

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

On Sunday afternoon, December 1, about 2 o'clock, a car collided with a wall at a curve in Cole Bay and was badly damaged. The driver and the other youngman in the car had to be hospitalized.

Driver Gustine Illidge of Marigot, who was on his way from Marigot to Philipsburg, claimed that as he was approaching the curve above the School a pigeon flew into the car and in his face which caused him to lose control. The next thing he knew, the car had collided with the wall on the left side of the road.

Maurice Threan also of Marigot who was sitting next to the driver was knocked unconscious and did not regain consciousness until the next day. The driver received a heavy blow in his chest from the steering wheel.

Both young men had to be rushed to the hospital at Marigot. They were both released on Tuesday morning.

On Wednesday evening, December 4, about 8:30 a car turned over on the road at the western end of the landing strip at the Juliana Airport.

According to the driver, Pedro Richards, who claimed that he was in the car alone, the car went into a skid and turned over - No one was around and the driver had to walk from the spot where the accident occurred to the U.S. Weather Bureau (about 1/2 a mile) before he could get help. At the Weather Bureau, he asked Freed

Richardson, who was on duty, to take him to the hospital at Marigot. It was later discovered that both of his hands had been broken in the accident. The left hand was broken in the wrist and the right hand in the forearm. The car was also badly damaged.

SUSPECTED GOAT THIEF CORNERED BY VILLAGERS

On Wednesday night a group of villagers cornered a suspected goat thief in the hill at Middle Region.

Many persons in Middle Region and surrounding area had been losing sheep and goats for some time, but all attempts to trap the guilty one had failed.

On Wednesday night while a group of young men from the village were holding a "session" in the square, one of them saw a light moving in the hill, he called the attention of the others to it and after watching it for a while, the boys became suspicious and decided to do a little checking.

They all took off for the hill in the direction

of the light. They soon discovered the man P.D. of French Quarter and surrounding him forced him to come down out of the hill - one of the youngmen rushed to town and notify the Police - Detective V. Monsanto went to Middle Region and P.D. who could not give any good reason for being in the hill that hour of night was brought to town and arrested - The Police are still investigating the matter.

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