

POSTMASTER-David Frankson, Postmaster at Pt. Hope, is taking mail to the post office after it was unloaded from Wien Air Pilatus Porter that flies in three times a week to the

village. The means of carting mail has been changed from dogteam to sno-go machine.

-Photo by SHEILA TURNER

## Great Swarms of Mosquitoes By the Millions Something to Reckon with in Arctic Interior

most brazen pests that plague In some areas they can blacken velocity. humans and animals merci - the sky accompanied by an The hunter came out of the lessly. They seem to have ominous, audible hum. little regard for their own There are some legends into the wind and toward home. lives. Their main ambition in among the Eskimos that THE NORTHER, community

terror in a room all by himself vessel. and it can create violent creating ill tempers that spell year-old Eskimo oldtimer. Arctic Prairies.") doom for the pests but for which they care not.

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that crushes them to eternity. the eyes, the nostrils and any-mosquito One mosquito is a holy where they can reach a blood

There is also a story of a "..At Smith Landing, June condition for the blood hungry with their hum. pest.

no use. If he continued to exert colour of the horses. his energy and tire out, he almost sure mosquitoes would suffocate,

across a small stream and plunged headlong int o it. He immersed his head and hands that were covered with biting blood suckers. The stayed in that stream for hours immersing his head every few seconds.

It had been hot during the day. The evening approached and it began to cool. The flying mosquitoes began to diminish and a northwest wind

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Mosquitoes are some of the the millions and more millions. came up and increased in

water and began walking partly

life is to suck blood of a caribous had fallen victims to newspaper published at Fort human or animal and to heck the swarming pests suffocating Smith in Northwest Territories with an angry slap of the hand them to death. They attacked in Canada, came out with a story THE MOSQUITO TERROR

(From the journal of Ernest "I know they kill dogs," T. Seton, in the summer of itching on the skin let alone said Chester Seveck, a 75- 1907, and reprinted from "The

hunter who went into the 7, an estimate of those on the In the interior of the Arctic interior from Point Hope in mosquito bar over my head regions, mosquitoes abound by search of game. He got caught showed 900 to 1,000 trying to in a huge swarm of mosquitoes. get at me day and night without There was no wind, an ideal change. The air was ringing

"At Salt River one could kill He ran for a time trying to 100 with a stroke of the palm, escape the cloud but it was and at times obscured the

"A little later, they were much worse. On six square inches of my tent, I counted 30 mosquitoes and the whole surface was similarly supplied; that is, there were 24,000 on the tent and apparently as many flying around the door. Most of those that bite us are killed but that makes not the slightest difference in their manners or numbers.

"Frogs are among the happy ones. One day early in June I took a woodfrog in my hand. In a few seconds, 30 mosquitoes were on my hand digging away; ten were on my forefinger, eight on my hand... and yet not a mosquito attacked the frog... and those that did, leaped off again as though the creature were red hot."

At this point, we would like to call on our native people train a native scientist so can research and find out the demoniac mosquito

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