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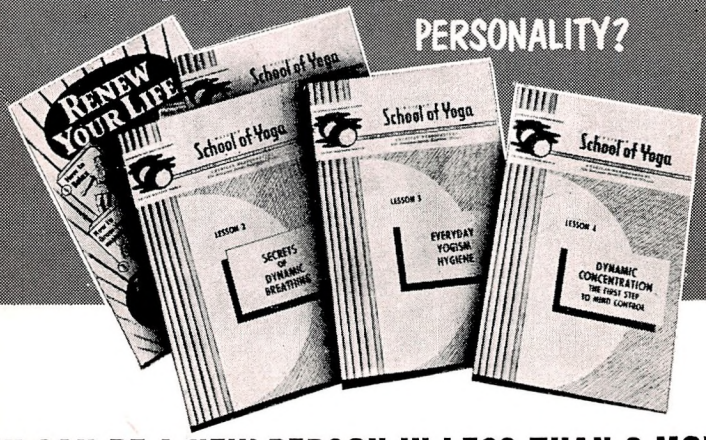
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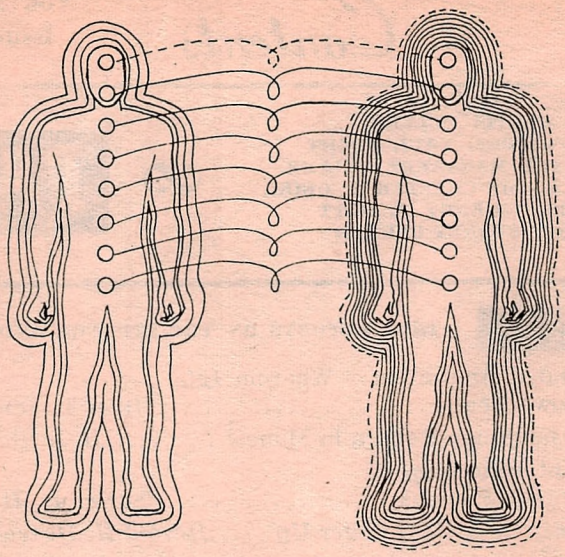
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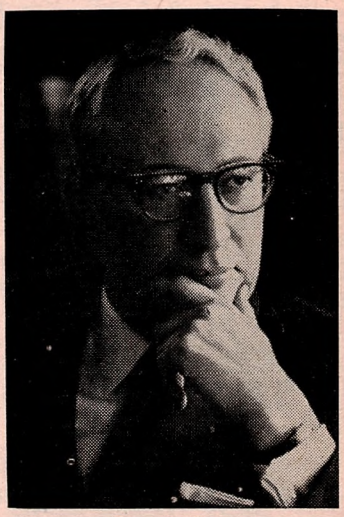
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AS WITH the rest of science, archeology is jumping. More trained scientists, more money for digs, result inevitably in new discoveries, new theories — and new mysteries.

At Beth She'arim, near modern Haifa in Palestine, experts are confronted with such a mystery — the discovery of a solid slab of raspberry-colored glass 11 feet long, six and one-half feet wide and one and one-half feet thick weighing about eight and eight-tenths tons. Not only is the purpose of this gigantic slab unknown, but it represents a level of technological achievement previously undreamed of for the glassmakers of the early Christian era.

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The glass is opaque. It was manufactured at the site where it was found — an area where famous glass pieces were made in ancient times and, in legend, the place where mankind discovered how to make glass.

The slab never had been worked or polished. No known history or legend describes its manufacture although scholars now are being asked to search ancient literature for some reference to it.

Dr. Robert H. Brill of the Corning Museum of Glass thinks the best explanation for its manufacture was as some kind of memorial or monument. But he continues to be amazed at the technological knowledge that made it possible to cast this third largest single piece of glass.

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THE DESERT DOLPHINS

AN ALL but forgotten civilization now has been delineated in a new book by Dr. Nelson Glueck — world-famed archeol-

ogist, American rabbi, and president of Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, Ohio.

"Deities and Dolphins — the Story of Nabataeans" is a 650-page work that describes a civilization extending from Transjordan across the Negev to Sinai and from Arabia to Syria, with its capital of Petra.

The Nabataeans endured for five centuries until they were conquered by Rome in the Second Century. Using the Bible as the key to his diggings, Dr. Glueck has discovered more than 1,000 ancient sites in Jordan and 500 in the Negev. He also rediscovered the long-lost copper mines of King Solomon.

One of the strange things about the Nabataeans is that they worshipped the dolphin and its likeness is found throughout the ancient land. It was their sign for safety, fortune and immortality from Mesopotamia to the Mediterranean Sea.

Some of the dolphin carvings Dr. Glueck found are but half-inch etchings on pottery. But in the temple of Khirbet Tannur, which he excavated and which has turned out to be the most complete one of its kind to be uncovered, among the stone images found there was a goddess wearing on her head a stone tiara of facing twin dolphins.

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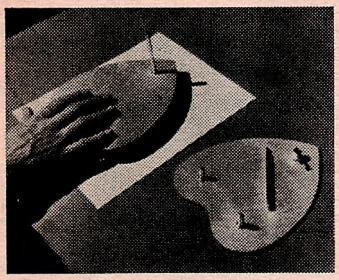
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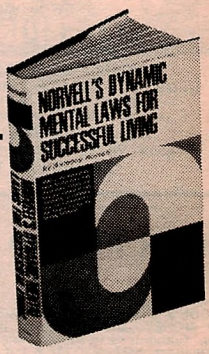
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aklion in Crete, Dr. S. Alexiou, director of the Heraklion Museum, has discovered new masterpieces of Minoan art. The excavations of the site have been conducted by the Archeological Society of Athens. Among the discoveries in a group of tombs is a carved ivory box or *pyxis* ranking among the greatest finds of Minoan art.

The *pyxis* is carved out of a section of elephant tusk and shows, in relief, a running man carrying a spear. To his right is another man in the well-known acrobat's position of a bull fight. With arms crossed he holds the horns of the bull, in a kind of hand-stand, and is being thrown off and over in a dangerous somersault. The background of the scene shows a rocky landscape over which a long-necked bird is flying.

The atmosphere of the scene seems to suggest that it depicts, not the usual sort of bull leaping done at the Cretan games and festivals, but the actual capture of a wild bull. These animals still roamed Crete at the time the artist lived — about the first half of the 15th Century B.C.



THE JAPANESE VOYAGERS

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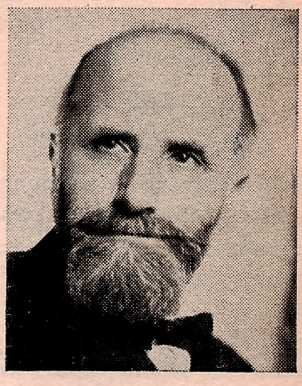
outlined in the *Scientific American* what they say is "air-tight" proof that the Japanese landed on the coast of Ecuador 5,000 years ago and influenced pottery forms there for 2,000 years.

Betty J. Meggers, research associate, and Clifford Evans, curator, of the Smithsonian's division of cultural anthropology believe that the Japanese influence undoubtedly was by chance and probably by a fishing boat blown away from the Japanese coast by a typhoon and swept by ocean currents 8,000 miles across the Pacific.

The story goes back to 1961 when an amateur Ecuadorian archeologist, Emilio Estrada, discovered a fragment of reddish pottery with an oddly marked protuberant rim. The site has been dated at 2300 B.C. to 3000 B.C. That form of rim and decoration at that prehistoric time was being made only in Japan.

Soon similar shards were found duplicating the decoration, design elements and patterns of Japanese pottery of the same period and earlier.

In arguing their case, the Smithsonian scientists point out that this "Valdivian" style pottery occurred in Japan earlier than in Ecuador; development of the style can be traced in Japan but not in Ecuador where it



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appeared suddenly; and the design is largely esthetic and not functional — it had no purpose other than decoration.

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ABOUT LOST CITIES

RECENTLY the American explorer, Gene Savoy, who in 1964 found the ruins of a city thought to be the fabled Vilcabamba, Inca stronghold lost after the Spanish conquest, discovered a whole complex of ruined cities and fortresses in the mountainous jungles of northern Peru.

These may include Gran Pajaten, great city of the Chachapoyas, who the Incas defeated before the Spanish conquest. Most of the ruins appear to be pre-Incan, though how old they actually are is not yet known.

After noting ruins of mountain strongholds along both sides of the River Maranon, Savoy's small party came upon an ancient stone highway running north and south and built differently than the Incan roads. The main Incan highway through these mountains is much farther west and runs through another mountain range.

Ruins were found all along the route and eventually a round fortress, about 46 feet in diameter and 12 to 15 feet high, was reached. On the north side of the fortress was a 13-foot-wide stone staircase, on each side of which five stone heads were embedded. Each head was framed in a "headdress" made of slabs of inset slate. The "headdresses" were of two kinds — one was ray-like and erect like a feather crown, the other points downward like the feathers of a wing.

Savoy's party eventually explored about three square miles of the area. Other circular structures were discovered, terraced platforms and major stairways were uncovered, and about 50 sculptured heads of various kinds and sizes were found. Telescope observations of surrounding hills indicate a vast number of similar buildings dot the area.

Since Savoy's discoveries, Reuters reports that two additional city complexes have been found in the region. The largest is said to be surrounded by an impressive stone wall with huge circular towers placed along the walls at intervals of about 500 yards. Within the walls of the site, called "La Joya," reportedly are 50 to 100 buildings, circular and about three stories high.

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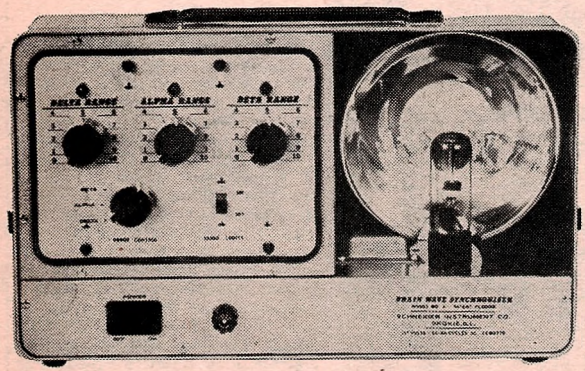
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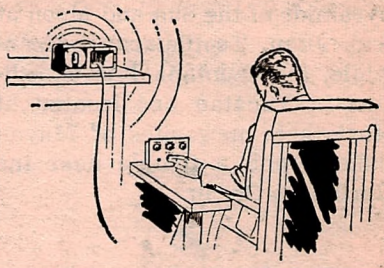
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ETRURIA HEARD FROM

ADD TO THE persistent theories that various European peoples "discovered" America before either Columbus or Lief Erickson the ideas of Dr. Mario Gattoni Celli, Etruscan language student and the Italian university professor. He says that:

"It cannot be excluded that there was an Etruscan migration to South America, because the Etruscans were capable navigators and their ships were not much inferior to those in which Columbus made his voyage."

Eliminate the word "Etruscan" in the above statement and substitute, variously, the words "Welch," "Irish," "Phoenician" — even "Gaunche" — and you have run the gamut as far as Europeans are concerned. Approximately the same thing, with the same kinds of evidence, has been said of them all. On the Pacific side you can substitute Japanese, Chinese and Polynesian. There is actually more evidence that the latter three reached America than that the Etruscans did.

Nonetheless, let us hear Professor Celli out. As an Etruscan expert, he declares that identical religious symbols were used by the Etruscans and the Akawayo Indians of the Guianas in northern South America. One symbol common to both is a winged man. A common word he finds is "cala" for stairs, similar to the Italian "scala."

Professor Celli has reported his theories and findings to the Institute of Etruscan studies in Florence. So far the Institute has not commented.

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Before we leave this subject we must report that the famous 15th Century Inca Tupac Yupanqui, who extended the Inca domains northward in Peru and conquered the Chachapoyas in the region where the great city ruins recently have been discovered, left an account of his successful expedition and a description of his defeated enemy.

They were, Tupac's account states, a fair-skinned people with blue eyes, strong and brave warriors.

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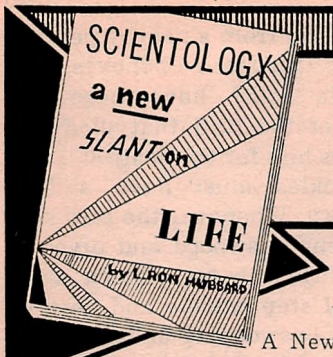
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As we write, the grackle has joined the migration of his feathered kin into Mexico. "But in the spring, if he's still alive," mourns Stephens, "he'll be back."

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WHAT A RAT!

JIMMY WELLMAN, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wellman, Columbia, S.C., had a pet white rat. He was awakened at 2:10 A.M. one day recently by his pet's screeching and squealing to find the bed was on fire. Jimmy waked the five other members of his family and all managed to escape — except the rat, which died in the fire.

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LUCK OR ESP?

CONSIDER THE case of Mary Anne Murray, 17, a student

at the Eden Hall Convent of the Sacred Heart in Philadelphia, Pa. Mary Anne is a natural-born raffle winner.

During 1965 she won two Cadillacs, a Mustang, a $200 hand organ, a $100 gift certificate and several smaller prizes. Now John Freeman, a research associate at the Institute of Parapsychology at Durham, N.C., has proposed that Mary Anne may have won her prizes through ESP. Her remarkable performance in raffle contests, he says, "almost rules out luck or coincidence."

Dr. Freeman would like to have Miss Murray investigated at the Institute to see if she really does have ESP abilities. Until he can find out for sure, though, he says "I would hate to compete with her in a contest."

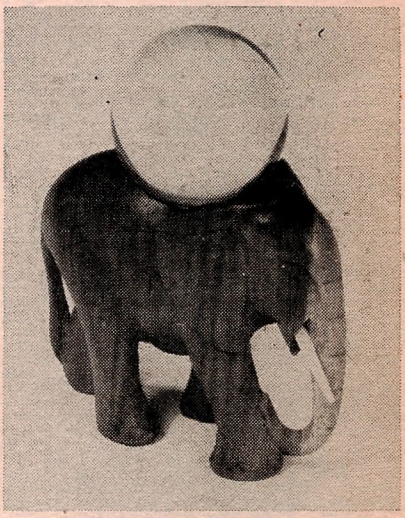
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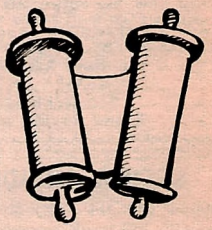


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STRANGE GLOW IN BUCKEYE

IT RAINED in Arizona on the Wednesday before Christmas. Not only is rain unusual in Arizona but another even more "unusual" thing happened in Buckeye, according to the Phoenix *Sun*.

After the rain, glowing spots appeared in the yards of several homes throughout the town. The spots varied from a quarter of an

inch to two inches in diameter and the best guess was that they came down with the rain — though it also was possible that the rain merely activated something that had been there all along.

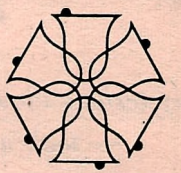
George Hamner, Buckeye Civil Defense Director, thought the glowing spots might be phosphorus after they did not register on his geiger counter. The glowing spots were not strong. They disappeared under the beam of a flashlight — and the beam did not enhance their strength after it was switched off, as happens when a watch dial is exposed to such light.

"At first it looked like aluminum, but taking a real close look it appeared to be a pale green glow," reported Jerry Benson, high school biology teacher. "Walking across my backyard I didn't see anything at first. But the more I looked, the more spots I saw."

Benson discounted the idea that the rain had activated spots of phosphorus in the soil. He observed that an earthworm turned into a glowworm when a portion of it was covered with the stuff.

No one came forward with an answer.

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Thumping, Bumping
POLTERGEIST
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The mysterious blows seemed to come from inside the wall — with a power that shook the house.

By Raymond Bayless & Henry Gilroy

OUR ATTENTION first was drawn to this case on the morning of December 10, 1965, when the following article appeared in the *Los Angeles Times:*

"Thumps and Bumps of Air Mystify Home Owners — Dog Just Leaves.

"Ghostly thumpings and blasts of air in a home here have not only baffled the owners, sheriff's officers, water men, gas men, builders, and at least one college professor, but also scared the dog into moving out.

"Mrs. Billie Cannon, mother of three school-age children, first noticed the strange phenomena Monday morning in the Cannon house at 33843 Fairview Blvd., near Redlands.

"She said there was a heavy pounding from inside a hall wall and blasts of air came up from the concrete floor. The house was at it again that evening when Mrs. Cannon and her husband, Kenneth, came home from work.

"Neighbors were curious at first, Mrs. Cannon said, but were keeping their distance now.

"The house generally acts up for an hour or two in the morning and again in the early evening. In one performance the Cannon poltergeist, if that's what it is, pounded on the wall 49 times, bulging it out five inches.

"Air blasts from the floor raised a rug, ruffled Mrs. Cannon's skirts and bulged out a picture window. In the bedroom a cover popped off the gas heater. Ceramic bric-a-brac fell from a wall and shattered.

"After the Cannons phoned the sheriff the house was visited by deputies, gas repairmen, a water

crew, a county building inspector, a plumber, a reporter and a geology professor.

"Theories advanced included house slippage, land slippage, nearby water drilling and ghosts. No explanation was found, however.

"The Cannon's poodle-cocker hid in the bathroom the first two days, but Thursday moved in with a neighbor.

"The Cannon home is one of the numerous four-year-old houses in a tract, but none of the others is similarly haunted.

" 'You get so you have to laugh about it,' said Mrs. Cannon, 'or otherwise it doesn't take too long to go off the deep end.' "



Mrs. Cannon shows Southern California Gas Co. official the gas wall heater which was dislodged by mysterious poundings in an "exploding wall" in her home. (UPI photos.)



Mrs. Kenneth D. Cannon, Yucaipa, Calif., and Richard H. Ronda, contractor who built her home, erect "for sale" sign after she and her family found noises unbearable.

This article having aroused our interest, we telephoned Mrs. Cannon. She told Bayless, who made the call, that since the article had appeared in the papers she had been besieged by telephone calls; that one man had called from the east coast

and said that if she would send him a plane ticket and a guarantee of $50 a day he would be glad to come out and relieve the situation. She said that the disturbances usually occurred between 7:00 and 8:30 A.M. and again at 4:30 P.M. During the conversation she most kindly invited us to visit her home and study the phenomena. She said she hoped we would not be making the trip in vain as she could not guarantee that the pounding would occur in our presence. She further stated that another man whom she thoroughly trusted was investigating the disturbances and remarked in passing that she is opposed to Spiritualism.

The following day we drove to Yucaipa.

However, before making the trip we did make one other telephone call relative to the case. On December 11 we phoned Dewin K. Robinson, County Building Inspector for San Bernardino County. Bayless made this call also, in order to complete the arrangements necessary for our visit. Mr. Robinson told us that the Cannon home showed no structural damage; that "the house is in perfect condition"; that his department had made two check-outs of the building and that, having found it to be in near perfect condition, his interest in the case was officially over. He made it clear that his remarks were in the nature of personal opinions and not official statements.

We arrived at the Cannon home at approximately 3:25 P.M. but found no one there. However, Raymond Burris, who lives next door, came over and informed us that Mrs. Cannon had gone to town and would be back shortly. He suggested that, in the meantime, we go on in and make ourselves at home.

We entered the Cannon home accompanied by Mr. Burris and spent the next 20 minutes giving the house a complete going over. After this we took a number of photographs. Then we sat down in the living room and Mr. Burris related what he knew of the phenomena. First of all, he had no opinion as to what caused the pounding but said the noise could be heard distinctly next door. He insisted that his wife had heard the noises during the day when the Cannon's were not at home. For us, of course, this statement is hearsay and, as such, has no significance. But it is interesting.

Mr. Burris pointed to the living room window and said, "Last Tuesday morning this window was really popping."

It seems that another window

in the room also "popped." By this Burris meant that the windows vibrated due to an unknown cause. He mentioned he had talked with the inspectors of the gas company when they had come out almost every day for a week but said, "They couldn't come up with an answer either."

At approximately 3:40 Mrs. Cannon, her friend, Dr. James M. Lockhart, and her three children, drove into the attached garage. Dr. Lockhart, a dentist, turned out to be the person Mrs. Cannon previously had mentioned as an investigator she completely trusted. They entered the house through the kitchen door and began unloading groceries.

Mrs. Cannon's daughter, Dee, aged 10, walked from the kitchen through the living room and into the hallway. The girl said "hello" as she passed us and entered the hallway where she still was in plain view of Gilroy but out of the visual range of Bayless.

Billy, aged 12, entered the living room from the kitchen and walked toward the hall archway. As the boy reached a position about three feet from the hallway entrance three violent blows sounded from the hallway and related area of the doorway to the boy's bedroom which is the first door to the left upon entering the hallway. When the phenomena occurred the girl was continuing toward her room which entered to the left at the end of the hall. She did not enter her room until after the pounding. The blows were extremely loud and literally shook the house. The boy then entered his bedroom and there were no further sounds for at least 10 or 15 minutes.

When the pounding occurred the third child had not yet entered the living room from the kitchen area.

It should be added that there are no entrances to the house other than through the front door and through the kitchen.

There was not the slightest possibility for either the boy or girl to have produced these sounds normally under the circumstances. To do so they would have had to strike the walls three times while they were in full view — an impossibility. Further; neither child so much as brushed against the wall while walking down the hall. And because, as investigators, we were eagerly awaiting the arrival of the children and hoping to witness just such phenomena as these we were doubly alert.

After a few minutes of exchanging pleasantries with Mrs. Cannon and Dr. Lockhart we

received permission to bring in our tape recorder. We left by the front door and walked to the car which was parked in front of the house. While we were getting our equipment we heard one loud blow from within the house which verified Mr. Burris' statement that the noise could be heard a considerable distance away.

This particular blow is important, for the negative side of our investigation, as Dr. Lockhart later told us he had the boy within his vision at this time and saw him go into his bedroom and strike a closet door just inside the doorway to his room and that this was the blow we had heard while we were outside.

A rather interesting incident took place during our visit at 4:05 P.M. when Bayless remarked in front of Billy that we had not had any "banging" for some time. Shortly thereafter the boy walked into his bedroom and in a few moments a typical loud blow was heard.

On another occasion when Billy was sitting in the living room Bayless asked him if he "found the pounding exciting." The boy replied that he certainly did. He then was asked if the noises ever frightened his 10-year-old sister and the boy replied that they did. We believe these answers are of psychological significance.

We heard nine separate "poundings" in all. Unfortunately the only ones we can vouch for as being genuine are the first three blows. The others occurred after the boy had gone into his room and was not visible. So, in view of the fact that we have no evidence to the contrary, a normal origin for the other phenomena must be considered a possibility, even a probability.

The various newspaper accounts, and there were many, of this case gave little or no indication that the boy might be creating at least some of the poundings. However, Leonard Metz, in an article which appeared on December 11, 1965, in the *San Bernardino Daily Sun* wrote: "The knockings seemed to occur just after Billy stepped toward the corner of the room where the offending wall and another wall intersect. The corner is out of the line-of-vision of the doorway." This article also noted that when Billy came out of his room there were no further knocks but, upon his returning to his room, within seconds there were other crashing sounds. The connection between the boy and the blows on this earlier occasion seems obvious.

We left the Cannon home, accompanied by Dr. Lockhart, at

6:00 P.M. and drove to a cafe where we discussed the case over coffee. He told us that when we left the house to go to the car for the tape recorder and he saw the boy producing "phenomena" he had mentioned this to Mrs. Cannon. This is contrary to our principles during an investigation and can be practically counted on to antagonize the participants. Be that as it may, we were not invited to return for further investigation even though we attempted on several different occasions to pay another visit to the Cannon home.

Several days later Lockhart, during a telephone conversation with Bayless, said that after his return to the disturbed house he heard many more blows but in his opinion they all were of normal origin. However, he did concur with our opinion that, in view of the fact that we had witnessed one example of genuine phenomenon, the case must be regarded as a "mixed" example and of extreme value.

The late Hereward Carrington, during an informal chat on a cold, rainy night in Hollywood, Calif., once told Henry Gilroy that psychical research demanded cold, analytical, unbiased, and scientific investigation and that, if he was lucky, he might be among the fortunate few who are in the right place at the right time. Carrington said if conditions were right he would witness phenomena which would eliminate the possibility of conscious or unconscious fraud. Little did Gilroy realize on that winter night in 1948 that he would investigate many hauntings, mediums, poltergeists, and other reported phenomena before gleaning a residuum of unimpeachable, indisputable evidence that some phenomena are genuine as he did early in our visit in the Cannons' home.

We believe the Yucaipa poltergeist case to be a mixture of genuine phenomena and phenomena of normal origin. This is frequently the case and, as Dr. Carrington said so many times, he experienced both normal and paranormal phenomena during the Palladino sittings and decided that the genuine far outweighed the fraudulent when the investigation was finally analyzed.

Disregarding our own findings for the moment, the phenomena at the Cannons' home have been a source of considerable speculation. Various explanations for the poundings have been advanced, including land movement, old wells, gas leaks, etc. Some newspapers printed statements expounding these theo-

ries. For example, the December 11 edition of the *San Bernardino Daily Sun* carried the following: "Yesterday afternoon a mining geologist from La Verne College and a representative of the Southern California Gas Company attempted to find the source of the poundings but they were unsuccessful. Charles Griffin, sales representative for the gas company, said he could discover no leaks in the gas lines. A crew will return Monday for a further check, however. Randall T. Chew III, La Verne College, said there was no evidence that a ground fault could be responsible. He recommended further tests to determine if carbon dioxide or other gases could be building up from underground deposits."

However, in our opinion, the poundings are related to the boy; they occur in his immediate presence; and to seek further for another cause is quite pointless!

The vibration of the windows could have been the result of the closed door being pushed, or struck, causing a wave of compressed air to strike the pane. Although, the violence of the blows must be considered.

The *Los Angeles Times*, on December 15, 1965, reported further progress of the case as follows: "Members of the Kenneth D. Cannon family kept their fingers crossed today that the mysterious pounding that shook their home for nearly a week has stopped for good."

On January 10, 1966, the *Los Angeles Times* stated: "The Cannons are putting their house up for sale because they have been unable to evict a noisy 'ghost' . . . After the first week the noises stopped but they have started again during the last week."

On January 19 the same newspaper stated that the mystery had been solved by two Los Angeles city building inspectors. Their theory is that the sounds "are caused by expansion and contraction in water-soaked clay soil under the home."

This last suggestion is, in our opinion, not tenable.

According to our observations made on the spot while the phenomena were in progress the poundings are directly related to the boy and occur only in his immediate presence. That is not to say that some of these poundings occurring in his presence are not occurring through paranormal agency — some of them we know occurred through normal agency.

The case is, in our opinion a valuable and interesting one. As this is written, it continues.

Suspended Animation

wherein

LIFE follows DEATH

Science seeks clues to the nature of life — in a strange area where life has ceased.

By Ivan T. Sanderson

WHAT IS LIFE? Society's structures are founded entirely on attitudes toward the life-force; religions are built on the belief that life is the supreme gift; moral codes stipulate denial of continued life as the ultimate punishment; all who read this have life.

But who can answer the elemental question, what is life?

Even massive, organized science can't answer the question. Indeed, science has not really attempted to define the condition we call life.

Perhaps, however, in the strange area of suspended animation, where the commonly accepted definitions of life or death do not apply, lies a series of clues which can lead to a genuine understanding of the nature of life.

Most persons blindly accept the statement that stones, being composed of crystals, are *inanimate* — "dead" things without any intrinsic life force, or whatever you choose to call the apparently non-material part of living things.

Similarly, we accept the claim that spiders, for instance, are *animate* living things composed of a combination of matter and this mysterious activating force.

Prima facie, this may be a valid classification but actually it is not a valid definition of either state for there are, on the one hand, entities thus classed as inanimate which perform many of the basic activities of "living" things while, on the other hand, there are many examples of the latter that can be apparently inanimate — by every test we can devise — but which thereafter can be reanimated. Some of these

animals are surprisingly high up the tree of life.

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AT THE BEGINNING of the 18th Century much interest and considerable excitement was aroused among biologists by the famous Dutch microscopist van Leeuwenhoek's announcement that he had observed tiny, single celled animals called Rotifers and even certain worms completely dry up, remain thus for varying periods of time and then "come back to life" when moistened.

But this outlandish pronouncement was shelved until 1776 when the Italian biologist Spallanzani described a similar occurrence among some little animals related to spiders and called Tardigrades or Bear Animalcules. Not only were these animals of a much higher order than Rotifers and worms, for they belong to the Arthropods which include insects, crustaceans, spiders, etc., but their behavior brought to light a mystery so profound that nobody has unravelled it.

The tiny Tardigrades exist in most parts of our world, living in fresh water and under moss and such in moist environments from Arctic to sub-Antarctic lands. Their average length is something less than one millimeter — a 25th of an inch — but they have four pairs of clawed limbs, digestive and circulatory systems, a nervous system with a primitive brain, and most of the other apparatus possessed by a higher animal. They live their lives like any other animal of their station unless the moisture of their environment is slowly withdrawn — as may be done under a microscope by evaporation — in which case they shrivel up until they resemble minute particles of dust. However, as the water is leached from their body fluids, the salts and other mineral content dissolved therein crystallize out.

The resultant minute package of crystals in its horny wrinkled envelope can be kept, it would appear, for *indefinite periods.* All you have to do to restore life is to "water" them very carefully. First they slowly swell and resume their original shape. They lie dormant for some time but, in due course, they begin to move about and eventually take up life where they left off, as if nothing at all had happened, even to the essential task of reproducing their kind.

This amazing phenomenon presents a number of apparently unanswerable questions. It both defies our logic and upsets some of our most cherished beliefs.

Perhaps this is the reason so little has been heard of the little Bear Animalcules since 1776.

This behavior of the Tardigrades legitimately may be classed as suspended animation. This state, or rather estate, actually covers a number of conditions into which life or living things may be induced. To attempt to classify these estates completely is too difficult here, however, such estates may be laid out roughly in order of progression from the slightest to the most intense; that is, from such fleeting "suspension" as dozing off in a movie to the complete disanimation of the Tardigrades. Furthermore, the suspension may apply only to the mind, in whole or in part, as dreamless and dreamful sleep, or to the entire function of the entity, as in Tardigrades.

Suspension of some aspects of what we call living may be normal or artificial in that the creature may bring it upon itself or human beings may bring it on by the use of hypnosis, electromagnetic manipulation, drugs and anesthetics, or by changing the temperature or regulating the amount of moisture. Also, there are accidents that bring on different types of coma, including the mysterious condition called catalepsy. It is hard, if not impossible, to draw a line between the normal and abnormal in nature, for accidents or the eating by mistake of food containing a soporific may be said to be "normal" events and we can so define them. Therefore, the only truly abnormal cases are the artificial humanly induced suspensions.

It is notable, that suspended animation may be cyclical, as in sleep, hibernation, and in some forms of aestivation, or it may be erratic as in other cases of aestivation and dessication. For instance, there are frogs, in the very dry areas of Australia where sometimes it does not rain for 10 years, that dig holes which they line with mucuous that hardens to form a sort of plastic cocoon in which they can rest until the next rain falls. The famous lungfish of Africa does the same sort of thing and can remain in its ball of hardened clay for several years — during which time, incidentally, it feeds off its muscles, not off its fat, and may shrink in length by inches.

These animals only put themselves away when the water supply gives out and, of course, this may not happen in the lifetime of the individual animal.

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SO FAR WE have been speaking of *individual* living entities.

Before we go further we must note that there also is what may be called a *racial* form of suspended animation. Moreover, it may come as a surprise that this is the rule rather than the exception. It is called "the alternation of generations."

Starting very near the beginnings of what we call life we find this strange process already in operation; in fact, it is among the ultrafilterable viruses that we find the most astonishing manifestation of the process. This has an alarming aspect. It long has been known that some viral entities behave part of the time and under certain circumstances exactly like other living things but that, with a change of environment of one kind or another, and notably when these viruses penetrate a bacterium as a parasite, they alter their form and their entire constitution. The virus then becomes, to all intents and purposes, crystalline or inanimate.

Upon the return to the original conditions or a change to still another set of circumstances the virus again becomes animate. The nasty part of this is that some of them, when they are inanimate, look more like machines than like mere crystalline structures — some of them have "parts" like "springs"; some have collapsible extensions that are hinged and look like the antennae on a space-probe vehicle; and these machine-like parts respond to non-animate stimuli just as does a water pump.

Does this mean that down near the molecular level there are robots? Or that what we call "life" may be only the infancy of "machines"? Are our computers a natural development in an extended life-cycle and, what is more, are they its highest form?

This would put us and all other so-called animate things in the middle, between mere stuff at the bottom of the heap, and machines at the top.

Most creatures (the only exceptions are those animals that reproduce by budding) alternate between an active and an inactive stage — the good old chicken-egg cycle. However, universally at lower levels as among amoebae, and very widely among lower, multicelled animals and plants, we find that this is not just a matter of a non-active or resting phase versus a mobile active one but, in the first phase, one of actual non-animation.

Scientists Mary Galbraith and Monica Taylor at Notre Dame College, Glasgow, Scotland, have reported in the journal *Nature* on a culture of *Amoeba proteus* that

had been maintained in their laboratory since 1916. On September 28, 1948, a sample was taken from this and allowed to go through its normal cycle. By May 6, 1949, it was "old" and all the animals had what is called *encysted*; that is, they were in a resting stage which they normally enter.

The dish containing them was allowed to dry out completely. In August of that year water was added and by the 26th of August no Amoebae had appeared, but the food necessary for Amoebae, in the form of Ciliates and Flagellates had appeared! These increased in number until December, at which time there was an abundance of the natural food of Amoebae present. But not until January of the next year, 1950, did the Amoebae, as young individuals, finally appear!

Before leaving the alternation of generations — cyclical or induced — it must be pointed out that, while most animals alternate between resting and active stages, as plants and seeds alternate, as human beings alternate with their ova, as chickens and eggs alternate, there is a curious secondary entity in the picture. This is the sperm or "male" aspect of bi- or multi-sexual reproduction.

While dessicated eggs (ova) of invertebrate animals apparently can survive in many cases, those of the vertebrates seemingly cannot. Nor do eggs readily survive freezing, but spermatozoa do — as in sperm-banks. Dessicated eggs and frozen sperm are in a state of true suspended animation. They are not just "resting."

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ABOUT 30 YEARS ago I attended a lecture by the great Sir William Bragg at the Royal Institute in London, and I still do not quite understand what I witnessed there. Nor does anybody else, I fancy; because it forms the basis of prolonged and somewhat frantic research today and may take us to the stars.

The demonstration was simple — Sir William had four fish tanks, a number of goldfish, a small net, a long pair of tongs, hot and cold water, and liquid hydrogen. In tank Number 1 were the goldfish; in tank Number 2 was the liquid hydrogen; in tank Number 3 there was hot water; and in tank Number 4 there was cold water.

Sir William scooped up a fat goldfish and dropped it into tank Number 2 containing the liquid hydrogen. Then he fished it out with the tongs and dropped it on the table. It shattered almost to dust.

He caught up another fish, put it into the hydrogen, then dropped it into the hot water in tank Number 3. It sort of exploded.

Finally, he repeated the process but dropped the solidly frozen and rigid fish into the tank of cold water. It drifted to the bottom and slowly up again, and lay like a lump. Absolute silence filled the huge lecture hall. Then the fish began to wiggle a bit and, in a few minutes, it was swimming around apparently quite happy and gulping again.

This was an extreme case of artificial inducement to what appeared to be suspended life. But what actually happened? And does this sort of thing happen in nature? Apparently it does. All manner of animals right up to fish and frogs are known to have been frozen in ice for long periods and still to have survived.

Then there are those incredible *stories* from American colonial times about freezing Granny for the winter. They go as follows:

Due to shortage of food and lack of storage facilities in the early days somebody suggested that the family might be saved through the winter if it had less mouths to feed. Therefore, loved ones who were not contributors due to age or infirmity were gradually and systematically chilled by being placed in a freezing draft until they became comatose. They then allegedly were placed on a mattress of fresh snow on a bed of pine branches, covered with a blanket of snow over which logs were piled to prevent bears and other predators from getting at the loved one. And — so the stories go — there they lay in a state of suspended animation until the spring thaw. These are only "stories," mark you, but they persist.

True or false, the idea is not altogether unreasonable. Experiments underway today are designed to see whether it may be possible to deep freeze space pilots for long journeys away from our earth.

A drop in temperature at a certain time triggers the fairly common hibernation phenomenon. There is a wide range of hibernation techniques from the chronic sleepiness of bears in a northern winter to the absolute immobility of some bats which are at such a low temperature that hoar frost may form on their fur.

Aestivation is another matter. This is primarily due to a seasonal lack of water, sometimes combined with an increase in average heat. Many desert ani-

mals are believed to use aestivation for survival. On the other hand, just what desert animals do during the long periods of what we call drought on the land surface is not sufficiently known. Often it is quite cool only a short way down inside the holes in the desert and often there is moisture down there; many desert animals can get along without any water to drink and are almost completely non-evaporators.

Heat combined with airlessness may cause us drowsiness but heat alone does not seem to bring on suspended animation nor even sleep. On the contrary, it seems to excite up to a lethal point. Rather, it is dessication that brings about the most extreme forms of suspended animation.

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SUSPENSION OF activity in animals, partial or complete, is of two distinct kinds — that in which the material body is not substantially altered, if at all, and that in which it is. The Australian frogs and the African lungfish are of the first variety; the Tardigrades are of the second. It is among the latter that the great mystery appears for this represents a cessation of life rather than a mere slowing down of life-processes.

When this remarkable phenomenon was recorded by Leeuwenhoek there was some pretty desperate speculating concerning it. First, it was suggested that the dessicated remains somehow continued to respire. But this was denied when they were kept in a near vacuum. Next came the notion that they absorbed sunlight somewhat as plants do in photosynthesis. But all light, and most other known radiation, was excluded from them without effect. After this the suggesters of the last century seem just to have given up.

Then came piezoelectricity, or electric polarity due to pressure on or in crystals, and a few bold souls began to speculate again, but along quite different lines. For by this time it was realized that all animals are basically "devices" operated by electricity.

The question at issue is, of course, what is life.

What caused us for so long to assert that it is something quite disconnected from matter?

A spider, or its relative a Tardigrade, is most manifestly alive, however you define that estate; a stone seems not to be alive, yet stones (unless they are amorphous mineral masses like obsidian or flint) are made of

crystals, and crystals are born, grow, feed, excrete, can give birth — even to twins — and die. They also appear to have a built-in energy pattern — manifest in one respect as piezoelectricity. Thus, when a Tardigrade dries up and goes partly crystalline and partly mere amorphous, plastic-like, organic material, it probably retains its energy pattern. In fact, the baffling idea that its "life-force" leaves it and goes elsewhere (in time, or otherwise) to await your or Nature's whim as to when moisture and thus "life" shall be restored to the little shrivelled-up speck, is obviated.

Life, then, becomes an inherent component of matter but manifests itself in an organized manner according to the composition of said matter and, perhaps, as the Gautama Buddha said, in accordance with the particulation of that matter.

No two of anything can be precisely alike simply because they must be composed of a different set of individual molecules, atoms, and so forth. Thus, each has its own "personality." Highly complex bodies like animals, composed of massive organic molecules, probably have highly complex energy patterns and display themselves as living things. Simple bodies like a stone formed of mica, quartz, and felspar crystals, have simple energy makeups that we only now are beginning to detect with the sensitive instruments science has devised.

Suspended animation may turn out to be just that — a temporary tuning down, locking up, or "suspension" of the energy pattern of a material entity, induced by any one of many purely physical procedures.

We still do not know what life is. But it may turn out to be a sort of fourth dimension of matter and just as indestructible as matter. In other words, it may be a complex of *free* energy as opposed to the complex of *trapped* energy that *is* matter.



CHANCE RESCUE

WHEN their car became mired in deep mud near Hartland, Calif., Joe Finney and Barney Corwin sought help and were directed to a cabin in which lived Cecil Beattie, 62, who, they were told, owned the only truck in the area.Their chance arrival saved Beattie's life. Finding the cabin in flames and Beattie unconscious inside, they dragged him out and called the county fire department.

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FOUND! A LITTLE BOY

By Julie Saint

AS A PROFESSIONAL singer and pianist, under a name derived from Saint Jude, my patron saint, I've toured the country and have performed for our late President Kennedy. Among other places, I have entertained at the "Latin Quarter" in New York and the Hotel Riviera in Havana. The following incident took place about 9:30 P.M. one night in April, 1965, while I was entertaining at the exclusive "Golden Swan" supper club which overlooks the Charles River in Boston.

After I took my 30-minute break, I sat at the piano to begin a one-hour performance. Suddenly I "heard" within me some strange, dynamic force saying: "Go out! Go Out! Go out now!" I said to myself, "Dear Lord, what can this be?" — I just had to get up to leave! It was impossible for me to concentrate, to perform!

As I went to the cloakroom to get my coat — it was quite chilly outdoors — this same voice kept saying: "Go out now! Go out now before it's too late!" I walked briskly outside and around the building to the front steps. As I was stepping down, I heard whimpering and looked to see a petrified little boy — no more



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than five years old — running and crying.

I caught up to him and convinced him he should come to the corner drugstore and have something to eat. I said I would see that someone helped him find his home.

He told me he had run away from Saint Francis Home in Roxbury. It was a boarding home and his parents were to have taken him home for the weekend. The boy said that his parents didn't really love him. . . . I found out later that his folks were both alcoholics!

He had been lost since 11:00 o'clock that morning — over 10 hours! And he had wandered a distance of at least 10 miles.

Had I lingered inside the club another minute, this poor little boy might not have been found till hours or days later . . . or maybe not at all! — *Malden, Mass.*

CRY IN THE NIGHT

By Dawn Dinsmore

SUDDENLY I awoke thinking I had heard Bob urgently call, "Mom, Mom!" But I must have been dreaming for this was during World War II and Bob was somewhere in Alaska with the Air Force. My bedside clock said 4:10 A.M. and I figured it must be about 11 P.M. in Alaska.

I was shivering with uneasiness and couldn't stay in bed. I felt sure Bob was in some kind of danger and instinctively had called me. Even though he was 18, seemingly self-sufficient and independent, he had always turned to me in time of trouble. As I paced the living room floor I visualized all kinds of things that could happen to him at a secret air base. It wasn't a combat zone but his letters were so strictly censored that I really didn't know just where he was.

I knelt and prayed. Only God could help him now and I knew, just as if he were at my side, that Bob was praying too. I silently uttered words of comfort and reassurance as if Bob could hear them. Somehow I felt this awful thing would be overcome and he would come home safely.

After daybreak when my husband and daughter arose they told me I had had a nightmare and they pretended to laugh at me. But I could see they were concerned and worried. During the day I telephoned the Red Cross office. They said they would inquire but it was practically impossible to make contact with secret bases in Alaska.

For two days I went about in a trance. Food tasted like wood. Water was just a wetness that did not satisfy my feverish

thirst. Sleeping was little naps with frenzied awakenings as if someone had shaken me. I cleaned house vigorously, instinctively knowing that hard work was a therapy.

Time passed slowly.

On the morning of the third day the Red Cross telephoned me. Bob was safe! He was in a hospital, but comfortable and not badly hurt. Although they could not tell me anything more, it was a great relief. I wrote him at once telling him that I was happy that he was safe and all would be well.

The next week he wrote in a shaky hand that he was fine and very surprised that I had known something had happened. He couldn't tell me what it was.

A year later when he came home on leave, Bob told us what had taken place.

In May, 1943, he was a corporal at Galena Air Base in Alaska, a then secret base between Fairbanks and Nome. When the ice in the nearby Yukon River broke up after the severe winter the resulting flood had destroyed the air base. Most of the men had been able to get into their fur-lined clothes and climb onto the roofs of the hangars to await rescue. Fortunately two planes had gotten away to go for help.

During those horrible 20 hours on the hangar roof when he was in terrible danger, Bob had prayed for courage and strength. He had called to me and had felt the same nearness to me that I had experienced as I mentally comforted and reassured him that all would come out right. He felt that I was telling him God would bring him home safely and so he became sure, too.

Bob said the constant lapping of the rising, dark water and the intermittent banging of ice chunks against the sides of the hangars in the vast, endless northern twilight day and night had created a nightmarish world.

The men had to move constantly to stay awake and to keep from freezing in the terrible, cold May wind. They had to keep their perilous position in mind always and be level-headed. Shouting encouragement to each other had helped.

At the hospital it was found most of them had frozen fingers, toes or lungs. Bob had frostbitten lungs and a badly cut hand which still bears scars. Roll-call revealed that some had not been so lucky. — *San Diego, Calif.*

DREAM PREVENTS BIGAMY

By Margaret Hodges

THE GIRLS at the office had given me a surprise wedding

shower that evening and I was happy and relaxed when I went to bed. The dresser was piled high with their lovely gifts and my wedding dress hung on the closet door, covered by a voluminous sheet. Only one more week and I would be Mrs. Johnson! All my dreams were pleasant—whether I was asleep or awake.

But not that night . . . the dream I had was vivid and forbidding. A tall, bony woman shook her finger at me and thrust a Canadian newspaper in my hand. I couldn't see what she was pointing at but understood that she was insisting I read the paper. The date stood out as plain as anything—March 19, 1960. But this was March 15, 1960!

I awoke, drained and depressed, convinced that I must get that newspaper. But I didn't even know its name! I looked at the library but they had no Canadian newspapers at all. Nor did any of the newsstands carry them. A strange, desperate urgency made me call a Seattle newsstand that the Newport, Wash., librarian told me carried all newspapers. Sure enough, he handled several Candian papers and assured me he'd send a March 19 copy of each as soon as he received it. This was on March 16!

I received the bundle of newspapers on March 20, two days before my wedding. A frantic search through them followed and in a Montreal paper I found a picture of my "dream woman" on an inside page. Next to her was a picture of my fiancee! He had been her husband for four years, but had disappeared over a year ago. She was taking this last chance of finding him and asked in the newspaper story that anyone who had seen him get in contact with her. The woman lived in England but had heard her husband had taken a boat to Canada.

I was heartbroken for a while, but now I am married to a wonderful man who laughs with me about my "dream warning" and my hectic determination to read every March 19, 1960, Canadian newspaper.

We laugh—but we're both thankful for that prophetic dream—*Portland, Ore.*

TRIPLED CLARVOYANCE

By Hettie L. Griggs

PEARL GRIGGS felt depressed. She had been very busy all day with household chores. Thinking she was just tired, she lay down to rest a few minutes. All at once she was flying through the air and was surrounded with fire. Sitting up in bed she said,

"Dennis's plane is on fire!" Dennis, her second son, was a co-pilot in World War II.

Price Griggs, Pearl's husband and my brother, came home three hours early from work. When Pearl asked him if he was sick, he replied, "No, but that is what I told my boss. You remember how Dennis, when he was a little boy, would always come to me when he was in trouble. Well, as I was working I saw that little boy. He was crying and one leg was hurt. Seeing that disturbed me so I could not work."

About an hour later their eldest son stepped in the door looking very pale. His parents asked what ailed him. "Put a mark around the date, the 13th day of June, 1944. Something has happened to Dennis," he stated.

"Yes, we think so," his mother replied, "but how do you know?"

"I saw him just as plain as I see you now. He had no shirt on and the hair on his chest was matted with blood. He just looked at me. All at once I realized he could not talk. I told him, 'I will talk for you. You are going on a mission and you don't want us to worry.' Then he disappeared."

A few days later they received a telegram saying that Dennis Harriel Griggs had died in a prison camp in Germany.

My sister-in-law, Pearl Griggs, of Ft. Worth, Tex., recently gave me the following information. There were 12 or 13 men in the airplane when it caught fire and went down on June 13, 1944. The men bailed out near the small town of Hochmutging, Germany. One of the boys in the plane told my sister-in-law about it after he came home from the war.

My nephew, Dennis Harriel, and one of the gunners on the plane walked to the town of Aigen, near which they were captured. He said they were put in a civilian jail in which Dennis died. — *Ft. Worth, Tex.*

MY "MIRACLE"

By Marlen R. Lavin

I'M THE realistic type—or was. To me, miracles only happened in the Bible, or to strange people with strange-sounding names in far-off, long-ago places.

I haven't completely reversed my opinion but something happened in my life, something inexplicable, that makes me wonder if we humans do possess a power of which we are unaware. Nothing like this ever had happened to me before and I still think of it as a "miracle".

My husband, an Army sergeant, had been overseas in

Korea since before our youngest child was born. Barely six weeks old, the baby was already an integral part of our lives. The other children enjoyed him tremendously.

The evening of my unforgettable experience concluded a perfectly average, uneventful day. The older children and I were looking forward to watching our favorite weekly television show at 7:30. At 7:15, after I'd bathed, fed, and burped the baby, I fondled him and made him comfortable for sleep. He'd been awake longer than usual and was very sleepy. I remember that I was unusually tired myself that night.

I sat down with a big sigh in front of the television, the children grouped around me. I hoped I wouldn't have to move for a long time — at least until the show was over.

The show had been in progress for about 10 minutes; the children and I were laughing over an hilarious scene, when suddenly my face grew stiff. I was seized with an uncontrollable desire to go to the baby. The need grew more frantic with each step and by the time I reached the door to his room I was running. As I stepped into the room I heard him burp loudly. Nothing unusual about that but it didn't relieve my nameless dread.

As I bent over the bassinet I noticed that the baby's lips were pursed oddly. My fear increased as I bent down close to his face to find to my horror — *he was not breathing!* I grabbed him up, holding him almost upside down and raced toward the end of the house and my sister-in-law, who has some medical training. I screamed, "He's not breathing!" She said nothing, grabbed my son, held him by his ankles and administered three or four hard slaps to his little buttocks. Almost immediately we heard his deep gasp and loud wailing cry — the sweetest sound I've ever heard. I almost fell to my knees in gratitude to my quick-thinking sister-in-law and to the loving God who gave me the maternal instinct or whatever it was that made me go to my baby.

The "miracle" was my undeniably strong urgency to go to him even before his precious breath had gone.

It makes me wonder if "Someone up there is watching" — or is it "Someone" down here! — *Willingboro, N.J.*

IS *Bhajan Singh* REBORN IN MUNESH?

Even parapsychologists are baffled by this young boy who seems to possess a dead man's memories.

By H. N. Banerjee

ONE DAY IN 1955 in the village of Chandgari, India, the young boy Munesh was being bathed by his mother. Piqued by the child's misbehaving, his mother slapped him.

"Mother, do not beat me," the child pouted. "I shall go to my village Itarni. I am Bhajan Singh and I belong to that village. I have a wife, three brothers, mother, and a daughter. I have a house, a well, a garden and a farm."

Bhagwati Devi was even more angered by this fanciful talk from her four-year-old son. A good beating quieted him — for the time being.

But as he grew older, the boy began to tell his school mates he had a wife and family. At first they laughed at his jest, but soon took to deriding him for lying.

Then one day, as Munesh lay in bed in his aunt's house after a bout with smallpox, his grandfather, Thakur Netrapal Singh, came to see him and Munesh cried unhappily, "Baba, my mother beats me. I will go to my village."

"Which village?" asked the grandfather.

The boy once again replied, "Itarni."

This time no one silenced the child, who went on to recount all the details he had narrated so often before. Thakur Netrapal Singh was interested in the boy's story.

Soon, many people would be interested, people all over the world. For what the child's mother thought was "fanciful talk" and the villagers called lies, the Department of Parapsy-

chology of the University of Rajasthan in 1964 came to think of as "suggestive of extra-cerebral memory."

In Thakur Netrapal Singh's mind that night, it was only a rather curious story. Later he inquired of a man from the Itarni district as to whether there was such a man as Bhajan Singh. The man was not quite sure, but he thought the name familiar.

That same night the grandfather had occasion to travel to the village of Jamalpur. Itarni was on the way, so he thought he might just stop and ask a few questions.

When he arrived at the village, it did not take long to discover that there *had been* a man named Bhajan Singh but he had died of fever in 1951, leaving a wife and daughter.

Munesh had been born to the family of Thakur Virendrapal Singh in 1951.

Immediately Thakur Netrapal Singh asked to see a member of Bhajan Singh's family. He was introduced to a brother, Than Singh, and mentioned that there was a child in his family who insisted on identifying himself with the personality of Bhajan Singh.

The family of Bhajan Singh was curious. A few days later another brother, Bhure Singh, and his brother-in-law decided to go to Chandgari and see Munesh for themselves. Thakur Netrapal Singh called the boy out of school.

As soon as Munesh saw the two men he began to weep.

"Do you recognize these two persons?" asked the grandfather.

The boy was silent.

"Identify them!" the grandfather demanded.

Munesh slowly approached the two men, tears running down his face.

"Who is your brother?" bellowed the grandfather on the verge of losing his patience.

The boy timidly pointed to Bhure Singh.

"And how many other brothers have you, boy?"

"Two," Munesh replied shyly.

"Thakur Netrapal Singh, do not ask more of him," interrupted the brother Bhure Singh. "His face resembles the face of Bhajan Singh. His behavior is also the same."

When it was time for the two men to return to Itarni, Munesh clung to his "brother" and did not wish to let him leave. Finally, when Thakur Netrapal Singh agreed to take him to Itarni in a few days, the boy was pacified.

By this time word had reached Ayodhya Devi, Bhajan Singh's

widow, who was living in her father's house in the village of Bisara. Filled with wonder as to whether Bhajan Singh actually had "taken birth" again in the body of Munesh, she and her sister-in-law set out for Chandgari in a horse-drawn cart. Both women were slim, tall, similarly clothed, and wore veils after the fashion of some Indian women to conceal their identity in public. When they arrived in Chandgari, the villagers quickly gathered and called for Munesh.

"Do you recognize your mother?" asked Munesh's great-uncle.

Munesh again wept when he saw the two women. He replied that his mother was not there, that the two women were his wife and sister-in-law. He took hold of Ayodhya Devi's hand and led her into the house.

Fearful of an impostor, the widow drew the boy aside. "Let me know some specific event in our life so that I may believe that you are my husband reborn," she asked.

Without hesitating, Munesh replied, "When I returned to Itarni after taking my intermediate examination in Agra, I found a quarrel had taken place between you and my mother. I beat you with the churning stick which broke and cut your arm."

He also told the astonished widow of intimate conjugal affairs, which in India are a strongly guarded secret between husband and wife. Hearing of these things that no one else could have known, Ayodya Devi was convinced and asked that the child go with them to Itarni.

Early the next morning the two women and Munesh began the 40-mile journey along the dirt roads to Itarni. They were hardly a quarter-mile from Itarni when they were met by a crowd of villagers.

Just then Munesh glanced at one of the men and called out excitedly, "Bhagwati Prasad!"

Bhajan Singh's most intimate friend, Bhagwati Prasad was startled. Munesh asked him whether he remembered the boyish conversations they had had under the mango tree. Yes, Bhagwati Prasad remembered, and he too was convinced that Munesh was Bhajan Singh reborn.

But others in the crowd were more skeptical and demanded that the boy prove he really was Bhajan Singh by leading the way to his house. There were two houses in Itarni owned by Bhajan Singh's family. One of them, owned by Bhure Singh, was prominent on the road; the other was not so conspicuous. But

Munesh went straight to *his own* house and when he saw Bhajan Singh's mother there he jumped in her lap, tears streaming down his cheeks.

Munesh than walked around the house and farm, recalling incidents and things he remembered vividly. He took all the curious people to the attic, an unusual feature for a house in Itarni, telling them eagerly that it had been his room, that here he had taken his wife the day they were married, and here, at the age of 21, he had breathed his last breath.

On the way to the room where Bhajan Singh had kept his books, the boy asked his wife, "Where is the sari I brought you from Agra?" Ayodhya Devi was startled. No one else had known about it.

The boy soon found the case in which Bhajan Singh had kept his books, but when he opened it few books remained. Munesh told the bystanders how many books he had had and movingly bewailed their loss.

Before he left Itarni all those persons who had witnessed his return believed Munesh's strange story. He had identified all his possessions, his will, his garden, his four bullocks and two buffalo. No one could doubt him.

When Munesh had to return to Chandgari and Ayodhya Devi went back to Bisara the boy was disconsolate. Although all that had been ignored for so many years finally had been recognized, although people no longer were calling him names, now many vivid memories possessed his mind. He missed Ayodhya Devi and he wanted to see his *daughter* in Bisara.

Once more he approached his grandfather. Thakur Netrapal Singh was hesitant; he had little money with which to pay the fare. He promised the boy, however, that if he could tell him the correct address of his alleged father-in-law's house, he would manage to get him there somehow.

The boy's face lit up with excitement. "From this village we are to go to Aligarh. From Aligarh we are to catch the bus. There is a garden, a well and a temple near that village. In front of my father-in-law's house the road is full of mud."

The boy's account was accurate and a few days later he was on his way to Bisara. No one in Bisara knew the boy was coming, so he was not met when he arrived. The people were busy at their work and paid no attention to young Munesh who walked unhesitatingly, as if he had been there before. He stopped in front

of a house and seemed surprised. He asked the people sitting in the parlor how a room had been constructed when there was only a raised platform at the time of his death.

People began to gather around Munesh, amazed at what he was saying. Hetram, the father-in-law, came outside and at once corroborated the boy's story.

Hetram then led the boy to a woman in the crowd and asked him, "Who is that woman?"

"She is my mother-in-law," replied Munesh with a happy smile.

As in Itarni, Munesh recognized relatives and friends. His happiest moment came when he saw his *daughter* who had been only two years old when Bhajan Singh died. The affection between the two was touching and Munesh would not eat unless she was present.

Munesh went back to Chandgari once more but was sad and withdrawn except when one of his *family* came to visit him. When Ayodhya Devi came Munesh would fuss over her and her daughter. One time she gave money to Munesh's grandmother, whereupon Munesh became as concerned as a true husband. "You will be ruined if you distribute money like this!" he said. He even insisted that the widow sleep in his room. When they left he again began to grieve; apparently his memories shut out the present-day world. It seemed all that would satisfy him would be to live with Ayodhya Devi and the child in Itarni, as they had lived before Bhajan Singh died.

By this time Munesh was 10 years old. Word had spread far and wide and finally reached the University of Rajasthan Jaipur and the Department of Parapsychology. Having investigated this type of phenomenon before (see FATE, February, 1965) we immediately dispatched a team of investigators to Chandgari, Itarni, and Bisara. We had three hypotheses in mind when we began the study:

- Was the evidence fabricated?
- Could the case be explained on the grounds that Munesh had normal access to the information?
- Or was the case suggestive of extra-cerebral memory?

The means at our disposal were limited, for none of us had been present when the original recognitions occurred. All we had was circumstantial evidence.

At first we tried to find out whether the case was merely a gigantic hoax. We could find no

motives and no evidence for this. Munesh's family had ignored his talk of a previous family for a long time. In fact, they had mocked and punished him. There was no monetary gain involved and there had been almost no publicity except word-of-mouth gossip. Four years had elapsed before the case first was published in a local paper.

We went on to our second hypothesis, that Munesh had normal access to the information. But we found there was no way in which the boy could have learned, at the age of four or even later, the particulars of Bhajan Singh's life. There was little if any communication between Chandgari and Itarni, for a distance of 40 miles is formidable in India where there are few good roads. Munesh himself rarely had been out of his own small village and he always had been accompanied by his family. What is more, no one in Chandgari ever had heard of Bhajan Singh; his death had not been reported in the newspapers.

Finding no possibility that Munesh had come by the information normally it remained for us to look at the evidence in the light of paranormal theory. The more we studied the case the more we had to agree that the recognitions, knowledge of secret conversations, and emotional reactions indicated something beyond normal.

We have checked, cross-checked, double-checked and triple-checked and still we come to the same conclusion. This is a case of extra-cerebral memory.

This term is a working term for us. We do not wish to say "reincarnation" or "multiple personality" or "spirit possession," for we, as empirical scientists, shy away from occult and spiritualistic connotations.

Our term only means that Munesh's claims of memories of a past life appear to be independent of the cerebrum, the seat of memory in the brain, which is thought to die at the death of the individual.

And what have we concluded in the case of Munesh?

Only that we do not know.

GOOD VERSUS EVIL

THE NEWLY erected Christian Reformed Church in South Windsor, Conn., is ideally situated to oppose the forces of evil. It stands on Beelzebub Road.

"A terrifying chill came over me. I raised my eyes to pray. I knew my child had been hit by a car."

By Joicey Acker Hurth

Does TELEPATHY Make Me *Different?*

I WAS WASHING dinner dishes at the kitchen sink. Suddenly, a terrifying chill came over me and my muscles tensed. I dropped a plate, raised my eyes heavenward and said aloud, "Oh, God, don't let her get killed!"

My five-year-old Joicey had gone to the Rivoli Theater a few blocks away, on Water Street, that day in 1954. She was to meet her father and older brother there, to see a Walt Disney movie. *And now I knew she had been hit by a car!* Immediately I telephoned the theater, my hand shaking so I could hardly dial.

"My daughter was on the way to the movie," I said. "She has had an accident. Is she badly hurt?"

The girl answering my call stammered in verbal amazement. "How did you know? It — the accident — just happened. Hold the phone, please!"

As I gripped the telephone I heard the siren of the ambulance. Fear engulfed me. Soon the manager of the theater, Ray Nichols, spoke calmly. "Your little girl was struck by a car, Mrs. Hurth, but she is all right. Your husband is with her now. They're taking her to be examined by a doctor, but she appears to be in good shape, only stunned. Incidentally, how did you know?"

How I knew is still little understood. Although through recent studies it has been shown that some persons are gifted with extra-sensory preception, ESP.

Dr. Gardner Murphy, Research Director of the Menninger Foundation and former president of the American Psychological Association has stated: "We know today that the human mind is capable of extra-sensory perception."

Research laboratories in several sections of the country are studying, under scientifically controlled conditions, this ability to acquire knowledge of events by means outside the reaches of the regular senses. Duke University had published reports of extensive studies made there.

Some persons can transmit and receive information by telepathy while others have precognition, the ability to foresee the future. Thus far my own powers of ESP are within the confines of transmitting and receiving.

A fair in our town in 1962 offered helicopter rides as one of the attractions. The short flight carried passengers from the fairgrounds over the city of Cedarsburg. They circled the city park in front of my home and then made the return trip. I was quite used to hearing the whirring sound of the 'copter overhead; it had made hundreds of trips over this same route for almost a week. One afternoon while outside I looked up as the helicopter hovered over the park making its turn high above the trees. At that instant I knew that my husband and little boy were riding in that helicopter, although I had no previous knowledge of such plans. I wasn't alarmed. When the phone rang a short while later after I had returned to the house I heard my little boy's excited voice saying, "Guess what Daddy and I did."

I answered, "You took a ride in the helicopter."

"Aw," James said in a tone of disappointment, "who told you? I wanted to tell you first."

Probably the most impressive of my ESP experiences came in 1949 when I was a happy bride of three months, living almost 1000 miles from my former home. For no apparent reason I started crying in the middle of the night and sobbed as if my heart would break. I couldn't explain it, but the mood continued through the night despite my husband's attempts to console me. The next morning I appeared red-eyed and tense for breakfast, much to the concern of my mother- and father-in-law with whom we were living. I explained the feeling of depression and said I believed something was wrong at home.

While making the breakfast toast I suddenly wheeled and exclaimed, "It's my father — something is terribly wrong with my father!"

They tried to tell me that it was my imagination and reminded me of a letter I had received from him only a few days before.

"No," I said. "I'm sure! I must go home."

While I was saying this the telephone rang. Although my father-in-law was a doctor and the telephone rang constantly, I knew this call was for me and I answered it. My mother told me to come home at once, that my father was dying. She had tried to cushion the shock by a letter which I had not received. Now, she said that Father was in a coma and possibly could not live until I got there.

All planes were grounded because of bad weather, so I had to take a train but I had a strong feeling that Father *would* live until I got there. When I arrived in Anderson, S.C., I took a taxi to the hospital where my family was gathered. I was told by the doctor that it was not likely that Father ever would come out of the coma. Again, I had the feeling he would regain consciousness and would know that I was there. I sat beside his bed and held his hand. Within a short while he moved and opened his eyes. There was recognition in them though he could not speak. He raised his head completely off the pillow, waved his arms in a circular motion, smiled and fell back.

During the night I had wept, so far away in Wisconsin, had Father been summoning me even in his unconscious state, and had he held on until I arrived? Or had the telepathy been between my worried mother and me?

Not all of my ESP experiences have been unhappy ones.

Once I felt a sharp pain on my buttocks. I said aloud, "Oh!" and rubbed it. I glanced at the clock but went on about my business. When the children came home from school for lunch I asked if anything unusual had happened at 10:30 that morning.

My daughter said, "Yes, a boy ran into me with his bike. It hit me right on my back-side and I hollered, 'Oh!' "

She rubbed the spot where she had been hit and the location was the same as the place where I had felt pain that morning.

There have been many instances of ESP connected with little things, such as feeling pain in my jaw when our son had his tooth pulled, or having an ear ache when the infection was in one of the children's ears.

I do not believe that I am unlike other people, perhaps a little more sensitive, but in general quite normal by all standards. Nor do I recall that I had this ability until after I was grown. I first noticed it when I was working several hundred miles from home in Memphis, Tenn. I was given an unexpected

holiday before the week-end which gave me time enough to make a trip to see my family. I decided to make my visit a surprise. On the train I kept thinking that this would be the first time my Daddy would not be at the station to meet me, and I was sorry I hadn't let him know my plans. I arrived sometime after midnight at the bleak little station in my hometown, Anderson, S.C. But when I stepped from the train there stood my father waiting! I rushed into his arms.

"How did you know I was coming home?" I asked.

"I didn't," he replied, "but I knew that I had to meet that train."

When I have ESP experiences, infrequent though they are, there never is any doubt in my mind as to their sagacity. And it is something over which I have no conscious control. I have tried to find lost articles or to pick the lucky number in a raffle by concentrating but it doesn't work. I notice it seems connected with persons close to me, rather than with strangers.

Is it possible ESP is an inherited faculty?

My mother had many experiences which she referred to as "intuition." On one occasion, in 1931, she aroused my father in the middle of the night to say she was concerned over my oldest brother who, at the time, was on a freighter, the *USS Hoxie,* somewhere in the Atlantic Ocean.

"Our son is in grave danger," she told Father. "I don't know whether I was dreaming or not, but I saw him stripped to the waist. Flames of fire were reflected on his white pants."

Father assured her that it was a dream.

But sometime later they received a letter from my brother, Capt. W. D. Acker, Jr., USNR, which told of a fire that broke out in the ship's hold. All men on board had taken turns fighting the fire. My brother wrote that the heat was so terrific that even though he was lightly clad he could stand it for only a few minutes at a time.

One of my children was entertaining a group of teen-agers at our house a number of months ago and the talk turned to unusual happenings so I told some of my ESP experiences. The teen-agers were thoroughly entertained; however, after their departure I was admonished by my daughter not to talk of these things before her friends.

"They might think you're different," she said.

Since then we have discussed

the subject only on rare occasions.

I have had only one vision. At the time I was extremely upset by my first marriage which was unhappy because my husband was an alcoholic. I sat at my desk alone pondering my problem. It was the middle of the day and I was wide awake. I had been crying softly to myself. When I lifted my head and looked at the doorway right beside me I saw my brother standing there. He was dressed in light pants, white shirt, open at the neck, and a dark, zipper jacket. His hands were in his pants pockets. He stood there only a moment, said nothing, and then disappeared. But during this momentary vision I received a message of four words which proved to be the key to a satisfactory solution of my problem. These words were "Go back to church."

After this I sought the help of my minister. Although my personal moral conviction was that divorce was wrong, my minister helped me to see that under certain circumstances it is not against the laws of the Protestant religion, especially when no children are involved as was the case in my first marriage. Eventually I did get a divorce and remarried. For 17 years now I have had a happy and rewarding life which I believe is the direct result of the message originating with the vision of my brother.

The strange thing about this vision, of course, is that my brother had been dead for several years at the time I saw him in the doorway of my home. He lost his life during the war, at the age of 28.

If and *how* this ties in with ESP I do not know. There is so much concerning the workings of the human mind that is not yet understood. But, since thought has no boundaries, it is conceivable that the future holds exciting explorations of new horizons — opened up to us by ESP.



FOR THE BIRDS

ACCORDING to Albany, N.Y., police records a car owned by a man named Pigeon, who lives on Jay Street, sideswiped a car owned by a man named Kniery who lives on Eagle Street. All this happened on Hawk Street.

Fingers of Fate

By Harold Helfer

Twenty-two years ago a heart specialist told John Bethurum, editor of the Nashville *Tennessean:* "You've got about five years to live." The other day Mr. Bethurum edited the doctor's obituary.

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A Milwaukee couple, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Jackson, who traveled to Neckorsum, Germany, to attend the funeral of Mrs. Jackson's parents were found dead at a table where they had been having dinner, in the same apartment where Mrs. Jackson's parents had died several days before. Their deaths were attributed to heart attacks at first, but later it was discovered they were victims of the same leaking gas line that had killed the parents.

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Mrs. Betty Darling of Fort Pierce, Fla., went after a rabbit that had been raiding her garden. The pistol she intended to use on the rabbit accidentally discharged, wounding her in the arm. While driving herself to a hospital she lost control of her car, which careened into a ditch. The bunny? He escaped.

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After being confined for three months in a Boston, England, hospital with a broken leg received in a scaffold fall, John Swarswick was on his way home when the car in which he was riding crashed into a wall. He went back to the hospital. His leg was broken again.

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While washing his car Luigi Petrizi, of Turin, Italy, was struck by lightning. A gold chain and medalion around his neck were melted but he was only slightly injured.

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Harold Houghton, a Newton-Willows, England, blacksmith, collapsed and died at a local club. He fell at the same spot where his wife had been stricken and had died one year earlier.

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Olivier Verguay, of Annecy,

France, swallowed a wasp while working in his garden. He died of suffocation when the wasp stung his throat, causing it to swell shut.

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The children of Mrs. A. J. Randazzo, New Iberia, La., had measles on St. Valentine's day, 1962. They had chicken pox on St. Valentine's Day, 1963. And on St. Valentine's Day, 1964, they had the mumps.

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Harry Owens, of District Heights, Md., who called his sister to say he thought his wife had died, was found dead when the sister arrived at his home 20 minutes later. Both Mr. and Mrs. Owens died of heart attacks.

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At Salford, England, three bandits threw a bucket of white paint into the face of Andrew Hornrocks, bank clerk, grabbed his satchel, and ran off with it. It contained only his lunch.

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Whit Denson of Addison, Ala., sang at his own funeral. He recorded some of his favorite gospel songs and stipulated in his will that they be played during his last rites.

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Thirteen days after she arranged for her own funeral, Mrs. Theresa Tobak, of Akron, Ohio, a widow, was found dead at her home, of natural causes.

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A doctor told Mrs. Richard Watson, of El Cajon, Calif., that her 11th child would have to be her last, even though she wanted an even dozen. But nature was on her side. This time the blessed event brought twins, a boy and a girl.

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As has been his custom for years, when Warren Fette left his Hastings, Neb., filling station for the night he left his safe unlocked. It contained about $50. Thieves broke in during the night but were unable to steal the money. In trying to open the safe, they accidentally locked it.

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Andrew Allen, age four, fell from a second-story window, in Hull, England, but escaped uninjured. He landed in an empty baby carriage.

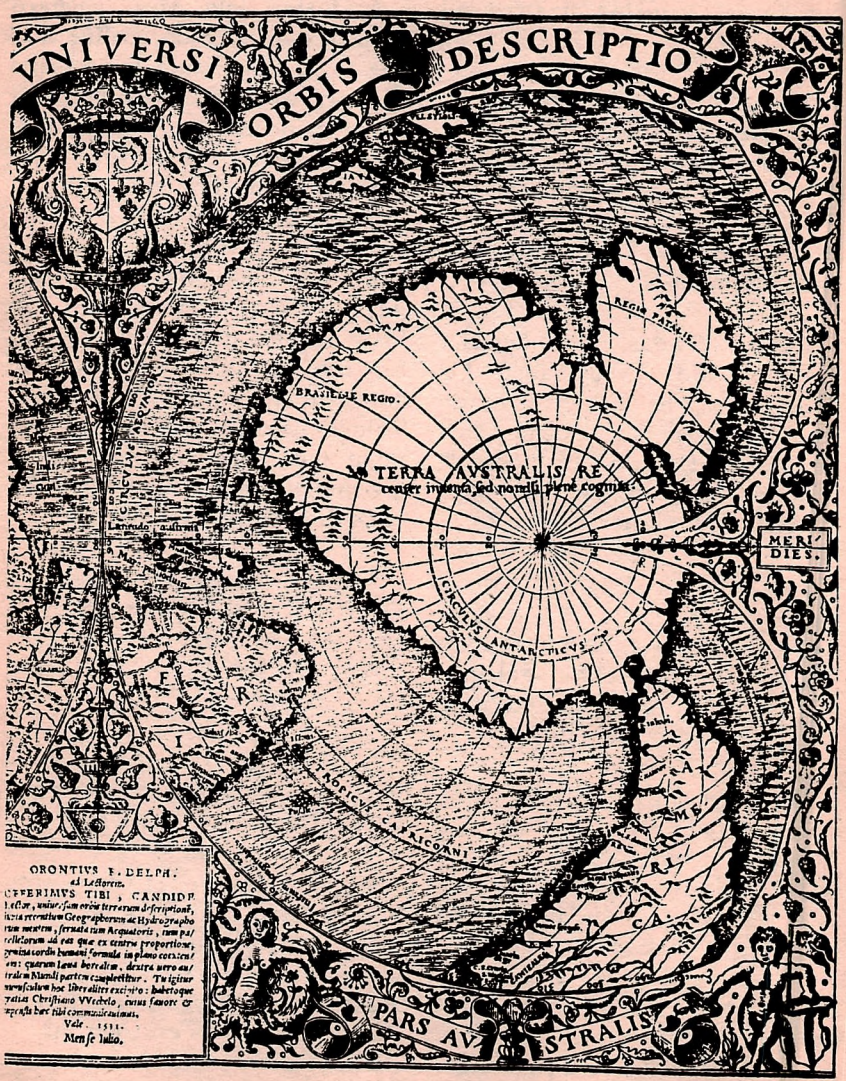
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In Rome an ambulance rushing to pick up a patient struck Giusto Baroni and killed him.

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Virginia Bourne, of Charleston W. Va., had a heart attack and died. Her husband, Edgar, unaware of this was driving his car along a West Virginia road near Beckley when he crashed into a truck. He was killed.

Evidence For A Lost Civilization . . .



THE ANTARCTIC MAP OF ORONTEUS FINAEUS

300 years before the "discovery" of Antarctica, this map showed the frozen continent in precise detail.

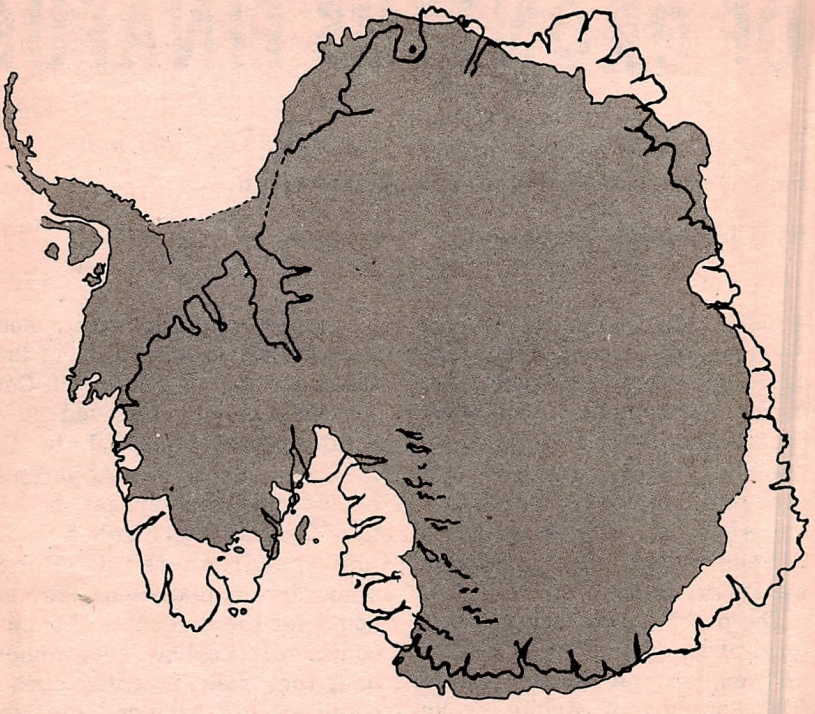
By Charles H. Hapgood

LONG BEFORE our era — perhaps more than 6,000 years ago — men with good ships, accurate instruments, and great skill explored and mapped all the coasts of Antarctica, a continent man did not see again until the American whaler Nathaniel Palmer sailed into its coastal waters in 1820.

The proof of a massive prehistoric accomplishment in science and exploration is one of the fruits of current studies of ancient maps. While our group at Keene State College were working with the Piri Re'is map of 1513 (FATE, January, 1966) — the document which accurately detailed South America 100 years before exploration of its coasts had been completed — we began to realize that, if the Piri Re'is map showed part of the Antarctic Coast, there ought to be other maps showing the Antarctic. And so there were. We found a good many of them. It turned out that the map-makers of the 16th Century thoroughly believed in a South Polar Continent. Later the idea was dropped — apparently exploded by the voyages of Captain Cook in the South Seas — and geographers developed elaborate explanations to account for the invention of such a continent. Earlier geographers had, they said, invented such a continent to "balance" the land masses of the northern hemisphere.

Our group at Keene State, disregarding such "ad hoc" theories, examined all the maps showing the Antarctic continent. One map stood out above all the rest. It was the Oronteus Finaeus Map of 1531.

Oronteus Finaeus is the Latinized name of the French mathematician and geographer, Oronce



Finé, who has the distinction of having made mathematics popular at the court of France under Kings Francis I and Henry II. Can you imagine a royal court convulsed by mathematics? It actually happened, but Oronce Finé's hours of glory passed, and he and his wife were allowed gently and respectably to starve to death. When they finally died, Henry II was horror stricken, and gave all their numerous children pensions.

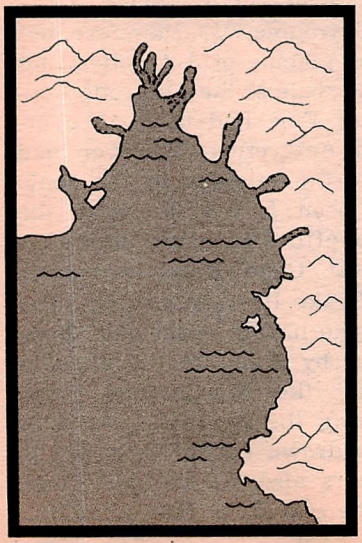
My first glance at Oronce Finé's map of Antarctica convinced me that here was an authentic preglacial map of all Antartica. Its resemblance in outline to the modern map of Ant-

arctica was amazing. Such a similarity hardly could be accidental. Not only was the general shape of the continent remarkably good, but the position of the South Pole, nearly in the center of it, seemed about right. Some of the mountain ranges shown on the map seemed to correspond very well with mountain ranges discovered in Antarctica in recent years. From most of the mountain ranges rivers were shown flowing down to the sea, following, in most cases, courses that seemed to reflect convincing drainage patterns. They did not look like the products of free invention, such as we found on many other maps of the period.

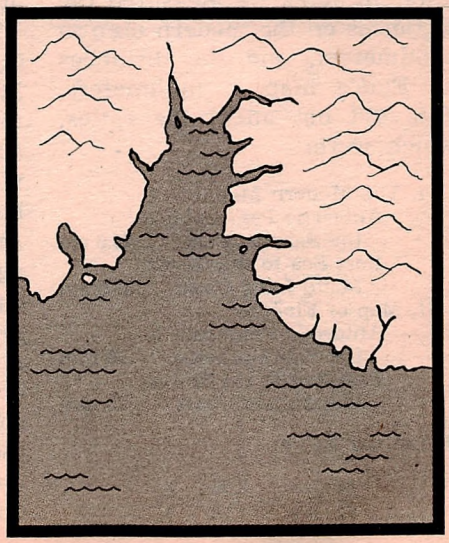
Another difference from the other maps of the time was that, while most cartographers filled up unknown areas with imaginary rivers, mountains, cities and animals, the interior of the continent in this case was blank, just as if, when the original maps were drawn, an ice cap might already have covered it.

One of the most interesting features of the map was the deep indentation that appeared to correspond to the Ross Sea of the

Ross Sea from 1961 U.S. Navy chart.



Same area on Oronteus Finaeus 1531 map.



modern map. Here the resemblance was amazing, broad river estuaries being shown approximately in the positions now occupied by great glaciers, such as the Beardmore Glacier. There was even an island shown in a position corresponding to that of Ross Island, on which Mt. Erebus, Antarctica's only active volcano, is located.

We began our study of the map by carefully comparing the proportions of the continent shown on it with the known proportions of Antarctica. Distances were measured across the modern map and compared with distances between the same points on Finé's map, to obtain a ratio. Since the maps we used were of different sizes, we measured the distances on the modern map in centimeters, and the distances on Finé's map in millimeters. This did not affect the ratios, which were:

I. The Modern Map
   Antarctic Peninsula to the Sabrina Coast ...78.5 cm
   Ross Sea to the Queen Maud Land Coast ...38.0 cm
II. Map of Finé
   Antarctic Peninsula to the Sabrina Coast ..129 mm
   Ross Sea to the Queen Maud Land Coast ... 73 mm

Thus we have:

$$\frac{38:78.5}{73:129} = \frac{2.06}{1.76} = \frac{8}{7},$$

approximately, or a ratio of 8:7, which means Finé's Antarctica had very nearly the right proportions. It seemed to us improbable that this close agreement was purely accidental.

We now began to study the structure of Finé's map. We noted, first off, that according to the grid placed on the map by Finé, the Antarctic Pensinsula was too far north by about 15°. At first we thought he might simply have misplaced the continent. In compiling his source map of it on his world map, he might have placed it too close to South America. But, then we discovered that the shores of his Antarctic Continent extended much too far in all directions! They even reached the Tropics!

The trouble was, therefore, not in the placing of Antarctica, but in the scale of the Antarctic Continent. Finé had used an oversized Antarctica. Whoever had made the mistake in the scale had been forced to crowd the Antarctic Peninsula right up against Cape Horn, squeezing out Drake Passage entirely. The mistake hardly could have been made by Finé, for it appears on all the Renaissance maps showing the Antarctic, some of them drawn earlier than his. It appears also, as we have seen, on the Piri Re'is Map of 1513.

As our study continued, it became clearer that Finé's grid did not fit the map. For example, he placed his Antarctic Circle (Circulus Antarcticus) inside the Antarctic continent, at less that half the proper distance from the pole. How were we to discover the nature of the original network of parallels and meridians, that is, the nature of the original projection the map was drawn on?

The average person is somewhat confused by the term "map projection" but perhaps it can be rather easily defined. A map of any part of the earth's surface is a picture of the geographical features of a sphere. But a map is flat. It is necessary to "project" a spherical surface onto a flat surface. There are many ways of doing this, and every cartographer, in drawing a map of a particular area, chooses the type of projection most suitable. Finé had done this when he drew his world map but, in all probability, the original network of lines on the Antarctic source map had been lost in the course of time, and so he had to impose one of his own. He simply imposed the projection he had chosen for his world map. He really could have done nothing else, since no one in his day had detailed information of Antarctica.

Our first step was simply to remove the network of lines applied to the map by Finé. We made a tracing of the map, leaving these lines off, but retaining for the moment, his position for the South Pole, and his Antarctic Circle. We considered that, since he had no way of knowing the position of the South Pole in the middle of the continent, his source map must have had the pole located on it.

The position of the pole looked quite correct at first glance, as I have mentioned, but as our study continued we could see that the map maker had made a mistake of a few degrees in locating it — or Finé may have shifted it slightly to suit his purposes in compiling his world map. We found what seemed a truer position by measuring across the continent in several directions and finding the position that would divide all the diameters of the continent in approximately the same ratio as on the modern map. This was, of course, an extension of our first measurement, already mentioned.

With our readjusted pole as a center, I now constructed a grid on the supposition that the original projection might have resembled the one on which most modern maps of Antarctica are

drawn. This projection has the meridians as straight lines radiating from the pole. Finé's own "cordiform" projection shows the meridians as curved lines. The parallels of latitude are concentric circles on both sorts of projections.

In order to locate these parallels, a clue to the latitude was necessary. The easiest solution of this problem was to find the most reasonable position for the Antarctic Circle on the Finé map, through a comparison with the modern map. It happens Antarctica is almost circular in shape and lies almost entirely within the Antarctic Circle. It was easy to draw a circle around the continent on the old map so as to pass at about the right distance outside or inside the various coasts, as compared with the modern map.

Then, since the Antarctic Circle is 23½° from the pole, it was only necessary to divide the distance from the circle to the pole by 23½ to get the length of the degree of latitude. Having this length, it was easy to lay out the parallels of latitude at 85°, 80°, 75°, 70° and 65°, and our grid was half done.

With regard to the meridians of longitude we had a complication. It did not seem that Finé's Antarctica was properly oriented with reference to the other continents. To get correct longitude readings for our Antarctic coasts on the old map it was necessary to line up its meridians with those of the modern map. It seemed likely, of course, that even if an authentic map of Antarctica had survived many thousands of years, somebody could have made a mistake in placing it on a world map. We thought it looked as if the continent ought to be rotated about 20° to the east, to bring it into correct relationship with the other continents.

We did this, then selected a "prime meridian" (that is, a meridian corresponding to the Greenwich zero meridian) and laid out the other meridians at five degree intervals all around the globe. This completed our first experimental grid.

At this point we made another discovery, one of major importance. I noticed that the circle we had drawn for the 80th parallel was almost exactly the size of the circle that Finé had drawn on his map and labelled "Circulus Antarcticus." This suggested that Finé, or some predecessor, had found a circle on his source map and misinterpreted it. It may have been intended as the 80th parallel and been misinterpreted as the Antarctic Circle.

This mistake would have exaggerated the size of Antarctica by about four times.

It may be significant that on all the Renaissance maps of the Antarctic there appears to be an enormous exaggeration. It is very interesting also that, with this correction, the total area of Antarctica on the Finé map is very nearly correct.

Once we had the grid constructed as I have described we tried to identify as many places as possible on the old map, comparing their latitudes and longitudes with those of the modern map. The result was electrifying. All the errors in the locations of places that we had found on Finé's own grid were greatly reduced. Some of the geographical localities we had identified on the basis of his grid had to be given up, but many new ones were identified, so that our list of localities increased from 16 to 32. For this grid we abandoned our parallels based on an empirically located Antarctic Circle and simply used Finé's own "Circulus Antarcticus" as our 80th parallel. We found that by doing this we improved the accuracy of our grid considerably, and this provided added confirmation of our interpretation of Finé's circle.

Notwithstanding the remarkable accuracy of the positions of many places, there were, however, still numerous errors. We experimented further with rotating the continent a few degrees, first this way and then that, and by changing ever so little the position of the pole, but there were still numerous discrepancies.

Then it occurred to us that perhaps the ancient map of Antarctica had been put together, like the Piri Re'is Map, from a number of local maps of the various coasts, and put together incorrectly. An analysis of the errors in our tables showed that, so far as longitudes were concerned, the errors differed in direction on different parts of the map. The average of longitude errors in Wilkes Land, for example, was easterly, while in the Ross Sea and Victoria Land it seemed to be westerly. I had a transparent overlay made of the Finé map, so that we could place it over the modern map, and shift it around as we pleased. We found that the Finé map could be aligned remarkably well with the modern map, but we had to shift it around to various positions to make individual sections of the coasts fit. If this were true — if there had been errors in the compilation of the original map — we could not expect any

The Oronteus Finaeus World Map of 1531

Geographical Localities	True Position	Oronteus Finaeus Position	Errors
QUEEN MAUD LAND			
Cape Norvegia	71.5 S 12.0 W	66.5 S 6.0 W	5.0 N 6.0 E
Regula Range	72-73 S 2-5 W	68-69 S 0-3 E	4.0 N c. 5.0 E
Penck Trough	71-74 S 3.0 W	66.5-69 S 14.0 E	c. 3.0 N 17.0 E
Neumeyer Escarpment	73.0 E 0-4 W	68-69 S 0.5 E	4.0 N c. 4.0 E
Muhlig-Hofmann and Wohlthat Mountains	71-73 S 0-15 E	70-71 S 10-15 E	0.0 0.0
Sor Rondanne and Belgica Mts.	72.0 S 22-33 E	72-73 S 20-30 E	0.0 0.0
Prince Harald Coast, Lutzoe-Holm Bay, Shirase Glacier	69-70 S 35-40 E	70.0 S 35-37 E	0.0 0.0
Queen Fabiola Mountains	76-77 S 35-36 E	73.0 S 30-40 E	c. 3.0 N 0.0
ENDERBY LAND			
Casey Bay (Lena Bay) or Amundsen Bay	67.0 S 48-50 E	70.0 S 48.0 E	3.0 N 0.0
Nye Mountains, Sandercook Nunataks	73.0 S 49.0 E	72-73 S 50.0 E	0.0 1.0 E
Edward VIII Bay (Kemp Coast)	66-67 S 58-60 E	69-70 S 55.0 E	3.0 S 4.0 W
Schwartz Range, Rayner Peak, Dismal Mountains, Leckie Range, Knuckley Peaks, etc.	71-74 S 54-57 E	71-73 S 60-75 E	0.0 12.0 E
Amery Ice Shelf, MacKenzie-Prydz Bays	73-78 S 70-75 E	67.0 S 73.0 E	c. 8.5 N 0.0
Prince Charles Mountains and adjacent peaks	72-74 S 60-69 E	68-60 S 70-75 E	c. 4.0 N c. 5.0 E
WILKES LAND			
Philippi Glacier, Posadowsky Bay	67.0 S 88-89 E	66.0 S 77.0 E	1.0 N 11.5 W

Geographical Localities	True Position	Oronteus Finaeus Position	Errors
Denman-Scott Glaciers (Shakleton Ice Shelf)	66-67 S 99-101 E	66.0 S 85.0 E	0.0 15.0 W
Vincennes Bay	66-67 S 109 E	65.0 S 105.0 E	1.5 N 4.0 W
Totten Glacier	67.0 S 115-117 E	66.0 S 112.0 E	1.0 S 4.0 W
Porpoise Bay	67.0 S 128-130 E	67.0 S 122.0 E	0.0 7.0 W
Merz Glacier	68.0 S 144-145 E	70.0 S 140.0 E	2.0 S 4.5 W
McLean, Carroll Nunataks, Aurora Peak, Medigan Nunatak, etc.	67-68 S 143-145 E	70-71 S 132-134 E	3.0 S 11.0 W
Pennell Glacier, Lauritzen Bay	69.0 S 157-158 E	70.0 S 150.0 E	1.0 S 7.5 W
VICTORIA LAND AND THE ROSS SEA			
Rennick Bay	70.5 S 162.0 E	72.5 S 155.0 E	2.0 S 7.0 W
Arctic Institute Range	70-73 S 161-162 E	74-75 S 150-155 E	3.5 S 7.0 W
Newnes Iceshelf and Glacier	73.5 S 167.0 E	74.5 S 170.0 E	1.0 S 3.0 E
Ross I. (Mount Erebus)	77.5 S 168.0 E	76.5 S 172.0 E	1.0 S 4.0 E
Ferrer Taylor Glacier	77-78 S 159-163 E	77.0 S 160-170 E	0.0 0.0
Boomerang Range and adjacent peaks (Escalade Peak, Portal Mt., Mt. Harmsworth, etc.)	77-78 S 159-163 E	77-79 S 142-152 E	0.0 14.0 E
Mountain group: Mt. Christmas, Mt. Nares, Mt. Albert Markham, Pyramid Mountains, Mt. Wharton, Mt. Field, Mt. Hamilton	80-82 S 157-160 E	79-80 S 140-150 E	1.5 N c. 13.5 W
Queen Alexandra Range	84-85 S 160-165 E	84-87 S 145-155 E	0.0 c. 10.0 W
Queen Maud Range	87.0 S 140-180 W	81-82 S 140-160 E	5.5 N c. 20-40 E
Nimrod Glacier	82.5 S 157-163 E	81.0 S 160-175 E	1.5 S c. 0.0

Geographical Localities	True Position	Oronteus Finaeus Position	Errors
Beardmore Glacier	84-85 S 170.0 E	82-84 S 170 E-170 W	0.0 c. 0.0
Leverett Glacier	85.5 S 150.0 W	81-82 S 140-160 W	4.0 N c. 0.0
Supporting Party Mountain, or Mt. Gould	85.3 S 150.0 W	80.0 S 160.0 W	5.3 N 10.0 W
Thiel and Horlich Mts.	86.0 S 90-130 W	83-85 S 130-150 W	3.0 N c. 30.0 W
Bay, unnamed, west coast of Ross Sea	80-81 S 150.0 W	77.5 S 150-160 W	3.0 N c. 0.0
Prestrude Inlet, Kiel Glacier	78.0 S 157-159 W	74.0 S 160.0 W	4.0 N 2.0 W
Edward VII Peninsula	77-78 S 155-158 W	72-73 S 158-165 W	5.0 N c. 4.0 W
Sulzberger Bay	77.0 S 146-154 W	73.5 S 150-155 W	3.5 N c. 0.0
MARIE BYRD LAND			
Edsel Ford Range	76-78 S 142.0 W	73-74 S 135-143 W	3.5 N 0.0
Executive Committee Range	77.0 S 125-130 W	73.0 S 130-135 W	4.0 N c. 5.0 W
Cape Dart, Wrigley Gulf, and Getz Ice Shelf	75.0 S 130.0 W	70.5 S 130.0 W	4.5 N 0.0
Cape Herlacher, Martin Peninsula	74.0 S 114.0 W	72.0 S 114.0 W	2.0 N 0.0
Kohler Range and Crary Mountains	76-77 S 111-118 W	74-75 S 108-115 W	2.5 N 0.0
Canisteo Peninsula	74.0 S 102.0 W	74.0 S 98.0 W	0.0 4.0 E
Hudson Mountains	74-75 S 99.0 W	72-74 S 105-110 W	1.0 N c. 8.0 W
ELLSWORTH LAND			
Jones Mountains	73.5 S 94.0 W	74.0 S 100.0 W	0.5 S 6.0 W
Inlet in Ellsworth Land, indicated to exist under the present ice cap	73-80 S 80-95 W	72-74 S 85-95 W	0.0 0.0

grid we worked out to fit completely.

Another discovery removed a part of this difficulty. We had worked for some time on the assumption that the meridians of the original map had been straight lines. With this assumption, however, we never were able to get a satisfactory alignment of Antarctica with the other continents. In the end, therefore, we reconsidered the assumption. What if, after all, the meridians of the original map had been curved, like those on Finé's own map? This assumption no sooner was tried than it proved to be the right track. With a new grid, redrawn on this assumption the errors in the positions of identified places were again reduced, and their number increased from 32 to 50.

This discovery regarding the character of the projection on which the original map must have been drawn accounted for much of the difference between the shapes of Antarctica on the ancient and on the modern map. Since the projections differed, the shapes would not be the same even if both maps were correct. The Table shows that, in fact, the maps agree more completely than appears at first sight. This is made still more evident when Finé's map is redrawn on the projection used for the modern Antarctic maps, with all its detail transferred from curved to straight meridians.

The fact that Finé used a projection similar to the one on which the source map of Antarctica originally had been drawn is thought-provoking to say the least. His "cordiform" projection was supposed to have been his own invention or, at least, to have been a product of 16th Century science. Was it? Or did Finé, perchance, simply rediscover the projection itself in the ancient source maps? And where are these ancient source maps? Finé worked in Paris. His materials should be in the Bibliotheque Nationale. Unfortunately, so far no one has discovered them, any more than they have discovered the source maps used by Gerard Mercator, the leading cartographer of the 16th Century. The cartographers of that century were remarkably careless with original documents!

What, in sum, does the Finé map of the Antarctic prove?

First of all, I think it proves that sometime in the remote past men visited and mapped that continent. To visit the continent they must have had good ships and considerable skill in navigation. To map it they must have had instruments for accurately

determining longitude as well as latitude. To process the data produced by their instruments they must have used mathematics. The type of projection suggested by the map could not have been constructed without the use of spherical trigonometry.

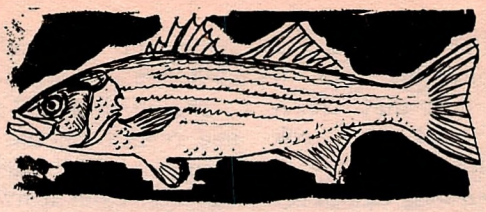
We may add that the visiting and exploring of a continent, the tremendous feat of mapping all its coasts, and many of its interior features, suggest the operations of a highly organized society, of governments possessing enormous resources, and of far-flung commercial enterprise. Surely it is unlikely that all this mapping was done just for pure science. It is commerce that sets science in motion. It is, therefore, likely that Antarctica was exploited for commercial purposes at a time when the climate made that possible.

This brings us to the final question: the dating of the original source map. In terms of the usual geological ideas, the map makes no sense. But it is there just the same, and I do not think it can be explained away. It does make sense in terms of the theory of *Earth's Shifting Crust,* which I referred to in my first article. By that theory Antarctica had a temperate climate during the last ice age in North America. It may have been during that time, therefore, that civilization existed, and even flourished there.

We have seen, in my January 1966 article, that the warm period seems to have ended about 6,000 years ago, and this well could have put an end to the Antarctic civilization. It can have caused a migration of peoples from the freezing continent. It is interesting to speculate as to whether, somewhere under the Antarctic Ice Cap, there may not still exist evidence, not only of the recent warm climate, but also of the cities of a vanished race.

PATTERN OF DEATH

A TRAFFIC accident took the lives of William Caley and his four children at an intersection 10 miles west of Bluffton, Ind., as they were driving to a 4-H fair in Bluffton, where the children were showing livestock. Six years before an accident at the same intersection killed Caley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Caley, as they were driving home from a fair in Bluffton.



I *dreamed a* FISH STORY

The other fishermen laughed at my outsized hook — but they stopped when they saw what it pulled in.

By Ed Lacy

THIS IS A "fish story" but different from most fish stories in that it is all true. It actually happened to me.

I don't know why I bought the lure. I recall I was shopping for some line last year and there was this six-inch plastic eel with a big hook in its painted belly, all selling for something like 75c, in a neat box. It had been reduced from $2.50 and I suppose I couldn't resist the bargain.

But I felt as if I'd played a practical joke on myself. I'm not that much of a fisherman and I had no use for the lure. I like to fish a little, mostly surf casting. I rarely catch anything but I enjoy standing on the beach with the water swishing about my legs. Or, I rent a rowboat once or twice during a summer and catch a few porgies, blowfish, kings. Except for sand sharks I never had pulled in anything weighing over three pounds. Obviously the lure wasn't for me.

But then I had a very realistic dream on the night I had purchased the lure. In this dream I was on a pier with my plastic eel at the end of a hand line, with a red bobber. As I cast out into the ocean, one of the fishermen on the pier, a joker with a complete fishing outfit including a rubber, all-weather suit, called out, "Are

you some kind of a nut? You'll never catch anything with a hand line and a hook that size. A fish big enough to take that hook would snap your line."

Having learned long ago never to heed the advice of a fellow fisherman, in my dream I threw my line out, watched the red bobber go under and seconds later I pulled in a *large* striped bass. The fisherman with the complete outfit naturally had a hand scale and the striped bass weighed 10 pounds! Now 10 pounds is a heck of a big fish even in a dream and I walked off the pier feeling like a true pro, aware the others were looking after me with envy all over their wise-guy faces.

Granted, this is hardly a dream a grown man should remember. If I'd been fishing on that pier with Sophia Loren it still would have been a silly dream but at least worth recalling. Nevertheless, the dream remained in the back of my mind.

In the summer of 1964, during my vacation, I did my usual surf casting and rowboat fishing and never even took the eel from its fancy box. During the winter I never thought about fishing at all. Then on a Monday in May, 1965, a friend called to ask if the wife and I wanted to drive out to Sag Harbor, on Long Island, and spend the weekend fishing. We said fine.

Thursday night I took our rods and reels from the closet, to oil them, and there was my still-new eel lure. I put it away without a thought but, to my astonishment, that night I had the *exact* same dream, about catching a striped bass from a pier with that lure.

On Friday nights we generally go to my sister's to play bridge. I came home that Friday afternoon before 3:00 P.M. and my wife said, "It's warm and sunny, how about driving down to Coney Island for hot dogs and a walk on the boardwalk before going to your sister's?"

I said it was a good idea.

As you know, Coney Island is an amusement park in Brooklyn, N.Y., facing the Atlantic Ocean.

Before we started, feeling quite foolish, I slipped the eel lure and a hand line I've had for years, into the pocket of my sport jacket. I really had no intention of using them and frankly I have no idea why I took them along.

We had hot dogs and shrimps at Coney Island, walked the boardwalk and watched ocean liners heading for Europe or the West Indies. There's a little shop off the boardwalk which sells bait and fishing gear and on the spur of the moment, as if I had

no control over my actions, I went in and purchased a plastic red bobber for 15c. I was still telling myself I wasn't going to do it, as the wife and I walked out on the long Coney Island pier which juts about 100 yards into the Atlantic.

We stood there for a time, in the late afternoon sun, watching a number of fishermen catching small flounders, or perhaps they were flukes — I never can tell the difference. I found myself pulling out the hand line, taking the plastic eel from its box. As I attached the bobber to the line I mumbled to the wife, "I . . . eh . . . want to try something."

Now my wife rarely fishes but even she asked, "You think you can catch anything with *that*?"

"Well, I've . . . I've had it for a long time and I merely want to try it out," I said, as if apologizing for being a fool.

Not wishing the other fishermen to see me, I stood on the opposite side of the pier, preparing to cast against the tide, which was running under the pier. I was aware that I should be casting *with* the tide, but that would mean standing among the fishermen. This way I hoped nobody would notice me acting like an idiot.

But, as I was about to cast, an elderly gentleman in boots and an oilskin windbreaker, an expensive Mitchell spinning reel on his heavy rod, called out, "Don't fish from that side, buddy. The tide will only take your line under the pier, tangle it on the pilings and . . . Holy Mackeral! will you look at the size of that hook!"

The other fishermen turned and were grinning at my hand line and eel lure.

My wife whispered, "Come on! You're making a fool of yourself!"

I was about to rewind the line, put it back in my pocket, when the first fisherman asked, "With a hook like that you must expect to land a whale? What are you, *some kind of a nut*?"

"What did you say?" I asked, getting excited.

The elderly fisherman said, "Don't get sore, Mister. I just meant, with a hook so large and only flounder running, you're wasting your time."

It seemed I actually was living my dream and, on the theory that I might as well play the hand—or the dream—out, even if I made a jackass of myself, I said, "Don't worry, oldtimer, I know what I'm doing."

I winked at the wife and she looked downright embarrassed.

I heard the fishermen snicker as I tossed the line over. The eel

sank out of sight in the dirty water. I watched the red bobber slowly carried toward the pier. As I wondered what on earth possessed me to make such a complete idiot of myself, the bobber went under! There was a tremendous tug on the line. I jerked it backwards and started to pull in. Here was the great striped bass of my dream, flashing in the late sunlight, fighting to shake the hook!

The fishermen all rushed over to watch me pull in the bass. One of them said, "What a beauty! I bet it's a 15 pounder, at least."

"No, I'd judge it to be about 10 pounds," I said calmly.

The elderly guy in boots ran to his tackle box and returned with a hand scale. The bass weighed an ounce under 10 pounds. Pulling the remains of the plastic eel out of its big mouth I noted with some relief that the lure was ruined. Tossing it into a trash can, I casually wound up the hand line as everybody stood around.

My wife gasped, "We don't have any ice in the car and it's a 45 minute ride to your sister's —longer if there's traffic."

The elderly fisherman muttered, "How do you like that? Within minutes, no seconds, he bags the biggest bass I've ever seen! No fuss and with a lousy hand line!"

"Fishing is like anything else, all in knowing what you're doing," I said in an off-hand voice, enjoying every second of it.

"Anybody want this fish?" I asked.

A kid of about 12 said, "I do, Mister. I live off Surf Avenue and I'll take it right home and clean it."

"It's yours," I told him, playing it up like a ham actor.

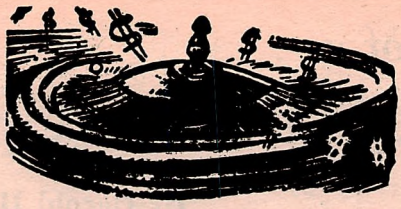
"Thanks, Mister. Wait 'til my folks see this one. Thanks!" Holding the bass with both hands the boy raced off the pier.

Shaking the water from my hand line I told the wife, "Hold this for a moment, dear." Then I casually lit my pipe, waved at the now silent fishermen and we *strolled* back to the boardwalk.

I never had a more satisfying experience in my life. Walking off the pier I had one slight fear. I prayed I wouldn't wake up and find *this* was a dream.

I didn't. Because, as I said in the beginning, this is a true fish story.





Wheel of Fortune

By Paul Steiner

The poor young French girl, Francoise Hardy, was broken hearted when her Bavarian boy friend sent a friend to tell her he couldn't marry her. Full of grief she picked up her guitar and wrote a song, "Your Best Friend." The song was recorded, earned royalties of $50,000, and the lady is now a singing star.

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Apostolis Tolis, co-owner of a theater in Newington, Conn., was a little short on cash, so he wrote the police that he would not pay for the services of a policeman at the theater. That night his safe was robbed of $250.

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Teenager Flora Sanchez wound up in the hospital with severe head injuries despite all efforts to be careful at the train-crossing near her home in Mexico City. As she was about to cross, a large metal sign reading, "Beware of the Trains," crashed down on her head.

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A broken nose proved an asset for Charlton Heston in his portrayal of Michelangelo in the movie *The Agony and the Ecstasy*. Make-up experts noted that the nose, injured in a high school football game, bears striking resemblance to a 16th Century portrait of Michelangelo.

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As he took the witness stand in court, John Hasenhauer of Heene, N.H., told the judge, "My doctor told me not to get excited." Then he collapsed and died of a heart attack.

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The name of the chief ambulance driver in the French provincial town of Nevers is M. Sepulchre.

Anatomy of a
UFO Cover-Up

By Harold H. Deneault, Jr.



DR. ERNEST G. GEHMAN

Professor Gehman's reputation may have been the principal stimulus for a heavy-handed effort by Air Force investigators to discredit a UFO sighting at Harrisonburg, Va. The initial investigation of the sighting was made by Dr. Gehman. The professor has taught at Eastern Mennonite College since 1924, with time out to serve as a Fulbright exchange teacher in Austria during 1957-58. Dr. Gehman received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Franklin and Marshall College, and his Ph.D. from Heidelberg University. However, an Air Force report implies that Dr. Gehman lacks the rudimentary skills necessary to operate a simple radiation counter.

IN THE QUIET Shenandoah Valley town of Harrisonburg, Va., one man dared stand his ground against the complex public relations machinery of the Air Force. Dr. Ernest Gehman, professor of German at the small Eastern Mennonite College, had not bargained on the resulting notoriety when he investigated a report of a UFO landing in a neighboring town. He considered it a scientific duty to look into the case and dispel any illusions of mystery or hoax.

His investigation satisfied him that the witness had told the truth: an unidentified flying object had landed, leaving evidence of its presence.

But on subsequent investigation the Air Force said the sighting never occurred. To the witness, Horace Burns, the sighting certainly was real. During a telephone conversation with this writer, Mr. Burns relayed the following information.

At 4:30 P.M. on December 21, 1964, he closed up his gunshop in Harrisonburg to return to his

Did the Air Force juggle facts to make liars of eyewitnesses and scientific investigators?



Photograph suggests Air Force made misleading statement when it reported that "grass and brittle weed stems had not been depressed." There were no brittle weed stems there and four inches of snow made it unlikely that grass could even have been observed. Horace Burns, left, an eyewitness, watches Airman use Geiger Counter.

home in Grottoes, Va. About 5:00 P.M., while driving along U.S. Highway 250, four miles east of Staunton, he saw a huge cone-shaped object come from the north, and swoop across the highway about 200 feet ahead of him. "Then my car motor conked out and it felt like some sort of force was pulling my car to a halt." While his 1958 Mercury coasted to the side of the road he said the UFO silently passed overhead at a slow speed — about 15 miles an hour — and settled down in the field, as "gently as a soap bubble," about 100 yards from the highway.

Burns said he could not estimate exactly how far the car coasted, but when it stopped he jumped out to get a better look at the craft. While he was standing near the left front fender and looking over the hood of his car the object remained stationary for 60 to 90 seconds. It gave off no sound and the meadow remained as serene as if the object had not been there. Then suddenly "it rose straight up at a perfectly square angle to about 200 feet," emitted a "whooshing" sound, and took off at a fantastic speed toward the northeast. The object remained visible in the air for less than a minute before it vanished completely.

During the time the UFO was grounded Burns said he was able to observe it clearly. He described it as resembling an upside-down ice cream cone with circular, sloping sides that rose in a series of about six large rings, diminishing in diameter to a dome at the top. Around the base of the craft a bluish glow shone in a band about a foot wide. He estimated that the UFO was 125 feet across at the base and 80 to 90 feet high. From where he stood he could see no doors, windows, portholes, nor any evidence of seams. Not so much as a landing gear was visible. The vehicle settled "gently, flat on its bottom on the ground," Burns explained. In the gathering twilight Burns thought the object's outer casing resembled aluminum, although he says he could have been mistaken.

Was he frightened?

"I was more awe-struck than anything else; I can't really say I was frightened," he said. "But I can tell you this: I knew I was seeing something that was foreign to this earth, something that human beings are not acquainted with." He said his curiosity prompted him to leave his car for a closer look. "In fact, I would have gone closer if the machine had stayed longer."

I asked Mr. Burns how long he viewed the object from his car before he decided to get out. He said he was absorbed with the UFO's presence and he was not really conscious of time but he "guessed" it was a minute or less.

When asked about his thoughts afterwards he said, "I was sure I saw the thing. It was no hallucination. But I was undecided what to do about it. You don't see these things every day." He admitted his first thought was to say nothing for fear of ridicule. Only because of his wife's urging did he finally relent, a week later, and then only after they heard Jim Shipp, of WSVA radio,

broadcast news of sightings by fellow Virginians.

I then asked how he felt about it now that the experience and publicity were behind him.

In his straight-forward, serious manner Burns said, "It would give me great personal satisfaction if someone could get tangible evidence of what UFOs are, where they are from, and what their purpose is."

Eight days after the incident Professor Ernest Gehman talked to Mr. Burns and recorded his report on tape. The next day he inspected the landing site.

As an interesting and unplanned corroboration of Horace Burns' story Gehman said, "I found the exact landing area of the UFO by myself with the Geiger counter." Burns, who originally had planned to accompany the professor, was detained on urgent business at his gunshop. "So Mr. Burns told me how to find the meadow in which the object had landed and said he judged that the UFO had rested about 100 yards from the highway. But he gave me no further directions." Professor Gehman paced off 100 yards southward along the west fence, then about 45 steps eastward "the needle shot off the dial."

DuPont research engineers Harry Cook and Funk, learning about the incident the previous day, arrived at the site before Professor Gehman half finished his investigation. They corroborated the radiation count registering over 60,000 per minute. The reading was toned down several times, "but the needle still stayed off the dial even when I set the counter to the two and 20 ranges . . . the needle did not return to near zero until I brushed off the tube with my handkerchief." In going over the area Dr. Gehman said he traced tht outline of the UFO. "I know the area was fully as large as Mr. Burns described it."

Twenty-two days after the sighting, on January 12, the Air Force investigators arrived. In the meantime, the area had been trampled by curious citizens and between December 30 and January 12 three rains and six inches of snow had fallen.

T/Sgt. David Moody and Sgt. Harold Jones of the Air Force were accompanied to the site by Professor Gehman, reporter Dallas Kersey of the Richmond *Times-Dispatch,* Mr. Burns, and Clair Weaver, student president of the UFO Investigators of Eastern Mennonite College.

Sergeant Moody remarked to Kersey, "This is an unusual sighting. It's not routine. If it was routine we wouldn't be

here." He added that the case well could be Number 17 of the "unidentifieds" for 1964.*

(It is ironic to note that while the Wright-Patterson Air Force team was examining the Burns site, a Pentagon official, asked by newsmen to comment on the wave of sightings in Virginia, denied knowledge of *any* sightings in the area.)

Clearing away the snow, Moody tested the area in eight or 10 spots — "rather perfunctorily," Professor Gehman says. Each time a reading showed, the sergeant muttered something, quickly made an adjustment, causing the needle to return to zero. He did this several times saying, "See, there's no radiation here." On one occasion, when he poked the instrument too far into a clump of grass, several stubbles punctured the end of the meter. Dr. Gehman explained, "this time the needle shot up much higher than before." Again, Moody jerked up the instrument in surprise, made an adjustment, lowered the meter more gently and repeated, "There's no radiation here." The sergeant did admit, however, that radioactive isotopes deposited there on December 21 could have dissipated.

When Professor Gehman and Mr. Burns received copies of the Air Force conclusion, dated January 27, 1965, they were surprised and dismayed to learn that the Air Force had ruled there was no such UFO sighting and/or landing The appalling reasoning prompted Dr. Gehman to write: "Apparently the honest, straight-forward, detailed testimony by Horace Burns, as to what he saw in the air, on the ground, and in the air again, and its effect on the motor of his car, and my testimony, supported by two technically experienced witnesses, as to the radioactivity of the landing site of the UFO, do not constitute evidence as far as the Air Force is concerned."

Glaringly omitted from the Air Force report was any reference to the three rainfalls and the four inches of snow which remained on the ground on January 12 when Moody was there. No mention at all was made of the engineers who had been present when Professor Gehman investigated. Sergeant Moody had not bothered to question them, although they lived nearby. This could have been overlooked if Moody had not said in his report

* This statement is odd in view of latest Air Force claims that all UFO sightings have been explained. If this claim is accurate, then the Air Force has solved 663 cases previously listed in the "unidentified" category in the last Project Blue Book annual report dated January 8, 1965.

that several articles in the Richmond *Times-Dispatch* dealing with the sighting were available to him, including one written by Dallas Kersey. Moody did not quote from the article but he hardly could have missed reading Kersey's account of the engineers who corrobrated Dr. Gehman's findings. Kersey adequately identified H. M. Cook of Staunton, a research engineer at the Waynesboro DuPont plant.

Professor Gehman said, "Another curious juggling of the facts appears near the bottom of page two" of the Air Force Fact Sheet, which states, "Examination of the field showed that grass and brittle weed stems had not been depressed or broken over any large area. There was no indication that a large vehicle or object of any significant weight had landed in the field."

Dr. Gehman asked, in his report to NICAP; "How could they make such a statement when the facts are that the meadow, of good quality grass, had been mowed and there were no brittle weed stems in the field anywhere, to be depressed or broken down? And as for the grass, how could the Sergeants know that it had not been depressed since it was covered with four inches of snow when they were there?"

The Richmond *Times-Dispatch*



Gunsmith Horace Burns saw a cone-shaped object swoop across a highway, creating a force that halted his car.

picture, published on January 14, taken by Mr. Kersey amply proves Dr. Gehman's argument. The photo shows Burns watching Sergeant Moody bent over the Air Force geiger counter which was thrust into a small area cleared of snow. The caption read: Horace Burns and Sergeant Moody find no trace of radiation Tuesday.

Discounting the engineers' available testimony which corroborated the radiation finding, the Air Force stated ". . . there is no alternative but to disregard the Geiger counter returns taken by Dr. Gehman." Moody justified this by saying the professor found radiation registering

60,000 mr/hr. This shocking figure (60,000 mr/hr) multiplied Dr. Gehman's findings by 120! Now that his figures were distorted, the Air Force condescendingly could concede that "The most pertinent fact in the alleged landing was the Geiger counter reading taken by Dr. Gehman . . ." However, the report stipulated, a reading of 60,000 mr/hr would have been detected on January 12, when Sergeant Moody tested the area. This maneuver neatly disposed of Professor Gehman's *true* findings.

Dr. Gehman found what he termed "a number of other curious errors and misjudgments of facts." The UFO crossed Route 250, the Fact Sheet claimed, "at an altitude higher than a transmission power line to the left of the highway. These telephone poles are approximately 75 feet in height. Descent of the object was at an angle and the object appeared to spin slightly."

Contacting the Virginia Electric Power Company, Professor Gehman learned that the poles stand 38 to 44 feet high, not 75 feet high. His faith in the Air Force investigation was reflected in part in this statement. "If they had missed this estimate by five or even 10 feet, it could be overlooked, but to miss it by 30 feet is more than one hopes for from technically trained members of a responsible investigating team. And as to the 'spinning' of the UFO, we have heard Mr. Burns say repeatedly, as he said in answer to Sergeant Moody's question that day, that he did not notice any spinning."

Discrediting the professor's findings suggests that he may have been incompetent in his use of the geiger counter. After all, to err is human. And failing to mention the engineers' corroboration only made a stronger case for the Air Force. But as added insurance, the Air Force also obliquely questioned Dr. Gehman's impartiality, claiming he was head of a UFO hobby group which he had publicized on several local radio programs. He flatly denies the unwarranted charge saying: "I never have appeared on a local radio program on the subject of UFOs." In disposing of Mr. Burns' testimony the Air Force statement seems more contradictory than final: "Without a thorough psychiatric examination no positive conclusion regarding hallucination is possible. The witness's reliability is not questioned."

Dr. Gehman asks, "How can one consider a witness reliable, if one also suspects that he may have hallucinations?"

This blunt statement sums up

the professor's feelings, ". . . since Mr. Burns' simple, frank testimony has, through these weeks, been consistent and unshaken under sometimes severe cross-questioning, even heckling, possibly it is not he who should have a psychiatric examination."

More mystery beclouds the official case. The Air Force could not locate other witnesses.

Yet, two days after their investigation, Mr. Kersey interviewed Kenneth Norton, Jr., a 14-year-old Staunton boy, who said he saw a UFO similar to the one Burns reported at 4:50 P.M. on the same day, December 21, from his bedroom windows. It was traveling rapidly over the city in the direction from which Burns said he saw the UFO approach. The boy's mother corroborated her son's story.

Dallas Kersey reported under his by-line in the January 15 *Times-Dispatch* that "Norton drew a picture of the UFO he had seen before he saw a sketch of what Burns says he saw. Both estimated the diameter of the UFO at 125 feet."

Kersey's January 17 article in the *Times-Dispatch* states that other witnesses also noticed an unusual object about the same time. A research engineer and his son who live near Waynesboro airport were outside and saw a strange effect. Another man who lives in Waynesboro reported seeing a UFO. However, these witnesses continue to withhold their identities.

In a September 7, 1965 telephone conversation Burns told this writer that after he publicly revealed his sighting he was contacted personally by an engineer employed at the DuPont Waynesboro plant who also saw the UFO but who, under no circumstances, wanted his identity made public. He told Burns he saw the cone-shaped object in the air less than 15 minutes after it reportedly sped away from where Burns had observed it. I asked Mr. Burns how the engineer's description of the object compared with what he had seen. "He described it exactly as I did, except for the size, which could have been mistaken because of the distance. He thought it was smaller," Burns said.

Sergeant Moody admitted in his report that he had the Richmond *Times-Dispatch* article dated January 27. "But without looking into these reports at all," Dr. Gehman commented, "he could blandly say 'There were no additional witnesses.' "

To date there has been no further investigation or re-opening of the case. This sighting, on the Air Force books, is solved.

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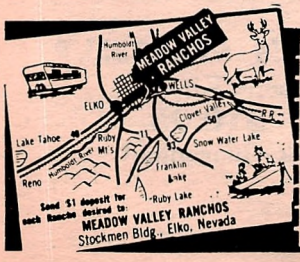
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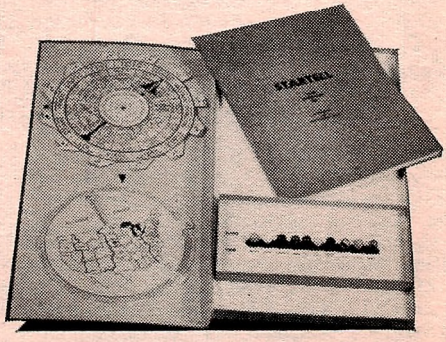
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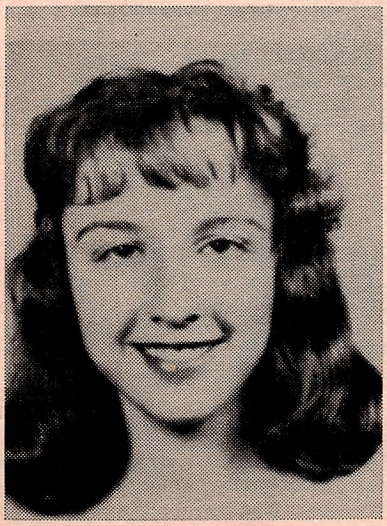
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APPARITION AT A MOVIE

By Lorraine Dudzik

WHEN I WAS about 11 years old, my grandmother and I usually went to the movies on Saturday nights. While we were watching a movie on February 14, 1955, I heard my grandmother gasp and saw that she had turned pale. But since she said nothing to me and the movie was just beginning I waited until we were on our way out of the theater, two hours later, to ask her what the trouble was.



LORRAINE DUDZIK

She replied, "My Aunt Bel who lives down in Texas has died. I know because I saw her come into the theater and sit down in a seat three rows in front of us. She turned her face toward me for a moment. She looked just like she did the last time I saw her. She was visible only for about three seconds, then she disappeared."

We walked home in silence, wondering about this apparition.

Later that night a telegram arrived saying that Aunt Bel had died at 4:45 P.M.

Grandmother had seen her in the theater at about 7:00 P.M. —*Rosebud, Mo.*

URGENT MESSAGE

By Phyllis R. Haag

I AWOKE FROM MY dream with such a start that at first I thought my hand had come in contact with a live electrical circuit. In my dream my brother, Glenn, who had been dead for over a year, had come to me with a package instructing me to gift-wrap it and take it to our father as

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soon as possible. Glenn seemed aware of the fact that the recent difficult birth of my son had kept me from traveling 40 miles to see our ailing father, D. D. Smith, who lived in Philadelphia, Pa.

As my brother turned to go I asked how he could visit me when he was dead. He reached out and touched my hand imploring me not to be afraid. As our hands touched again an electrifying shock raced up my arm, instantly awakening me.

Two days later, on February 28, 1955, I went to see my father. I assured myself the dream had nothing to do with this sudden decision. I merely was anxious for my father to meet his new grandson, I told myself. However, I knew the dream was urging me on.

I found my father's health so improved that, on the way home, I sheepishly related the dream and its resultant fears to my husband. We both agreed that dreams were meaningless.

But the next day, March 1, we knew better. My sister called to tell me father had had a stroke and had died.—*Williamstown, N.J.*

THE GATES OF HEAVEN?

By Viola Rieger

MY NAME IS Viola Rieger. I became a widow on August 31, 1964, after 32 years of marriage. My husband's name was Willard. I finally am finding the courage to put in writing the thing that happened to me.

I was an only child until I was almost 11 years old when my sister, Marcella, was born, as I thought, in answer to a prayer I had been praying for as long as I could remember. She was a wonderful child and, to me, the most wonderful gift God could have sent to me. I wonder if ever there was anyone as much adored as



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Marcella. But God called her to Him when she was only 13 years old, in December, 1933. I believe part of my heart went with her into the grave when she was buried. Please try to understand my heartache.

My story goes like this. I had stayed at the chapel to allow some of the other members of my family to get something to eat. Willingly I agreed to stay with my beloved sister. As I sat there looking at her it was as if, in my sorrow, she tried to comfort me.

A wide staircase appeared in front of me. It was the most beautiful stair I have ever seen. At the top was a long, long hall leading to a set of golden gates. As I gazed in amazement I saw my sister standing, ready to walk up the stairs.

Before she began her ascent she turned toward me and said, "Please don't be frightened. At last I will be completely happy and you must not grieve for me because nothing can hurt me ever again. I promise to watch over you until we meet again, in the not too far future.

I looked up and saw the most terrible black birds lining the hallway at the head of the stairs. And, as I continued to watch, my sister smiled at me, then turned and began her ascent. Once more she turned to look at me when she reached the top; she waved as the gates opened and then she entered the portals. I wonder; was this heaven that received her?

I hope you will not think I made up this story. You can rest assured I witnessed it exactly as I have stated in this report.—*Chicago, Ill.*

TATTLE-TALE THIMBLE

By Mrs. A. L. Hodges

I LAID THE plaid material down with a sigh. I felt guilty about paying so much for it in the first

place and now I couldn't match it so it would look right.

It was almost 12:00 o'clock! Without realizing it I had spent the entire evening trying to salvage enough material for a garment. First I had carefully cut out a dress. After I basted it together I found that it didn't fit around the shoulders. No matter what I did to it the results were amateurish and disappointing.

Next I tried cutting a skirt from what was left but found that, after matching the lines of the plaid, it was far too short.

Now, after trying several patterns and turning the material in different ways, I was giving up. I always could make something for my small daughter out of it but that wasn't the same. I had wanted a plaid wool dress for a long time and had scrimped to buy this expensive material.

I creamed my face and went to bed, dreading to tell my husband about my failure. I was almost asleep when I heard a strange whirring sound. I listened carefully. It seemed to come from the small room where I did my sewing. And it sounded like my sewing machine!

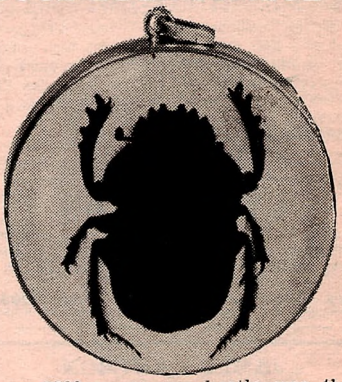
I sat up wondering if I was hallucinated. But it was quiet now. Maybe I had dozed and only dreamed.

But no — there it was again. I glanced at the luminous dial of the alarm clock and saw that it was 2:30. I had been asleep; but I was wide awake now!

Not wanting to wake my husband I crept out of bed and peeked down the hall. I had closed the sewing room door, to shut away the messy heap of material, patterns and pins scattered on the table. A gleam of light shone beneath the door.

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inside shifting in the chair.

I woke my husband and shakily whispered the mystery. It took him a little time to absorb my story. Then he put his arms around me and said, "You've been working too hard, honey. You just can't forget that sewing. No one is in the house. Listen!"

There wasn't a sound! Maybe he was right, but I couldn't believe it. I started to cry.

Resignedly he flipped on the bed lamp and put on his robe. I felt like shaking him for being so slow but knew that nothing would make him hurry. He was the sensible type humoring a foolish wife and that was that.

I hung on to his arm as we went toward the sewing room. The light still gleamed beneath the door. Wordlessly I point to it and he patted my arm.

"There, there," he soothed. "You forgot to turn it off."

He pushed the door open and we stared at a plaid dress that hung on a hanger by the sewing machine. It was beautiful — and completely finished except for the hem which was turned up and pinned. On the table lay a neat bundle of left-over material. The scissors lay on several pattern packets. I had left material and pieces of pattern scattered all over.

Wildly I explained all this to Al.

For once he had no "sensible" explanation. The sewing machine was closed and he jerked it open, hoping to find — who knows what? — evidence that some neighbor had come over and finished the dress to surprise me?

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only smart dress *shoppe* in town. My father had given her this thimble on their golden wedding anniversary. She always had cherished it so that we had put it in her pocket when we buried her 10 years ago.

"It's Mom's thimble!" I cried.

"Now honey, you must be mistaken. There are lots of gold thimbles you know," my husband said.

I held it out to him. Inside were Mother's initials and the date of the anniversary, etched in tiny script.

We've never been able to explain this — because my mother, Mrs. John Ferraris, died on March 29, 1932, and it was 15 years later when we found her thimble around May 1, 1947.

Mom never has visited me again but I treasure that plaid dress. And I keep the thimble under a glass cover on our mantle where I see it often — a reassuring reminder that Mom still watches over me. — *Ephrata, Wash.*

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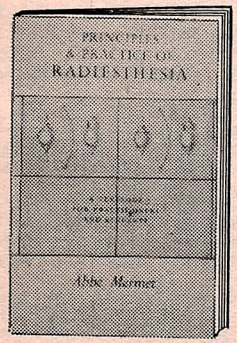
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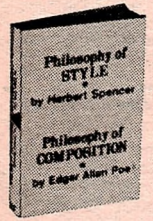
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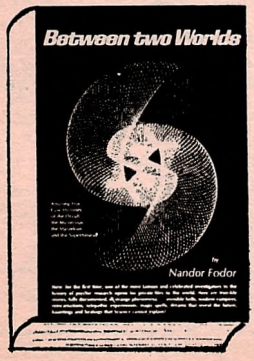
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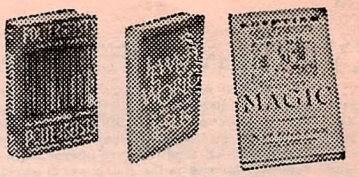
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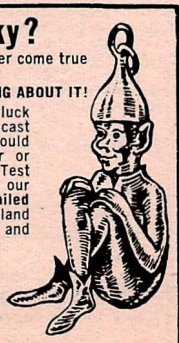
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Nevertheless, a person relatively unfamiliar with psychic phenomena can learn quite a little from this book if he discounts the salesmanship and reads primarily for the psychic information. Some good evidential materials is presented and a useful bibliography is appended. The reader's credulity may be strained however, when he finds the author contending that "scientists" say that the placement of the massive stone blocks of the Egyptian pyramids, and their excellence of fit, may have been achieved simply by exercise of the power of mind over matter, rather than by slave labor. In general, however, the author sticks to psychic evidence and avoids such far out speculation.

Mr. Germain previously wrote *The Magic Power of Your Mind*, claimed to be a best seller. The present volume is presented as a sequel to that one. — *Harold Steinour.*

Report FROM THE Readers

PHILIPPINE HEALERS

After reading the article by J. Bernard Ricks in the August, 1964, issue, I wrote him to inquire how I might contact the wonderful people in Manila. He cautioned me about going to the Philippines with the idea of studying with the healers there, explaining that they had received hundreds of letters as a result of his story and were too busy attending sick persons to have time to train anyone.

However, I felt a great urgency to see the Philippine healers and I left for Manila without quite knowing how I would contact them. During my trip over on the boat, I chanced to meet a lady who told me to contact Professor or Brother Tolentino, who is one of the foremost sculptors in the world today. I did so, and never have I been treated with such kindness and never have a group of people spent so much time helping me to understand what they were doing.

Very few Americans were there. We were urged to assist at many of the operations and invited to attend developing classes. The healing group in Manila has a fine old lady who serves as the "control." She is quite determined to develop these people and to bring out the very best

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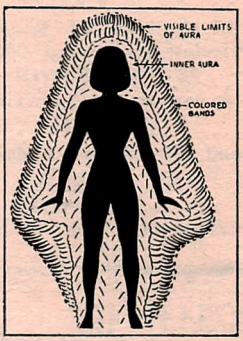


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Nellie Purganan has graduated from nursing school and is an excellent trance medium and a very fine healer. I watched her remove a tumor and then she told the patient that this time he was saved, but if he did not change his way of life he would lose the next time.

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Horrible, horrible! Tsk, tsk, tsk! Although "Dr. Tony," Manila's psychic surgeon lives in the Philippines,

he is a Filipino, *not a* "Philippino."—*Paul A. Smith, Chicago, Ill.*

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I would like to relate an incident about my cat, Tommy. He's half Siamese and was born to our full-blooded, Blue Point Siamese cat nine and one-half years ago.

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One weekend when my husband was home Tommy gave his "hungry" meow and my husband asked, "Are you hungry?" Tommy answered, "Are you hungry." I stood in dumbfounded disbelief and then asked my husband, "Did you hear what I heard?" He answered, "Yes."

I can't remember how long ago this was, but I know it was before your article *Search for the Talking Cat* by Susy Smith, in November, 1965.

Tommy never has uttered a word before or since that time, but I swear he said those words.

The point is, if my cat could utter one sentence, why not some other more intelligent cat uttering more sentences? — *Mrs. G. M. Duncan, Bell, Calif.*

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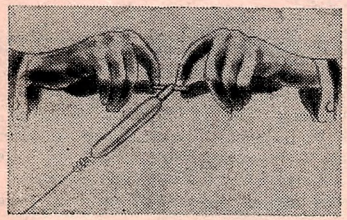
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think you can get a cat to talk when you want it to, you don't know cats."

I admit that imagination can play a large part in the theory of talking animals. Take the "bobwhite" for example. I don't think his call sounds at all like "bobwhite" but most people accept the interpretation. In France (providing there are quail there), does "bobwhite" sound to the French like "bob*blanc*?"

I acquired Sugarpuss when she was about four months old. She was born deaf so what words she said could not be heard by herself, which made it doubly amusing. She started in saying often, "Oh yeah?" During all of her 11 years of existence she also said, "How are you?" and "I'm all right, how are you?" and at mealtime she invariably would greet me with, "Here I am." A few times she said, "Good morning," and often, "I dunno." Once, my sister and I thought she said, "Happy Thanksgiving." That one stretches credulity, I admit.

But explain this! Shortly after my sister Helen passed on, one night or perhaps in the wee sma' hours, my neighbors heard her say, "Helen, let me in, now! She said it over and over so that it woke the neighbor who in turn woke his wife so they both heard it. Two other members of the family in another bedroom also heard it. All agree the cat said the same words.

On the other side of my house are two vacant lots and then an occupied house. That same night these more distant neighbors, a man and his wife, heard exactly the same call and reported it to me independently of the others.

That particular night, unfortunately, I slept straight through and heard nothing. — *Dorothy Hubbard, Delray Beach, Fla.*

"NOT A POLTERGEIST"

A serious error was made in the report of the *Search for the Talking Cat*, by Susy Smith, in the November edition of FATE. In comparing it to Gef, the talking mongoose of the Isle of Man, Miss Smith says that Dr. Nandor Fodor concluded that Gef was a poltergeist-like manifestation. Just the opposite is true. Dr. Fodor states in his *Between Two Worlds* that "Gef was not a poltergeist."

Poltergeists always are invisible. Gef was photographed and the photo shows an animal. Says Dr. Fodor, ". . . I think Gef was a mongoose or a similar animal that learned to talk . . . I am forced to, if not accept, at least not negate his own quaint definition of himself: 'I am just an extra, extra clever little mongoose.' " — *Norma E. Gariffo, San Diego, Calif.*

Always I have found Susy Smith's stories lucid, entertaining, and revealing an obviously wide grasp of metaphysics. The "Talking Cat" story in the November issue is no exception but I was perturbed when, near the end, she brings up the talking mongoose comparison and gives as Dr. Nandor Fodor's conclusion on this case that "Gef was a poltergeist-like manifestation."

By pure coincidence I just had finished reading Dr. Fodor's account of the talking mongoose in his newest book, *Between Two Worlds*, and could recall no such conclusion. So I re-read the chapter and found, in fact, that no such conclusion or opinion appears there. What he does say is:

Gef was not a poltergeist.

Gef was not a familiar.

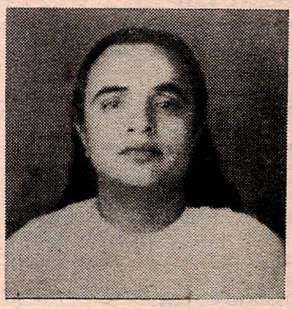
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I live on a farm about one mile out of a little town called Vesuvius, Va., which is approximately halfway between the cities of Staunton and Lexington. My farm slopes gently toward the south with the house facing east.

At the above stated hour, I stepped out of the house on my way to the toolhouse about 200 feet away. I looked up to the heavens and noted it was an unusually clear night with hundreds of stars shining brightly. There were two stars near each other, slightly northwest, which appeared brighter than the others. I couldn't recall seeing those particular stars before and I glanced at them a second time. Then I continued to gaze, for they were nearing each other. The star on the right was approaching the one on the left, which seemed to be stationary. The star on the right stopped very near the other one; then it reversed its direction and went in a northeast direction toward Staunton, Va. It was very bright and tinged with the colors yellow, red to green. Although I could not judge absolutely how high in the atmosphere they were, they seemed to be at about 2,000 feet or more, which made it impossible to be sure of their size. They were globes of light — fuzzy, but well-defined. The moving one seemed to be traveling several hundred miles per hour.

I called my wife and daughter to come see the UFOs. They rushed

from the house and watched them until about the time they started to leave each other. I instructed my daughter to watch the one that was moving toward the northeast and she did. It was out of sight in about one minute.

I kept my eyes on the one that was stationary — the one that had been on the left. It began to rise almost vertically but slightly toward the west. It drifted slowly upward for three to five minutes and then came to a stop. I watched it for about two hours — not taking my eyes away from it.

It was near another object which I assumed was a star. I did not pay much attention to it as it did not move for the two hours I watched it. It dwindled in size until it was a very small disc of light and did not twinkle but was a steady light.

I went out the next night at the same time as it was a very good night for star viewing and found the UFO gone. Another light which was nearby and which I had assumed to be a star on the previous night was gone also. I reported this incident to Professor Gaman at the Mennonite College in Harrisonburg, Va., on Friday, September 24, 1965, and he instructed me to notify NICAP and gave me the address.

Two other men, W. H. Waymack and George Groah, both of Vesuvius, reported that they had observed the two UFOs between 6:00 and 8:00 o'clock on the same night but had not reported it to anyone before I talked with them.

My reason for reporting this incident is to emphasize the fact that these objects easily could have been mistaken for stars except that I saw one stop in position and then noted that it did not twinkle as a star does, while the other moved rapidly away.

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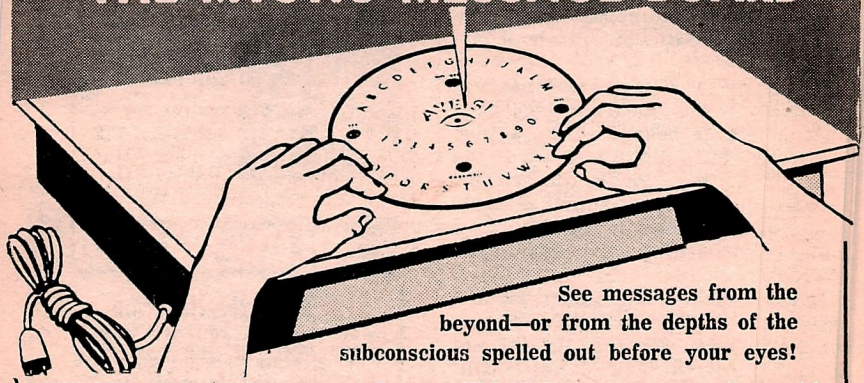
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My sister and I were at her lodge in Sussex County, N.J., on November 30, 1965. The lodge is in a desolate place — woods and farmland. In the back is the Delaware River and the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania.

On this night we took the dogs outside. It was about 8:00 P.M.

All of a sudden, flying towards us, quite high, were two bright "headlights." They flew over the lodge and as they passed flashed a big spotlight down on us for a second. I saw my sister as in broad daylight. We were so stunned and petrified I thought I would faint.

We ran into the lodge. I even tripped and fell I was so scared. We watched the object from the back window as it flew away. In the rear it had many red lights. They kept going out, one at a time until only one light remained. It disappeared over the river and beyond the mountains.

I found it such a horrible experience. The feeling was just terrible. I don't have any idea what it was.

We've seen other weird things in the sky during the summer: red and green and blue lights moving in all directions, very fast.

I thought I'd write and let you know about this. I've told a few people but they only laugh. —*Helen Borsina, Paterson, N.J.*

Around 9:30 P.M. on November 18 I personally witnessed a UFO just north of town here.

I had taken my husband to an all-night fishing barge at McKay Bridge, northeast of Humble, Tex., and was returning with my 17-year-old son, a daughter eight years old, and a daughter four, when we first glimpsed the object.

We were on a desolate stretch of road where there are only a few scattered homes. The night was clear with bright stars but no moon.

The object appeared south of us at first, just above some trees. It looked like a giant floodlight and was going down, so I thought perhaps it was a plane in trouble and making a forced landing. I drove to a clearing not far away to see if we could observe it from the road.

It was not a plane, nor had it landed, but the object was soaring low over the pastureland there. Then it shot straight up at an amazing speed and headed west. Now and then it came to a standstill; then it would dart off in one direction or another.

We were curious and tried to get closer as it was again at a standstill — almost over the road we were on.

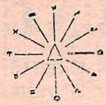
We drove almost directly under the object; leaving the headlights on we opened the car doors and got out. It was high enough so we can't accurately describe its shape, etc., but the huge light had an eerie halo around it and seemed to pulsate. It would fade to only a faint light, emanating a greenish glow as it faded. Then the light, so bright you couldn't look at it long, would come back on.

We blinked the car headlights on and off but the object remained motionless as if observing us.

A small private plane passed just below the object. It again faded out until the plane was well past, then came back as bright as ever and zoomed straight up and then to the south where it came to another standstill.

There wasn't any noise or sound at any time from the object.

When the plane passed its wings and shape were easily distinguishable, along with its red and green lights which blinked off and on, but



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the huge floodlight on the strange object was so bright you couldn't tell what shape *it* was.

The object came back in our direction and hovered soundlessly and motionlessly above us again. By then the girls were terrified and crying, afraid that whatever it was might land. I had to leave to quiet them.

Whatever it was followed us toward town for a time.

We tried in vain to report it to a local radio station; all lines were busy and I decided I would be considered nuts anyway, so I let it go.

I wish it had landed so I would have more to report. I'm sure I wouldn't have been brave enough to go any closer, but I didn't experience any fear of the object, merely curiosity and excitement.

We have been out that way a lot since but never have seen anything like it before or since. Now that I know they exist I will be looking anyway. — *Mrs. R. Kennedy, Houston, Tex.*

About 8:20 P.M. on Wednesday, December 29, 1965, I was standing in the alley behind my home in Bakersfield, Calif., when I saw an object in the sky while trying to find a group of stars we call "Jacob's Coffin." While searching the heavens all of a sudden an unidentified flying object rose up from the east to the west and when a plane came across its path it stopped in midair until the plane went by. Then two beams of light came out and it tilted at an angle moving up. It started to go faster and faster until it disappeared in the clouds.

It was round and so high up we could not tell its exact size, but it was big. It looked like it would have hit that plane if it had not stopped. The plane appeared to lower itself to

avoid collision. — *Leo Vincent Marshall, age 12, Bakersfield, Calif.*

I saw the same thing that Vincent saw. It looked round. It looked like it was going to run into the airplane. I saw it until it disappeared in the clouds. — *Linda Gualco, age 11, Bakersfield, Calif.*

Upon hearing the children's testimony, taken less than an hour after their sighting, I called the flight line at Minter Field and they reported a landing of a conventional aircraft about this time, but suggested I call the Civil Air Patrol at Minter Field. The man at C.A.P. said that several persons already had called about the strange object and suggested we call the Federal Aviation Agency, Minter Field.

They said one plane had taken off from the field about the time that Vincent and Linda had seen the plane.

Fine, but this does not explain the other unidentified object these two children saw.

F.A.A. took a report of it, but the only question they asked was whether we had reported it to the police or to the newspaper. —*Sherman Lee Pompey, Bakersfield, Calif.*

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I was much interested in Wainwright Evans' article in the April, 1963, FATE, *Scientist's Research Machine To Contact The Dead.*

For some years past I have been working in the field of Experimental Electronic Research and more or less along the pattern of that article—as I say, more or less, I would state more along the lines of the article in the March, 1955, issue of FATE, *Radio To Other Worlds,* by Clarkson Dye.

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