

Because his body had been frozen the skin was peeling from his entire body surface. Skin grafts, therefore, were out of the question. Healing took the best part of a year, a year in which he was required to remain as still as possible. Even his muscles could not be massaged to keep them from deteriorating. Muscle deterioration and joint damage all pointed toward the fact that George would never walk again.

Of necessity George had to escape the cold Saskatchewan winters. His left hand almost became gangrenous with just a slight exposure to the cold. His doctor advised him to move immediately to a warm climate. George decided to move to Honolulu.

He arrived in Hawaii in a wheelchair, determined to some day walk again. A nurse at the Ilikai Hotel worked with him in the swimming pool, exercising his limbs every day. In a relatively short time, with the therapeutic Hawaiian climate, a lot of guts and determination, and the support of his lovely wife Helga, George started to walk. The miracle was complete.

Two years after suffering his near-fatal accident, George now drives his own car,

hits a tennis ball with a special racquet, and in general, looks disgustingly healthy. His skin has taken on a dark tan, and surprisingly, he has developed a healthy crop of body hair which he did not have before his accident. One cannot understand the restrictions on his activities and the mental frustrations caused by not having the use of his fingers. The amputations are the only outwardly-visible signs of the accident. Only George knows the real after-effects.

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We have been saddened to learn that since this article was prepared and submitted, ex-Cst. Maveal passed away suddenly in Honolulu near the end of May. Our condolences go out to his loved ones.

Slick Way to Prevent Flag Thefts

Belleville, Ont. (CP) — The Public Utilities Commission has found a slick way to prevent flag thefts.

Neil Britton, commission general manager, said Monday that after a flag was stolen from a flag pole at the commission building, the pole

was covered with petroleum jelly.

The problem now is that the Commission has to use a utility truck to get the flag down.

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