

Ever Get Run Down by a Bear on a Motorcycle?

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So the big news of the year was the presidential election? Or maybe the space race? Or Cuba? Or the U. N. fracas? Well, not necessarily. At least not to Walter Klausner, Nor to Robert Coon, Nor to Richard Siewertsen, Nor to Marie Rarrick or Richard Taylor.

For please be informed, friends, that — Mr. Klausner was run down by a bear on a motorcycle. Mr. Coon found a 60-foot boxcar in his basement. Mr. Siewertsen was run over by a house. Marie Rarrick's car was smashed by a moving tree. And Mr. Taylor reached up and caught a baby flying through space as neatly as Mickey Mantle would reach up and catch a fly ball.

See now why the election and those other top stories had to share the headlines? And the oddities listed above

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were only a few of the weird and wacky wonders uncovered by the National Safety Council in its annual roundup of accidental absurdities.

The dizzy details: The Case of the Bumptious Bear occurred in Miami Beach, Fla., where a big furry showoff was grandly riding a motorcycle around a ring in the Ringling Bros., Barnum & Bailey circus. Giddy with pride, he lost control, veered into trainer Walter Klausner, sent him to the hospital with leg injuries. The bungling bear barely managed to retain his driver's license.

It may be possible that someone reading this has never gone to his place of business in the morning and found a nice big 60-foot boxcar reposing in the basement. For him, Robert Coon, of Mason, Mich., has this tip: "You'll be surprised!" The boxcar that greeted Mr. Coon was one of 22 derailed in the heart of Mason. The other 21 were less presumptuous.

Practically the last thing in the world Richard Siewertsen, of Detroit, had planned to do one day last June was to be run over by a house. But he was. Riding atop the house as it was being moved down the street, Dick hopped off, tried to jump back on, missed — and the house ran over his foot. He is now a great believer in home safety.

When Marie Rarrick reported dutifully to Toledo, Ohio, police that a tree had swerved around a corner and rammed her car, the officers were understandably skeptical until she explained that the tree was on a city truck. Then they got down to the roots of the case.

As Richard Taylor strolled back to his office from lunch in Seattle one day last April, he heard a baby cry and looked up to see 16-month-old Richard Hudson come sailing out of a third-story window. Taylor did what came naturally. He dashed over and caught the child just before the plunging boy hit the pavement. Young Ricky was unharmed. Taylor was shook up.

Every eager baton twirler tries to develop a specialty in his routine that will make him stand out. Teenager Keith Hodges did just that during a parade in Santa Barbara, Calif., when his glistening baton, flipped exultantly high in the air, encountered a wind gust, took off and conked the Hon. Edmund G. Brown, governor of the sovereign state of California, smack on the head. Keith felt worse than the governor did.

As an employee of an automobile concern, Jerry McMahon, of San Francisco, naturally likes to hear his motor purr when he steps on the starter. But when it not only purred, but yowled, he turned it off, jumped from the car and raised the hood. An indignant and battered cat confronted him. She had crawled up under the hood to keep warm. She did.

After many years and half a million miles of accident-free driving, salesman Reed E. Very, of Florissant, Mo., finally rammed his company car into the rear of another vehicle. It was his own car, driven by his wife, who had stopped suddenly at an intersection. Both husband and wife were Very, Very embarrassed.

Safety people are always warning drivers not to stop for a nip. But they couldn't blame motorist Don Ethridge, of Salem, Ore., when he did. Driving through Rawlins, Wyo., Mr. Ethridge prudently thrust out his arm to indicate a stop. A big dog bounded alongside, eyed Mr. Ethridge's dangling fingers and gave him a good nip — right on the hand.

In September last year Tony Atencio, of Englewood, Colo., broke his jaw playing high school football. In December he broke it again playing basketball. In May he broke it again playing baseball. Anyone for chess?

Patrolman Francis P. Sheehan, of the Lockport, N.Y., police force, slipped on a pencil at the head of the stairs, cascaded all the way down, and was taken to the Lockport Memorial Hospital with back injuries. The pencil that threw him was a souvenir from the Lockport Memorial Hospital.

In the Harbor Inn restaurant in New York City a patron put a nickel in the juke box to hear "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight." There was. The juke box caught fire.

A deer and a deer tangled on the highway near Columbus Ind. One of the parties involved — Donald Deer, of Indianapolis — reported the accident to police and ruefully exhibited his damaged car. Police didn't get the name of the other deer — a big buck which dashed in fled from the scene of the accident. Oh, dear.

Anthony Scarrott of Bath, England, is really a bouncing baby boy. The 22-month-old youngster tumbled out of his carriage. He bounced up, ambled into a coal chute, fell 11 feet into a collar. He bounced up again, tottered toward the door, walked through, and plunged into the River Avon. The water wasn't hard enough for him to bounce, so he submitted to rescue by a neighbor. He suffered only minor bruises — and of course bounced right back to health.

Farmer Hubert Sowers, of South Charleston, W. Va., went hunting, tripped and broke his ankle. Meanwhile, back at the farm, Mrs. Sowers whacked a figgety cow on the flank to make it stand still, broke her hand. They broadcast their misfortune, cast to east.

In Fort Worth, Tex., A. C. Reid Jr., treated for a bump on the head, explained he had been waiting for an elevator in an office building and had opened the safety door to see if it was coming. It was.

In Red Bluff, Calif., Janet Thomas was shot by her horse, aided by a porcupine. Janet was riding the horse when the porcupine fell out of a tree. The horse reared. As Janet fell, she dropped her rifle. The horse stepped on it, and Janet was shot in the leg. She now uses the family car.

When 2-year-old Ricky Bivins of Evansville, Ind., decided to visit his grandmother down

the street, he swiped the car keys from the kitchen table, seated himself on the floor of the family car, turned on the ignition and pushed on the accelerator. The car had been left in high gear. It bolted straight ahead. For 100 yards it stayed on the right side of the street. Then it veered across the road, sheared off a 20-foot telephone pole, roared straight ahead for two blocks on the busy street, rammed into a one-story frame house, bounced back, rammed again. Ricky was unhurt, but shaken. So were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Bivins. Item: A few days later Ricky cut himself while trying to shave with a razor with no blade in it. Any suggestions?

Mrs. James C. Tate, of Dallas, Tex., got a compact car the hard way. She ran her auto into a truck and another truck hit her from the rear.

The next time you ladies have trouble parking, take solace from the experience of Mrs. Rubie Johnson, of San Francisco. Attempting to park her car in a garage attached to her home, Mrs. J. hit the gas pedal instead of the brake. She crashed through the garage, rammed into the basement, tore out the rear wall, careened across the back yard, knocked down a fence, ruined the car—and gave the neighbors something to talk about for months.

When police of Port Credit, Ont., investigated the highway accident of Harold Herbert,

they found him as white as a ghost. His car had gone out of control and hit a culvert, tossing him out. The car trunk burst open. A can of white paint came flying out, and the lid came off. Mr. Herbert got a broken ankle and a real good paint job.

And in Albany, N.Y., John Frain decided to spend a quiet evening at home and avoid the heavy Labor Day holiday traffic. As he sat reading in his second-floor apartment, the floor collapsed. He fell to the first floor, broke a leg. Sometimes you just can't win!

Sure, there was a national election in 1960, and a lot of other big news. But honestly, now don't you think the items you have just read were a little newsy, too?

A LITTLE OKI-NAWAN MISS eats her ice cream with Santa at a party given by the US Army, Ryukyu Islands Open Mess, for the children of Yonabaru.



More Information Presented On Weeping Water's History

WEeping WATER (Special) — A great deal of pioneer history was brought up for discussion at the Congregational Church Centennial celebration which was held in Weeping Water.

Considerable information was available regarding the descendants of William H. Reed Jr. (born 1810) from his first son, Clinton Reed, to his younger sons, Dr. Fred P. Reed and Harry D. Reed, whose son Robert and daughter, Helen Reed Anderson were present at the Centennial.

Unfortunately information was not received until this week regarding Augustus Reed, born in 1813, brother of William Reed. Augustus Reed married Serena Hutchins, sister of John Elmer Hutchins. John Hutchins' grandson is Loyal Fleming of Weeping Water.

Augustus and Serena Hutchins Reed had Seymour, Samuel and Jerusha Serena Webster. Seymour formerly lived where the William Hay family now lives.

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His only daughter, Bessie Serena Reed married Melville Kear. Bessie died at the birth of her first child, Dora Ellan Kear, now Mrs. Fred Engelking of Elmwood. Mrs. Engelking tells that Samuel Reed has a son, Attorney Charles S. Reed in Omaha and a married daughter, Serena.

Jerusha Serena Reed married a jeweler, Charles Webster and their son Willie Webster has sold magazines in Pasadena, Calif., for 50 years.

William H. Reed and Augustus Reed had an older brother, Festus Reed born in 1809, whose young son, Durrell Reed came to Weeping Water with a relative, Elam Flower, about 1855 when Durrell Reed was only 16. Together, they built the first log cabin here, near Weeping Water Falls.

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Eagle Church School Program Dec. 20

EAGLE (Special) — Eagle Methodist Church School program will be given Tuesday evening, Dec. 20, at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Valjean Stall is chairman, assisted by Mmes. Halverson and Lowell and the teachers.

Christmas Program

SOUTH BEND (Special) — The Sunday school Christmas program will be given at the Town Hall Sunday evening, Dec. 18, at 7:30. Rev. Ron Heibner and Rev. Ron Siebel are in charge of the program.

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BIRTHS

WEeping WATER (Special) — Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Jewell of Livingston, New York are parents of a son born Nov. 27. The baby weighed seven pounds, three ounces and has been named John Edward. The new baby has four brothers, Douglas, Randall and Marshall. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Everett Marsh of Lincoln and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Troy Jewell of Weeping Water.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Switzer are the parents of a boy born Dec. 7 at Bryan Memorial Hospital, Lincoln. He weighed five pounds, eight ounces and has been named Charles Ray. The new baby has a sister, Vicki. Mrs. John Bales of Wichita Falls, Tex., is the maternal grandmother and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Switzer of Weeping Water are paternal grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Krogh of La Miranda, Calif., are parents of a daughter born Nov. 29. The baby weighed eight pounds, six ounces and has been named Kimberly Ann. Mr. and Mrs. David McPherson of Syracuse are maternal grandparents and Mr. and Mrs. John Krogh of Weeping Water are paternal grandparents. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Estella Huff of Weeping Water and Mrs. Mamie Walvoard of Lincoln.

Apparently a great many of our present-day juries are composed of persons who can see no evil in anything. — Nashville Banner.

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Mr. and Mrs. George Poulos and Sharon and Mrs. Carmen Bantz of Auburn were guests Sunday evening of Mrs. Laura Poulos.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Pollard called Thursday at the Oren Pollard home. Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Pollard called Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wolph visited Sunday at the Louie Ross home.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Ross and family were dinner guests Sunday at the Ed Morris home in Union.

Mrs. Emma Nutzman and daughter, Mildred, returned on Thursday from a five-week trip to the West and Northwest. They visited Janet Nutzman in San Francisco, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. H. F. St. John in Salem, Ore., Mr. and Mrs. Howard Johnson and family at Asotin, Wash., and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. August at Brush, Colo.

Mrs. Nutzman's daughter, Janet, left Dec. 3 by Air France for Tahiti where she was in charge of a tour and will spend two weeks.

Mrs. Harold Pollard attended a housewarming Sunday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Duane Campbell and family who mov-

ed into a new home at Westwood Heights, Omaha. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Samson and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bulling and family of Ceresco, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Nolte, Walton, were dinner guests Sunday of the Earl Noltes. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Roberts and family of Omaha were their supper guests Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ross took Mrs. Floy Buell, Mrs. Lucy Lyle of Lincoln and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Ross to the show, Ben Hur, in Omaha Sunday.

Nancy Pollard's guests on her second birthday, Dec. 12, were Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Pollard. Nancy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pollard.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Borden, Auburn, and their son, Nelson Borden of Omaha, were dinner and supper guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Hall Pollard. Mr. Borden and Mr. Pollard were in the same machinegun company in World War I.

Malcolm Muggeridge, British humorist: "The American way of life you have created has become what practically everyone in the world wants—I think they are somewhat misguided."

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