



PLAYING 'POSSUM' OR HYPNOTIZED

By Joseph J. Malek

A mental or physical condition seems to exist in all species of birds, when turned over on their backs they lay quiet, with eyes closed, sometimes the tail or feet quiver, as tho this may be a nervous trait. In some birds such as the Junco (photo), for as long as five minutes, in others as the chickadee only a split second. The flash did not disturb the Junco.

I have tried this on different species and it seems that the ground feeding birds, Juncos, Sparrows, are more susceptible and stay in this position longer than birds that feed in the trees and bushes, Titmouse, Chickadee, Nuthatches.

TV TOWER CASUALTY

By John V. Dennis

One of the strange things about these ceilometer, tall building, and TV tower casualties is the absence of reports on banded birds. Talking of this on different occasions with persons who ought to know as Chan Robbins and Herbert Stoddard, I did not hear of a single instance of a