

Barking Dog Attracts Mother, Jumps Into Well, Saves Son

Attracted by the frantic barking of her little spaniel, Fido, Mrs. Lawrence Alexander, Pharmacy Road, Agincourt, ran to a well near her home on Friday in time to plunge in and rescue her eighteen-month old son, Gregory.

The boy had been playing near the five-foot well which is under construction and tumbled in unnoticed. Dr. O. E. Stephens was called by Mr. Alexander after his wife fainted from shock. The boy fell into about 18 inches of muddy water. "He could easily have drowned in there if his mother hadn't been attracted by the dog," said C. Hancock,

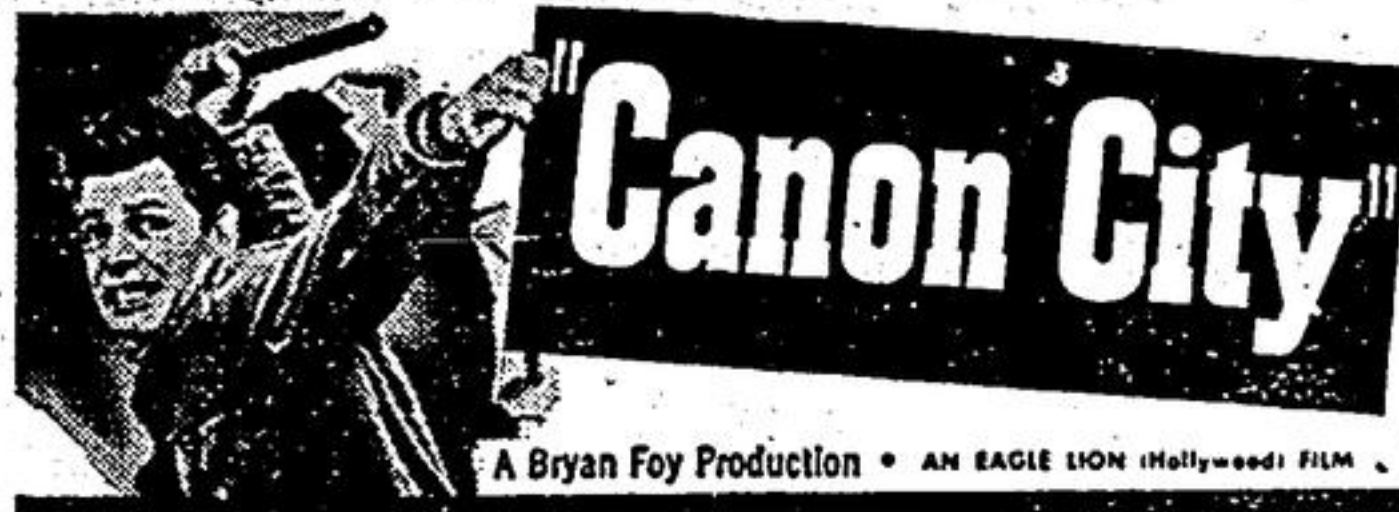


Mothers' Day appears on the calendar as May 8 but it's a year-round occasion for actress Alice Faye when she can be with her two adorable children, Phyllis (left) and Alice, Jr. The children's father is bandleader Phil Harris.

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"Lucky I'm Alive," 2 Hurt as Truck Runs Into Train

Thornhill, May 1 — Two men escaped serious injury yesterday when their panel truck crashed into the side of a Toronto-bound freight train at a level crossing on No. 7 Highway near Lansing. The truck was demolished.

Taken to Toronto General Hospital with head cuts were Donald Flintoff, 20, Oshawa, and Thomas Moore, 38, of Columbus. After treatment they were able to leave hospital.

Train Engineer Thomas E. Ritchie said he saw the truck, driven by Flintoff, come west along the highway over the hill. "He didn't seem to see the train," Mr. Ritchie said. There was a terrific crash and the truck bounced and spun around to the side of the road.

Bystanders removed Moore from the crumpled truck cab. Flintoff told provincial police he did not see the train at first, then it loomed up 30 feet away. "I jammed on the brakes," he said, "then we crashed. I'm lucky to be alive."

Trainmen administered first aid to the men. Aurora provincial police investigated.

Previously avoided because of diverse faiths, a room for meditation and prayer will be added to the blueprints of the Manhattan United Nations Building.

The assets of some big private business corporations in the U.S.A. are greater than those of the states in which they operate.

The Ways of Birds And Men

(By Lewis Milligan)

Looking out of my bedroom window I saw my "first robin." He was investigating the scraggy lawn, probably for worms, and every now and then he would stop and look around as if in disgust, and as much as to say that the proverb about the early bird catching the first worm was all bunk. But cock robin was too early, for the worms apparently had not yet awakened from their long winter sleep, or were unable to get up through the frost line.

What struck me, however, about this lone robin was that he was an individualist. He was on his own, and beside looking for worms, he may have been looking around for a wife, unless he had already mated before or during his trip from the south. A friend of mine who has made a lifelong study of birds, he says, flock together and that wild geese and some ducks mate for life and return to the same habitat from year to year to raise their young. He says that most of the smaller birds mate after they arrive. All kinds of these birds, he says flock together and travel mostly by night. They must have an instinctive sense of direction, since they follow the same routes year after year. It has been suggested that they are guided by some form of natural radar, but this seems to be denied by the fact that they are occasionally killed in droves by flying into light-houses.

However, they know where they are going and when they have arrived at their destination. Up to that time they are Communists, with no class or type distinctions or competition. But having arrived, they separate and scatter, some settling in the suburbs of cities and others in the wilds. From then on they cease to be Communists or even a mild form of Socialists, and they start up in business as the keenest of free-enterprisers. A male bird will stake his claim by sitting on a tree top and announcing his decision in song. This initial song has the double purpose of attracting a mate and of warning other male birds to keep off his little concession. My friend, who is a bird mimic, tells me that when he has imitated the song of an oriole, a male oriole would fly toward him displaying every indication of annoyance and challenge to an intruder.

The sparrows we have always with us, and during the winter they are very humble and docile creatures; but with the coming of spring, when their thoughts turn to mating and housing, they become most unsocial. The male birds will fight over a mate and even over a nesting place with a great to-do of screaming and chattering. The song birds seem to be more respectable in their love-making, but the males are none the less competitive in their wooing, and I am told that some of them remain bachelors throughout the season. These must be the fat robins who have nothing else to do but gorge themselves with the early and late worms on the lawn. I didn't ask my friend about the spinsters, but presumably there are some who, like the bachelors, were disappointed in love and, having passed the romantic period, lose all interest in the opposite sex.

The study of bird life is a fascinating one. While it may not be true to say that the proper study of mankind is birds, there are many features about birds in general that are similar to those of humans. Even in the variety of facial features, there is a strong likeness between birds and men, and this is often emphasized by people who wear horn-rimmed glasses. But the

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Index of prices for general materials rose to 205.4 from an unchanged 204.3 for January and February. The March standing compared with a high of 205.9 last October and 186.5 in March, 1948. The index is computed on a 1926 equals 100 base.

Meanwhile, the index for residential building material prices, on the base 1935-39 equals 100, dropped to 229.7 in March from 230.4 in February and 230 in January. Lower prices for lumber and its products and for paint and glass were mainly responsible.

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