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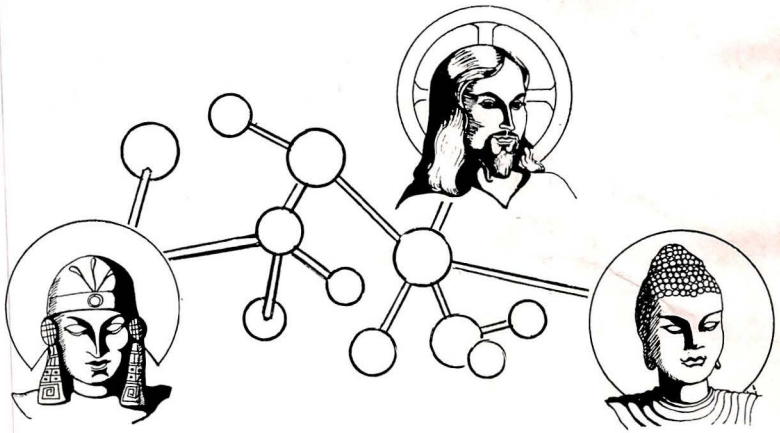
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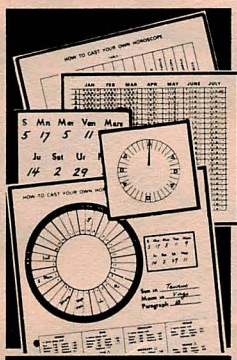
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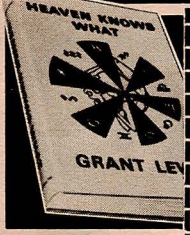
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— Goethe



Curtis Fuller

WE ARE A year late in publishing this material. We still are uncertain about some of it but there are other elements in this report which we have verified through independent witnesses (listeners) of our astronauts' first trip to the moon.

There seems to be pretty good evidence that Buzz Aldrin, Neil Armstrong and Michael Collins saw something that hasn't been made generally known — something variously reported, ranging from mysterious lights to formations of spaceships!

One Chicago reader of FATE wrote us as follows:

"I watched TV from the beginning to the end. (As they were orbiting the moon) one of the astronauts said, 'Look over the ridge; look over the ridge. What's that?' Then he said, 'Look over there in that crater.' Then they were cut off by a buzzing sound. I said to my son, 'Wonder what they saw.'"

Another person, a government employee, reported hearing a conversation that went like this:

Aldrin: "Hey, Houston, we see a brilliant light in Crater so-and-so."

Houston: "Can you tell what it is?"

Aldrin: "No, but there is some kind of activity down there."

A third witness reports that conversations between the LEM and Houston went as follows:

LEM: "We can see a brilliant light in Crater ————."

Houston: "Can you tell what it is?"

LEM: "No, it's too far away but there's definitely some kind of activity down there."

Our correspondent continued:

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"This conversation was cut off right at this point and although we waited to hear more no comment was forthcoming. Naturally we discussed it and were curious and gradually we forgot about it."

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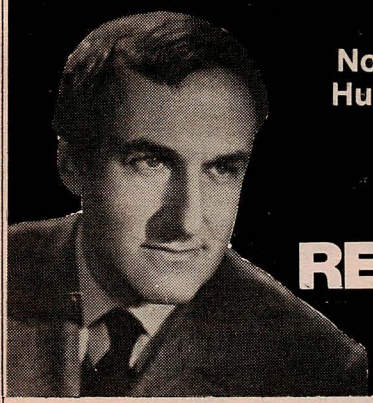
SOMETHING SEEN

FROM THESE three separate accounts there seems little doubt that (1) the astronauts saw something unusual which never has been explained to the general public and (2) the transmission was cut off from Houston at this very critical point and since there never has been any official explanation it seems fair to assume the transmission was cut deliberately.

But why?

A weekly newspaper, *The National Bulletin,* printed in Canada and distributed widely in both Canada and the United States, declares that the transmission failure was phony and that what the spacemen saw was an armada of spaceships on the surface of the moon!

This is pretty hard to swallow. Nevertheless, *The National Bulletin* states that it has a taped transcript of the conversations between the spaceship and Mission Control. The *Bulletin's* version differs from those of our own correspondents who say



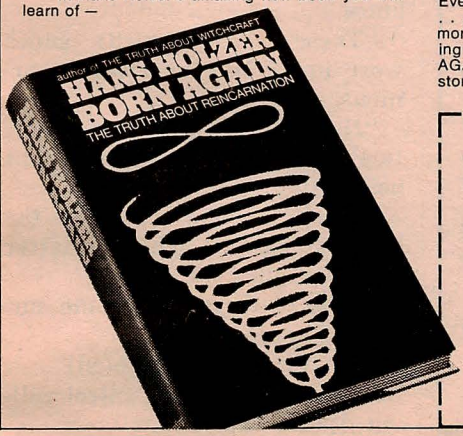
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It was not heard live, says the *Bulletin,* because it was censored out of the transmission by the delayed-tape technique which allows a lag of up to two or three minutes between Mission Control reception at Houston and the continuing broadcast into your home.

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TRUE WORDS?

FOLLOWING IS the alleged verbatim transcript of the censored broadcast:

"What was it, what the hell was it? That's all I want to know . . . .

"These . . . (garbled) babies were huge, sir, they were enormous. . . .

"No, no, that's just field distortion. . . . Oh, God, you wouldn't believe it . . . ."

"What . . . what . . . what the hell's going on? Whatsa matter with you guys, wha . . . ."

"They're there, under the surface . . . ."

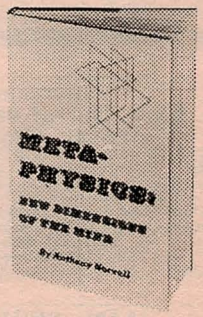
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"Yeah, they've been here for quite a while judging by the installations . . . ."

"Mission Control, repeat last message . . . ."

"I'm telling you, there are other spacecraft out there! They're lined up in ranks on the far side of the crater edge."

"Repeat, repeat . . . ."

"Let's get that orbit scanned and head home . . . .

"In 625 to the fifth, autorelays set . . . my hands are shaking so bad I can't . . . .

"Film . . . hell, yes, the damned cameras were clicking away from up here, did you fellows get anything?

"Had no film left by the time . . . (garbled) . . . three shots of the saucers or whatever they were . . . may have fogged the film."

"Mission Control, this is Mission Control . . . are you under way? Repeat, are you under way? What's this uproar about UFOs? Over."

"They're set up down there . . . they're on the moon, watching us . . . ."

"The mirrors, the mirrors . . . you set them up, didn't you?"

"Yes, the mirrors are all in place. But whatever built these spacecraft will probably come

over and pull 'em all out by the roots tomorrow." (End of transcript.)



FALSE CONCLUSIONS?

IF THE foregoing is a true account, of course, the implications are sensational.

At this moment we cannot judge it. From the bare transcript reprinted above, *The National Bulletin* jumps to a number of conclusions that seem unwarranted even if their own account is true. I want to repeat some of the *Bulletin's* conclusions and express my own opinion:

(1) *Bulletin:* "So now we know that our planet is being watched."

Comment: If the transcript is valid, probably true.

(2) *Bulletin*: Perhaps the moon-based UFOs are a race of super-aliens watching us, with others lurking on far-out planets "ready to move in for the kill."

Comment: Loaded words and nonsense. No evidence whatsoever.

(3) *Bulletin*: Pessimists believe that the "aliens" infected our astronauts with a "fatal virus" which would sweep the world.

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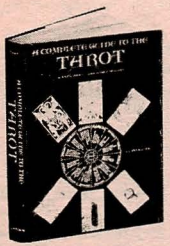
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WE WISH to notify those readers who wonder what has happened to UFOs since the Condon report discouraged them, reports still are being received, although in fewer numbers than a couple of years ago. We predict that with a new flap, which surely will occur in the not too distant future, the subject will resume its former popularity.

Meanwhile, serious research organizations such as A.P.R.O. (Aerial Phenomena Research Organization) still are publishing their own newsletters and bulletins. A.P.R.O. issues an eight-page *Bulletin* six times a year. It masthead lists 26 Ph.D.'s as consultants. Membership, including the *Bulletin*, in the United States, Canada and Mexico is only $5.00 a year. The *Bulletin* alone is $7.00 a year. Membership from other countries is $6.00 a year. A.P.R.O.'s address is 3910 E. Kleindale Rd., Tucson, Ariz. 85712.

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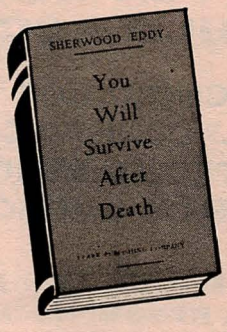
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It stopped just below the sun and appeared like a "huge wingless plane" with the sun shining on it. Teachers at the school estimated it was hovering between Westshore and Tongaio and they watched a plane landing at Napier airport while the object itself was in clear view.

After hovering for about 10 minutes the UFO moved toward the northeast. At this point it looked like a round ball with a center that had a "transparent-like sheen. As it moved away it flattened out again and traveled in a straight line until it appeared as a bright star. Then it seemingly lighted up again 'like a bright blue planet,' Headmaster W. Billing said, and faded away before it moved straight away at high speed."

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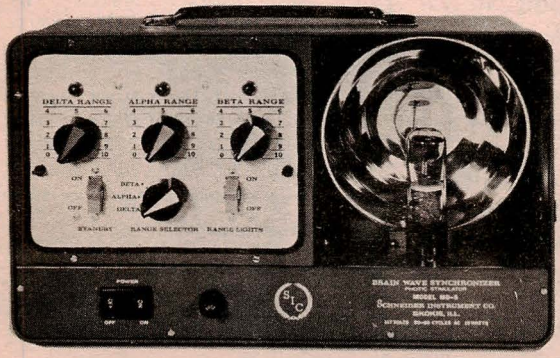
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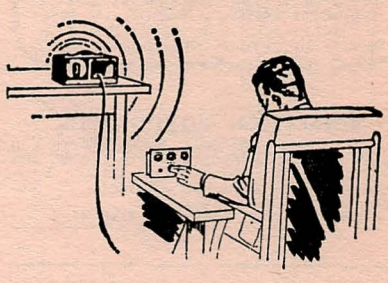
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THE PROPHET

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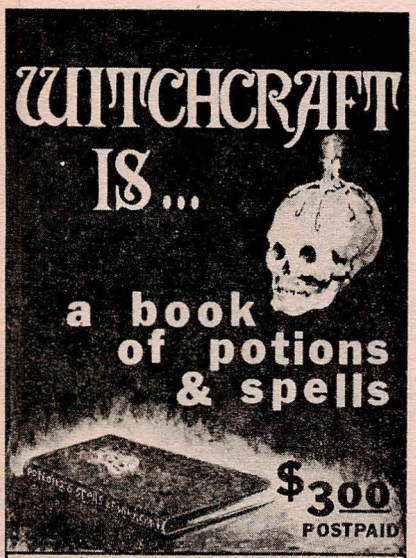
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Dr. Montgomery reports he has made many other similarly successful predictions — including the assassination of a president in Dallas, Tex.

One prediction you can mark on you calendar for April 22, 1972. On that date, says Dr. Montgomery, the entire state of California will be destroyed by earthquakes and fires.

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WHAT'S POSSIBLE?

RECENTLY WE received letters from readers stating they have been solicited for contributions to finance the continuing search for Noah's Ark on Mount Ararat. A privately-financed expedition was planned for this past summer under the leadership of Fernand Navarra, a Frenchman, who 15 years ago started the modern controversy about whether the Ark does or does not still exist near the sum-

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Archaeologists have been skeptical of the entire matter ever since Navarra made his first claim — that he had traced out beneath an ice field, at an altitude of 13,800 feet, the splintered remains of an icebound ship approximately 450 feet long.

Dr. Froelich Rainey, a University of Pennsylvania archaeologist, told Reporter Philip D. Carter of the *Times-Post Service*, "Absolutely anything is possible in this world. But if there's anything that's impossible in archaeology, this is it."

Navarra claims the age of his wood samples has been dated in Paris and Madrid at almost 5,000 years. Professor Rainey states that the sample Navarra submitted to him dated at about 560 A.D. This makes it several thousand years too young to have been part of the Ark.

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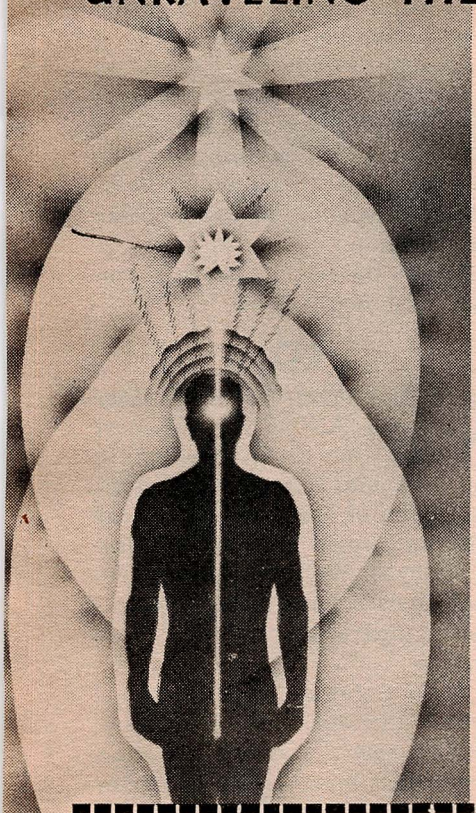
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WITH ALL the lovely monster reports that pass through our hands it does seem a shame so few report on monsters that actually are captured. In fact, who can remember when the last good monster was seized and delivered, in the flesh, for all of us monster-lovers to enjoy? Has there been one since the coelacanth (if that rare fish can be called a monster)?

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Maybe the bookies know something we don't know.

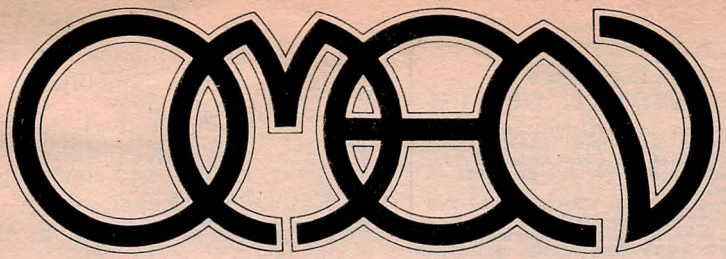
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MONSTER REPORT: THE SNOWMAN

NOT AS ANCIENT but perhaps more fascinating is the perennial hunt for the giant sasquatch of our northwest coast and its cousin the yeti of the Himalayas. We're pleased to report there's news about both of these near-mythological creatures.

From Colville, Wash., a prospector named James Metlow says he saw a sasquatch feeding near his mining claim in northern Stevens County, close to the Washington-British Columbia border. It was eating plant roots and he figures it weighed about 1000 pounds. The report says Metlow refuses to divulge its exact whereabouts until he is paid for the information. One report claims he rejected $55,000 for his secret. But professional sasquatch hunters don't believe this for a minute.

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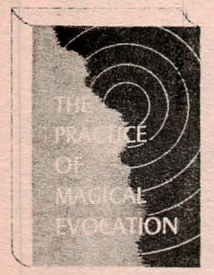
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"In my 13,000-foot-high camp, I was restless and not getting proper sleep," Whillans said. "Suddenly I saw a taller-than-human figure moving in the bright moonlight night about 500 yards away on a ridge."

Whillans rushed for his binoculars and saw a human-like figure which also resembled a huge gorilla. He watched it for a half hour before it disappeared. The following morning he went to the spot and found footprints, apparently of the animal.

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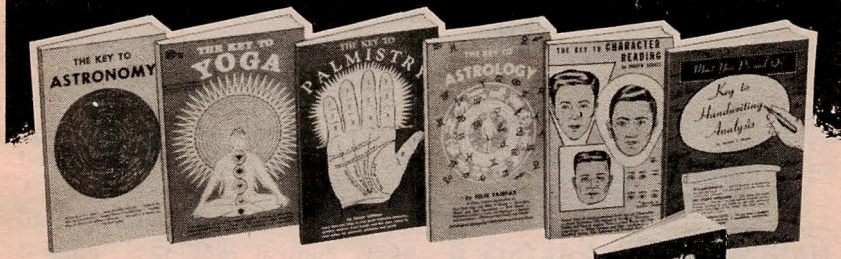
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12 feet long and three feet thick. It moves through the water with an "undulating" motion, she says.

More recently three officials of the Elsinore State Park staff reported a sighting. Bill Cox, park board director, said he saw a very black, shiny "thing" that rose slowly out of the water and moved southeast as it rolled back under.

Carl Whitfield, state park manager, said it was the "biggest catfish I ever saw."

Sharon Montgomery, park board secretary, disagreed with both men. She said it was black and shiny all right but had a head with ears and a long skinny tail. She declared that the tail "flipped the water as it went under," according to Beth Allen, staff writer of the *Riverside Press-Enterprise.*

In the face of all this authoritative testimony one must be excused for remaining skeptical. But three officials were in a boat only 50 feet from the object when they saw it. Yet all their descriptions differ!

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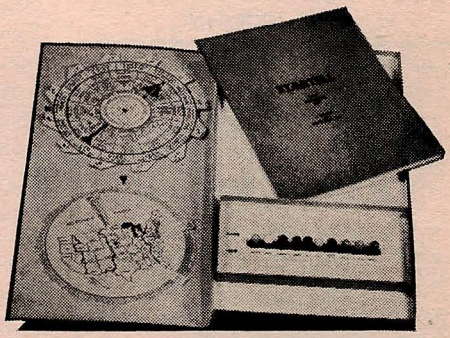
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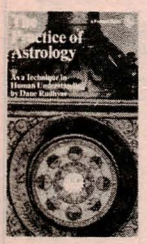
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THERE'S A LOT of other archaeology in the news. Explorer Thor Heyerdahl's second attempt to cross the Atlantic in a papyrus boat was successful. He landed in Barbados on Sunday, July 12, after a 57-day voyage intended to prove that Egyptians could have reached the New World 3,500 years before Columbus did.

His boat, the *Ra 2,* came into Bridgetown in a light rain to end a 3,273-mile voyage that began May 17 in Safi, Morocco. Heyerdahl has proved that a papyrus boat could make the voyage and that papyrus, the Egyptian reed, will not dissolve in seawater.

What else he proved is questionable. *Ra 2* was not built by Egyptians but by Bolivian Indians taken to Africa by Heyerdahl from Lake Titicaca where they really know how to build reed boats. Presumably this is a skill that modern Egyptians have lost (but that ancient Egyptians had?).

—*Curtis Fuller.*

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ELECTRONICS *PROVES* PLANTS CAN FEEL

Conclusive proof that plants react to supersensory stimuli opens exciting "occult" frontier in science.

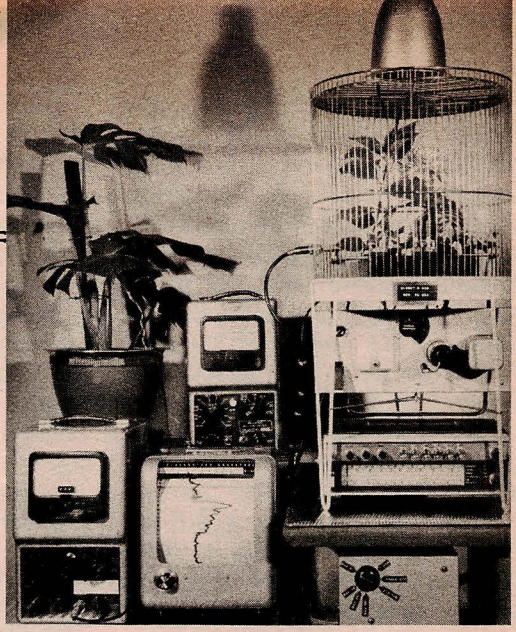
By L. George Lawrence

EMOTIONS, SSP! We normally concede these only to man and a few sophisticated animals. However, research continues to reveal that these sensory qualities are more universal than this and apparently are shared by many, perhaps all forms of life.

Indeed, psychic research today is technically verifying supersensory perception in living plants. Because all data profiles are obtained by impartial electronic instruments this new and fascinating field satisfies much of the criteria established for orthodox scientific work. It even appears that a dynamic, incorporeal communications process — heretofore only speculated upon by the religious and parapsychologists — links all living systems.

We know from studying plant physiology that plants have complex electrodynamic and nuclear components. And induced electromagnetic forces can profoundly affect plants. As early as 1748 Dr. Jallabert* observed that a moderate electric current can speed up the germination of mustard seeds. In 1788 the scientist Bertholon founded what became known as "plant electroculture." These novel agricultural experiments reflect the dramatic ability to produce high yield and excellent growth patterns in selected plants under the

Die Elektrophysiologie der Pflanzen by K. Stern, Springer, Heidelberg, Germany, 1924.



In author's laboratory experimental plant specimens are housed in quasi-Faraday cage to mitigate external electrical interference. Bioelectric signals from plants are fed to electronic processors and parallel voltage monitors. Final data recorder (bottom) draws graphic profile of response.

influence of electrostatic energy. Ultrasonic sound applied to seeds and radioactivity-based experiments** conducted in modern times have triggered similar phenomena. So far we have no concise explanations.

The idea that plants have emotional properties and can detect human thought is very new. Credit for this tremendously important claim belongs to Cleve Backster, executive director of the Backster Research Foundation, Inc. (165 W. 46th St., Suite 404, New York, N.Y., 10036).* His careful, pioneering work not only seems to have verified SSP in plants but also showed that electronic equipment systems are indispensable for gathering unbiased data.

This remarkable SSP discovery was made on February 2, 1966, when Backster, a polygraph (lie detector) expert, connected a pair of electrodes from the galvanic skin-response section of one of his instruments to the leaf of a *dracaena massangeana* plant while it was taking

****Effect of Ionizing Radiation on Plants* by I. M. Vasiliev, Academy of Sciences, USSR, 1926. Before World War II the Russians also used radio-frequency seed activation equipment in the Ukraine. Yield figures of 150% to 200% above normal were reported, typically for wheat.

*Backster's work is summarized in his excellent research report entitled *Evidence of a Primary Perception in Plant Life*. Send $1.00 for handling and postage to the Backster Research Foundation.

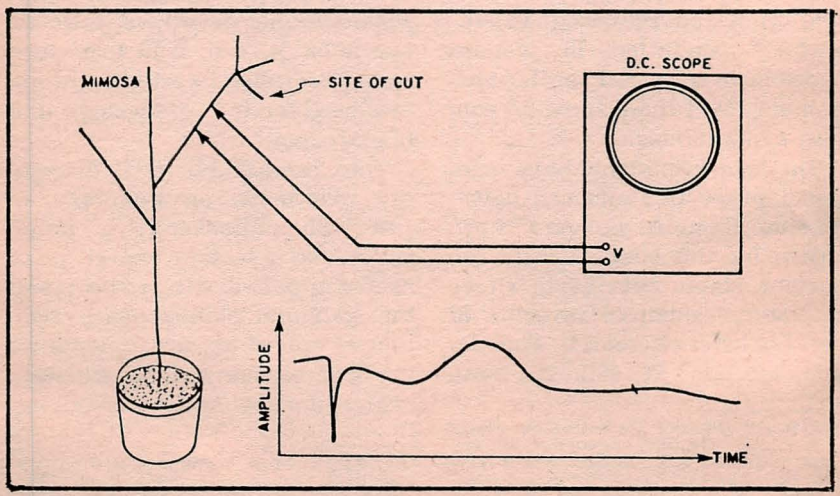
up water. Surprisingly, the plant's psychogalvanic reflex (PGR) reaction pattern resembled that of a person undergoing emotional stimulation.

In an attempt to experiment further Backster decided to locate a match (available in another room) and burn the leaf that carried the electrodes. When this threatening thought-image entered Backster's mind the polygraph's recorder received a strong signal causing the pen to draw a great curve on the running paper chart. It was the first verifiable evidence that plants have humanlike responses.

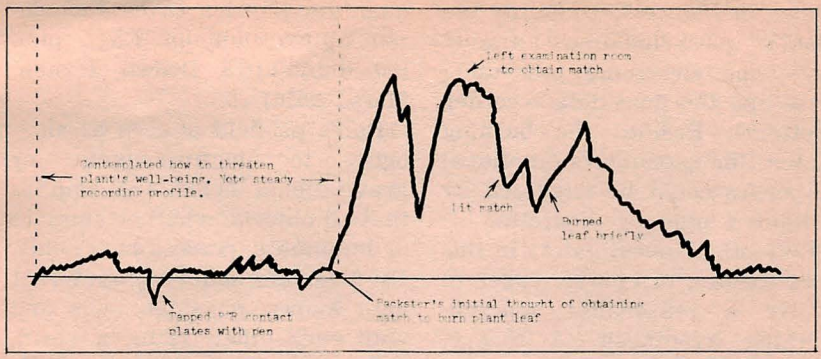
Since it appeared farfetched that the mere thought of a threat to the plant's well-being could elicit such a powerful dioelectric response Backster decided to test it further and a major experiment was composed.**

Three plants were wired and placed in separate rooms. Automatic machinery was prepared to dump into boiling water, at random times and not in Backster's presence, bowls of living shrimp. Again, the plant specimens registered a profound emotional reaction at the exact moment the shrimp died.

**See *Please Don't Hurt the Daisies* by Walter McGraw, October, 1969, FATE.



To verify Backster Effect, author started his investigations with exceptionally irritable Mimosa pudica. Diagram shows its characteristic response to injury.



Cleve Backster's polygraph record (shown in approximate facsimile) is first evidence that plants are responsive and they experience human-like emotions.

That this is a major breakthrough in psychic research is attested by the immense interest in Backster's work. As of June 26, 1969, he had received 4,496 inquiries and requests for additional information. These came in response to his first paper, published in the February, 1969, issue of the *International Journal of Parapsychology*.

Where do we go from here?

Already more surprising discoveries have been made: It appears that supersensory perception is not restricted to plants but is shared by mold cultures, paramecium and amoeba (one-celled animals), scrapings from the roof of the mouth, fresh fruits and vegetables. Piercing a ripe tomato with a nail, for example, will trigger an electrogalvanic response!

Orthodox research in this unique field is one of the very best concepts which has emerged to divorce "traditional" psychic research or parapsychology from its somewhat occult background. Perhaps it will transform this suspect discipline into an acceptable science. However, at this time private research still is to be encouraged.

Our own work in plant-based electrical investigations started in the early sixties. We looked at the electrodynamic properties of an exceptionally irritable plant, the *mimosa pudica*, in order to evolve organic data transducers for the emerging space industry. Some of the initial instrumentation concepts have been adapted to accommodate the now-famous Backster Effect.

The equipment system is

shown in Figure 1, including the plant's quasi-shielding Faraday cage, the electronic processing links and the final data recorder (bottom). Besides the burning match, the specimen's emotional responses could be triggered by a lighted pipe or cigarette.

Like other investigators in this area we are, of course, eager to evolve a reasonably concrete working hypothesis. A theory, however rudimentary, is helpful in developing equipment and procedures. Working without a theory is like trying to navigate without a compass. However, it would take too long to describe the concepts we already have discarded. (Carl Jung's idea of "synchronicity" is one of these!) But quantum mechanics would seem to hold some promise. Other tie-ins might be possible in the area of entropy* as applicable to energy states. In this connection, then, we considered a psi-field concept evolved by William G. Roll (*The Psi Field,* Presidential Address to the Seventh Annual Convention of the Parapsychology Association at Oxford University in England in 1964) and G. D. Wassermann's thoughts on quantum physics (*Ciba Foundation Symposium on ESP,* published by Little Brown, Boston, Mass., 1956).

Roll's psi-field is seen as analogous to electromagnetic or gravitational fields and implies that all objects, whether animate or inanimate, possess such fields. Psi-fields are believed to interact with known physical fields and with each other. Here, a verifiable "interaction" concept is demonstrated by the fact that a force without apparent substance (that is, human thought) can trigger bioelectric behavior in plant specimens.

Wassermann's psi-fields are described as having "very narrowly spaced energy levels" and inhabiting "wide regions of space." He defines them in reference to the "forbidden" zones of traditional nuclear energy levels which so far have escaped concise scientific understanding. It may be possible (although additional experiments must be designed to prove it) that Wassermann's ideas will provide the missing link between classical physics and parapsychological phenomena. His is one of the best theories available at this time.**

*Entropy: a measure of the unavailable energy in a closed thermodynamic system so related to the state of the system that a change in the measure varies with change in the ratio of the increment of heat taken in to the absolute temperature at which it is obsorbed.

**For a detailed discussion see the book *Experimental Parapsychology* by K. Ramakrishna Rao, published by C. C. Thomas, Springfield, Ill., 1966 (pages 144-171).

According to Wassermann psi-fields emit and receive "extremely small quanta of energy" — smaller than the amount which can be absorbed by more classical matter fields. An approximate confirmation of this is possible. It has been observed, for example, that plants' supersensory behavior is not canceled even when they are housed in lead-lined containers, Faraday cages or zinc tubes. These devices normally reduce electromagnetic fields and forces to insignificant energy. And since such shields are ineffective here, the notion that SSP-type phenomena have a "natural" electromagnetic character is difficult to defend. Extrasensory perception — ESP — apparently operates outside such fields also, since similar shielding used by Dr. L. L. Vasiliev in Russia and by other researchers in the United States did not impair ESP faculties in human subjects.

The essential feature of SSP in plants is that human thought, when it involves a physical threat to the specimen's well-being, elicits a transitory emotional response. Bioelectrically, this response operates in the millivolt range. Unfortunately it is not yet possible to correlate such observations with other findings evolved in parapsychological research.

In studies relating to ESP function and psychogalvanic response — the momentary decrease in the apparent electrical resistance of the skin resulting from activity of the sweat glands in response to exciting stimuli — for example, investigators J. L. Woodruff and L. A. Dale failed to obtain evidence that the occurrence of ESP in humans is accompanied by electrical anomalies.* It is possible that SSP (in plants) and ESP (in humans) operate on different but semiconnected principles. This is suggested by the fact that as mentioned previously faradic shielding is ineffective in both cases.

From these promising considerations it is not such a long step to wondering if SSP-type techniques can be used for contacting or proving the survival of the spirit after bodily death. We have no information on the adaptability of this type of experiment but in the future it should be given careful consideration. The spirit of the dead (should such exist) would require the presence of an "energy envelope" in order to be detectable by such methods. But many individuals continue to believe that death is not the end of mind-oriented existence. If it is true

*See "ESP Function and the Psychogalvanic Response" in the *Journal of the American Society for Psychical Research*, 46:62-65, 1952.

and since plants show unique human relationships — many a specimen will wilt when its owner dies and it has been demonstrated that human prayer affects plants — a detection- or life-confirming mechanism should be possible.

Unfortunately, at this time we have no definite idea of how a plant's supersensory perception functions in the presence of both sexes in a family type environment involving children (I am single), in the presence of dogs and cats, etc. All of these should be evaluated as SSP-triggering agents.

Plant-connected SSP research is expensive and results can be maverick or there may be no response patterns at all. The cost of good equipment systems ranges from $1200 to $25,000, depending on electronic options. Machines are custom-made and tailored for specific research purposes.

Before undertaking participation in this exciting new frontier it would be well to consider whether you have a "green thumb." If you have, plants obviously do respond to you. But persons who are incapable of love for living things cannot hope to elicit a plant response.

Nevertheless, it has been conclusively demonstrated that plants do react to stimuli beyond their own and our own known senses.



HAVE WOODPECKER, WILL FORFEIT

By Carl D. Cato

I DON'T KNOW what's happened lately but in the fall of 1969 Mrs. Diana Neilson had a shy but pesky woodpecker she was more than willing to give away. It cannot be destroyed as this is a protected species.

"It all began about four or five years ago," Mrs. Neilson explains. "At that time we were living in Kent, a suburb of Seattle, Wash., and one day this rather shy woodpecker — he wouldn't let anyone get a long look at him — arrived and apparently decided to settle down.

"Soon the woodpecker was boring holes in the house and as if this noise weren't bad enough he began hanging upside down outside our dining room and staring at me through the sliding doors. It really got on my nerves.

"Finally, about three years ago we moved into Seattle. You guessed it — the woodpecker followed."

Cured by a MAGICAL MADSTONE

By Elma Mayes

A stony concretion (a hairball from the stomach of a deer?) is said to counteract infection. In this case it seemed to work.

ON THE FOURTH of July, 1921, my sister Louise and I were on our way to a neighbor's to play with their children. We lived in the country about five miles northeast of Tullahoma, Tenn., so we had quite a walk. The afternoon was very hot as we ambled along the dusty country road with our big shepherd dog tagging close behind. But Louise was seven years old and I was eight and we chatted happily as we shuffled barefooted in the white dust.

Two or three cars passed us and as each one approached Louise and I moved clear of the road, calling Shep to our side to wait for the car to pass. Each car left a fog of fine white dust in its wake and we would fan our faces with our hands in an effort to clear the air.

One car had just passed and the dust not quite settled when we heard another one approaching from our rear. It sounded as though it were moving quite fast so we moved a little farther off the road this time, calling Shep. He moved to the edge of the road and turned to look at the approaching car. It was a brand-new 1921 Chevrolet sedan. We could see two young couples in the car as it approached. We never had seen them before nor have we seen them since but to our horror, as we stood there helplessly, the car seemed to swerve deliberately, heading directly for our beautiful dog. Shep stepped back and turned halfway around, his head facing the road. Again the car veered in Shep's direction and we heard the sickening impact as the left front wheel hit our dog solidly in the head. The poor dog seemed to flounder for a second and then was lost from view in the flying

dust. The car jerked convulsively from its collision with the big dog but did not slacken its speed and soon was gone far down the road.

My sister and I stared petrified, with our hands covering our mouths. Within a second or two we could see Shep lying prone in the middle of the road. Louise, in shock and anguish and starting to sob, rushed into the road where he lay. Sitting down in the dust she attempted to lift the dog's head onto her lap but the faithful animal, in his last painful, unknowing breath, snapped viciously at her, tearing a hunk of flesh the size of a quarter from her forearm. The flesh fell from the dog's mouth into the dust as Louise sat there crying, unaware of physical pain, still trying to comfort our beloved pet.

The wound was bleeding freely as, with all my strength, I pulled her to her feet and started tugging her back toward home. Almost overcome with panic, I started yelling for Mama and Papa at the top of my voice. It seemed like hours before I made them hear and when they got to us I was so hysterical I could hardly tell them what had happened. Papa gathered Louise in his arms and went in a swift trot toward the house.

There Mama poured some coal oil into the ragged hole and bound the arm with clean white rags. Since there had been some rabid dogs reported in the area Mama said we should take Louise to the doctor. Dr. K. B. Swindroff was the only doctor in the community and he lived five miles away.

We had no transportation so Papa ran to the nearest neighbor, George Evans, and borrowed his horse and buggy for the emergency trip. When we finally reached the doctor's house it was only to find a sign hung on his door reading *Back July fifth.*

Sick with worry we returned home. No one uttered a word. As we neared our house we saw our neighbor and his 15-year-old son Johnny in the apple orchard where they had buried Shep. They had made a neat mound of dirt and placed head and foot markers on the grave. I heard Mr. Evans tell Papa that Shep's neck was broken.

By the next morning Louise was running a slight fever and refused to eat. Mama and Papa rushed her back to the doctor's house. The old doctor looked doubtfully at the angry swollen arm and shook his head. The bite was deep, he said, and should have been cauterized immediately. He redressed the wound and gave Mama some pills for Louise.

Then Dr. Swindroff ordered Papa to go home, dig up Shep's body, cut off his head, seal it tightly in a lard can and send it to the health department in Nashville to be analyzed. He said the dog might have carried a rabies virus in which case Louise would have to receive Pasteur injections.

This scared Mama and Papa because they knew infections from rabid animals had occurred several times in the area and it was not uncommon for the patient to die even while receiving the Pasteur injections.

On the way home Papa said he wished he could take Louise to Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville where she could receive special emergency treatment but Vanderbilt was better than 100 miles away and it would have been a costly trip. Since we had no money Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville was only something to be dreamed of.

Nine long anxious days passed before the postman finally delivered the report from the health department. The test was positive; the dog definitely had carried the rabies virus.

Louise had been to the doctor every other day but by now she was extremely sick, even delirious at times. The fact that Louise recently had recovered from a bout with rheumatic fever was not in her favor. The doctor hesitated to administer Pasteur injections because of her weakened heart condition. Mama cried and Papa's lower lip trembled as he blinked back the tears.

Mr. Evans had followed us to town that day because he was very worried about Louise. Outside the doctor's office he made a suggestion. "Look, Mr. Glover, he said, "you may not believe in this but there's a madstone in this part of the country somewhere and if you are willing to try it, I'll find it."

Mama and Papa looked at each other. The madstone was an old Indian remedy but at this point they were frantic and would have tried anything to save their child. Silently they nodded their agreement. I don't think either of them could trust their voices to speak.

"All right," Mr. Evans said briskly. "You all go on home but stay dressed. When you see me coming up the hill you'll know I've found the people who have the madstone. I won't be back 'til I've found it."

It was almost dark when we saw Mr. Evans coming up the road. He and his horse looked hot, tired and dusty but his blue eyes were shining and a hopeful smile creased his sunburned face.

He had located the madstone. He told us to prepare for a 15-mile ride.

Mr. Evans hitched his mules to the two-horse wagon and Louise was put on a featherbed for the journey. Mama and I sat beside her as we jolted along. My little sister was listless and never moved a muscle from the time Papa laid her tenderly on the featherbed until we got to the house where we were to find the madstone.*

Although it was very late the people were waiting up for us and welcomed us cordially. Papa placed Louise on a clean white bed and I noticed that his lower lip was trembling again. Mama's eyes were misty too. I stood back against the wall and thought despite all I could do I'd soon burst out squawling at the top of my lungs. It was such a relief to feel this glimmer of hope and to place Louise in the care of this strong capable lady.

We all watched apprehensively as she took a little metal box from the top of a dresser, opened it and removed a pinkish-looking object from crinkly folds of tissue paper. She held the thing out in the palm of her hand for Mama and Papa to inspect. I moved closer and was surprised to see only a pinkish sandstone rock, just like many I had seen on the banks of Dell Creek.

"This is the madstone," she told us. "If it's going to work, when I hold it over the little girl's arm it will pull to her wound and stick there. It will not turn loose by itself until it has sucked out and absorbed as much of the poison as it will hold. Then it will turn loose. I will then drop it into a glass of warm milk and you will see streams of tiny green bubbles spew from the pores you see here in the stone. When the green stuff stops bubbling the stone is cleansed and I will replace it. We will do this repeatedly until the stone will no longer stick. There is absolutely no pain to this treatment and although Louise is a very sick little girl, let us hope we can do her some good."

When she was through making this solemn speech she went efficiently about the business of taking care of Louise. She unwrapped the wound and flinched slightly when she saw how ghastly it looked, but she did not put one thing on it before holding the little stone above it. Grasping the stone between her thumb and index finger she slowly lowered

*The author made a trip to Tullahoma on June 8, 1970, where she spoke with a number of persons in an effort to find the name of the family who owned the madstone. This family lived three or four miles southwest of Tullahoma, near the Lynchburg community, but no one living there now remembers their names. The present address of George Evans also is unknown.

her hand. When the little pink stone was within an inch of the wound it seemed to plop from her hand into the wound as if drawn by a magnet. It lay there snugly. Very gently the woman raised Louise's arm and turned it so that the pull of gravity normally would have caused the stone to fall. But it stuck fast.

The woman smiled, took some white cloth and wrapped the arm carefully.

"Now," she said, "it will be sometime tomorrow before the stone will drop off but I believe we will see a noticeable improvement in Louise by morning. I'll sit up with her tonight and since I know you want to be near your little girl, Mrs. Glover, you can sleep on that little cot over there."

I don't remember the trip home that night for I snuggled down in the featherbed and awoke the next morning in my own bed.

Papa went to visit Louise the next afternoon and when he returned he was all smiles. The stone had stuck for 16 hours and Louise seemed much better.

It took 14 days for the madstone to complete its work but each day, as the healing progressed, this unique stone adhered for shorter lengths of time until at last it would stick no more. My dear little sister was well.

From that day until this I have pondered the mystery of the madstone. I have researched what little I could find but the only information that seems to be available is that the madstone comes from the stomach of a deer, some say only a white deer. I also am informed there are only three madstones in the United States.

It must have been Providence that placed that madstone and our family so close together in that rural part of Tennessee.

Most people laugh when we tell our story but my sister Louise is now 56 years old and proud to be a grandmother. Who could convince us that the rare madstone has no medical powers?

From the beginning of time man has used successfully remedies and treatments that have not been proven scientifically!



"In the life beyond is there an actuality that can be equated with the actuality here on earth?"

Three Sittings with DOUGLAS JOHNSON . . . Exploring MEDIUMSHIP

Part Two

By John G. Fuller

IN MY FIRST MEETING with Douglas Johnson he indicated he would be willing to let me tape-record a session that afternoon in which he became the channel for other voices who spoke through him while he was in a trance state induced by self-hypnosis. These, I had learned, were known as "controls" and usually purported to be from many generations ago. I looked forward to seeing how this phenomenon would work.

OUR SECOND MEETING of the day began with the preparation for a trance session. Mr. Johnson's New York hotel room was flooded with light, still bright and cheerful. There was no hocus-pocus. Mr. Johnson simply mentioned that it would take a few moments to get prepared and we chatted about the process as he did so.

"The control that I have is Chinese. We can't check up on his identity as he is said to have lived 700 years ago. He likes to be known as Chang but this is only part of his name, which is too long and difficult to remember. And in these trance sessions, he comes first, usually for the major part of the time. He doesn't do communications. In other words, he will not try to contact your friends or relatives or anyone who is interested in you from the next world. But he will answer any suitable sort of question you might want to ask."

If I had not interviewed Dr. Progoff about his intensive analysis of Eileen Garrett's trance personalities or "controls" and if I had not read his book *Image of an Oracle,* I think my skepticism



Acknowledged by many parapsychologists as the best living medium, Douglas Johnson agreed to follow first session (which had produced data about author's life) with a trance session in which he becomes channel for other voices. (Psychic News photo).

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would have been too great to continue with this session. And if Mr. Johnson had not offered his services freely to serious study by scientists all over the world, I would have been equally reluctant to continue. The whole idea of a discarnate control speaking to me from a trance state was so foreign to me that it was impossible not to resist the whole idea strongly. I recall, however, the serious attention given to this phenomenon by everyone from William James to Gardner Murphy and this prompted me to continue. I felt uncomfortable but curious as Mr. Johnson calmly continued:

"Now I have another control called Zola and her work is quite different. She merely acts as a messenger and will try to contact people who might be around

you in much the same way as I tried this morning. But Chang is more of a philosopher. And he does give guidance and help and he gives advice. Indeed I have many people, people like clergymen, who come often to talk to him and ask questions about the next dimension. So if you have any, shall we say, less material questions, this might be interesting."

Mr. Johnson, explaining that it takes a span of a minute or so to go into a self-induced trance, sat squarely in the chair, his hands clasped together. He began breathing heavily and deeply for well over a minute, his eyes closed tightly as he did so. Then, quite suddenly, he raised his right hand. An entirely new voice began speaking, so foreign to Mr. Johnson's normal British accent that there was little comparison.

"Greetings, my friend," the voice purporting to be that of Chang said. "I am happy to try to speak with you. Now, during the course of our conversation, it may be our happiness to assist you a little along a seldom easy path of life. I trust and hope you may have some success and happiness.

"The power of the pen is great and it is our wish in our world — those of us in our world whose work it is to try to be of service to the earth world — it is our wish and our work to try to further an understanding of our work, an understanding that it is a place as natural as your world but merely it is upon a different vibration.

"This, we believe, if it could be universally understood, might assist much in the evolution of character of those still in the body. It is not of much use killing people when you do not truly kill them. It is not much use if you know very well that when you come to our world you will meet those you have done very ill work with on the earth plane. You cannot escape them.

"It is not wise to tamper too much with the metaphysical when in the body, it is true. But a sensible approach with one earth foot well upon the ground can be of great benefit to most peoples. In this particular area of exploration I would counsel you this: Accept that part of matter which is given to you allegedly from our world that seems to ring a bell of truth within your heart. Accept too that part of readings and writings of others that also seem to ring a bell of truth within your heart. For there are many aspects and many teachings. And we who have to use earthly instruments such as this one have to contend with the mind and the prejudices

of that instrument."

The last reference, I would have to assume, was to Mr. Johnson, who continued sitting upright in the straight-backed chair, his eyes still tightly closed, and his voice continuing in the strange high Oriental tone of Chang's voice. It was an eerie feeling, whether you could believe in the phenomenon or not. I had witnessed other carefully controlled trance conditions under medical supervision. There was no doubt about the validity of the trance state Mr. Johnson was in. There was also no doubt about his sincerity. The voice was not one of an actor putting on a scene. It seemed to come from an alter ego of some indefinable type.

"It is like pouring water into a mind," the purported voice of Chang went on. "And if you pour water into a vessel that is shaped round, the water will be round-shaped in that vessel. Therefore the words we pour through human instruments are certain to take the shape of the mind of that instrument although the essence of that message may well remain. This is our difficulty. Some instruments are better than others. Psychic gifts are not necessarily spiritual. It is a gift that is like music. Remember this. Not all those who are endowed with the gift of music may lead lives that are exactly spiritual in nature. We make use of what material is available. Therefore, place not people upon pedestals in your exploration. Assess them and know them."

Then the voice that allegedly was coming from Chang asked if there were any questions I would like to ask.

I spoke with some hesitation. Was it even remotely possible that I was speaking to a discarnate personality? My brain told me of course this was impossible. My instincts were somewhat different. I knew regardless of anything that the voice speaking from the trance state of Mr. Johnson was certainly not that of his conscious ego. Even the most cynical neurologist or psychiatrist would certify to that. Even the American Medical Association admits the reality of the deep trance state in hypnosis. But if I wasn't speaking to the conscious mind of Mr. Johnson, whom was I speaking with? I decided to remain as much of a journalist as I could under the circumstances and fumbled with a cumbersome question.

"Can you tell me," I said, still not sure whom I was addressing, "in the life beyond or life transferred out of the physical, is there an actuality that can be equated with the actuality here on earth?" Then I added: "I'm

being vague, I know." I most certainly was. It is very difficult to ask a question of such an indeterminate personality.

"In other words," the voice of Chang continued, "are we able to touch each other? Yes. Are we made of physical matter? To each other, yes. Now it is a scientific fact, is it not, that the material things in this world are not really solid? They are held together by a kind of force. There is the atom and the other units — I do not know these things, I am not a scientist. Our vibrations are more swift than the solid matter in your world. Therefore you are not solid to us and we are not solid to you.

"But once you have transferred to our world, to each other you are just as solid. Now, you will hear many descriptions of our world. Through many sources. Our world is diverse in character."

He went on to explain that it was impossible to convey in words what it was like any more than an aboriginal drawing a picture in the sand can portray the reality of an automobile. The real image could not be conveyed that easily. "Therefore," he added, "as we are extradimensional, there are certain aspects of our life that we are not able to give a parallel to. We cannot say it is like something. It is like something, perhaps, but it is also unlike something."

I began to feel a little more at home with the purported voice of Chang and we talked of many things, of spiritual illness still being present in his alleged world, that physical disorders were lacking, that creative impulses were allowed to progress freely, that living was indeed happier, but that it was not that much different from the memories of life here on earth. If I had not been aware of the theories of H. H. Price and Professor Hocking this would not have made too much sense to me. However, their intellectual speculations made a picturization of Chang's comments at least within the grasp of conceivability. Prior to studying Price and Hocking I do not think I would have been open-minded enough to give this any consideration at all.

To my question as to whether the great religions and philosophies met on higher metaphysical levels, the voice of Chang replied: "The fundamental teaching of all is the same. I was Buddhist upon the earth last. But all religions — all orthodox religions — they have worked to teach brotherhood. And the rest of the staircase has different shaped handrails; that is all."

Eventually I asked about the

other control whom Mr. Johnson had mentioned before he had gone into his trance. I was still on the track of hard facts which could be accumulated to compare with chance and coincidence, just as a bank vice-president might do. If, for instance, there were any purported communication with my friends Irving Gitlin or Pamela Frankau, I would at least be able to confirm any facts or objective information concerning them. I had not given any hints or information about them in either this session or the morning session nor had I mentioned their names to anyone. Any assemblage of facts about them would seem to be entirely impossible under the circumstances. I had mentioned only that two friends I had known and admired had died within the past year. No other information had been supplied or had been asked for. After nearly half a minute of silence and somewhat labored breathing, the voice of the "control" he had specified as Zola began speaking through Mr. Johnson's trance state. Its tone was lighter and thinner than that of Chang, and it seemed to have a mid-European accent. It was as different from the voice of Chang as the latter differed from his natural tone.

"I don't think I have spoken to you before, no?" the voice assumed to be Zola said.

I was more cautious than ever about giving away any information that might be a clue to my interest. "That is right," I replied.

"There are several people here who — there is a gentleman here who come, who go to spirit very quickly," the voice continued. "And he is a man not particularly old, but quite a nice man. I do not know yet what his name is. I am only just beginning to get in touch with him but he is, I think, someone who was a friend of yours and not a relative. And he was not old man. And he go very quick. And he was much interested in you as a friend and he too was interested much in things that have to do with creative things. Writing and things. Artistic things. I think that his going to spirit was rather tragic. Because it was before his time. And he gives you very much his affection. And he says luckily he didn't know much about it. He sort of woke up in the spirit world. He has not tried to communicate before. Something to do with — oh, he is showing me a lady on earth. And he says she has been very good about things. And has tried to . . . how do you say . . . build up her life again. And he sends his love. And a letter 'D' comes. 'D.' And this is

someone who is close to him."

Although Irving and I had worked together considerably on several projects, I was not close to him in everyday life. I was not sure about this last statement and I said: "That's possible. I'm not sure."

"Did you not do some work with him?" the voice coming from Mr. Johnson asked.

"Yes," I said. "I did." I had directed and written several documentary films for him for NBC-TV.

"He is talking of a collaboration. . . ."

Irving had been interested in the film rights of one of my books. We had had a meeting planned on this just before his death.

I said, "In a sense."

"I think he had a very good mind," the trance voice said. That everyone could agree with. He was considered one of the more brilliant minds in the television world — or the general world, for that matter.

"And he was also writing something at the time of his death. He shows me some manuscripts. Papers. And he says that his wife has them. And he thinks that they might be of some interest if they were put together. Edited."

"I will check that," I said. I knew only those things about Irving that involved the films I worked with him on, and the philosophical discussions we had. I would have to get some kind of confirmation elsewhere after the session to check on the more personal pieces of information.

"And somebody named Rick, yes?" the voice continued. "Rick or Dick?"

I was a little startled at this. His closest associate in all his creative projects was Dick Kellerman. He had moved with Irving from CBS to NBC and later was Irving's chief executive with the new film company Irving started on leaving NBC. "There is a Dick involved," I said. "That I know. Yes."

"A living Dick?"

"Yes," I said.

"Who is connected with some kind of work. With him and you?"

"In a sense, yes," I said. I had never worked too directly with Dick Kellerman except through Irving. But from the point of view of verifiable information this was close enough.

"There's somebody Al? Al. Who is also connected with all this?"

"Yes," I said. This could apply to Al Morgan, the NBC producer of the *Today* show who had first introduced me to Irving many years before.

"And then there's a Jack. Who is connected with you."

"Yes," I said. "They call me Jack." Almost all my old friends called me by that name although I seldom used it in my work. "We used to talk about death," I added, "with a sense of humor."

"He says there are so many things to find out and explore. He is so interested." There of course could not have been a more accurate description of Irving Gitlin's character but this statement could apply so generally that it could not be accepted as a confirmable fact. "He had a great curiosity," I said.

"Did he like airplanes?" Zola's voice asked.

"I don't know, really," I said.

"He was going on a trip when he died."

"I'm not sure of that myself," I said.

"And he also shows me Spanish-looking things. There is some connection with South America or Mexico or one of those places."

"I can't be sure about that because I worked with him on several specific projects. And I was more of a close associate than a close friend."

Then, in quiet tones, the voice identified as Zola said good-bye. Mr. Johnson sat silently for a minute, then began to emerge from the trance state.

He rubbed his eyes and I asked, "Are you back?" I didn't know quite how to phrase the question, the experience was so strange.

"Almost," he said. "Almost."

"Let me know when I can speak without disturbing you," I said.

"Oh, I'm quite all right," he answered, now with his full normal voice.

"Tell me," I said, "Is that a strain? A physical strain?" The initial transition into the trance state had seemed an extremely tense effort. Mr. Johnson said that he had never noticed any after-effects except one time when a subject had stood up and walked rapidly across the room to get her pocketbook. He suffered nausea and headache from that experience but apparently that was the only ill effect he had ever noticed.

We arranged for one more session and I said good-bye, still mystified by the entire experience. If what Mr. Johnson had said related to the discarnate personality of Irving Gitlin, he had hit very close, and in such a way that could be definitely ascribed to something other than chance or coincidence. Assuming again the role similar to that of a pragmatic bank vice-president, I assembled the facts and examined them. I had no idea whether

some answers were correct or not. Others I could verify when I got in touch with his widow, Louise, who was indeed doing a magnificent job of building up her life again, as Mr. Johnson had suggested.

One major block to my acceptance of the possibility of this being a communication with Irving was the fact that Mr. Johnson mentioned his "going very quickly." Tragically, Irving had suffered from leukemia, a fact that he kept well hidden from everyone over a two-year period. He was so full of life and vitality that hardly anyone suspected this. He was active and busy up to his last days.

The other things that I could verify, bank-executive style, were these:

— *He was a friend and not a relative.*
— *He died prematurely.*
— *He was interested in writing and creative things.*
— *We were collaborating on several projects at one time or another.*
— *He had an excellent mind.*
— *His closest associate's name began with a "D" and his name was Dick.*
— *I had been introduced to him by an "Al," Al Morgan.*
— *He referred to me as Jack rather than John.*

The percentage of hits was extremely high. But there were many things I did not know:

— *Did he die quickly and unaware of it?*
— *Was he writing something unfinished at the time of his untimely death?*
— *Did he have a fondness for airplanes?*
— *Was he fond of "Spanish-looking things" — and was there some connection with South America or Mexico? I knew of none.*

If a measurable amount of truth were found in these latter questions, in addition to the others, I would have to admit that I would be overwhelmed with the record of Mr. Johnson's perception and acuity.

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SOME DAYS LATER I received a letter from Louise Gitlin after she had had a chance to read the transcript. She wrote:

Dear Jack:

When I received the transcript of your sessions with Douglas Johnson last week I read rather quickly through Session 2 just to review the references to Irv you told me about. This morning I sat down and read the entire transcript.

Are you interested in my comments? I don't believe in it but neither do I ignore the possibilities. Irv was always fascinated by and sometimes actively curious about this sort of thing. I remember when we were first married going to lectures and meetings with J. B. Rhine, then it sort of tapered off.

However, getting to Session 2, and the possibilities of "Zola" being in communication with Irv, I see some things I didn't see before, either when you talked to me or when I first read this part of the transcript.

(1) Irv died rather quickly. What is thrombosis? A blood clot? Because what he eventually died from was a brain hemorrhage, caused by chronic leukemia. (A thrombosis is not confined to heart conditions. It applies also to the lymph system, which is attacked by leukemia.)

(2) I don't think he did know about it. I hope not. He thought he had a sinus headache and then so quickly went into a comatose state that I don't think he was aware that he was dying.

(3) About me — I am doing rather well, as I told you. Have a good job and have begun to socialize a bit, although there are times . . . well, that's another story. . . .

(4) In referring to "D": He and Dick Kellerman had such a close relationship — much closer than he had with most members of the family.

(5) I don't know anything about his discussions with you on the concept of death. Tell me more.

(6) The screen treatment he was working on shortly before his death was *A Separate Peace*, which took place at Exeter Academy — almost too much of a coincidence. (She was referring to the fact that Irving and I had collaborated on plans for a documentary film on my book *Incident at Exeter*.)

(7) Re the reference to "Jack." I have always been confused about whether you prefer to be called Jack or John. My confusion stems from Irv always referring to you as Jack but you're always saying when you phoned, "John."

(8) Irv adored traveling, especially by plane. Although he traveled frequently for business it seems to me that he never got over a boyish enthusiasm for and awe of airplanes.

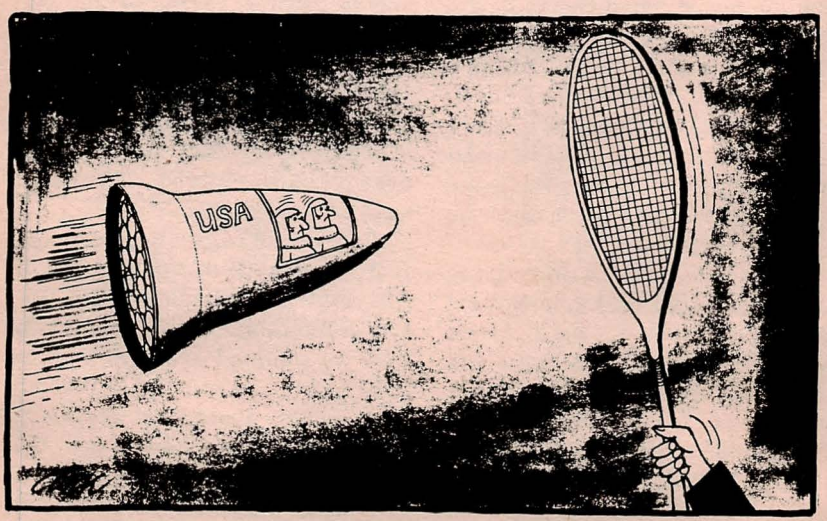
(9) Page 13 refers to going on a trip when he died. I don't know if this applies, and perhaps at this I read too much into it. But a trip that we planned last summer to California had to be canceled because the doctor did not want him away from New York for that long a period.

(10) On Irv's first trip to Mexico (I was startled to read this, because I didn't know Irving had *ever* been to Mexico) he became enamored of the guitar, a love that lasted the rest of his life. He had many and collected pictures of and relating to Spanish guitars. The one he got last was made for him in Spain by Fleta, who is the most famous of the guitar-makers, and he valued it highly. He always wanted to go to Spain to study under Segovia. (I had known absolutely nothing about this phase of Irving's interest.)

I had to admit astonishment when I read Louise Gitlin's letter. Practically all the questions for which I did *not* have an answer had been answered affirmatively. It brought the score up to such a high percentage, that again, coincidence or chance or trickery could almost certainly be logically excluded. I had not once mentioned Irving's name to anyone at any time before or during the entire process of talking with Mr. Johnson. Further, Mr. Johnson could not have assembled this latter portion of the information telepathically from me, at least, because I was not even unconsciously aware of any of these facts until they were later confirmed.

I was puzzled and astonished but there was more still to come in the third and final session with Mr. Johnson.

(This is the second of a series of three articles.)



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BLACK PANTHER DREAM

By Betty Lou Keys

I WAS A high school senior in 1951 and living with my parents Lloyd and Nova Churchill in Lawndale, Calif. At 5:00 A.M. the morning of November 2 a mournful crying wakened me from a deep sleep. I jumped from my bed and ran into the hall just as my father reached the door of my parents' room.

My mother was standing in the hall in her nightgown, moaning and crying.

"Mother! What's the matter?" I cried.

She didn't answer me — just stood shaking and swaying back and forth. When I touched her she jumped and I realized she had not been awake! Again I asked what was wrong and she said, "I dreamed a black panther jumped on my mother and killed her!"

My father tried to comfort her and get her to return to bed. I passed it off as a bad dream and forgot about it. I slept a little longer, then got up to prepare for the school day.

At nine o'clock that morning I was called out of my classroom and sent to the vice-principal's office. She told me to go right home, that my grandmother had died.

At home my mother said sadly, "Your Uncle Bill called from Memphis and said that about eight o'clock Mother had been standing at the TV set dusting. She picked up a ceramic piece — a black panther — to dust it and at that moment she



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had a heart attack and died."

Allowing for the three-hour time difference between California and Memphis, Tenn., we realized my grandmother, Callie Smith, had died at the same time my mother was in the hall telling us about her dream. — *Ventura, Calif.*

WHY I QUIT MY JOB

By Maurice R. Sonafelt

IN 1946 I WAS hired as a timberman and assigned to work with the cutter and scraper at the Harwick, Pa., coal mine owned by Duquesne Light Co. A timberman's job consists of setting posts and crossbeams to secure the roofs over working areas. We worked in a section designated 4 West but after about five months the company transferred me to another section called 15 North.

When I went over to 15 North a sense of fear immediately overcame me. It seemed even the dark damp walls were warning me — urging me to stay clear of 15 North. I felt some danger awaited me if I didn't heed the hunch but I couldn't explain it. I was new to mining but I felt at ease and safe working in 4 West.

When I told my foreman about my fear of 15 North he laughed and said, "That's just your imagination; 15 North is perfectly safe." I talked to other men on the job about my feeling and they too told me it had to be my imagination.

The day before I was to report to work at 15 North a voice within me kept repeating, *"Don't do it!"*

I argued with the foreman the next day and finally he said, "You have two days to make up your mind. I need a timberman in 15 North. If you don't get over this foolish idea by that time there won't be a job for you."

I needed that job but I couldn't take it. I tried to convince myself that my feelings were absurd but I couldn't get over the fear. Something was going to happen in 15 North and I didn't want to be there when it did.

It was in March, 1947, that I quit and two days later I was sitting at home reading when the shrill mine whistle sounded — the dread signal of a mine accident. I looked out the window to see an ambulance speeding toward the mine.

"Somebody has been hurt or killed," I said aloud, "and I know exactly where."

A little while later I walked over to the mine and asked the first person I met what had happened. He replied:

"Three men were killed in section 15 North. Roof caved in."

They were the cutter, the scraper and the timberman. — *Lower Burrell, Pa.*

MY ROVING SPIRIT

By Sadie Sills

SINCE CHILDHOOD I have had out-of-the-body experiences without knowing what they were. I would fall asleep in my own bed only to awaken in a different place — sometimes strange, sometimes familiar. I believe people could see me at times, for I could see surprised expressions come over their faces. This would startle me and I would be suddenly back in my own bed.

I might still be telling myself that these were only vivid dreams if my interest in the occult had not led me to do extensive reading. When I read about out-of-the-body experiences I realized this was what I had been having. Then my projections became more numerous.

I am a nurse and I worked a night shift at the hospital. I found that if I were extremely worried about a patient my astral body would go to that patient. I don't recall a patient ever saying he had seen me but several told me they felt as if I had been near all day.

I have walked many times in my mother's house but neither she nor my father mentioned seeing me. I never told them about it lest they think me crazy. But one day my father told me their house was haunted. He said they heard someone walking around time after time!



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This seems proof that in some way I was roaming around in the spirit while my physical body was asleep. I began to have mixed emotions about my strange ability. I felt it had to be an asset and possibly could be put to good use. At other times I felt a little freakish.

My lovely daughter Myra Regan had been married for four years and she and her husband George both wanted a baby very much. Myra had been following him around from pillow to post for quite some time. It was impossible for me to visit them but my spirit would do so on occasion. I had seen my daughter going about her work or sleeping. I had just enough glimpses to know they were well.

Then in the summer of 1968, while they were in Corpus Christi, Tex., Myra wrote she was not

feeling very well. I was worried but they were planning to visit me in Lubbock soon and I would know all the details. Before they came I received a wonderful letter from her telling me that her discomfort had turned out to be the pregnancy they had awaited so long.

I received the letter on a late summer day in 1968 and that night was my night off. I was so happily excited that it was quite late before I finally fell asleep. I came to standing in Myra's bedroom. I could see her and George asleep until she turned over and looked at me wide-eyed. Somehow this shocked me back into my own bed.

A few months later they came to visit. After the excitement of our first greeting was over Myra said, "Mother, you almost scared me to death one night. I woke up and saw you standing in my room just looking at me and smiling. You looked so happy. But I realized you couldn't be there in the flesh. I thought you had died and I woke up George screaming, 'Mother was here! She must be dead!' "

I assured her that I had been there but I had not intended to frighten her. Also I had been doing this kind of thing for as long as I could remember, so that if it should happen again she shouldn't be afraid. She remarked that I had been wearing a dress she never had seen and I went to my closet and brought it out. "That's it," she said.

But something must have happened, for now I rarely wake up in strange places. Perhaps it settled my roving spirit to be seen and recognized by a loved one. — *Douglassville, Tex.*

THE PROMISSORY NOTE

By John S. Poapst

IN MIDSUMMER, 1942, I found myself stranded in Toronto after spending seven months there working on a deal that finally blew up in my face. Luckily, two friends, W. L. Chadwick and W. B. Morris, loaned me enough money to get me and my wife Alice back to our home in Calgary, Alberta.

How we lived the next few months I never will know. I did a little of everything to make a dollar. However, we kept up our spirits and early in 1943 we both had the yen to move into the country to live. The urge became very strong. About that time we began attending a metaphysical gathering, the Church of Truth. One Sunday the minister, Miss Ruth Chew, told the congregation that if one wanted something he had to be definite about what it was before he could get it. God cannot direct you to something indefinite.

Alice and I thought a lot about that message and began to envision the kind of place we wanted in the country. We came up with 10 requisites and wrote them down on paper. Each night we read over the paper, seeing ourselves located and prospering.

Soon we began scanning the classified ads. Within a week we saw an ad for a place that seemed to fill our requirements. I went to see the realtor, Ross Realty, the next day. Mr. Ross said he would take us to see the place. After I explained to him that I had no money at all he still insisted that he would show us the home and said that when we got the money for a down payment we could come and see him again.

The small farm, located five miles west of Calgary on a road known as the Sarcee trail, was just what we wanted but we'd need a windfall to make the down payment.

A month went by and then another real estate firm, Calgary Realtors, advertised what seemed to be the same small farm. On checking I found that it was. I then went back to Mr. Ross and told him what I had discovered.

He came up with an idea right away. He told me that the old man who owned the 10 acres, Mr. R. H. Duke, was considered eccentric. He would lend money to



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persons who could put up no security and sell things to those who apparently could not pay but he never had lost a dollar operating this way. Mr. Ross's plan was to introduce us to Mr. Duke and have us see him at his home, saying he thought Mr. Duke would take to us.

The meeting was arranged for the next night at Mr. Duke's home. I explained that I didn't have a dollar but that I did have a chance of getting a few hundred dollars if I could dispose of some oil company shares.

"Well," he said, "we can take care of that. You can give me a promissory note for the down payment."

I was dumbfounded but when I regained my composure I agreed to sign a note. While he was getting a note blank from a desk at the far side of the room, the figure $300 flashed on the wall opposite me. After filling in the

date on the note, March 15, 1943, he turned and asked the amount he should make it. I remembered the flash on the wall and said, "$300."

He looked at me over the top of the odd pince-nez he wore and asked if it could be more. I stuck to my guns and he filled in the amount of $300 and I signed the note.

We now were owners of 10 acres of land but how we were going to honor the note to make the future payments I had no idea.

My wife had a wealthy brother, Harry Cross, in Saskatchewan to whom she wrote occasionally. Some time after the note signing she wrote Harry and among other things told him we had made a down payment on a small place in the country. She didn't tell him anything about our circumstances, however.

Harry's reply came promptly. He and Alice and a half-brother, Wilfred, shared equally in the estate of their mother, Mrs. A. E. Cross, which had been in the hands of a trust company for 11 years. The estate was now in good shape, he said, having survived the years of Depression and dust storms that had ravaged Canadian farmland. The trustee, the Royal Trust Company of Regina, now wanted to disburse the estate to the three heirs and was endeavoring to get them to agree on how.

Harry also said he was glad we were moving to the country and that no doubt a little ready cash would come in handy. He enclosed a bank draft and said she could pay him back from her share of their mother's estate when the settlement was made.

And what was the amount of the draft? $300. — *San Diego, Calif.*



ANCIENT FEAR CUTS OFF BLOOD SUPPLY

By Henry Duskis

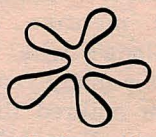
THE RED CROSS of the nation of Tanzania has urged leaders to make people understand the purpose of "giving blood" is not to supply blood-sucking vampires, according to the *Los Angeles Times* for December 11, 1969.

Tanzanians are said to believe that medical clinics and blood-donation stations are only tricks used by *mumianis* (vampires) to lure people in so as to drink their blood.

Red Cross Director Miraji Kapenti wants Tanzanians to learn the difference between a myth and a life-saving process.

TRIPPING OVER THE ECTOPLASM

By D. Scott Rogo



Lighthearted look at psychic research shows us bloopers and bloomerisms are the lot of even gifted mediums.

THE HIGHLY-respected Hereward Carrington once defined an "ideal" psychic investigator as one who has a firm knowledge of the natural and physical sciences, a complete awareness of the many methods of mediumistic trickery, a background in psychology and — above all — a keen sense of humor!

In common with such serious studies as religion and politics psychical research has its lighter side and many records of seance-room antics must strike even the most stoic student as just plain funny. Whether the case in point be genuine or fraudulent, many mishaps, irregularities and touching incidents certainly make parapsychology a deeply human study and to touch on these is in no way irreverent.

Perhaps the greatest wealth of humor lies in "exposures" — mediums caught in the act of defrauding researchers. When psychical research was in its infancy Europe idolized Henry Slade, the American slate-writing medium who produced chalked "spirit writing" on sealed slates. One method of faking such results is a simple technique of slate substitution. By sleight of hand the medium exchanges a slate already examined by the sitter for one previously prepared with its chalked message. While apparently having tricked many critical investigators Slade met his match in a man named J. W. Truesdell.*

Leaving Truesdell in the seance room Slade for some unstated reason went into another room for a few moments. Aware of the possibility of slate substitution Truesdell carefully in-

*J. W. Truesdell records the incident in his book, *Bottom Facts Concerning Spiritualism* published in 1883 by George W. Carleton, New York, N.Y.

spected the premises and found, as he expected to, another slate bearing a message. The investigator wrote alongside the pre-existing message: "Watch out for this fellow, Henry; he's up to snuff. — Alcinda." Truesdell had signed the message with the name of Slade's wife who had been dead for many years. When the medium entered the seance room he gave Truesdell a slate to examine and then substituted it for the prepared one. While gloriously holding the altered slate aloft Slade himself read the new message. Truesdell described the medium as looking as if "he had been struck by lightning."

Physical mediums are especially vulnerable to humorous escapades. One such incident is related by Everard Feilding (who sat with Eusapia Palladino and was on the Society for Psychical Research committee* appointed to investigate her.) In London in 1914 he exposed an apport medium (one who materializes small objects during the seance) whom he identified only as "the Transylvanian medium."

Examining the seance room of the apport medium Feilding discovered a secret compartment which would open at the pull of a cord and from which the apports would drop onto the table. The compartment already had been filled with some small prawns. Feilding delicately tied little red ribbon bows around each one — a somewhat unnerving sight for the medium during the evening's seance when these peculiar gifts fell into her lap. Feilding also tells us that after this enchanted evening the medium left England and never was seen again.

A famous old Spiritualist story of an apport misfire concerns the materialization of a bouquet of flowers. The medium failed to remove the price tag and this too materialized. Of course the sitters maintained that the paper tag had been part of the psychic transmission.

But Charles Bailey, the great apport medium, also came a cropper over the birds that so often materialized during his seances. When two exotic birds were apported at a seance on February 20, 1910, in Grenoble, France, a dealer recognized Bailey as the man who had bought three such birds from him two days earlier.

Sometimes an entire seance becomes a fiasco when investigators set out to have some fun with a mediumistic cheater. There is the story about the medium William Cartheuser, in

*The SPR appointed Hereward Carrington, Everard Feilding and W. W. Baggally to study Palladino in a course of 11 seances during November and December, 1908, in Italy.

reality an outstanding clairvoyant, who delighted in faking physical phenomena. He permitted no control during his sittings, however, and in Los Angeles in 1951 Raymond Bayless, psychic researcher and frequent contributor to FATE, decided on a ruse that would enable him to observe Cartheuser more carefully. Unknown to the medium, of course, Bayless managed to affix a piece of luminous tape to the medium's trousers. Then Bayless sat back and watched Cartheuser dart around the seance room, as silently as a cat, creating spirit "touches." After the seance and after the telltale tape plot was revealed the other sitters still insisted they *had* seen a materialization! On another occasion when Bayless grabbed a floating speaking trumpet at a Cartheuser seance he also grasped a very material hand. According to Hereward Carrington and Sir William Crookes, spirit hands when touched seem to evaporate from one's grasp. But Cartheuser's spirit did otherwise. A fingernail jabbed Bayless' hand and a voice through the trumpet announced in somber tones, "Don't touch the ectoplasm."

Cartheuser also was once the butt of a cruel but hilarious joke. At one of his seances two of the sitters wearied of his standard bag of tricks. One of them decided to cause a stir by pounding on the walls. Playing along with the gag his colleague even whacked the more credulous sitters with a piece of wood. Soon the whole room was a shambles. One sitter cried out that the spirits were stealing his ectoplasm and another screamed that poltergeists were attacking. Above all this clamor the funny little voice of Cartheuser, distinctive because of his hair lip and cleft palate, was heard to say, "These aren't my spirits, these aren't my spirits!"

Unforgettable is the story of a woman medium who at a seance in her Los Angeles home in 1953 ran around barefooted playing the parts of her materializations. But here the medium had the last laugh, for the researcher himself — Attila von Sealay — was "exposed." A light inadvertently shone directly on him showing him on his hands and knees placing thumbtacks on the floor.

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I DO NOT mean to imply that only the fraud of psychical research has its humor, for many genuine manifestations are worth a chuckle when they occur under unusual circumstances.

Hereward Carrington relates one such incident concerning Eusapia Palladino, the queen of

physical mediums. During a seance the investigating team resolutely tied the medium to prevent her from her crafty but annoying habit of faking results if she weren't in the mood to be constructive. However, shortly after the sitting began a small white hand (often seen during Palladino seances) materialized and just as resolutely untied the medium's bonds! The investigators checked to be sure the medium could not have escaped the bonds herself and finally had to conclude that the spirit operator was in no mood to be constructive either.

Materializations sometimes seem to have their own streak of mischief. An outstanding example involves Jan Guzyk, a Polish medium. At one experiment a small dog-like form could be felt scurrying among the legs of the investigators. To everyone's astonishment it bit one of the sitters, a Dr. Leclainche, in the leg and then vanished. There was no feasible way for Guzyk to have produced the phenomena fraudulently — certainly not the dog's bite!

An incident that left me howling occurred during a Joe Pyne-Maria Graciette interview on Los Angeles' KTTV about June of 1967. The Latin-American film star* was "reading auras" and answering questions from the studio audience. A young man stepped out to question her and she curtly told him he was ill. The young man, who couldn't have been more than 20, justly inquired how she diagnosed his supposed illness.

Miss Graciette responded in her heavy accent, "I can tell by your aura."

The bewildered student who obviously didn't know what an aura is glanced around and stated blankly, "Oh, I didn't know it was showing."

That Mme. Lotte von Strahl, the Los Angeles clairvoyant, has genuine ability is beyond doubt. At one well-attended demonstration of clairvoyance Mme. von Strahl ended the evening by giving short impressions of various persons in the audience. In that audience was Attila von Sealay, himself a medium and at that time working as a hypnotist. Von Strahl needed only to look at von Sealay to see that he was sleepy and she said unthinkingly, "And with you I want to go to bed." Naturally the audience chose to misconstrue her remark and Mrs. von Strahl brought down the house.

All of this makes us realize mediums and researchers alike

*An article in the September, 1966, issue of FATE ("What Do Your Lips Betray?" by James Crenshaw) deals with Maria Graciette's unusual paranormal abilities.

are people — serious, emotional and sometimes funny. So why not occasionally take a lighter-hearted attitude toward this science we value?

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LIKE ANY SCIENCE, psychical research has its borderline area. Where does the actual psychic impression leave off and the delicate imagination of the medium take over? Even famous mediums often have come up with pure drivel. D. D. Home, "the king of sorcerers," once stated that the sun was not hot at all but covered by deep foliage.

The great Mrs. Piper during the later years of her mediumship revealed in trance that one of her controls said the sun was sandy and that monkey-like beings inhabited it.

The Theosophist clairvoyant C. W. Leadbeater claimed that giant red ants inhabit Mars.

Some 40 years ago the English medium Frederick Craddock in trance revealed to author H. Dennis Bradley that a capsule containing communications from Mars was being transmitted to earth through the psychic ether.

If both Leadbeater and Craddock were right, some red ants on Mars have made remarkable intellectual advances.

But the overall humor in psychical research is not the humor of absurdity. It is the humor of incongruity: without genuine phenomena we could not appreciate the fun of watching a fraud. Without understanding the philosophical implications of psychical research we could not appreciate the ridiculous nonsense many mediums dish out. Is it not amusing to watch a medium trip over her own ectoplasm (and this has happened) while realizing psychical research eventually must revise our understanding of reality?

A DEPARTMENTAL AFFAIR

IN TRYON, N.C., the fire department proudly accepted delivery of a new $24,000 fire truck in April, 1969. It was initiated into service to extinguish a fire in a private home on Monday, April 28.

The interior of the living room where the fire was believed to have started was practically ruined and the remainder of the house sustained extensive smoke damage. But Fire Chief Melvin Phillips was proud of the performance of his men and the new truck. They had the fire extinguished in about five minutes after their arrival at the home of William Ross, a Tyron fireman.



Hoosier householder Ed Mootz, who reported one of the strangest sightings on record, remains mystified today. USAF experts who took tree, dead fruit and soil samples have not revealed their findings.

ufo KILLS TREE in CINCINNATI

By Jim Kane

ED MOOTZ saw the UFO that killed his peach tree.

He was mowing the lawn at his home on Boal Street in Cincinnati, Ohio, on the morning of July 22, 1965. The sun was bright and Ed wanted to get the lawn cut before the day got too hot.

Nothing unusual happened until he bent over to move some garden hose which lay next to a peach tree. As he reached for the hose a few reddish drops fell on his hand.

"The substance was warm and sticky," he told me. "It looked and felt like watery blood except that it was oily to the touch."

A moment later the stuff — now even darker red than blood — was literally raining all around him. It was like being

A spot of barren ground where once a flourishing peach tree stood and scars on Ed Mootz's hands and arms bear silent witness . . .

caught in a heavy warm shower, he said.

Mootz backed away from the peach tree and looked up. About 1000 feet overhead he saw a small reddish-pink cloud unlike any cloud he ever had seen before. About 50 feet above it was an object he described as a silver disc and it moved northward with the cloud (or the cloud moved northward with it).

About this time, Ed noticed the red stuff on his hands and arms was burning his skin. He ran into the house and washed carefully with soap and water. He had no difficulty getting rid of the strange substance but it left scars which can be seen today on Ed Mootz's hands and arms.

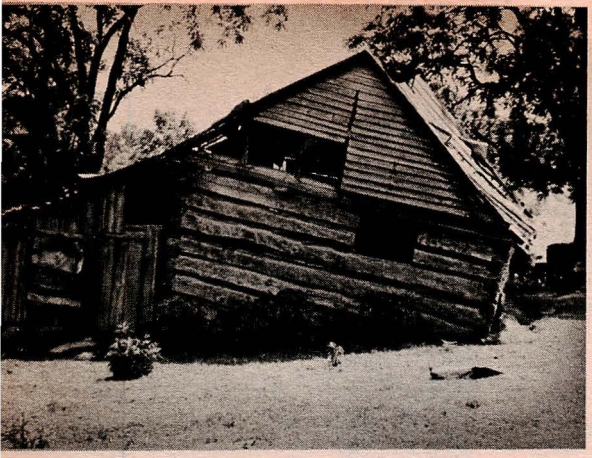
The next morning Ed discovered that his peach tree had died during the night. The leaves were burned and lying on the ground. The trunk had shrunk to half the size it had been 24 hours before and the grass around the tree also was dead. To this day grass will not grow on this spot.

Ed Mootz's bewilderment was matched only by that of the various experts who came and heard his story. Among them were representatives of the United States Air Force from Dayton, Ohio, who took up the tree and collected the fallen peaches and dead grass to transport to their laboratory.



Foliage on this spot was dead 24 hours after Mootz's sighting and today, five years later, grass won't grow here.

The Air Force promised to let Ed Mootz know its findings but so far has not done so. Nor did the men even hint at why they were interested in the peach tree.



Picture taken in 1969 shows dilapidated shambles of cabin where Raines family lived briefly 40 years ago.

"I Guess I Saw a GHOST

. . . and right today a lot of people who live around here fear to travel the ridge after dark . . . and don't even know why."

By Elaine Rowley

FOR A LONG time, in fact for as long as he lived, my father Ben Raines would not allow us to talk about the time when we lived on the Yost place. He had his reasons. He said it would give the place a bad name. He said nobody would believe the strange things that happened and to talk about them would reflect on our intelligence. He said the quicker it was forgotten the better for all of us. But it's been 44 years and I haven't forgotten it yet.

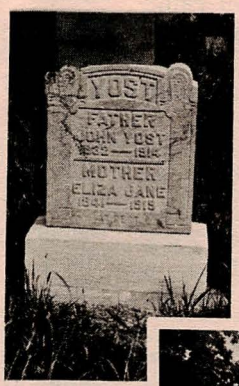
Even now, when I recall our sojourn there it brings goose bumps over my arms and up the nape of my neck. When I say I was scared almost to death that year I'm not exaggerating.

Ben Raines was a tenant farmer and a good one. He was interested in education and saved like a miser to see that his children had all the schooling possible. He had litle formal education himself but he was intelligent and well-read, a fundamentalist Protestant and firm boss of his house and his children.

Thus, when my older sister Louise received her teaching certificate in 1926 and took a job in a school near Ripley, W. Va., Father looked around for a place to live near her schoolhouse. He was reluctant to let any of us leave home. My sister Dorrie and I didn't like the idea of having Louise for a teacher but little brother Blair didn't care because it was his first year. We packed

up and moved to the Yost place September 3, a few days before the school term began.

Father talked about how fortunate he was to have found a place so close to the school. The farm lay just off the Ravenswood Pike and some four miles from the little community of Sidneyville. The landlord, Jim Morgan, had bought the farm by paying up the back taxes the year before.



It wasn't much in my estimation. It looked unkempt but the fences had been repaired and the pastures cleared of stumps. The house had been vacant for a long time and it took a lot of work to get it scrubbed, painted and papered. I was only 11 and Dorrie was nine but we did our share. Everybody in our household worked, played and shared alike. We were loved and secure in the knowledge that our parents loved each other. We accepted work as part of the family plan.

The large front room of the house had been built of hewn logs. It was rather dark because its two windows looked out on a low-roofed porch which was covered at one end with wisteria vines. But it had a huge well-built fireplace. Stairs came down from the single loft room which was warm and cozy in the winter from the heat of the stone chimney. Mother put Blair's bed in the little alcove formed by the chimney and Dorrie and I had the opposite side for our own.

Louise had a large bedroom on the left of the front room and Father and Mother slept in a room on the opposite side. Mother chose that one to be close to the stairway if one of us should need her in the night.



John and Eliza Yost died during World War I and are buried in a cemetery at the crest of what is locally called "Ghost Ridge" near Ripley.

The kitchen and dining room, having been added later, were light and cheerful.

Father surveyed the finished arrangements with satisfaction and proclaimed we would be comfortable and happy here. That was the overstatement of the year.

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THE FIRST TIME any of us was aware something out of the ordinary was going on came one night when Mother wakened me by shining a light in my face. She asked if any of us had been up. No one had.

"I could have sworn I heard bare feet slipping down the stairs," she said.

"Probably it was a rat," my father said. "Come on back to bed and I'll search him out tomorrow."

"It *wasn't* a rat. I sure hope we don't have a sleepwalker in the outfit," Mother insisted.

In the following weeks Mother was up often looking for one of us parading around in the night but Father slept soundly. Snoring gently five minutes after his head hit the pillow he heard nothing. Neither did we but several times I was awakened when Louise slipped into bed with Dorrie and me. She always had slept alone before. Three in a bed is a crowd and I offered to sleep with her in her own room. She'd say, "This is just fine." So I'd lie with my back against the wall and try to keep Dorrie's feet out of my stomach.

One morning Father got up at three o'clock and started to dress.

"Why are you getting up so early?" Mother asked. He was startled to see her still in bed.

"I thought I saw you go into the kitchen a while ago," he said sheepishly. "I guess it was a dream."

He went to the sink for a drink of water. When he came back he said soberly, "A streak of cold air seemed to pass me out there. Strange. There's no draft. Something about this place gives me the creeps sometimes. You feel that way?"

"'Maybe the house is haunted," Mother replied.

"Tommyrot! There's no such thing as spooks. When you're dead you're dead until judgement. You don't come back. I've always had an open mind about such things and I've listened to lots of sworn stories but I never saw or heard anything that didn't have a logical explanation if you sought it out and didn't let your imagination run wild."

"How about Saul calling on the Witch of Endor to bring back the spirit of Samuel? How about the familiar spirits the Bible tells about?"

"Humph! Go to sleep, Mary, we can have two hours' rest yet this night."

"Ben, I don't like this place." Mother was going to lay the situation straight on the line. "It's . . . well, it's unfriendly. I don't sleep good here. I feel that something — maybe the house itself — resents us. I don't want you to renew the contract with Morgan next year. I just am not going to stay anyplace I feel so uncomfortable and so unwelcome."

"We'll stay if Louise gets the school again. I ain't going to have her board with other people. It there's anything unfriendly around here it can just shove off as long as I'm paying the rent."

Louise solved that part of the problem. She married Floyd Combs the first of November — against Father's wishes — and moved in with her husband's family till the end of the term.

The day after she left, I decided I should have a room of my own and I would take hers. After we got home from school I went in to look it over and decide where I should put my things. I stopped at the dresser to look in the mirror when a shadowy motion behind me caught my eye. I turned around cautiously. I could see nothing but I felt *something* was in the room with me. The only sound was the beating of my own heart. A cold chill went over me as I backed out of the room and quickly sought the company of the first person I could find. But I didn't say anything about my scare. What could I have said?

I slept in my accustomed place with Dorrie that night, understanding now why Louise used to join us. Nobody mentioned the empty bedroom and I began to shun both it and the living room. I made a bargain with Dorrie: when we had to clean these rooms we would work together. Neither Dorrie nor Blair felt any different about this place than about anywhere else we had lived. We just didn't discuss things like that. Mother and Father did, maybe, but not us. Sometimes I felt eyes looking at me from nowhere — not exactly hostile eyes maybe but so alien that it was frightening. The only time I liked the big front room was when we were all there of an evening with a big fire roaring up the chimney to drive out the gloom.

One unseasonably warm evening in late November Floyd and Louise were coming for a weekend visit and I was sitting at the window watching for them. I knew the way they would come. It was too muddy for Floyd's old car so they would walk up the long hollow, climb the line fence

where it was nailed to the giant gum tree and cross the 300 yards of meadowland to the house.

It was just dark. I was watching for their flashlight and suddenly I saw it — a light just about the height a man would hold it as he crossed the fence. But it didn't seem right. It was too small for a flashlight and lacked the beam. It was too big for the glow of a cigarette. While I watched the light arched upward and came hurtling toward the house so fast it left a faint streak behind it. It seemed to disappear right into the walls. I turned to call Mother's attention to it but I wasn't frightened, for I didn't associate the light with anything that had happened before. Mother was talking so I turned to look at the place again and this time Floyd's flashlight was in sight.

That night after we had gone to bed Louise's screams and Floyd's exclamatory tone awakened us all. They were using her old room during their stay. Mother lit the lamp and went to investigate, all of us followed her.

The first problem was Floyd. His foot was wedged in the old iron bedstead. Dad had to get a crowbar to free him. Then we tried to calm Louise who was crying hysterically.

"She jumped over me," Floyd said, red-faced with embarrassment. "It woke me up so quick I thought someone was attacking us. When I jumped up I caught my foot. I don't know what scared her. I guess she had a nightmare."

"It wasn't a nightmare and it wasn't a dream," Louise sobbed. "I was wide-awake listening to a cricket and looking at the window. I saw this thin wisp of something like a mist or a light smoke creeping in under the sill. I thought the house could be on fire so I watched it boil in for a minute. It suddenly poured in and right by the bed it went to whirling and boiling around until a figure started to form. . ." She started crying again. "This place is haunted! I know it — and this room especially. Things have scared me out of here before and I'm not going to sleep here tonight!"

"I don't care for haunts myself," Floyd said. "I never saw a ghost — but I ain't sleeping here either."

So they lugged their mattress to the loft and slept on the floor. I noticed Mother kept a light burning in the other bedroom that night and Father didn't object.

"Everybody's not having dreams and nightmares," Mother told my father the next morning. "There's something very wrong here. It's getting us down

and when you're not resting well you can get sick. If you don't find another place I will."

"I signed a lease for a year."

"Well, you go see Mr. Morgan and get out of it. Tell him the children and I won't stay here."

"I don't know anyplace to go. Besides I never reneged on a contract in my life."

"Well," Mother retorted, "I'll see what I can do about breaking the lease and you get another place or I'll burn this infernal house down!"

That very day Mother went to see the landlord. He was a genial old fellow and when Mother told him how she felt he agreed that we shouldn't have to stay if we were that uncomfortable. But he asked her not to mention around the neighborhood our reason for leaving. Mother gave him four months' rent — $20.00 — and since no crops had been started no one was hurt by the deal. Mr. Morgan gave her a receipt and the contract and Mother marched home to confront my father. For the first time in their married life she had gone against his will.

She need not have been anxious about the matter. Father never said a word. He seemed relieved and set about looking for another place. But he didn't find it for a while. December was blue cold and while there was little precipitation the ground was frozen and a north wind howled around the house without letup. Nevertheless, we experienced no more frightening incidents and enjoyed Christmas without interference.

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ONE COLD evening Father brought in some chestnuts to roast and called to Blair, "Son, step out on the porch and bring in those pine knots by the door. I'll need them in the morning to start the fires."

Blair paused in the doorway.

"Dorrie!" he yelled. "What are you doing out there without a coat?"

"I'm not out there, silly," Dorrie said, behind him.

Blair slammed the door. His face was white.

"What is it, son?" Father asked.

"I saw a girl out there looking at me. She looked like Dorrie. She had on a light dress and no shoes. She sort of went behind the wisteria vines."

Father opened the door and looked out. He saw nothing. He picked up the pine knots and came back in. "It must have been your imagination, son," he said.

The rest of the evening Blair was very thoughtful and he sat close to Mother. The old familiar chill came over me. When I went to bed I snuggled against

Dorrie's plump little back and kept the covers over my head till I thought I would smother. I would never look into the darkness again. I kept my eyes closed, afraid of what I might see. In the days that followed I grew pale and lost weight. I was beginning to be afraid even to breathe deeply. Every night I prayed that Father might soon find a new home for us and every day it seemed more unlikely.

In January the weather turned warmer — and Father heard of a vacant place about 15 miles away. One morning he saddled a horse and because a drizzle of rain was falling he took along his slicker and rode over to check it out.

By noon the rain became a steady downpour. We began to think Father might have to stay over. To stay the night without him was more than I could even bear to think about. It wasn't so bad when he was home.

At four in the afternoon it was almost dark when somebody knocked at the door. I almost cried out. Mother answered the knock and there stood a very old man, miserably wet and shaking from the cold. With the warm hospitality of farm people she quickly asked him in.

"My name's Rice, ma'am, Tom Rice," he volunteered. "I was trying to reach my son-in-law's house over on the ridge. Johnny Pickett's his name. Do you know him?"

"Yes, we know him, but it's a long way to go in this rain and you're very wet. Have you had supper?"

"No, ma'am, and I do appreciate the fire. I'm pretty well soaked through."

"You could get pneumonia," Mother said. "I'll see if I can find you some dry things and I'll set you a bite to eat. We've just had supper and it's not cold yet."

"That's very kind of you, ma'am."

When he was dry, fed and comfortable the rain still was coming down hard. Mother invited him to stay the night. We were glad when he accepted. Just to have a man around the house made us feel better — even a very old and very weak man.

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MR. RICE became quite talkative. I can still see him sitting by the fire, gently rocking in the old rocking chair with his beady black eyes fixed on the glowing coals. Wrapped in my father's work clothes he looked like an ancient Gypsy. His hands on the chair arm were like carved leather claws. How he had walked so far in the rain was a mystery to me.

"I remember this place," he

said. His voice was thin and high but remarkably clear. "I lived out on the ridge beyond here when my kids were small. My wife died there. I used to come out here and help John Yost with his chores. He wasn't a man many could get along with. He fell out with the whole community afore it was over. He had a different belief about things than most of us did — I just didn't bother to discuss things with him — just did my work and that was all. He kept his family to himself. Never went anywhere and never let his wife and daughter go anywhere either."

He watched the fire in silence for a while as if he had drifted back into the past, reliving his memories. Then suddenly he took up the narrative exactly where he left off.

"I never could forget Nora. That was his daughter. She was nigh onto 13, I guess, and as pretty a girl as ever lived. Pity, so few ever saw her. She was a frail girl and as I said she was about 13 when she sickened and died. Mrs. Yost almost died, too, but it was only from grief over the way John was. He wouldn't bury Nora in the graveyard. Me and him made a coffin and buried her under that big gum tree across over there and they wasn't any Bible reading. Mrs. Yost never was right in her mind after that. I recollect her and Yost died a few years apart about the time of the Great War. They're buried out on the hill cemetery — but no one ever did move Nora."

I didn't hear any more. In a flash I remembered everything that had happened — the light that came soaring from the foot of the gum tree, the silky white mist Louise saw coming in the window and the little girl Carl saw walking barefoot in the cold. A cold sweat broke out all over me, my ears pounded — and I fainted.

Mother was rubbing my hands and holding camphor under my nose when I came to. I felt very weak. I think I never had been so ill before. I was afraid to go to bed. Mother pulled the old couch over by the fire and stayed with me through the night. Dorrie and Carl didn't go to the loft room either but curled up near the fire. I don't remember the old man being there. I suppose he went to bed in the haunted bedroom and probably slept all night. I must have dozed but it seemed ages before morning.

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FATHER CAME home the next day as soon as the creeks were low enough to cross. He had found a place. When Mother told him Mr. Rice's story he was a little annoyed about the med-

dlesome old man but he could see how distressed we were.

"Pack your things," he said to Mother, looking at me compassionately. "I ain't putting you through no more. I'll take you all over to Ivy's tonight." Ivy was my mother's sister. "I'll get some fellows to help me move tomorrow."

And so we left the old Yost place. I didn't look back and I never went back — even to the neighborhood — until about 1962 and then only with companions.

The barn had burned down but the remnants of the house were still there. The gum tree stood, red as blood, in the bright October air in a thicket of green briars. We didn't linger. We drove on to the cemetery and looked at the old headstone of John Yost and his wife. On the way back we stopped at a fruit stand to buy some pears.

"They say that ridge is haunted," the farmer told me.

"People won't hardly go out there after dark." He inclined his head in the direction of my childhood home.

"How is it haunted?" I asked.

"I don't know. Fox hunters have shunned it for years. They say they see lights and things all along there."

I didn't press for more information. What could he add to what I already knew?



UNIVERSITY OF CALIF. AWARDS "MAGIC" DEGREE

AMONG JUNE, 1970, graduates of the University of California at Berkeley is Isaac Bonewits who received a bachelor of arts in magic. The degree for "studies in the field of magic" is the first of its kind to be granted by the university, probably the first anywhere.

Bonewits, aged 20, defines magic as "phenomena which occur which do not yet fit in with any known laws of the universe."

He points out, "If you were to go back to the year 1600 and use a flashlight everybody would say you were a magician." He believes that someday what is now called magic will be understood as perfectly natural phenomena.

Mr. Bonewits became interested in parapsychology through reading science fiction. This led him to study occultism and magic. When he proposed to his university advisers the idea of majoring in magic, he says, "they were a little bit surprised." However, they agreed to permit his major when they reviewed the difficulty of his courses — in which he maintains a B-plus average. The courses were psychology, anthropology, sociology, various religions, folklore and mythology.

The young graduate plans to continue his education and possibly become the world's first magician with a Ph.D.

YOUR PATH around the ZODIAC

By WINIFRED TENNES



A NATIVE of Illinois, Winifred Tennes studied astrology for some years with Katherine de Jersey, assisting her in preparing personalized horoscopes. In recent years Mrs. Tennes has been teaching, writing, lecturing and giving personal consultations. Since 1969, at the invitation of Maine Township High School which maintains an extensive adult education program, she has been teaching astrology in its East and South branches in Park Ridge, Ill.

Recognized as a foremost authority in the field today Mrs. Tennes is a member of Friends of Astrology in Chicago and the American Federation of Astrologers.

ARIES

Or Aries Ascendant March 21-April 19 Cardinal Fire Sign Ruler: MARS

MONEY! MONEY! Financial affairs demand your time and attention. The situation seems to be a paradox. Those of you who were born between April 1 and 20 are more aware of this than other Aries people as you still are under the influence of the opposition of Saturn and Jupiter. Granted, you are getting more opportunities but also greater responsibilities. You need to investigate each offer because the end result may not bring the financial benefit or personal satisfaction you expect. Other people paint a rosy picture but you are the one who will have to carry the project through to its completion. Success is up to you!

Many of you will be handling other people's money and this will take your utmost care or there may be unfavorable repercussions followed by law suits.

If you are "tuned in" to the higher vibrations of Neptune you may be feeling strongly intuitive around the 12th to 16th. During this period you could make a decision concerning a long-cherished dream.

Antagonism, quarrels, irritations and a general touchiness exist between you and your close associates. Partnerships have a tendency to suffer because your nerves are in a critical state. This tension could be relieved by taking a long trip — particularly favorable time is from November 15 to 30.

1st week



2nd week





3rd week





4th week



TAURUS

Or Taurus Ascendant — April 20-May 20 — Fixed Earth Sign — Ruler: VENUS



1st week




2nd week



3rd week




4th week

TIME TO seek a balance between your personal problems and those concerning your marriage and/or business associates. If you are finding it difficult to push yourself ahead into public favor perhaps you should concentrate more on your intimate companions who can be of real help to you. You have the patience and perseverance to get through this restraining period but you shouldn't turn your back on those who can be of assistance. The partnership atmosphere is secretive and hush-hush. From November 1 to 5 hold a discussion with one who is optimistic. This person, whether husband, wife, lover or business friend, can influence you and may help you to reach an important personal decision.

There appears to be a lack of harmony between young people and their parents or between May-December combinations about November 6 to 8. Try to avoid misunderstandings, rash actions or making sudden decisions which would bring about unfortunate changes.

Uncontrolled hot tempers could upset the status quo among co-workers. Working conditions are subject to change causing some sudden loss. The period from November 1 to 11 is one of high tension and somewhat unfavorable for the Taurean born April 26 to May 6. Some new ideas may be presented by those who are attempting to settle work relationships at the bargaining table. Cooperation is the goal but there are too many separating influences and individualists who want the matters settled their way. The result is chaos.

During the last week of this month you may be inspired to make plans for an extended vacation or to go abroad. Others of you may be planning to return to school to study a subject that will develop the spiritual side of your nature.

GEMINI

Or Gemini Ascendant — May 21-June 21 — Mutable Air Sign — Ruler: MERCURY




1st week



2nd week




3rd week

HEALTH AND work are accented early this month as many of the planets are posited in your solar sixth house. Co-workers are in a generous mood; their attitude toward you is both friendly and helpful. Reciprocate by being cooperative and you both will benefit. If you are an employer you should be able to find just the right help. Labor conditions should take a turn for the better although there are still some situations that need investigation.

Troublesome are the situations you can't quite figure out. They come from the subconscious. There are untold responsibilities and secret concern over loved ones and/or children.



It is possible that some Geminis have had to be hospitalized. If you are one, be assured that Jupiter is in the right place to protect you. 4th week

Upsetting your equilibrium but making life exciting is Uranus posited in your fifth solar house. The young should meet and perhaps marry suddenly in a most unconventional way. The time is right for childbirth, especially for those born between May 21 and June 10.

About the middle of the month you may become involved with another person, either through marriage or business, who will try to influence you. The ideas set forth seem to be ideal for the partnership but all facets must be thoroughly investigated for flaws. Judge carefully as this could be a decision that will have long-lasting influence.

CANCER

Or Cancer Ascendant — June 22-July 22 — Cardinal Water Sign — Ruler: MOON



LOVE WITH a capital "L" should be uppermost in the minds and souls of the wise and willing whether young, old or just young at heart. During the first week you may be very enthusiastic and optimistic so let youself go — enjoy life while this feeling lasts. 1st week



Those of you who are in a creative field — painting, writing, music, drama or the beauty business — may be unusually inspired. Flattery by close associates will boost your ego and give you more confidence. You shouldn't be shy about displaying your talents. Come out of your shell, entertain and make a hit with your loved ones. 2nd week



For those who are not so romantically inclined, speculation or gambling may consume your time and energy. Be a little cautious; do not be carried away. You are thinking in very large terms or trying to consummate a big deal which has been pending for sometime. Fine — but do it on your own. Friends may be giving pessimistic advice. 3rd week



There is always some area of your life that needs careful watching and from November 10 to 15, during the period of the full moon, your home and related domestic affairs come under fire. Sparks could fly — actually or verbally. There is almost more excitement than you care to cope with so keep your nerves under control. Be alert around November 16 to 18. If your home conditions have been upset recently there is a possibility of reaching a solution the last week of the month and then taking constructive action. 4th week

LEO

Or Leo Ascendant — July 23-August 23 — Fixed Fire Sign — Ruler: SUN

SELL? MOVE? Or just stay put? Affairs of the home are in line for consideration. November 1 to 5 is a favorable



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4th week

time to make a decision. You may not feel the time is right or perhaps you have to act under some unfavorable circumstance but the outcome should be beneficial to all concerned. Should you stay where you are and decide to decorate or refurnish you probably will spend more money than first planned. Inflation plays a part but your own desire to have the best of everything is a reason for added costs.

Professional problems demand the attention of many Leos now. You seem torn between the duties of your job and the desire to spend more time with your family. Some of your problems could be resolved between the 10th and 15th.

The Leo persons who have been arguing or in disagreement with brothers, sisters, relatives or neighbors should find the situation reaching a climax the early part of this month. By using a new approach to the problem you finally could get the cooperation you need.

Some of the young Leos revolting against the conventional form of study actually may gain more knowledge through travel, work or in some specialized school. You may find many important people now more sympathetic with your liberal views.

During the last week of November some of you will have to make decisions concerning your children. For others, your love life becomes involved. To escape the traps consider traveling abroad.

VIRGO

Or Virgo Ascendant August 23-September 22 Mutable Earth Sign Ruler: MERCURY



1st week



2nd week

INVESTIGATE — then communicate! Both Jupiter and Venus are at an angle in your solar chart that favors short trips, education and family affiliations. A financial situation could be the topic of conversation or concern between brothers, sisters or another relative who lives a short distance from you. Some travel may be necessary in this concern but it should be a pleasant experience.

November is an opportune time for Virgos working in any form of research. Students and scientists should be pleased with the results attained before the 12th. If you are

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KEY TO THE SYMBOLS:

SUN: personal affairs. DOLLAR SIGN: finances. LETTERS: communications of all kinds, documents. HOUSE: domestic affairs. HEARTS: love affairs. CHILDREN (self-explanatory). CADUCEUS (medical insignia): health. DOUBLE RINGS: marriage and business partnerships. SKULL AND CROSSBONES: death. SUITCASE: travel. SUNDIAL: age and responsibilities. HORSESHOE: general good luck. HANDCLASP: friends. DAGGER: arguments.

doubting your own ability it may be because of Saturn's restricting influence in the sector of higher education. In reality this can be a stabilizing force.

It is not unlikely that a romantic atmosphere will go hand in hand with your work or travels. You may be feeling especially generous and affectionate November 8 to 11.

Financial affairs could be unusually active during the first week of this month. A sudden unexpected situation occurring about November 6th or 7th may bring a loss of money or some possessions. It would be wise to seek advice and try to cooperate with the other party involved.

Virgos born between September 14 and 22 may be doing a lot of soul-searching and may find they are altering their views in a very subtle fashion. Idealistically, you could attain a new set of standards banishing the ones that have kept you from reaching your goals.

3rd week





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LIBRA

Or Libra Ascendant September 23-October 23 Cardinal Air Sign Ruler: VENUS

FINANCIAL affairs cannot be neglected this month by the Libra natives. The planetary position of Venus and Jupiter in your solar chart indicates an influx of cash but also shows you may be spending freely. You cannot resist the temptation of acquiring material goods that enhance your beauty. Surrounding yourself with lovely things is important to your sense of well-being. Between November 1 and 6 you should be making a decision, signing papers or settling an estate — all matters relating to finances.

Personal problems are emphasized during the first 10 days. Temper and temperament need controlling for this is a tense period. Other people, particularly parents, children or a mate, seem to be testing you by demanding more attention. Yet you are more interested in yourself.

Some Librans may be starting on a new venture or reevaluating their present situation. Your mind is full of progressive ideas and you have the energy to put them into practice. However, should your plans involve other people you should be careful not to insist on doing everything your way. Feelings could be hurt, quarrels ensue and sudden breaks are possible.

The end of the month finds you more magnetic so you will be attracting persons of the opposite sex. A stimulating romance is possible although it could be short-lived.

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4th week



SCORPIO

Or Scorpio Ascendant October 24-November 22 Fixed Water Sign Ruler: PLUTO

MAGNETISM and charm! Because of it you are bound to attract offers that put you in the public spotlight. The




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second and third weeks of November are especially favorable for pursuing a personal objective whether it is a romantic or business affair. In one way or another you seem to be seeking personal satisfaction and happiness. One word of caution: it will be easy to indulge in excesses — eating, drinking and playing — so watch that waistline. The weight goes on easily but may not come off for awhile even if you diet.



2nd week




3rd week

On November 6 the planet Neptune leaves the sign of Scorpio so those who have been living on Cloud 9 or under some form of self-deception will start to face reality and hopefully will see things more clearly. Other Scorpio natives have benefited by its transit because they became more intuitive and creative.



4th week

From November 7 to 15 you may meet with some opposition from your spouse, if you are married, from your sweetheart, your business associate or a parent. The young may resent being held back by strict parental discipline. In any case, each individual situation can be worked out through compromise.

The dangerous or touchy situations in your life remain hidden. You have kept many things secret for so long, be careful you do not explode around the 6th to 8th. The circumstances around you could be tense. You may be under stress so try to solve your differences through reason, not emotion! Impulsiveness and a wrong decision may cause an accident which brings hospitalization.

SAGITTARIUS

Or Sagittarius Ascendant November 23-December 21 Mutable Fire Sign Ruler: JUPITER



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GOOD FORTUNE and good news! They come to you this month from unseen sources. Jupiter, your ruling planet, is posited in an angle of your solar chart that indicates you now may be more soul-searching. You may discover things about yourself that will help you set up a new program to enable you to accomplish your goals. You seem to be more intuitive this month, so use this wisely. Those formulating new plans should keep them to themselves until they can be acted on without interference. A co-worker or subordinate could object or throw cold water on your ideas.



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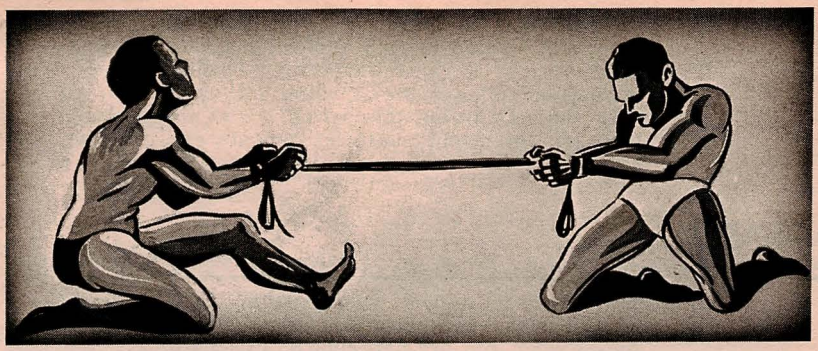


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A clandestine affair remains active in your life. While it presents a few problems it brings a certain amount of happiness and bolsters your spirits considerably.



Early this month the planet Neptune moves into your Sun sign where it will influence you for the next 14 years. Sagittarians born November 23 to December 3 will be the first to feel its vibrations. You may begin to be more sensitive to your surroundings and to the feelings of your intimate associates; you may become more impressionable and responsive. Changes that will occur are usually slow



The sun in an unfavorable aspect to the moon (called "square" or "opposition") indicates inner conflict and incompatibility in human relationships. This aspect brings about a cleavage in our lives, divorces one part of the nature from the other. We are sensitive and emotional and at the same time willful and imperious.

and subtle so you are hardly aware of them.

The red light glows in the area of friendships. An interesting, highly electrifying person may add zest to your life. But early in the month be careful not to enter into quarrels or you will be the loser. November 23 to 30 will bring many things out into the open so the going will be easier.

CAPRICORN

Or Capricorn Ascendant December 22-January 19 Cardinal Earth Sign Ruler: SATURN

HOPES, WISHES and dreams do come true! Many Capricorn natives should realize their ambitions at this time. You have worked hard. taken advantage of every opportunity and finally climbed the ladder to success. If you are young, many of you are just on the first rung of this ladder but this month both Jupiter and Venus are in a position to give you a good boost. November 11 and 12, if you cooperate and do not oppose authority, you may move one step closer to your heart's desire.

You can make many friendships which will be beneficial and lasting. Your social life should be extensive. You probably will turn down many invitations but the ones you accept are happy and convivial.

The sorrowful note for some Capricorns relates to their own children or other young people for whom they feel responsible. He or she may have disappointed you and you don't like it but it is up to the individual to solve the problem — not you. Paradoxically, other Capricorn natives find great joy through the accomplishments of their offspring.

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4th week

November 1 to 10 you may encounter antagonism, disputes and friction in your professional life. You and your associates are working under high tension. Remain your usual calm self and the situation will work itself out. Be most cautious during this period if you are working with electrical equipment, sharp instructions, explosives or firearms.

AQUARIUS

Or Aquarius Ascendant January 20-February 18 Fixed Air Sign Ruler: URANUS



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3rd week





4th week

YOUR PROFESSION, your standing in the community are the areas accentuated this month. November 1 to 6 is a period when you are particularly anxious to put your best foot forward so that others may see you in a favorable light. It is important to your success that you make a good impression on one who is in authority. In some cases this will be a boss, a VIP or a parent who rules the roost. Fixed and independent by nature, you do not like to ask favors but this month they would be cheerfully granted. You are being rather secretive about your financial affairs as well as changes you are contemplating.

Responsibilities and difficulties persist in your home. A parent or elderly person could be a source of worry and concern. Property becomes a burden and some of you would like to dispose of it. Better wait awhile unless you are desperately in need of money.

If you are an Aquarian and in college, you are more determined than ever to assert your independence, to show the world you are a progressive thinker. Yet, to further your cause you seek the cooperation of all sympathizers. Some of your supporters may be from foreign places. You may find yourself in the middle of a very explosive situation between November 6 and 10.

PISCES

Or Pisces Ascendant February 19-March 20 Mutable Water Sign Ruler: NEPTUNE



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THE BRIGHT lights focus on travel and education this month. Some of you are fortunate enough to have the time and money to take an extended vacation. Go as far away as you can from your home base and enjoy the beauty of our country and foreign lands. A chance meeting with someone who has an entirely different background could develop into a lasting friendship. If you are kept home because of family or business responsibilities, try studying something new. Let your mind travel so that you broaden your views.

A Pisces person in the publishing business or one desiring to have works published may find November 6 to 14 a favorable period. Many of you in the educational field may

be receiving honors and rewards for outstanding service in research.

Should you be engaged in any litigation during this month the outcome should benefit you financially. It is not unlikely that in-laws or other relatives will be involved in your activities during November. You could get a little static from a brother or sister who tries to hold you back.

A Pisces person born March 11 to March 20 may make some changes in his or her partnership associations. If divorce is in the picture you may find yourself in a turmoil over the terms of a settlement.

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PSI COUNSELING SERVICE AVAILABLE

EVERY DAY people have psychic experiences such as knowing in advance who is at the door or on the telephone, sensing impending danger, having premonitions, hearing or seeing ghostly manifestations. Many never before have encountered such occurrences and are seriously disturbed or frightened by them. They want to know what they're all about.

Too often uninformed friends or relatives laugh at these experiences — but what the unknowing psychic needs is professional help — scientific explanation of his gift, counseling to help him understand the phenomena and guidance in further development if he wishes.

Where find this kind of help?

It now is available through a nonprofit parapsychology research organization, Project HELP (Helpful Explanation for Laymen about Parapsychology), which provides reliable explanations and counseling for persons who are concerned about their psi experiences.

The project is a function of the Center for Education and Research of Leucadia, Calif. Director of the Center is Charles T. G. Rogers who has had more than 30 years' experience in this field. He is a Fellow of the American Society for Psychical Research, the College of Psychic Science and the Institute for Parapsychological Research.

Persons seeking counseling should send full details of their psi experiences in writing or on tape (cassettes or reels up to five inches in diameter) to HELP, Box 2307, Leucadia, Calif. 92024.

There is no charge for the initial evaluation and explanation. It is believed to be the first free service available to the general public.

CRYING PHANTOM Warns Tlatelolco

Through the centuries the mysterious weeping apparition — a beautiful young woman — has presaged major disaster.

By Ramon A. Pantoja

THE CLAMOROUS TRAFFIC noise had quieted outside the modern high-rise apartment building in the Tlatelolco section of Mexico City where I live. It was almost midnight September 26, 1968, and my parents Ramon and Pilar Lopez de Pantoja had retired for the night. In the living room my American uncle, Robert F. Bound, and I were playing our nightly chess game, with the stereo playing softly in the background.

Suddenly the lights dimmed to little more than a candle glow and the music abruptly stopped. We both noticed a sharp drop in the room temperature. Next we heard the sound of a woman weeping piteously. Her sobs were interspersed with low moans. My first thought was for my mother and I rushed to see if she were ill or disturbed. In the moonlight which shone through the window of their bedroom I could see clearly that she and my father were sound asleep and motionless.

But the chilling sight which awaited me when I returned to the living room surely will remain vivid in my memory as long as I live. Standing near the sofa where my uncle sat was the figure of a beautiful young woman. She was weeping, her head slightly inclined.

For a moment I presumed she was a neighbor who had entered after I left the room but then I noticed two incongruous things. The fashion of her floor-length black dress with its wide starched ruff collar was centuries old. Even more startling was the semitransparency of her entire figure.

Although the light shed by the table lamp behind her was feeble I could see it faintly *through her body*! A glance at my uncle showed me that our ethereal vis-



itor was not a figment of my imagination. He looked as startled as I felt. I tried to speak and although I'm certain my lips moved not a word came out.

As we continued to stare, the figure of the crying phantom slowly dissolved. But the sound of her mournful weeping, though diminished in volume, continued for a short time. At the precise moment her lamentations ceased the lights attained their full brilliance and the stereo music resumed.

Unknown to us, my father had awakened (he said later he had a feeling something was wrong) and he had witnessed the last act of the drama: the disappearance of the specter. My uncle and I began to talk excitedly but my father quieted us.

"Well, at last I've seen it!" he said calmly.

In reply to our questions he said, "The crying phantom of Tlatelolco. It seems she comes to warn of impending disaster."

He told us her last appearance had been just before the serious earthquake in Mexico City in 1958 when a number of lives were lost and many buildings were damaged.

"Somewhere among our books," Father went on, "is one dealing with spectral appearances in our city. It describes the 'crying phantom of Tlatelolco' exactly as we have seen her, tears and all, and gives accounts of the disasters that occurred after her appearances. I read there that she was seen a few days before the French invaded Mexico in the 19th Century and before the grave earthquakes and a flood that devastated Mexico City in the 17th Century. Do you suppose she was trying to tell us something dreadful is going to happen?"

As the days passed my father's words all but faded from our minds. Then, on October 2, 1968, they were brought back sharply.

On that day all the world wit-

nessed on television the bloody clash between hundreds of students and the government's armed forces in the Plaza of the Three Cultures (the site of the final battle between the forces of Hernando Cortez and the Aztec warriors in 1523).

Many persons on both sides were killed, others suffered serious injuries and hundreds were left temporarily homeless when tank-borne cannons inflicted heavy damage on the multi-storied apartment house called "Chihuahua." Molotov cocktails thrown by agitators set fire to a number of buses and private motor vehicles. Almost the entire housing area where 10,000 persons live was under siege for nine hours.

The next day, my father, Uncle Robert and I visited the bloodstained plaza, which lies within our own Tlatelolco section, and we saw the pitiful aftermath.

We have heard that the crying phantom appeared again early in March, 1970. Does her latest appearance presage another frightful happening? We shall know by the time you read this.

(Translated from the Spanish by Robert F. Bound.)



YOU CAN SEE TIPPU TIB'S HOME — IF YOU DARE

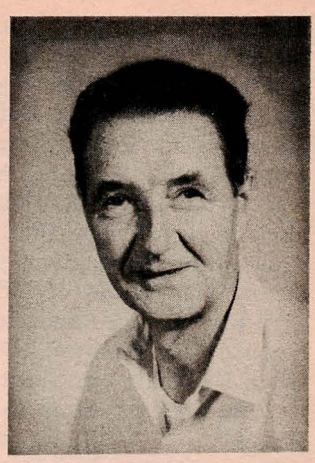
ON THE ISLAND of Zanzibar off the coast of Tanzania, Africa, there stands a century-old house which locals refuse to go near, much less enter. It is haunted, they say, by 40 "gone mad" spirits.

According to legend the spirits are those of slaves buried alive in the elaborate foundation of the house. Its owner, a notoriously cruel Arab slave trader named Tippu Tib, considered the mass burial some sort of "good luck" christening for the home.

In tracking down fragmented documentation on Tippu Tib's home American Automobile Association travel experts learned that Tib celebrated the completion of his "show place" residence with a huge party. However, it broke up early because of what one guest described as "unearthly sounds — screams and moans coming from below."

Tib's servants were among the throng escaping from the house and leaving their master to spend the night alone. The next morning Tib was found in his new abode "frothing at the mouth — a complete madman." He died shortly thereafter.

Madness and death have taken subsequent residents of the Tib home until now no one will live there. Even passersby are said to be "strangely affected." That's why if you are on Zanzibar and wish to see the Tippu Tib home you'll have to find your way there alone.



Leslie Vickars, a native of Oldham, Lancashire, England, has become resigned to an odd quirk of fate which changes his life.

Tiny wooden-soled clogs became the mechanism that brought to light an Englishman's strangely-marred pursuit of United States citizenship.

Supernatural CONSPIRACY or DEADLY *Coincidence?*

By Sally Remaley

A STORY I wrote in August, 1969, for the *Bradenton (Fla.) Herald* on the wooden-soled clogs worn in England in the old days (and by some of the older folks in the northern part of Britain today) brought a large number of telephone calls from interested readers — and one from a man who turned out to have a dramatic story of his own. He seems doomed by fate never to win American citizenship.

His name is Leslie E. Vickars and originally he lived in Oldham, Lancashire, England. Like others who telephoned he has a pair of little clogs he has treasured since childhood. I asked Mr. Vickars if he would bring them to my office in Bradenton and he and his wife Marion came in September 5 bringing the small pair of "dress" or Sunday clogs.

The pair he owns is unusual not only in size (less than four inches long) but they are a replica of a pair presented by Oldham town officials to the Prince of Wales who later became the Duke of Windsor.

As Mr. Vickars talked in a

voice that retains its Lancashire twang I found myself more curious about him than about the clogs. A resident of the Tropic Isles Trailer Park in Palmetto, Fla., Leslie Vickars formerly was a tool- and diemaker who said he lived "against the aerodrome where the planes took off during the Battle of Britain."

"I was born in Lancashire," he began, "but I moved to London when I was 21. I married Marion in 1930 and we went to live in Essex."

They settled down in a comfortable house which was "right in back of Hornchurch Aerodrome — very near London but on the outskirts like the suburbs here." They lived there until 1948 when they came to the United States.

"When did you become a citizen?" I asked casually.

Vickars smiled — rather forlornly, I thought. He produced a laminated immigration identification card bearing his photograph.

"I'm not a citizen," he said, "and I'm afraid I never will be. I have established a permanent resident status but I am not permitted to vote. Of course I'm not complaining. . . "

In unabashed curiosity I blurted out, "Why have you never become a citizen?"

Mr. Vickars wasn't insulted nor even miffed. He seemed to expect the question. Probably he had explained his unusual citizenship status many times.

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HE AND HIS wife arrived in Detroit, Mich., on November 22, 1948, and took a house 12 miles outside the city. Soon Vickars found employment as a toolmaker at the Sterling plant of the Ford Motor Company. He inquired at once about the requirements for becoming a United States citizen.

"I studied the history of this country and learned all they told me I should know for the examination," Vickars said. "Meanwhile I was eagerly awaiting the end of the required five-year period of residency.

"The immigration officials had informed me that I must provide a citizen in good standing who was ready to appear with me and testify as to my character and conduct before and during the five years I had been in the United States.

When the time drew near for my examination I asked my uncle, Richard Barnett of Berkley, a suburb of Detroit, to be my witness. It was he who originally had sponsored me for entry to the United States.

"Barnett — I never called him 'Uncle Richard' — had known me as a child and he had known

me well since my arrival here. In short, he met all the requirements of a character witness and he agreed to appear for me.

"A few days before my scheduled examination he flew to Miami on business, planning to return to Detroit in plenty of time to be my witness. But he was found dead in bed at his hotel the morning after he arrived in Miami."

Although the death was attributed to natural causes Barnett, aged 78 and retired from the Ford Motor Company, had been in excellent health. Thus everyone who knew him was astonished at his sudden death. Most surprised of all was Leslie Vickars.

"I was shocked, of course," Vickars confessed, "and grieved over the loss of my good friend. But since my examination was coming in a few days and I wanted more than anything to become a citizen I had to get on with finding another man who knew me well enough to attest to my character.

"I selected another friend, Amos Cadman. He was about 56 or 58 years old, lived in Detroit and worked as a superintendent in a manufacturing plant. He had come to the United States from Canada but his mother had been English. Thus he was a member of the British-American Club, to which Barnett also had belonged, and he readily consented to appear and testify for me. He didn't though. That same day he went home from work, strode into the bathroom and never came out again — alive.

"I learned later that doctors attributed his death to a heart attack but there had been no warning, no previous symptoms.

"I was stunned," Vickars continued. "First my uncle, who had been in such good health, and now this friend. . ."

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TIME WAS growing short for Vickars. It was almost the end of 1953 and he had only one day left to find a witness.

"I hurriedly called another friend, Percy Vogel, and he readily agreed to serve as my witness."

Percy Vogel was in his late 50's and he also was a member of the British-American Club. He lived in Detroit and worked for the Ford Motor Company.

"He should have refused me," Vickars said, tears filling his eyes. 'I wish he had." After a pause, he went on, "Later that same day Percy too died of a heart attack."

Vickars said he spent that night in a state of shock. His wife Marion had been through the terrible war years with her husband and she was as concerned

as he about citizenship.

"Are you going to try any of our other friends?" she asked.

Vickars told me, "I thought about it for some time before I answered Marion. Then I said, 'No, I can't do it. I can't ask anyone else. Not after what has happened.' Marion nodded and smiled, obviously relieved.

"Do you understand?" Vickars asked me seriously. "I hope you do. You see, neither of us want to involve any more of our friends, even though it means I have no character witness and may never become a citizen."

My heart filled with sympathy I replied, "I understand."

"Thank you," Vickars said.

He put the identification card back in his billfold, picked up the little clogs and he and Marion went away.



RECORDS OF THE GREAT FLOOD

By Hugh Auchincloss Brown

THE EARLIEST record of the the Flood comes from clay tablets of the Seventh Century B.C. found in the libraries of the Assyrian kings Sennacherib and Ashurbanipal at Nineveh.

These record that Utu-nipishtim who lived at Shuruppak on the Euphrates River was approached by the god Ea who told him of the coming flood and commanded him to build a boat of certain size and construction. Utu-nipishtim complied with Ea's instructions to load it with "all that he possessed and all the seed of life." He states, "I made go into the ship my family and kinsfolk, the cattle of the field, all handicraftsmen . . . "

The storm lasted six days. Then the ship "grounded on the mountain of Nizer." After "opening the air hole" Utu-nipishtim sent out first a dove, then a swallow and then a raven. The raven did not come back. On emerging from the ship he made sacrifices to the gods and "the gods gathered together like flies over him. . ."

The next earliest record comes from the Bible written by Hebrew scholars after the return of the Jews from Persian captivity between 516 B.C. and 1 A.D.

The third earliest record comes from the Koran dictated by Mohammed about 600 A.D. which states that Noah and a few believers were saved from the Flood together with "one pair of every kind." When the waters abated the Ark rested on Al-Djoudi.

PART TWO

Are There *DANGERS in* Psychic Development?

Scientists believe there are — and the greatest pitfall is to overlook the oneness of the conscious and unconscious mind.

By Harmon Hartzell Bro

ACCORDING TO the distinguished psychologist Erich Fromm the proper function of psychology is to tell man what he is not. By helping him avoid dead ends in his inner world, psychology sets man free to plumb his inner self through the arts of loving and creating.

Thus when psychology is asked how to cultivate psychic ability its proper function may be to tell man what not to do. Research on psychic capacity is still so sketchy that no scientist can say exactly how a beginner becomes psychic. Nobody in the laboratories knows and perhaps no one will know for a long time, since psychic ability seems as subtle and elusive as other creative acts which it strongly resembles: invention, prayer, psychotherapy and artistic inspiration.

However, as laboratory work on ESP and PK rounds out its first half-century, investigators can suggest what psychic ability is not. They can put up signs on dead-end streets, contributing psychological sense to traffic in a strange part of the mind.

Certainly the psychic seeker in our modern west can use some signposts. He is confronted with a staggering variety of intersecting paths offered by mediums, study courses and societies of psi devotees. He may choose among such appliances and techniques as Ouija boards, pendulums, automatic writing, trance mediumship, psychic photography, dream study, scrying, psychometry, concentrated breathing, reverie sessions, Tarot cards, meditation, intercessory prayer, faith healing, aura study, drumbeat ecstasy, voodoo possession, speaking in tongues, fasting, casting horoscopes, stroboscopic light, special gems and taking LSD.

What should the beginner avoid?

All of the techniques include cultivating the unconscious. Therefore we must consider what is good psychological sense in this regard.

From modern laboratory and clinical experience come three suggestions. First, avoid deliberately opening up your unconscious without a healthy "set" — purpose, intent, attitude — to keep undesirable material from flooding into consciousness. (The subject of "set" was discussed in the first part of this article published last month.) Second, avoid exclusive attention to the unconscious at the expense of the conscious. Third, avoid cultivating unconscious imagery before cultivating body states in which the unconscious dominates. Let us examine what these last two suggestions mean.

Since the unconscious plays a little-understood but crucial role in psychic events, a seeker after psychic ability may soon find himself out of his depth. Study of visions, automatisms, drug states, dreams, hypnagogic states, fasting or sensory deprivations may overwhelm him if he tries to penetrate his unconscious without conscious thought and knowledge of how to use what he finds. The unconscious is not, in fact, just another realm to be explored at will. It is a realm of possibilities activated only in direct response to consciousness.

The unconscious complements the consciousness, correcting information or perspectives consciousness has overlooked, advancing work consciously begun. The unconscious may be thought of as a great balancing structure which responds to consciousness with its own kaleidoscopic content.

The ideal way to work with the unconscious seems to involve conscious assimilation of what is found in its inward deeps. To discover a new talent or sensitivity emerging from within, whether in art or human relations or psychic ability, requires conscious action on the discovery. When fascination with the unconscious takes the place of such assimilation, mental balance may be thrown off-center.

When this happens the unconscious may shut off the flow of inner material and the psychic devotee may discover that his exercises are getting him nowhere. Or the unconscious may prod the novice into predicaments that force him to use his neglected conscious reason and judgment. If these compensatory balancing swings fail and other motivations join the lure of psy-

chic thrill to thrust the seeker ever deeper into the unconscious he may break through to powerful currents that drown his sanity — for madness is only a little too much of what gives richness to the ordinary workings of the psyche.

Paradoxically, getting safely to the treasures of the unconscious requires development in consciousness — through reasoning, decision-making and the pursuit of practical skills. It requires support for that captain of consciousness, the ego, who must keep the psyche upright and forward-moving through strong inner currents.

Accordingly, the trainee needs not only his apparatus of candles and incense, crystal balls or horoscopes, but quite a different kind of apparatus designed to strengthen his ego: photographs or paintings of himself and loved ones, balanced checkbooks and budget sheets, gracious antiques or jewelry associated with his own unique worth, and the prosaic tools of a healthy vocational and family life. A well-used dishpan may serve as well in the long run as slates for psychic messages, because only conscious adaptation and action trigger what the unconscious will release!

Next, the beginner must avoid pursuing the image-making mode of the unconscious ahead of its body-state mode. Since every useful psychic impression must lodge in consciousness as an image or hunch, the beginner tends to stir up the flow of his inner images, hoping they will prove psychic. By "twilight" or reverie states, by immersion in dream imagery, by visualization, by drug action, he finds that he can prompt rivers of material to flow from the unconscious across his consciousness. But he also finds himself bewildered as to which material may be psychic. In fact, it may take years of trial and error for him to sort out the images. Without the aid of specific body-states, he is not engaging his unconscious in its full native tongue; his images are nouns without connecting verbs.

The body-state mode is another expression of the unconscious. For example, the unconscious holds the upper hand in a number of body processes which conscious thought can modify but not always start or stop: blushing, anger, bowel action, erotic states and fatigue. Most significant for psychic experience seems to be this body-state: the rapt concentration that accompanies our being "caught up" in a creative task. In such a state, whether brought on by action as prosaic as housecleaning or as difficult as composing a

poem, we are absorbed and collected, yet not driven. We are freely imaginative, yet not drifting in fantasy. *And we often are psychic!*

What does psychological sense suggest that the trainee avoid in exploring the unconscious at work once he has achieved the body-state of rapt concentration?

He should avoid stereotyped breathing exercises in favor of his own spontaneous patterns in this state. To find his own patterns, he can observe how he tends to straighten up or lean back, to breathe shallowly, or to rest poised on a breath, when concentrating. He might note how he spontaneously gasps when faced with a sudden challenge or sighs or yawns when he wants to shake something from his mind. From such observations he can develop his own workable variations on breathing exercises.

Further, he should not overlook bodily cycles that take over as he settles into creative tasks. Each of us has characteristic tendencies to pace, stand, sit, lie down or go through a cycle of these when doing creative work. Further, we each have our own signals that tell us when our unconscious is ready to take the lead by "incubating" a problem. We may want to doze, think about something else for a while, go for a walk or watch TV. On the far side of the incubating state is the possibility of a genuine and useful psychic discharge.

Certainly the psychic trainee should not overlook the times of day when he seems more alert and productive of good ideas, including psychic impressions. To do so would be to ignore the natural modes of the very unconscious with which he seeks to cooperate. Yet a surprising number of trainees try to develop psychic abilities on a full stomach in meetings held after a full day's work. Not only times of day but duration will concern him, for even the best of psychics appear to have difficulty producing r e l i a b l e psychic effects for longer than an hour at a time.

Finally, he will not overlook bodily sensations. These go with heightened psychic sensitivity and may help him sort images from his unconscious. Such sensations tend to be unique in each person but they often include tingling, giddiness, tension in some part of the body or a feeling of fullness or throbbing. The viscerosomatic reactions express what may be developing in deeper body organs which lay the foundation for the psychic state.

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NUMEROUS exercises for visualization and "getting impressions" are offered the psy-

chic trainee — from staring at tea leaves to hypnosis. But the need to cultivate the overall flow between conscious and unconscious realms of the mind often is left out. To omit this process does not make sense.

Anyone who seeks a sure footing in unconscious imagery should cultivate an art medium. As he works to appreciate, to criticize and then to create on his own — whether drama, dance, writing, music, speech or plastic and graphic arts — he will be fostering a flow of useful material from his unconscious which meets disciplined response in his consciousness. There are healthy conditions for a flow of paranormal prompting in his psyche as well.

Second, he will want to invest time in those ancient bearers of inner treasure: myth, fairy tale and legend. Each deals in the native tongue of the unconscious, the forgotten language of symbols. Equally important for the trainee to explore is ritual: college convocations, worship, coronation ceremonies, political rallies, even a child's bedtime rites. For rituals do the business of the unconscious with more power — for good or ill — than we suspect.

Third, one seeking psychic imagery from the unconscious will study his dreams. He need not interpret or understand his dreams at first; if he only remembers and relates them to himself or others they will do their own work of sensitizing and polarizing his psyche. If he is working at the same time with myth, fairy tale, legend, ritual and art he will begin to find obvious parallels in his dreams and to sense how dreams seem to explain themselves or to convey their own force as other symbolic vehicles do. Viewing his many dreams — as he might view color slides — the trainee will begin to note which are chiefly "poetic," calling new quality of life into his consciousness, and which are "objective" and more likely vehicles for paranormal effects.

Finally, the trainee will need to practice what business executives call "brainstorming." This method withholds judgment or criticism while every spontaneous notion about a specific problem is expressed and recorded. Only later are the notions sorted out for practical use. To learn to do this with psychic impressions, "saying what you see" however outrageous, and reserving judgment and interpretation until later is to practice skills important to the flow between consciousness and the unconscious.

Of course training to be psychic requires specific exercises. Like an athlete in training, one

who seeks psychic ability must try his strength daily in many routines. He may try to foresee the source and content of every phone call as he picks up the receiver. He may play such games as guessing the number of children in the family of every stranger he meets. And he will be rewarded by tuning in on the physical or psychological well-being of persons he knows — family, friends or enemies.

As the trainee goes about his specific daily exercises, what is it psychologically sensible to avoid?

Psychological sense means, first, avoiding whatever produces undesirable after-effects: anxiety, a feeling of unreality or disturbance, a sense of being threatened or overwhelmed by unwelcome forces, and especially exhaustion.

Psychological sense means, next, not overlooking the potential assets of "setting" (which LSD research has highlighted along with "set"). Going to the same room and chair when one seeks psychic effects can help to create for the whole psyche an atmosphere of security and confidence. So can working with a group of trusted friends — especially, it seems, when we know that these persons are working or praying actively for our growth or well-being.

Further, psychological sense means undergirding skill with understanding. There is little in case-study research to suggest that psychic ability is a blind freak which withers under critical study. On the contrary, it seems to bloom in the light of understanding. To understand what he is working at, the trainee must read about psychic experiences, talk with others who have had them, draw imaginative diagrams of psychic processes, and keep records of his successes and failures so he can theorize from them. He must seek others who are trying to think as they practice, possibly in psychically-oriented societies which hold conferences, issue periodicals and sponsor research.

Psychological sense also dictates not throwing too much weight on a new skill. The strain of trying to solve every problem as an oracle or wonder-worker proves self-defeating. On the contrary, using reason and sense as far as they can take one appears to stimulate the unconscious to some of its best psychic production. Half the battle in getting good leads is formulating clear options on which to check.

The course of wisdom in deciding how much weight to put on psychic phenomena seems to call as well for constant attention

to a special feature of psychic experience: the "click" or "on the beam" phenomenon. Just as artists and athletes report that at certain times they are "on" and hardly can fail at accustomed tasks, individuals working with psychic matters report a "certifier" sense. It tells them they are tuned in and effective. It is not an easy sense to discriminate but it is real to many persons and well worth the trainee's effort to discover.

Finally, psychological sense in practicing a complex talent means finding one's own natural modes and developing these first. As a good singer works with his voice and not with a flute, so one who tends to see auras has reason to work with these before trying dowsing or psychometrizing. Keeping a daily journal of one's apparently psychic experiences can help build a profile of one's natural psychic modes. (See "Check Your Own Psi-Q" in the August, 1968, issue of FATE.)

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AS THE SEEKER looks further into the literature on cultivating psychic skill he will find he has to choose between two advanced techniques — "dissociative methods" and "enhancement methods."

"Dissociative methods" assume that everyone has psychic ability already working at some level in his psyche but that access to the ability is blocked by other psychological traffic. Accordingly these methods take the psyche apart, training it to dismantle itself, until the portion that gets and gives psychic impulses stands alone on the mind's stage. A variety of means are used for dissociation: hypnosis and trance states, processes that let the senses run free (as vision does with a crystal ball), processes that let motor skills run on their own (as the hand does in automatic writing) and foster illusions such as those that parade before the mind under drug influence or in silent solitary confinement.

When they work dissociative methods may produce spectacular results. But they have two disadvantages. The dismantled psyche may have trouble putting itself together again; mental illness may follow. Or the dissociated mind may be overwhelmed by psychic impressions and impulses which become obsessions and cannot be shut off.

"Enhancement methods" assume that psychic ability is only a potential in most persons and must be stimulated and differentiated in keeping with the growth of the whole psyche. Accordingly, these methods attempt to add psychic ability to other capacities so that it be-

comes one more player on the stage of the mind rather than a soloist. Again, a variety of means can be used. Instead of discarding the senses the trainee may be encouraged to practice keeping each of his senses keenly alert, while noting psychic impressions superimposed on sensory impressions.

Motivation is given prominent attention in this method and the trainee is challenged repeatedly on why he wants to be psychic and whether he can discriminate between serving and exploiting others psychically. Apparently the enhancement methods can produce the same phenomena as do the dissociative methods but often are much slower. At the same time they are uniformly safer, for normal growth and balance are watchwords of the training process.

How do you choose between these methods? Apparently people respond differently to each one. Some individuals have what might be called "fissionable" psyches. They develop autonomous complexes with greater weight for both good and ill than other persons do. In everyday speech we call such persons "complicated." At their shabbiest we see them as "two-faced" or "their own worst enemies" while at their best we find them capable of remarkable empathy with others. These fissionable ones appear to undergo the greatest danger from dissociative methods.

By contrast, other individuals appear to have greater unity and homogeneity of psychological structure. We say such people are "honest" or "have integrity." At their worst we see them as dull or insensitive while at their best we find them "pure of heart" or "large-souled." For these a dissociative method may have less danger.

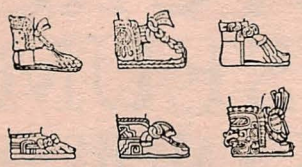
To classify himself may be trying for the trainee. Is he easily capable of deceiving others, even himself? Does he put on a variety of more or less convincing fronts? Can he push unpleasant tasks or bills out of sight for days or weeks at a time? Is he capable of extramarital affairs or of business duplicity? If so, there is psychological sense in his choosing enhancement methods rather than dissociation.

Surely science will be a long time in controlling the psychic in man. Researchers are finding the strange process that produces ESP and PK as subtle and complex as any that exists in the human mind. But while science continues to probe and record, it can offer psychologically sensible approaches — a few do's and don'ts. The rest is up to the seeker.

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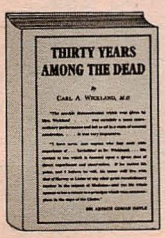
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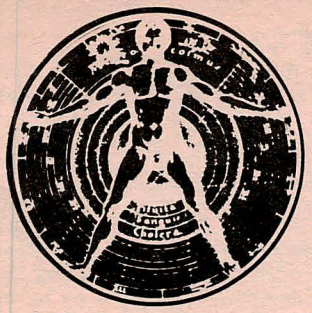
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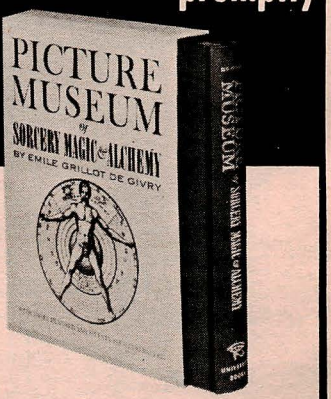
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My own physician, Dr. Alfred Williams, was out of town for the weekend but when he returned Monday morning he ordered a series of tests and X-rays, none of which provided a clue to my condition. When Dr. Williams had to leave town his associate, Dr. Martin Wells, attended me. After another thorough examination and a study of the results of tests and X-rays he said he suspected I had a rare heart disease and that my aorta had ruptured. He said this wouldn't show up except on a special kind of X-ray. He advised calling in a heart specialist.

Dr. Morris Goldberg, the specialist from Louisville, Ky. confirmed Dr. Wells' diagnosis and had me taken by ambulance to the General Hospital in Louisville where the special X-rays could be taken. These confirmed the opinions of Dr. Wells and Dr. Goldberg.

Next came Dr. Alan M. Lansdell, a heart surgeon connected with the University of Louisville.

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bered to pray. I had been taught to believe in survival after death by my grandfather, David P. McCutcheon, a minister in the Christian Church for 33 years. However, I did not believe the dead could return to this earth.

As I prayed in my darkened room I suddenly saw a bluish glow at the left of my bed. When I turned my head I saw my maternal grandmother, Ada Seacat, who died on July 10. 1960. She looked just as she did in life.

"Don't worry, honey. Everything will be all right," she said — then vanished.

I was not dreaming, I knew I was fully awake.

The next day the operation took four and a half hours. But I survived — to everyone's amazement. I was released from the hospital on July 10.

Of course no one believes I saw my grandmother. They call it an hallucination. However, I prefer to believe that my grandmother did come back to give me a ray of hope in that darkest hour. — *New Albany, Ind.*

THE DELAYED MEETING

By Luci Powers

WHEN I FIRST met my husband Lee he was living in Yakima, Wash., with his ailing father, George Powers. The old man took a turn for the worse early in 1963 and was moved into a nursing home.

Lee spoke of him with such affection that I longed to meet him but I didn't have the nerve to say so. I learned later that Lee often thought of taking me out to the nursing home but he felt I wouldn't be interested.

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After the grand tour Lee led me into the living room. We sat on the davenport with only one lamp burning and talked.

During a pause in our conversation another voice spoke. Its humorous



By Luci Powers

tone was distinct but the words were not. I glanced toward the hall leading to the bathroom and bedrooms. I felt a presence there.

And there he was, Lee's father, standing in the dark entry. Later I described him perfectly, from his crown to his toes. As I stared enthralled, his wise, benevolent black eyes looked back at me. Then he smiled and melted away.

Lee was talking again. I shook his arm. "Your father is here. He spoke to us. Didn't you hear?"

Lee looked uncomfortable as he answered, "Yes, I heard."

He realized at that moment, he said later, if I too had heard the voice then he wasn't "balmy."

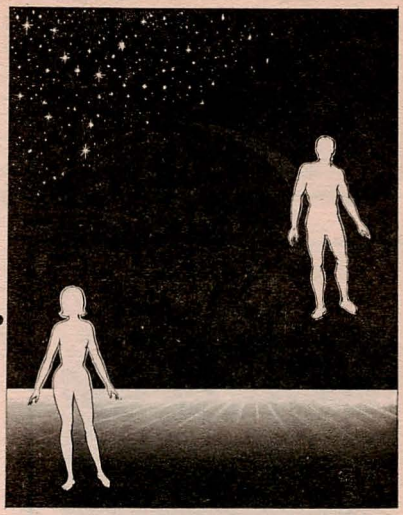
"I wish you had met my dad," he went on. But I felt I had. — *Friday Harbor, Wash.*

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through the neighborhood. Around our home in Arlington Heights, Ill., in August, 1954, it was measles. But I had double trouble — mumps and measles together.

I lay in a dark room and could take only liquids. I grew weaker and weaker until my surroundings seemed to be slipping away. I heard Dr. Fitch tell my father to keep talking to me and I heard myself saying, "I'm going, Daddy. He's calling me."

Some powerful force brought me upright in bed and I turned toward the heavily-draped windows. At that moment the drapery parted and the light coming through hurt my eyes. But as I looked into the brightness I saw God! He was floating towards me with His hands outstretched.

He said, "Take my hand, little one." I obeyed.

Looking back at my father who still sat next to the bed I could see tears in his eyes. I wanted to tell him I was not there but I was all right. Somehow I knew he couldn't hear me. I turned and then seemed to be carried up a great stairway. At the top children were running and playing. And now God no longer held my hand but seemed to be calling me in a voice like rolling thunder.

I could see Him sitting on a great misty throne. I ran toward Him for sanctuary, for I felt I was lost. When I reached Him, He held me and said, "My child, now is not the time for you to be here. Believe in me always and I shall be with you. In time you will become strong."

As his words ended I found myself in my own bed and I could hear my father's voice. I felt better and stronger and my fever was gone.

That is not the only time God has helped me through illness. In the fall of 1966 I had a delicate operation on my right ear in a specialized clinic in Chicago. I believe His presence brought me through. He also saved my baby son. When John was only a

year old he was in coma for four days. The cause of this could never be determined. Although his temperature peaked at 105° John suffered no brain damage. The next year, 1968, he fell ill again in the same mysterious way and again was saved.

I know God is always near us in time of need. — *Buffalo Grove, Ill.*

RIP'S PARTING BARK

By Mike Dix

MY FAMILY owned a large summer home, "Apple Hill Estate," in the country near Mount Kisco, N.Y., surrounded by large open fields and hills and valleys which funneled toward the Hudson River many miles away. When I was attending Columbia University in New York City in the early fifties, I looked forward to the summer months at "Apple Hill."

My sister had a dog, part Labrador and part Irish collie, named Rip. But he took to *me* from the start and we soon became fast friends. When I'd go to the city in the fall, Rip would lie on my bed at home and growl at anyone who came near — until three days had passed. Then he seemed to know that I wouldn't be back for a while and resumed his role as family dog.

Rip had a few bad habits, the most dangerous being his repeated attacks on moving automobiles. By the summer of 1953 we had had him for six years and he had collided three times with his enemy, injuring himself each time. I was attending a summer session at school when Mother decided his lameness was too much for him to bear. His disposition was bad and he had begun to snap at everyone. Arbitrarily she decided to have Rip put to sleep.

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Our home faced across a valley to a hill where Rip used to romp with my brother's dog, an orange short-haired collie named Tip. Was it Tip I heard?

No. The barking continued — unmistakably Rip's own strange part-rasp, part-bay.

In a state approaching frenzy I started to dress. Then I heard Tip bark in answer and I waited on the porch listening to the dogs as they grew closer together. The sounds rose in tone and vehemence, becoming almost hysterical, then abruptly stopped. I stood on the porch transfixed by that mysterious heavy silence.

When my mother came into my room and asked if I had heard the barking, I knew I hadn't been dreaming.

"Sounds like Rip," she said.

"It was," I answered. "He must have come to say good-bye."

The next morning I went down to my brother's cottage to tell him what had happened and what I found gave me another shock. There sat Tip, p e r f e c t l y obedient, his chain — not a thin one — snapped in two. — *Hollywood, Calif.*

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The voice had been a soft whisper and I felt his presence but I couldn't see his figure. Amon Smith said, "I've come to say good-bye, Francie. I have to go now."

I sprang from the porch lounge and peered into the fast-deepening evening gloom.

"Father, where did you go? Are you in the house?"

The only reply was the chirping of busy crickets and sleepy nesting sounds from a robin's nest in the thick vine that climbed over the porch.

A feeling of unreality gripped me. "What's wrong with me? Where can he have gone?"

Sounds of the clock chiming eight were followed by rapid footsteps coming up the front walk. A wave of relief swept over me. My husband Walt slammed the screen door shut and strode into the house. I glanced beyond him, expecting to see his father.

At that moment the telephone shrilled its sharp command. The bitter acrid taste of fear rose in my throat.

"Don't answer it, Walt!"

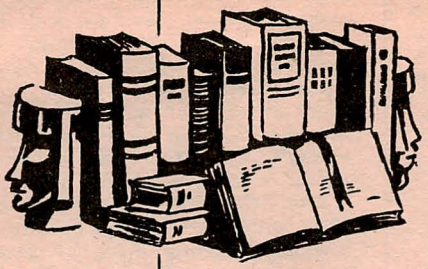
"Don't answer it? Fran, what's wrong with you? You look like you've seen a ghost."

Some of my fear communicated to Walt, for he lifted the receiver hesitatingly.

"Yes, this is Walter Smith. Oh, no! It can't be. What time? Yes, we'll come."

He turned from the phone. "Fran, Father. . ."

"Yes, I know, Walt. He died about five minutes before eight. He came and said good-bye to me." — *Kingsley, Iowa.*



New Books



By David Techter

BY ANY OTHER NAME . . .

FOR SOME reason a number of enterprises that have figured in my column of late have changed their names. Because this may cause confusion I had better detail these changes, especially since some of the new names appear in this month's news.

First, the group previously known as Unitarian Universalists Interested in ESP (admittedly a provisional title) now call themselves the Unitarian Universalist Psi Symposium (which I don't find much of an improvement). The U.U.P.S. has scheduled a meeting in conjunction with the July convention of the denomination, with Dr. Marcus Bach as speaker.

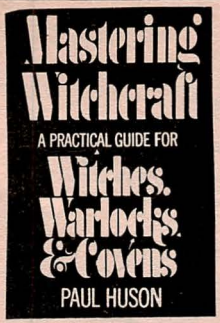
Second, the College of Psychic Science now wishes to be known as the College of Psychic Studies. The major argument in favor of the change was that the existing state of psychic ignorance does not deserve the distinction of being termed a "science." This sounds to me like the confusion between science as an organized body of knowledge and science as a method of arriving at new information. The latter is the only fixed item in true "science" and in this sense the C.P.S. was as "scientific" as any other group of investigators.

Third, the American Association for Humanistic Psychology, sponsors of the convention at Silver Spring, Md., last year, has dropped the first word and now is known as the Association of Humanistic Psychology. (More on the 1970 meeting follows.) This reflects an effort to broaden the membership beyond the United States and take in European and other foreign colleagues.

Fourth, the *Newsletter* of Parapsychology Foundation has been renamed *Parapsychology Review* and now is edited by Betty Shapin.

JUST THE SAME?

I ADMIT to having expected more of a change when Parapsychology Foundation announced their "new" publication. It sounded like a magazine or journal format but actually the only thing changed from recent copies of the *Newsletter* is the name. After publication of *International Journal of Parapsychology* was discontinued the *Newsletter* was



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expanded to include occasional articles and book reviews and *Parapsychology Review* continues these features. Readers will recognize names from FATE's review department amonst the writers in the *Review*. And if this were not flattering enough, the first issue contains a digest of an article from FATE.

The first issue, dated March-April, 1970, contains one of my pet projects: a complete listing of psychic research organizations in the world. The foundation has collected these addresses over the years and when I learned of the projected publication of the list I forwarded to them all the additional listings I received through my earlier announcement in FATE. Incidentally, I found it more than a little ironical that the only two readers who wrote to FATE wanting to organize local societies lived in Indianapolis and Boston where, unknown to them, organizations already exist!

The *Review's* excellent list has two limitations. First, national groups are listed under the state where their headquarters are located. Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship, which has chapters active in many states, thereby is included under Illinois; Association for Research and Enlightment is listed under Virginia. Second, the list does not distinguish between membership organizations such as S.F.F. and A.R.E. and those organizations that sponsor research (Psychical Research Foundation) or educational programs (Mind Frontiers) but do not offer membership as such. Aside from these two reservations, however, the foundation can be commended for a fine job.

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first issue contains an article on "Crime and Hypnosis," by Joost A. M. Meerloo and one titled "Some Observations on the Experience of Painting" by Patricia Mangione.

The second issue contains two notable reprints: A recent bulletin from the Parapsychological Association listing colleges and universities where serious students may do research work in parapsychology, including addresses to write to for details and information on scholarship funds available. And the historic presidential address by philosopher Henri Bergson to the Society for Psychical Research in 1913.

There also is an informative article on "ESP in Finland" by Jarl Fahler and an excellent article by Scott Rogo on mediumship.

Parapsychology Review contains news notes on activities throughout the world in the psychic field and digests of published research.

GRAVITY AND PK

PARAPSYCHOLOGY Foundation has released another (Number 11) in its series of Parapsychological Monographs. This is *Mind, Matter and Gravitation: A Theoretical and Experimental Study* by the Swedish electrical engineer Haakon Forwald. This monograph gains added pertinence, coming as it does on the heels of Mrs. Louisa Rhine's review (below) of the evidence for PK. Forwald is one of the principal investigators of psychokinesis, popularly called "mind over matter," and his work has been published regularly in *Journal of Parapsychology* despite the fact that Forwald has been at the same time both experimenter and star subject. I hasten to add that a visit to Duke to work under other parapsychologists provided ample evidence that his PK prowess is genuine.

His major emphasis has been on what is termed "placement PK."

That is, rather than roll dice for target faces he has attempted to influence the face of the cubes to the right or left of a dividing line. This monograph includes, in summary form, all of his investigations to date as well as some extended theoretical discussion. Much of the material on nuclear physics will be as far over the heads of most FATE readers as it was over mine but there are other interesting observations.

After Forwald convinced himself that the mind can influence falling dice he tried to understand the mechanics involved. He figured some force field must operate to push the cubes toward the target side and that if he increased the friction between cubes and landing platform or the weight of the cubes these changes would reduce the deflection. This proved untrue. Plastic cubes with sand glued to their surfaces were deflected *more* than smooth cubes; metal cubes were deflected more than plastic or wood cubes. Clearly something peculiar was taking place.

After experimenting with a variety of different metals and wooden cubes covered with metal foil of varying thicknesses, Forwald arrived at the hypothesis that the operation of PK varies roughly with the atomic weight of the elements employed.

He concludes, "The findings suggest that PK forces are of a gravitational kind and that they originate from a mental influence or atomic nuclei in the material which is used in the movable bodies in the experiments. The energy necessary for cube displacements appears to be produced by the cube material through the transformation of a tiny part of the cube mass to energy.

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variables (such as size of dice, distance of fall, etc.). And this seems to me to be the greatest difficulty with Forwald's elaborate analysis. In every case he knew, as subject, what materials were involved in the cubes. Further, he worked only with himself as subject. What would happen if Joe Doakes off the street tried to influence the cubes? A markedly different pattern might result.

As ingenious as Forwald's hypothesis may be, it must be repeated by other subjects and investigators before we know whether Forwald's results are valid for anyone except him.

Meanwhile, Parapsychology Foundation is to be commended for making this important research known.

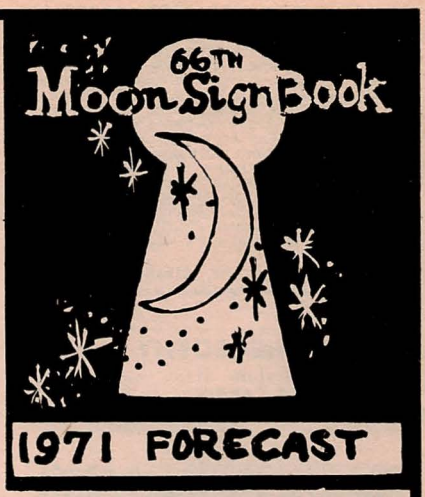
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THE MOST frustrating aspect of the time lapse between my writing this material and its appearing in print is that often I am unable to notify readers of exciting meetings in time for them to attend. A case in point is the Eighth Annual Meeting, in Miami Beach, Fla., August 31 through September 2, of the aforementioned Association for Humanistic Psychology. As in 1969, a healthy portion of this meeting will be devoted to transpersonal and paranormal topics: yoga, Zen, LSD, altered states of consciousness, psychic healing, as well as such intriguing subjects as "The Psychology of Charisma" and "Trance-Curing with the Kalahari Bushmen."

When I announced last year's meeting I suggested readers better write to the A.H.P., at 584 Page St., San Francisco, Calif., 94117, for details on the next convention. For it looks like psychic matters have become a fixed part of A.H.P. conventions and once again I suggest readers write *now* if they want to attend in 1971. These meetings have become so popular that all available hotel space is

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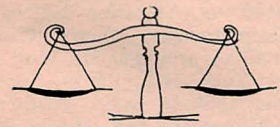
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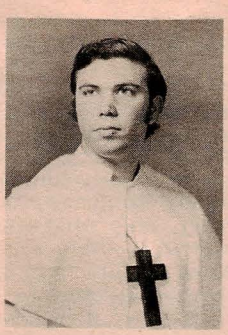
gone *months* before the meeting itself.

From time to time many of the local growth centers that are part of the humanistic psychology ("third force") movement will present programs of interest to FATE readers. You may write to the A.H.P. for a list of these centers across the country. One caution: tuition is usually steep for seminar programs. The effect of this policy is to restrict attendance to either the well-heeled or the serious students. As an example I might cite the Bucks County Seminar House, Erwinna, Pa., 18920. A two-day seminar on "The Theory and Practice of Integral Yoga" there runs $75 a person. However, in all fairness, I should point out that the instructor, Swami Satchidananda, is the genuine article from India rather than a homegrown "yogi."

A three-day workshop on "Developing ESP Ability," led by writer-sensitive Alan Vaughan and English medium Malcolm Bessent, is $80 a person. These fees, incidentally, do include meals and lodging. This latter program, I suspect, might have been filled by FATE readers alone if word had been received by them in time.

An even more enticing program is announced by Awosting Retreat at Lake Minnewaska, Ulster County, N.Y. (mailing address: 315 West 57th St., New York, N.Y. 10019). Summer programs include such goodies as "Sound Vibrations for Altered States of Consciousness" (mantras and the like), "Tuning in on Your ESP" (Alan Vaughan again), "Dreams and ESP" (Stanley Krippner), "The Occult — Fact or Fiction in Modern Times?" and "ESP and Using the I Ching" (Raymond Van Over). These seminar fees usually are less than $10 for each person, with a variety of accommodations from campsites to resort hotel rooms available for additional amounts. Awosting continues

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New England was one of the areas poorly represented amongst the many applicants for FATE book reviewing assignments so it is good to see activity in that part of the world.

With all this evidence of interest throughout the country my question is, when will someone organize a national convention on the same level as the Maine gathering? The time is approaching when such a meeting might overwhelm any hotel in the nation. I'm surprised that no one has done this, if only to make a fast buck. The chief difficulty is the time needed for promotion and the "seed money" needed to get things going. But eventually it's going to happen, I have no doubt.

OTHER REVIEWS

MIND OVER MATTER by Louise E. Rhine, The Macmillan Company, New York, N.Y., 1970, 402 pages, indexed, $7.95.

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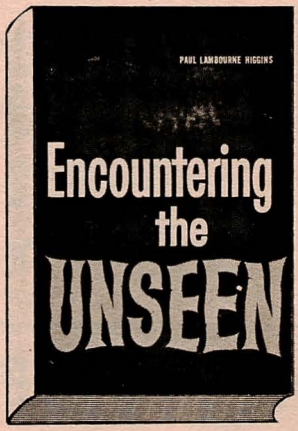
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Three introductory chapters report the general nature of PK results and the last three chapters consider the place of PK in the general scheme of things. The general reader will find these six chapters interesting. The nine-chapter midsection, the review itself, warrants all readers' scanning — but unless one has the intense interest of the professional investigator he is likely to bog down if he tries to ingest all of it.

The author, the wife of Dr. J. B. Rhine, is a Ph. D. herself and was closely associated throughout with the work that went on at the Parapsychology Laboratory at Duke University under Dr. J. B. Rhine's leadership. Her initial chapter presents interesting information on the inception of the work there.

The book makes the point that the reality of PK has been thoroughly demonstrated and I believe this myself. The dice work involved many well-controlled experiments in which the dice fell as desired (or willed) more often than would be reasonable on a chance basis. Unexpected supporting evidence appeared in so-called "position effects" — trends in results such as general declines during runs which were statistically significant. In at least two experiments (one with dice) the odds against chance for the scores obtained were practically astronomical.

I have the feeling that a reader little versed in statistics who undertook to read or scan the whole book, as I did, might be so impressed by the number of failures and the

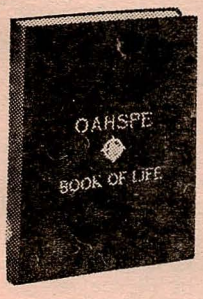
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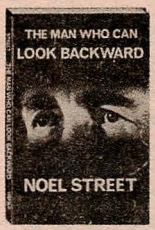
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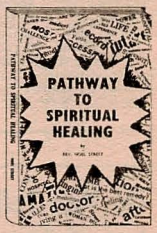
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Some spontaneous occurrences apparently involving PK are mentioned near the end of the book, including the so-called poltergeist disturbance. In this connection Mrs. Rhine shows her dedication to experiment as the only means of proof, remarking, "But in no instance has a final verdict seemed to be warranted. The completely experimental and controlled investigation is yet to be reported." The wily poltergeist, whether a ghost or just psychic energy acting up, may make that a bit difficult. — *Harold Steinour.*

POETIC VISION AND THE PSYCHEDELIC EXPERIENCE by Robert A. Durr, Syracuse University Press, Syracuse, N.Y., 1970, 320 pages, $9.00.

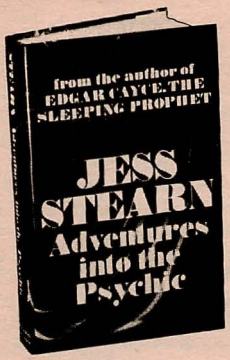
Robert A. Durr is described as a long-time student of mysticism and Zen Buddhism and this book apparently was written in the Alaskan wilderness while the author was on leave of absence from Syracuse University on a Guggenheim Fellowship.

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A select bibliography on psychedelic drugs and an index are included. — *Tommy W. Rogers.*

HYPNOSIS: A SCIENTIFIC APPROACH by Theodore Xenophon Barber, Van Nostrand Reinhold Company, New York, N.Y., 1970, 282 pages, $2.95 (paperback).

For the past several years Dr. Theodore Barber has been a prolific contributor to the literature on hypnosis. Much of his writing centers around the thesis that hypnosis does not represent a unique state physiologically or behaviorally distinguishable from other states of awareness and that all of the behavioral phenomena traditionally associated with the term "hypnosis" can be produced in "normally awake" subjects.

Hypnosis: A Scientific Approach is an attempt to develop this position further and muster scientific evidence in support of these views.

The first portion of the book discusses theoretical and methodological considerations in hypnosis research. Dr. Barber writes that most early researchers postulated the existence of an hypnotic trance state to account for the phenomena they observed. The trance state was supposed to be a unique condition in which analgesia, amnesia, hallucinations and other "hypnotic" phenomena could be produced. He then examines the evidence for the physiological and behavioral uniqueness of the "trance state" and finds it wanting.

While it is true that most writers on hypnosis have described the hypnotic trance in some detail it is difficult to infer from the literature that very many of them have been so naïve as to assume that calling a collection of behaviors an hypnotic trance *explains* the behaviors. Most often "hypnotic trance" has been used as a descriptive term to summarize a group of commonly observed behaviors rather than as an explanatory construct, as the author would have us believe. Be that as it



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A great part of the remainder of the book is devoted to a discussion of independent and dependent variables in hypnosis research, a detailed discussion of specific hypnotic phenomena and to demonstrating that these phenomena can be produced in appropriately motivated subjects without hypnotic induction.

Dr. Barber presents a total of 70 empirical generalizations about hypnotic behavior. On the basis of these he concludes that so-called hypnotic behavior can be explained as joint functions of the subjects' attitudes and expectancies with regard to their performance under hypnosis, wording and tone of specific suggestions, task motivational instructions, the way the experimental situation is defined and relaxation-sleep suggestions made by the experimenter.

Dr. Barber's book is an excellent introduction to hypnosis research as well as a good review of recent findings regarding hypnosis phenomena. It is clearly written, well-documented and adequately indexed. It includes a 392-item bibliography and appendices containing copies of the widely-used Barber Suggestibility Scale and the text of a typical hypnotic induction procedure. — *C. J. Parshall.*

STRANGE EFFECTS FROM UFOs, edited by Donald E. Keyhoe, Major, USMC (Ret.), and Gordon I. R. Lore, Jr., NICAP, 1536 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C., 1969, 80 pages, $3.00.

As the title suggests the latest NICAP Special Report focuses on cases where tangible effects have

been noted in connection with UFO sightings. The book's four sections contain an intriguing array of reports which differ markedly from the ordinary "lights-in-the-sky" accounts.

Section I, "The Physiological Effects," deals with burns, radiation, electromagnetic effects and other phenomena noted in UFO close-approach incidents. The NICAP writers do not speculate about such reports but merely present the basic details of several such encounters, allowing the reader to draw his own conclusions.

The controversial question of UFO occupants is discussed in Section II of the book. For some years NICAP had little to say about the steadily-increasing number of occupant reports. However, in this publication and the one immediately preceding it (*UFOs: A New Look)* some excellent reports of "humanoids" have been examined.

Section III chronicles the reactions of animals to UFO appearances. Since 1897 various animals have displayed uneasiness, discomfort and generally erratic behavior upon the near approach of a UFO. Eleven such reports are detailed.

Section IV concerns physical evidence of various kinds — usually holes and/or burned areas at UFO landing sites, crushed or burned foliage, and disturbed rocks and logs. Particularly impressive testimony for the physical evidence of some UFOs is found in incidents involving shots fired at the objects. In several cases, shooters have reported the sound of bullets striking metal.

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Report FROM THE Readers

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I should like to challenge the caption on page 65 of your April, 1970, issue in the article "Yetis of Bhutan." You have said that these Bhutanese stickers are "highly-prized by collectors."

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PROGRESS IN DOWSING

Regarding Raymond Willey's excellent report on dowsers versus U.S. Geological Survey ("Controversy on Dowsing," August, 1970, FATE) my own conversation and correspondence with the Geological Survey tend to confirm Mr. Willey's findings. This is a momentous change and I feel the reason for the shift in position to an unbiased and "open" outlook is due to the following recent endeavors:

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In fairness to the U.S. Geological Survey I must say that all the individuals I have contacted there are of high professional caliber and certainly appear to be giving the taxpayers their money's worth.—*Carl Schleicher, Chairman, Research and Development Committee, American Society of Dowsers, Danville, Vt.*

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The article in the August, 1970, FATE on the U.S. Geological Survey's stand on dowsing was most interesting to me from a personal angle.

My father, J. J. Isham of Parksville, Ky., dowsed or "witched" wells for many years using the forked branch of an apple or peach tree. Firmly grasping each branch of the fork he held it in an inverted "Y" position and walked slowly over the chosen area until the fork turned downward. Then, having located the water, he walked from that point still holding the fork until it turned down again. The distance between the two points was supposed to represent the depth of the vein.

My father said he located 80 wells out of 83 attempts. He claimed the misses occurred because the drift of the drill caused it to miss the water veins, which in these three cases were very deep.

I think his best achievement was finding water at a depth of 12 feet near the kitchen door of my great-grandfather's house which was situated on a high knoll. Water had been carried up there from nearby springs for many years.—*J. Marshall Isham, Danville, Ky.*

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I was sitting in a tavern in Durango, Colo., in 1959 when the talk got

around to water witching. The owner bartender once had been in the plumbing business and said he could show us how to do it. From the back room he brought out two welding rods bent at right angles and two small pieces of chromium pipe. He placed the rods into the pipes and held them out straight in front of him with his elbows at his sides. As he walked across the floor the welding rods suddenly crossed. He told us that he was standing directly over a water pipe.

Most of us were skeptical, thinking he had made the rods cross. The bartender offered them to another person who repeated the movements. The rods crossed again at the same spot. I used the rods and they crossed for me too. Nearly everyone in the tavern took a turn and about 75 percent of those who tried were successful. We even took the rods into the street and located numerous pipelines there too.

We began to speculate on why the method works at all and why for some and not for others. The bartender's theory was that water moving in a pipe or vein underground creates a magnetic field of some sort. When the person holding the rods stands over this field somehow it works through the human body to affect the rods.

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by witching. They laughed — but I had the last laugh when I did find it. Using the rods, two of the workmen were able to locate it also.

When the city manager heard about the incident he called on me and I showed him how to do it. He was stunned by how simple it is and delighted that he could detect water himself. I wouldn't be surprised if the city is now witching for the old pipes around town. — *Russell Potter, Montrose, Colo.*

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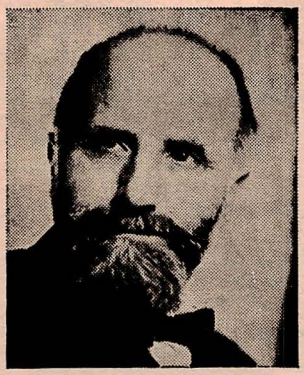
Art Reda's article, "My Experiences with Bigfoot" (August, 1970, FATE) brought back memories of my childhood beside Jim Creek north of Everett, Wash. We moved there about 1905 or 1906. My father Harry Borden was engineer in a mill two miles from our log house which was situated on 40 acres bordered on three sides by virgin timber and Jim Creek on the fourth. A skid road led to the nearest town: Oso.

One summer day when the tall red huckleberry bushes near the road were invitingly loaded with their luscious fruit Dad couldn't resist sitting down on a log for a rest and a treat. Before long he discovered he was not alone: a brown bear also was enjoying the huckleberries on the other side of the bush.

Since the bear didn't seem to resent his presence, Dad wondered if he might have been one of the animals escaped from a circus train that had been wrecked not long before. He recalled that not all the animals had been recovered.

It's only speculation of course, but if so tame a bear was in the woods why not a gorilla also?

Issues of the *Everett Herald* or *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* from those early years reporting the wreck might shed some light on the mysterious "Bigfoot." — *Harriet Clark, Sandpoint, Idaho.*



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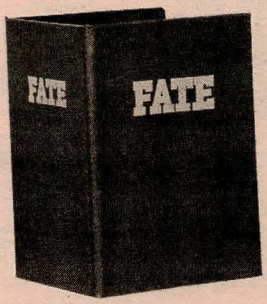
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FATE Magazine has played a pleasant role in assisting me to solve a mystery and locate an old friend. I had been wanting to get in touch with Aurora Young but when I called her home phone number I learned it was no longer in service. I had heard from her at Christmas, 1969, but I didn't know where she was working so I was stymied.

Early in February, 1970, I received an open envelope in the mail minus contents. It bore a return address but not the name of the sender. It had come from Bradbury, Calif., a place I never heard of. At any rate, I put the empty envelope inside another one, addressed it to "occupant" and mailed it.

That same weekend I went to Duarte, Calif., to get an affidavit from my friend Dr. Rogers in connection with a story I submitted to you. As I was getting ready to leave his office he mentioned that he and his wife were going to Arvin the next day. I didn't know the town of Arvin and said kiddingly, "Oh, that must be right next to Bradbury, another place I've never heard of."

He looked at me strangely and asked why I was interested in Bradbury. I told him about the empty envelope and the vague familiarity of the handwriting showing the return address. He asked me if I remembered the street address and I did. Then he said he wanted to take me for a five-minute drive.

Would you believe the town of Bradbury boarders on Duarte? He drove me to the street address I had given him and I decided to go up to the house.

Who should open the door but my friend Aurora? Now we call her the absent-minded "occupant," for as our shrieking laughter echoed down the quiet residential street she told me about having discovered she had mailed an empty envelope, adding

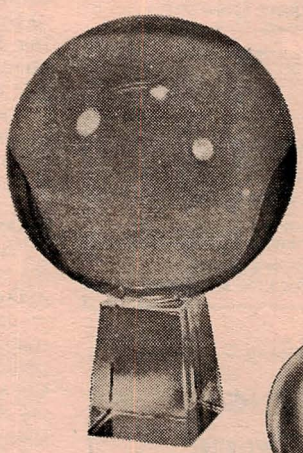
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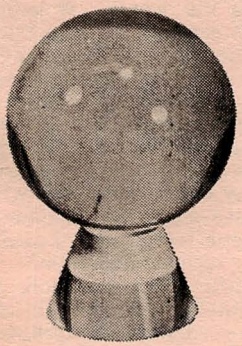
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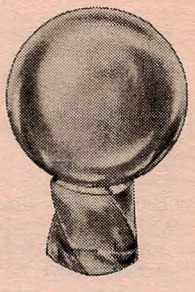
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that her nine-year-old child's comment was, "Oh, Mom, only you could do a thing like that!" — *Mimi Baer, Anaheim, Calif.*

A PERSONAL GLIMPSE

A neighbor gave me a copy of your magazine dated November, 1968. To my surprise I found my picture in it!

The story, "Death of Engineer," by E. A. Smith, Sr., includes a photo on page 73 and I am the little girl perched on the side of the locomotive. E. A. Smith, Sr., is my brother and "Stuttering Dick" Smith is my father. My brother is nicknamed "Frog" because he used to go hunting for the kind of frogs that have good legs for frying.

I am now 70 years old and the story took me back through the years. I could see again the days when I was young.— *Mrs. William A. Finch, Vernon, Fla.*

CAPTURE SOUL ON INFRARED FILM?

"At the Moment of Death" by D. Scott Rogo (February, 1970, FATE) makes me wonder if infrared film would capture the astral body leaving the physical body in an astral projection. If we could show that we can — and often do — leave our bodies while alive, wouldn't this prove that the same thing occurs at death?

I have had the experience of leaving my body three times while in the dentist's chair. At that time the anaesthetic used was called in layman's terms "sweet air."

On the first occasion, after the anaesthetic was administered I went downward into a vortex, then felt a terrible pulling sensation. When this stopped I was no longer in the chair but sitting atop the bank building across the street looking down and through the dentist's window. I watched with interest but without concern as the dentist worked on the figure in the chair. Probably I remained like this only a few minutes

before I was back in the chair, awake and terribly frightened.

When the time came to return to the dentist for more extractions I did so with dread. I hoped the same thing wouldn't happen again — but it did, in exactly the same way. When I awoke that time I felt less fear and more curiosity about this "other me," for at that time I did not know anyone else had experienced this.

On my third and last visit to the dentist, I was still fearful but I knew what to expect. I was not disappointed — but there was a difference this time. As I stood on the top of the bank building I felt free and happy. I knew that if I wanted to I could fly right off the top of the building. But still I watched the dentist and the other me and felt as if something important was going to happen. Soon I found myself back in the chair but before I opened my eyes, I heard someone say, "I'm glad I didn't give her any more!" I knew then they were having a hard time waking me.

Since that last occasion I have had other types of anaesthetics without leaving my body. Therefore I feel that continued research with "sweet air" should be done. If an astral projection thus could be controlled photographic experimentation might have some amazing results. — *Mrs. Daniel Baker, Palmdale, Calif.*

UNUSUAL SIGHTINGS

On November 24, 1969, I was coming home from work and sitting behind the driver of the car. We were going across the Twin Bridges which are very high and run into the Schuykill Expressway. The time was about 4:50 or 4:55 P.M. and the sky was clear, the sunset a reddish glow along the horizon.

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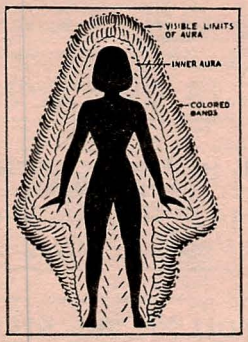


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In the fall of 1969 I returned to my home in Virginia on the shore of Chesapeake Bay and as I drove to the front door I looked out over the water and into the clear sky above. There was nothing unusual about this scene which I often enjoyed.

Five minutes later, after I had taken several suitcases into the house, I returned to the car and was dumbfounded to see a great gyrating smoke or vapor trail almost directly overhead. It was unlike anything I had ever seen.

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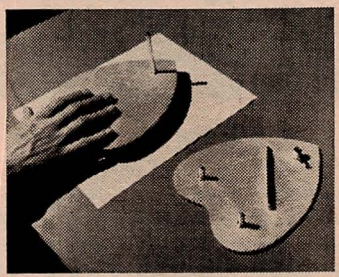
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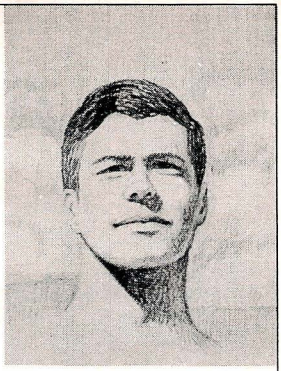
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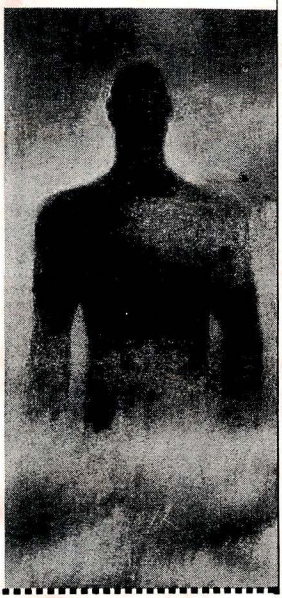
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