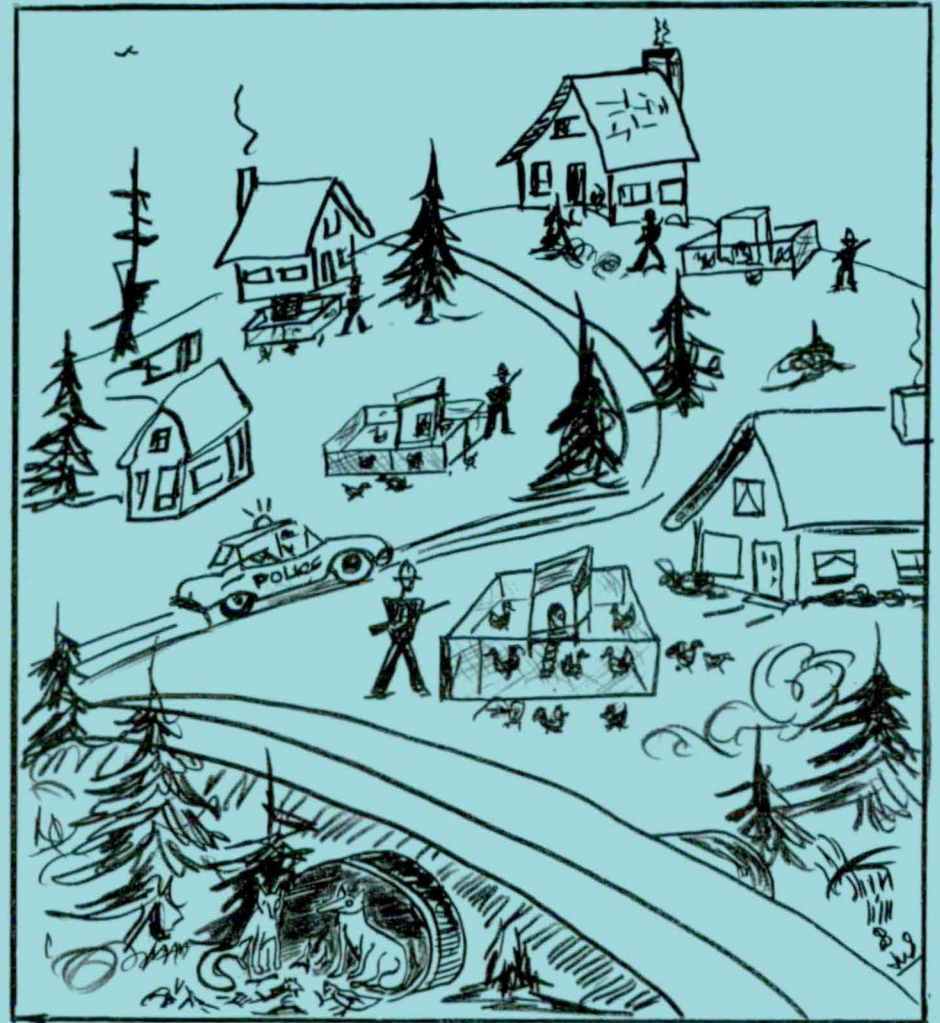


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Out of this nettle, danger, we pluck
this flower, safety.

William Shakespeare, 1598

If hen-stealing prevail to a plainly unendurable extent,
will you station police officers at every hen-roost, and
keep them watching and cruising incessantly to and fro
over the parish, in the unwholesome dark, at enormous ex-
pense, with almost no effect? Or will you not try rather
to discover where the fox's den is, and kill the fox?

Thomas Carlyle, 1849

SAFETY TOPIC OF THE MONTH

VACATION SAFETY
May 1968

We are entering the season when the call to refresh one's strength and spirit--to re-animate and recreate--is heard with increasing frequency and urgency. It is the time for planning the annual vacation for visiting new surroundings, old friends, and strange or different scenes and activities; because that which is new, unusual, or different is the basic ingredient of any recipe for a truly re-creating experience and successful vacation.

That which is new, unusual, or different is also the basic ingredient of any recipe for an accident.

So the best thing about a vacation can also be the worst.

Can you recollect a single accident in which this ingredient was missing? The post-mortem of an accident never fails to reveal that there was something unusual, off-standard, suspicious, abnormal, or unexplained, which was not adequately noted, heeded, or investigated. It might be only one's state of mind which is different,

Nothing under the sun is ever accidental.

G. E. Lessing, 1722

rather than the basic situation or condition of things physical. But something is always different; always there is a departure from a norm.

So let's all be alert to the hazards inherent in the goal of newness and difference which we pursue so avidly on vacation--that strange boat, the old familiar gun that we may tend to treat with a different and lesser respect than we once learned, the strange roads, the forest, the sea. Is the family car the same as it used to be--with the same braking system, the same old tires?

When you build your successful vacation, remember that the basic building blocks NEW, UNUSUAL, and DIFFERENT are the same building blocks with which one erects a launch pad for an accident--a scaffold from which to hang oneself.

In other words, let's recognize the culprit and kill the fox--or confine him in a cage of caution.

Danger strikes the sooner when it is despised.

Publius Syrus, 50 B.C.