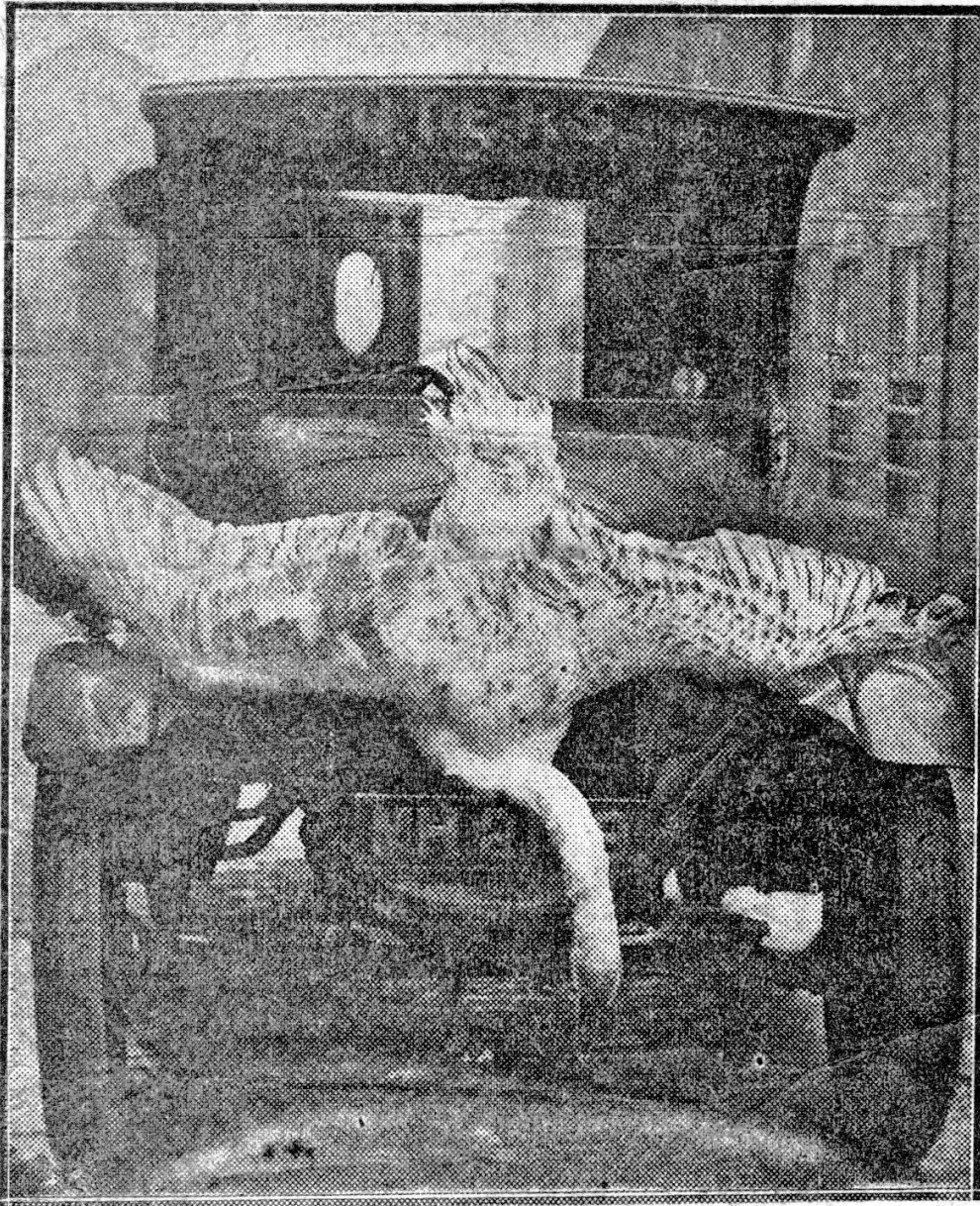


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The windscreen of this motor van of Messrs. Suters, of Uxbridge, was smashed on Monday, when the young swan seen on the bonnet of the van, flew against it and fell dead at the feet of the driver, Mr. R. Newman of Iver Heath. *Gazette Photo.*

## A SWAN'S "SUICIDE,"

### Crashes through Van Wind-screen at Uxbridge.

Mr. R. Newman, of Iver Heath, was driving one of Messrs. Suter's delivery vans near the Swan and Bottle bridge, High-street, Uxbridge, on Monday afternoon, when a young swan flew straight through the windscreen and fell dead at the feet of the amazed driver, who, though cut on the face by the shattered glass, succeeded in pulling his van up safely.

The swan, he says, flew over the top of another car in front of him, and although he swerved in an attempt to avoid the bird it came through the centre of the screen, the broken glass of which flew in all directions.

An eye-witness declared Mr. Newman had an amazing escape from serious injury. "He must have been nearly blinded by the glass, but he at once brought the van to a standstill." He added, "The swan came from the direction of the Colne near the Swan and Bottle, and, passing over another car, appeared to make straight for Suter's van. It was the most remarkable occurrence I have ever seen."

The dead bird was taken to the premises of Messrs. Suter, and was found to weigh 22lbs.

A pair of swans make their nest on the Colne near the Swan and Bottle, and it is thought this one may be a member of their family.