

DISTRACTIONS

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1. Greenfield, Iowa. Bowling alley operator Phil Anderson donates his used bowling balls to area farmers, who use them as toys for their penned hogs. "It gives them something to do," explained one hog farmer. "Put a bowling ball in there and it gets to be like a contest. You may see three or four of them rolling a ball around. It keeps them from chewing on each other's ears and tails." *Cedar Rapids Gazette*

2. During the 1950's, the US Army worked with scientists from Iowa State University to develop a bomb to spread hog cholera with turkey feathers. The bomb would explode in the air, "releasing thousands of turkey feathers carrying deadly hog cholera virus." However, no turkey feather bombings actually took place. *Sacramento Bee*

3. At the Phobia Society of America's sixth annual convention at the Lincoln Hotel in Dallas, Texas, only 200 of 3,500 members showed up. Most of the organization's members were afraid of flying or social settings or both. "The glass elevators here are terrible," said one conventioner who fear elevators and bridges. "You can see all the way to the ground." *Winnipeg Sun*

4. In Atlanta, Georgia, a robber tried to hold up a bank but was told by the teller that he would have to get the manager's approval. Police arrested the suspect as he sat waiting to speak to the manager. *Stars and Stripes*

5. A school bus driver, Dave Linsky, was fired from his job after he took a busload of thirty-five unruly elementary-school children to a Milwaukee police station and left them there. *Minneapolis Star and Tribune.*

