

**Man Slightly Injured  
In Traffic Mishap**

Nerge Bradford Pritchett Jr., 37, of 2015 Westerlund dr., suffered a cut lower lip and was cited for violating the basic rule as the result of an accident yesterday morning in which his vehicle struck a parked car registered to the Jackson County Extension service on East Main st. at Tripp st., Medford police reported.

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**Nasser: Friend or Foe?**

(This is the last of three dispatches on President Gamal Abdel Nasser of the United Arab Republic.)

By **WILBUR G. LANDREY**  
UPI Correspondent

Cairo—UPI—Gamal Abdel Nasser is fighting the way he fights best—on several fronts, one of which faces West and another East.

But his toughest battle may well be at home in Egypt against time and a rising population.

It will outlast his quarrels with the Middle East Communists, the Russians, the West and other Arab rulers.

More than 1,400 men, women and children are packed into each square mile of the Nile Delta and the narrow green strip along the river that comprises inhabitable Egypt. The total population is increasing by half a million a year—about two per cent.

**Income Low**

Per capita income is estimated at \$85 to \$100 a year—compared with more than \$2,150 a year in the United States.

Some economists estimate that Egyptian per capita income is about three-fifths of what it was in 1913. The population is out-running the available land and food supply.

Aside from the rich pashas, who find it harder to import their big cars, most Egyptians are probably slightly better off now than before Nasser's revolution in 1952.

One million fellahin (peasants) have benefited from land reform. There are plenty of jobs for the skilled worker. There are always buyers for consumer goods.

But unemployment is widespread. The average number of working days in the coun-

tryside range from 150 to 220 a year. The first strong impression of the Westerner is that Cairo's streets are filled with aimless, idle men. Land has been distributed but it is needed is more land.

**Middle East Workshop**

Nasser is trying to outrun the increasing population by industrializing his country in to the workshop of the Middle East and by creating more arable land.

Work is scheduled to begin in earnest late this year on the first stage of the Aswan Dam which aims to increase Egypt's cultivated land by one-third, from six million to eight million acres.

For that project, Russia promised when its relations with Nasser were still good—the equivalent of 100 million dollars. The Soviets have promised 175 million dollars to help Egypt's five-year industrial plans.

**Fire-Ant Problem Claimed Becoming Southeast Threat**

By **DELOS SMITH**  
UPI Science Editor

New York—UPI—Unless stern measures are taken, warns a highly informed scientist, most of the southeast United States is going to be occupied by invading fire-ants who have the capacity of supporting ten million of their individuals on one acre of land.

When they get up to that density per acre, there's little food left for anyone else, and what's more, added Dr. Edward O. Wilson, associate professor of entomology of Harvard University, these invaders could do no less well for themselves in California. He thought the rest of the country was safe because of climates distasteful to the invaders.

Wilson was speaking of ants, but what ants! These South American fire-ants are "exploding populations" in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Arkansas, Tennessee, and North Carolina. And all this came from a tiny and insignificant-looking beachhead in Mobile, Ala., which was first noticed around 1919!

**Multiplication Rate Increasing**

Nor was it much of a pest in Mobile through the 20s and into the 30s. Then something happened which caused it to "explode." Wilson suggested a change in evolution brought about in the animal made it ideally suited to thrive in the South. At any rate, it has been thriving ever since and Wilson was positive the "explosion" in multiplication rate was not only continuing but was also "accelerating."

He believed the ants have reached the borders of their possible range in this country because they need the warmth of the South. But unless a strict quarantine is established, they will be carried by motor traffic from the present western limit in Texas to California, which has climates it would like.

Wilson has been a scientific investigator of the ant since 1949 and is considered an authority. He summed up entomology's present knowledge, which, he said, has a number of holes, in an organ of the American Museum of Natural History.

**Eat Anything**

These ants eat anything, animal or vegetable, and they're ferocious about it. Wilson noted that they have consumed pigs, calves, and whole broods of chicks. Disturb a nest, which Wilson estimated could contain up to 250,000 individuals, and ants swarm out in dense packs eager to attack. Some Southern farm workers refuse to work in fields infested with nests.

Yet the sting is much less fiery than that of the bee, Wilson said. The danger is in being stung by many ants all at once. At least two children have died of fire-ant venom because they happened to be especially sensitive to it. This ability of the ants to assemble in masses in a flash for defense or attack on their prey, makes these pests different from other ants.

Wilson said science had much to learn about what causes imported life to "explode" in a new environment. One obvious reason, or course, is that it leaves behind its natural enemies and competitors. In South America, this variety of fire-ant isn't numerous enough to be considered much of a pest.

There is yet another plan to create a "new valley" parallel to the Nile in the Western Desert by drilling for water and linking up a series of oases.

The experience of the past several years has proved that it is easier to talk about ambitious programs than to carry them out. And Egypt can not carry them out without outside help.

Already she spends more abroad than she earns. Although she has a money earner in the Suez Canal, she has found no fabulous oil reserves to finance her development.

For that she will continue to need help—from Russia, from the West, or from both.

**Centennial Sets Yearbook Contest**

Portland—UPI—The Oregon Centennial Commission has announced it would hold a contest to determine outstanding single editions of student-published newspapers and yearbooks during the 1958-59 academic year which contain the best Centennial theme.

Newspapers will be judged by Robert McBride of the Oregon Journal and Harold Hughes of the Oregonian. Entries should be sent to Lewis Douglas, 4926 S. W. 19th Drive, Portland. Deadline for submitting newspapers is June 15 and for the yearbooks Oct. 1.

**Modern Paintings On Sale in London**

London—UPI—Modern paintings with an estimated worth of about a million dollars go on sale here today at an auction which Londoners hope will make their city the "world's art center."

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