

Flying Auto Wheel Shatters Glass Of Dairy Queen Building, Aberdeen

People who live in glass houses sometimes suffer breakage even when they have been doing no stone-throwing, it was discovered by John F. Hunneman, proprietor of the Dairy Queen ice cream bar on US 1 near Aberdeen, in a freak accident last week.

Hunneman had just left the front of his small, modernistic, glass-in building, and gone to the less exposed back room when a large round object came hurtling through the plate glass wall in front, and flew through the air to the opposite wall, amid a general rattling of glass.

The front wall was smashed, the opposite one cracked and an ice cream machine between knocked askew, and had its switch broken off.

The object, which could well have killed or seriously injured Mr. Hunneman had he remained

where he was, turned out to be the wheel off a car. Kelly Young, of Taylortown, Negro employee of the Dairy Queen, was just turning in to the grounds of the refreshment place in a second-hand car he had owned only one hour, when a front wheel flew off, zipped across the yard, hit a curbing and bounced into the building.

Young's car halted without damage. He later put the wheel back on, finding it unharmed.

A car approaching Young's on US 1, driven by Bill Milner of Raleigh, found itself directly in the path of the wildly rolling wheel. Uncertain of what it was going to do, he cut to the right and took off to the side of the Dairy Queen with the wheel in full pursuit, until it hit the curb and bounced into the glass.

Mr. Hunneman said the damage was covered by insurance.

New of Books and Authors of Interest To The Sandhills

That noted citizen of Pinebluff, **Glen Rounds**, has done it again. Another of those superlative juveniles, which he writes and illustrates, is off the presses of Holiday House, New York. Like the others, "Hunted Horses" (156 pages—\$2.25) is the kind of juvenile book the grown-ups in the family will always be snatching from the children to read and enjoy themselves.

This may be because Glen Rounds, the Dakotan cowboy who has settled down in the Sandhills, doesn't write "down" to children, or be cute with them, or coyly arch. He writes with a peculiar directness, with sentiment minus fancy trimmings, revealing little-known phases of outdoor life and animals and their ways; and his knowledge of nature is authentic and immense.

His drawings are the same—seemingly simple, but filled with strong artistry and action, and his animals have real personalities.

"Hunted Horses" is a story of the wild Appaloosas, the ownerless horses who live and rove in bands in the western desert country. They lead a perilous life; snow, storm, drought, enemy animals and the most cruel and greedy of enemies, man, are recurring dangers.

The story is a chronicle of one year in the life of an Appaloosa stallion and his band of mares, whom he guards and guides as best he can even when it means a fight to the death. At one time, when he is trapped by men and his family is dispersed, it seems as though all his struggles have been in vain. Yet as the book ends they are all together, with another winter coming—another year-long cycle about to begin.

The author-illustrator is honest in depicting his animals. They do not talk, or think un-animal-like thoughts, or suffer in the ways reserved for humans. Yet the story of their struggle is a deeply moving one; and the reader ends up with a real feeling of understanding of them and their ways.

The issuance of a new mystery, "Speaking of Murder," by **Virginia van Urk**, has more than a casual interest for the Sandhills lover of who-dun-its. The author and her husband, J. Blan van Urk, of Petersville Farm, Mt. Kisco, N. Y., have been winter visitors here for several years and are well known in the foxhunting set.

This is Mrs. van Urk's first book. Her husband, who combines authorship with sportsmanship, has written several, all dealing with hunting, in which he is an international authority. A member of the Royal Dutch Hunt, who has ridden to hounds with all of the leading hunts of the country, he was the first riding reporter, serving several years in this capacity for Town and Country and The Chronicle. His latest book, published by Scribners last year, was "The Story of the Rolling

Rock Hunt."

His wife was on the staff of Harpers Bazaar for six years, and was also for a time public relations director for Norman Bel Geddes, famed theatrical and industrial designer. "Speaking of Murder" was published October 25 by the Phoenix Press (\$2).

Not many new authors can report, like **Tom Wicker**, that their first novel sold more than 200,000 copies within the first month after publication. This was the size of the first printing of "Get Out of Town," for which Tom has used the pseudonym Paul Connolly, and the book has gone into a second printing of 72,000 copies. That is one thing about writing for the 25-cent drugstore and newsstand trade; if you click, you click in a big way, and your book really gets around.

It's been disappointing that "Get Out of Town" hasn't been more available here. We've been able to get hold of just one copy at Hayes'. Where all those 200,000 copies have been selling we don't know.

Tom is sort of an adopted son of Southern Pines, where he was Chamber of Commerce manager during 1948, when he had attained the ripe old age of 21. "Get Out of Town," then tentatively titled "Copper Hard," was in process of being written at that time. He's now on the editorial staff of the Winston-Salem Journal.

"Get Out of Town" is published by Gold Medal Books, which has provided it with a lurid cover which has nothing to do with the inside of the book. Just how big a part this cover has played in those mounting sales we can't guess. Some, no doubt; but there's a real story inside too.

Mrs. Laetia Irwin of Southern Pines, author of the recently-published novel "The Golden Hammock," was guest speaker at a luncheon meeting of the Literature department of the Raleigh Woman's club in Raleigh on Thursday of last week. Her subject was "Far Away Food," and she was introduced by Mrs. Leslie B. Evans, Woman's Club president.

Present for the meeting were members of the board of the North Carolina Federation of Women's clubs.

Mrs. Irwin was interviewed by Mrs. William C. (Harriet) Pressly, department chairman who presided at the luncheon, on her radio program after the meeting.

And just in time for Christmas **Margaret Rounds** has started her Country Book Shop at Pinebluff, where some books may be bought and others may be ordered—among them, we hope, her hus-

band's as well as others mentioned above. Emphasis is on children's books. We haven't been able to get there yet to see what the Country Book Shop is like,

but we enthusiastically applaud Mrs. Rounds—first for having a charming and original idea, and second, for doing something about it!

Lenoir county farmers are showing increasing interest in thinning woodland for pulpwood and other uses, says County Agent F. J. Koonce, Jr.

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