

Bacteria-Infested Blood Kills Student In Laboratory Test

Seattle — (U.P.) — Bewildered scientists at the University of Washington were attempting to discover Monday how bacteria contaminated blood used in an experimental injection and killed an 18-year-old Seattle University honor student.

The victim was James S. Leedom of Seattle, who died Sunday following an injection made Thursday by doctors seeking better ways to preserve blood.

New Methods Sought

The experiment was intended to find new methods of giving different fractions of blood to wounded soldiers on the battlefield. Dr. Robert H. Williams, head of the Washington's department of medicine, said.

Blood containing a possible preservative was injected into Leedom, Finch said. First, however, the blood used in the injection was tested to make sure it was free of bacteria and then was refrigerated, he added.

"By some phenomenon, some bacteria, probably saprophyte, was able to grow while the blood was at a freezing temperature but didn't grow at body temperature," Finch said. "That's the only way we can explain it."

Noncompatible Type Feared

He added that after Leedom received the fatal injection, it was believed the youth probably had received a noncompatible type of blood, but tests proved this was not so.

The same tests are being conducted at about 10 other labora-

tories throughout the country, the doctor's said. "Either Doctor Finch or I would gladly take part in the same tests right now," Dr. Williams said.

The bacteria was not contagious, they said.

Demonstrators Battle In Downtown Rome

Rome — (U.P.) — Police riot squads and students demonstrating against the United States, Britain and Russia battled with clubs and stones in downtown Rome Monday.

Police detained at least 20 students, and 10 police were hurt by flying stones in a clash in one sector where between 3,000 and 4,000 demonstrators gathered.

The students, most of them neofascists, demanded the return of Trieste to Italy. They chanted Fascist hymns and gave the Fascist salute in front of the parliament building.

The police riot squads were ordered out when a big crowd in front of the Basilica of St. Mary Major peppered traffic police with stones. The police sprayed the students with red dye in order to identify the participants.

The Easter Seal campaign is conducted simultaneously in all 48 states, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and Washington, D. C. to raise funds for crippled children.

Medford Business People Hold Card Firm Franchises

Portland — (U.P.) — Franchises for operation of the National Credit Card system have been signed which will put the system into action from coast to coast by this summer, E. L. Mays, president, said today.

A group of Medford businessmen, headed by Larry Neely, realtor, who has been named director of public relations for the travelers' credit system, has handled most of the franchises. Neely himself will direct operations in Utah, Nevada and Arizona, as well as serving as public relations director.

Mrs. Marjorie Barnes, Medford apartment house owner, will hold the franchise in Louisiana, Arkansas and Mississippi. Others from Medford are Leland Wilson, who will take over South Dakota, Iowa and Nebraska; Larry Schade, Minnesota; Andrew Lund, Montana, North Dakota and Idaho, and J. W. Wickman, Texas. Arrangements for franchises in Wisconsin, Michigan and Florida have been made but names of principles have been withheld until the agreements are completed.

The firm is extending the use of credit cards—similar to those used by gasoline companies—to the field of service establishments, hotels, motels, restaurants and others. Mays said that there are already more than 1,500 member firms in the 11 western states, and some 65,000 card holders.



IT'S EMBARRASSING—It was fun when Caryn Dale Karmazin, 22-months-old, wore her tidy seat as a necklace in Chicago. Fun, that is, until it got stuck. A fire rescue squad came to dismantle the seat.

CHURCH HONEYED UP

Durand, Mich. — (U.P.) — There's something sweet about the First Methodist church here. Bees through the years have deposited an estimated ton of honey inside its walls. Because plaster and sheathing would have to be torn out to remove the honey, it hasn't been disturbed.

The first real coke oven in this country is believed to have been built in Connellsville, Pa., by a foundry owner.

Article Mentions Brandau, Kooser

Jackson county's weather-control pilots, Harvey Brandau and Eugene Kooser, are mentioned in an article about cloud seeding and other phases of weather control which appears in the April edition of Astounding Science Fiction magazine, now on newsstands.

The article, which is a factual account distinct from the magazine's fiction department, was written by Roscoe Fleming, and deals with experiments of various types in scattered parts of the country.

The article points out that Brandau and Kooser's work was in 1948 and 1950, and that "For these two years in succession, the fruit escaped hail-damage, something that hadn't happened in more than 40 previous years of commercial production."

Controversy Told

The article also discussed the controversy which has arisen here around the cloud-seeding experiments. "Seeding under whatever auspices will never please everyone," it said. Farmers near the Rogue orchards stormed that the overseeding deprived them of rain for their crops.

Fleming's article also said "... one at least of the big airline companies is financing continued experiments into dissipating low-lying clouds and fogs over airports," presumably a reference to the work done last year by Brandau and Kooser for United Air lines.

Easter Seal contributions, large and small, join with others to make possible hundreds of services for crippled children.

Exchange Student Hurt While Skiing

Denver — (U.P.) — Pretty Leyna Erickson, 20, an exchange student at Colorado University in Boulder, Colo., from Stockholm, Sweden, was recuperating at her sorority house Monday from a skiing accident in which it was feared she had broken her neck.

Miss Erickson went to Winter Park, Colo., Sunday to try the popular ski area, but her skis tangled and she plunged head first into the not-so-soft snow.

After hours of x-rays, examination and observation at Denver General hospital, it was reported Miss Erickson suffered only a mild concussion.

Two Men Arrested On Theft Suspicion

Ashland — Ashland's Police Chief Vern Smith was en route to Roseburg this morning to pick up two men suspected of stealing a golf bag and seven clubs Saturday night from a car owned by Robert Pritchard, 733 Siskiyou boulevard, Ashland.

State police said the men were arrested in Roseburg last night when investigating officers felt they "didn't look like men who would play golf."

The men who were arrested are Vic Clarence Ebbert, 46, Klamath Falls, and Albert Dawson Smith, 35, Central Valley, Cal.

Topsham, Me. — (U.P.) — This town has just bought a new fire truck, the first new piece of fire apparatus since it purchased a hand tub 101 years ago.

Loaded Pistol Serves as Toy

Portland — (U.P.) — Portland Policeman John Caldwell Monday told about a loaded .32 calibre automatic pistol that served as the plaything for a group of Portland children three days before it was discovered.

Caldwell said the gun, fully loaded, was found in some bushes in the southeast district several days ago by an elderly woman. She apparently thought it was a toy and gave it to her granddaughter. After that, the weapon was passed around from child to child for three days, Caldwell reported.

Yesterday, 12-year-old Gene Fosdick saw some youngsters playing with the gun. He took it away from them and turned it over to the officer.

In the three days, the gun was never fired.

Portland — (U.P.) — Though it is no secret that Margaret Truman will visit Portland late this week, all details about plans for her visit are being withheld for security reasons.

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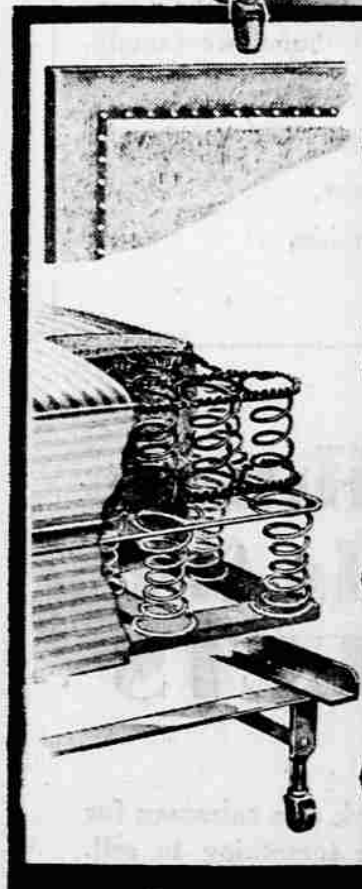
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