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## JAMESTOWN SUN FAILS TO DUPLICATE PICTURE

### CHANEY'S SPIRIT EXTRAS BAFLE PHOTOGRAPHER



Chaney, blindfolded, reads billets at Hotel Jamestown. Sun reporter attends service, takes above picture and covers the story tactfully.

It has happened again and this time right here in Jamestown. For years, professional photographers have bragged about their ability to duplicate spirit pictures but when hard-pressed, they never go through with the claim.

Last month, the Rev. Robert G. Chaney of Eaton Rapids, Michigan, was engaged by the American Foundation for Psychic Research, Inc., for public and private demonstrations of his mediumship.

The Jamestown Sun, a morning newspaper, was notified of Chaney's visit and handled the straight news story in a commendable fashion. A reporter was sent to the Jamestown Hotel the evening the Rev. Chaney demonstrated blindfold-billet. They took an action picture (see above) and han-

dled the assignment in a non-committal manner.

The Sun was told that the Rev. Chaney would demonstrate spirit photography the next day at the Foundation headquarters and that if interested, they

The caption under the picture stated that, according to their own photographers, Edward Hokanson and Elnard Westberg, the spirit picture was "definitely a double exposure".

I went to the Sun office and

By R. G. Pressing

would be notified of the results. Left picture, Page 24, taken by Chaney was developed by J. Stewart Husband, owner of the Camp Art Studio, Jamestown. Several hours later, a print was taken to the Jamestown Sun and then published in their morning edition.

challenged them on this point and said: "Can you duplicate it?"

Mr. Hokanson, who admits he's an expert photographer and knows everything there is to know about the business, majestically replied: "Of course, I can duplicate it. It



The picture, above, shows Chaney at American Foundation. Spirit Photography is demonstrated in good light. The phenomena of extras occurs within the darkness of the camera.

will be easy. A simple thing like that, I can do in no time at all . . . no time at all."

Then he grinned at his partner Westberg, winked and swaggered over to an obsolete radio which was in need of his expert attention.

I replied: "That's fine, Mr. Hokanson, go ahead and do it if it is so easy." Then took a seat on a shipping case in his "modern" studio.

Silence prevailed. I folded my arms and said: "I am waiting, Mr. Hokanson, go ahead and duplicate it."

This attitude irked the master-mind but I felt justified since he had already told me it would be a simple matter to duplicate the spirit picture.

However, I insisted upon waiting for him to follow

— Easter —

Strength of a Spiritualist's Conviction

"He Is Not Here — He Is Risen"

ONCE again the ever circling years bring the joy of spring — the season of the resurrection from the dead! The frozen streams and rivers are released from their pent up prison-house and flow with new vigor; the gardens and hedge-

rows throb with new life; the hushed song of bird is released, to fill the country air with music; the fields are alive with fresh green tints, and bulbs flaunt their brilliant colors in the breeze.

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through with his threat. But, I was not in there long. The photographer became so upset that he ordered me out of his studio.

It's the same old story. These professionals shout to the housetops that they can duplicate this and that, but when called to task, they have

never produced. The fact of the matter is, I am still waiting for the Jamestown Sun—a-la-Mr. Hokanson—to duplicate the spirit picture and that was ten weeks ago. *It was such a simple matter!*

This incident recalls to my mind a tussle I had with Howard Marsh of the "Smoky City," my home town. Mr. Marsh also challenged one of Chaney's pictures that appeared in *Psychic Observer* many years ago. I called upon Mr. Marsh, a man, incidentally, that I have known for over 10 years, and he told me point-blank that the picture I had published was definitely a double exposure. I challenged him to duplicate it. This, he has never done and over 8 years have elapsed.

#### All Agree

I have consulted numerous photographers during the last few weeks regarding this spirit picture, saying: "*If you were to attempt to duplicate this, meaning the spirit picture with five 'extras,' how would you go about it?*"

They all agreed that each "extra" would have to be photographed separately. In other words, five exposures would have to be made on the same plate before my own personal picture was taken. Of course, they would not guarantee to have "dead" people as "extras" but would photograph each person, in the living, separately.

#### Too Much for Him

In the case of the Jamestown Sun, the photographer would have had to take not only a double exposure, but he would have to photograph five of the office staff. These five exposures would have to be on the same film and then he would have to call me in and take my picture. This would mean six exposures.

Finding he would have to go all through that, I imagine my dear friend Hokanson gave up the idea for even had he gone through with it, the picture would have been such a "botch" that it would not have

looked anything like the one he said he could duplicate.

Furthermore, how was he going to take these five exposures? I suppose he would have to stretch a black cloth across the wall of his studio, and cut holes for the office help to stick their heads through. The procedure would appear

If our opponents would present the same proof of their claims in ratio to the proof presented by the Spiritualists, then there could be a real controversy. I have yet to see or receive a *doped* picture that would in any way look like a duplication of spirit photography. All I have received are rank reproductions of paste-ups and obvious double exposures which any eighth grader could detect.

#### Books on the Subject

If any of our readers are confronted with the argument that these pictures can be duplicated, merely say to them: "*Go ahead. Duplicate them.*" Then prepare yourself for a long, long wait.

Before my attempt to explain Chaney's phase of mediumship, I will present the result of some library research on the subject. At the moment, there is not a single book in print actually devoted to an explanation of the technique of spirit photography.

In 1885 a comprehensive book, "*Psychography*" based on the mediumship of Fred P. Evans, world renowned medium, was published. The sale was limited and less than 500 copies were sold. This book dealt with spirit drawings on slates . . . not to be confused with spirit photography.

Doyle's book, "*The Case For Spirit Photography*" published in the 1900's, has been out-of-print for over 20 years. Even though the copyright has expired, no publisher has deemed it of sufficient importance to reprint even though used copies of this book sell at a ridiculously high price.

#### Mumler Was First

The history of spirit photography is discussed in encyclopedias, some authors devote a chapter or two, but in the main, a discussion of the *modus operandi* is by-passed.

The first spirit photographer of any note was William H. Mumler, Boston, Massachusetts, who was investigated by Andrew Jackson Davis. It was through Mumler's mediumship



Rev. Robert C. Chaney  
*He comes through*

much like the old-time County Fair game where you bought three balls for a nickel and were supposed to hit a man's head and win a cigar.

#### Proves Nothing

Had Mr. Hokanson gone through with his silly idea, there is no doubt but that he would have been the laughing stock of the Sun office.

Now as to the time element. For the sake of argument, suppose after days and days of preparation, an expert photographer could do this. What does it prove? Absolutely nothing!

Now, let us consider Chaney. There was neither fanfare nor uproar during his visit here. From one to four P. M., 32 people had their picture taken (see photograph page 1) and out of all of these, *extras* appeared on all but one and this sitter's money was refunded. I had two pictures taken within a period of 90 seconds. One had four *extras* and these four were different from the *extras* appearing on the other. (See spirit pictures Page 12.)

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Director.

that Mrs. Lincoln received the famous spirit picture of the martyred president, but it's the same old story, he (Mumler) was condemned in 1868 and arrested when he moved to New York City.

Although acquitted, his career was sufficiently smeared to prevent him from practicing his mediumship. He died in poverty in 1884 and the story of his life in his book, "Personal Experiences of William H. Mumler in Spirit Photography." Examples of his spirit photos are to be found in Aksakof's, "Animisme et Spiritisme" and James Coates' "Photographing The Invisible."

William Hope (1863-1933) famous Crewe Circle medium was crucified by the late conjurer, Harry Price and the British S. P. R., London. Doyle came to Hope's rescue but not until Price's handiwork had followed the usual pattern — trick the medium, then accuse them.

**Mediums Accustomed**

In his defense of Hope, Doyle sums up the mental gymnastics of those who claim to be psychic researchers by saying that "it is an instructive fact that the S.P.R. receives data from conjurers and accepts all these very loose tests (providing they are anti) without question or comment, while when the evidence is the other way, the S.P.R. are ready with extraordinary and unbelievable explanations, rather than admit a positive result."

During Hope's last years, he became so accustomed to accusations that he became case-hardened. He, too, passed away a relatively poor man.

No phase of mediumship has been the butt of criticism as has spirit photography and at this point, the reader must be advised that psychic photography per se is definitely not to be cataloged with spirit photography because psychic photography simply means the photographing of objective phenomena (psychic structures, ectoplasm, materialization, etc.), using a flash or red light.

Psychic photography can be so cataloged even when infra-red is used.

Spirit photography, such as Chaney's, is the photographing of subjective phenomena known as spirit extras. Mumler, Hope, J. Edward, John Myers, William Smith and Clarence Britton come in this category.

**Last Sitter**

To explain the real difference between psychic and spirit photography would necessitate using thousands of technical words and then it is questionable whether or not such an explanation would be understood. I am not qualified to take on this assignment.

Since *Psychic Observer* was launched in 1938, more inquiries regarding this phase of mediumship reach my desk than any other so it was decided to try to obtain up-to-the-minute data on the subject.

And so, that is why early in February, Rev. Chaney was asked to come to Jamestown.

I have covered the controversy with the Jamestown Sun and now I propose to explain in detail certain facts supplied by the medium as well as conclusions drawn during his visit here.

At the close of his demonstration, I was the last sitter. The two pictures I had taken appear on page 24. After Chaney snapped my first picture, I asked him to take another. As before stated, I was permitted to take the second plate to a local photographer, J. Stuart Husband, 121 West 4th Street.

**In 8 Minutes**

This second picture was taken by Chaney at 4:55 P. M. We both delivered it to Mr. Husband at 5:00 P. M., and at 5:08 P. M., we (Chaney and myself) were called into the dark room and five extras were

plainly visible. I was supplied with the original negative and a print the following day.

For over five hours, the following evening, I questioned Chaney regarding the whole procedure. He use an Ansco Triple-S Ortho film, 3 1/4 x 4 1/4. This film was exposed (actual taking of my picture) in the light of a 150 watt bulb for two seconds at F 4.5 lens opening. It was developed by Mr. Husband in Eastman DK-60a developer. Chaney's camera is a "Graphic-View" 4x5, with the reducing back to 3 1/4 x 4 1/4.

**How It Began**

Chaney told me that he first learned he possessed the latent psychic power necessary for spirit photography at a seance in 1938. The Rev. John W. Bunker was the medium.

During that seance, Bunker's spirit guides told Chaney to place a folded handkerchief over his solar plexus. He did and, when the seance was over, a spirit extra appeared on the handkerchief. Rev. Chaney says he still has this picture.

At subsequent seances with Bunker an entity, who described himself as a spirit chemist, spoke and promised Chaney he would work with him should he care to perfect to a degree this phase of mediumship.

**Chemist Advises**

I asked Chaney the name of this chemist and he responded: "So did I." He continued by saying that the spirit preferred not to give his name but that he (Chaney) should purchase a camera and directions would follow. Chaney was not even told what kind of a camera to buy but it is reasonable to believe that he was impressed or else the chemist felt that it made no difference.

Chaney took his new camera to the next seance with Bunker and on the 35mm film, he was told to take pictures of landscapes. After these landscapes were photographed, he was directed to bring pieces of the film to the seance.

The next procedure, according to Chaney, was when he fol-

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lowed the chemist's direction to have one of these enlarged, but not before both he and Mr. Bunker, or any friend who would agree to the experiment, sat quietly in a room lit by a photo darkroom light (red), each touching an edge of the enlarging paper on which the landscape was being projected. Then the paper would be developed immediately.

**Smith Passed Away**

After going through this elaborate experiment for several months, spirit extras began to appear.

Along about this time," says Chaney, "I went to Camp Chesterfield for a definite purpose. I asked Mable Riffle whether or not she would afford me the opportunity to sit with the Board of Directors of the camp in view of their commenting on my phase of mediumship. I agreed to sit under test conditions."

It so happened that the following day, before Chaney had an opportunity to submit to the test, William Smith, the spirit photographer who had been serving the camp for many years, passed away. And so—that his test was successful and that he was permitted to work at the camp is a matter of history.

For the record, Chaney says that his first phase of mediumship was spirit healing, but when this other phase became evident, he was told to devote his entire time to spirit photography.

**What He Does**

Chaney explained that he has been demonstrating this type of phenomena ever since—over 12 years—excepting the two years during the war when he was unable to get film.

I asked Chaney whether, while taking the picture of a sitter, he ever knew the names or was ever impressed with who would be on the negative. He told me that he was seldom given this information. And then, I asked, "Just what do you do while taking the picture of a sitter?" (See photograph page one, column 4.)

"Well," he said. "There is not much I can do but pray."

When asked whether or not he would quote the prayer, he said, "Why certainly, although to this day, no one has ever heard it because I repeat it silently to myself."

And this is what he repeats:

"May power divine overshadow us. May the spirit loved ones of this person impress their image upon this film in such a manner as to make (him or her) recognize them. I ask this in the name of the Christ and give thanks for its accomplishment."

After he gives this prayer, Chaney admonishes the sitter to concentrate and sort of tune in. To this, I inquired: "What do you mean, concentrate?"

Chaney replied: "I mean to tune in, not so much for them to exert mental effort in an attempt to project a certain person on the negative but rather to visualize — even feel the presence of their own loved ones in spirit."

"I, too," says Chaney, "must

make every effort to tune in with the sitter. This seems to strengthen or rather intensify the mental and psychic connection—thus affording the spirit people themselves an equal opportunity to tune in."

During his lifetime, Chaney, like all other spirit photographers before him, has been subjected to ridicule and condemnation. Many do not understand why, after a picture is snapped, he does not rush and have it developed. In work of this kind, this would be impossible especially when his engagement calls for him to handle a number of sitters (32 in Jamestown) in a limited time to say nothing of the fact that such a procedure would disturb the smooth operation necessary to obtain results.

To my knowledge, this is the first time, Chaney has allowed a plate to be developed by a professional photographer. In all fairness to him, I cannot say that anyone has asked. My reason for asking another person to develop the negative was solely to break down the argument that he never allows this to be done. I wasn't looking for a test.

**No Precedent Set**

Chaney says that in public work, he has to guard against setting a precedent. In other words, if he allowed everyone the same privilege, he would be continually harrassed by all sorts of cranks and pseudo psychic researchers. Furthermore, Chaney insists that he has no intention of allowing anyone else the same privilege unless they are able to satisfy him that some good purpose is being served.

History already cited in the article shows that unscrupulous psychic researchers have actually tried to tamper with negatives—their sole purpose being their determination to expose the medium one way or another.

In my case, however, I explained to Chaney that generally Spiritualists have been

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Inasmuch as weather is uncertain these winter months, I decided to leave for my engagement at Jackson, Michigan, a day ahead of schedule. I had written Rev. James Tingley, pastor of the Goodfellow Spiritualist Church, that I would advise exact time of my arrival because I was afraid either the planes would be grounded or some other factor would keep me from getting to my destination on time.

I stopped over in Buffalo and kept an appointment with my dentist and dressmaker, Michel, on Delaware Avenue. Two extremes . . . pain and pleasure but more about that later.

I checked plane schedules and took off for Detroit where the airfield at Willow Run is thirty-three miles from the center of the great automobile metropolis. I took a cab, four miles, to Ypsilanti, where there is a nice hotel, the Huron.

#### Telepathy?

One time, we were grounded at Willow Run, so spent some time at this hotel, hence I readily recalled it. Jackson is beyond Ypsilanti so I was enroute.

Upon arrival, I decided to telephone Rev. Tingley before registering at the hotel. The line was busy so I sauntered into the hotel lobby to await the call.

Then the desk phone rang. The clerk answered: "She may be here. I'll see. She isn't registered." He turned and asked me if my name was Mrs. Pressing. Assured of this he said it was a call from Jackson.

"Oh, yes, I said, "I am on long distance now waiting for the report."

"No, this isn't the operator's call. This is someone calling you," the clerk responded.

When I went to the phone, it was Ruby Olsen, at whose home I was to be a houseguest. She said that Jimmie's little spirit guide, Snow White, told them to call me at the Huron Hotel in Ypsilanti. The spirit was certainly on the alert and eager to prove her efficiency. I had not told anyone of my plans.

#### Dr Julia Walton

There are those who would try to explain this happening as telepathy. Perhaps, but in this instance it proved to be a spirit entity. Doubtless, Pink Flower, my little spirit collaborator, rushed on to Jackson to give the message to Snow White, or perhaps spirits can instantaneously establish telepathic contact. Whatever the explanation may be, it was very thrilling. To me, this deduction is more sensible than to accept platitudes associated with thoughts jumping hither and yon.

A bit later, Rev. Tingley accompanied by Mrs. Charles Glick, wife of the president of the Goodfellow Spiritualist Church, arrived and took me to Jackson where I was to be the guest of Mrs. Olsen who resides at 1015 Franklin Street.

Until she passed away in 1940, one of America's outstanding mediums, Dr. Julia Walton lived here with her daughter, Mrs. Olsen. During her long life of 93 years, Dr.

Walton served humanity as a licensed physician. She was among the first group accepted by the state to practice at a time when strictest measures were being adopted to have practitioners conform to drastic laws.

She was brought up a Spiritualist and was one of the founders of the Michigan State Spiritualist Association. During these years, the outstanding leaders of Spiritualism served Dr. Walton's church and were guests in her home.

#### Noted Spiritualist

During a late supper, after my arrival, Mrs. Olsen reminisced and told me about other pioneer workers: Dr. George B. Warne, Harrison D. Barrett, Rev. E. W. Sprague, W. J. Colville and scores of others who carried the torch for Spiritualism during that time. They were all guests in the home of Dr. Walton.

Spiritualism has often been charged with being fraught with danger both to body and



Dr. Julia Walton  
She founded the M.S.S.A.

mind. Dr. Walton is a concrete case to prove that Spiritualist mediums live long and have brilliant minds. She always used her mediumship, in conjunction with her medical practice, to help humanity.

In this home, the very atmosphere is charged with spirit. One morning, in broad daylight, Mrs. Olsen and I were at the breakfast table talking. The medium, Jimmy Tingley was upstairs. There was no one in the house but the three of us.

Plainly, distinctly and clear-

ly, a spirit voice greeted us, "Hello, Hello." Raps were commonplace. Frequently, spirit approval of what we were talking about was made known by a series of raps.

On Saturday afternoon Jimmy took me to the famous Gilbert candy shop and restaurant for tea. I was familiar with their candies as they are nationally advertised in such fine food magazines as *Gourmet*. Incidentally, the place itself reminded me of Blum's in San Francisco whose candies are also famous throughout the United States.

In a room, crowded with people gaily chatting over afternoon tea, young Tingley gave me a most extraordinary clairvoyant reading. My brother Warren gave a full account of my immediate family, even telling pet names. My husband's family were also accounted for. Bob Gast, a pioneer pilot in American aviation, announced himself and gave remarkably clear evidence. Many of the messages were testproof because no one but myself knew certain details disclosed by the medium.

#### Superb Clairvoyance

Young Tingley related to me, word for word, a conversation I had with a man and his wife. This conversation concerned the medium (Tingley). Certainly, I had not uttered a word of it to a living soul. It was amazing! How is it done? I really don't know.

In this instance evidently, the spirits who were present when the chat occurred, must have been present again in the Gilbert tearoom, or had relayed the information to the medium's own guides.

Abruptly, Jimmy said: "Let's go to Elaine's dress shop. Lillian wants you to see it."

I am reasonably sure Jimmy was unaware that this famous movie star, Lillian Tashman, frequently manifests to me. Most certainly he had no way to know what happened in the shop for when we arrived. Jimmy said: "This is very nice, but certainly isn't anything like Michel's in Buffalo."

I asked him how he knew about Michel's. He said: "Lil-

lian says that you were there yesterday before you took the plane." All perfectly true, but I had not told it to a soul.

It is comforting and encouraging to know that our unseen

psalm, we are promised: "And I will give my angels charge over thee."

From Elaine's salon, we went out to the Goodfellow Spiritualist Church at Leroy and

are being made to either enlarge the present building or erect a new structure.

Since a lad of nine years, Mr. Gulick has been interested in Spiritualism and ever since he received a prophecy from Dr. Julia Walton that he would be associated with church work and help build and develop a fine edifice, he has unselfishly given his time and means to fulfill the spirit's wish.

Mr. Gulick's mediumship is expressed in music and poetry. He has written the lyrics and music for many entertainments. He is also a member of the choir.

The public little realizes or appreciates the work and effort necessary for a successful church program. On this particular Saturday afternoon, Ella Gulick, Thelma Thorpe, Julia Faulkner, Lula Keeler, Luella and Myrtle Haskell and Harry Seckler were busy in the modern, well-equipped kitchen.

Dozens and dozens of meringued covered lemon pies were lined up on a long table. Several large hams were made ready for the oven. Great pans of greens were cut in readiness for the chef salad. Preliminary preparations for the dinner for the "big day" required hours and hours of time.

Installation of a public address system was in progress.



**CHARLES GULICK**  
President

We had lots of fun testing out the speaking voice and range of sound. As the florists delivered beautiful baskets of flowers for the rostrum, the air became charged with expectancy and a holiday spirit. A blue vase filled with gorgeous pink flowers and purple Japanese iris came for me. It was from Mr. and Mrs. Seckler.

We returned to Mrs. Olsen's, and sat in her large living room where numerous lamps made the lighting very good. Jimmy sat across the room from me and, all at once, I saw something white coming in my direction. My gaze followed it until I felt a slight tap and then, lo and behold, in the bright light, an Indian arrow-head was apportioned right in my lap.

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### It Happened at Jackson



Front view of the Goodfellow Church, taken during Mrs. Pressing's lecture. On the rostrum, left to right: Gladys Allen at Hammond organ; Rev. James Tingley, pastor; Mrs. Pressing; Rev. Fred Felix.

Front row of choir (right) left to right: Ruby I. Olsen, Cloe Angevine, Sarah Ward, Ella Gulick, Myrtle Haskell. Back row: Left to right: Thelma Thorp, Rev. L. Tinney, Charles Gulick, Andrew Thorp and Esther Seckler.

friends go about with us. We are not necessarily consciously aware of their presence at any particular time, but subsequent tests and messages certainly prove that the teachings of the Bible are true. In the 91st

Ellery and met Charles Gulick, president and founder of this temple. Since this brick building was bought fifteen years ago, many improvements have been made. The church is absolutely free of debt, and plans

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Attentive audience hears Juliette Ewing Pressing speak

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He wrote the story

Down in San Diego resides a little medium barely four feet tall, a name synonymous with a personality that looms the tiny stature to giant proportions, for her name is: Mrs. BLUNT (Dorothy M.) And the only way to find her, is by going direct to her little cottage in east San Diego, (3828 45th St.), and if she's busy and you don't mind waiting on her porch, she *may* receive you. And when she does, she'll give you facts straight with dynamic force on a "take it or leave it" basis.

My first experience with this *Blunt* person was several years ago, when I knew little (practically, nothing) about mediums. Out on a morning stroll, I had only heard of her the two seconds it had taken to read her name and business on a shingle hanging on her door step. And you can be sure that she had never heard of me either. (Only recently did she get my name right, her memory is terrible.)

**Just Like That!**

Anyway, during that 'reading,' I was commencing to suspect that she had been following me around. Later though, she looked up at me with her bristling eyes, like a china doll, declaring in no unmistakable terms: that I would leave for Los Angeles, my home, on the weekend, but *only* for the ostensible purpose to *meet* a gentleman from Philadelphia. . . . Just like that!

Well, I knew no one in Phila-



Rev. Dorothy M. Blunt  
She knew . . . .

delphia, and had fully intended remaining in San Diego for the weekend. "But you'll go!" she said. "Take it or leave it!" And with that, she dismissed me from her porch.

Well, button my lips if I wasn't surprised a few days later, when I received a rush call from Los Angeles, advising: to be sure and come in on the weekend to *meet* a gentleman from Philadelphia!

After that amazing prediction, I wondered whether she had assigned one of her collaborators to keep tabs on me, for she had told me to be careful of a person that I would have trusted with my life. And lo and behold, what I didn't dis-

cover about this person later! But that's not all! She told a chap that if he wasn't careful about his money, he might lose it. He laughed, and the next day he was robbed!

For myself, no matter how hard I tried, I couldn't keep secrets from her, for whenever I saw her, she would *bluntly* tell me something as though she had been reading my mail.

**Beautiful Thought**

Not having seen her for months, just before Thanksgiving I paid her a visit, planning to leave later for Los Angeles. (We spoke on the porch).

I had mentioned a few words about the novel I was working on, when suddenly her eyes became soulful, and she said: "Listen, here's something urged upon me from the spiritual world for you to receive. Grab a pencil and write it quick before I lose it!"

A beautiful thought which I had quickly recorded on the back of a business card. But what did it mean? Why was it given to me? For my book? You say Mrs. Blunt had conceived it? But Mrs. Blunt is not a literary person. Just a few words in conversation would *never* give her the substance of what I was working on.

Besides, beautiful as a thought may be, how can it possibly fit into a work con-

taining better than 100,000 words, where every thought *must* fit like a link in a chain? Puzzled, I hid the business card away among some other papers.

She immediately returned then to her *bluntness*, sent her eyes across the street and asked: "Is that your car there?"

"Yes," I replied, wondering what goes.

"You have a bad *left front* tire," she told me, "and you better have it fixed before you leave."

Incredible! *How* could she have known, that the *left* tire was my spare, and that the other was at the garage?

"Another thing," she said, most abruptly, "If you don't leave before dark, you'll *never* get to Los Angeles!"

"But I always drive at night!" I objected. But she quickly came back: "Take it or leave it!" Thus had she spoken, leaving me to my musings on the front porch.

**The Medium Knew**

Though I had changed my tire, I resolved, just to be honory, I wouldn't leave until it was dark, as I had planned. And when the night became black and when the shadows commenced to play, I joined a number of other cars on the trek to Los Angeles and just before I had reached the main highway, and at the instance I

**The Mediumship of DOROTHY M. BLUNT**

commenced gloating, a fog rolled in?

But I had driven in fogs before, I would still prove this *Blunt* person wrong! However, the fog came in heavier, and the white line of the road was no longer visible. The worst fog that had hit San Diego in sixty years. Cars commenced turning around unable to proceed in the original direction.

**Thanksgiving Alone**

Then I thought about this *Blunt* person again, and wondered what powers her collaborators had with the elements for I too turned around, scarcely finding my way back. And for the first Thanksgiving in ten years, I was absent from home!

I spent Thanksgiving writing. What else could I do? In my novel: "*Trembling Bridge*," (not finished yet), I came to a blind spot: My leading character is thinking about his mother who'd passed away. She was more than a noble soul. One, whose indomitable courage characterized her life.

**The Spiritual Passage**

A writer can spend 100,000 words just describing this one motherly trait, but in my story, this had to be expressed but briefly. And yet, the importance of such a feeling had to be left so well entrenched, that whenever one thought about the son, this singular motherly characteristic had to follow him through the book. Then suddenly as if struck by a bolt, I remembered the spiritual passage my *Blunt* friend gave me.

And desperately of course, and in frenzy, I hunted all through my papers for that business card, and when I found it, what incomparable joy I experienced! Indeed, what ecstasies of exultations flowed through my soul! It was just what I needed! I read it again: "*A single candle burning through the whole power of the world*," was what the *Blunt* medium had given me.

Of course, any writer worth his salt must be able to take a thought not his own, and fit

it into his own style, (go ahead and laugh) for how else can he be original? My transposition of the original passage however, can never equal what had been inspired spiritually, but this is how I had fitted it in:

"Dwight remembered her smiling face, smiling though her body was wracked with pain. Pain seemingly purposeful to demonstrate the soul of a single flame, inextinguishable, had the whole world exerted its powers to crush her..."

A friend who had read my work, ironically remarked: "This single passage is out of this world!"

**Not In This World**

And this friend must have thought that I was being vain, even credulous, or perhaps overworked, when I returned: "You're right! For you can be sure, that this passage did not originate in this world—"

But getting back to the *Blunt* person, for all of her four feet of boldness, I would like to feel that E. B. Browning had described her better in his immortal words: "*As frank as rain on cherryblossoms...*"

**LET ME TELL YOU**

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It is on rare occasions that this type of phenomena manifests through Tingley's mediumship so he was equally excited as I. From time to time, we distinctly heard independent voices. Their insistence became so obvious that I decided something should be done about it so, later in the evening, we darkened the breakfast room and I had a solo sitting for trumpet and independent voice. A record of this seance will be published later.

**The Mayor Was There**

Sunday morning dawned reasonably clear. Our great concern of weather conditions was due to telephone calls and letters from people who were coming from a distance to attend the meetings.

About noon, the Rev. Fred L. Felix, pastor of the Spiritualist Episcopal Church, Toledo, Ohio, arrived. He is well known for his startling blindfold billet mediumship which always attracts a large crowd. People came from Lansing, Battle Creek, Coldwater, Detroit, Eaton Rapids, Toledo Ft. Wayne, Chicago and even Portland, Oregon. Mr. Gulick and the Board of Trustees were particularly pleased because many of the city officials, in-



Rev. James Tingley  
His big day

cluding Jackson's Mayor House, attended the services.

After my address, Rev. Felix and Rev. Tingley gave superb demonstrations of mediumship. Their messages were very accurate and detailed. Though I've heard many mediums give a demonstration, I am always spellbound and elated when truly great mediumship is presented.

Between services, my friend, the Rev. Bessie Wells, trustee of the Independent Spiritualist Association, stopped by for a chat. Her own church was having afternoon and evening services with a dinner so she was unable to stay.

**Many Turned Away**

Charles Swann with his beautiful wife, Pauline, also called to see me. I often wonder if the development of mediumship is influenced by the locale. In Michigan, there are scores of mediums with superior development. The story of Swann's mediumship has previously been printed in *Psychic Observer*. I

am convinced that environment, atmospheric conditions and even earth chemicalization influences psychic unfoldment.

Between services was indeed a festival. Over 120 persons were served dinner on long tables, decorated with red roses. Later I was informed that over fifty were turned away. Over six hundred people attended the meetings.

Appreciation for the efforts put forth by church boards and ladies' auxiliaries always make me extremely happy. I noticed particularly expressions of thanks being extended to those who furnished the music: Gladys Allen, Thelma and Andrew Thorpe, Lawrence Tinney and Charles Gulick.

**It Started In Michigan**

After the service, Mrs. Olsen gave a little supper party for a few friends to meet me personally and then, the following morning, Mr. and Mrs. Gulick, Fred Felix, James Tingley and my hostess took me by motor to Willow Run, Detroit airport, where I boarded a non-stop aircraft for Buffalo.

The joys, thrills and pleasures experienced while in Jackson are of great significance to me for in 1930 at a Grand Rapids hospital, my eyes were really opened for the first time after I had a thrilling psychic experience in the operating room. This experience created my intense interest in Spiritualism so you see, it all started (for me) in Michigan, and this is but another chapter.

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# Listen Behold and Believe

I should like to speak of the splendid progress *Edward Mackey* has made in his mediumship and to congratulate Dr. Stewart and his collaborators on the marvelous manifestations that occurred recently at his New York City address, 31 West 75th Street.

Early in '45, having made an appointment with him by letter, I traveled into the city from Chatham, New Jersey, to keep it. We had never met and our acquaintance was limited to correspondence.

From his picture in *Psychic Observer*, I recognized him just as he was returning from his daytime employment. He needed a short respite before receiving me, so we both thought it a good idea for me to while away the interim over a cup of coffee at the corner drug store.

## Georgie Greets Me

The anticipation of this, my first solo sitting, in a solid black room with a total stranger was beginning to tell on me and I felt that a few grains of caffeine would stand me in good stead. However, after entering his apartment and engaging in conversation with him, all these foolish surface tensions disappeared. He proved to be a very likeable young man.

Now in those days, it did not occur to me to keep a written record, so I shall have to draw upon memory in telling of this initial seance.

I was greeted by Georgie first in a most friendly and reassuring way. Then Dr. Stewart, Mr. Mackey's control, introduced himself and spoke of many a link in the chain of circumstance that had brought me to this door and said that he would now bring in someone who, for many years, had been guiding and sustaining me. Dr. John Wilson then announced his presence and gave most sat-

By

Olive F. Marsh

isfying proof of his knowledge of the events of my life: how he had tried in times of stress and great despair to show me a "more excellent way".

I was greatly moved by this reflection of Divine Love falling on me and intuitively sensed a Light Invisible in the darkened room. There followed heart-warming talks with my immediate family and other loved ones.

Dr. Stewart returned announcing that he must now awaken his instrument Adieus

# My Sittings with Eddie MACKEY

were said over and over and then the little conference was over.

Two sojourns in the Pacific Northwest consumed the greater part of the next three years, and during my brief visits in the vicinity of New York City, the last two, the opportunity of seeing Mr. Mackey did not present itself.

## ... Wonders To Perform

Meanwhile, a great deal had happened to both of us. For one thing, I had gotten over my "skittishness" concerning the absence of light. In fact, I had run up quite a creditable score of hours spent in blackened rooms. Many a time and oft, have I switched on a mental record of "The Final Chorus" in T. S. Eliot's "The Rock" and let it play over and over again in my brain, until the beauty of its words and metre had lifted me up onto higher ground.

Mr. Mackey did not mention the new phase of mediumship that had been vouchsafed him and though on my next trip I went in glory-bent, I had no ideas of the wonders to be revealed.


## Betty Speaks!

Dr. Stewart opened the seance by saying: "So happy to greet you again. What can you say or think — what greater happiness could befall you than to receive the commission you have received? It is most phenomenal. You will have a shining hour!"

And then it happened. Betty White rose right up from the floor: "We're here! We're here! Do you realize it, we're right here!"

As her figure swayed lightly before me, I could see the exquisite quality of her dress and (Continued Page 10, Col. 1)

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veil, of some diaphanous material that shimmered with light, like silvery lace. Never before had I seen her more overjoyed. She outshone herself. Just before Betty left, she said: "Stewart is going to get through too!"

Straightway, another form built up on my left, taller and not quite so clear as that of Betty's.

"Yes, I am here, the first time for me in this way." It was Stewart Edward White!

I could not see his clothing in such detail as I saw her's but I felt his presence by a strange perception that was not sight alone.

"Take my hand," he said. The clasp was real and strong, just like the pressure we are wont to give a dear friend here, to express the love that lies in our hearts. He spoke of matters connected with our many talks at Camp Silver Belle during the last three years and of the work he plans to do.

"William James is here. He will help." Then an "how-do-you-do" from Professor James. Surely, "my kind saint took pity," and I heard myself repeating the words of Robertson James: "Truth has no existence apart from love."

**William James**

And, I smiled secretly at the memory of Stewart Edward White's words: "William James must be either ubiquitous or must possess a large corps of secretaries to get around at all." A great man, the luster of whose name shall never be dimmed!

Several members of my family also partially materialized, verifying by names and dates

their identities and events of their lives here. Also "my" two doctors, Andrews and Wilson both of whom arose right after Mr. and Mrs. White. The former has stated that he is a charter member of Betty's *Invisibles*. They both gave tangible proof of their presence by brushing their robes against me. I felt and saw this, but did not touch them myself.

**Alexis Carrell**

Several instances of the briefest lulls in the production of phenomena afforded me a chance to note that the room was flooded with a pale radiance in which floated bands and globes of colored light.



Betty White

The voice said: "Carrell, Alexis Carrell." I wanted so much to make a response in keeping with his renown, but rallied with only a remark about his former location on the top floor of the Rockefeller Institute. He laughed and made answer, the exact words of which I did not catch.

Dr. Stewart now reappeared to close this seance. Nearly an hour had passed (though I was not aware of it) and it was time to raise the drawbridge and for each of us to return to his respective emplacement.

I thanked Mr. Mackey as best I could and hurried to the bus-stop. As my eyes fell on the twin towers across the Park, I recalled Betty's words about "the wonderful transmitting, absorbing substance which is set in action by spiritual con-

tact. Once set in action, you cannot stop it. It is bound to act, to consume The more faith you have in it, the more powerful it is. It would be terrible were it not used for good.

"One of the most useful things to hang on to for spiritual imagination purposes is that dissolving power of spirit on iron and concrete. The world is being created over and over again, each time with a greater and greater spiritual infusion. That is progress. At last, it will be absorbed by the spirit. . .

**I Was Ready**

"If you once get that idea." Betty concluded, "you can start absorbing things. It makes the whole solid world soluble in spirit. To you, it looks as though nothing could destroy Mount D'abolo, but from here, it seems as though sufficient spiritual power could actually dissolve it. And far beyond, I can dimly sense the power to put together again."

I felt strong enough to knock any old building over! And I knew that the high experience of great personal emotion cannot be dimmed, but must bubble over into free and fountains joys for all those who are ready to listen, to behold and to believe.

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Its real meaning and significance constitute the Rock of Truth upon which the religion of Spiritualism stands. What happened 2000 years ago is happening today. Unless personal conscious survival is a fact, the resurrection is meaningless.

Even primitive man held the idea that God expressed himself through material vehicles, and the galaxy of stars and constellations which bestrew the infinity of space were but personifications of Divine Powers.

Thus the twelve signs of the Zodiac became the houses or abiding places through which the cosmic energy expressed itself in its annual pilgrimage, and practically all the Old Testament characters are personified reflections of stars and planets.

Our Christian system is based almost entirely upon star lore, since it evolved from, and was superimposed upon, systems of thought and tradition which were hoary with age long before Moses emerged from Egypt.

These ancient peoples had their slogan "*As above — so below.*" Every change in the skies was expected to produce corresponding changes on earth. Every new star, according to its position and magnitude, must therefore have its corresponding and representative personality on earth, whether he be prophet, priest or king.

Thus every outstanding character in the tribal life became a figure around whom the ancient traditions were wrapped, and these characters in their turn strove to regularize their mission and establish their position by conformity to the standards expected of them.

Small wonder that the early church, with its restricted knowledge of nature's laws, adopted the ancient festival of Easter, together with its many ancient traditions, as the festival of resurrection. There is very little reason to believe that

the crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth took place at this particular time of year, and, in any case, the fact that it is a movable festival which varies from year to year stamps it with the die of solar mythology.

How much of the Christian tradition is related to the actual facts in the life of Jesus, and how much to more ancient mythology, is still a moot point. Christendom still regards the resurrection of Jesus Christ as unique. Modern psychic investigation shows that the incident was a perfectly normal and natural one.

The Spiritualist is in a better position than anyone to distinguish between the facts and the myths of this festival, for he has before him the recurring event of the eternal resurrection, which applies equally to every man, be he saint or criminal.

The strength of the Spiritualist position is that a man's convictions are based upon observed facts and verified evidence, and the farther he keeps from tradition, sentimentality and ancient shibboleths, the

safer and more reliable will be his outlook on spiritual life. God is revealing Himself today — through His laws — as perfectly as at any time in history!

Of course, the resurrection was a fact because it is a reality for every man. Of course, the reappearance after death was an actual occurrence, since its naturalness has been demonstrated thousands of times in the homes of many of us.

Let others celebrate the resurrection on any given day. To the Spiritualist every morning is an Easter morning, for we live in a Universe of Eternal Life. All who have passed through the transition have entered the larger life, from whence they return to bless and help us and by and through the operation of natural law they companion us along the road and at times may manifest their interest in our well being.

We can say of all our loved ones who have gone before us on the eternal journey:

"He is not here — he is Risen."

"Two Worlds"

It is indeed the time of the resurrection, for the sun—the life giver — has crossed the equator, bringing new light and life to the northern hemisphere. It is the season of revived hope. And despite the conflict and anxiety in which we are immersed, hope and promise stir within our hearts.

Nature's recurring seasons have largely determined human reactions and habits, and Eastertide — the re-arising of the Eternal Sun — has been celebrated from time immemorial. All worship traces back to sun worship. Not that these ancients worshipped the golden orb itself: the sun was but a symbol and outward manifestation to them of the life giver.

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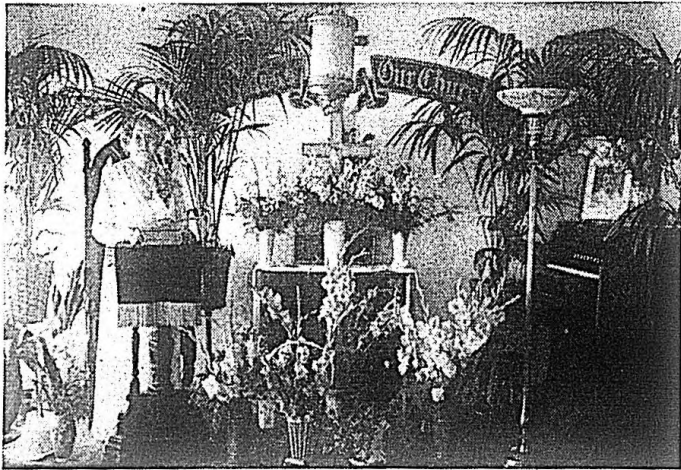
## 31st Anniversary at Newark

The 31st Anniversary service of the Church of Spiritual Promotion and Harmony will be observed at 8 P. M. Saturday, April 29th at 532 Springfield Ave., Newark, New Jersey, according to Rev. Katherine Hazelwood, pastor.

Rev. H. C. Millare has served this church faithfully for the past 18 years and twice monthly during that time, he has conducted services based upon the Spiritualist interpretation of the Bible.

Rev. Millare says: "This spiritual church was founded by our pastor for a definite purpose—her sole desire being to promulgate the Christ concept of true spirit contact. Her spiritual vision, inspired by the

### The Church of Spiritual Promotion and Harmony Their Thirty-first Anniversary



Rev. Katherine Hazelwood (above) pastor of The Church of Spiritual Promotion and Harmony, 532 Springfield Ave., Newark, New Jersey. April 29th, she will conduct the 31st anniversary service from this rostrum.

words 'Let not your heart be troubled . . . that where I am, ye can be also,' has caused her to adhere tenaciously to her conviction that Spiritualism is a positive rational religion for the conversion of man to the spiritual idealization of all life.

"Guided by this beacon light of understanding, she has been able to build a sanctuary where the truth seeker can be consoled and inspired to accept the converting principle of the Religion of Spiritualism. During the three decades of her ministry, Rev. Hazelwood has welcomed all Spiritualist co-workers who believed, appreciated and accepted her devotional form of consecrated spiritual service.

"It was only her profound faith in the healing power of the Infinite Spirit, that she was able to survive a recent severe operation but now, in her eightieth year, she still car-

ries on . . . knowing she will be assisted by those in spirit as well as her faithful co-workers, members and friends."

Speakers and mediums, who will assist the pastor during the forthcoming anniversary service are: Rev. Anna Doerner-Simms, Rev. G. Miller, Rev. Grace Van Ness, Rev. H. C. Millare, Rev. White Cloud, and the Revs. Stone and Jackson.

## Marion, Ohio

To me, one of the most interesting phases of this work is when I have an opportunity to interview and discuss our philosophy with workers in the field. I have particularly in mind a recent chat I had with Glenn W. Mountz at Mar-

ion, Ohio. Although Mr. Mountz lives at 249 Madison Avenue, our round table chat was at the home of Cecil V. Williams, 511 Olney Avenue. Miss Williams is secretary of the Ashley Spiritualist Camp Association and their president, Harry B. Creekbaum, also took part in the discussion.

On occasions of this sort, many subjects can be hashed over and oftimes, when all points of view are taken in consideration, it will be found that most Spiritualists agree on the value of all phases of mediumship.

Mr. Mountz is a hardworking, wholesome and serious-minded chap and will go far in this work. His ability as a spiritual healer and trance medium is vouched for by the officers of Ashley Camp and hundreds who have been served by him in the past.

Many obstacles are thrown into

the path of young workers in the field and many times, these obstacles are too great to surmount but those who are able to cope with situations as they arise, carve for themselves a glorious future. Every cobblestone in this path must be steeped in understanding, courage, tolerance and discrimination. With this foundation success is assured.

## Barnes In Florida

Robert Barnes, N.S.A. Junior League Missionary, Baltimore, Maryland, has been serving the Co-Operative Spiritualist Church of Tampa, Florida, of which Rev. Sarah Parker is minister. Rev. Thomson is N.S.A. representative of the state of Florida.

## St. Petersburg, Florida

The Church of the Beloved, 2806 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, held a two week Spiritual Revival recently. It was sponsored by Michael Wallace Howell, renowned lecturer and healer.

Mr. Howell, a trustee of the Trinity Methodist Church of Knoxville, Tenn., appeared nightly in a series of lectures and public demonstrations in conjunction with Ethel Post-Parrish, James M. Parrish, Lena Barnes Jeffs, Rev. Ralph Whitney, Columbus, Ohio; Rev. Emma Munch, Riverton, N. J.; Rev. Sarah Parker Thomson, N.S.A. missionary and Rev. Robert Barnes, Boston, Mass.

An outstanding musical program was arranged: Olive M. Searles, pianist; Mae Cherry, organist; Cora Roberts, soloist; Olga Ruth Carpenter, soprano; Florence Harper, contralto; Lloyd Chase, James M. Parrish and Jack Wade, baritones.

## Chicago, Illinois

New ideas for churches should always be passed along. The latest is the "out-of-the-hat" lecture inaugurated by the Rev. Henri Zacharias, pastor of the Third Church of Higher Spiritualism, 127 N. Dearborn Street in the city of Chicago.

The first Sunday each month, his congregation writes lecture subjects on slips of paper. These slips are left at the door of the church and (Continued Page 13, Col. 1)

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the pastor selects from them a topic for the evening and on many occasions, is able to weave several of the subjects into one lecture.

I can remember, some 40 years ago, when many of the old-timers stepped upon the rostrum and before entrancement, the chairman would call for lecture subjects from the audience. The speakers in those days usually worked in trance or

Lillian Dee, associate ministers of the Spiritualist Episcopal Church.

The secretary reported the purchase of a new Wurlitzer organ; additions to the church library and the ordination of Rev. Cranor during 1949.

## Muskegon, Michigan

In this 20th century, public demonstrations of physical mediumship

ers and mediums participating were: Rev. Robert J. MacDonald, president of the conference; Rev. D. Mona Berry, vice president; Mildred Mason, Ethel Vincent and Clarence Titus. The Rev. Jennie De Long was an honored guest.

## The Mitchells To Wisconsin

The Christian Spiritualist Church of Kenosha, Wisconsin, announced the arrival of their new pastor, Rev. Fred W. Mitchell of Buffalo who conducted services during the last several months at his Center in Tampa, Florida.

## Paducah, Kentucky

Those who follow the activities of Spiritualism know that south of the Mason and Dixon Line, there are few Spiritualist churches or centers until you reach Florida or Texas. These few can be found in the states of Virginia, Oklahoma and Kentucky.

The Paducah Psychic Center reports a membership of eight persons. Regular Sunday and Wednesday services are held by the Rev. Walter McNeil, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Faith. This little group in Paducah, carry on their spiritual work informally and, not having a charter, set up their own principal objectives:

- (1) To teach the truths of ancient and modern Spiritualism, as found in the Christian Bible, including teachings received through contact with spiritual guides and planes.

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The picture above, taken at the People's Spiritualist Church, St. Petersburg, Florida, shows Rev. Nellie Curry, one of America's foremost clairvoyants.

During the winter months, Rev. Curry was presented as one of the featured mediums by The Rev. Clifford Blas, pastor.

deep inspiration and I still marvel at the oratory and in many instances, the poetic weaving of lecture subjects, profound philosophy and particularly, the mastery of a proper summing up.

To do this without entrancement, the speaker must be well grounded in the philosophy and facts of our case. The entranced medium in the olden days was a nonchalant, smooth-running vehicle for the spirit.

## St. Petersburg, Florida

The annual membership meeting of the People's Spiritualist Church, 1011 9th Avenue, North, St. Petersburg, Florida, was covered in a report received recently from Lillian Dee, 3737 6th Street, South.

The People's Church known as the "Mission Church of Camp Chesterfield," report the election of officers for 1950: President, Rev. Mable Riffle; vice president, Rev. Nellie Curry; secretary, Miss Dee; treasurer, James Baxter; trustees, Rev. Robert Wood, Phillip Clausen and Rev. Cecil Cranor.

Rev. Clifford Bias and Rev. Nellie Curry, Camp Chesterfield staff mediums, are co-pastors of the church and serve each year from October to May. Summer services are conducted by Rev. Cranor and

from the rostrums of Spiritualist churches are becoming quite popular. Once a month at the St. John's Spiritualist Church, formerly the Spiritual Fellowship Church, direct-voice seances are held by Rev. William R. Aldred, pastor, at 187 East Grand Avenue, in the city of Muskegon.

In this town of 35,000, there are more Spiritualists per capita than any other city of this population. Records show that there are in Muskegon eight individual groups of Spiritualists, each holding meetings at regular intervals. Rev. Aldred's Church Board reports capacity crowds attending these demonstrations of physical mediumship.

## Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The 50th annual conference of the Associated Spiritualist Churches of Wisconsin was held recently at Milwaukee's Pfister Hotel. The Rev. Hugh Gordon Burroughs and Betty C. Possehl were the featured speakers and mediums.

## Syracuse, N. Y.

A mass meeting of the New York Conference of N.S.A. churches was held recently at the Golden Rule Spiritualist Church, 104 Beacon Street, Syracuse, New York. Speak-

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**Norfolk, Virginia**

According to Marie Hoy, secretary of the Memorial Spiritualist Church,

Service" held at their new Spiritual Temple, 1001 Pennsylvania Avenue, Fort Worth. This is the oldest Spiritualist Church in the south and according to Rev. Blanche Hanley, associate pastor, hundreds turned out to honor their pastor's 34 years of service.

**Huntington, West Virginia**

Each month, hundreds of churches print their own program of activities. In most cases, they are mimeographed sheets covering special events, items of interest, time of service, etc.

We are always glad to receive these notices because, from them,



An unusual Spiritualist service was held recently at the Silent Prayer Sanctuary, 1706 North Pulaski Road, Chicago, Illinois, according to Rev. Sophia Shaffer, 3602 McLean Ave.

At this service (Jan. 25th) the 70th birthday of Lucy Bjarnum, numerous mediums and Spiritualists honored one of Chicago's most popular workers for the cause of Spiritualism. Mrs. Bjarnum was remembered and eulogized by Rev. Emma and Walter Binz, Fraternal Spiritualist Church (\*) Edna Hoffman; Adele Kamm; Pauline Douglas; Grace Shaffer and Rev. Shaffer.

In the picture above, taken at the birthday service, (left to right): Rev. Shaffer, Rev. Binz, Mr. Binz and Mrs. Bjarnum.

(\*) According to secretary, Frances K. Finstead, The First Fraternal Spiritualist Church, 4039 West Madison St., (Chicago) of which the Rev. Emma Binz is pastor—held their 43rd anniversary service January 22nd last. During this service, which also honored the pastor and her husband, sixteen certificates were presented to mediums from Chicago and vicinity.

307 West 37th Street, Norfolk, the Rev. Hugh Gordon Burroughs, N.S. A. trustee, Washington, D. C., and their pastor, C. Harrison Engel, were honored at a homecoming service preceded by a banquet.

For Spiritualists in Norfolk, this was a "red-letter" day as a special service conducted by Rev. Burroughs was followed by clairvoyance given by Robert Walker, Rev. Raymond Burns, Rev. Charles B. Hartshorn, Irene Crandall and Bessie Francis, president of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

**Fort Worth, Texas**

Rev. Charles L. Sharp was honored recently at a "Homecoming

we can sort out news of national interest so that each church will have some idea as to what their co-workers are doing.

The monthly program before me lists the activities of the Spiritualist Church of Truth and describes their regular Sunday services conducted by the pastor, Rev. Mary Fulton, each evening at 7:30 P. M. in the Bradshaw-Diehl Building, Huntington.

At 2906 Fifth Avenue, Rev. Fulton holds a class for spiritual unfoldment every Monday and Tuesday at 7:30 P. M.; healing services, Thursday afternoon and a direct-

voice seance every Saturday at 8:00 P. M.

**Lyceum Celebration**

Founder's Day was celebrated recently by the Los Angeles Progressive Lyceum of the Central Spiritualist Church. Featured guests were: Rev. Clyde A. Dibble, San Francisco, president; H. P. Courtney, Director of the C. S. S. A.; Rev. and Mrs. William Meier and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Ford, Phoenix, Arizona. The Rev. Emma Pearl Knight is conductress of the lyceum and also State Superintendent.

**Coming Events**

**1950**

April 23rd—Sunday—Juliette Ewing Pressing will be featured at the Ohio Ave. Spiritualist Church, 86 South Ohio Ave., Columbus, Ohio; Rev. Ralph Whitney, Minister.

May 4, 5, 6, 7—53rd annual convention of the State Spiritualist Association of Missouri, Hotel Claridge, Banquet Sat. May 6th, 7 P. M. Sec'y, William R. Fuller, 8016 Wynwood Drive, Afton (23), Missouri.

May 9-10-11-12—Rev. Clifford L. Bias sponsored by The American Foundation for Psychic Research, Inc., at No. 10 East Fourth St., Jamestown, N. Y.; 8 P. M., series of classes followed by demonstrations each evening.

May 12th-15th; Michigan State Sp'list Ass'n convention, Tuller Hotel, Detroit, Michigan. Rev. Peter Evert, President.

May 17-20: Annual Convention of The General Assembly of Spiritualists of the U.S.A.; Hotel Seneca, Rochester, N. Y.; Rev. Mabel Hammel, Convention Chairman.

June 9th-11th; Independent Sp'list Ass'n. Fort Shelby Hotel, Detroit, Michigan. Rev. George W. Jewett, president.

June 20-22—53rd annual Convention of the Ohio State Spiritualist Association; Toledo, Ohio.

June 23rd-Aug. 20th—Chesterfield Spiritualist Camp, Chesterfield, Indiana; Mabel Riffle, Sec'y.

June 26-29—54th Annual Convention of The California State Spiritualist Association; Los Angeles, California.

June 25-Sept. 4th—Freeville Spiritualist Assembly, Freeville, N. Y.; Sec'y, Ruth LaBarr, Tully, N. Y.

June 27th-Sept. 4th; Camp Silver Belle, Ephrata, Pennsylvania; Ethel Post, Parrish, Sec'y.

July 1-Sept 7—The Ashley Spiritualist Camp Association, Woolley Park, Ashley, Ohio; Cecil V. Williams, Sec'y, 511 Olney Ave., Marlon, Ohio.

July 1-Aug. 31—First Spiritual Religious Association of Clackamas County (New Era Camp) Route No. 1, Canby Oregon; Sec'y, Lester J. Hess, R.F.D., Canby Oregon.

July 2nd-Sept. 3rd—Parkland Heights Spiritualist Camp Meeting Association, Parkland, Penn.; Joseph B. Stott, Sec'y.

July 7th—Connecticut Spiritualist Camp, Pine Grove, Niantic, Connecticut.

July 30-Aug. 27th—Mississippi Valley Spiritualist Association; Mount Pleasant Park, Clinton, Iowa (Spiritualist Camp) Willis Johnson, Sec'y, 409 S. 3rd St., Clinton, Iowa.

September 7th-10th; Annual convention of the Federation of Spiritual Churches and Associations, Inc., Albany Hotel, Denver, Colorado. Convention chairman: Lois B. Washburn, 0707 West Calfax St., Denver (15), Colorado.

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**West Nyack, N. Y.**



There is a new Spiritualist center at West Nyack, N. Y. The pastor (above) the Rev. Minnie McHugh conducts regular Sunday services at her sanctuary, the First Violet Belle Church located on highway No. 59, corner of Rose Road. Additional services: Wednesday and Saturday at 2 P. M. and Thursday evening at 8, are also on her schedule.

Sept. 11-14—Second Annual Spiritualist Episcopal Church Institute, Camp Chesterfield, Indiana; Rev. Clifford L. Bias, Dean.

Sept. 15-17—Tenth Annual Conference: Spiritualist Episcopal Church, Camp Chesterfield, Indiana.

September 24th-30th — Rev. Maude Kline, Long Beach, California will serve The American Foundation for Psychic Research, Inc., Jamestown, N. Y.

October 16-21—58th Annual Convention of The National Spiritualist Association; Hotel Bradford, Boston, Massachusetts; Chairman: Clarence Benedict, 15 Westland Ave., Boston.

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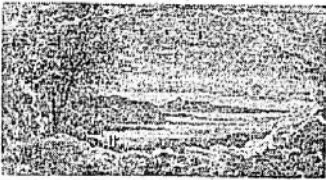
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## SUMMERLAND



**BUB, GEORGE, (65)** Milwaukee, Wisconsin; survived by four sons, two daughters, a sister and three brothers; Rev. Melvina H. Krauss officiated.

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**CONKLIN, CHARLES F., (68)** Pontiac, Michigan; a member of the First Spiritualist Church. Surviving are his wife and two sisters. Mabel Barnes officiated.

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**DALTON, ALMA VIDA, (54)** Fort Worth, Texas; a member and former chaplain of Arlington Heights Chapter OES and Peace Rebecca Lodge. Served several Spiritualist state conventions. She is survived by her husband, Carl; daughters, Winona Strickland, Vida West, and Inez Parker; two brothers and one sister, Mrs. Everett Parker. Dr. C. L. Sharp officiated.

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**DORAK, ADOLPH, (57)** member of the First Spiritualist Church of Green Bay, Wisconsin. He is survived by three sons. Rev. F. Lorenz Lamping officiated.

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**HIBBS, WILLIAM A.,** Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; a member and former trustee of the Universal Spiritualist Brotherhood Church. Surviving are his wife, Alice; one son, a brother, and two grandchildren. Rev. Anna K. Rose officiated.

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**MAIDEL, MATILDA PAULINE, (80)** Lily Dale, N. Y.; survived by her daughter, Mrs. Sydney Hooker and five grandchildren; among them, Marguerite Joy Fadale. Rev. Arthur A. Myers officiated.

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**MANN, LORA B.,** Indianapolis, Indiana. Member of Psychic Science Spiritualist Church; survived by her husband, Orval; son and three daughters. Rev. Dollie Clark officiated.

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**MAX, JOHN GEORGE,** Philadelphia, Penna.; survived by his wife, Martha; a sister and two brothers. Rev. Anna K. Rose and Rev. Augusta Taylor officiated.

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**RENTMEISTER, MARIE, (82)** Paterson, New Jersey. For many years, she was president of the Board of Trustees of the Second Spiritualist Church. Rev. Emily M. Hewitt officiated.

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**RESSINGER, RALPH,** Portsmouth, Ohio; member of the Spiritualist Church of Truth, Huntington, West Virginia; Rev. Mary Fulton, officiated.

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**ROOT, GEORGE C., (75)** vice president of the Third Spiritualist Church, Kansas City, Missouri. Survived by his wife, Rosa, a daughter and son. J. W. Dennis and Edith M. Coburn officiated.

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**SCHLENSKER, SOPHIA, (80)** Schenectady, N. Y.; president of the Progressive Spiritualist Church. Surviving are three daughters, two sons, five grandchildren, six great grandchildren, five brothers and one sister. Rev. Leland De Long officiated.

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**UTTNER, REV. EMMA,** Vice President of the First Fraternal Spiritual Church of Chicago, and a leader and worker in Spiritualism for the past 5 years, passed away on February 22nd, 1950. Rev. Emma Binz, Pastor and President, officiated. She was an outstanding lecturer and message bearer.

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**WALLACE, THOMAS, (82)** Seattle, Washington. Rev. Loc Elmore officiated.

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**WHITE, EMMA, (72)** Clinton, Iowa; member of the Foster Temple and the Mississippi Valley Spiritualist Association. She is survived by her husband, George; and two sons.

# Show Me the Right Way

## Cause and Effect

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Where do we go from here? It does not matter — go up or down; delve into any problem of life or of inanimate things, we always encounter that law of cause and effect. All we see around us on earth or in the heavens are only the effects of causes. It is folly to close the door to our mind and refuse to admit a thing is possible be-

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**WHITE, ELIZABETH MYRTLE, (79)** Dallas, Texas; a life member of both the State and National Spiritualist Associations and a member of the Spiritualist Church of Fort Worth. She is survived by her sisters, Blanche Gose and Mrs. W. E. Richards; a son, R. H. White and three brothers. Dr. John L. Moore officiated.

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**WINSTON, DOROTHY ELOISE, (59)** member of the First Spiritualist Church, Newport, Kentucky. She was chairman of the entertainment committee and participated in the healing service. Rev. Martha Haupt and Rev. Claris Francis officiated.

cause we are ignorant of the yet undiscovered causes.

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psychic phenomena. This consideration is afforded because many are unfamiliar with the functioning of a psychic research society and desire to attend a seance before they actually become a member.

## Show Me the Way (Cont'd from Page 15, Col. 3)

experiencing phenomena which is commonplace to you, when you get in a corner where the mysteries are flooding your life, just call on one of these newspaper reporters or these so-called scientists and they will give you the answer!

Just like that!—they know, even if they never attended a seance and if they did attend they are too ignorant to comprehend. The biggest fool of all is he who only *thinks* he knows. He is twin brother to the one who kills a friend because he "didn't know the gun was loaded!"

Working with this law is the assurance that — Seek and ye shall find; Ask and ye shall receive; Knock and the door shall open unto you.

However, note that no time is stated when these promises shall be fulfilled. Like the law that a cause will have its effect, it may be immediate, or come years later, "even unto the third and fourth generation." The fruit of a tree comes a long time after leafage and bloom in the Spring.

There are some things to comprehend in regard to praying — asking, seeking, knocking. We are seldom longsighted enough to plan years ahead what we want for our good. We want it *now*, hence we say, gimme, gimme! Childlike we want what we want when we want it . . . never thinking in terms of what we need.

But our Teachers and our souls may know that to receive what we ask for when we ask, would be the worst thing for us. Does daddy give his razor

blade to his child to play with because he asked for it? Does mama let her little girl have her best hat because she wants it?

Knowing that a sincere prayer starts the shaping up of the events which will bring the answer—sometime—we better be careful how we heedlessly ask. Really, how astonished the congregation and the preacher would be if his prayers were answered on the spot!

Of course, words, just words for public consumption are not very potent prayers. It is the "in your closet" prayers you will have to put up with when answered.

Do we really want all the things we pray for? Are we ready to receive them?

Seeking is the road to finding, but that road leads up hill and down, through dream valleys and through hells. Are we seeking truth through unfolding? Can we "take it" when put through the tests required?

Truth is not a cheap thing. Scientists know that. It requires the patience of Job, the wisdom of Solomon and the persistence of an insurance salesman to run truth into a corner where we can capture and conquer it.

We are all more or less inclined to be prospectors, willing to hunt, dig, try endlessly to strike it rich. The lure of riches, comforts, knowledge, power or prestige makes men and women slave through years to find what they seek—and too often they discover that the prize they looked for turned out to be worthless. Oh yes, under the law we find what we seek for — sometime. But it may not have been a wise search.

Knock and the door of opportunity will open — so say the "success schools." Take their course and every door will open at your approach!

Well, suppose it does, do you fit behind that door? Is that really a good place to be — a better place than the one your soul assigned to you in this term of the school of life? Is it?

The law of cause and effect is no respecter of persons. The "big shot" has nothing over the little fellow who humbly goes

about his daily life and enjoys every bit of it.

Taking a fling may give you an evening thrill but when the next morning arrives the effects register their presence in no uncertain way! So we go through life learning wisdom by monkeying with the buzz-saw called the law of cause and effect, fate, karma.

Repeal the law? No, that would bring all mankind to destruction, and all creation would go to pot.

Just a word about prayer. I had been praying. Show me the way. Then I realized that the great Teacher Rama Krishna suggested an amendment — Show me the *right* way. I realized then that there are many ways open to all of us, but some are detours that may be hard going and delay arrival. The *right* way is the best in the end. So that is now my prayer.

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**TELEPHONE BETWEEN WORLDS** by James Crenshaw — Borden Publishing Company. Distributed by Psychic Observer, Inc., Jamestown, N. Y., \$3.50.

In this book, the author speaks to skeptics and believers alike of the progress made to the scientific and philosophical level in the new and as yet incompletely explored world beyond our physical sight.

The nature of that world and its meaning in terms of our everyday existence are depicted through the instrumentality of a remarkable psychic sensitive, Rev. Richard Zenor of Los Angeles.

Richard Zenor has been known for his unusual psychic faculties since a child of four. When he was

twelve years old, he began a new and rarer phase of mediumship. He literally became a telephone link between two worlds, the instrument whereby those no longer clothed in the physical garment, as we know it, could speak naturally and directly to those left behind.

Coming at a time when many great scientists and thinkers such as Einstein, Millikan, Compton and Stromberg recognize the existence of something "beyond physics," *Telephone Between Worlds* will bring a better understanding and inspiration to all who read it.

For those who have asked themselves if there really is a life after death, this book carries a spiritual and inspiring message, supported with facts and explanations that are reasonable and believable.

For those who doubt the reality of an afterlife, their doubt must be severely shaken by a fair reading



**REV. RICHARD ZENOR**  
*The book is about him*

of this book. Those of all faiths who believe in immortality will have their faith bolstered by new facts, as well as further corroborated in the teachings of the great Wise Men who utilize Richard Zenor as an instrument.

James Crenshaw is a Los Angeles newspaper reporter and writer of more than 25 years' experience. He has had his share of the rough and tumble life that goes with covering all the many-sided happenings of the day's news.

He has been a member of the staffs of daily newspapers both in Los Angeles and San Diego, Calif., and in recent years has been a specialist in court cases which make news. Thus he has learned a keen respect for the "rules of evidence" and has applied the legal method of taking and weighing evidence to a great extent in gathering his facts for *Telephone Between Worlds*.

Of his professional ability, Agnes Underwood of Los Angeles, only woman city editor of a large metropolitan newspaper, wrote this when she autographed her own book *Newspaperwoman*: "To Jimmy Crenshaw—one of the greatest reporters I ever knew."

With a rich background as a trained observer, Mr. Crenshaw began in 1935 to collect material on the "who, what, when, where and why" of the after-life world through the instrumentality of Richard Zenor. It is all a part, he believes, of the biggest story of our age—solid proof of the existence of another world, with logical, reasonable explanations of what it is like and what it means to us here.

Born in Richland, Oregon, in 1908, Mr. Crenshaw moved to San Diego at an early age and attended grammar school and high school there. He was graduated from the University of California in 1929, after transferring from San Diego State College.

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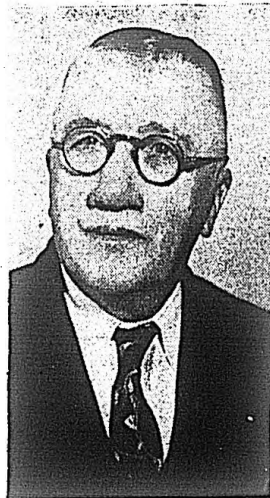
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accused of not being scientific and, for this reason and to satisfy many who have complained in the past, I felt that this was a good time to dispel their doubts.

When Chaney gave me the second plate to take outside to another photographer to develop, he said that he could not guarantee that any *extras* would appear. I told him I would take my chances because I felt that a good purpose would be served and that if nothing did appear, it would be just as good a test to me.

Those familiar with Chaney's work in the field, know that on

many occasions he has publicly demonstrated his gift under test conditions before hundreds of persons. Pictures have been taken before audiences and developed on the spot before their very eyes. Many times, the sensitized paper used for skotographs is not even exposed in the camera.

For results, each person holds a sensitized paper in the region of their solar plexus—then this paper is lightly touched by the medium's fingertips.

Immediately, right before the audience, these papers have been developed and *extras* have appeared. Chaney's skotographs are not to be confused with his

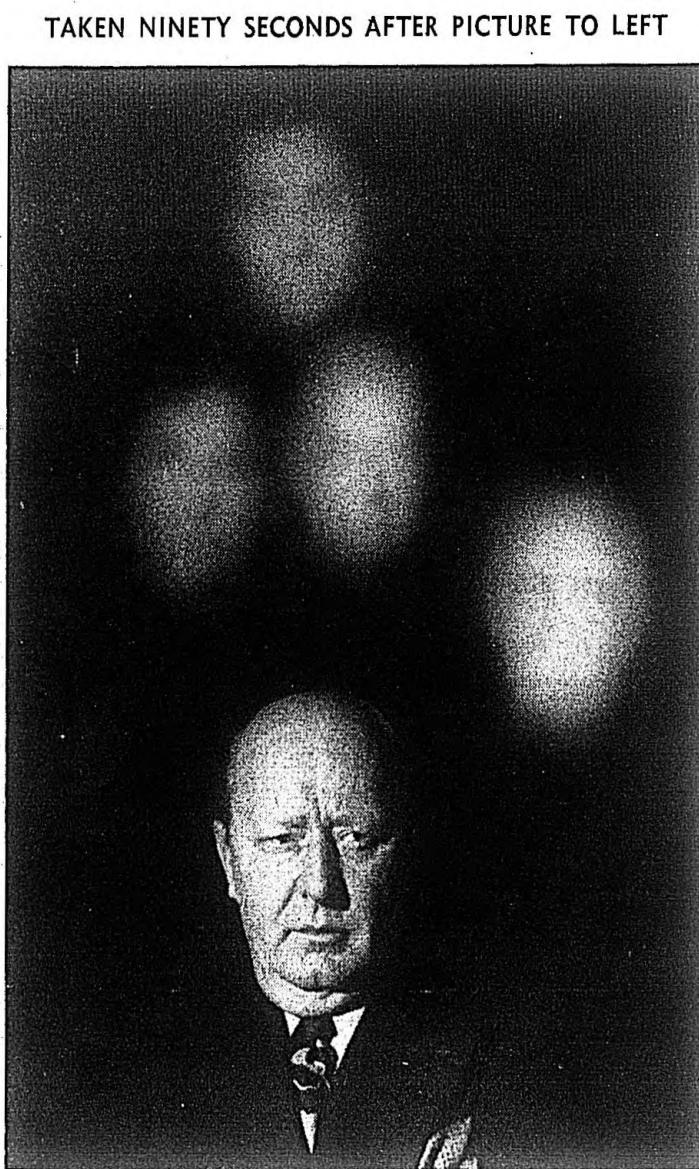
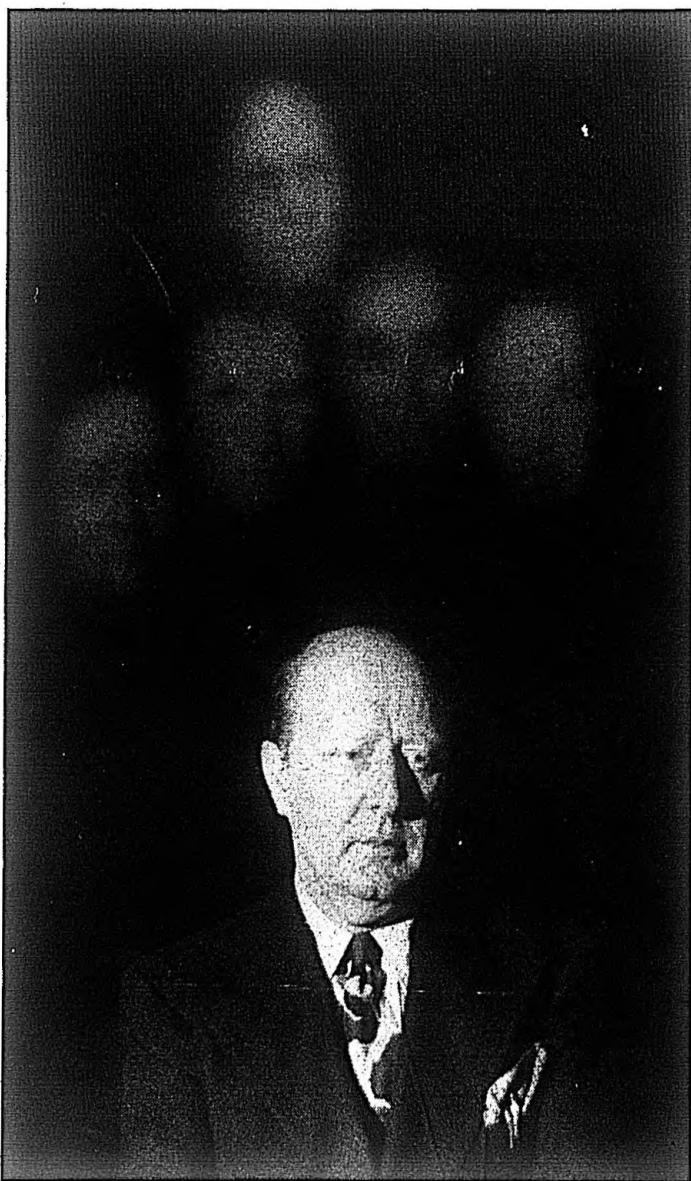
spirit photography, but both phases require a similar technique, according to the spirit chemists.

Now to sum up the whole present-day case for this phase of mediumship. Since the days of Mumler, the attitude displayed by psychic researchers toward spirit photography has not changed. Chaney will be confronted by the same accusations hurled at those who demonstrated before him, but in this twentieth century, the top-notch mediums in the ranks of Spiritualism have learned to look upon pseudo psychic researchers with scorn.

This simply means that many of them (psychic researchers)

are not to be trusted, at least not until they have been tested as to their honesty of purpose . . . and after that—well, even then, let the Mohammeds go to the MOUNTAIN — the representative Spiritualist seance, church or camp — where our foremost mediums are to be found.

Spiritualists and their mediums have always made it a point to bend over backwards in an attempt to serve upright seekers but have learned (the hard way) to question the integrity of those investigators whose attitude is comparable to the spider who tried to proposition the fly to come into his parlor.



TAKEN NINETY SECONDS AFTER PICTURE TO LEFT

WHERE WORDS FAIL — PICTURES CONVINC

The picture, directly above, was published in the Jamestown Sun, with the caption "positively a double exposure". The Sun was challenged to duplicate it. To date nothing has happened.

Outsiders, rank skeptics and most newspaper photographers have always claimed they could duplicate spirit photography but they never do.

The pictures above were taken 90 seconds apart. One of the negatives was developed by J. S. Husband, one of Jamestown's commercial photographers and the other (right) was developed by Chaney.

Four of the nine extras are identified as relatives and friends. The others are strangely recognizable. If you can identify any of the spirit extras, write the editor of *Psychic Observer*.