 1958.

McKINNEY BEGAN his service at Toledo, Ohio, where National Supply then had its general offices and principal plant. The company at that time had another plant at Dayton, Ohio. It operated 71 supply stores in the United States and one each in Canada and Mexico. It had annual sales of about \$50 million.

Currently, the company has six plants, and operates 117 supply stores, including six in Canada and three in Venezuela.



ARTHUR W. McKINNEY Leaves National Supply

Its products are used in virtually every oil producing country throughout the free world. In its busiest year, 1957, the company had sales exceeding \$300,000,000.

SHORTLY AFTER he started with National Supply, the company acquired the Union Tool Co., the pioneer manufacturer of rotary drilling equipment.

In addition to selling his company's products, McKinney made many friends for the company and himself. Because of his outstanding sales record, he was appointed assistant manager of sales in 1929, and manager of sales in 1934. He became general manager of sales in 1938, and vice president and general manager of sales in 1940.

In 1948, McKinney was elected executive vice president of National Supply, but continued to devote a large portion of his time to customer contacts. Four years later, the company consolidated its headquarters in Pittsburgh.

'Toys for Tots' Program Going Well - Marines

"Situation well in hand" is the report of local Marine Reservists as their annual "Toys for Tots" drive neared completion. The toys are ticketed for distribution to thousands of less fortunate children at Christmas time.

Last minute donations are filling collection barrels in fire stations and stores throughout the area. From these collection points, toys are taken to the Marine Corps Reserve Training centers, sorted and hurried on to charitable organizations that handle the distribution.

The toy drive in this area is directed by the Fifth Communication Company, headquartered on Terminal Island. The unit urges immediate donations, to allow ample time for distribution before Christmas.



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Flower Show Winner Told

An arrangement by Mrs. Ann Richardson took first place in a flower show sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department, it was announced yesterday.

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Fifteen members of a floral arrangement class sponsored by the department submitted 26 arrangements for the showing in the foyer of the Torrance City Hall.

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