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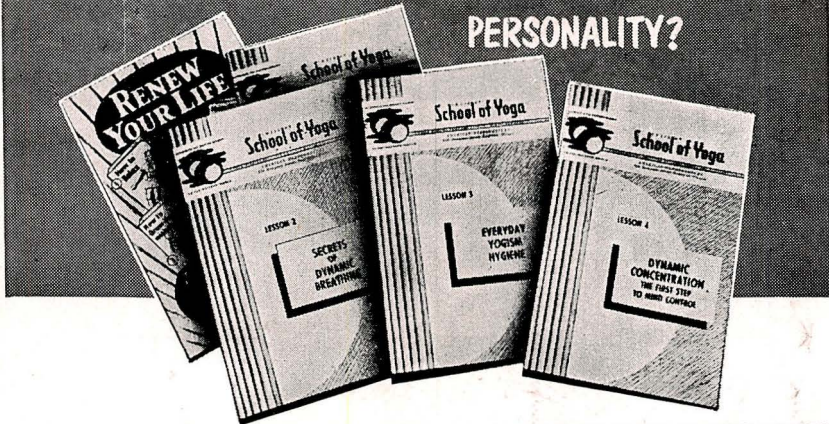
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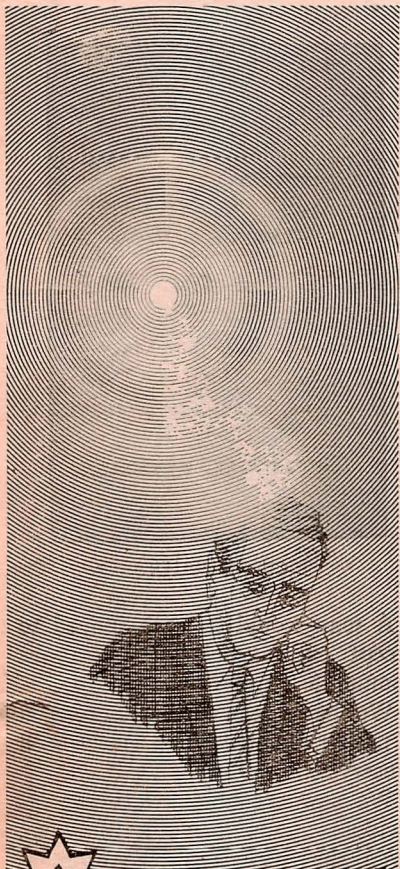
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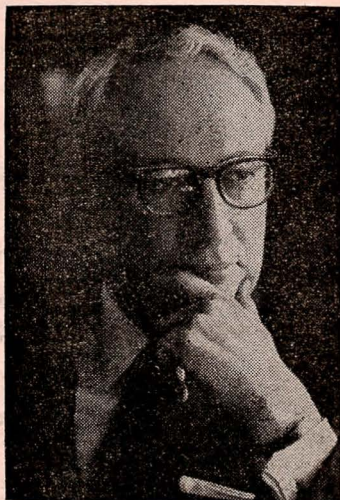
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Henry Eyring
President of AAAS

THE LONG LONG QUEST

THE PRESIDENT of the American Association for the Advancement of Science recently discussed the problem of scientific truth from much the same viewpoint that has preoccupied this writer for many years. Dr. Eyring has approached it by watching science change. We have approached it by witnessing events which do not fit into the commonly accepted theories of science. These divergent roads both have led to Rome.

"The universe is so complex that even the widest-ranging vision is at best partial and tentative," Mr. Eyring writes in his article, *This Changing World*, published in the September AAAS *Bulletin*. "Each generation sets itself the task of reevaluation and reinterpretation, the quest for truth is unending."



CURTIS FULLER

A man would be rash indeed to accept current scientific ideas as immutable truths, he warns us.

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Eyring concluded: "Einstein, as a scientist, conceded the cogency of Heisenberg's uncertainty principle and also of Bohr's more general theory of complementarity, but, as philosopher and metaphysician, he resented giving up the clear-cut causality of the older mechanics. Out of an inner conviction as to the nature of things, he felt that the present statistical theory, resting as it does on the dual wave, particle nature of matter, will be replaced by a more fundamental approach that restores causality to its paramount position in physics. Most scientists lack Einstein's faith. Only the future can settle this question. What is truth?"



WE CHIME IN

NOW EYRING'S viewpoint, as we explained, grows out of

his watching the progress of science whereas ours grows out of describing things that do not fit current knowledge. These are anomalies, and if an anomaly doesn't fit then something is wrong with the theory that it doesn't fit.

Consider, for example, the strange observation from the auxiliary sloop *Vision 4* off Milford, Conn., harbor on Sunday, October 24. *Vision 4* was skippered by Alfred Stanford, a retired U.S. Navy captain. Aboard as a guest was the famous Labrador explorer, Dr. Paul Sheldon, holder of the Cruising Club's Blue Water Medal. Both of these men obviously are skilled sailors and observers.

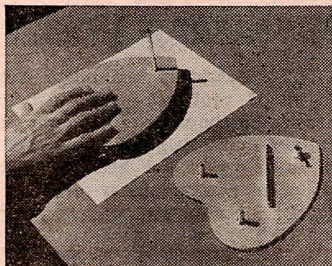
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the circling? It suggests a very intense electro-magnetic field.

Captain Stanford said "Either there was a sea monster out there or a submerged nuclear submarine. The rotation was not coming from our engine for we have a disconnect switch on the generator field coil which I pulled without effect. I encountered magnetic mines during the war but it was not this type of disturbance. It's fully as mysterious as the flying saucers."

Captain Stanford's suggestions are those of a puzzled man. Depths in the area are only five to six fathoms—much too shallow for submerged submarine operations. As for sea monsters, how long have they been known to be electro-magnetic?

It is some comfort to know that full reports on the incident have been filed with the Navy Hydrographic office and the Oceanographic Institute at Woods Hole.



ANOTHER SEA MYSTERY

ACROSS THE continent another and quite different sea mystery confronted the Merchant Marine Inspection Office in San Diego. On Sunday morning, October 31, the purse seiner *Barbara K.* was about 60 miles off Baja California, heading back to San Diego with 123 tons of tuna aboard.

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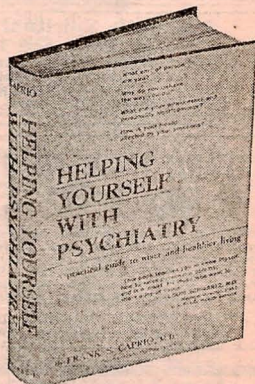
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The *Barbara K.* sank in one minute, giving Newman only time to flash an SOS, yell an order to abandon ship, and cut away a small power skiff the vessel was towing. Six of the crewmen climbed in and headed for another purse seiner, the *Liberty*, four miles away. The other six clung to debris in the water until they were rescued.

Barbara K. was a steel-hulled, 90-foot vessel owned by the National Marine Terminal of San Diego. She was valued at \$250,000, her cargo at \$35,000.

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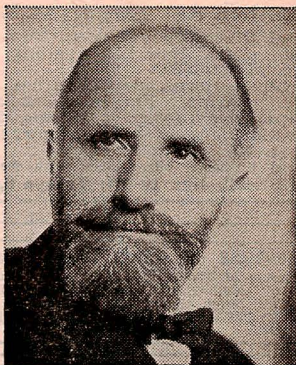
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thrown back into brush or a stream—and then appear to be returned, the culprit is not necessarily a mischievous boy with a slingshot.

There are a lot of things falling and the problem is not what they are but the mechanisms involved. We hear of poltergeist phenomena in which rocks appear to materialize near the ceiling of a home and fall with a clatter, damaging property but never people. We hear of alleged "apports" in which it is claimed objects are transported by means unknown.

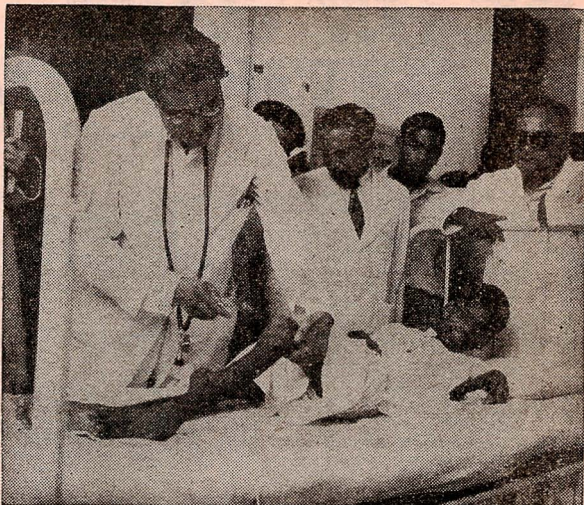
If these claims are true, then we are dealing with phenomena of the physical world which needs explanation. Even granted such events at times are triggered by human minds, still the triggering interests us less than the implications the event has for our understanding of physical reality. This is not a world with which we are familiar.

When W.G. Oldham of Long Beach, Calif., was standing in Bixby Park last November 19, he was witness to a fall that seems to occur hundreds, perhaps thousands of times each year. A piece of ice about the size and shape of a brick plunged from the sky and landed within inches of where he stood. It was traveling so fast it buried itself in the soft ground.

Oldham looked about him and found no one in the area who

Progress of Ramu, the "Wolf Boy," is checked by Dr. D. N. Sharma at Balrampur Hospital in Lucknow, India. A cripple, Ramu has been in the hospital ever since he was found in 1954. At that time he crawled on all fours, barked and ate raw meat. About 17 now and a vegetarian, he is considered sub-human. Whether he lived with wolves before being found still is unknown.

(UPI Photo)



could have thrown the ice. He looked at the sky and heard and saw no plane overhead. Nevertheless, he believes the ice had to come from a plane.

Now, consider the somewhat more complex case of Dale McCollum, who was walking home from his work with a rubber products firm in Kansas City, Mo., on November 1. Light bits of metal were raining down along Forest Avenue between 11th and 13th Streets. They were metal stampings, about five inches long, shaped roughly like a letter E and covered with burned paint.

"I guess they fell off an airplane, but I looked up and did not see one," McCollum told the Asso-

ciated Press. "I know they didn't fall off a building because I was standing near a vacant lot."



SIMPLE EXPLANATION

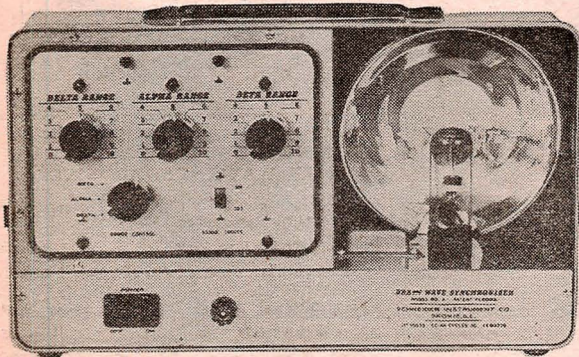
ADMITTEDLY the most complicated effects sometimes have simple explanations. UPI tells us that in Luleaa, Sweden, on the night of November 23, all the electric motors began to run backward and even the clocks started going the wrong way. It is reported, possibly with tongue in cheek, that at the cinema the projector ground to a stop and began rolling the film backward—and that oil pumps began putting oil back into the tankers rather than pulling it out.

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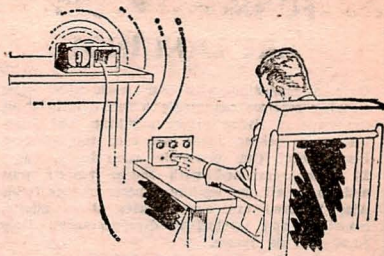
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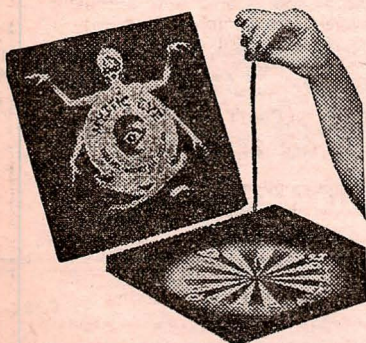
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the public works department, says that the problems were caused by someone throwing a wrong switch. He told the UPI that Swedish wires carry three phase alternating current and that all three phases must operate in unison. If two phases are reversed, then motors run backward.

It couldn't happen in America because motors usually run on a single phase alternating current, Kihlstrom assures us.



THAT BLACKOUT

WHILE WE'RE dealing with what couldn't happen in America let's consider the blackout. FATE has been deluged with letters that say UFOs somehow caused the blackout that affected 80,000 square miles along the Eastern Seaboard, at 5:22 P.M. on November 9. We don't have a theory ourselves other than to caution readers that the "official" explanation may be right but it may be wrong. At any rate, some mighty strange and unexplained phenomena did accompany the blackout.

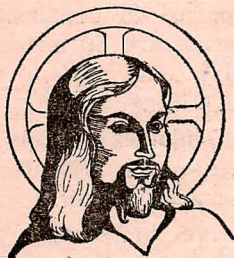
Robert Walsh, deputy city aviation commissioner of Syracuse, N. Y., was flying a private plane over the city when the lights dimmed out. He managed to feel his way in to a safe landing and once on the ground helped bring other aircraft down.

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During this time "a strange thing happened," Walsh said later. "I was sitting on the ground with others when we saw a sudden ball of fire south of us—toward Thompson Road and Carrier traffic circle.

"It appeared to be about 100 feet in the air and 50 feet in diameter. All I could think of was a mushroom effect."

About 10 minutes later the group with Walsh saw another ball of fire which resembled the first.

"I have yet to see an explanation," he commented.

After Walsh's story was published in the Syracuse *Herald-Journal*, new reports began to come in. Welton Ross, a flight instructor and his student, James Brooking, were aloft when the lights went out. A few minutes later they saw "a ball of orange-reddish fire which flared up bigger than a house fire. We were over the high line which runs from Clay to Niagara Falls when we saw the fire flash. It looked like a barn fire—a barn full of hay—and lasted for perhaps 10 seconds," Ross said.

Tom Doxsee of 27 Marie Dr., Town of Manlius, near Syracuse, an insurance man, reported seeing a ball of fire sometime within an hour of the time the lights went out. A woman neighbor of Doxsee told him she saw a bright yellow object, oval-shaped rather than

round, which stood on end. Mrs. Everett B. Jones, of Camillus, N.Y., reported seeing a "huge ball of fire" hanging over Camillus Plaza on Route 5 shortly after the lights went out. She told reporters Richard G. Case and Joseph V. Ganley that she watched the huge orange ball sink below East Hill just outside Camillus.

The Syracuse newspapers were not inclined to discount these reports. Case and Ganley, in a feature article in the Sunday *Herald American* reviewed a number of similar cases taken from the files of NICAP in which UFO's allegedly caused power blackouts.

More than 100 cases of such al-

leged electro-magnetic effects have been gathered by NICAP but none of them are claimed to have had more than a local effect—such as knocking out a railroad block system, jamming a radar, dimming house lights, halting an automobile and the like.

In all probability, if a UFO was involved in the Northeast blackout it was only a trigger which started the progressive overloads that, once started, could not be halted.

Incidentally, more than one reader called our attention to a photograph of New York City in the blackout published in *Time Magazine*. At the top is an anomaly that appears to be one of the spindle

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MRS. DIXON'S PROPHECY

CURIOSLY Ruth Montgomery's book on Jeane Dixon, *A Gift of Prophecy*, is interpreted as predicting the blackout. The vision reported by Ruth Montgomery occurred August 14, 1963. She quotes Jeane as follows:

"I saw a silver ball like the Sputnik rising out of Russia and going into a powerful missile which traveled around the globe to the left. Suddenly it switched course and traveled in the opposite direction. Beneath it America was all aglow, but as the missile returned, the lights of our country went out, leaving us all in utter darkness. I interpreted this to mean that Russia has a secret type of missile for which we have no anti-missile missile. It is so powerful that it can completely immobilize our communications and lighting systems. It can also play havoc with the navigation of our planes."

Mrs. Dixon is confident that the Soviets already had such a missile by the fall of 1963.

Two weeks after her vision, while appearing on NBC's "Tonight" show in New York, Jeane described it and told Johnny Carson, the moderator, that his television show would be off the airwaves when

the blackout came. All New York radio and TV stations, of course, were off the air in the blackout.



THE CRUMBLING WALL

PROPHECY is the most difficult and may be the most suspect of ESP gifts. Perhaps it also is the most fascinating; more and more responsible people are beginning to pay attention to claims for it and for other paranormal abilities.

The November 17 issue of the *Wall Street Journal* published a long article on ESP, in part encouraged by the reception of Ruth Montgomery's book. Entitled *Once Termed Fakery by Many, ESP Study Wins More Tolerance*, the article by William D. Hartley reviews much that is of current interest in the field.

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Recently two professors of ophthalmology at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa., completed experimental tests of ESP in 15 sets of identical twins. The results were summarized in the September 9 issue of *Science*. The two experimenters placed each twin in separate rooms, 20 feet apart, and connected them to a brain wave measuring device. They wanted to see if a signal transmitted to one twin would appear simultaneously in the other.



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They found two sets of twins among the 15 tested who did communicate with ESP. For instance, by inducing one twin to close his eyes through rhythmic brain waves, the second twin closed his eyes at the same time. There was no possibility of verbal communication and the subjects did not even know what the experiment was investigating.

Drs. Duane and Behrendt concluded that while they do not know how frequent the phenomenon is, it certainly is not a universal trait among identical twins.

"The interesting thing is, we aren't at all experts on ESP," declares Dr. Duane. "We just have this one very interesting finding which we wanted to publish to get on the record." The finding: "Extrasensory induction of brain waves exists between individuals when they are completely separated."



DR. MARGENAU SPEAKS OUT

ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY was added to the growing interest in ESP late in November by Dr. Henry Margenau, Higgins professor of physics and natural philosophy at Yale University.

Dr. Margenau spoke before members and guests of the American Society for Psychical Research, assuring them they had every reason to continue to research into

such phenomena as clairvoyance, precognition and telepathy.

"The old distinctions between the natural and supernatural are spurious," Dr. Margenau said. Especially physicists, bedeviled with hundreds of subatomic phenomena that violate older "rules" should be sympathetic to the efforts of ESP testers.

As for the examples of "supernatural" communications reported at the meeting, Margenau told the ASPR, "I have no more reason to doubt the authenticity of such reports from respected psychologists and psychiatrists than I have to doubt Dr. Allen Sandage's reports of quasars."



HIRE A DOWSER

DR. BERTHOLD SCHWARZ, a psychiatrist of Montclair, N.J., believes his state should hire dowsers to help relieve its water shortage.

Dr. Schwarz has just completed a medical study of Henry Gross, the Maine water dowser made famous by the late Kenneth Roberts. He told the American Society of Dowsers, meeting in Danville, Vt., that Henry Gross' ability to locate water using only a map and without the aid of the divining rod is an extrasensory ability.

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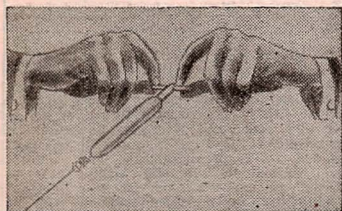
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**GUARDIAN DOG**

BILLY BINGHAM, so young he couldn't even tell police his address, wandered away from his Seattle home at the peak of rush hour traffic one day last November. As the barefooted child started to walk across the busy Seattle-Tacoma Highway at 5:45 P.M. a black dog appeared to escort him. It steered the boy across the highway as traffic screeched to a halt, keeping itself between the cars and the child. Deputy Sheriff Gregg Schadeberg drove the boy home after his mother reported him missing. Then, and only then, did the dog go away.

**MONSTER NEWS**

IN Northern California around Santa Rosa, a giant lizard has turned up—well, it's a giant for northern California. It is black and white, with banded belly and tail, and measures 33½ inches from nose to tip of tail. Lizards of this size are not known to be native of the area.

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In Northern New England there's a new species of animal that no one really identifies. They call it a "canid", which means it's related to dogs, wolves and coyotes. But

Prof. Barbara Lawrence, of Harvard University, who has been studying the breed for years, isn't sure whether it's one of these three or a combination.

Meanwhile, it seems that another variety of canid is now turning up. It is a bushy-tailed, wolf-like animal, weighing only about 30 pounds, white and brown on the lower part of the body. They run in packs and worry local citizens.

Two specimens recently were sent to Dr. Lawrence for examination. She suspects they're just "dogs gone wild."

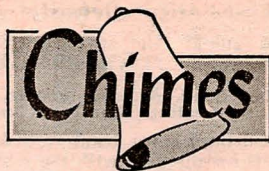


VISIONS AND CLAIRVOYANCE

WHEN JOHN Prioleau, a 38-year-old textile worker of Hawthorne, N.J., had an arm cut off in an industrial accident, he became the first person in the state to undergo reimplantation surgery—which, unfortunately, was not successful. There was another unusual facet to the accident. His boss, Joseph Cuccinelli, had "seen" the accident before it happened.

"A month ago," Cuccinelli reported later, "I told all the men to be especially careful because, the night before, I had this dream where I saw John in an accident with his arm off. I had forgotten about it, but John hadn't. He told me: 'Joe, your dream came true.'"

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A few hours later he was killed when his plane crashed in Salt Lake City.

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Late in October Henry Hunt, a 60-year-old deer hunter was lost for seven days in the snow and cold of the Continental Divide near Alamosa, Colo. He had only two candy bars and an apple—and no matches. The first night a storm dumped 30 inches of snow in the mountains. Nighttime temperatures dipped to zero.

His family, whose members knew what conditions a man would have to contend with, gave him up for lost. A volunteer search party began to look for his body. On the seventh day Hunt wandered into a logging camp near Wolf Creek Pass at the top of the Divide. Although his feet were frozen, physicians at Alamosa Community Hospital described his condition as fairly good.

What kept Henry Hunt going? He describes a voice he heard while he was lost. "It said 'Come on Henry. Come on Henry'. It was the voice of God."



YELLOWSTONE LAKE WHISPERS

PROPER identification of strange sounds might help to solve many a mystery—such as the weird music of Yellowstone Lake.

For more than a century visitors have reported hearing strange sounds floating across the biggest lake in Yellowstone Park.

Clyde May Bauer, geologist and former chief naturalist at Yellowstone, describes the noises as resembling "the ringing of telegraph wires or the hum of bees, beginning softly in the distance, growing rapidly plainer until directly overhead and then fading rapidly in the opposite direction."

The sound also has been compared with the dirge of a giant pipe organ and the echoing of distant bells. The sounds are heard most distinctly in the early mornings of cloudless, windless days. One ranger says he heard them nearly every morning for a month.

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SHORTLY BEFORE sundown on the evening of December 9, 1965, a fiery bright orange object, or objects, passed from Michigan over the tip of Ontario and western Lake Erie, over the northeast corner of Ohio, and apparently landed in a densely wooded area about 30 miles south of Pittsburgh, Pa. Its passage was noted by a large num-

ber of people on the ground and by several experienced commercial and private pilots. Part of it or, if it was a group, one of its members fell near Lapeer, Mich., another fell in Lorain County, Ohio, another near Midland, Pa., and the last fell at Kecksburg, Pa. Something also exploded in the air over Lake St. Clair, somewhat east of Detroit-Windsor, rocking planes aloft in the area with sharp shock-waves.

Pin-pointing these reports on the

map shows that the object or objects passed in a straight line, from east of Flint, Mich., over Lake St. Clair to Oberlin and Elyria, near Cleveland, Ohio, in a southeast-by-southerly direction and then made a 25 degree turn to the east. From that point its (or their) line of travel again was straight, through Midland to Kecksburg. There is no possibil-

ity of converting this course into any form of curve. Had the object(s) merely been sighted in the sky such might have been possible but the arrival of material on the ground automatically pin-points the passage.

Since when did meteors or bolides start making abrupt turns in their direction of "flight"? Further, this thing was seen in Indiana, a minimum of 120 miles southwest of its line of travel; over

“SOMETHING” Landed in Pennsylvania

Why did U.S. military experts rush to see a fiery object that crashed into the woods near Pittsburgh on December 9?

By Ivan J. Sanderson

North American Newspaper Alliance

Erie, Pa., 95 miles northeast of said line; and, allegedly, in extreme western New York and northern West Virginia. So far no computation of the height at which the thing passed over has been made and the only indication of its size was in a statement made by a lady in Elyria, Ohio, who saw it, or a part of it fall into a wood where it set grass afire over a 1000-foot area. She said that it was as big as a volleyball. Thus, we do not know if it was possible for it to have been seen at these reported distances from its line of travel. If it was seen at these distances, a number of other odd points arise.

The exact time of the fall at Elyria was 4:44 P.M. Observation of it at Erie was at 4:50 P.M. The distance between these two points is 115 miles as the crow flies. However, there is no evidence that the object passed directly *over* Erie; it was seen *from* there at that time and it may have been seen travelling its straight course which was just 95 miles southwest at its nearest point—this would be about Salem, Ohio. Salem is 70 miles from Elyria, so that the object took six minutes to travel 70 miles, at what works out to be only $11\frac{2}{3}$ miles per minute or 700 miles per hour. Similarly, the nearest point to Indiana on the object's line of travel is a place named Utica about 25 miles east of Pontiac, Mich. This is just 95

miles as the crow flies from Elyria so that, if this was the point where it was seen from Indiana at precisely 4:40 it took four minutes to cover the distance, at about $23\frac{3}{4}$ miles per minute or 1,425 miles per hour. Now, should it have been spotted from either or both Indiana and Erie, before or after its nearest point of passage, the distances, and thus the speeds, would vary, but within only small absolute amounts. Compounding the two distances we find that the thing appears to have traveled along at about 17 miles per minute, or 1062.5 miles per hour.

So, this object was a meteor; was it?

The minimum speed ever recorded for a meteor was 27,000 miles per hour and the maximum was 144,000 miles per hour, which is to say seven and one-half miles per second and 40 miles per second respectively! Since when have meteors or bolides, which is the name now given to meteors that break up in our atmosphere, started ambling along at 1062.5 miles per hour?

In this case, as always, almost within the hour of the observations a professor announced that it probably was a meteor or a bolide. In this case it was a Dr. Paul Annear, of Baldwin-Wallace College, and right behind him came confirmation of his belief by the Pentagon. Yet, although meteors land almost every

day and are ignored or at most searched for by enthusiastic amateurs, great contingents of specialists from the armed forces arrived at the scenes of the falls almost as fast as the State Police got there. One armed forces' spokesman stated for the record: "We don't know what we have here (but) there is an unidentified flying object in the woods." Neither meteors nor bodies *fly*; they *fall*. What is more they don't just drift in at 1062.5 miles per hour.

Then, apart from the odd report of two piles of shredded lead in strips only $\frac{1}{16}$ of an inch thick having been found at Lapeer, Mich., where the thing first was observed to drop something, and apart from the 1000-foot fire near Elyria, and apart from the dropping fiery ball and smoke rising from a wood at

Kecksburg, there are other odd features of the whole episode. Most notable is that meteors usually are first seen at heights between 30 and 60 miles and cease to glow at about 10 miles. If the thing was 60 miles up it could have been seen from Indiana, Erie, West Virginia, and western New York as it would be glowing or shining. If it was below 10 miles high it would not have been visible in any case, glowing or not glowing, from those distances. If it travelled along at only 1062.5 miles per hour, at say 50 miles high, and dropped fiery bits to earth at the three points—Lapeer, Elyria, and Kecksburg—how did it make a 25 degree turn at Cleveland?

The Service spokesman was right. It *was an object*; it *was flying* rather than falling; and it has *not been identified*.



THE WARNING STRUCK HOME

IN NASHVILLE, Tenn., during a lecture to parents on a safety program, Police Lieut. William Ogles warned them particularly of the danger of skateboards. Later that day, he was informed that his 16-year-old son, Buddy, broke a collarbone while riding a skateboard.



SCENE OF THE ACCIDENT

WHEN Thomas Pffaffenberger, who lives on Walnut Street in Ashland, Ky., went to Charleston, Ky., to visit his son, Leo, a hospital patient as the result of an auto accident, he decided to look at the scene of the mishap. He found it had occurred between Pfaff and Walnut Streets.

THE FIENDISH FORCE in WARMINSTER, ENGLAND

The invisible attacker struck from overhead. With weird noises and inexorable force, it overwhelmed its victims.

By United Press International

IT WAS A foggy, frosty night, the sort common to the south of England in late March. On a lonely country road, 19-year-old Eric Payne trudged home towards Warminster after an evening of courting his girl at a nearby village. Thick spirals of mist curled from the marshland and across the road.

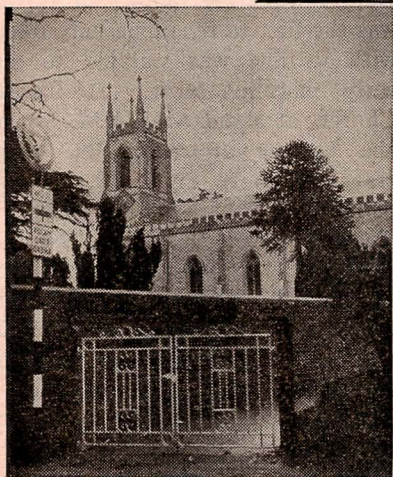
"It was a Sunday," Eric recalls. "I neared Drayton's School. Just short of the apex of the bend, I heard a loud buzzing. It was not from telegraph wires. I'm not dead sure from which direction it came—it was overhead so quickly that it took me by surprise. As it hovered over me it sent shivers up my spine.

"Imagine a giant tin can, filled with huge nuts and bolts, being whirled and rattled above your head. That's how it struck me.

Then something struck me in reality!" Eric is deadly serious as he recalls the incident. "I looked upwards to see if it was a low-flying plane. I felt a rain of sharp, stinging blows on my head and cheeks. A wind tore at my hair and hurt my eyes, it was so fierce. My head and shoulders were pressed down, hard. I tried to fight off the invisible attacker. Just before it lashed down at me, I saw no aircraft in the sky, no plane lights or anything.

"For some time I staggered about in the road, then managed to sink to my knees on a grass verge at the roadside. The ground was wet, but that didn't worry me. All I badly wanted to do was rid myself of that choking, clutching 'Thing'." The attack lasted at least three minutes. He said he felt the "skin

Market town of Warminster (right) has been haunted by mysterious "Force" since Christmas, 1964. At Christ Church (below) Mrs. Magde Bye was attacked while she was on her way to an early morning service. (UPI photos.)



on my back creep. I was very scared—for the first time in all my life. My spine was crawling with cold sweat and the back of my neck was raw cold."

Eric ran all the way home. He arrived white-faced and trembling. His parents noted his heavy breath-

ing, twitching limbs, glazed eyes. According to his mother, "He wouldn't tell us the whole story for several weeks after. Dad and I were worried stiff he was heading for a breakdown."

But if Eric was alone when he encountered "The Thing" he was not alone in his experience. More than 200 persons (at last count 220) in and around Warminster claim to have witnessed "The Thing" since Christmas morning 1964. Some have tried to explain it, but most of them, like Eric, remain mystified and frightened. It has attacked only solitary persons, although groups of people have heard and seen something which they describe as "The Thing." Once an art teacher and eight of

his pupils were out sketching when they spotted what they described as "a noiseless, circular, gun-metal grey object" chasing a conventional airplane. That same day two other Warminster residents reported seeing the same "Thing" in two different places.

Whatever it was, it created havoc in the quiet community. Scores of visitors from throughout Britain and abroad arrived to see if they, too, could catch a glimpse of "The Thing". The police were bombarded with calls reporting all sorts of strange happenings—like the pond which suddenly sprung up in the backyard of 23 Church Street—strange happenings which were generally blamed on the mysterious forces that haunted the village. On August 28 some 600 townspeople turned out for a public inquiry. Among the explanations, noises and sights on either high or low-flying helicopter-like craft were blamed. Someone suggested perhaps it was a new one-man flying machine with which the government is experimenting. One man said he had been told by reliable persons that such machines have been close enough so that the pilot of one "waved to" the witnesses and that another pilot was seen consulting a map.

Joe Brownlee, a local trader, seemed to express the feeling of many present at the public inquiry when he described "The Thing" as

"a lot of baloney". He suggested that the "popping" noises were caused by a policeman's motorcycle when he was making his nightly rounds. Publicly, most persons agreed with him. Privately, they had their own doubts and fears.

It seemed bizarre that the phenomena began on a Christmas morning, of all times. Mrs. Madge Bye, 38 and the mother of three, was the first to report an encounter with it. She was walking to an early morning service at Christ Church, at about 6:15 A.M., when she became aware of "a weird crackling above my head, accompanied by a high-pitched whine." She was hurled against the churchyard wall, "pinned there as though by invisible fingers of sound." Her cries were heard inside the church and someone rushed out to find her fallen, in a state of shock. They helped her inside to a seat where she sat through the service, "jelly-legged, numbed."

At the outskirts of the small town, two more of the 11,000 citizens had a rude awakening that yuletide morning. Warminster's head postmaster, Roger Rump, and his wife heard a ferocious buffeting of their roof. "The ceiling shook," says Rump. "It was just as though 5,000 tiles on our roof were being rattled and picked off by some terrific force. Then there was a frantic scrambling

sound as if the tiles were being hurriedly replaced. What struck us throughout—the noise lasted barely a minute—was the queer rasping or crackling, a strange droning tone, behind it.”

A younger couple was awakened by the barking and whimpering of their dog outside in the garden. They glanced at their clock. It said 6:12 A.M. The couple (who asked that their names not be used) sent their nine-year-old daughter, Josie, out to see what was bothering the animal. Still wearing her robe, the child hurried out to find the mongrel slunk into a corner of the woodshed, whimpering. Josie could see nothing wrong, so she petted him, spoke a few soothing words and started back into the house via the backdoor. Before she could reach it the “weird, crackling, high whine” began and the terrified little girl was battered down by something she could only hear, not see.

“I felt what I thought was an ice cold sponge on the back of my neck,” Josie said later. (She had not, at this time, spoken with Mrs. Bye.) “My shoulders ached and my head was jerked forward and down. I struggled and screamed and managed to stumble into the house. That stopped its hold on me.” Alarmed by her screams, Josie’s mother and father came running downstairs. Josie was on her

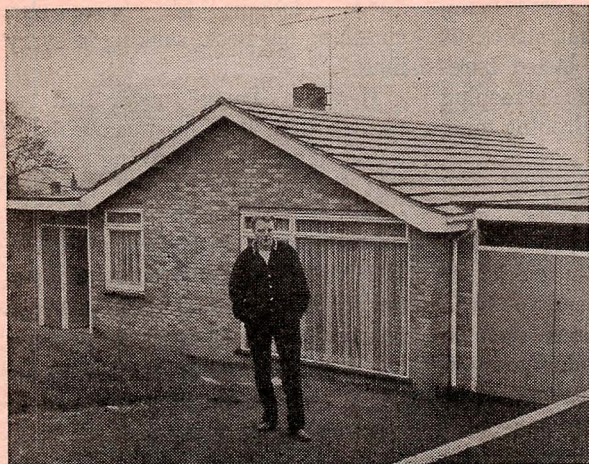
knees “sobbing her heart out, clutching her neck, shaking in every limb.”

If “The Thing” never had returned after its Christmas visit, it would have been disturbing enough. But it has returned, all too frequently, in the ensuing months.

There was the morning that Mr. and Mrs. Ted Davies the proprietors of a fish-and-chip shop and a teenage fashion store, were having breakfast in their pretty little cottage in nearby Crockertown. “Our windows started to shake,” says Mrs. Davies, “and there was the sound as of thousands of birds in flight, flapping their wings. Ted and I looked at each other in amazement, then ran outside. There was nothing to be seen. Not a trace of wind stirred. It was a lovely spring morning.”

Another very “solid” citizen, the Rev. P. Graham Phillips, the vicar of Heytesbury, a nearby community, was with his wife, Patricia, and their three children when they saw “The Thing” in the night sky over the southern part of Warminster. “It was a brightly glowing cigar-shaped object, and remained in the sky for over 20 minutes,” according to the vicar.

Seventeen other persons reported witnessing the same sight from various places around Warminster. A factory security guard, Harold Horlock, and his wife, Dora, described



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Eric Payne, 19, shows spot near Drayton's School, near Warminster, where attack by "Force" knocked him to his knees.

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While inside his house in Hillwood Close, Warminster, W. E. Marson heard weird, loud noises made by "Force."

it as looking like "twin, red hot pokers in the dark sky, separated by a black space and hanging downward." A few weeks later Mr. and Mrs. John Kirton of Nottingham, who were visiting the area, were sitting in their car when they saw "what looked at first like the twinkling red light of an aircraft." But it was more than that Mrs. Kirton reported; "As we watched the light it seemed to be jiggling up and down and back and forth very swiftly and losing height all the while. My husband said it looked too big for an aircraft light, and commented that if it was an aircraft 'it must be doing a loop the loop while landing!' Then it vanished behind a ridge of trees."

Truckdrivers tend to be pretty skeptical by nature and Terry

Simpson is no exception. But he was shaken by what he saw before dawn one September morning. "I was driving along Westbury Road in Warminster at 5:25 A.M. with a load of fruit. Then all of a sudden there was a close, blinding light just to the left. It was not a searchlight, I'll swear to that. It lit up my cab and blinded me for a split second. I had to jam on my brakes tight and skidded off the highway. I jumped out and got a good look at the light. It seemed to be a thing of substance. It was overhead and shaped like a ball. It was dancing about. There was no shaft of light beneath as you'd get from a searchlight's gleam. I kept looking until it suddenly went out—blew out like a candle—with funny, frizzling noises.



It shook me up, all right. I got the hell out of there."

After the public meeting in August interest increased in "The Thing" rather than decreased. Some 90 Warminster residents, including a party of schoolboys, began keeping all-night vigils in and around the town. On August 29 they spotted something in the sky. "In a blinding flash of light it seemed to explode and divide into two brighter portions," said Christopher Robinson, 14, one of the schoolboys. "Either that or the first portion simply vanished and was replaced by two others above." Another schoolboy, Norman Leighton, added: "These two zig-zagged to and fro, jerked up and down rapidly, then sped across the sky

at an angle of 45 degrees."

A burly blacksmith, Alan Chapman, 26, even watched an "unidentified flying object" through high-powered binoculars. It was about 9:30 P.M. on the evening of September 1. "I was watching the sky and saw something very unusual flying at high altitude from northwest to southeast," he said. "There was no sound, although a plane made plenty as it went over shortly before. What first caught my attention was a red light flashing on and off. I got a closeup with my 10x50 binoculars which gave me good magnification. An aircraft carries lights, but surely not so many as this thing. Apart from the blinking red glow, there were other white and bright lights on either side of it. They shone constantly. I counted six. I could not make out any distinct outline. It seemed to be flying sideways, so far as I could judge. Its speed was terrific and it did not keep a straight ahead course at all. It crossed the whole sky, vanishing before dipping below the horizon, in about three minutes. I timed it with my watch."

Then in the wee hours of September 5 more than 100 of Warminster's residents had another rude awakening. At 1:55 A.M., they jumped out of bed at the sound of a "tremendous explosion." About 30 of them, mostly men, ventured

out in their night clothes and reported seeing a 200-foot-high "orange-colored mushroom of smoke with a glowing core in its center" rise into the air. Those residents who huddled under the safety of their bed covers or tried to quiet screaming children reported that "an orange light" flooded their rooms "changing night to day." Dozens of windows were shattered by the blast. One of the residents, Bill Curtis, said he was used to firings from a military range four miles away but that those firings never were like that explosion and never were held early in the morning. "Our house was like a ship rocking in a big sea," Curtis said. An army spokesman contacted by the frightened residents said military authorities could offer no explanation for the blast, the orange color or the mushroom cloud. No conclusive explanation was, in fact, ever found for the strange explosion.

Also blamed on "The Thing" were the deaths of a flock of pigeons and a number of dormice in early February. According to a local expert, David C. Holton, a botanist, geologist and biologist, the birds were killed suddenly in flight as they crossed the path of the intense sound created by the phenomenon. He viewed them one and a half minutes after they fell and said that rigor mortis had

set in immediately. He also viewed the dormice which were riddled with small holes, a form of death which many persons have attempted to ascribe to air-rifle pellets. Holton staunchly believes that "The Thing" is from outer space. That is the "only explanation which is at all feasible," he says. "All the evidence points that way. This is neither natural nor supernatural. It is extra-terrestrial, I assure you. It's nothing new," he adds. "I've got a record of sightings in the West Country (the area of England round Warminster), that goes back to the Middle Ages."

Mrs. Dora Horlock reported seeing a glow in the sky "like two red pokers" and she also was concerned about a strange 12-foot-high thistle which grew outside her cottage. "Something must have dropped out of the sky to make it grow so big," she said.

Many originally thought "The Thing" could be a top secret military development with which the army or air force was experimenting. But military services, who have several installations in the area, continue to deny responsibility for any of the mysterious events. A retired Royal Air Force officer, Tim Woodman, came up with another explanation which has no connection with the military. He calls it "mass hallucinations" caused by atmospheric conditions.

According to one newsman, who has worked on the story continually since last Christmas, spiritualists and mediums in both England and America have been trying to make contact with the power behind the phenomenon and reportedly have succeeded. According to the message received, "The Thing" does not mean any harm.

Arthur Shuttlewood, the town's senior reporter, who has interviewed every witness he can find and just has completed a full-length book on the subject, says that one theory is that Warminster lies on a direct line between Glastonbury, the legendary burial place of the Holy Grail, the communion cup used by Christ in the Last Supper, and Stonehenge, the site of prehistoric stone monuments forming the so-called Holy Circle, said to be connected with the beginning of all world religions. This theory holds that since spirits travel in a straight line, they naturally cross right over Warminster. They also allegedly have an affinity for watery places, which accounts for the strange pond in the back of 23 Church Street and the experiences near swampy areas, such as young Eric Payne's.

In early October folks in Warminster were puzzling over another riddle. They probably would not have thought of "The Thing" in connection with it, except that the victim behaved somewhat like those

who had been attacked by it. A stranger was seen staggering along in a thick morning fog moaning and holding onto a wall for support. Wearing only a shirt and trousers, the man was obviously in distress, so some of the customers in Doug Lakey's shop in Silver Street rushed out to help him. As they tried to support him, he collapsed in their arms, groaning "hospital, hospital". He remained unconscious in Warminster Hospital for three hours, then was semi-conscious. Later he was questioned by the hospital staff but was incoherent and "dumb witted". Doctors were unable to discover anything wrong with him. He discharged himself two days later and calmly walked out refusing to give any name or address. A hospital spokesman said, "The man seemed to be in fairly good condition although he complained of a pain in his back."

The pond in the backyard of 23 Church Street first appeared on Sunday, October 10. Roger Hooten, a 24-year-old printing machine binder who since has moved to London, walked into the garden of the house he rented and found water gushing upward into the air and forming a small pond. Every day the pond grew and within five days it measured about nine by seven feet and 18 inches deep. Hooten dug a trench around it to

contain the water. The water board sent inspectors out to look at the area but they said it was definitely not caused by one of their mains. The water appears to be pure and Hooten even made tea with it. Apparently, the pool is fed by a natural spring. But what made the spring suddenly spring forth?

The answer that "springs" most readily to mind in this town, where little happened before Christmas 1964, is simple: "The Thing".

But "The Thing" itself is not so simple. In the first place, its effects are many and varied. It does not seem to fit into the pattern of any of nature's known forces. Nothing similar is occurring anywhere else, although sightings of "unidentified flying objects" similar in shape and flight pattern to those seen in the area have been reported during the last year in South America, Portugal, and the United States, among other places.

Strangely enough, the Warminster "Thing" apparently has not been investigated by any prominent scientists or astronomers. The department of Britain's air ministry which deals with "unidentified flying objects" says that despite all the reports in Britain's newspaper, no one in Warminster ever got excited enough to report it to their office. Because of the attention focused on "The Thing" by the press, the department made a quick

check with some of the town's officials, none of whom reported anything which seemed to merit further investigation. No one of any scientific repute really has looked into the matter deeply enough to say that "The Thing" is or is not caused by some natural force such as electricity.

But there seems no end of incidents for the folks in Warminster to talk about. One of the strangest is the story told by Major William Hill, a hardened veteran of wartime campaigns in Europe and the Middle East. Bill Hill himself scoffed at tales of "The Thing" as a figment of fevered imagination until the night he headed for the weekly parade of the Territorial Army. At 8:22 P.M., his car's motor suddenly conked out and the auto came to a jolting halt. The lights flickered although the battery registered correctly. Hill, who manages a big motor company garage, did the natural thing. He climbed out to investigate.

Immediately, he was aware of an odd sensation. He was rocked on his heels by air vibrations that surrounded and beat down on him. He heard a sinister whining and crackling. "I sensed something fantastic and really menacing in the air above," he said. "It was in keeping with the sounds of high-powered refrigeration or deep-freeze units. But this was way, way above

that level, magnified thousands of times. After three minutes things were back to normal. I pressed the starter button, my jalopy purred away perfectly—just as if it never had been abruptly halted in its tracks at high speed.”

Hill insists, “There was a definite impression of something pressing down on me relentlessly. If there’d been a trench or ditch handy, I’d have jumped into it with pleasure and relief.”

When will “The Thing” go away, if it really does exist? Why did it

come to Warminster in the first place? If it is only “imagination” how is it that so many people have suffered such strange attacks of “imagination”?

There are many more questions about “The Thing” that will have to be answered before Warminster returns to being a quiet little market town where nothing very exciting ever happens. The people of Warminster feel they have had enough excitement in the past year to last them for more than a lifetime.



IS SCIENTIFIC AURA DETECTION HERE?

By Wanda Sue Parrott

DURING world War II a major breakthrough in infrared application was effected with the invention of the “Sniperscope” rifle. All objects above freezing point, it had been discovered, emit a radiation which is invisible to the human eye.

The “Sniperscope” rifle was equipped with an infrared source, which focussed a concentrated beam ahead of the rifleman, and a reflector sensitive to infrared radiation. This energy was received and converted through an electron tube on the weapon. The image appeared on a lens, which allowed the soldier not only to see the enemy in the dark, but to take direct aim and fire. A soldier in a thick jungle at

night could aim the “Sniperscope” and see objects several yards ahead of him, although he could see nothing with his eyes alone.

Science has scoffed at reports that sensitives are able to walk straight up to a person in the corner of a pitch-black room, extend hands and say, “Good evening, Mr. Jones. It’s nice to see you.” The sensitive, it is explained, identifies Mr. Jones by his distinctive aura pattern.

Science has claimed that seeing is believing and possibly, with the application of infrared detection to the “Sniperscope,” a major gap has been bridged. Perhaps in the future science will acknowledge the existence of the human aura.



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Driven by fear, greed or simple curiosity, man has sought ways to part the veil of the future. Here are methods—ingenious and ingenuous—he has used.

By Ralph M. Lewis

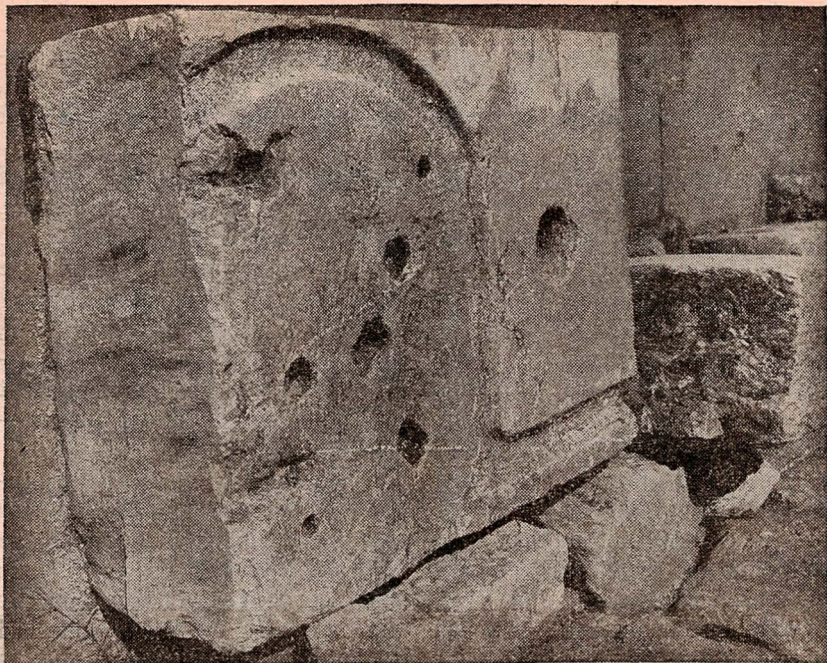
WHAT HAS led multitudes of persons, in every period of history, to attempt to learn the future by methods of divination or prophecy?

Apparently there is never ending fear and intense curiosity about the flow of time we call the future. *

Man cannot perceive the future objectively or as readily as he can the present or the past. The future constitutes a vast *unknown*. What events lie behind its obscurity? Do

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they portend favorable circumstances? Do they offer opportunities to be clutched now before they are lost forever? Perhaps this future conceals dire events which may befall the unwary in his innocence or ignorance. To know the future, then it can be assumed, will favor man and give him a tremendous power to avoid pitfalls and to obtain great



Stones shown are in the famous Temple of Apollo, Delphi, Greece, where predictions were given in ancient times. Stone bearing holes once supported an oracle's tripod.

down the centuries

and lasting personal advantage.

Thus the reasons for man's wanting to reveal the future by methods of divination are obvious. Divination, or prediction, implies that the future in the stream of time is an established fact. It is considered as much a reality as either the past or the present. Man conceives a future; he images events that could

transpire, and he associates with such concepts the same reality he associates with his recollections and actual perception of the present. Psychologically, to such persons all instances and their causal connections already exist in time. The past projects into the present and the present into the future. To see the future is merely to get a "preview"

of a pattern, definitely pre-established and unavoidable, which those who seek to reveal it do not doubt exists.

Just what this positive reality, the future, is, the inquirer does not know. He is aware, of course, that his ordinary faculties of perception do not disclose it. The disclosure is thus usually associated with an occult or supernatural faculty. Under some circumstances the individual believes he may attain that super-perception whereby he may directly discern the future. Then, again, he may believe that persons or objects under unique conditions may cause him to be aware of tomorrow's happenings.

What are the methods employed for divination, for prophecy?

One of the commonest causes of auguries, or presaging the future, is that of association; the association of events with some unusual experience. A primitive person, for example, may have his attention drawn to a peculiarly shaped stone in his pathway. His curiosity compels him to examine it and ponder why it is so formed and why it evoked his curiosity. Subsequently, while the peculiar stone is still vivid in his memory, some exceptional event occurs which has a strong impact upon his emotional nature. By association of ideas, a kind of sympathetic magic, he relates the finding of the stone to the latter

occurrence. To him, the stone becomes either a good or bad omen, depending upon the experience that followed.

There are two general types of divination. One is the automatic, which means the omen itself, or the object for example, suggests the nature of the future event. Simply explained, the object, by its shape, color, movement, or other characteristic, divines that a certain event will occur and will be either favorable or unfavorable.

The other type of divination consists of an appeal to an imagined superior intelligence, a deity or an intermediary, such as a priest. It embraces the thought that some rite performed by the priest will lead to knowing the future.

The actual practices of divination, of which there are many, fall into one of these two general categories. We can consider here a few of the more common ones. Most of them are prevalent today, not alone among primitive cultures but also among those we consider advanced civilizations.

An old custom still practiced in many European countries is *divination from bodily actions*. This refers to forming predictions from the observance of certain bodily movements of human beings. The cracking of the joints, fingers, and knees, which may occur involuntarily, is thought to presage an

event. All who practice this form of divination, however, do not attribute identical meanings to the same method. Stumbling, under this class of divination is thought to portend an unlucky event. Sneezing is imagined to foretell the coming of some unfortunate, personal event. For this reason we observe the old custom of saying, "God bless you!" to and on behalf of the one who has sneezed.

Another method is *divination by ordeal*. To an extent, this is similar to the old practice of trial by ordeal. The premise here is that the deity will favor the participant in the ordeal if the desired future event is to occur. If it is not to occur as expected or desired, then the one undertaking the ordeal—whether by fire or water—will experience great suffering or fail in some way. The implication is that the deity gives a sign by aiding or by inflicting suffering on the one undergoing the ordeal.

Divination by animals is very common among many peoples of primitive, simple cultures. This consists of observing the movements of animals and interpreting these movements in relation to conceived events of the future. Examples are: the direction in which startled birds will take to flight; the crowing of cocks at an unusual hour; the number of offspring that an animal will bear; the pattern of flight taken

by wild geese or wild ducks.

Divination has existed from the most remote times of which we have historical record. The Assyro-Babylonians had diverse methods of divination although it appears some were more popular than others. These peoples assumed that certain individuals possessed the powers of seership. They performed such duties professionally for fees. The priests had such a calling and they performed their rites with solemnity. In fact, among the Babylonians, divination was a sort of theurgical practice; that is, the gods were induced to reveal the future to the priests. The rites for such inducement were recondite and jealously guarded by the priests.

The Assyrian king, Ashurbanipal (669-626 B.C.), collected in his great library at Nineveh numerous clay tablets relating, not only to the practice of divination, but delineating what was foretold. Modern archeologists have translated many of these from the cuneiform inscriptions. The Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum has a great number of these tablets and cones in its Assyro-Babylonian collection.

One apparently popular method of divination was by *oil*. A priest poured drops of oil on water, with appropriate ceremony, and the prognostication was determined from the formation the oil drops assumed in relation to each other.

This is comparable to reading tea leaves or even to the formation of ink blots in the Rorschach ink-blot tests. Although the latter is used to determine an individual's subconscious motivations, whereas, of course, the Assyrians interpretation had to do with events of the future.

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HISTORY ALSO RECOUNTS the method of divination used by the people of Mesopotamia. It is known as *hepatoscopy*. This method involved the examination of the liver of a recently slain sheep or goat. Ancient historians such as Herodotus described the process of this form of divination. The various parts of the organ were studied. Particular attention was paid to the "lower right and left lobes of the liver and their appendices." From these, there came forth an association of ideas that eventually became traditional symbols of future events and their relationship to man. "The swollen gall bladder was regarded as pointing to an increase of power; on the other hand, a depression in the lower gate pointed to a decrease in power . . . signs noted on the right side were favorable, on the left side unfavorable." Most ancient peoples of primitive culture regarded the liver and not the heart as "the seat of life".

Babylonia was the birthplace of astrology, which evolved into the

science of astronomy. The Chaldeans were considered the foremost astrologers of the ancient world. In fact, astrologers in that period were often referred to as Chaldeans, whether they were of that culture or not. The relationship of the planets and the constellations to the earth and to each other were assumed to assert a definite influence upon human lives. At first the celestial bodies were considered deities and their movements were thought to impose their will on human action and thought. The priests were the astrologers and astronomers. The practice of foretelling the future by means of astrology still prevails among millions of persons in the modern world. Certainly, modern *astronomy* owes a debt to these first stargazers because they brought forth man's first knowledge of the heavens.

Ancient Egypt also had its forms of divination. Divination by movements of animals was common, particularly the interpretation of the flight of birds in connection with events. The movements of sacred birds and animals, such as the hawk that represented the god, Horus, and the Apis bull, were interpreted most seriously. Astrology was practiced in Egypt but not as commonly as in Asia. The Assyrians and Babylonians were more versed in knowledge of the celestial bodies. In Egypt also, the priests had the

people turn directly to the gods for divination. These images of the gods by gesture, by movement of head or hands, would answer questions put to them by the supplicant. It appears from surviving artifacts and paintings that puppets of the gods were used, with strings attached. At least, this is what the noted Egyptologist, Maspero, relates. Surreptitiously, the priest pulled the strings for the answering gestures. This is only another example of the deceptions practiced by priesthoods through the ages, to appease the curiosity and fears of the masses over whom they held dominion.

Children, too, were used by the Egyptians for divination. It was thought that by his innocence a child was a channel through which the gods would impart their wisdom. So, the children were consulted about the future, and their childish comments were interpreted for the people by the priests.

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IN THE LONG period of Greece's history, various methods of divination were used, especially since the Greeks were contiguous to other great civilizations and their practices.

"A rumor that spread throughout the crowds" and was generally accepted by the people became officially endorsed as having been sent by the gods.

The great oracular shrine to which the ancient world paid homage for centuries was the Shrine of Apollo at Delphi. The Delphic or Pythian Oracles, as they were known, were especially selected young girls who were obliged to dwell at Delphi in its magnificently rugged setting on the slopes of Mt. Parnassus. It is said there was a cleft in the rock from which a vapor was emitted. The young oracles sat on tripods placed over these clefts and inhaled the vapors which, we assume, induced a state of intoxication. Their almost incoherent remarks were interpreted by the priests as answers to the specific questions submitted by the thousands who came annually from throughout the world to hear the words of wisdom. It was believed that the god, Apollo, spoke through these oracles.

Each time, before the Delphic maidens assumed their oracular seating, they had to drink from the sacred Castalian Spring nearby. This was a rite of lustration.

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THE LATER Christian sects condemned divination. They termed it magic and said it was "a morbid curiosity that excited anxiety." They insisted such practices "held the will in bondage." Clement of Alexandria declared, "The gates of divine reason are rational and they are opened by the key of

faith." In effect, this meant that by religious faith alone man came to know his mission and his future; therefore, he should not try by an artifice to penetrate what should not be revealed to him. However, in primitive Christianity, there are many examples of divination, especially by means of dream interpretation. Such dreams were extolled, however, as "revelations." There are, for example, the dreams of Joseph (Matthew 1:20; 2:12, 13, 22). A further example are the dreams of Pilate's wife.

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THE FUTURE is continually being created. It is the result of a succession of circumstances and events of the so-called *past* and *present*. There is a concatenation of causes and effects. Actually, causes and effects are not separated, one merges into the other in the flow of time. The only way truly to determine what may succeed the present moment is to come to know the *now* as thoroughly as we can. By that means, we can project much of the now into a possible succeeding period of time. To illustrate: if we throw a rock into the air, knowing the force of gravity, we may with accuracy predict that the rock will fall to earth in a future moment. It is not that the future had been disclosed to us; rather, it is that we know that the phenomenon which we now per-

ceive extends beyond itself, beyond the present moment of our consciousness, with certain results which must follow. In making a study of natural phenomena, science can predict what may be termed a "future." What is being done actually is to perceive one aspect of a phenomenon and know by past experience what will follow.

The best way to prognosticate tomorrow with any degree of certainty is to make a thorough study of *today*. One should become as familiar as possible with natural and cosmic laws. In doing so, he learns of the past, the present, and of a possible future, for there is no real separation between these dimensions of time. As historians know, there can be no future whose shadow does not exist in the events and circumstances of today. Further, it must be realized that change is an inevitable factor in all nature. A present condition may be modified by some other concomitant factor which we do not realize. Consequently, events of the future are not absolute. They come about as the result of a changing present.

It is fortunate that the future in its instances and events is not an absolutely fixed thing. It is even more fortunate that man cannot know his personal future exactly as it will be. It would many times be more disturbing to him than it would be to his advantage.

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DREAM OBITUARY

By Carol M. Tidwell

ON THE NIGHT OF June 22, 1964, I had the strangest, most frightening dream I've ever experienced. I dreamt my brother and I were children again and were digging in a flower bed by our childhood home.

My brother dug up an old purse which was stuffed with bits of paper and flaps from envelopes. These pieces of paper contained names and addresses of members of our family. I pulled out a piece of paper bearing my own name. It said:

Carol Mathers

Born July 10, 1894

Died

Before I could read all of it, my brother snatched it from my hands and ran toward the house.

I ran after him, yelling, "Wait! I want to see when I die."

Then the dream ended abruptly.

I awoke in a cold sweat. I was literally afraid to go back to sleep until I realized I was born in 1937 and not 1894.

Before 10:00 o'clock the next morning, my mother telephoned me from Sutersville, Pa., to tell me that my grandmother had died during the night while visiting a daughter in Akron, Ohio. Then my strange dream fell into place. My maiden name was Carol Mathers, and



CAROL TIDWELL

Grandmother's married name was Caroline Mathers and her birthdate was July 10, 1894!—*Manassas, Va.*

UNTIMELY ACCIDENT

By G. Hart

AT ABOUT 2:00 A.M. one morning in 1942 I awoke to see two tall, handsome Oriental men dressed in Oriental costumes, including turbans. They looked like twins. One of them said, "We have a message for you about your son. The time is 8:28 and the date is June 22."

When they started to turn away I said, "Wait! Is that A.M. or P.M. and is it good news or bad?" But they just smiled and walked right through the closed door and walls of my bedroom and disappeared.

I immediately got up and wrote down what was said on my memo pad. I noticed that June 22 was a Monday still two weeks away, which would give me plenty of time to warn my son who was attending an upstate college in New York. I wrote my son about my psychic experience and advised him not to ride his motorcycle on June 22. He did not think much of the warning but replied that he would do as I asked on that day just to please me.

The following Monday evening on June 15 I received a phone call from a doctor in a New York hospital and was told my son was unconscious from a motorcycle acci-

dent. I was requested to come at once. I glanced at the clock; it was exactly 8:28 P.M. However, the date was only June 15, one week earlier than the date given in the message.

I lived in New York when this happened and quickly drove up through the Catskill Mountains to the hospital, arriving there at about 4:00 A.M., when my son was just regaining consciousness from a slight skull fracture which required a 10-day stay in the hospital for full recovery.

I was puzzled as to why my Oriental friends who gave me the message should have been so exact as to the time, but a whole week off as to the date. The puzzle was solved by a writer-friend of mine whom I later visited in Topanga, Calif.

When I told her about the discrepancy in the message she said, "That's easy to figure out. They were using the old Egyptian calendar, which is one week earlier than ours!"—*Brookline, Mass.*

MIRROR, MIRROR ON THE WALL

By Louise Shaw

IT WAS A BLEAK, cold winter in 1938. I was living with my parents in Tewksbury, Mass., a small town 30 miles from Boston. The roads were covered with ice and snow from a recent heavy snow-storm. Icicles fringed the eaves of

barns and farmhouses.

No one went outside their home unless they had an important errand to do. However, my father Melvin Rogers, who was the town lawyer, felt he must deliver some legal papers to the town hall on a cold Saturday in February. He told my mother if there was anything she wanted at the general store he would pick it up while he was in town. He left the house after dinner at noon and drove down Whipple Road, which was covered with snow and ice.

Later in the afternoon I was standing at the top of the stairs combing my hair in front of a mirror that had been in my father's family since Colonial days. I was not thinking about anything in particular.

Slowly my reflection changed into the face of my father. He did not have his glasses on, which was very unusual, and there seemed to be a cut over his right eyebrow. Gradually, his face faded and I again saw my own face looking out at me with an expression of disbelief. I was so frightened my flesh had goosebumps although the house was cozy and warm.

I ran down the stairs and tried to explain to Mother what I had just seen in the mirror. She did not believe me and nonchalantly went back to playing the piano. I returned upstairs and tried to put the

vision out of my mind but I could not.

Approximately 15 or 20 minutes later I heard the back door open. I flew down the stairs in time to see my father come into the kitchen. He did not have his glasses on and blood was running down his face from a gash over his right eyebrow.

He told my mother and me that his car had skidded on the ice, hit a telephone pole and landed in a ditch. He had bumped his head on the steering wheel breaking his glasses and cutting his forehead. He had walked home from the accident site and this had taken about 15 or 20 minutes. So I had seen him in the mirror at about the same time the accident had occurred or very shortly afterwards.

After we put a bandage on Father's cut and had all calmed down I told him about the incredible vision the mirror had showed me.—
Delmar, N.Y.

ACROSS THE MILES

By Louise Savage Mapp

SINCE THE NIGHT my only child, David, first was placed in my arms 37 years ago there has been an unusually strong bond between us. David was born and raised in my parent's home in Onley, Va.

Widowed when my son was a small child, I never was able to spend enough time with him be-

cause I had to work. Later I had to leave him in my parent's care when I went to work in Washington, D.C.

David finished school during World War II, promptly enlisted in the Air Corp, and was sent abroad. On his return from Europe he matriculated at the University of California. Later he returned to Washington, D.C., where I was employed and we were happily reunited once more.

Several years ago David left to take a job in Honolulu, Hawaii. We were again separated physically, but the warm flame of love between us continued to burn brightly.

In November, 1964, I retired on disability and returned to Onley, Va., a small town on a tiny peninsula, where I had spent much of my girlhood. On January 14, 1965, my phone rang. It was a radiogram stating my son was critically ill in a Honolulu hospital from an accidental gunshot wound in the head. Would I give permission for surgery?

Despite the mental fog which engulfed me I managed to dictate a message of consent. I tried to call Honolulu but couldn't get through because of bad weather conditions. Onley was covered with eight inches of snow, snow was still falling, and I was alone.

I am a Catholic so I started calling priests to say masses and fellow-

Catholics to pray. After a few hours I was able to get a call through to a cousin, who is a Washington, D.C., lawyer. He promised to call me as soon as he could talk with the Honolulu hospital.

The hours dragged. I prayed. I walked. One thing stands out vividly in my memory from all those hours. As I prayed I would unconsciously finish each prayer by saying out loud to my son, "Keep fighting, Son. Fight."

Finally my cousin called and said David had survived the operation but that was all the doctors could say. They explained if my son lived there might be brain damage or paralysis from his head injury.

Since I was unable to fly to Honolulu I could only wait for more news. At long last phone calls and letters started coming in. I was informed that David was mentally alert but paralyzed on the left side. He continued to improve and late in May was fitted with a leg brace, a cane, and a special sling for his left arm. Then he was moved to Long Beach, Calif., for therapy.

I wrote to David again, giving him my phone number and asking him to call collect when he was able. Somehow, I felt it would be "my" call if I could pay for it. On July 6 he called me and seemed to be bubbling with cheerfulness. He told me the doctors called his recovery a miracle.

But his next words sent shivers down my spine. He said, "Mom, why did you leave Honolulu before I was well enough to talk to you."

"Son," I replied, "I wasn't there."

"But Mom," David insisted, "when I wanted to slip back into unconsciousness I heard your voice. I certainly know my own mother's voice. You said, 'Keep fighting, Son. Fight.'"

A miracle, yes, but I call it God's answer to prayer.

By what invisible power was my voice transmitted to my son — from the United States to Honolulu, Hawaii—to call him back from death? —*Onley, Va.*

SOMETHING PUSHED ME

By Clara R. Lain

MY STORY begins years ago, in the fall of 1929, when the city where I lived, Los Angeles, was on the verge of a financial crisis. Business, however, went on as usual but loan companies refused to extend the time of payment on second mortgages or increase first mortgages on residential property.

At that time my home had two mortgages—the second a trust deed for about \$2500 which was due in less than a month. All my efforts to renew it or increase the first mortgage failed.

The loss of any home is a disaster to those concerned. But I was the sole support of myself and a teen-

age daughter and earned just enough to pay our living expenses, taxes and monthly house payments, and so had cause for worry.

Fortunately, shortly before the scheduled foreclosure proceedings were to begin a friend, who had sold some property in another state, offered to lend me the money to pay off the second mortgage on my home and trust me for the necessary security. He gave me his personal check on an out-of-state bank.

The next day I went downtown to deposit his check in a bank considered the soundest financial institution in town. The president, a highly respected citizen, had a fine reputation as a trustworthy and shrewd business man and the bank building itself was splendid, inside and outside.

When I entered the bank a man in an expensive uniform helped me locate the clerk in charge of new accounts. Then I stood for some time behind a long line of depositors who also were opening new accounts.

Finally, I was first in line and I told the clerk that I wanted to open a new account. He asked for my name and address, filled out the deposit slip, then gave it back to me with a pen so I could endorse my check for \$2500.

There were 10 persons behind me waiting impatiently for an opportunity to open new accounts.

I took the pen and had begun to write my first name when something pushed me away from the clerk's window—pushed me so hard I almost lost my balance.

Frightened, I dropped the pen, picked up my check and ran swiftly from the bank while everyone in the building stared at me as if I suddenly had lost my mind.

Once outside, I breathed deeply and didn't care *what* anyone thought about my flight. Then I went directly to the loan company and endorsed my check as suggested and made arrangements to give my friend the proper security.

A week or so later, Los Angeles newspapers carried big headlines announcing that the president of the bank from which I had fled had shot himself because of unwise investments and mismanagement. It was the stock market crash of 1929.

The bank closed its doors and never reopened them. Depositors lost hundreds of thousands of dollars. Their checks bounced everywhere. But my home was safe—thanks to my invisible friend who pushed me hard away from the new accounts window.—*Burbank, Calif.*



THE BOMB WAS PREDICTED

A LETTER by Fred K. J. Humphreys, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex, England, in the London *Sunday Express* for May 30, 1965, relates the salient details of an amazing prediction which, made when he was 10 years old, came true 30 years later.

In the summer of 1914, Fred K. J. Humphreys wrote, he was told by a clairvoyant—who is not otherwise identified—that he would be injured by something that came through the air in the dark with a light. It would come from the south, the clairvoyant added—and not in the war then soon to start, but in another war to come many years later.

The flying object, the clairvoyant went on, would be made at a distant place in the East, called "Pen" or "Peenee." This was all the clairvoyant was able to reveal, explaining that events then were "too far ahead in time."

On a Sunday morning in 1944, Humphreys stated in his letter, he was badly injured by a German rocket bomb. He saw it coming—and it looked just like the clairvoyant had said it would 30 years before. And no doubt it was made at Peenemunde, the German rocket research and manufacturing center. (*Courtesy J. P. J. Chapman, Poole, Dorset, England.*)



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WEEPING ICON

Tears were reported to flow on this picture of the Virgin.
Was it delusion, fraud—or a genuine miracle?

By Raymond Bayless

WEEPING MADONNAS as well as religious statues, paintings, and relics of all kinds that behave in miraculous manner have been reported in large numbers throughout the centuries.

For example, in *Life Magazine*, July 26, 1962, a full page presented the story of a painting of The Virgin of Guadalupe, done by Bartolo Blasnich's 17-year-old daughter, Carmita, an amateur painter in Mexico City. Witnesses reported that the painting was curiously and puzzlingly warm.

Blood is said to drip from the shattered finger of a figure of St. Anne belonging to Jean Salte, of

France, who smashed the statue's finger one day in 1954. Experts who examined the exuded fluid reportedly state it definitely is blood.

An article, *The Sad Virgin of Ciudad Mier*, published in *FATE*, in April, 1965, describes a weeping statue of the virgin in Mexico.

Considerable publicity was given to a broken plaster statue of St. Anne, mother of the Holy Virgin, which belongs to the family of Shirley Anne Martin of Syracuse, N.Y., when, in 1940, tears fell from the statue's eyes in the presence of numerous witnesses. This remarkable phenomenon was photographed.

In a letter to Dr. Hereward Carington, dated May 18, 1914, the Hon. Everard Feilding, for many years secretary of the *Society For Psychological Research*, told of a curious series of "miracles" that took place in a small town near Poitiers. He described an oleograph of the Sacred Heart which bled, a weeping statue of the virgin, a Calvary Cross which bled and consecrated Hosts which also exuded blood. Feilding wrote that he saw the print with long channels ending in what appeared to be drops of blood, and several Hosts which were covered with a blood-like liquid.

In a later letter, dated June 15, 1914, Feilding wrote that the priest involved had been excommunicated by Rome and he had no further news of the case. Nevertheless, certain aspects of it still are puzzling.

I admit I do think such effects are very occasionally authentic, although, I regret to say, the majority are either fraudulent or the accounts given result from credulity or inaccurate interpretation of what is observed. Very, very few ever are investigated scientifically.

The authenticity of a certain percentage of these reports can be remarked upon by paraphrasing a portion of Mark Twain's *Innocents Abroad*. When in Jerusalem he visited the purported residence of St. Veronica where he saw the famed handkerchief with which she wiped

the perspiration from the Savior's face and upon which, it is said, a perfect portrait was formed and remains to this day. Twain said he knew this was true because he had seen the handkerchief in a cathedral in Spain, one in Paris, two in Italy, one in Milan, and another at St. Peter's in Rome. He observed that he considered this ample verification indeed!

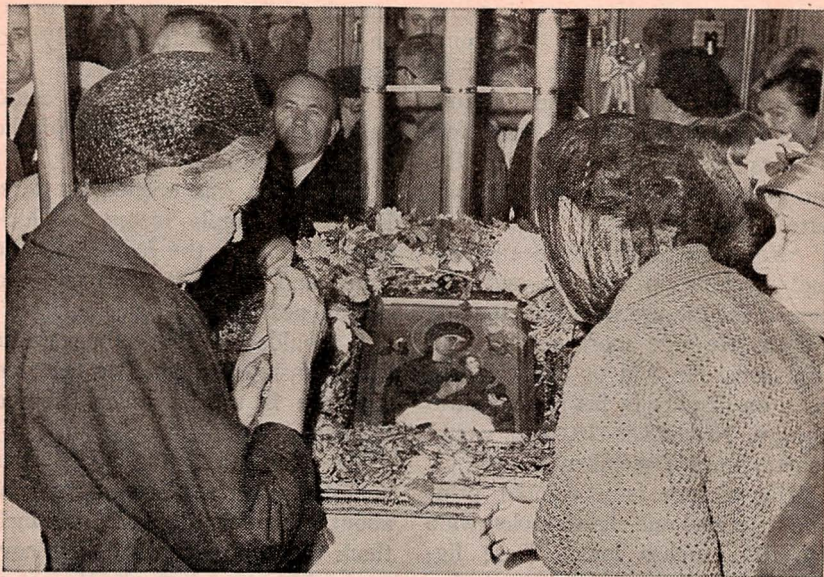
A significant account of fraudulent mystical phenomena was published in 1853, authored by Capt. Edmund Spencer and titled *A Tour of Inquiry Through France and Italy, Illustrating Their Present Social, Political, and Religious Conditions*. This rather lengthily titled book gives the history of a pseudomystic, Rose Tamisier, who was born in 1818 and disappeared from public view in 1862. Among other things she discovered blood upon a picture depicting the Descent From The Cross. The liquid was found to be human blood, but ultimately a great scandal ensued when it was discovered Rose surreptitiously had placed the blood upon the painting and thus created a "miracle".

This is, of course, only one of many such cases.

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RECENTLY a friend and I investigated a weeping madonna, or icon, about which extremely interesting phenomena were reported.

The case has been widely pub-



Visitors view the "weeping" icon, or painting of the Madonna, on display at Holy Transfiguration Russian Orthodox Church in Los Angeles. (Los Angeles Times photo.)

licized and the icon has been displayed in many cities in this country.

My attention first was called to it by an article in the Los Angeles *Times* for Saturday, November 28, 1964, which described a "weeping madonna", or icon, on display at the Holy Transfiguration Russian Orthodox Church in Los Angeles. The article stated that members of the church were paying homage to the icon, or religious painting of the madonna, that reportedly was weeping there. The newspaper article identified the icon as belong-

ing to Mrs. Antonia Kulis of Long Island City, N.Y., who had come to Los Angeles with it. According to Archbishop Antony, leader of the Russian Orthodox faith for the Southern California diocese, the icon is the third "weeping madonna" to be owned by the Kulis family. The present icon reportedly began to "weep" on May 17, 1960, and has not ceased since.

"To us the meaning is very clear and definite," the Archbishop said. "The madonna is worried about our lives and our sins."

My friend and I drove to the

church immediately after reading the article and found the icon prominently displayed there. It was elaborately framed and resting upon a pedestal. There were few viewers at 10:00 o'clock in the morning and we examined the picture at our leisure.

After a preliminary inspection we met Archbishop Antony and discussed the picture with him at some length. He was most helpful and courteous. He told us the icon had been on display in his church since Friday, November 20, and would remain until December 8.

The picture is a colored print about six and one-eighth inches wide by 10½ inches long. These figures were obtained by measuring identical prints which were on sale in the church. We were told the money received from this sale would be used to erect a shrine to house the miraculous madonna. A careful inspection indicated the icon and the prints were identical.

The icon was surrounded by a red velvet liner which, in turn, was encased in an elaborate gold frame. The picture was covered with glass. The frame formed a case which was locked with a small, inexpensive lock. There were numerous articles—rings, bracelets, crucifixes—fastened to the velvet liner. The distance from the back of the print to the back of the case was about one inch. A piece of cotton was

placed at the bottom of the print, under the glass, presumably to catch the miraculous tears.

We asked if the frame-case could be opened so that the back of the icon could be inspected.

The frame was opened by Mrs. Kulis who simply forced the lock open. She took the icon from the frame and rested it upon one end of the nearby table.

I should add that our remarks were translated to her. It was stated that she is unable to understand English.

We saw that the print was mounted upon a piece of material about three-eighths of an inch thick which, as described, was covered with red velvet. It, therefore, was impossible to see the back of the print. The icon seemed securely mounted upon the material and within the velvet liner.

We were permitted to examine the print but were asked not to touch it.

At this time Archbishop Anthony attempted to obtain a sample of the tears for us with an eyedropper I had brought for this purpose. A small particle which was scraped onto the end of the eyedropper tasted sweet and was semi-solid in nature.

The tears had left two streams, or streaks, down the picture. These "tracks" started at the eyes and in fact, appeared to come from the

pupils. There were areas along the tracks where the surface of the picture was marred due to the prolonged presence, seemingly, of the liquid. The right eye was partially destroyed and showed a puffiness at one spot. The tear tracks seem to have been formed by a residue left by an evaporated, partially crystallized liquid. There were a few "tear drops" actually rounded, or raised, from the surface of the picture. They resembled water drops.

It was difficult to study these tears due to light reflections but we did note the positions of the two large drops and compared their positions at a later date. They had not changed and I saw no evidence that any new formations or changes of any kind had occurred.

During our first visit we were told that a number of miraculous cures were attributable to the icon. One woman, who was acting as interpreter, suddenly cried out that a new tear was descending from an eye. I looked immediately but in my opinion such was absolutely not the case.

I was told by the archbishop that Mrs. Kulis did not leave the icon at the church at night but took it away with her and brought it back each morning.

I returned to the Holy Transfiguration Russian Orthodox Church on December 4 to complete my investigation. I again examined

the print closely, this time with a magnifying glass and a flashlight. By shining the direct light upon the area I wished to study and using the glass at the same time, I was able to study the effects carefully and well. I could see no evidence of pinholes for the admittance of liquid through the eyes but the surfaces of the eyes and the pupils were so disturbed by the prolonged presence of the "tears" that it would be impossible to know that small holes never had been present. I again studied the tracks made upon the cheeks by the liquid and decided they were not water, but rather resembled a crystallized substance. Sunlight fell upon the print at one point, further confirming my belief in the crystallized nature of the tracks. The drops, or tears, that I again studied particularly were rounded in form, like tears. But, I repeat, I saw no evidence of any change in the appearance or positions of these tears since my last viewing!

The drop near the right-hand wrist remained rounded in form and had not moved since we first saw it. This was true also of the other drop which my friend and I had noted for position.

In evaluating evidence in any case it becomes the duty of the investigator to play the part of devil's advocate, to consider all methods of fraud or error that may

apply. A case of genuine paranormal phenomenon will survive this test since the various types of error, results of poor observation, and actual fraud will be wanting. However, it undoubtedly happens that a case of quite genuine paranormal phenomenon cannot be scientifically proved because all possibility of fraud and/or error cannot be ruled out.

In the case of this weeping icon it is my opinion that delusion, hysteria, or just poor powers of objective observation do play a major part. Some viewers and worshippers were convinced they saw tears appear and move on the surface of the icon while my friend and I were present. On the other hand, we both were convinced, because of our careful examination, that the substance of the tear was not liquid and did not flow or descend even a fraction of an inch. However, in these cases, self-delusion is to be expected and does not represent the important consideration.

Two quite practical methods of fraudulently creating a weeping icon occur to me.

One would necessitate a small container of liquid hidden within the material upon which the print

was mounted so that the liquid flowed through small holes in the pupils of the eyes. This container could be replenished when the print was not on public display.

Another simple, easy method would be merely to use a solution created by boiling sugar in water. A very fine tear-effect can be gotten with this. There are other usable solutions which could be dribbled upon a print to create the effect.

In this particular case the tears give every indication of being of a hardened, semi-solid material. And we are unable to rule out the possibility that the tear effect was created by applying some fluid that solidified into a nearly transparent mass.

Only one conclusion is possible to the dispassionate investigator: a similar "weeping icon" easily could be created.

The conditions surrounding this icon, the method of showing it, the fact that a really thorough examination is impossible because of the manner of its framing, do not allow us to rule out the possibility of fraud.

Consequently, this case of the "weeping madonna" cannot be considered to be paranormal.



My Daughter's SURGERY by FILIPINO SPIRITISM

Fear filled me as the Filipino healer touched little Teri's eyes. Could his "Spiritism" accomplish a miracle and save her threatened sight?

As told to B. Ann Slate

WHAT DO YOU do when a king-sized miracle happens to you?

You tell your friends and they start taking up a collection to whisk your slipping sanity to the nearest analyst. Nevertheless, I've just decided this is too big a story to keep quiet about any longer. The searching world has a right to know that the magic of believing and the force of God are as manifest today as when water became wine and Lazarus rose from the dead.

It was a sweltering night in Manila in July, 1964. My seven-year-old daughter, Teri, and I were taking the long way around from Australia to our new home in California. Our first stop was the Philippines. Perhaps I'd chosen the Orient route to stall for time, putting off the dreaded diagnosis about Teri's eyes when we reached Los Angeles. There was something wrong but our Australian

family doctor had refused to commit himself and only urged we get a specialist's opinion. In order to read, Teri had to hold a book right under her nose and her eyes constantly ran like two waterfalls.

A knock on the hotel room door that night signaled the arrival of my old friend, Zeina Amara, whom we'd accidentally bumped into in Manila. She had insisted we go that evening to witness the wondrous healings performed by men called Spiritists.

"I'm ready to see those old witch doctors of yours," I laughed as she walked in.

"You'll see more than you bargained for, Ann," Zeina replied earnestly.

I wanted to tease her more about this new mystic kick but the seriousness of her attitude stopped me. So, with a good night kiss for my little girl, along with stern instruc-

tions to obey the baby sitter, we were off, on what would prove to be the greatest experience of my life.

A brief taxi trip later, we walked into the living room of the large home of Guillermo Tolentino on Retro Street. At least 200 Filipino peasants were crowded there, watching a man in a sport shirt who was bending over a sheet-covered table. Obtaining permission, Zeina led me straight to the operating table.

A small boy lay there, gently touching a swollen spot on his leg. I saw the Spiritist point his finger at this spot. I saw the skin open, to expose an angry-looking ball of flesh about the size of a large marble. I saw the "surgeon" calmly reach into the wound and with two fingers take out this reddish mass. I saw, but my mind could not accept it.

My eyes raced to the child's face, expecting to read there the excruciating pain caused by this seeming barbarism. But the boy was composed, even smiling a little and apparently in no discomfort whatsoever. I turned to Zeina but she ignored my stark disbelief.

"The medium's name is Blanche," Zeina whispered. "The Spirit of God is operating through Blanche's trance. Watch him, Ann, don't be afraid."

Blanche dropped the growth into

a pan held by an attendant and then, with his finger, gently rubbed the incision. I saw the parted skin come together until only the faintest line evidenced the spot of the wound. Instantly healed, the boy jumped off the table to make room for the next patient, smiling his gratitude at Blanche as he left the room.

I stood rooted, with my mouth gaping, as I saw an opening appear in the side of a woman's breast. Blanche again reached in and removed a gray-looking object resembling an anchovy. I've got to be dreaming, I thought wildly. And yet that awesome night, I witnessed over 100 operations for the removal of what appeared to be inflamed appendixes, goiters, kidney stones, tumors and growths from every part of the body. In each case, there was no pain evident on the patient's face, little or no bleeding, and instantaneous healing.

When at last Zeina and I returned to the hotel room, I was confused and dead tired, but still protesting what I'd witnessed. "There just has to be a rational explanation for this, Zeina, like mass hypnosis or something."

"Honey, the facts are so easy that they're hard for people like us to understand," she replied. "It's simply the biggest force in the universe working through the absolute belief of these Spiritists who know

that it's there." She went on to explain that they refuse any fee or gratuity for that would be like charging for God's Love.

There was almost a note of sadness as she asked, "Ann, don't you believe in God or have any faith at all?"

Just then, Teri sleepily announced that she wished to see the "magic doctors" too and I was terribly glad for the interruption. In the light of all I'd seen that night, how could I admit to Zeina that I'd thought God was a father-type figurehead for the church?

The next afternoon found Zeina, Teri and me in Quezon City, a small town on the far side of Manila where the Spiritists had gone to heal those too far away to come into the city proper. Again, the operations were held in a home large enough to contain the multitude of peasants who flocked there. Small slips of paper were passed around and those wishing cures wrote their names and described their pain or illness.

I glanced around at the many faces all wearing the same look of hope and assurance. Well, it can't hurt if Teri's eyes are just *looked* at, I thought. So on impulse, I wrote my daughter's name, followed by the description "Eyes are weak and watery."

After the papers were collected I was sorry. My rusty wheel of

faith had quit turning after only one short forward revolution.

Then my attention focussed on a young woman who was being helped to the table, She was bent with pain and clutching her side.

"Ask Blanche if my finger can be used to do the operating," I whispered and Zeina conveyed my request in her smattering knowledge of Tagalog.

To my amazement, Blanche took my hand. I had just a moment to observe his glazed eyes which stared right through me. Then his hand guided my extended finger to the woman's stomach, holding it about 12 inches from her side. Instantly her flesh parted. I felt my own stomach lurch as Blanche reached into the opening and removed a bloated red appendix. Taking a tablespoon, he scooped out infectious matter from the internal cavity. Moments later, her abdomen healed without a trace of scar. The woman walked proudly away.

My knees were shaking under me. I tried to fight against the dark fog closing in as Blanche again used my finger as a God-directed instrument to part the skin of an old man's neck. Then another woman stood before the surgeon and began picking small objects from her palms. My friend's sharp nudge brought the room back into focus.

"It looks like she's got jungle rot like you," Zeina said. "Go on,

put your hands by hers."

Jungle rot, the familiar name for a fungus I'd been plagued with since I was a child; a condition no doctor of the countless many I'd consulted had been able to halt.

I acted on Zeina's suggestion like a sleepwalker. Blanche began picking dozens of small white things resembling stickers from my hands. There was no sensation but the scratching of his fingernails as he plucked at my skin. Then he stopped.

"Did you get it all?" I heard my voice ask weakly.

He shook his head and Zeina translated. "He says it's late now and he'll finish next time."

Suddenly, Teri's name was called out. She came forward slowly, her wide eyes showing the shock she felt at all this. Blanche raised her eyelids and peered close. I could only speak in a whisper. "Is there anything wrong?"

He nodded.

Zeina said, "He says there's something wrong with both eyes."

Teri went white, grabbing me fiercely around the legs and holding on for dear life. "No, Mummy, don't let them touch me!" She screamed. "It's too scary!"

Zeina practically pushed us outside where we could talk.

"Ann, you must get through to the child. Tomorrow the surgeons leave for two weeks and you'll be

gone before they return. Can't you see you were led to Manila, that our meeting here was no accident?" she urged.

And so I tried to convince my little girl that a divine hand had led us here but my voice sounded hollow and it was only my friend's mountain of faith that gave me the courage to speak at all.

Teri was no match for the two adults bombarding her with pleas and arguments. Big tears streamed down her face as she finally released her death grip on me and walked with resignation back toward that operating table.

The room was almost deserted now. As Blanche walked to meet us his gaze was normal. He was seeing our world again. The trance was over and there would be no more healings that day. I heard Zeina begging him to help Teri while I stood woodenly by. When Blanche finally agreed to see us early the next day before his trip, I felt I'd been granted a stay of execution. At least I still had time to change my mind.

Teri slept soundly as I paced up and back that interminable night. My table of belief stood on such wobbly legs and on this swaying framework I was going to place my only child—more precious to me than life. I think, now, God must have shaken His head at my ambiguous appeal.

"Thy will be done, God," I prayed, "But if anything goes wrong, if she goes blind, I'll kill myself!"

As the sky lightened to dawn, I still wore fear like a heavy coat. It was my daughter's completely calm attitude that held me together as we faced Blanche that morning. His stare indicated the trance already was accomplished as he motioned Teri to the table. Then he began gently to rub her right eyelid, seemingly to work something from the outside of the eye toward the bridge of her nose.

"Mummy, I feel something coming out!" Teri exclaimed. And with that, Blanche held an object resembling a small gray stone between his fingers.

"Stop! Don't do the other eye!" my fear cried out but the surgeon was listening only to a divine guiding voice and not to me. He began to rub Teri's other eyelid and soon the second small stone appeared. My relief and joy knew no bounds as my little girl sat up and smiled directly, pointedly at me.

It's been almost a year now since these wonders occurred. Teri's eyes have been thoroughly checked and tested by a well-known ophthalmologist in Los Angeles and pronounced perfect in all respects. The remainder of my fungus, which Blanche removed immediately following Teri's surgery, has never re-

turned to torment me.

World, this is the evidence I offer you. Miracles haven't stopped just because the last chapter in our Bible has been written. God's Spirit of Love still works daily in the Philippines through simple, dark men whose faith is big enough to let Him in.

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THE TELLER of this story must go unnamed outside the files of FATE Magazine because she already has experienced a great deal of ridicule and unhappiness from relating her miracle. Her daughter now attends a church school and she feels it is desirable to keep all publicity away from the child.

The ophthalmologist consulted in California examined Teri's eyes and stated that any prior surgery was an impossibility as no scars were in evidence. He apparently did not believe Ann's account of the Manila operation. Nevertheless, Teri's eyes and vision remain perfect to this day.

The "small gray stones" from Teri's eyes were placed in a vial immediately after the operation. Alcohol was added to preserve them, but enroute to California Ann heard that formaldehyde was a better preservative and so mixed the chemicals. Regrettably the "stones" began to bloat and slowly to disintegrate. The vial was left with the ophthalmologist for laboratory ex-

amination. He kept it a month and when Ann, tired of waiting for the results of the analysis, finally asked to have the vial returned to her the nurse said, "He thinks it is vegetable matter." Ann believes no laboratory test was run. The "stones"

were gone except for small sedimentary pieces remaining in the bottom. These Ann retains in her possession.

FATE Magazine holds Ann's notarized statement that this story is true as told.



BRAINWAVE CLUES IN HOMING SALMON

A MYSTERY of long standing has been how salmon return from the sea to spawn in precisely the stream or tributary in which they were reared. Recent studies by zoologists indicate that olfactory guidance plays a prime role in the final stage of the migration, when the salmon are in fresh water. Experiments in which the olfactory nerve has been cut or the nasal-sac opening plugged have supported the theory of scent-guidance.

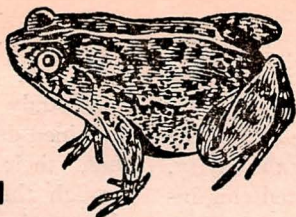
The olfactory sensitivity of salmon fingerlings has been found to be so great that they can discriminate between the odors of two different creeks. This has led investigators to suggest that young salmon are "imprinted" by some volatile organic substance in the home stream.

In a recent issue of *Science*, Toshiaki J. Hara, Kazuo Ueda and Aubrey Gorbman of the Department of Zoology, University of Washington, Seattle, reported on experiments using

electroencephalography to determine whether central nervous activity in salmon shows any correlation with olfactory discrimination.

They found that when spawning salmon arrived at the "home" pond, the olfactory bulbs and posterior cerebellum show considerable electrical activity, while most regions of the brain are electrically inactive. When waters from nearby sources other than the home pond were infused into the olfactory sacs of salmon, little or no change in spontaneous electroencephalographic patterns was noted. However, water from the home pond produced a response of high amplitude.

This appears to confirm theories that the olfactory sense is a major factor in guiding salmon during the final phases of their homeward migration. Salmon in the stage of open-sea existence, however, appear to navigate by a sun-compass mechanism.



Fossils THAT CAME ALIVE

Smithsonian scientists say live frogs encased in rocks were born when saber-tooth tigers stalked the earth.

By Marjorie Thorn

OLD RIP, the horned toad found in 1928 in the cornerstone of the Eastland, Texas, courthouse, where he had allegedly lived for 31 years, was just a "johnny-come lately".

In 1855 James Crabtree, a pit-sinker to Messrs. Ackroyd of Burkinshaw Bottom, in sinking a pit at Morley, near Leeds, England, found a live frog in the center of a large piece of coal 78 yards below the surface, and considerably below the Morley tunnel.

When found the frog was very dark in color but two days later it was "becoming like the everyday species" and was very lively. The seam of coal from which it was

disinterred was saturated with water, and probably this sustained its half-torpid life "through countless ages".*

When workmen were laying the foundations of a house in Whitesborough (state not given) and had to split a large stone from the millstone grit, they discovered a dark spherical mass about three inches in diameter in a cavity in the stone, which it had filled. It was a toad, larger than the common species and darker in color. At first it was torpid, but soon began to show signs of life. In a few hours it began to hop slowly and moved about the

* Reported in Leeds Mercury and reprinted in Littell's Living Age, 1855.

yard for several days. Then the men stopped watching it and lost track of it.

The workmen laid one half of the stone in the wall to show the cavity.

The writer who reported this incident believed the toad could have been thousands of years old. He stated that it was a "common occurrence" for toads to be found in deposits in situations which demonstrate that they must have lived "from the time of the Deluge".*

During the '20s live frogs were found among the bones of mammoths and saber-toothed tigers in a sand and gravel pit near Frederick, Okla. They were encased in clay balls hardened to rock, which had to be broken open with a sledge hammer. (It has been written that frogs burrow between rainy spells, and sometimes a flash flood rolls them in clay which the sun hardens,

imprisoning them.)

Some of the rock-like clay balls from Andy Holloman's gravel pit contained dead frogs, and some live ones, their mouths grown shut through the centuries. They were without pigmentation, and so transparent one could see their hearts beating. Sudden exposure caused some of them to burst, but if quickly immersed in water they continued to live, some for as long as a month.

According to scientists from the Smithsonian Institution, these frogs were living at the time of the mammoths and saber-tooth tigers among whose bones they reportedly were found.*

During the construction of the Erie Canal, the workmen found several hundred live mollusks at the depth of 42 feet in a ridge of gravel. They ate them.*

* *Cyclopedia of Useful Knowledge*, 1856.

* *Dallas Morning News*, August 9, 1960. "About Holloman's Wonderful Frogs", by Frank X. Tolbert.



DEATH ON THE HILL

NEAR LaPorte, Ind., Joseph Flitter, 42, left a summer cottage he owned and in a pick-up truck drove south toward the city. At about the same time his son, Ronald Flitter, 17, left the family's city address and in a station wagon drove north toward the cottage. At the crest of a hill, where the narrow road allowed room only for one car, the two vehicles collided head-on. The elder Flitter was killed and his son seriously injured.

The Night I DIED

A vision of death gave this young mother strength to live after her surgeons had given up all hope.

By Nancy Wright Lineberger

PSYCHIC EXPERIENCES have not been part of my daily existence. Except for reading *FATE* and watching *One Step Beyond* on television I have not even had contact with persons interested in the psychic field. And then on Friday, January 1, 1965, I had my first psychic experience.

The day started like any other day. The children were watching television early in the morning, oh-ing and ah-ing at the Rose Parade until my husband and I were afraid we really might be missing something. Hugh, my husband, got the holiday breakfast and I made beds and laid out matching pink outfits for our three little girls, aged seven, five, and four.

Later we drove out to Covina, Calif., to my sister's home and watched the Rose Bowl Game with her and her husband while the children played together outside. It was a marvelous day, but during the

afternoon I got so tired I couldn't keep my eyes open. I went back into the bedroom and lay down until dinner time. But even then I was so exhausted I barely could move.

Shortly after dinner we piled the kids back into the car and started for our home. I had developed a splitting headache. I never had headaches before and the pain was unbearable. On the way home I cried out in agony and Hugh got us home as quickly as he could. I remember thinking, this must be a migraine headache. Friends had told me the pain of a migraine headache reaches a pitch which is relieved only when you vomit. I felt sure if I could just get home and be sick the terrible pressure would be relieved.

We arrived home about 8:00 and I went into the bathroom, praying my pain would end soon. That is the last thing I remember until I

awoke about an hour later, at 9:00 P.M. Then I wept with intense emotion. It seemed I could not stop crying.

My husband was sitting beside me and I said, "I have been dead."

Hugh said, "Don't say that, Nanny. I was sure you were. You had some sort of seizure and then went limp. When I laid you on the bed I had given up hope."

Then I told Hugh this story:

"Suddenly I was in a place where there was a long, sturdy, polished oak table. A group of men were seated at the table and one man was standing next to me. I knew instinctively where I was and I immediately started to plead, 'Oh, no! Oh, dear God, no! I have three little girls. We are such a close and affectionate family. They are so sensitive and could not take my absence now. Please, let me go back to them. They need me so. I know that I am doing my job better than anyone else can — I am raising those girls to love God. If you take me away now those children never will get over it.' I remember crying and holding onto the sleeve of one man who had such kind and sympathetic eyes. I looked into his eyes and begged him to let me return to my family. I felt love and understanding from all in the room.

"Then suddenly I was back here, in bed at home, with your arms around me, and weeping like this,

upset over my experience."

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BESIDES BEING a wife and mother, I have written a newspaper column titled CASE FOR BOOKS for the *Star-News-Vanguard* in Culver City, Calif. On Thursday, February 4, 1965, my column appeared with this editor's note: "The following column by Nancy Wright Lineberger is the last readers will be privileged to read for some time."

My column for that day was titled *A Mother's Thoughts On The Power of Faith* and in it I spoke about the love of God in our home. One of the things I wrote is this: "I do hope you will encourage your children, as we do ours, to seek out spiritual truths by their own efforts. Our children know that we love God. They experience this love every day through all our prayers and our actions. They attend classes in instruction in all religions. They are encouraged to see the beauty of all faiths. It is not likely that they shall be prejudiced against any religion for truly they understand that everybody is the creation of the same God, a power unknowable to us all."

I also wrote: "If your life is empty, devoid of meaning; if you are bored often or feel useless or unappreciated, remembering that God loves you and appreciates you will renew your day."

There was more to the column. It was filled with the happiness that my family has had in loving each other and in loving God. The last three words were "God is Great".

When the column was published these three words were followed by my husband's note: "This *Thought For the Day* was written by Nancy the day before she collapsed and was rushed to the hospital. During the past two weeks she has undergone three emergency brain surgeries for a malignant cancerous brain tumor; daily she has been extremely close to leaving this physical existence. Her neuro-surgeon told me that her tremendous faith in God is one of the major factors she is alive at all. We all believe that our prayers, the master skill of her doctor, and the mystery of cobalt will return our Nancy for many

more years to us. There is religion in our home, thank God."

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DURING THIS trying time — the three operations and the seven weeks of cobalt treatment — the doctors warned us of the seriousness of my condition, yet each time we entered the ordeal with complete faith in the outcome. Even when, at one point, the doctors gave up all hope, Hugh and I never did. We kept our faith — for we knew that, before we ever really entered upon the test, I had pleaded my case and won.

And now I am once again caring for our home and our three little girls. The doctors are both amazed and pleased, and we foresee no future difficulties. In fact, Hugh and I went dancing last week and did the Charleston!

VANISHED BRIDGE

AS RECENTLY as 11,000 years ago, according to U. S. and Soviet scientists, Alaska and Siberia were connected by vast, grassy plains which men roamed in search of game. Working with new geological and other evidence, the scientists have concluded that a land-bridge connected the two continents for many more years than previously thought.

NO MUSIC IN THE RAIN

PATRONS recently gathered in the Musicarnival tent in Warrens Heights, O., to listen to a production of *110 in the Shade*, the musical version of *The Rainmaker*. Less than an hour later rain fell so heavily on the tent that the show was halted for 20 minutes until it was again possible to hear the players sing and speak.

How did a doctor in the U.S.A. know the International Army still could save the besieged legation?

MESSAGE FROM The **D** DRAGON **C** CITY

By Peter King

THE TWO Americans forced their way through the hostile crowds. Before them, grinning Chinese waved wooden cages in which human heads still dripped blood. Many Chinese waved knives and daggers while others brandished rifles. The Americans hurried into the compound of the International Settlement in Peking. Guards saluted as they went through the great gates.

A few minutes later they were sitting with Edward Conger, United States Minister to China. The desk calendar showed the date to be June 20, 1900. The two men were members of the United States Diplomatic Corps and one of them, his face still white from his recent ordeal, told the story.

"They killed Baron von Ketteler a few minutes ago," he said breathlessly.

The Minister half rose in horror, then sat down and nodded for the man to continue.

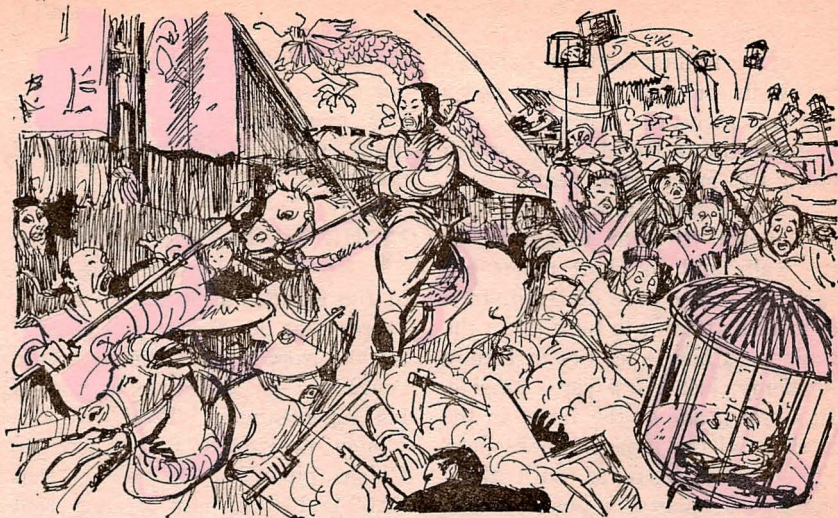
"The Baron was on his way to the Imperial Court to demand that troops be assigned for our protection. The Chinese recognized his sedan chair and shot him dead."

The man gulped and continued, "Things look bad everywhere outside the Legation area. The Chinese have new Mauser rifles. Some of them are carrying around the heads of Chinese Christians and we heard that two more English missionaries were killed yesterday."

Edward Conger, after listening to the grim news, said, "The German Minister was not a popular man but he was a strong one. We shall miss him in the days ahead."

The two members of his staff looked at him questioningly. The Minister nodded slowly. "Yes," he told them. "The British Minister and I discussed this today and now the news you bring me sets the time.

"We must act immediately—all the missionaries must be brought inside the Legation walls. The gates must be barred. Our only hope is to protect ourselves until troops can get here." He shook his head.



“What chance do we have though—what chance do we have against the Boxers?”

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THE BOXERS! The dread name struck terror into the heart of every foreigner in China. For centuries riddled with secret societies, the nation now had produced the most terrible of all.

“The Fists of Righteous Harmony” was their proper name and this, together with their weird ritualistic dancing that resembled shadow boxing, had earned them the popular name of Boxers. Their avowed aim was to kill every foreigner between the Great Wall and the China Sea.

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THE MISSIONARIES and their converts were brought inside the Legation area the next day and the international community prepared for a bloody siege. Diplomats and marine guards from America, Britain, Germany, France, Russia, Italy, Austria, Japan, Spain, Portugal, Belgium and Holland piled sandbags for fortification, rationed food and ammunition, cleaned out the two wells which were their only source of water and waited anxiously behind the barricades.

The fanatical Boxers screaming “Sha! Sha!” (Kill! Kill!) stormed the walls. The continuous rifle fire would have been devastating had the Chinese been better shots because, for days, more than a quar-

ter of a million rounds battered the walls or flew overhead every day and night.

Frequent attempts to smash down the gates were beaten back by the valiant Marines. The Chinese twice tried to tunnel under the walls and to plant mines but each time they were detected. In a desperate attempt to burn down the walls the Chinese set fire to Hanlin Academy, just a few yards outside. Its library, one of the finest in the world, and the famous Booksellers' Street were destroyed with thousands of irreplaceable books, manuscripts and tapestries.

After seven weeks of siege, the situation became critical. Water was almost gone and the wells were dry after one of the hottest summers in Chinese history. Food was reduced to a handful of fruit and a small portion of meat a day. The latter soon would be gone for the meat came from the ponies kept for the Legation polo teams.

Forty of the Legation Marines were dead and 80 were severely wounded. The rest were dazed from lack of sleep because of the incessant rifle fire. Worst of all, the Imperial Chinese Army, directed by the crafty Dowager Empress, had joined forces with the Boxers. The weary besieged were now outnumbered more than 50 to one. The end surely was in sight.

The last message to come out of

the tiny fortress said simply, "Under continued shot and shell. Food and ammunition very low. Only quick relief can prevent general massacre."

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THE MURDER of Baron von Ketteler had aroused the anger of the German Emperor to such a degree that he at once had ordered 20,000 troops to China to secure vengeance for the assassination of his representative. President McKinley ordered 17,000 troops to China; Japan and Russia each sent 50,000, Britain and France sent 20,000 each. By the end of July, 1900, almost a quarter of a million foreign troops were assembled on the China coast and already were marching inland towards Peking.

In the first few days, they fought two big battles with the Boxers and suffered heavy casualties. As the Allied column pushed further inland, Intelligence assessments indicated that more than a million armed men blocked the way to Peking. It seemed like a hopeless task for the column to reach the capital in time.

The last word had come out of Peking on July 4th. Then, after days of ominous silence, cablegrams began to reach New York and London telling of the fall of the beleaguered city. They told how, on the morning of July 7th, Boxers and Imperial troops had combined in a

massive assault on the Legation.

The 400 guards of the legation had fought bravely and died like heroes, the communiques said. The diplomats and their families—every man, woman and child in the Legation compound—had been slaughtered.

Meanwhile the relief column was meeting stiffer resistance with every step. More than 25% of the United States Ninth Infantry were killed. The Japanese soldiers and the Russian cossacks also suffered heavily. Admiral Seymour, commanding the International Column, was so hard pressed that, with tears running down his cheeks, he gave orders for the wounded to be shot rather than have them fall into the hands of the Chinese to be tortured.

On July 19th the Emperor of China sent a personal appeal to President McKinley to halt the International forces as the first step towards bringing about peace. Aware of the hypocrisy of the Emperor in secretly ordering his troops to fight alongside the Boxers yet at the same time desperately anxious to avoid a major conflict, the President conferred immediately with Secretary of State, John Hay. In a nearby building in Washington, D.C., another and far stranger meeting was being held.

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CHIEF WILKIE of the United States Secret Service was a

hard-headed realist, solid as a rock and tough as shoe-leather. He stared unbelievably at the tall, elderly man with the glasses and the somewhat scholarly look who sat before him.

"I'm sorry Doctor but I don't understand this at all," Chief Wilkie said. "You'll forgive me for asking you to go over it again but I'm sure you'll agree that it is a very extraordinary story you bring me."

The other man nodded. "Indeed it is. Very well, I'll go through it once more." He cleared his throat, fixed the other with his straightforward look and repeated his story.

"My name is Doctor John Ellis. I am a physician and have practiced here in Washington for a great many years. I reside at 1817 K. Street, N.W.

"My purpose in coming here is to tell you of a message I have received directly from China. It is one which has an important bearing on decisions which must be made in the White House during the next few days. The message states that Minister Edward Conger, his family and his staff, and the ministers of the other Allied nations are alive and well. They are confined in a subterranean passage which connects the British Legation and the Imperial Palace. They are suffering from shortage of food and water and are in poor

condition but refuse to surrender. The siege continues."

Chief Wilkie fixed Doctor Ellis with his steely stare. "You have read the newspapers regarding the siege of Peking no doubt?" he said.

"I have."

"Then you must be aware that reports from numerous sources including our own Consul-General at Chefoo, Mr. Fowler, state positively that all foreigners in Peking have been massacred and the siege is over."

Doctor Ellis inclined his head gravely. "I am aware of that."

"I should also tell you that I have talked with people in our diplomatic service, people who have spent years in Peking. None of them know of the existence of any such tunnel."

"I am willing to believe that this is what you understand from talking to officials," agreed Doctor Ellis in his courteous manner.

"Yet you give me this message which contradicts all other information," persisted Chief Wilkie.

"I give it to you," said Doctor Ellis, quite unruffled, "because I am convinced that it is reliable—no matter what other reports may say."

Chief Wilkie eyed his visitor for a few speculative moments. Then he took up some papers from his desk.

"You visited the White House yesterday. You were not allowed to tell your story in full as no-one would believe you. You arranged this meeting with me through a friend of yours who is a physician well-known to the White House. This, despite the fact that my position as head of the Secret Service requires that I report to the Treasury Department and therefore have no official connection with the State Department or the War Department."

"I know that," admitted Doctor Ellis, "but I had to tell my story to someone who is in a position high enough to be able to do something. Time in running short—the relief column must push on to Peking. The diplomats and the guards cannot survive much longer."

Chief Wilkie studied his visitor keenly. "You say this even though you know that heavy casualties will be suffered if the International Column is ordered to force its way on to Peking? And that their sacrifices will have been in vain if everyone is already dead?"

"I say this even though I know that," agreed Doctor Ellis. "But I also know that the besieged in Peking are still holding out."

"And you still refuse to tell me how you know?"

"I am not prepared to give you the source of my information but you can rely on it as absolutely

trustworthy. I expect another message very soon and will inform you as soon as I receive it."

"H'm." Chief Wilkie was temporarily nonplussed—a most unusual feeling for him. He asked suddenly, "Doctor Ellis! You have many Chinese among your patients?"

"A few—as I do many nationalities."

"Is one of them your informant?"

"No. Emphatically not."

"Are you a Spiritualist?" asked Chief Wilkie tersely.

"No, sir. There is too much of the materialist about me. Nor do I normally take much stock in mental telepathy."

Chief Wilkie took careful note of the answer. He examined another of the papers in his hand. They contained everything that was known about Doctor John C. Ellis and their sum total was that he was a thoroughly reliable citizen, a well-known and respected doctor. It was hard to compare such a solid, straightforward biography with such a bizarre and improbable story.

"Let me think this over" said Chief Wilkie finally. "I'll let you know what I decide whichever way it is."

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THE HISTORY of extra-sensory communication is long and diversified. Nevertheless, it is doubtful if there exists any other instance of a Presidential decision

on a highly critical matter being based on such a message as that brought by Doctor Ellis.

A short time after the Doctor had left the office of the Secret Service chief, that official was talking to Colonel Montgomery who was in charge of the White House. Within an hour President McKinley had all the facts. That same night orders went out to push on to Peking regardless of opposition.

On August 15th weary Marines in the besieged Legation area threw down their weapons and shouted with joy as the American and British forces at the head of the International army smashed their way through the Boxer ranks.

The American minister and his staff and family and the other foreign diplomats were brought out to share in the rejoicing—brought out from the underground tunnel which ran from the British Legation to the Imperial Palace on the other side of the wall.

They told the story of how on July 4th the great assault by the Boxer armies had been supplemented by a new and deadly weapon, a Krupp quick-firing cannon. This devastating gun had caused more damage in a few hours than all the millions of rounds fired in the previous two months. Bit by bit, the walls of the Legations were being destroyed by this remarkably accurate weapon.

For protection the diplomats had begun to dig an underground shelter when they accidentally discovered the tunnel.

The Chinese reports of the fall of the Legation compound had been lies, cunningly contrived to halt the International Column.

Two further messages had been received by Doctor John Ellis and immediately passed along to Chief Wilkie. These had contained more information, quite detailed, concerning the day to day living conditions in the tunnel and the progress of the siege. Later every item was proved to be correct.

Doctor Ellis never revealed the manner in which he received the messages. In an unguarded moment, he confided to a friend that his informant was a Mrs. Spick, an American in Peking. But examina-

tion of the list of residents of the city at that time reveals no such name.

The Doctor told Chief Wilkie at a subsequent meeting that he never before had received such messages. Nor to the end of his long life, did he appear to receive any others. He shunned publicity and never gave out further information. He would not discuss even with his closest friends the strange experience that had so profoundly affected the course of history.*

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OCCULTISM BOOMS IN EUROPE

By Bert Groth

ACCORDING to the recently published *Guide des Voyantes (Clairvoyant's Guide)*, by Patrice Boussel, there is one astrologer for every 120 citizens of Paris, while one doctor must serve for 514 persons, and there is only one priest for every 5,000 citizens.

French police estimate that Paris has 10,000 practitioners in the occult arts. They include Gypsies, astrologers and graphoanalysts.

In Germany in 1955, there were an estimated 10,000 warlocks, and seers who endeavored to counteract their supposed spells and enchantments. Most of the cases of witchcraft occurred in the little towns north of Hanover, and in the southern Black Forest section of Germany.

Belief in the "evil eye" and in witchcraft generally, is reported to prevail in most parts of Italy.

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SPIRITS

Speak for the Record

By J. Gay Stevens

The sound engineers put their mikes where human voices could not reach—and were stunned by what they heard.

BECAUSE IT IS customary these days to refer all phenomena, psychic, psychological and physical, to the "Scientific Establishment" for evaluation those of us interested in parapsychology face a frustrating dilemma. Science has no organized program for the investigation of this type of phenomena and its opinion, therefore, must be classed as armchair expertese.

On the other hand, the reality of psychic phenomena always has been clouded by the question of the credibility of its witnesses and investigators. But if you happen to have credentials acceptable in the scientific community you can investi-

gate and report on this sort of thing only at your peril.

However, the critical issue is the matter of immediacy. The average man, faced with the threat of instant global demolition, is getting anxious to learn the answers to life and survival *now*.

And so, while we wait for science to become scientific (to investigate without prejudice) it has been reassuring to me to have had a personal experience that has done a great deal to convince me of the reality of discarnate entities and of survival.

On April 23, 1933, in New York City, a group of us from the Ameri-

can Society for Psychic Research, of which I was a member, recorded a spirit voice seance that left all of us, including four erstwhile cynical sound engineers, convinced of the reality of the spirit voices we recorded.

This was before the work of the Society became limited to the study of statistical, or quantitative research into man's extrasensory powers. At that time, and for the previous half-century, both British and American Societies of Psychical Research had maintained a continuing study of mediumship and spontaneous phenomena.

Mrs. Helen T. Bigelow, then secretary of the Society, Mr. Bigelow, Dr. Hereward Carrington, lifelong psychic investigator*, Chester Grady, Louis Anspacher, and myself were members assigned to investigate and report on mediums producing this type of phenomena. All seances were held at the headquarters of the Society, on lower Lexington Avenue, in Manhattan.

Recording a "voice" seance was not part of our scheduled activities for that year but Dr. Frank Black, one of the owners of World Broadcasting Company (now Decca Records), a leading producer-director of many top musical shows in radio at the time, and later musical director of NBC, having an intelligent

layman's interest in psychic phenomena, offered to record a voice seance at the World Broadcasting Studios, providing it was supervised by the Society. He then planned to donate the records to the Society for reference and study. The idea was not received with enthusiasm by the Society. All mediumistic phenomena staged in an environment not controlled by trained investigators may be thought to lack evidential value. It was finally decided that the thing was worth doing, however, simply because it never had been done before. This was years before the advent of the wire or tape recorder.

The whole affair was planned by the Society with about as much scientific care as a dinner party. As it turned out the recording engineers at World Broadcasting Company, led by Charles Lauda, now head recording engineer for Decca Records, took care of the scientific side of the project. They did it so well, in fact, that this recording session produced some of the most convincing evidence of the reality of spirit voices we ever had.

Naturally, proving the genuineness of the voices was not their intention. They asked if there was any objection to trying to prove that any purported spirit voices were fraudulent. We welcomed the idea. To a man these engineers were certain there was no such thing as a

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spirit voice and they regarded this as a heaven-sent chance to prove it all in their own studio under their own recording conditions.

At the time the Western Electric Company, through its ERPI Division (Electrical Research Products Institute), were installing their latest sound recording equipment at World Broadcasting Company. When they heard of this proposed recording of ghost voices some of these Western Electric engineers joined the World engineers to help unmask the voice makers. Collectively they probably made up the most formidable array of sound engineering talent ever organized to debunk a spirit voice.

We (there were perhaps a dozen of us from the Society) engaged the medium, William Cartheuser, for the occasion as we were satisfied he had produced direct or disembodied voices in our own investigations, working under our controls at our headquarters.

The recording studio at 50 West 57th Street was a big, 40-foot-long, windowless, sound-proofed room, two stories high. A dozen chairs were arranged in a circle around a stand microphone in the middle of the floor. Two additional mikes hung close to the ceiling in diagonally opposite corners of the room.

One of the engineers pointed out that the mike on the floor, about head high when we sat down, was

WILLIAM CARTHEUSER

One-time factory worker in New England shoe plants, William Cartheuser became widely known in psychic research and Spiritualist circles for his physical phenomena, particularly direct voice, between the mid-20s and mid-40s. His work figures prominently in published reports by most investigators active at that time. Both British and American Psychic Research Societies found him among the more productive mediums in the field. An intensive inquiry into Cartheuser's mediumship was conducted by Dr. Hereward Carrington at his Psychical Research Institute in New York under a grant for that purpose by Floyd Odium. An interesting footnote on this medium is that he has a severe speech defect—a hare lip and cleft palate—that made it very difficult to understand him in ordinary conversation. But the direct or independent voices he produced were remarkably clear of any impediment . . . and he occasionally produced as many as half a dozen at one time carrying on completely unrelated conversations with different sitters.

Mr. Cartheuser is now living in California and so far as is known is no longer active as a medium.

mike No. 1. All voices in the circle would be recorded on that mike, he said. The two mikes at the ceiling corners were No. 2 and No. 3. These ceiling mikes, he explained, had such a short range of sensitivity they would not record any voices from the floor. He indicated the control room window that had been covered to keep the light in the control room out of the studio and

said he would be talking to us over the speaker recessed in the wall directly over the window. As an after thought he added they had stationed an engineer at the only exit door to see that no one left or entered the studio.

With so little information we didn't understand the "test". Evidently they had no plan to put controls on the medium so he could not move or speak, a procedure we frequently used. We had no way of knowing that the engineers, after a week or so of conferring, had hit on a very simple plan that covered all possibilities. They concluded that, no matter what tricks the voice maker used, he *had* to work on the floor. If the voices were authentic spirit voices then they need have no such limitation in space. They should be able to speak from anywhere in the room—not only at floor level.

The answer was simple. They would hang mikes at the ceiling where they would not register voices from the floor. If voices could manage to speak close enough to a ceiling mike to be recorded over that mike those voices would have to be supernatural or spirit voices.

By the same token, if the voices only could be heard on mike No. 1 on the floor they must be suspect as normal and fraudulent.

Their test, therefore, was an open and shut matter, based strictly on

position - in - space considerations, without regard to the nature of the voices or the content of any messages. They had decided they were not qualified to judge evidence in any field other than their own, and had based their entire case on the placement of those ceiling mikes—20 feet away from the sitters and 20 feet in the air.

Regardless of the skill of the medium in vocal deception, regardless of his dexterity in eluding controls in the dark, *he had to stay on the floor*. They had removed all extra chairs, piano and bench, music stands, draperies, etc. No voice could be recorded on either of those high mikes unless the speaker was within 12 inches or so of the mike face. Furthermore, the mikes were of the old-fashioned carbon type that were not only very limited in range but also highly directional. And both of them had been carefully turned at right angles to the circle of sitters.

Each mike had been rigged with it's own line into the control room. All lines converged at the cutting head of the recording machine. The line from mike No. 1 on the floor went through the monitoring console as usual. But the lines from mikes No. 2 and 3 at the ceiling bypassed the console and were set up with their own DB dial, speaker and power amplifier. The lines from mikes No. 2 and 3 were set at zero

and could not be monitored. This means the engineers could tell precisely which mike was bringing in each voice by listening to the individual speaker and by watching the individual dial on each of the three separate lines.

In the studio, since we had no special instruction from the engineers, we went ahead as if at a conventional direct voice setting. In the dark, waiting for the psychic power to build up, we carried on a casual conversation and we wondered what those fellows in the control room were up to. Finally, someone said, "The trumpet is up."

The trumpet, a familiar accessory of voice mediums, is a slim, elongated, collapsible version of a megaphone. It was made of light aluminum and carried a band of luminous paint so it could be seen in the dark. Discarnate personalities are supposed to use it when they are not able to make themselves heard without it. It had been resting on the floor in the middle of our circle of sitters ever since we gathered around the floor mike.

Now the phosphorescent ring of the trumpet was clearly visible a couple of feet above our heads circling the group. It tapped each sitter lightly on the head as if in greeting.

We called roll to see that everyone was in his or her chair and that the hands of all sitters were held

by the person on either side to be sure that no one—particularly the medium—left his seat.

Voices gradually built up through the trumpet. These voices indentified themselves as some late relative or close friend. Sometimes they were recognized, sometimes not. Now and then we suggested to a voice that it speak into the mike in front of us on the floor—No. 1. It never occurred to us to send them to the ceiling mikes since we had no idea of their significance. After we had sent several trumpet voices to the floor mike the speaker from the control room sounded. "Are these what you call 'spirit' voices?" the engineer asked. There were overtones of cynicism in the question.

The circling trumpet finally clattered to the floor in the middle of the circle. Several minutes of oppressive silence followed. Then the full-blown resonant voice of a man seemed to pop out of space in front of us, directly above mike No. 1. This time the phosphorescent ring of the trumpet was still visible on the floor at our feet. This new voice was brisk and businesslike; we recognized it instantly as a "direct" voice—a voice coming, literally, out of thin air.

After a greeting it said, "We are very interested in the experiment you people are putting on tonight and we would like to help."

We asked, "What experiment is that?"

"I'm talking about your friends the engineers there in the back room," he explained. "We think they have worked out a very interesting testing procedure for us on their equipment."

This new voice brought a query from the control room. "Who is that speaking—the one talking about our test."

"We don't know," we answered. "It's just a voice."

The personality behind the new voice moved in close to mike No. 1. "I'm the one you heard talking to these people in here," he said. "I speak to you directly without the use of any intermediaries or equipment of any kind.

"I'm an engineer over here on this side and, with a couple of my colleagues, would like to collaborate with you in making this test recording. We think what you are doing is important.

"We have a definite plan in mind for your tests. We are perfectly willing to meet any conditions you set up, or make any demonstration you have in mind . . . if it is within our power. Just let us know what you would like to have me do."

"Just a moment," the control room speaker said. There was a pause while the group apparently went into a huddle. Finally the engineer spoke again, "Do you think

you could speak to us over one of those microphones located up at the ceiling?"

Instantly, right on the heels of the last syllable of his words, the engineer in the control room heard the voice come into the room over mike No. 2 at the ceiling. "How's this?" it asked. "Does it make any difference to you which microphone I use up here?"

Nothing could have made much difference to those control room engineers at that particular moment. They later admitted they had sat stunned, staring at the No. 2 speaker.

"Is this all right?" the voice insisted from No. 2. This time it was as loud as a bull-horn.

This sparked the control room into action; the man at the console finally found his voice. "Yes . . . yes. That's fine. Would you mind lowering your voice a little? We have no volume control on that line."

"I'm sorry," the voice replied. "I assume this is a test to satisfy yourselves that we are what we claim to be by proving that we can speak to you from any point in space." The voice was now at a normal speaking level.

As the engineers watched intently the needle in the dial face on the line to mike No. 2 flickered in perfect coordination with the sound of the voice from the speaker on

that line. There was no doubt they agreed, that voice was speaking within inches of mike No. 2. Moreover, they were almost as much impressed by the speed of the voice's switch from mike No. 1 on the floor to mike No. 2 at the ceiling as they were by the fact that it actually spoke at the ceiling mike.

The engineer now asked, "Would you try that other mike at the ceiling, there across the room from you?"

Again, before the engineer could complete his request, the voice was answering from within inches of mike No. 3. It had traveled through space in a matter of a second.

There was a brief exchange between the two engineers, the one *Here* and the one *There*. This was followed by a long pause. Our control room engineers had nothing more to say.

Those of us in the studio had been listening to all of this in puzzled silence. Finally we spoke up. "Are you ready with your experiment?"

The speaker on the wall said, "It's all over—as far as we're concerned."

We all started talking at once. But the voice broke in, now down at mike No. 1, and still addressing the control room, "If you don't have any other tests we have a demonstration or two we would like to show you."

Without waiting for an answer the voice explained that he was going to make a complete circuit of all three mikes while making a short simple statement about what he was doing. He warned the engineers to keep a sharp eye on their dials and a sharp ear on the speakers so they could follow his fast moves from mike to mike. "When you are ready," he said, "give me a signal."

After an interval of only seconds the control room barked, "Go!"

Speaking at a normal conversational pace the voice said, "I am now making a complete circuit of all three microphones and am now back at No. 1." That voice, speaking without a break, had zoomed up, circled the ceiling and dived back down to mike No. 1 like a toy airplane.

The control room engineers reported they had followed its progress around the speakers and dials. As revealed by the records later, that voice had moved at such incredible speed between mikes it sounded as if it had been recorded on one mike.

At this point the voice introduced a colleague whom he described as a "one-time eminent research engineer in the science of sound when he was back there with you."

The new voice came in on No. 1 mike. He began in a contemplative voice, "We think we have given

you some clear evidence. At least you should know by now that our voices are not human voices . . . as you originally thought. We are what we claim to be, surviving personalities speaking to you from another dimension—and not impersonations. We have given you this evidence on your own terms and on your own equipment.”

This obviously was meant for the engineering group in the control room.

Then, as if turning to us, he continued, “In those demonstrations it was our intent to prove to you the super-physical nature of our voices by showing you what one of our voices can do in terms of time and motion. Now I am going to show you what one of our voices can do in terms of vocal production—a vocal sound performance that is impossible for the human voice. This should be of particular interest to your recording engineers, since I will produce my voice throughout the entire range of sound audible to the human ear.”

None of us had heard of such a thing before and Cartheuser, when questioned later, could not remember anything like this.

The voice said, “I am now speaking to you at the normal level of the human male voice . . . around 300 cycles. If you listen carefully you will notice that I am slowly moving my voice up the scale of sound fre-

quencies in an unbroken flow of sound.”

We were fascinated by the sound of that voice gliding smoothly up in perfect pitch like the glissando of a musical instrument, from a resonant baritone to a bright tenor, to a soprano. Through it all he never stopped talking.

“My voice is now at the 1100 cycle point,” he said. “This is approximately at the highest point where the human speaking voice can articulate—frame words—that are understandable to you there. From this point I will increase the cycle frequency of my voice until it is beyond the range of your hearing and, you will note, I can articulate clearly and understandably until it disappears.”

Even as he spoke, giving frequency levels, 3,000, 5,000, and relevant comments, his voice climbed to the twittering of a small bird, yet every word could be understood. Finally the words become only a fine thread of sound like an incredibly distant radio signal . . . then there was silence.

We sat immobile. There was not the slightest doubt among us that such a thing could be done only by a discarnate entity. The speaker on the wall broke the silence, “We know that none of you could have done that,” the control room said.

This started conversation around

our circle, including comment from Cartheuser, who never had left his seat. Our chatter was cut off, however, by the readvent of the voice. He told us he would now take his voice *down* through the frequency cycles below the level of the human voice.

He started down, again from the 300 cycle point. His enunciation became slower as his voice deepened to a bass-profundo and on down to the lowest reaches of an orchestral string bass. He paused to explain that this was 100 cycles below where the human voice could frame recognizable words. Still speaking clearly the voice sounded like that of a giant mumbling at the bottom of a well. Still sinking, it faded into a swishing sound that suggested the lowest note on the longest pipe in a giant pipe organ. Then it vanished.

Again there was silence, this time broken by the original spokesman for the spirit engineers.

"Well, there you have it," he announced. "We hope you and your engineers have found our collaboration helpful. We want to thank you people and your medium for making it possible for us to demonstrate and record evidence that our voices are not fraudulently impersonated in this, and many other cases. The power is failing and we must go. But remember, we will be back to collaborate with you on any

such experiment you choose to hold in the future."

The entire seance had lasted two hours and 15 minutes and had been recorded on nine 15-minute 33-1/3 rpm. LPs. Within a month of the recording date all records, with the masters, were turned over to the Society by Frank Black.

This seance and its records made little if any impression in official circles. Only the engineers in the control room were in a position to testify to the reality of the discarnate voices. But they, like so many others, were not about to go on record officially. So, one of the technically best test cases for the reality of "spirit voice" phenomena went officially unconfirmed. The whole affair, along with the recordings,* turned out to be just what it started out to be—no more than an interesting documentary in the archives of the Society.

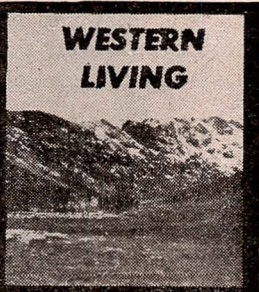
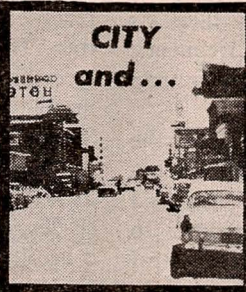
There was one important result. Those of us who were there came away with the unshakable conviction that, as far as proving survival is concerned, that seance will do very well; the spirits did, indeed, speak for the record.

* Adele Wellman, long-time secretary of the American Society for Psychic Research has not been able to locate these records in the archives. The Society has moved twice since the records were put on file and they may have been misplaced or discarded since they revealed nothing of the procedure or conditions under which they were recorded.

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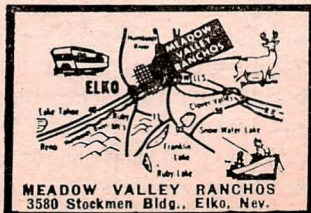


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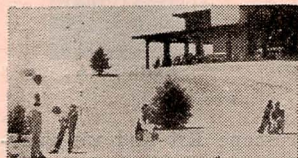
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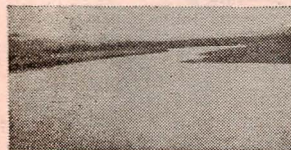


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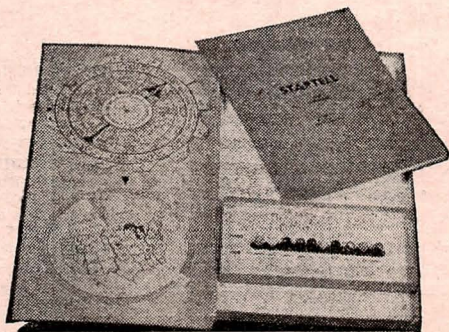
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By Vernon G. Ball

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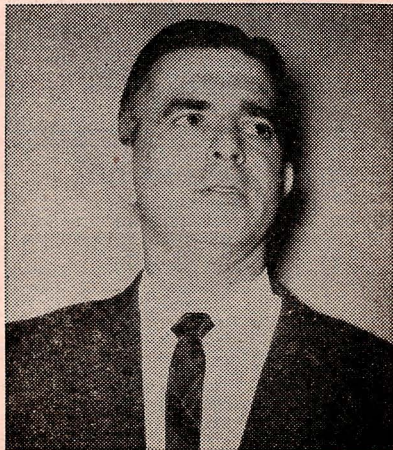
As I was driving along I met another car at a sharp turn in the road at Burlington, O. I was headed east on Route 52; the second car was headed west. The other driver and I still had our "bright" dash lights on.

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Mrs. Lou Crockett, a great aunt of mine who lived in Johnson City, Tenn., began asking strange questions after my accident, even though she had not been notified about it. Great Aunt Lou was a sister of my deceased grandmother, Sarah Butterworth Ball.

Aunt Lou was very old and near death herself. Shortly after my accident she asked her daughter, "How is the boy in West Virginia getting along?"

Her daughter said, "What boy, Mom?"

Aunt Lou answered, "One of my sister Sarah's relatives in West Virginia has been badly hurt in a wreck or something."

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from my father saying I was near
death from an automobile acci-
dent.

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how "Sarah's relative in West Vir-
ginia was getting along" her
daughter knew she had to tell her
the news. But her daughter was
puzzled over the source of Aunt
Lou's information, so she asked,
"Mom, where have you been getting
this information about Sarah's
relative? We had not heard from
any of her relatives for several
weeks."

The dying woman had a ready
answer: "Oh, my sister, Sarah,
keeps telling me about it. She says
one of her relatives was hurt in
a wreck and is near death."

But in 1958, at the time of my
accident, her sister and my grand-
mother, Sarah Butterworth Ball,
had been dead five years, since
1953.—Beckley, W. Va.

PHANTOM STALLION

By Mary H. Williamson

IN 1913 I LIVED with my hus-
band on a ranch near Calgary,
Alberta, Canada.

I often drove to Calgary in a
carriage pulled by Billy, my grey
horse. Billy was alert and intelli-
gent; when we traveled about in
Calgary Billy would stop by him-
self and let the street car go by
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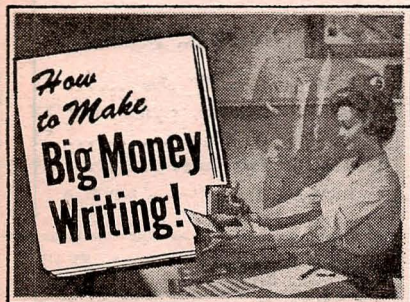
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carriage he always looked to see what my husband and I were taking. If two big cream cans were in the front of the carriage he took the road to the creamery. If there were no cans he took the other road to my brother's wife's home in the hills. Billy never made a mistake.

One time he saved my life.

I was driving home after visiting by brother's wife. The Central Pacific Railroad had made a cut through a hill to give them a shorter route to the city of Calgary. I had to drive into this narrow cut to get home to our ranch.

One time, when the rocky road was frozen and the wheels of my carriage made a very loud noise, I did not hear the bell. But Billy did and stopped short. I told him to go on. He turned his head and gave me a very peculiar look. He would not move. Just then the Central Pacific Railroad flyer came rushing past. If we had been in the middle of that opening, we would have been smashed.

Another memorable experience I had with Billy seemed to indicate that he was psychic. While I was driving to Calgary with Billy on a day in 1913, a shipment of stallions arrived at a railway siding about two miles from the ranch of John Turner, the man who had bought them.

He imported stallions from Scotland to sell to Alberta farmers. The stallions had to be walked to the Turner Ranch, each horse being led by one man. About halfway to the ranch one of the stallions had become sick and died. He was buried in Dr. McKid's pasture field near a gate.

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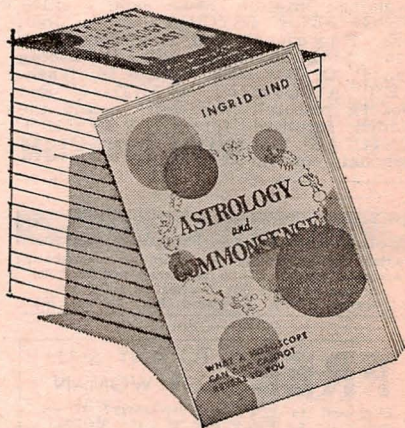
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A few hours later, I was driving back home in the dusk. When we passed the gate where the stallion had been buried, Billy stopped suddenly and whistled, as though he saw another horse.

Billy stood still for a few seconds, then stepped over to the left side of the road, as if to make room for another horse. Billy was very friendly with this invisible creature. He leaned over and rubbed against something and whinnied gently.

Then Billy started to pull the carriage. I had the strange feeling I was driving a team of horses because the carriage rocked from one side to the other. After I drove like this for about a mile, the rocking suddenly stopped, as though the stallion had left. Billy whistled, as if saying "goodbye" and moved back to the right, toward the center of the road.

As we continued homeward, I wondered what Billy had seen. I had the eerie feeling he had seen the ghost of the stallion.—*Los Angeles, Calif.*

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By John P. Uptegrove

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teams that were scheduled to play during the coming weekend. In order to win the contestant had to predict correctly the wins, losses and ties for all 20 teams on the ballot.

When I got to the names of Oklahoma A & M vs. Texas A & M I decided to mark Texas A & M to win. Suddenly I heard a soft voice saying, "No. Oklahoma will win over Texas A & M." I recognized the voice as that of a cousin of mine who had died in 1944. He had been very interested in athletics but was unable to participate in them because he had a weak heart.

I answered him by thinking, "But look at the charts! The past victories, points and weights of the players all seem to show Texas A & M will win." I heard again my cousin's voice insisting, "I still say Oklahoma A & M will win."

This exchange between my cousin and me went on for several minutes. He finally convinced me and I marked the ballot to show Oklahoma A & M would win over Texas on Saturday, September 27, 1952, in Dallas, Texas.

I sent the ballot to the *St. Petersburg Independent* in Florida. I later learned I did not win because I had not guessed correctly the outcome of all 20 games.

However, my cousin's prediction turned out to be right. The Sunday after the football game the *Charlotte Observer* of Charlotte, N. C., published the following score: OKLAHOMA A & M—14; TEXAS A & M—7.—*Gulfport, Fla.*



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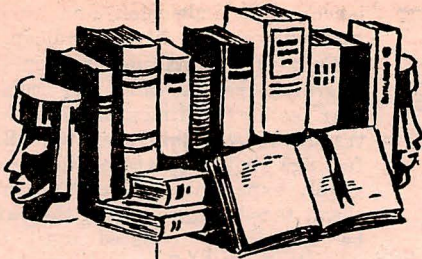
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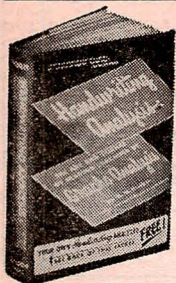
We attract what is positive and creative and good by our thinking, because "like attracts like"; and we also, if our thoughts are negative or morbid, create our own difficulties. "That which I feared has come upon me." Not only this, but what we think and how we feel are apparent in our faces and actions and thus

are evident to others, from whom they evoke an appropriate reaction. So if a personal relationship or situation is faulty, look to your thoughts and correct them.

We must be aware also that we are bombarded by the thoughts of others constantly, for purposes of their own, via books, newspapers, TV, radio, advertising, conversation, lectures and other channels, and we must learn to accept or repudiate these according to their worth.

According to Mr. Sherman, there are certain techniques one should learn in order to be efficient and remain healthy. Relaxation is one. Periodically during the day tensions consciously must be released in order to be able to view one's actions, correct those which may be wrong and make a fresh start if necessary. An aid to relaxation is to recognize one's own natural tempo and to adjust to the natural tempos of other people so there is no unnecessary strain in daily life.

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Those familiar with saucer reports will readily recognize the following, from OAHSPÉ, p. 24-8:

"When the ship of Sethantes came to the city of Uloo, mortals saw it high up in the air, and they feared and ran hastily to consult the prophet . . . So Sethantes caused the ship to be made unseen, that fear might subside on the earth."

Or this from p. 28: "Upward raised the ship of Sethantes and now, taking course still west, sped on above the mountain tops, like a meteor hurled from heaven . . . But ere the ship had made half its journey, an approaching light (ship) came from the far west, radiant and laden with the hosts of Dis. And they turned the ship of Dis and lashed the two together even as they sped on."

Or this from p. 35: "And they built a ship, and the ship was loaded and on her course thru the vault of heaven. Soon the hosts of the much-loved Etsiyai were seen in a smaller craft, highly polished and swift. They slacken speed and near each other, till they touch and are joined by skilled workmen. Yet onward move the ethereal ships, majestic and meteor-like, steadily taking course to the new earth."

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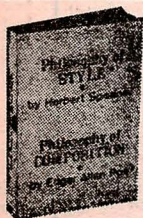
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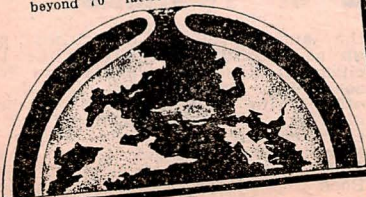


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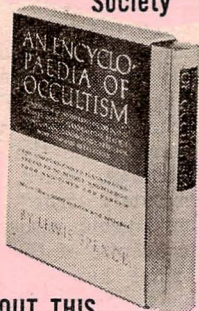
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—David Techter

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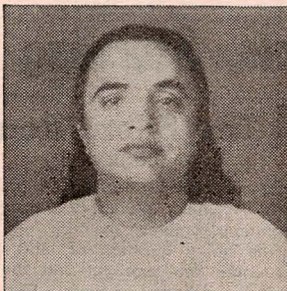
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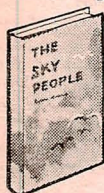
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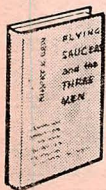
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With reference to "The Nine Criteria" in September's *I See by the Papers*, I am not certain of the soundness or applicability of Dr. Pahnke's criteria in determining whether or not a particular experience is mystical. In the first place, it is possible that the subject actually is not deprived of sensations of individuality, but rather undergoes a kind of expansion or extension of individuality in which he, as an individual being, seems to comprehend new territories.

Nor do I believe that one's mystical experience must have "value". This position reflects the tendency of the Western mind toward utilitarianism. As I see it, the mystical experience is sufficient in itself. Of course, we know that the enthusiastic experimenters with LSD and other mystico-mimetic drugs are attempting to justify their experiments and thus are at great pains to enumerate the positive and practical aspects.

Much of life in our present physical dimension is governed by a biological utilitarianism which may not prevail after our death. One of the methods by which one can attain a more or less permanent mystical sense and outlook is to extirpate from his value-system all thought of utilitarianism. It is only then that life and the world reveal their essential reality and mystery. Young children probably undergo this experience but are soon obliged to withdraw from it as they grow older.

Therefore, I consider the enjoyment of experiences for their own sake the safest view to adopt as

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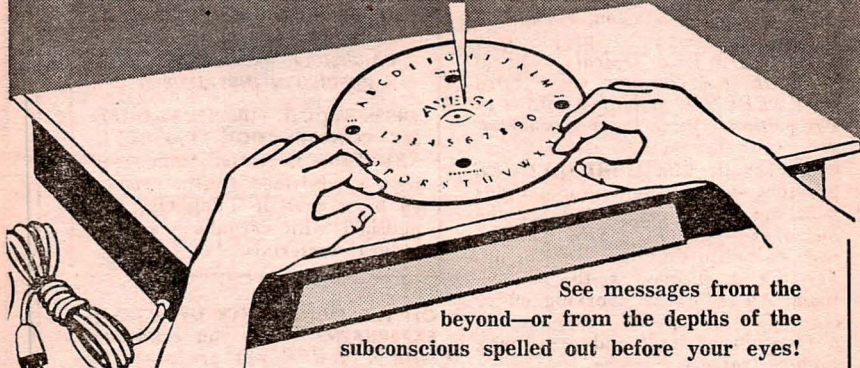
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When I returned to my body, my mind was fully awake, but my body was asleep. I was in a state of stunned spiritual shock. I wanted to wake up and I finally got one finger moving. This created physical sensation in my hand and then in my arm.

I slapped myself in the face until my eyes opened. I arose and looked in the mirror. My face was white as a sheet and I threw my head down towards my legs so blood would be forced back into it. Finally my color returned and I was all right.

It took about a day and a half before I stopped responding to people with the instincts of a robot.

That finally ended and I was normal once more.

Since that day I have become an ardent Christian. Whether I somehow hypnotized myself in 1958 or actually tasted the death reserved for a lukewarm Christian, I feel sure that I understand now what death really will be like. However, I will die without worrying about whether I am to be saved or damned because I live a good Christian life. I no longer fear death.—
Dan H. Brown II, Washington, D.C.

BIRD CALL

I appeal to FATE's readers for information about a bird which I cannot find in any book. The bird is black, has a white head and a 16-foot wingspread. It flies like an eagle but its wings are narrower than an eastern condor's. I saw this bird every day for a week and think others must have seen it. It never flew more than 100 feet above the ground when it soared. It seemed to be searching for dead deer.

Previously I have been able to get information about other birds through FATE's readers. The most interesting was the thunderbird. A lady in Tombstone, Ariz., gave me a splendid account of a thunderbird two prospectors shot and brought into Tombstone and nailed on the side of the newspaper building, the *Tombstone Epitaph*. Its wingspread measured 36 feet.

A picture was taken of six men standing under it with arms outstretched and fingers touching. The photo was copied in many newspapers. The editor notified colleges in states west of the Rockies asking them to examine the bird but

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no one came. So he got six actors dressed as professors wearing tall hats worn in the 19th Century to pose with the bird. One of them was quoted as saying, "There ain't no such bird, never was, and never will be." This picture was circulated in papers all over the United States.

The thunderbird is supposed to carry off and eat 50 or more people in the United States yearly, most of them children. I personally have known seven people the thunderbird has carried off. Its victims range in age from 75-year-old Barney Pluff who was devoured in 1941 to a four-year-old girl in McKean County, Pa., who was snatched in 1937 while her family was picking berries.

Some years ago FATE printed the story of Oliver Hurst (Lerch?) who was carried off by a thunderbird on Christmas Eve in 1890. A party of 30 persons who could not see him heard his screaming "Help! It's got me!" until his screams were no longer audible.—
H. M. Cranmer, Renovo, Pa.

GLAD PREDICTION FAILED

In FATE's June, 1965, *Report From The Readers* section I predicted a severe earthquake would hit the West Coast on Wednesday, July 21, 1965, at around 1:00 P.M. I also explained the severe quake might not happen on the exact date and hour given.

Between July 15 and 21, 1965, there were eight quakes in California, but none of them were severe as I predicted. There were two in Los Angeles July 15 and 16, one at San Benito, two felt at Eureka on July 19 which did no

damage, and three separate quakes felt at Novato, Calif., in Marine County, just north of San Francisco on July 21, at 12:30 P.M. The earthquakes were light on land but very heavy when they reached the ocean.

Even though I predicted the quake would be severe I do not feel the prophecy was a complete "miss" but I am glad the quake "missed" us and caused no damage.

I advised people to pray so that the quake would not happen. I feel the prayers diverted the earthquakes away from our shore and sent the bad ones out into the ocean.

I am glad I was embarrassed when my prediction did not become true. My prophecy was made to save lives. Perhaps it fulfilled its purpose in a more fruitful way than we know.—*Rev. Grace Conrad, Bayside, Calif.*

DUMB (?) ANIMALS

In Mr. Fuller's column *I See By The Papers* I particularly like items about the unexplainable intelligence of lower animals and insects. Here are a few of my own observations:

Australia (where I was born in 1878 and spent all my early years in the farming districts) is a land of unusual creatures. For instance there is the small black ant (the same kind we have in California) which is known as the "farmer's barometer." Whenever a thunderstorm looms up, all the farmer has to do is look at his fence posts. If the ants are swarming up the posts he knows there will be a real downpour but if there are no ants he doesn't need to worry as

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Please keep on giving more news
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Bill Ireland, Hollywood, Calif.

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*(Continued from page 134)***EYELESS VISION IN W.W.I**

The item headed "Report From Thailand" on page 9 of the August, 1965, issue reminds me to tell you about some earlier eyeless vision experiments that were conducted shortly after the First World War. In an effort to help some of the many French soldiers blinded in the war, efforts were made to teach them to read through the skin. As I recall, the most sensitive areas were found to be the forehead and the chest. However, there was little success. The training required many hours of intense concentration in a quiet room without distractions, and I believe that the best of the "pupils" succeeded, after long training, only in distinguishing the large letters of newspaper headlines. Hypnosis was not used.

The theory was that the eye is only a highly specialized group of skin cells, and that scattered all over the skin were other cells, rudimentary and non-functional in most people, but potentially trainable into something like the visual activity of the developed eye. The primitive cells were called "ocelli" by the experimenters.

This information appeared in a book by Jules Romains, called *Eyeless Sight* (this presumably is the same Romains who later wrote the multi-volume panoramic novel of French life called *Men of Good Will*) I read the book in the mid-Twenties, in the New York Public Library and of course I now wish that I had then bought a copy. I will try to find it again the next time I am at the library.—*Isabel L. Davis, New York, N.Y.*

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