cent) ; predatory animals, 27, (22.4 percent) ; escaped, 11 ( 9 percent); and other causes, 2 ( 1.6 percent).

Observers are of the opinion that the mortality rate can be reduced by building vermin-proof pens on high, dry ground. Such pens are now under construction at the Maine unit. Mated females will be placed in these pens before the young are born, but the young will be separated from the mothers as soon as the weaning stage is over,

The Snowshoe rabbit is also known as the Varying hare and White rabbit. It belongs to a small group of closely related species and geographic races of hares peculiar to northern North America. Usually these aniamls live in cool forested regions, along low growing bushes near swamps and along streams.

The name Varying hare or Snowshoe rabbit comes from two characteristics that aid the animal to live in the northland. In summer, the rabbit has a dusky or brownish fur but in fall it begins to turn a white winter coat. The exact time of the change depends upon the season. In spring, the process is reversed and the animal exchanges its white pelage for a brownish coat.

Though it lives in a country of deep snows, the animal is able to travel rapidly over the surface because it possesses large hind feet and long, spreading toes that are entirely covered with a heavy coat of hair and form broad snowshoelike pads.

Snowshoe rabbits are mainly nocturnal, but are often found by hunters because the animals have a habit of making definite, beaten runways that make the rabbits easy to snare.

Popular as a game animal in States along the northern border of the United States, the average adult Snowshoe hare weighs about 5 pounds and is important to Indians and trappers in the isolated regions of the north as a source of food.

## Giant Chinchilla Ass'n. Constitution and By-Laws

NAME-
The name of this organization shall be the GIANT CHINCHILLA RABBIT ASSOCLATION.
OBJECTS -
Sec. 1. To promote, encourage, and de-
velop the breeding of the American velop the breeding of the American Martin and Giant Sables.
Sec. 2. To pring closer co-operation among Giant Chinchilla rabbit breeders in America.
Sec. 3. To aid and educate beginners in the proper methods of developing, raising, feeding, housing and marketing our sponsored breeds, and to refer such beginners to reliable breeders from whom
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## The American Mouse \& Rat Fanciers' Association

The American Mouse \& Rat Fanciers' Association has been formed with the purpose of standardizing all fancy breeds and varieties of mice and rats, and help improve the various colors through competition in the show rooms, as well as to establish standards for laboratory mice and rats.

It is our object to stage shows for fancy mice and rats in all Rabbit and Cavy Shows that will accept our entries, also in Poultry and Pigeon Shows.

One advantage of mice and rats over larger fancy small stock is that they may be kept in much smaller quarters, in fact in places where rabbits or even cavies would be out of the question.

Our first President of the American Mouse and Rat Fanciers' Association is Elsie M. Benson, Hollis Center, Maine, who breeds Hooded Rats, Astrex Mice, and Normal Fur Mice, in many colors. We are fortunate to have so enthusiastic fancier as our club president.

Secretary is Gerald Franklin Wright, 15 South Farwell St., Eau Claire, Wisconsin, who would like to hear from all fanciers of fancy as well as laboratory mice and rats, in America. Annual Dues in the Association are $\$ 1.00$, which makes you eligible to compete for all special prizes offered by the A.M.R.F.A. at our club shows and other exhibitions throughout the U. S. \& Canada.

## Foods and Cages for White Mice and Rats

A standard ration for these animals is bread soaked in milk, which supplies both food and drink. Those kept as pets should be given uncracked nuts and hard grains to prevent their gnawing teeth from becoming overlong. Green food, such as lettuce, chickweed, or boiled carrots, potatoes, or parsnips, should be furnished in small quantities occasionally. Fresh water should be supplied in every cage. All dishes should be kept clean and should be disinfected frequently by scalding.

Experiments with both wooden and metal cages have shown that better results may be had in a large colony by the use of wooden cages, other conditions being equal. Cages should be approximately 16 inches long, 14
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best results will probably be attained with the smaller number, since the young when newly born will be in less danger from overcrowding. The males should be chosen from among animals older than the young females. Inbreeding is not considered harmful unless continued from 8 to 10 generations. Usually the females agree when together-when two have young at about the same time both nurse the progeny indiscriminately. Occasionally 2 females are antagonistic, and then it is desirable to separate them.-Jos. Dusek and Co. Bulletin.

## FOODS FOR MICE <br> (Continued from page 89)

inches wide, and 10 inches high, inside measurements. The front, back, and bottom should be made of $1 / 4-$ inch square-mesh galvanized-wire netting, and the bottom should be so constructed that a dry pan can be placed underneath. Clean straw or shavings provide good bedding. Parchment paper or excelsior should be supplied for nesting material. - U.S. Dept. of Agriculture.

## CHINCHILLA ASSOCIATION

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they can purchase the kind and quality of stock desired.
Sec. 4. To advertise in such a manner that members will have the opportunity to sell their stock.
Sec. 5. To aid in the establishment and location of markets for meat rabbits, furs and other by-products.

Sec. 6. To advance and protect the by disseminating correct information concerning American Giant Chinchilla rabbits, particularly as to their value for food, fur and laboratory uses. Sec. 7. To conduct an official Club department in all possible publications. Sec. 8. To organize and carry out exhibitions from time to time

Sec. 9. To hold a Specialty Club Convention and show annually.
Sec. 10. To give support to the exhibitions of other organizations.
sec. 11. To provide a center for information and advice on all matters per-

Sec. 12. To co-operate with and sup-
port our parent organization, namely the port our parent organization, namely the Assn.
Assn. 13. To co-operate with the United States Dept. of Agriculture and all State Departments of Agriculture in every way that may be of benefit to the industry. Sec. 14. To offer Special premiums to
all shows whose secretaries make appliall shows whose secretaries make application therefore.

## ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP-
Sec. 1. Any person of good moral character and reputation may become an active member in good standing. Application for membership must be made in writing to the Secretary and must be accompanied by the membership fee of one dollar (\$1.00). enrolled as a member until such fee has been paid.
Sec. 2. Charter members shall be exempt from paying further dues, and designated as LIFE MEMBERS.
Sec. 3. Life membership fee shall be $\$ 10.00$ which shall not include any previous amounts paid.
Sec. 4. Membership shall be acknowledged by a card issued by the Club and signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary and shall date from time of such acknowledgement, terminating twelve months thereafter. Sec. 5. The Secretary shall notify each member one month before expiration of the membership, and again on expiration date, and if same is not folling to renew shall be dropped.
Sec. 6. Complaints and charges of misconduct against member or officer by a member shall be made in writing to the Secretary, they shall be considered with the defense of the member, by the Grievance Committee and this committee may, on a majority vote, acquit, suspend or expell the member. An expelled member shall be ineligible for future membership in the Association.
Sec. 7. A complaint by a non-member shal not be considered unless he joins expense of postage letter writing, etc expense of postage, letter writing, etc. ber may appeal from the decision of the Ger may appeal from the decision of the case in detail to a vote of the Board of case in detail to a vote of the Board of Board of Directors voting shall reverse the decision of the grievance committee.

## ARTICLE IV

Sec. 1. The Officers of this Association shall consist of a President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer, Board of Five Directors. The President, VicePresident and Secretary-Treasurer to be members of the Board of Directors. Sec. ${ }^{2}$. The elective officers shall be elected by mail ballot.
Sec. 3. The President, Vice-President and two (2) members of the Board of Directors shall and three members of the Board of Directors for a two (2) year term. All official terms to begin on January 1st of each year. But if for any reason the meeting or election is not held prior to January first of any year, the official terms will begin at the commencement of new business of that meeting, or immediately after the election or appointment has been completed.
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