

Rat Control Program Planned For City Rodents On Increase In Downtown Area

A rat control program will be conducted in the City and areas adjacent to Kodiak during the latter part of October, according to an announcement by Mr. Bob Burkholder, Branch Predator and Rodent Control, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Anchorage. He will be in Kodiak at that time.

This program will be in cooperation with the Alaska Department of Health and the Kodiak City Council, and is designed as an all-out effort to rid the community of rats and prevent reinfestation of the pests, according to Burkholder.

Burkholder stated: "As cold weather arrives, rats move into warmer quarters, and then is the time to meet this threat. One pair of rats can breed five times, producing 50 young each year, and each rat costs you \$20 to feed. Rats start fires by chewing insteulation on wires. They destroy labels on cans and damage sacks and other containers. These rodents can chew through lead pipes causing plumbing failures and costly repairs. Their teeth are so strong they can gnaw through bricks, oak planks, and cement 3 inches thick. Wherever a rat travels, it leaves a path of destruction."

According to Dick Pace, Sanitary Engineer, Alaska Department of Health, who is stationed here, rats leave a trail of sickness and death for family and pets. Typhus, Bubonic Plague, and especially Weil's Disease (jaundice) are some of the human diseases.

Rats in greater numbers have been reported to the Kodiak Mirror by residents in various sections of the City. One was killed crossing the Base-Town road within the City limits. Others have been reported seen in this same area. The ultimate success of the control program depends largely on public support and participation, according to Pace. Materials and instructions will be furnished by the City and the cooperating agencies, will do the actual control on the dump and key areas. It will be up to the residents to kill rats in their own homes and businesses, according to Burkholder.



The appointment of Gen. George H. Decker as the new Chief of Staff, U. S. Army, has been confirmed by the U. S. Senate. Gen. Decker will succeed Gen. Lyman L. Lemnitzer who will become Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff when Air Force Gen. Nathan M. Twining retires later this year. Gen. Decker and his wife, Mrs. Helen Inman Decker have one son, James I., and one daughter, Mrs. Jane E. Francisco.

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Notice is hereby given that the annual election of the Kodiak Independent School District will be held on the 4th day of October, 1960, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., at the City Hall, Kodiak, Alaska, which election will be held in conjunction with the annual City Election.

One Board Member will be elected to serve for the term of five (5) years, or until his successor is elected and qualified.

Nominations will be accepted by Dorothy Clark, clerk of the board, at the Kodiak Public School Office, from date hereof until 6:00 p.m., September 19, 1960.

Nominations shall be made by party convention submitted in writing over the signature of the President and Secretary of such party or organization, or by petition by not less than twenty (20) qualified voters. Candidates so nominated may withdraw from the Ballot at any time prior to 6:00 p.m., September 26, 1960, by statement acknowledged before a Notary Public and delivered at the Office of the Clerk in the Kodiak Public School building prior to said time. A candidate must have the qualifications of a voter: i.e., a citizen of the United States, nineteen (19) years of age or over, an actual and bona fide resident of Alaska, who has been such resident continuously during the entire year immediately preceding the election, and who has been such resident continuously for thirty (30) days next preceding the election in such school district, and who is able to read and write the English language as prescribed by an act of the United States Congress on March 3, 1927, entitled, "An Act to prescribe certain qualifications of voters in the Territory of Alaska, and for other purposes," DATED this 6th day of September, 1960.

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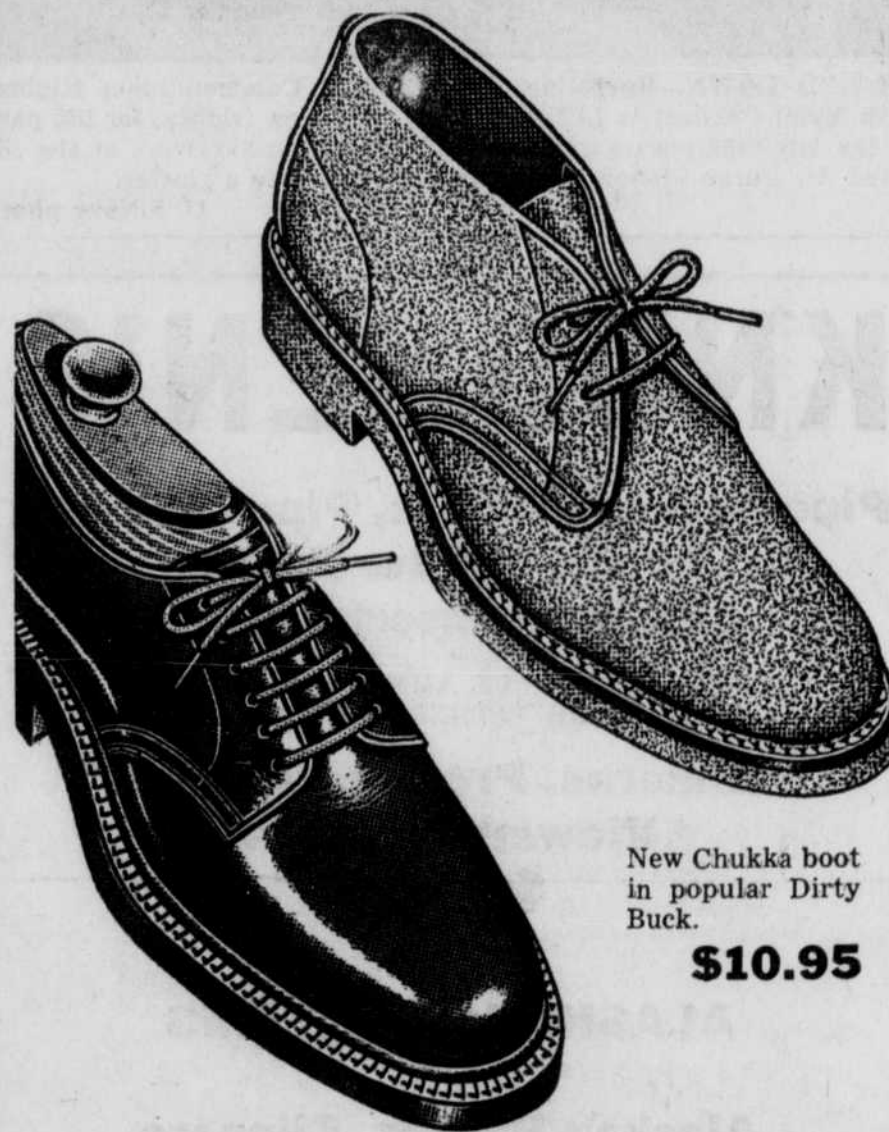
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