

Senator's Wife Sends Word From Orleans

Some slight news on sick persons stranded at Orleans due to the flood was received here yesterday by a Mercy Flight nurse.

Mrs. Yvonne Christensen, RN, wife of State Senator Carl F. Christensen of Eureka, sent a note out by return helicopter to medical authorities here asking for medicines and supplies.

Mrs. Christensen, who volunteered her services and was flown into the area by whirlybird along with an unidentified doctor Tuesday morning, said these were necessary for 22 persons.

Sen. Christensen, contacted last night, said the request from his wife was the only word he had had of her since she left, except that she was landed safely.

She said in her message as relayed to him that it was bitter cold and snowing heavily. Butane was running low, she added, and stoves were needed.

Yesterday there were reports from Murray Field that bad weather conditions stopped rescue flights into Orleans and related areas.

Two city ambulance emergency runs were made to Murray Field Tuesday after the doctor and nurse were flown out to bring two stretcher cases to local hospitals.

A helicopter with a U.S. Navy physician, identified as Dr. C. E. Johnson, aboard on both flights, brought out Joe Meeks, age unlisted, from Orleans where he had suffered a heart attack, and a youth, Ronald Keisner out of Weitchpec after he had been stricken with acute appendicitis.