

### Bloodthirsty Lady

► FAR AHEAD of the bears and the possums, an unpopular member of the great outdoors goes into hibernation at the first signs of frost.

The trouble is, they have not gone far enough. The ladies of the race, deadlier than the males by virtue of their inordinate thirst for warm, red blood, have simply taken a long last drink and gone off to a protected corner, a rotted tree trunk or a crevice in the rocks. The blood is converted to a reserve of fat and mother mosquito settles down to a winterlong coma.

Her two-legged enemy will not be idle during the winter, however. In the great spruce and fir forests of the Pacific Northwest, where the summertime mosquito population per cubic foot of air is sometimes brutal, scientists will be experimenting this year in an odd way. Before the winter snows begin to fall, and although there is not an active mosquito within hundreds of miles, men will be out spraying with DDT.

As the snows melt in spring and mosquito larvae wiggle into life in the dripping thaws, the water will hold a nasty surprise. The DDT dissolved in the melting snow, the scientists hope, will kill far more mosquitoes than the same amount

sprayed on the forests later in the year.

Dr. Marston Bates, writing in the magazine *NATURAL HISTORY*, tells of one mosquito variety in Africa and Malaya—there are about 2000 known kinds over the world—which has taken to bothering ants rather than humans. These bandits station themselves directly in front of hard-working ants

and glower until the ant stops and opens its jaws. Whereupon the mosquito reaches into the ant's mouth and drains off any honey it finds there.

Not that any harm should be wished upon the ants, but this is a career more mosquitoes should pursue.

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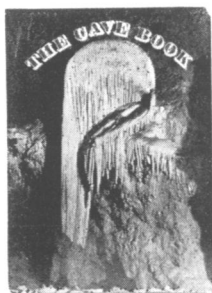
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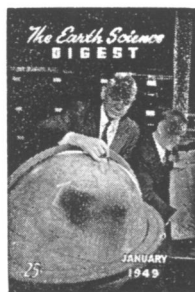
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