

## Animals Responsible For Some Of '47's Worst Freak Mishaps

When a sparrow smokes in bed and a cockroach kicks a man down the stairs, things are getting good and wacky. But that's what happened in 1947.

And that isn't all. A dead deer shot a hunter and a hit-skip cow made traffic history. A mouse upset a truck, a quail committed suicide, and some busy little bees boarded a streetcar and caused a honey of an accident.

Yes, the annual roundup of odd accidents by the National Safety Council reveals that animals stole the show in 1947. To wit:

Firemen in Camden, N. J., finally found the source of smoke pouring through the home of Mrs. Marie Baugher—a bird's nest under the roof. A sparrow had carried home a lighted cigarette. And just to prove that smoking in bed isn't restricted to sparrows, a pigeon in Washington started an apartment

house fire the same way.

The celebrated case of the cantankerous cockroach occurred in Detroit and involved John Nantico, a bakery employe. Mr. Nantico said he looked into the leering eyes of the biggest cockroach any man ever saw. He kicked at the roach, the other foot slipped and he landed at the bottom of the stairs with a broken leg.

A dead deer shot Clarence Gerkin of Hudson, Colorado, in a neat bit of posthumous vengeance. Mr. Gerkin had shot the deer first and was preparing to dress it when a reflex kick by the animal hit his leg and discharged it. The bullet tore through Mr. Gerkin's left arm.

The hit-skip cow became part of the nation's traffic problem when it bowled over Mrs. Lucy Nostrand as she alighted from a bus at a busy intersection in Milwaukee. The bounding bovine, fugitive from a farm, whammed into Mrs. Nostrand, knocked her flat, and barreled on down the street.

The British Women's Land Army had trained 19-year-old Christine Woodward to face bombs, bullets and battle without flinching, but they had't thought of a mouse. So when a mouse scampered across the toes of Miss Woodward when she was driving an army truck in Daventry, England, she just did what came naturally. She fainted. The truck went into a ditch, the mouse into a field, and the victim to a hospital.

Far less intrepid was the suicidal quail that found itself looking down the barrel of a gun held by Gene Hatfield in Joplin, Mo. Realizing the jig was up, the quail decided to end it all and flew straight against the barrel of the gun and dropped dead at Hatfield's feet with a broken neck.

Apparently stung by the high cost of living, bees took to streetcars in 1947. A frolicsome bunch of them swarmed aboard a trolley in Cincinnati and evinced much interest in Motorman Earl Armstrong. As he frantically batted at his blundering passengers, the streetcar bumped an auto, which rammed the rear of another, which rammed the rear of another. Meanwhile, buzz, buzz, buzz, went the trolley.

As Fireman Horace LeBouf was carrying Mrs. Catherine Mackowski down a ladder from a burning building in Detroit, they passed a first floor window. Flames shot out and nipped Mr. LeBouf in the seat of his pants. He yelped, spanked himself frantically and let go of Mrs. Mackowski. LeBouf lost his balance, landed smack on the lady, who preceded him to the ground. Mrs. Mackowski was

## SAY ATTITUDE WRONG TOWARD N. C. TEACHERS

### College Sophomores Give Views In Poll Taken By Commission

A change in the present community attitude toward teachers is necessary to attract more

A speedboat carrying Miss Georgia Brooks of Chicago during a holiday outing on Lake Geneva, Wis., swerved so sharply it threw Miss Brooks into the water, swerved again, hit the struggling swimmer, flipped her neatly back on its prow.

And in Seattle, John Angel drove into a service station, ordered a change of oil, stepped out, discovered too late that he was eight feet aloft on a grease rack.

World's champion freak faller of the year, so far as distance is concerned, was Charles Arter, pitboy in a mine in South-Yorkshire, England. Charlie fell down a 1,554-foot shaft and escaped with only a broken leg. Halfway down the shaft he overtook an elevator cage which was going down almost as fast as he was. He landed on it and rode the rest of the way down.

In Lille, France, a tile setter named Yvon Dherire slipped off a roof, fell six stories and landed snugly in a baby buggy from which an alert mother had frantically snatched her child. Mr. Dherire was unhurt, but the mother fainted and broke an ankle.

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young people into the teaching profession, according to college sophomores answering questions of the State Education commission.

About 20 per cent of the current crop of 12,000 Sophomores in all types of colleges in North Carolina took part in the statewide poll.

The community's attitude toward the teacher's social life, status in the community, and living conditions should be improved, the young people feel.

There is "too much community interest in private affairs," one young woman said.

Many students felt that the community should provide adequate living quarters for its school help. They also complained of unsatisfactory sanitary facilities in the school buildings.

A majority of young women interviewed said that a starting salary of from \$2,000 to \$2,400 would be sufficient to induce them to teach. Of this group, 456 said they would not teach for the present \$1,620, and 141 said they would. Those who would start at this figure, however, would feel that they deserved more money. As one girl put it, "I am interested in teaching because I believe the improvement of the educational system is largely dependent on the individual teaching in the grammar grades. I am willing to teach at a sacrifice of money to help accomplish this."

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