

## Plane Piloted By Eugenean Saved By Lieutenant's Bar

By EUGENE BURNS  
WITH THE ELEVENTH AIR  
FORCE IN ALASKA, May 2—  
(Delayed)—How a quick-  
witted engineer used a second  
lieutenant's gold bar to save a  
four-engine bomber with a 10-  
man crew was told today by a  
member of that crew—First Lt.  
James A. Ryan, 29, navigator, of  
Bakersfield, Calif., and formerly  
of Mooseheart, Ill.

The plane—old 1001—piloted by  
Major Robert E. Speer, Eugene,  
had gone to Attu on a reconnais-  
sance mission. While returning  
the gasoline tanks in the bombay  
would not drain into the main  
tanks because the electrical pump  
refused to function. Fuses kept  
blowing out due to an unexplained  
short circuit.

"Finally the last fuse flashed  
out and there we were with 800  
gallons of gasoline and not one  
drop for our motors," said Ryan.  
"We had just enough left to take  
us within five miles of an island."

"Radioman Ream (James W.,  
Springfield, Mo.), sent a message  
saying that we would have to  
make a crash water landing."

"I overheard Gunner Lorenz  
(Roland C., 24, of Cleveland, O.),  
ask the photographer (Capt. Ber-  
gert G. Speer, 39, of Mayfield, Ky.)  
if he was afraid. 'You're damn  
tooting I'm scared,' said Speer."

"Because of electrical trouble  
our bombs would not release so  
to make the plane lighter for a  
possible crash, Gunner Lane (Ber-  
nard D., 22, of Vincennes, Ind.)  
manually lifted the 300-pounders  
and dropped them into the deep."

Meanwhile all of us put on our  
Mae Wests (life jackets) and had  
our parachutes handy for the  
jump when necessary."

"Then Miller (Tech. Sgt. John  
H., 27, of Hibbing, Minn.) saw the

gold shoulder bar on our bomb-  
ardier's shoulder (2nd Lt. George  
Moser, 24, of Chicago, who now is  
on the mainland in a replacement  
group.)

"Miller unpinched it and rushed  
to the fuse box and used the gold  
plated shoulder bar for a fuse and,  
glory be, the pump began work-  
ing."

Pilot Speer helped himself to  
three large breaths of relief and  
landed his ship miles down the  
chain.

Major Speer is the son of Mr.  
and Mrs. Price C. Speer, 1485 Hill-  
yard, Eugene, and attended the  
University of Oregon. His wife  
and infant son live in Portland.

Major Speer was cited in news  
of bombing Japanese on Attu  
island in the Aleutians, late last  
fall, but he was then a captain.  
This is the first word received of  
his advancement to rank of major.

FROM BETHEL

BETHEL—The Bethel Com-  
munity club met at the home of  
Mrs. Dan Andreasen, Friday after-  
noon. Mrs. Myrtle Bartlett was as-  
sistant hostess. Installation of new

officers took place. They are: Mrs.  
Cassie Hill, president; Mrs. Pearl  
Chapman, vice-president; Mrs. J.  
E. Hendrickson, secretary-treas-  
urer. Mrs. Lyle Reddick was ad-  
mitted as a new member. Re-  
freshments were served to 16  
members and three guests, Mrs. A.  
E. Glasgow, Mrs. M. Hendrickson,  
and Mrs. C. Nelson.

Mrs. George Bromley has re-  
turned from Seattle, accompanied  
by her son, Dan, who is in the  
merchant marine.

A party was given recently for  
Mrs. K. M. Larsen at her home on  
Cherry lane. A social time was  
held and refreshments served to  
the following: Mrs. Larsen, Mrs.  
L. C. Harpster and daughter, Ethel,  
Mrs. J. Bishop, Mrs. A. J. Barrell,  
Mrs. Margaret Webster, Mrs. Vel-  
va Dana and children, Mary Jane  
and David, Miss Ruth Larsen, Mrs.  
Harry Ray and daughter, Jacquie-  
line.

Mr. and Mrs. John Larsen and  
children of Portland called on Mr.  
and Mrs. Dan Andreasen, on Mon-  
day.

### BRIGHT METEORITE

A meteorite that plunged to  
earth near Paragould, Kan., was  
so brilliant that citizens of St.  
Louis, Mo., thought it was an air-  
plane falling at the St. Louis air-  
port.

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### AT WESTFIR

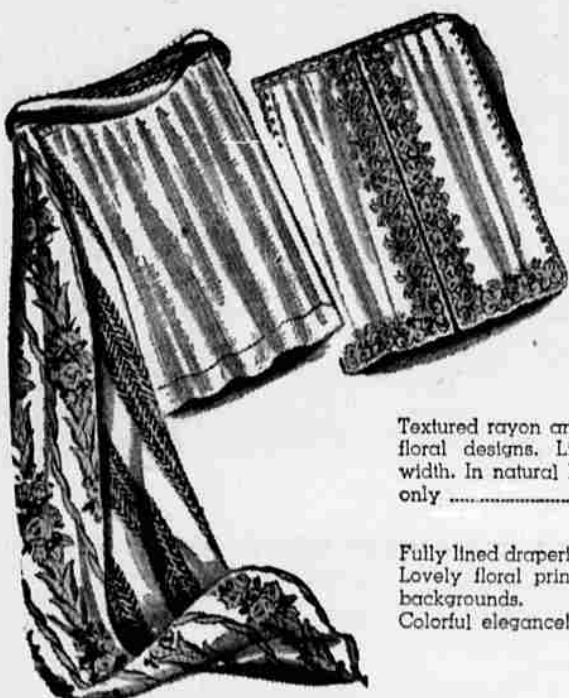
WESTFIR—A shower in honor  
of Mrs. Noell Cardin, wife of Rev.  
Noell Cardin, pastor of the West-  
fir Community church, was held  
at the church Saturday afternoon.  
The afternoon was spent viewing  
gifts and playing games. Refresh-  
ments were served by Mrs. T. A.  
King, Mrs. James Wiser, and Mrs.  
C. E. Stewart. Guests were Mrs.  
Vern Hill, Mrs. C. Baxter, Mrs.  
Bruce Lawbrey, Jr., Miss M.  
Miller, Mrs. Whit Fisher, Mrs. A.  
Peterson, Mrs. C. Arthur, Mrs. W.  
Cummings, Mrs. Russell Brooks,  
Mrs. D. Shephard, Mrs. George  
Shephard, Mrs. Lloyd Fox, Mrs.  
Ed Allen, Mrs. T. A. King, Mrs.  
James Wiser, Mrs. C. E. Stewart,  
Rev. and Mrs. Noell Cardin. Those  
sending gifts but unable to come  
were Mrs. Fred Swanson, Mrs.  
Helen Lovelace, Mrs. Bertha Reh-  
walt, Miss Georgia Clark, Mrs. R.  
Buckner, Mr. A. A. Foster, Mr. A.  
Annas, Mrs. H. Anthony.

The Westfir Community church  
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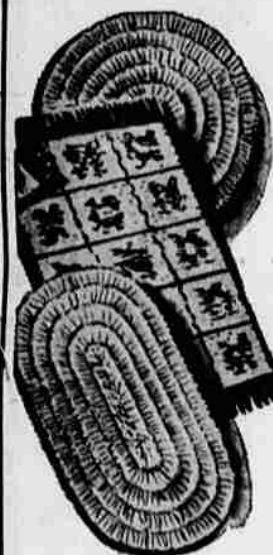
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