

Car Door Shoots Hunter in Nebraska; Other Odd Accidents Listed for Year

Chicago—So everything happens to you?
Maybe you just think it does.
For instance:

Have you been shot by your car door? By your dog? By a fish?

Have you swallowed your toothbrush? Has your dog driven your automobile? Ditto your two-year-old son or daughter?

Have you proudly named your place Dew Drop Inn, only to have it do just that—into the lake?

All these odd little happenings and many others were uncovered by the National Safety Council in its annual roundup of freak accidents. Here's the roundup on the dizzy doings in 1935:

Shot By Car Door

Gene Scott, Rushville, Neb., had hoped his hunting trip would turn up something special. It did. He got shot by his car door. Gene was getting out of the car when a gust of wind blew the door shut on his coat pocket. In the pocket was a rifle shell. Bang! You can bet the next hunt will find Gene astride a good old-fashioned doorless horse.

In New Liberty, Ia., 12-year-old David Dahl placed his rifle against a ladder in the barn and started to climb to the loft. His dog Terry jumped on the ladder, struck the rifle trigger with his paw, and shot his ascending master just below the hayloft.

Some fish stories are greeted by raised eyebrows. But when Bobby Bright, Gonzales, Tex., reported that he had been shot by a fish, no one could doubt him. He had the fish, the gun and the wound to prove it. A freshly caught catfish flopped around in the bottom of Bobby's boat, struck the trigger of his rifle and shot him in the arm. Swallowed Toothbrush

And in Detroit Mrs. Dorothy Gazyen brushed her teeth so vigorously she swallowed the toothbrush. Fortunately, she had another.

At least two dogs tried their paw at driving an automobile in 1935—a Doberman pinscher in Fort Wayne, Ind., and a boxer in Black River Falls, Wis. Both ended by crashing into something. They also ended up in the doghouse.

Timothy Davis made headlines in Long Beach, Calif., by taking his grandfather for a little spin in the family car. The trip was newsworthy for three reasons. One was that the car tore off the porch of a nearby house and came so near running down a neighbor that she fainted. The second was that Timothy propelled the car by sitting on the accelerator. The third was that Timmy was only two years old. Timmy's mother had left him in the car with his grandfather. Timmy turned on the ignition, sat on the gas pedal, and—swosh!

Girl Does It Better

Now, if a two-year-old boy can drive a car by sitting on the accelerator, a two-year-old girl can do it too—and do it better. So Margaret Ann Kilby, Indianapolis, did it. Margaret Ann wasn't content to crash into a mere house. She rammed into a fireplug, knocked out the neighborhood water supply for three hours, turned the street into a sheet of ice, and, of course, wrecked the car. Another woman driver, eh, fellas?

The Dew Drop Inn at Port Huron, Mich., lived up to its name during a wild wind and rain storm, and dropped into Anchor Bay. One drink too many!

Traffic experts say it's safe to go on the green light. Try to

tell that to Motorist E. T. Drake Jr., of Atlanta. As Drake dutifully obeyed an overhead traffic light that flashed him a green go-ahead signal, the light fell on top of his car and sent him to the hospital. Drake saw red.

The sign over the door of a used car salesroom in Los Angeles said, "We need your car—drive in!" Lewis Jackson Jr., did—with his throttle stuck. The car crashed through a heavy wooden door, sideswiped two glistening cars on the showroom floor, ran head-on into a costly convertible, and bounced the convertible into another car. They took down the sign.

Need for Slogan Proven

Santon Sapp and his brother Daniel happened to run into each other on the street in their home town, Mount Vernon, O. That would have been perfectly all right, of course, if each of the brothers hadn't been driving a car. Neither was injured in the head-on crash, but it did prove the need for the safety slogan, "Be Your Brother's Keeper—Stop Accidents!"

And in Copenhagen Mrs. Else Sorenson and Karen Kirk Lassen couldn't resist the dance music coming out of a radio in the Old Folks Home, and decided to try the mambo. They both

landed in the hospital with broken legs. Both dancers were 80. Every theatrical act strives for a knockout finish. The ballet "Streetcar Named Desire" literally achieved it. As tiny ballerina Nora Kaye whirled in the middle of a pirouette during a New York performance, her elbow caught her husky partner Igor Youskevitch smack in the face, and he went down for the count.

Ordinarily, a hung jury is one that fails to agree. But the jury that hung midway between the first and second floors of the courthouse in Reading, Pa., in a stalled elevator for almost an hour agreed perfectly. It wanted down!

Important Catch

To one family, at least, the most important catch of the year wasn't made on a baseball diamond, but on the sidewalk outside an apartment in Chicago. Mrs. Isobel Gutierrez looked up to see her three-year-old daughter teetering on the edge of a

narrow window ledge 22 feet above the ground. Mrs. Gutierrez raced over and caught the falling child. Total casualties—one small cut on the girl's leg and cold chills for the mother.

Four-year-old Walter Adams Jr., was showing his younger brother some of the acrobatic stunts he had seen on TV, when he happened to glance out the window of his fourth-floor apartment in New York City. He noticed that several small girls on the sidewalk 40 feet below were observing his antics. Walter decided to show them something really good. He opened the window, put his hands together like a high diver, and took off. The girls pulled him out of a big snowbank and carried him up, crying, to his mother. Nothing was hurt but his pride.

Steps Too High

In Milwaukee Animal Trainer Robert Bierwirth had been painstakingly teaching two baby elephants to step safely on and off a small platform 18 inches high. He blithely tried it him-

self, slipped fractured his left ankle.

On the same day in June, 1935, two planes were brought down in the United States—not by anti-aircraft fire, but by a steer and a jackrabbit.

The steer was being chased through a wheat field near Bremen, Ind., by a low-flying plane whose pilot, Bob Unsicker, dived again and again at the animal in an attempt to guide it toward a gate. Suddenly it leaped up and was hit by the plane's wheel. The plane went out of control and crashed into a treetop. The pilot escaped with minor injuries.

The jackrabbit scored its hit near Grand Forks, N. D. It did it by the simple act of leaping high into the air directly in the path of a crop-dusting plane flown close to the ground by Leo Mondry. A damaged propeller forced the plane to land.

In Hollywood, Calif., where even toys must be colossal or bigger, the Burns and Allen television show was using a 20-

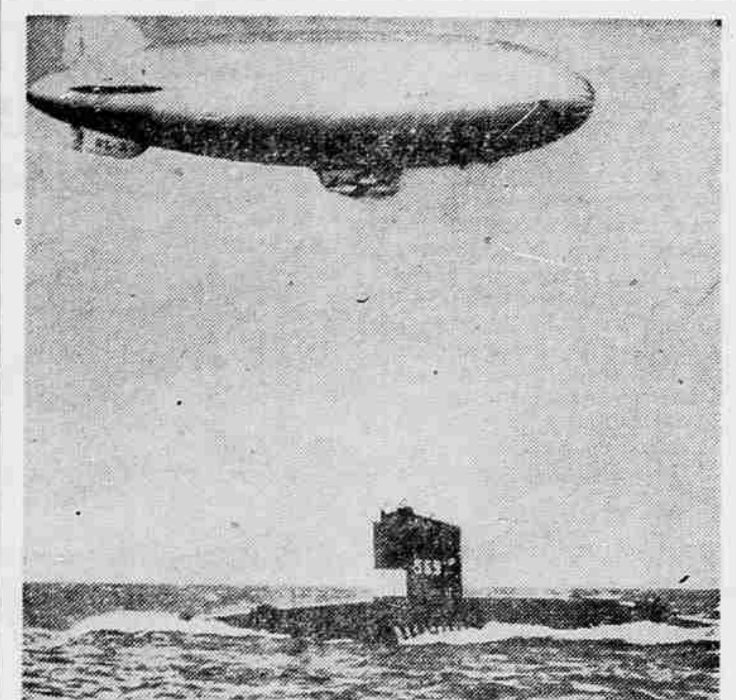
pound stuffed Teddy bear in a department store scene. The king-sized bear fell off the shelf, bopped Gracie Allen on the head and knocked her out cold.

Faithful Auto

Walter Bergman, Ashton, Id., was aware that his jalopy had served him long and well. But he didn't realize how faithful it was until he parked it in front of the postoffice and hurried in to get his mail. Somehow the car slipped into gear and followed him in, right through the postoffice window. Move over, old dog Tracy!

And out in Los Angeles there's a man who just can't stay out of accidents. He's had several traffic escapades that made news for the papers. And this year he fell through the floor of the laboratory where he works and landed nine feet below with a bang that knocked him out. His name? No kidding, folks, it's Safety First!

Still think everything happens to you? Monotonous life you lead, isn't it?



NEW SUB A SUCCESS—The radical hull design of the USS Albacore, shown in test run off the Florida Keys with Navy blimp overhead, has proven so successful that similar designs will be used on a new atomic sub. The experimental sub has a fish-shaped body, blimplike tail, a single five-bladed propeller, a small two-man bridge and airplane type controls. This new design offers greater range, underwater speed and improved maneuverability. (Department of Defense photo)

A Nichol's Worth of . . . Comment On This and That



By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
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Washington—(U.P.)—All you have to do is look at Santa's mail and you know that the

kids not only have faith, but they are reading the Christmas ads in the newspapers. Like a letter I saw in the dead letter office in the post office here. It was from an eight-year-old girl named Juanita.

She addressed her request to "Mr. S. Claus, North Pole, World," and said:

"I would like a bride doll and a man doll and some of those 'his and her's' pajamas for my dolls. I love you Mr. Claus and also Mrs. Claus."

Reacing Santa's mail is sneaky business. But there you will find the milk of human kindness and just plain old "please send me."

One woman wrote a note, which she knew would wind up in the dead letter office, for her two sons, Bill, 5½, and Jim 21. They wanted the usual. But she put a p.s. to the postmaster: "We are sending you a lot of toys we never play with. See that some other kids can have some fun."

Ulysses Demands Answer

The post office is not in the business of playing Santa, but it was a nice thought, anyhow. Thing to do, according to the p.o. is to send usable toys to children's hospitals or to the

Salvation Army, or any other reliable charity.

A little boy named Ulysses printed a little note addressed to "Santa, wherever you are." He said that he had all he wanted, "except a carriage and a two-for-the-money thing and a nurse kit and a baby my daddy can't afford to buy. Please answer right away."

Susan, age 7, wrote in that she would like a "big doll and a house for her to go into, and some doll people and some other people and my little brother who can't write would like a burp gun."

Some of the spelling from the youngsters is funny, but understandable. Mostly it's on the kindergarten level or up a notch or two. One little miss named Betty started her letter out: "Dear old boy: How are you? I am find. I want a recon player and a double purpos doll bed with two mattresses. And don't think I don't love you."

Coonskin Hats Popular

The very young follow the times. Davy Crockett and characters who populate the TV screen get a call. Coonskin hats, belts that hold cap pistols, boots with heels—even dolls that wear boots.

The world of tomorrow comes into the picture of wanted things in Santa's mail sack. A "Johnny J" said he wanted nothing else for Christmas but a "comet" and by golly, he wanted it to come by airmail.

One tike named Billy put in an order for a milk truck for Christmas. This young man made it clear in easy to read handprint that he lived in Silver Springs, Md., but wanted the man with the fat belly and whiskers to know that he would be through the woods and over the hills to granddaddy's house in Ohio come Christmas.

Another boy, name of Homer, apparently had looked at some "wish books." Every toy he picked out had two brand names. One was marked "v." "Bring only the 'x' marks," he said, "or you'll get the whole bunch back—collect. And I mean it."

This eight-year-old didn't sign his name. But Mr. Claus knows.

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Subcontractors For School Work Listed

Central Point—Subcontractors for 12 phases of work on two new elementary schools here and in Gold Hill have been announced by Contractor Frank Fairweather, Medford.

The schools are to be built with funds from a bond issue recently approved by voters of School District 6C. The subcontractors are to Modern Plumbing and Sheet Metal company; Graham and Ruhl Electric company; Frank Runtz, painting; Bill Werner, brick; Tru-Mix Concrete company, concrete and excavation; Dutch Farfan, plastering; Moore Steel Service company, reinforcing steel; Ace Roofing company, roofing; Rogue River Hardware company, sheet metal; Padgham Glass and Millwork company, millwork and glass.

Out-of-town subcontractors are Portland Wire and Iron Works, structural steel, and Willard Art Tile company, Salem, tile work.

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