



His Ordeal Is Over—Robert Bryant, 26, pilot whose plane cracked up in the snow-swept wilderness of Ventura county, is examined by Dr. Henry D. Specht and Dr. L. J. Klingbeil in hospital at Glendale, Calif., following his six-day ordeal. Doctors were amazed at his ability to withstand sub-freezing temperatures at a 7000-foot elevation. (Acme Telephoto)

'Move Along,' But Man Fails to Obey

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 15 (U.P.)—James Eli Burns, 61, died standing up here, Tuesday night. Police in a patrol car first saw Burns leaning against a downtown building supported by crutches and told him to "move along." When the car returned, the man was standing in the same spot. They investigated and called an ambulance. Doctors pronounced Burns dead on arrival at the county hospital and noted that he had been dead for "quite a while." Death was attributed to natural causes. Burns is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Butryn, Minneapolis, Minn.

Clatsop's Destitute Have Early Christmas

Astoria, Ore., Dec. 15 (U.P.)—Christmas is going to come early this year for 50 destitute Clatsop county families. An appeal from the welfare commission for aid after its December funds were "bankrupt" brought an "amazing response," Mrs. Bertha Roth, Clatsop welfare administrator, said. She said a story that 100 adults and 150 children in the county faced a bleak Christmas without food funds for the balance of December brought scores of telephone calls from civil and private organizations. The story appeared in the Astorian-Budget.

Seely Named Priest Royal Arch Masons

Woodburn — Percy H. Seely was elected excellent high priest of Woodburn Chapter No. 29, Royal Arch Masons, at the annual election of officers held Tuesday night at the Masonic temple. Other officers elected were Howard Magnuson, king; George D. Jones, scribe; P. L. LaBarr, treasurer; Ora F. Morris, secretary; Ernest W. Handy, captain of the hosts; P. L. LaBarr, principal sojourner; and R. H. Treupel, trustee. Installation has been tentatively set for December 20.

World's Worst Mosquitoes Face Invader From Arctic

By FRANK CAREY
(Associated Press Science Writer)
Tampa, Fla., Dec. 15 (U.P.)—Any nation planning to attack the United States by way of the Arctic circle should be prepared to cope with "the world's worst mosquitoes." Maj. Robert Traub, an army scientist who described these insects, did not say anything about enemy attacks.

But he made it implicit that anyone fooling around in the Arctic should be ready to fight the hungriest, most numerous and most persistent swarm of creatures in the whole nasty family of mosquitoes. Traub knows whereof he speaks, because he spent a lot of time in the Malayan tropics where mosquitoes are by no means minor leaguers.

"Up in the Arctic," he told a reporter after he had addressed a meeting of entomologists here, "we have the world's worst mosquitoes from the point of view of biting and numbers."

"There is little other food for them up there, so they seek out humans. You can hold out your hand for a couple of minutes and you'll have as many as 200 of them trying to bite you."

"There are unlimited breeding areas for them in the swamps and bogs, and apparently the Arctic does not have enough natural insect enemies of the mosquito to keep it under control."

"Moreover, the season for mosquitoes is relatively short up there, because the area is covered with ice most of the time. So the mosquitoes have to get married, raise their families and seek out food in a short time. That's apparently why they bite so violently, although some of them bite even after the ice sets in."

He said research by a civilian in the army's chemical corps, employing radioactive materials to put "markers" on mosquitoes, had shown that the Alaska dive bombers have a flight range of at least five miles.

"This indicates," said Traub, "that while you might wipe them out of a given area, others will swarm in from outside."

He also said that Alaska sports "a lot of Siberian fleas"—ostensibly imported, he said, by flea-infested rodents following the route across Bering Straits from Siberia to Alaska, bring-

societies. Outlining various research activities of the school, he said scientists there had come up with the chance discovery of a powerful repellent for rats and mice.

They made the finding in testing the substance on rodents for possible utility in treating hu-

man diseases. Commercial possibilities of the repellent are being investigated.

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Jefferson Gardners Offer Flower Show

Jefferson—The Friendly Garden club program committee met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hawk, in south Jefferson recently and discussed the flower show to be held at the city hall Monday night, Dec. 19. Ribbons will be awarded to winners in individual classes on display. The subject for the show will be holiday arrangements for any holiday of the year.

up by the show committee. Special arrangements—Coffee table, mantle piece, centerpiece, Christmas trees—To be judged over five entries. It less than five entries for display only. Classes—Same as above. Miscellaneous—For those entries which do not fall in any of the classes listed above. Judging will be done by the club members by individual ballots. A sweepstake prize will be given to the person having most points on entries. Blue ribbon, three points; red ribbon, two points; white ribbon, one point. The committees present were: Laurence R. H. Feld, chairman; Mrs. Hawk, Mrs. Arthur Harris and Mrs. Helen Caywood. Arrangement classes are: Miniature—Three inches overall. Dry arrangement: Class I, up to eight inches; class II, up to 16 inches; class III, over 14 inches. House plants—Classes to be set big glass balls.

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