

Unusual Accidents Occur As Usual Throughout U.S., Roundup For 1952 Reveals

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For those who are upset by a feeling that things aren't what they used to be, the National Safety Council has this reassuring word: unusual accidents are going on just as usual.

In fact, the Council is able to report that odd accidents not only are continuing to happen, but they are happening in the same old ways.

The Council's annual roundup of freak squeaks shows that in 1952 animals were still shooting people and causing traffic crashes. . . . folks still were falling fantastic distances out of windows and down cliffs, and walking away from the accident. . . . and safety experts were still getting hurt doing what they tell other people not to do. For example:

Julius Monroe was awakened from his sleep in Baltimore, Md., by a sharp pain in his right hand. He looked over to a chair, and there was his pet rabbit moodily staring down the sights of a .22 caliber rifle. Monroe charitably figures the rabbit hit the trigger accidentally.

But a pig in Luenburg, Germany, had a clear motive of self defense for shooting a butcher who was trying to kill it. As the butcher knelt beside the pig to finish loading his gun, the pig sprang up and struck the trigger with a hind leg. The butcher was shot through the knee.

Cow Leads Onto A-10

You can imagine the surprise of Mr. and Mrs. Milo R. Ewing of Denver when a 1300-pound cow landed kerplunk on the roof of their car as they drove along. The bovine bombshell had escaped from the stockyards and, fleeing from two cowboys, leaped off an overpass onto the Ewing car. Casualties: one dead cow, two frightened and banged-up people, and a badly battered car.

Each year a bumblebee cracks up an auto—not by driving it, but by buzzing the driver. This year it happened in Elko, Nev., and the victims were Rudolph Koscic, his wife and his mother. Koscic did what came naturally when the bee flew in. He swung at the intruder, forgot to steer, and the car turned over three times.

But while rabbits and pigs and bees were causing accidents, a dog saved a child from serious injuries in a five-story fall. Six-year-old Louis De Rosa slipped while playing in a hallway of his family apartment in New York City and fell down a stairwell. Five floors below he landed on the back of a German Shepherd dog named Prince. Neither dog nor boy was hurt badly.

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KOREA CASUALTIES CLIMB—Despite UN attempts to end the Korean War, U.S. casualties continue to mount. Above Newschart shows breakdown of all casualties by service, based on the Pentagon's latest figures.

Wardle pulled up the nose of his small plane preparatory to touching ground. He felt the wheels hit and sat there waiting for the plane to stop rolling. Instead, it continued briskly down the road. Perplexed, he peeked out and was understandably astonished to discover the plane had landed astride a moving auto. The driver of the car was surprised too. Nobody was hurt, little damage done.

Trolley Motorman Albert J. Cooney of Philadelphia can't be blamed too much if he looks the other way the next time he has a chance to play good Samaritan. Cooney saw flames shooting out of a house, stopped his trolley car and turned in a box alarm. He continued his run and three minutes later met the fire struck as it raced to the fire he had reported—met it head-on. Five firemen and three trolley passengers were injured.

Life, Not Time, Saved

Mrs. Irene Collins, of Johnson City, N. Y., was in a hurry to get home. So when a standing freight train blocked her way, she started to crawl under one of the cars. The train started up. Mrs. Johnson flattened herself out on the ground and lay motionless between the rails while 25 cars rolled slowly over her. She wasn't injured, but she was late getting home after all.

It is probable that no one has ever seen a train go past from a closer vantage point than George Thomas, of Jeffersonville, Ind. Mr. Thomas stalled his car on a railroad track just as a fast train bore down on him. The train struck the car at 65 miles an hour. It sheared off the entire front of the auto neat as a pin, but didn't do a thing to the car from the windshield back. In fact, the windshield didn't even get a scratch. Neither did Mr. Thomas.

Some experts say television can be harmful to youngsters. They're telling Johnny Carmichael! Five-year-old Johnny was watching some acrobatic dancers on the Carmichael TV set in Newmarket, N. H., decided to try a few of those fancy steps himself, slipped and broke his hip. Without a sponsor, too!

Very few people are complaining these days that they are overloaded with dough. But it literally happened to baker Rufus Branklin, of Atlanta, Ga., when 70 pounds of the stuff slipped from a mixing table, fell on his foot, fractured a bone.

Drops In On Doctors
The average patient can expect to wait a while when he drops in to see a doctor without an appointment. But Gus Smith found not one but a group of doctors actually springing to attention when he dropped in on them in St. Louis one day. Gus, a maintenance man, made his entrance via a glass ceiling in the City Hospital and landed on a conference table surrounded by physicians.

Have you ever had anyone almost talk an arm off of you? Mrs. John Avers, of Memphis, Tenn., almost did it to herself. Chatterbox animatedly to a friend over the phone she flung an arm in an emphatic gesture, hit the corner of a desk, and broke a bone.

Robert Mosas, of Brockton, Mass., had one consolation when his truck ripped through nine highway posts, rolled over on its side, and lay there quietly. It could have been worse. The truck was loaded with dynamite!

On a highway near Meridian, Miss., a car was hit by a truck. The car was crushed. The driver was killed. The truck was damaged.

Gen. MacArthur's Talk Draws Senate's Notice

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ed" at once if there is any new way to end the war.

"This is not a matter that I believe should wait until the next Congress convenes on Jan. 3," Hunt said.

In Atlanta, however, Russell expressed doubt that "any useful purpose" would be served by a meeting of the committee.

Eisenhower, now en route back from Korea, has disclosed he intends to meet MacArthur in New York soon to discuss what lies behind the latter's declaration of Dec. 5 that "I am confident there is a clear and definite solution to the Korean conflict" without unduly heavy Allied casualties.

The remark has been interpreted widely as meaning MacArthur believes he has some new plan for ending the war which differs from the one he advocated when Truman fired him in April, 1951.

MacArthur had favored bombing Communist bases in Manchuria, a blockade of the Red China coast and other steps which Truman and the Pentagon insisted would involve too great a risk of touching off a new world war.

Patterson Next Oregon Governor, Court Rules

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the position. The district attorney in making the test argued that there was neither legislative assembly nor a senate president from the time of the election until the new Legislature convened.

If the office of the president of the Senate was vacant after election day, as some believed, then under the state Constitution the secretary of state would be in line for the governorship. There had been two attorney general opinions saying this was not so, but to avoid question after McKay's resignation, the clarifying decision was sought.

Chief Justice James T. Brand wrote the opinion with the other justices concurring.

That decision put in the governorship a man who has a close familiarity with the legislative side of the government, who has worked as head of the powerful highway and education committees of the senate, and who is widely regarded as one of the most able state senators in recent years.

Native Of Ohio
Patterson was born in Kent, O. When 8 years old he moved to Portland with his parents. He was graduated from the University of Oregon in 1923 and got his law degree from there three years later. He then went to Hillsboro to practice.

Earlier, he had entered service during the first World War, but was still in training when the Armistice came. He has been commander of his local American Legion post.

His first Senate experience was in the 1945 session when he was chairman of the municipal affairs committee. He has experience with municipal problems both as a result of that service and through serving as city attorney for Hillsboro, Banks, Gaston and Sherwood. In the 1947 Senate he was chairman of the education committee, and two years later headed the roads and highways committee. In the 1951 Senate the only vote he failed to get for president was his own.

NON-SUPPORT CHARGED

Sheriff's deputies in St. Helens are holding William Newbolt on a Douglas County charge of non-support. Undersheriff E. M. Schwader reports. Newbolt will be returned here Monday.

Man, Wife, Son Struck By Polio

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CHICAGO (AP)—Two months ago Thomas Michiels, 31, appeared ready to fulfill his dream of acquiring a new home for his family and a fine practice as a dentist. Today he is paralyzed from the neck down, destitute and may never practice again.

His wife is in even more serious condition, completely paralyzed and in a respirator. Their son, Robert, 5, is paralyzed below the waist.

Michiels put all his savings into opening the dental office in suburban Park Ridge, commuting more than 30 miles daily from his home on Chicago's far South Side. In the few weeks he was able to practice before polio struck, he made fast friends.

While the Michiels' two other

SMALL FIRE DAMAGE

A fire caused some \$10 damage to Mrs. H. Worthington's house on 523 E. Lane St. Thursday, city firemen reported.

Ambassador To China J. L. Stuart Resigns

WASHINGTON (AP)—The White House announced Thursday the resignation of John Leighton Stuart, 76, who has held the post of ambassador to China since 1946 but has not been active since mid-1949. He then came home for consultation, shortly later became ill and has not returned.

Small sons, who escaped the disease, are being cared for by grandparents, his new friends went to work and set up the Dr. Thomas A. Michiels fund. So far they have raised \$500.

Baker Short Of Goal On Community Chest

BAKER (AP)—Baker County's 1952 Community Chest campaign closed here this week, short of its goal of \$19,340, R. C. Burgess, Chest president, said.

Burgess said that the Chest has on hand a small surplus from over-the-top war years and will be able to make payments to the five local and 15 state-wide agencies sponsored by the Baker Chest.

Industry Unit Of Wage Board At Seattle Quits

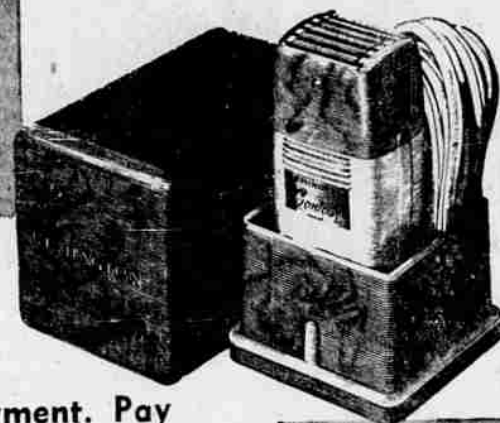
SEATTLE (AP)—Seven of the eight industry members of the regional Wage Stabilization board resigned Friday in support of action taken by industry members of the national board last week.

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