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A Strange Pastime

A new craze is on the go in the United States, and leading psychologists are wondering where it will end and what damage if any, it will leave in its wake.

It started when Morey Bernstein, an amateur hypnotist, wrote a rather insipid little book entitled "The Search for Bridey Murphy" in which he described the reactions of a young woman whom he had hypnotized for experimental purposes.

The fashion started by Mr. Bernstein—or was it Bridey Murphy—seems more a matter of entertainment than of philosophic speculation.

Reports say that "reincarnation" parties are being held with increasing frequency.

Participants merely sit in a darkened room and try, with the aid of appropriate music, to recall their past reincarnations.

Usually, it results in nothing more harmful than a lot of incoherent and pointless chatter, which, as far as that goes, characterizes many social gatherings which don't have any theosophical purpose.

It is not without dangerous sidelines, however. At least one young man is reported to have committed suicide so that his next adventure in reincarnation might be expedited.

Professional psychologists and most competent hypnotists seem to agree that the whole thing is a fad which will have its brief day and then pass into unlamented oblivion.

But that does not explain the root cause of such a strange pastime, in a society, that is, that does not profess much knowledge of or much concern for the philosophic props of Oriental mysticism; nor does it do much to disprove another belief which is just as old as the doctrine of reincarnation, namely, that everybody is mad in at least one respect, and that some are a great deal madder than others.

Historic Expeditions

Modern rescue methods paid off recently with the swift location of 15 United States airmen. Eight were down in the Venezuelan jungles. Seven were lost in the Antarctic wastes. All were brought to safety.

Famous earlier searches were time-consuming and often unsuccessful. On July 2, 1937, the 39-year-old aviation heroine, Amelia Earhart, disappeared over the Pacific and touched off one of the greatest hunts in history.

And one of the greatest mysteries. On the New Guinea-Howland Island leg of a world flight, Miss Earhart and navigator Fred Noonan apparently crashed into the Pacific. Scores of ships and planes, spearheaded by the aircraft carrier Lexington, combed more than 200 thousand square miles during a fifteen-day period and found nothing.

The search cost more than a million dollars. Rumors immediately began, and continue

to this day, that Miss Earhart was picked up by the Japanese. The tale has been denied many times by Japanese officials, and postwar investigations proved negative.

Not all modern searches have ended on such a somber note. In 1942, World War I flying ace Captain Edward V. Rickenbacker, with a party of six men, was forced down north of Samoa. They drifted 23 days on small rubber life rafts before being rescued by a Navy helicopter.

Another flier, Paul Redfern, vanished on a 1927 flight over the South American jungles. At least three separate expeditions failed to find a trace of him. Inevitably there were rumors and reports of a white man living in the wilds with the Indians.

Colonel H. P. Fawcett, a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, entered the Matto Grosso jungles in 1925 in search of a lost white civilization. He was never heard from again, although reports persisted that he was still alive. Finally a Brazilian explorer, Alfred Reolini, claimed that he had found the remains of Col. Fawcett and his son. They had apparently been killed by the Indians.

Captain Roald Amundsen, the polar explorer, disappeared while on a mission of mercy. The dirigible Italia had crashed near the North Pole, and Amundsen with five men set out on a search for survivors. The Amundsen party was never seen again. The Italia's commander, Umberto Nobile, and eight of his men were eventually rescued.

A search that captured the imagination of the world was made by Henry M. Stanley. Dr. David Livingstone disappeared in Africa while on an expedition to find the source of the Nile. For about three years nothing was heard of him. Told by the New York Herald to "go and find him," Stanley did just that, at Ujiji on Lake Tanganyika on Nov. 10, 1871.

Possibly the earliest organized search in the Western Hemisphere was for Henry Hudson whose mutinous crew set him adrift in a small boat in 1611. A three-ship expedition from England failed to find him. As usual, there were tall tales of Hudson's living on as a "king" with an Indian tribe.

Better On Cheque Forms

A cheque written on the back of a live pig (or any other animal, we presume) is cashable, the monthly review of the Bank of Nova Scotia says. It does not explain, however, what becomes of the pig or who retains ownership of the animal.

The Review also tells of a cheque written on birch-bark with boat-tar by a northern trapper. It was cashed by a bank.

The bank recommends, however, that use of the regular cheque forms which are of "safety" paper, is preferable. It warns that, to assure quick and efficient transfer, cheques must be properly made out and signed. Unauthorized changes and forgery should not be invited by leaving blank spaces or by writing in pencil.

The Review does not mention the irritating habit of many depositors who ask the teller to make out their deposit slips. Instead of doing so themselves. It is a simple operation, easily learned, and the doing of it oneself saves time and labor for the bank staff and delay to the customers waiting their turn.

The value of small accounts to the banks illustrates the spread of the "Banking habit," the Review states. Of the 10 million deposit accounts in Canada, more than 8 1/2 million are personal saving accounts, and of these more than one-half are accounts of less than \$100 each.

Known in banking circles as "the three C's," character, capacity and capital are the main guides by which a bank manager permits loans, the Review says.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Disappointing indeed was the weather on St. Patrick's Day, but this did not interfere with the religious observance which was the main feature of the anniversary.

Judges spoke in the warmest terms of the quality of stock shown at the Easter Beef Show and Sale last week! It was a credit to any Province, and was, perhaps the finest exhibition of its kind ever seen in the Maritimes.



HILLS AND VALLEYS

Atom's Peacetime Role

By Francis E. Carey Associated Press, Washington

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

FORUM TOPICS

Sir.—It is always interesting to read the various comments in the Public Forum of your valuable newspaper. There is a very wide range of subject coverage requiring an extensive knowledge of many matters. Currently they seem to refer substantially to Causeways and Tourists. These subjects are always interesting and educational.

It has been expressed on occasions, and at variance with the facts, that tourists to P.E.I. do not add much to the economy of the island, inasmuch as most of them are merely visiting former natives who make summer trips at the expense of the resident natives, that they run the roads and byways with speedy cars that fill the homes with dust and carbon-monoxide fumes, and add otherwise to the traffic fatalities, while they enjoy free board and room with some relative or friend.

Of course the financial statement of the Canadian Government belies this claim, as it relates to the yearly income from the tourists trade.

This income will be increased as the Trans-Canada Highway will become more used from Newfoundland to British Columbia. This leads to the Causeway proposition. While the success of the Port Hawkesbury venture adds zest to the island causeway idea, we would like to know how it would affect the toll unless the road toll would equal the current income. Aside from the economics of the affair, the oldsters among the island natives will remember the issue of P.E.I. contact with the Mainland by wheel traffic, as they periodically obtained under Borden and Laurier as political considerations, as tunnel talk, bridge broadcasting; and now causeway comment.

In any event, the thought of a Mainland Road to the Isle is intriguing, romantic and poetic, to say the least. Perhaps not so economically desirable unless or until the revenue from the ferry would be enhanced by a service running to Newfoundland which would provide extended service and opportunities for the tourist who would enlarge their itinerary of travel beyond P.E.I. and its many memories, and championships.

This recalls the county champion extractor of Halifax Twist extract, when John Gavin pin-pointed the bull's eye on a piece of paper from the target in a jet propelled action squirt that knocked a dime from the end of a piece of firewood held in the hand of the umpire, while the fiddlers at a jamboree introduced at an excellent Mrs. of Lord Macdonald, Mrs. MacLeod and the Arkansaw Traveller while the guests danced to this medley of jigs, strattspays and hornpipes. We sincerely hope that these ancient attractions in current form will not yield to the attraction of the Causeway, and modern science.

I am, Sir, etc., PETER A. REILLY, Boston, Mass.

The 10-year-old peaceful atom already is playing an active role in everyday life.

Let's forget for a minute the possibilities for the future—which experts say are really tremendous—and see what jobs the atom is doing today.

1. You may be one of the half-million who have had an ailment diagnosed in the last 10 years with the help of radioactive isotopes. 2. You may be one of the 50,000 who have undergone actual treatment with certain isotopes. Although successes have been limited in the treatment field.

3. You may be one of many sick people who, while not treated with atomic energy, have benefited indirectly from research into various diseases conducted with isotopes. 4. The foam rubber mattress you sleep on, the kitchen linoleum you walk on, the tires on your automobile, the cigarettes you smoke, the ice cream you had for lunch may have been processed by industrial techniques employing radioactive isotopes as efficiency aides.

WHITER LAUNDRY

The gasoline pumped at your neighborhood filling station may have been speed through pipelines with the help of isotopes employed to spot obstructions.

6. Your laundry may be whiter due to improvements in soaps and detergents made possible through research with radioactive dirt and grease.

7. It's possible you may have touched on a new variety of peanuts produced through atomic research in genetics.

But despite other such gains to date, experts say that only a start has been made.

A special panel on "The impact of the peaceful uses of atomic energy," headed by Robert McKinney, publisher of the Santa Fe New Mexican—concluded after consultation with scientists that: Along the atomic medical front, the future holds promise of "fewer days of sickness, fewer days in hospitals, and a longer, more useful life."

BETTER CROPS

In agriculture: "Tailor-made" crops, adaptable to wider ranges of climate and soil; more resistant to diseases and insects; . . . healthier and better-producing animals. . . improved insecticides and plant growth regulators. . .

In industry: More and more processes aided by isotopes which already are saving industry \$100,000,000 annually. . . A host of brand new products made through "radiation chemistry". . .

The experts say more research, more money, more trained personnel are required in order to realize the full potential of the peaceful atom. Also, greater speed in getting results of research into actual practice. But a start has been made.

Isotopes are being used in the treatment of certain cancerous conditions; some forms of heart disease; overactive thyroid glands or "toxic goiters;" "polycythemia vera," a disease in which excess



THE CHINESE BELL

This is the great bell Taken from a house of strange gods. See its smooth swell Of greened bronze embossed with life at odds With life and death accepting death, and the flight Of time from night through daylight into night.

Once the tall bell Hung in a lapsi-lazuli tower, surrounded With lanterns and the smell Of sweet herbs burned in braziers: when it sounded It sent a covey of echoes like birds winging. The air moaned with singing. Seventy years the bell Has stood in silence on our alien shore: It is a sculptured shell Full of the wind's surge and the waves' roar. Waiting to overbrim at last; but when It speaks, it will not speak to living man.

—Audrey Alexandra Brown in the Montreal Star

The Age Old Story

Teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

ENTERPRISING RACE

Moslems of the Maldivé islands 400 miles southwest of Ceylon have long been noted as navigators and traders.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sundesen, M. D.

EYES REVEAL SECRETS ABOUT BODILY HELATH

Doctors are not soothsayers or fortune tellers. Yet frequently they can tell whether you have some unsuspected illness simply by looking into your eyes.

Your eyes often reveal secrets about your bodily health. They act as sort of a barometer by revealing deep-seated conditions.

By using an ophthalmoscope, an eye specialist can examine the intricate network of the retina, the flattened end of the optic nerve which is spread across the back part of your eye.

The ophthalmoscope is an instrument, commonly used by vision specialists, which casts a narrow beam of bright light through the pupil to the back of your eye. The light is then reflected, giving him a clear and detailed view of the retina.

CHARACTERISTIC MARKS

Many facts about you leave their characteristic marks on the retina. With the ophthalmoscope, a specialist can tell whether you have any number of physical ailments.

He may detect heart trouble, anemia, epilepsy, hardening of the arteries, pneumonia, diphtheria, influenza, and even measles or mumps.

And of course, he'll be able to find eye diseases which might be present and any visual errors such as astigmatism, nearsightedness or farsightedness.

EMOTIONAL DISORDERS

Emotional disorders, too, may be uncovered. Many doctors say that such disorders have physical manifestations in the eye more frequently than in any other organ.

Thus, your eyes are closely correlated with your entire body. Even if you don't have visual trouble, regular eye examinations, especially if you are past middle age, may provide valuable guidance on the care of your general health.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

Mrs. C. L.: My daughter was born with a receded lower jawbone. Can this be corrected?

Answer: Usually, a child with a receded lower jawbone can have an operation performed to correct this deformity when she reaches four to six years of age.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(March 19, 1931)

There has been a noticeable falling off in the amount of potatoes being brought into Summerside this week as compared with the last few weeks, when two or three car loads came in every day. Prices remain low with Cobblers 20 cents a bushel, Mountains 30 cents. Some seed have brought an average 40 and 45 cents a bushel for Cobblers and Mountains.

The fourth occasion this winter that communication was cut between the island and the mainland has resulted from yesterday's severe snowstorm. The car ferry remained at Tormentine all day yesterday waiting for the mainland train, which at a late hour last night was snowbound at Melrose. The ferry which left Borden at 10:15 Tuesday night arrived at Tormentine at 7:27 yesterday morning.

Mr. G. Shelton Sharpe, M.L.A., returned yesterday after attending the annual meeting of the Live Stock Records Board in Ottawa. At this meeting Mr. Sharpe was elected to the board committee to represent P. E. I.

TEN YEARS AGO

(March 19, 1946)

The town of Kensington has made application to have the Royal Canadian Mounted Police carry out police work in the town. The final decision was taken at a meeting at the Town Council last week. It is expected that the force will take over the work in about three weeks.

On recommendation of Fisheries Minister H. F. G. Bridges, the cabinet council has authorized the payment of \$160,000 in fishing bonuses for the year 1945-46 according to an order tabled in the House of Commons today.

IT'S A CAT'S LIFE

CREEGHTON, Sask. (CP)—One of the village cats has been living the life of a feline Riley in nearby Flin Flon, Man. Village council has received this bill: Three cans of cat food \$1.12; housing and heat \$3; overhead 41 cents, total \$4.53. The account was submitted by the town of Flin Flon, where the cat was held as a rabies suspect.

Federal experimental farms were established after passage of a parliamentary act in 1886.

A Doctor's advice is only expensive if you don't take it.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Mikoyan criticized Stalin and lived to tell about it. But only because Stalin didn't live to hear it.—Toronto Star.

The contemporary revival of tapestry weaving is unlikely to restore this fine and ancient art to general popularity. We are committed, it seems, to painting in its various forms, though the cold sterility of much modern architecture provides a unique opportunity to make use of the warmth, color and texture of these woven pictures.—Winnipeg Free Press.

A bank in Kansas which has been operating for 51 years has closed. Many depositors will suffer because the bank was not covered by federal deposit insurance. This is a reminder to Canadians that they are fortunately protected by Canada's banking laws. This is a Canadian asset we are prone to take for granted and not appreciate.—Fort William Times Journal.

Like the Soviet peasants before them, Chinese peasants are obviously protesting against forced collectivization. Whether this method of protest will be any more effective now in China than it was in the early nineteen thirties in Russia remains to be seen. But we should not forget that Communist China today is even poorer than the Soviet Union was in 1930, and it can even less afford a tremendous loss of agricultural capital.—New York Times.

Too many people are killed by passing traffic while changing car tires. A reason for this needless loss of life seems to lie in the fact that people are afraid to drive a car even a few extra feet after a blow-out or puncture for fear of ruining the tire casing. Motorists are inclined to change tires right where they stop, on the edge of the highway or not. This is far from sensible. What tire casing is worth a life or even an injury? Motorists who must change tires should first remove their cars well clear of passing traffic.—Brockville Recorder.

Sir Winston Churchill's upcoming four-volume history of the English-speaking peoples closes with the end of the Victorian era. That was when he took over and made the rest of the history himself.—Windsor Star.

Fort Arthur has had over \$70,000 worth of snow to date, as estimated on the cost of removal basis, but at less than half the 13 feet reported from Revelstoke, B.C., where the sidewalks are described as slit trenches, five feet deep.—Fort Arthur News.

The national government's participation in financing higher education should certainly be increased. This country has the resources to provide facilities needed to ensure adequate numbers of university-minded men and women. The cost of higher education should be shared by the provinces and the Dominion with industry providing a large number of scholarships and endowments.—Winnipeg Tribune.

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