

Dr. Andrija Puharich Reports On The Frauds, Fakes And Fantasies Of The Chesterfield Spiritualist Camp!

A Psychic Circus Without Equal
This Camp In Indiana Presents
The Greatest Show—On Earth?

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Chesterfield, Indiana is a town of some one thousand souls firmly rooted in the agricultural prosperity of the mid-western prairies. But it is not corn, hay or hogs that distinguishes Chesterfield from a hundred other towns like it; it is the Chesterfield Spiritualist Camp, "The Hub of World Spiritualism," that elevates it to Olympian heights.

The Chesterfield Spiritualist Camp was a Mecca last year for 52,000 pilgrims who came to see "the phenomena" that proves man's survival is still in operation, and Chesterfield's mission is to present the true understanding of man's survival of death. In 1959 the pilgrims showed their appreciation of this re-affirmation of their beliefs by spending almost a half million dollars—or so I was told—at Chesterfield Camp.

What is it that attracts them to the Chesterfield Spiritualist Camp? The camp maintains a staff of two dozen or more mediums who perform healing, produce spirit photographs on silk, spirit pictures and spirit card writing, materialize the spirits, and bring the living into communication with the dead. Remarkably enough one can make an appointment with a medium for 8 p.m. and at 8:30 p.m. find oneself talking to the spirit of the departed beloved.

It is such efficient and punctual communication with the dead that has established the reputation and the prosperity of this camp.

This communications empire is presided over by a fast moving, sharp-witted grandmother of 83 who whizzes around the camp on her motor scooter which has been dubbed "The Sputnik." For Mable Riffle there is no detail too small to look into personally, and no problem too large for her to

handle. She handles the cash, keeps the books, and hires and fires the "mediums." She supervises the construction of new buildings, and keeps architect, builder, and foreman on their toes. She can be seen whizzing around the corners on "two wheels" from sun-up to sun-down spotting trouble wherever it arises, and barking out orders with the gusto of a drill sergeant. Yet she has time to drop in on her son, and her grandchildren, and keep track of their smallest needs and their largest problems. Mable's memory is encyclopedic for names, faces, and details. Mable not only manages the Camp efficiently, but she has the surplus time in which to give performances as a trumpet medium to many persons a day. One cannot help but be awed by such prodigious industry, efficiency and energy.

One of Mable Riffle's leading stars is a materializing medium, Edith Stillwell, age "65," who for

thirty years has brought comfort to untold thousands by bringing them into face to face contact with the spirits of their deceased loved ones and friends. It was to record the work of Edith Stillwell that Tom O'Neil and I journeyed to Chesterfield on the 29th of May 1960. O'Neil is the publisher of the "Psychic Observer."

Tom had known Edith for a number of years, and had sat at many of her seances. He had witnessed the appearance of many spirits, and had even been allowed to take infra-red flash photographs of such materialized spirits. Because Tom had so much confidence in the mediumship of Edith Stillwell, and because Edith responded to this genuine admiration, it was not difficult for Tom to get permission to make motion pictures of a series of seances. Since mediums always prefer to work in the darkness (relieved only by a dim dark-room red light) Tom had some special problems to overcome in order to take motion pictures under these conditions. That is why he called me in as a professional parapsychologist, as one who knew how to deal with mediums, and who could set up an infra-red monitoring system and take motion pictures in the dark.

Tom and I had our first seance together with Mable Riffle and Edith Stillwell at 8:00 p.m. on the 30th of May. Since I had only arrived the day before by airplane from California, I had not got my infra-red motion picture equipment in perfect working order, and was not ready to take pictures. However, I was able to use my infra-red visual monitoring system to see what was going on in the dark.

The seance room was 14 feet wide and 21 feet long. At one end was a section eight feet wide, and four feet deep surrounded by a black velvet curtain; the so-called medium's cabinet. There were two doors into the room but no windows. One door entered from the street, near which I sat, and it was at the far end from the medium's cabinet. The other door entered from the house of the medium and was about five feet from the cabinet. Across this door was placed a flowered curtain hung on a rod that swung out from the wall. The rest of the room was bare except for some chairs.

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The lights were turned off, and the room was faintly illumined by two eight watt red lights. One's eyes became accustomed to this faint light after about ten minutes so that one could barely see the other people sitting in the room. As the main lights went out Edith led the four of us in the Lord's Prayer, and then some church hymns were sung. It was explained that this was for the purpose of bringing on the spirits.

Edith did not sit in the cabinet, but sat in front of the curtained door that entered her house, and just off to the right of the cabinet as we faced her. I sat at the far end of the room from the cabinet, Mable was to my left, and Tom was to my right. Keeping my telescope focussed on the front of the cabinet I did not see anything unusual until the singing had ended. Then I noticed that above the top of the curtain of the cabinet there was a luminescent glow. Soon the glow appeared behind the curtain, the curtain parted and out stepped a shimmering and luminescent figure who spoke in a masculine voice announcing himself as Brother Benois. Tom immediately recognized his name as a spirit that had often appeared before. Some pleasantries were exchanged and Brother Benois retreated behind the curtain. The time was now 8:15 p.m.

Shortly thereafter a female wraith appeared through the curtain introducing herself as Sister Mary, and she had come to tell me that she was my guardian angel. The conversation that ensued was trivial and dealt in generalities, and she too disappeared behind the curtain. A few minutes later these two ghostly figures re-appeared draped in fine luminescent netting announcing themselves different personalities. Then Mable announced that this was enough for the evening. In the meantime, I had been observing the medium, Edith Stillwell. She rocked back and forth in her rocking chair wide awake and watching the ghostly pageantry. When Mable called a halt to the production of spirits I noticed that Edith reached around and gathered in the curtains of the cabinet side nearest her, and with the other hand reached out and gathered in the swinging curtain of the door behind her. By gathering the two together she made a curtained passageway between the cabinet and the door entering her home. The top of this passageway was about five or so feet high. At this point Mable called out for more singing and a prayer, and as the noise start-

ed, I caught a fleeting glimpse of a head scuttling from the cabinet to the door which entered Edith's living room. I must say I was startled by this fleeting glimpse, and wasn't entirely sure what it was that I had seen. But I did know that this was the place to watch when the next seance began.

When the seance was all over, and the lights were on again, I offered to show Mable Riffle and Edith Stillwell what it was that we intended to do with the infra-red motion picture cameras, and the infra-red visual system. I explained to them that with these two pieces of equipment one could see in a dark room as though it were flooded with daylight, and that the camera would also take pictures as though it were daylight. I then let them view the room through the infra-red telescope. I carefully adjusted the focus on the optical system (which was very critical for sharpness) with my eyes which are 20/20. Then each stepped up to look at the room. Both said that they could not see anything but a greenish blur. Since they could not manage the focussing ring properly I did the best I could to help them get a sharp focus, but try as they could everything they saw was blurred, and finally they gave up.

The next evening, May 31st, the seance began at 8:30 p.m., because I was late in getting my infra-red lighting (invisible to the naked eye) established. I never did succeed during this evening in getting my lights arranged for perfect photography, but the lighting was more than sufficient for viewing with my infra-red optical system. Before the lights went out I had my telescope trained on Edith Stillwell who sat in the same position outside the cabinet as the night before, and on the door behind her. As the lights went out and the singing started, I noticed that Edith's first move was to gather up the curtains as she had the night before, and as we were making noise and trying to get eyes adjusted to the dim red light, I clearly saw the figure of an "Indian" (American) enter the room by the door behind Edith, and pass into the cabinet. While the sound of the prayer was going on, I clearly saw a female figure enter by the same door and pass into the cabinet.

In a few moments an Indian "spirit" came out of the cabinet wearing a luminous feather headdress, and danced and grunted on the floor, calling himself Big Bear

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THE PSYCHIC CIRCUS

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in broken English. Then he retired into the cabinet. A few minutes later a female figure swatched in luminous netting appeared out of the cabinet, and introduced herself as Tom's spirit guide, Nita. Tom had "seen her" before at other seances, though he did not recognize her as the same figure of yore. She then volunteered to grow smaller and larger before our eyes. In watching her with the naked eye, I saw that her figure seemed to go from a height of about five feet to one of about three feet. But in viewing her with the infra-red visual system, I noticed that she simply bent her knees in a jerky fashion, and stooped lower and lower, and then rose in the same way. While she was doing this I had a good opportunity to observe her features.

Nita then faded back into the cabinet. A few moments later a female figure appeared out of the cabinet with a slightly different wardrobe than that worn by Nita, and now announced herself as Tom's Grandma Vess. However, I could clearly see that Grandma Vess and Nita were one and the same person. When this figure disappeared into the cabinet, Mable Riffle announced that the spirits were through for the evening and we should join in a prayer of thanks for having been privileged to witness this rare manifestation from the world of spirits. As the prayer started, Edith again prepared a passageway with the curtains, and I saw the two figures that had earlier entered by this route, leave the cabinet and the seance room by the same route and door. When they had passed out of the room, Edith arranged the curtains (in what she thought was the dark) as they had been before the lights went out.

Edith then announced that her spirit guide, "Wild Rose" wanted to say a few words. Wild Rose sang out in a shrill falsetto voice with a marked Indiana twang similar to Edith's normal speaking voice and inflection. Each time that I heard Wild Rose's voice, I observed that Edith turned her head away from the audience, and "threw" her voice toward the back wall. There was no doubt in my mind that Edith was exercising her own vocal cords in an attempt at rather poor ventriloquy. The session ended shortly thereafter.

By the next evening, June 1st, I had the lighting for infra-red motion pictures in good working order, and was able to supplement my infra-red visual observation with a perfect camera record. Much the same scene was repeated this evening as in the two preceding seances. I saw and photographed the entrance of the spirit actors, their performance in front of the medium's cabinet, and their exit from the room with the assistance of Edith Stillwell. Again there were two actors taking multiple roles, but different actors, and different roles from the preceding sessions. Tom and I were fortunate in being able to find a film processing firm in Indianapolis (about forty miles away) who were willing to develop infra-red movie film on a rush basis.

However, on Wednesday, the morning of June 1st, we drove into Indianapolis and delivered our May 29th film to the processors. We had a five hour wait for the film to be developed before we could view it. During this waiting period, I described for the first time to Tom what it was that I had seen via the infra-red visual system, and what I had recorded on film. I had waited for three days to break the news to him for a number of

reasons. In the first place, I knew that he was a dedicated spiritualist, and had complete faith in the honesty and integrity of his two old friends, Mable and Edith. Because of this I felt that any statements I might make would be looked upon as heresy until they could be proven by the evidence from the motion pictures. Secondly, I felt that any statements made by me along these lines to Tom would arouse strong emotions which would telegraph our preliminary findings to the mediums before the photographic evidence was complete. And there is nothing more distasteful to me than an inconclusive study. I was willing to bide my time until the evidence was clearly negative, or positive, and would not settle for any indecisive observations. Considering what a shock this rigged show could be to Tom, and the sense of betrayal with which he was faced, I could not help but admire the coolness with which he viewed my verbal evidence, and the evidence from the films.

In discussing the future approach to Mable and Edith, and the way in which the observations should be continued we agreed that we would request one additional change in the control conditions. This was that two chairs be placed in front of the door by which the actors entered and exited. When we made this request to Mable and Edith on the evening of June 2nd, they cheerfully assented. But when the lights went out, and the singing started, no actors appeared in the room, and after about twenty minutes, Mable announced that the spirits were not coming tonight because our faith in them had sagged, and one of our infra-red lights was a wee bit too bright for the ectoplasm to materialize. Thus no performance was given, and I felt that we had tipped our hand unnecessarily and alarmed the ladies.

On the evening of June 3rd we again met to attempt to coax the spirits back into operation. There were present on this evening Mable Riffle, Edith Stillwell, Gladys Strohm, Tom O'Neil, and I. Gladys was one of the mediums at the camp, and she had been invited to increase the power of the medium, Edith Stillwell, by helping to produce more ectoplasm. During this seance, Edith Stillwell sat in the cabinet for the first time with the curtain securely closed around her.

As soon as the lights went out at 8:30 p.m. the praying and singing began. I noticed with the infra-red visual system that someone was moving around inside the cabinet and rustling the curtains. This figure moved behind the curtains towards the side "entrance" door and pushed the curtain of the cabinet out toward the curtain in front of the door to Edith's living room. At the same time a bulge appeared behind the door curtain, and this curtain moved out to join the one from the cabinet. At the same time something moved the two chairs out of the way thus making a clear passageway between the door and the cabinet. However, the passageway formation was rather incomplete so that anyone walking through this area was sure to be seen. In a few moments, I clearly saw an old gentleman fumbling his way in the dark, and photographed his cabinetward passage in detail. He was followed by a shorter lady suitably garbed for her role.

Figures 1-2 show the entrance of one of these actors. As soon as they had entered the cabinet, the curtain was dropped by the occupant of the cabinet, and the

makeshift passageway was eliminated.

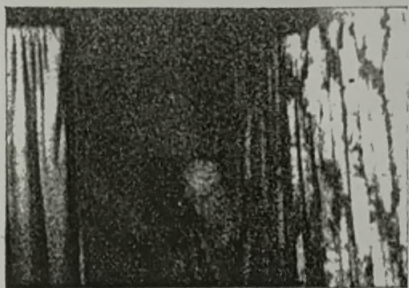


Figure No. 1

"Spirit" who later called himself John William Draper, emerging from behind curtain that covers the door that leads to Edith Stillwell's living quarters.



Figure No. 2

"John William Draper" halfway through his trip from flowered curtains to the cabinet.

The first figure to step out of the cabinet announced herself as Sister Agnes, Fig. 3. Sister Agnes was the same face as had appeared in the entrance scene a few moments earlier. After a few palliative words of sweetness and light she re-entered the cabinet.



Figure No. 3

This shows the "spirit" of "Sister Agnes."

The second figure was that of a man who called himself John William Draper, Fig. 4. He was the same old gentleman who had been fumbling in the curtained passageway earlier. In his right hand he held a yard square cloth of transparent weave well coated with a luminescent material. This he waved around, as he discoursed in pseudo-scientific terms about light and ectoplasm, presumably to give the impression of ectoplasm swirling around him. He slowly re-entered the cabinet, and his hand remained in the part of the curtain waving the luminescent cloth in farewell.



Figure No. 4

William Draper

Sister Agnes then reappeared, and Tom requested that he be photographed standing alongside of her. This she granted readily, and I took a few feet of film of them standing together. As this was being done, Wild Rose announced from within the cabinet that she wanted to have her medium, Edith Stillwell, photo-

graphed to show the ectoplasm streaming from her. Mable then suggested that the cabinet curtain be parted so that I could get a better movie of this wondrous effect. I requested Mable Riffle and Gladys Strohm to stand on each side of the curtain so that I could photograph them while they parted the curtain widely. They promptly got up and pulled the curtains far apart on each side. In Fig. 6 Gladys holds the curtain on the right, and in Fig. 8 Mable is on the left. In the cabinet, Fig. 7, the medium is covered with a luminescent transeparent drapery. On each side of her stand Sister Agnes and John William Draper, waving transparent luminous handkerchiefs and occasionally placing them to the ears or the nose of the medium the better to help the appearance of oozing ectoplasm. When the photography of this remarkable scene was done, Mable and Gladys returned to their chairs; and again Mable told us that the spirits would not perform any more tonight. Fig. 5 shows John William Draper making his exit from the cabinet through the door out of the seance room. Fig. 9 shows Edith Stillwell coming out of the cabinet at the end of the seance.



Figure No. 5

"Draper" has finished his "hokus-pokus" bit, and is seen here leaving the "materialization" cabinet, and is returning from whence he came, behind the flowered curtain.



Figure No. 9

Edith Stillwell leaving cabinet after the seance.

Wild Rose then spoke up for herself, and curtly announced to Tom and I that the medium had exhausted herself this week in producing wondrous phenomena. This was to be the last materialization given for our benefit was Wild Rose's command. Frankly, Tom and I were relieved that we would not have to sit through another spirit charade. Tom and I thanked the ladies for their co-operation, packed our equipment, boarded the waiting private airplane, and quickly climbed to an 8,000 foot altitude where the air felt cool and clean.

The rest of our movie film was developed in a few days and we reviewed all of our sequences.

It was apparent that if we had observed human actors, and since we had their pictures, it should be easy enough to find them somewhere on the premises, or in the environs, of the Chesterfield Spiritualist Camp. It was arranged to have Ralph Pressing, the former publisher of the Psychic Observer, inspect the movies and the photographs of the actors since he had lived on the grounds of the Camp for years. He immediately identified each of the "spirits" as look-alikes to mediums residing on the premises of the Chesterfield Spiritualist Camp. This answered the

question as to how security and secrecy was maintained at the Camp on the part of the actors.

It was apparent that some of the professional mediums residing there were in collusion, and the little old grandmother who whizzed around on her Sputnik was the Queen of them all.



Figure No. 6

Gladys Strohm



Figure No. 7



Figure No. 8

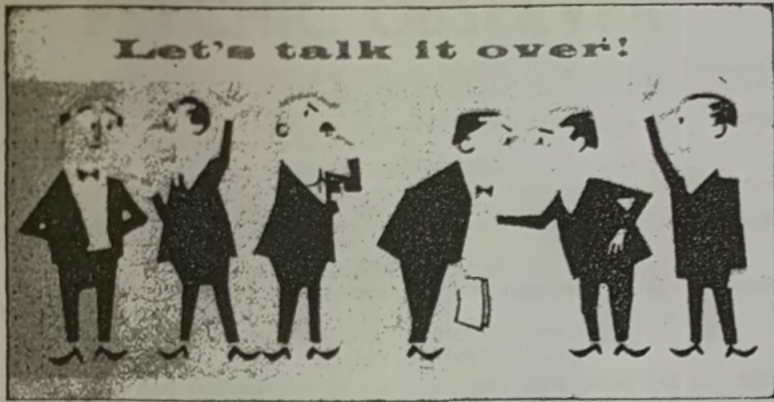
The top three pictures in this series shows, right to left, Mable Riffle, "spirit of Draper," and Gladys Strohm. Mable Riffle had suggested that we take pictures of the inside of the cabinet to show the medium, Edith Stillwell and the "spirits," all at the same time. The moving pictures show this sequence clearly, but this one frame (center) will give you an idea of how the "spirits" toss the "ectoplasm" around. NOTE: Mable Riffle and Gladys Strohm are shown holding the cabinet curtains open while Dr. Puharich is shooting the film.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Psychic Observer does not necessarily identify itself with any ideas and views expressed by a reader.

July 7, 1960

Dear Mr. O'Neil:

When the July 10th issue of *Psychic Observer* came and I first opened it and saw the front page caption, I got a shock because I thought some one important on the magazine had passed on but after I read the exposé, I could well understand why you chose such a dramatic way to tell the story.

It was a very brave and courageous thing for you to do and I am only wondering now whether the leaders in the movement will stand by you and realize that what you did has been long delayed, or will they band together and try to destroy *Psychic Observer* by cancelling out subscriptions and advertising.

Aside from what you found at Chesterfield, there is a great deal of borderline deception going on in a large percentage of the churches with individual "ministers" trying to outdo each other in giving messages from non-existent departed relatives, thereby giving ammunition to various writers and reporters who then use such fakery to further blast Spiritualism.

The thing that has always made me sad is the fact that Spiritualism has the one truthful foundation on which to build what could be one of the finest and most helpful religious movements in the world if opportunists would not try to turn a valid philosophy into a kind of side show in a circus.

It will be interesting indeed to learn through the columns of *Psychic Observer* what the outcome of your exposé of Chesterfield will be. God bless you.

Sincerely yours,
Rt. Rev. Robert Raleigh,
Bishop

Dear Editor of "The *Psychic Observer*:"

I was shocked beyond belief when I read the article in the last issue of the *Observer* about Chesterfield and the fraud produced there by Mable Riffle and Edith Stillwell. I attended Camp Chesterfield about fifteen years ago. I had some excellent readings BUT I never trusted Mable Riffle. I don't know why. I know now. There were rumors then afloat in the camp about her. But some admired her greatly and urged me to have a reading with her. I never did. I simply did NOT trust her.

It is a shame and a disgrace that such fraud should be performed in the name of Spiritualism. And I congratulate you on your courage in exposing it. It will have tremendous repercussions. Again, I salute you.

Sincerely yours,
(Miss) Agnes Curtis

Dear Mr. O'Neil:

Thank you so much for your wonderful exposure story. I just can't understand how these fakers have gotten by all these years, unless it is because they have worked themselves into top positions and feel that they are safe

—that nobody dare interfere. You have done a wonderful job and I admire your fortitude.

I have been to three materializations and all three were faked. As one worker said—"we give them what they want,—a good show." I felt that the performances were an insult to any intelligent person. At last someone has the courage to speak up. Keep up the good work.

God knows our house needs cleaning. I still think my letter published in your January 25, 1960 issue has many good points for the benefit of our cause if carried out. Those focused red light contraptions so many use are foolers. Let us take Spiritualism out of the dark and put it in natural light—develop our students in the light—and hold seances in the light.

Sincerely yours,
Theresa C. Prells
Chicago 34, Illinois

Dear Mr. O'Neil:

May I congratulate you for your courage in the recent exposure. Sooner or later, I have realized over a period of years, it must surely come. I am only regretting that it did not include the others there who have practiced deception even longer.

It is a time for mourning indeed when we prove those we love and know are insulting our intelligence. Many have known, but we lacked the proving equipment.

Sincerely,
Clara N. Bissell
Bay City, Mich.

SPIRITUAL HEALING CENTRE

Members of the National Federation of Spiritual Healers, Kent Spiritual Healers Association, and S.A.G.B. Healers: Tom & Mary Patterson 14 Fielding Street, Faversham, Kent, England

Dear Friend:

Your exposure of the great materialization fraud has rendered a great service to Spiritualism and Truth in America. Although, with you I realize the tragic consequences of these deceptions, I feel that you have done nothing less than your public duty. I congratulate you most sincerely.

In Great Britain we have had the same experiences many times but the *Psychic Press* in this country has never failed in its duty. The appalling tragedy of psychic deception is in the fact that survival is already an established fact. Egotism, opportunism and expediency, invariably leads to deceit and in turn produces corruption and fraud. These immoralities cannot be given a place within Spiritualist philosophy. To condone them by silence would be equally corrupt.

I am proud to contribute to a Journal with an Editor of such moral courage.

Yours sincerely,
Tom Patterson
(Major T. H. Patterson)
Phenomonist

Dear Editor Tom O'Neil:

Enclosed is one dollar (\$1.00) please send more copies of July 10th issue.

My copy came O.K. but gave it quickly to a friend getting ready to go to Chesterfield, Ind.

You are to be congratulated for writing and publishing the article in cooperation with Mr. Andrija Puharich—am rereading his "The Sacred Mushroom." Mr. Puharich's photograph on the cover looks like Perry Como—to me.

Just you hurt at the outcome of your materialization seances with Mable Riffle and Edith Stillwell? Oh, how could they dare to fake such a sacred thing as getting in touch with our loved ones?

For many years have been going to Chesterfield Camp.

Spoke to some Spiritualists about this exposing mediums at Chesterfield—some are very sorry and took it very seriously—others don't care what goes on at that camp—or any other place.

But it does concern us what goes on very much and thank you for coming out with that startling copy of the *PSYCHIC OBSERVER* in mourning—but our sadness will turn to gladness—you see.

Your friend for truth,
Mildred Sarangalis
10408 Superior Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Editor:

We just received our copy of the *Psychic Observer*, and would like to congratulate you on the good work you did in proving fakery at Camp Chesterfield. (If only all fakery could be abolished it would be wonderful.)

At one time, 2 years ago, to be exact, my father (who is a Spiritualist minister), my little sister, and I went to Chesterfield to visit this camp. At that time we entered the seance of Rev. "—" which was proven to us to be fake. It was so disappointing. We had traveled all the way from Texas to visit this camp. My father accused them openly of the fakery, and they kinda got scared, returned our money and in a round-about way told us to get out.

The next few words came to me as I was writing this letter.

(If the work of God is used in fakery, mediums doing such, will be punished, and in time all fakery will be proven and put out openly.)

Signed, Reader of *Psychic Observer*
Rose Marie Pennington
18 yrs. old
California

Dear Tom O'Neil:

Thank God for men of honesty and courage.

When the fraud of T.V. came to light a while back, I made this prediction: "If we of Spiritualism do not begin to police ourselves, someday, the government will step in." "A house that is not built on rock (the rock of truth and honesty) cannot stand." While we have in our country freedom of religion, the government does not permit anyone to take money under false pretenses.

I do not know how long you have been a spiritualist, but you must either be rather new at it, or you've had very little genuine phenomena. You are not telling mediums, or anyone that has been a spiritualist for a long time, anything they don't know. The only surprise is that someone finally has the courage to take a stand.

This has been like a breath of clean fresh air, and I'm sure a great inspiration to me. We understand your shock and heartache because most of us have been through it. But the problem has always been, how do you destroy the false without destroying the good?

Mrs. Robert D. Krieg
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Mr. O'Neil:

It seems to me that you have made the right decision to expose fraud at Camp Chesterfield.

CO-AUTHOR Olga A. Tildes in the Silver Cord wrote very favorably of Edith Stillwell and her work at Camp Chesterfield, but if Miss Tildes is still with us here on earth, I am quite sure she would be very glad indeed to know what your recent investigation there revealed.

WE are seeking truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth in all psychical research.

I am enclosing order for one year subscription to the *Psychic Observer*.

Sincerely yours,
Barron Deaderick
Memphis 12, Tennessee

Wed., July 6th

Dear Sir,

Please send us ten "July 10th" *Psychic Observers*. You are doing a wonderful work. God bless your efforts.

Sincerely,
Pauline Moore
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Palmetto, Florida

Dear Mr. O'Neil:

Congratulations on your courageous article "The Tragic Deceptions in Materialization." I sincerely hope that this is the beginning of a great drive to rid Spiritualism of the "spiritists."

I too have felt sick at heart when I have witnessed some of the fakery that has gone on under the name of Spiritualism, and seen wonderful people fooled by the preliminary coverage of prayers and pious words. Having proven phenomena of all kinds, and knowing beyond all doubt that the departed do live on, and can communicate, I have kept my faith, believing that the great pioneers of the past would find some instrument through which to work, that the weeds could be removed from this vital field of Truth so essential to the sanity and peace of our world today.

It is hoped that the National Association of Churches and the leaders of all Spiritualist Associations will give you full support in your "campaign to stamp out fraud in this great field of Spiritualism." However much one hates to hurt people the Cause must come first. In this great scientific mind age, Spiritualism, through its science, philosophy and religion can be the salvation of the world. It must be so.

Mediumship is important, for through mediumship that which Spiritualism advocates can be proven. Communication between the two worlds must continue, but it must be true communication. Let the vaudeville shows be eliminated from our Spiritualist platforms and our seance rooms, so that this great truth—which is as old as time itself—will be respected and accepted throughout our world.

This great country of ours can lead the way in spiritual understanding as well as in economic affairs. Wake up TRUE SPIRITUALISTS now is your chance of a lifetime! Sort the wheat from the chaff and build a new edifice on a firm foundation of truth and honesty.

Yours sincerely,
Dorothy Smith
(Rev. Dorothy Smith, N.S.A.C.)
Co-Pastor, First Assoc. of Spiritualists, Philadelphia
P.S. Let us have compassion for the fallen, for those who would fake communication with the departed cannot truly believe in life after death, and the principles for which Spiritualism stands.

Dear Mr. O'Neil:

I thank you for publishing the story about what happened at Chesterfield Spiritualist Camp.

About 3 years ago I became interested in reading about Spiritualism—this led me to join a Developing Class in the Fall of 1958—and while there I soon discovered the jealousy, and evil talk about some people who did do what they could to help this Church—it is for this reason that I left the Church. However, I know that this does not mean that such a situation exists in all Spiritual Churches.

From my own personal experiences, I think, I can understand how you felt when you were debating with yourself whether you should print the information that you discovered at the Chesterfield Camp.

Any person who claims to be a Spiritualist should know that what he or she does reflects on all Spiritualists on this earth. For example: in time what happened at the Chesterfield Spiritualist Camp will be known by many many people throughout this world. A Spiritualist Church, or an Organization, or a Federation, or a Spiritualist Publication, will be only as good as the Leaders want it to be. For example: if the Leaders of a Spiritualist Church are greedy, selfish, jealous, et cetera, then this Spiritualist Church will be only as good as its Leaders are.

A Publisher of a Spiritual Publication—and here I do not mean those who do not contain Church News—I am thinking of the Spiritual Publications that contain Church News, et cetera, it seems to me, that whenever the Publishers of such Publications receive information of MISREPRESENTATION, FRAUD, ET CET-RA, that this information should be printed—then the people interested in Spiritualism will know and understand that MISREPRESENTATION, FRAUD, or anything that will hurt Spiritualism will not be tolerated—that when such information is brought to the attention of a Publisher who seeks the Truth that he will not use the phrase: who am I to judge?—but he will let his readers know the Truth.

It is written in the Bible—The TRUTH shall make you free.

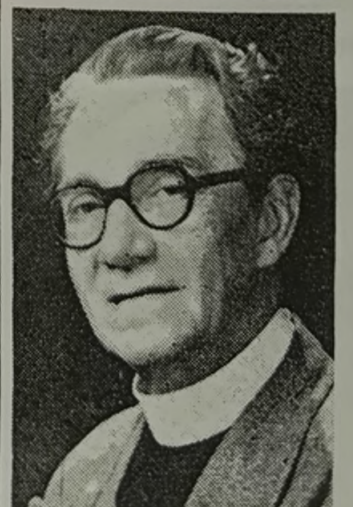
God Bless and Take Care of you, Mr. O'Neil, and your family, and all who help you in putting out the *PSYCHIC OBSERVER*.

Sincerely,

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From The Editor's Desk

BY TOM O'NEIL

The die is cast on the fraudulent mediums at the Chesterfield "Spiritualist" Camp. These FAKES have been struck down by hit and run years, and are trying desperately to get the license number of hidden fate.

The Psychic Observer mail has been tremendous regarding the exposé of the faking at this camp, and more than 99% of the letter writers favor PO's stand.

Some of the writers ask: "WHY NOT HAVE OTHER MEDIUMS SIT FOR THE INFRA-RED CAMERA, AND THE SNOOPERSCOPE?" They say also that a "good" medium would relish the opportunity of proving to the world that trumpet and materialization mediumship ARE great truths, and should be recorded for posterity.

Frankly—I'm all for that, so if any mediums wish to announce themselves as ready to be photographed in the seance room, just let us know.

Also—many letters have stated: "We know this one is a fraud, or that one is a fraud, or so-and-so is a fraud, why not photograph them in the act?" Well—first of all, I never intended to be a "fraud-buster." That was the last thing in my mind when I photographed Mable Riffle and Edith Stillwell. We, Andrija Puharich and myself, would have been thrilled beyond measure to have been able to photograph just part of a form trying to manifest itself. We would rather have done that than photograph all the frauds in the world. We were, and still are, eager to prove to the world of Doubting Thomases that this phenomena exists, and can be captured on motion picture film. We are not out to crucify anyone, but the Chesterfield act was so blatant that it needed a good airing!

A few letters have trickled in saying that I am not a Spiritualist for upsetting the whole movement by publicizing the frauds. If these letter writers are an example of what a Spiritualist is, and what a Spiritualist represents, then they are absolutely right! I AM NOT A SPIRITUALIST! On the other hand, if being a Spiritualist, means seeking knowledge, helping to raise man's intelligence a little bit higher, teaching the truth as you know it, being willing to acknowledge a greater truth that comes along, bow to no creed, lead no pack, only try to set goals then—I am a Spiritualist. It hurts me not however, having NO title telling me what I am, or am not. I am free on this earth with the Cosmic System as my home, and it pleases me greatly, that in the year 1960, I was able to bring one little bit of light to one little Earth, tucked way down in one little corner of this great System.

It just occurred to me that if the PO's subscribers would all re-subscribe for an added three year period, (only \$10.00 for three years) they would not only be getting a great bargain for their money, they would be helping Psychic Observer re-shuffle this great field of Spiritual Science, and perhaps come up with some "brand-new" mediumistic faces. Even a 1 or 2 year added subscription would be a great help. We are going to have to fight the frauds and fight hard. It will be costly, but we will stick with it!

Who is first with a subscription? Just add it to your present one, or give it to a friend.

And by the way—if any churches or camps, etc. are not handling Psychic Observer, why not ask them to?

Here's To Your Health

By Dr. Iada Raleigh

Your body is made up of a tremendous number of the tiniest cells and each cell has to be nourished through the blood stream. Where does the blood get the nourishment for these cells? The food we eat supplies the proteins, minerals, vitamins and the energy that is constantly being demanded by these cells.

That is the reason we have to be consistent in our quest for health. Let's think of the skin because that is what others see when they first look at us. Two things are of the greatest necessity here: First a rich, pure blood stream that will feed the skin cells and second, there must be proper circulation of the blood to all parts of the body.

Your skin displays the state of your health perhaps more than any other part of your body. Not every one can have regular features but there is nothing that adds more to the appearance than a radiant skin with good color that sets the individual apart as full of health.

To attain that look of radiance, whether you are a man or a woman, you need to check your diet for these principal factors: High protein, low carbohydrates, enough calcium and unsaturated fatty acids. Now add to these the Vitamins A, B, C, and D. Now where to find these is the next problem.

Your protein comes from meat, poultry, fish or eggs. We won't go into the question of vegetarianism here at this time because if you are a vegetarian, then you must be especially careful to get enough protein. Dry milk is also a good source of protein and dry beans, peas and nuts can also be used as occasional substitutes. Cheese and milk also come in this category.

Low Carbohydrates: Here again and again and again we must say, cut out all white sugar and refined white flour unless it is free of all preservatives and chemicals.

Calcium is very necessary to every part of the body as well as the bones and teeth. One of the best sources is bone meal but if for any reason you cannot tolerate that, there are numbers of other calcium products available. However, in order for calcium to be assimilated by the body there must be an adequate supply of vitamins A and D which are to be found in fish liver oils.

Vitamin B with its many factors can be found in brewer's yeast or in dehydrated liver. These products will supply not only all the B complex but those factors we know are present but which have not yet been isolated. Rose hips is one of the best natural sources for vitamin C.

Well, there you have an outline for your start on a new radiance which can be expressed from the inside to the outside as evidenced by a clear, clean and healthy skin. Sprinkle this generously with a good sense of humor and determine that you are going to prove your belief in yourself as a child of God and thus merit His blessings.

YOUR PEN PERSONALITY

By
REV. MARTELLO

The oval letters (a, d, g, and o) reveal a great deal about a person. From these letters we can obtain valuable insight into the inner workings of one's mind. They lend themselves to two obvious graphic formations: Open ovals or closed ovals. The predominance of one over the other determines that individual's innate attitude towards others, i.e., frank or secretive.

From the oval letters we can deduce the following contrasts: frank or secretive; open or closed; honest or dishonest; inhibited or outgoing; receptive or negative; gullible or skeptical, etc. The matter of contraction and release with all of its psycho-physiological manifestations are dramatically symbolized in the formations of the ovals. These in conjunction with other strokes and signs in the handwriting enable a graphologist to pinpoint positively your real personality.

If most of your a's and o's are left open at the top this shows that you're an honest, often outspoken person. You speak your mind frankly and freely. If most

of your ovals are closed at the top it means you prefer to keep things to yourself. When these letters are tightly locked with a loop-formation it reveals a person very secretive, uncommunicative, a deliberate silence. When all of the ovals are left wide open and the handwriting has a far forward slant we know that the person talks too much, is a veritable human phonograph, given to gossip and impulsive outbursts, the ones who "talk themselves into trouble!"

Deliberate deceit is indicated when the ovals have a double-loop formation made at the top. When this occurs often such a person will not tell the truth; will lie to suit himself; will mislead for his own advantage. Naturally to trust such a person would be fatal. Many who write this way are intelligent, have social charm, and know how to create the right impression. Unsuspecting natures can easily be taken advantage of. Time and again this formation found in handwriting has prevented me from undertaking proposed business ventures with such writers.

In every case this graphological rule has been validated.

If you have doubts concerning the reliability or honesty of someone the best way to prove or remove such doubt is by obtaining a detailed analysis of that person's handwriting. Even learning a few fundamental rules of graphology yourself certainly would help you in being able to "size up" a suspect person. It's hard to be objective when emotionally involved. As the old saying goes "Love is blind" and even a knowledge of graphology is often overlooked or discarded under the influence of Eros. For this reason an objective, scientific, and impartial analysis of the loved one would be of tremendous value. This is especially true of correspondents acquired through "Personals Columns" or "Lonely Hearts Clubs." My work with one of the latter has been instrumental in weeding out undesirable characters and preventing possible theft or tragedy.

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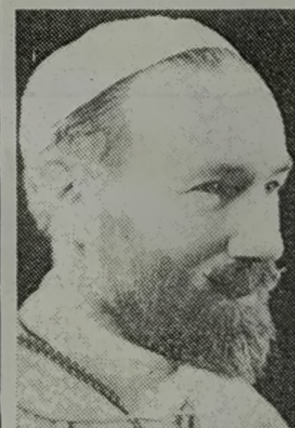
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LETTERS

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Dear Tom:

The latest (July 10, 1960) issue of the Psychic Observer at hand and the most outstanding for the Cause of Spiritualism that I can recall. I have been a subscriber for many years.

It is draped in mourning; however, we know there is no death, but only joy and gladness in Life Eternal because TRUTH (Spiritualism in its fullest measure—undaunted) marches on and we expect the demonstration of Spiritualism to continue to march on with you—the "little child" who is leading us.

Knowing you as I do I can realize how sad your heart was at the first shock—disappointment in friends whom you expected to help to carry on the physical demonstration of the beautiful Spiritualist Religion through the media of pictures in the journals, magazines and TV screens around the world. The pictures you have published in this issue are invaluable in that they have sought out TRUTH in a manner much deeper than the naked eye of man could report and record the shocking evidence. Growing is generally painful until one finds his balance again!

You are following in HIS steps. He chased the money-changers from the temple! Only a true believer is capable of righteous indignation. Please, carry on!

Is this the parting of the ways—the separation of the sheep from the goats? In my humble opinion it should be. God always understands and is ready to unfold all His sheep, even though they may have seemed to have been included as the goats.

Spiritualists will let their voices be heard in their continued, new and renewed support of Psychic Observer. I did not modify "Spiritualists" because they are true; that is the line of demarcation.

Please continue our Church (First Spiritual Science Church of Washington, D. C. Inc.) listing and also my personal advertisement, "Exorcism Healing." I also want to continue to be on your staff as a writer, if I qualify.

Not as the "Mother" nor as an official of the Federation of Spiritual Churches and Associations, Inc., but as the Pastor of our Church membership I extend to your organization, Psychic Observer, Inc. an invitation to join the FSC and to be present, if possible, at our next annual meeting (Convention) to be held at The Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D. C., August 24th through the 28th. You will find that you will be amongst friends, if I know our membership—people dedicated to TRUTH through Spiritualism. I am enclosing an application for membership together with a copy of "FEDERATION FACTS—1960" in which you will note that we are not an ecclesiastical governing body so membership does not place anyone in a compromising position. Our membership has included members of practically all of the Associations and groups. The members and guests have always looked forward to seeing and hearing the former Psychic Observer, Inc. members, Mr. Ralph G. Pressing and Mrs. Agnes Reuther. Perhaps you will let us listen to you.

A jolt like this brings all of us to our feet to work in unity by writing you letters of confidence to continue and prove to the world that Spiritualism is definitely a religion factual and honest and to be shared by all to bring peace upon the earth through TOGETHERNESS.

As Alexander King said: "May your house be safe from tigers."

Sincerely yours,

Alice Tindall

Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. O'Neil:

This issue (July 10) today hit hard, and shows your definite goal—to clean up Spiritualism as far as possible.

We hereby renew our former subscription as a Church, and will show below the renewal of our ad in Church Directory.

God bless you in your efforts for TRUTH.

Very truly yours,

Basil W. Dennis

Temple of Wisdom Church

Baltimore 18, Maryland

Dear Tom O'Neil:

Although I am not a Spiritualist, having no interest in contacting the type of "spirits" that appear in seance rooms, I have subscribed to the P.O. ever since an unknown benefactor sent me a sample copy. There have been splendid articles in your paper, and I wish to thank you especially for those written by Dr. A. B. Kuhn and G. W. Barratt. They know whereof they speak.

Your soul-searching editorial (No. 520 issue) was truly touching. Yes, you did the right thing in exposing those fakes. As long as you are seeking truth, and having found it pass it on to others, you are serving God and your fellow man. Who can do better than that? Only the great are capable of admitting their mistakes. If some of your co-religionists, the ones who want the old stuff "over and over" are leaving, rest assured you are making new friends. I will stick around for quite a long time, especially now in your hour of tribulation.

Some of your writers of articles and letters indicate confused thinking and superficiality, but they too are seekers. If they are vehement at times, it is because they are serious seekers. Without mentioning names, permit me to elucidate some of the points brought up lately.

The creation, in Genesis, does not refer to that of the physical world. It is rather a mystic experience. Anyone who has actually gone through those 6 days of creation, and is ready to rest on the 7th, recognizes the process instantly. Those who have not experienced it, are always inclined to give the story a literal, that is MATERIALISTIC interpretation, in spite of the fact that we have been warned against "the letter" of the law. The 7th day is Sabbath, Shebat, the 11th sign of the zodiac, Aquarius. Among the sons of Jacob, Aquarius is Dan (he who judges).

"On the day when the Lord had made heaven and earth (2nd day) . . . then God formed the man from the dust of the earth." Adam (red earth) was not a single individual. Adam is EVERY human being: "male and female He created him." Whenever the Law (4th day) has been fulfilled, Adam suddenly realizes that he has become the "Son" of the Father, and from then on the third point of Trinity, the Holy Ghost, begins to manifest in him. Then (and not before) he becomes conscious of "creation" and needs no "spirit" to tell him about it, neither in the Hebrew language nor in the Hottentot. Ultimately every human being will become the "first-born" of the Father: first-born out of mud.

Rev. 3:12: "He who overcomes I will make the pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall not go out again." Not go out again means reincarnation. Where else would he go out? All remarks like: removing the sun . . . the sun darkened . . . towards the evening . . . etc. refer to unenlightened souls.

We are on the eternally turning wheel (Ezekiel's) of reincarnation. Unless we make a special effort to get out, we can not be "saved" by any sons of God who have died or shall die on crosses for our sins of not having made any effort to save ourselves. Every Adam must carry his own cross, die on it, be buried and resurrect on the 3rd day (of creation). The sooner we realize it the sooner we can get out of here.

The eternally turning wheel is the zodiac with its 12 spokes. When we die we get flung off (mud) from one of the spokes only to return on another. This merry-go-round goes on until we have reached the saturation point. Then we definitely make up our minds: "This is where I get off."

The word "Mazouroth" in Job, means the zodiac. The 12 sons of Jacob, 12 apostles, 12 stones in breastplate of the high priest, 12 entrances to the city, etc., etc. 12 of everything refer to the 12 zodiacal signs. Jesus was 12 years old when He went to the temple: born in the 12th house, Pisces, FISH.

"Ichthos" is Greek for Christos, and means "fish." Jesus washed the feet (Pisces) of His apostles; Catholics eat fish on Friday (Freya's day: day of Venus); multiplication of bread (Venus) and fishes; the apostles were fishermen; Manasses (forgetting) built the Jerusalem gate, which was the fish-gate; the bishops' mitres are in the shape of a fish's head. Moses (drawn out of water) was a fish; the father of Joshua, Jehoshua was Nun (fish). Moses, Joshua, Jesus, etc., etc., are the very same people: FISHES.

Eliah (God is God) was a Tishbite of Gilead. Tishbe was in Naphthali (Pisces). Naphthali was the 6th son of Jacob. Adam on the 6th day of creation, ready for the Sabbath, Shebat when prisoners must be released. Gilead (rocky) is the same rock as: "upon this rock I will build my church . . . the rock which was discarded by the builders (of Babylon-confusion) becomes the cornerstone of the temple." Eliah therefore is the same saying: "I say ye are gods."

As far as the historical Jesus is concerned, he never lived. The experiences of Jesus, as recorded in the Bible, are the very experiences of all old souls on the 6th day of creation. Fishes are the oldest souls. This is the reason they are never understood by the younger brethren. They are always hailed (palms and all) when they enter Jerusalem (threshing floor: place where wheat is threshed for making Bread of Life) as being "oh so wonderful" but nobody ever listens to them. Then they get crucified in the very same city (city: Kerkot, Iscariot) where they, so naively trusting their fellow men, rode in on an ass's back.

Those who aspire to become apostles must become fishermen: "fishermen of men" (born in the sign of Pisces). When the apostles complained that they had laboured all day but had not caught any fish, Jesus (big fish: whale) said they should let down their nets on the "right side" (right attitude) of the boat. When they did that, they caught so many that the nets were breaking. Anyone unable to catch a whale is fishing from the left side of the boat.

Exodus 7:18: "And the fishes which are in the river (cancer, breast, chest) shall die. And the river shall stink. And the Egyptians (in bondage) shall not be able to drink the water of the river." Elsewhere there is a statement: "you are unable to catch fish because you have polluted the waters."

The 7 plagues of Egypt did not happen in some fantastic past.

These things are happening right now! We are in the midst of the 6 plagues as of NOW. There is one more to go: slaying of the first-born of Egypt. It is the 11th hour (Aquarian age: Dan, he who judges) yet the Egyptians are still arguing. They want to cross the waters all right, but they want to do it THEIR WAY. The confused ones are still looking for the "saviour" (someone else to do the dirty work of redemption) to save them from themselves. They don't want to do it themselves. They want "something for nothing": let George do it. There had been no less than 16 crucified saviours so far, but George still hasn't done it. And Moses (the fish) is crying out in agony: "Shall ALL the fishes be killed off for them?"

There is no arguing with those who do not "believe" in reincarnation. These are younger souls who haven't been around. They are not yet ready to graduate out of this hell hole. They will get there, give them time. After they have fulfilled the law, they too will wake up to realities; they too will become fishermen—preferably whalers.

Anyone who is even half-serious about the Father's business, does not wait until he has to come in through the 12th house, but gets into the whaling business RIGHT NOW. There is nothing like whaling. You ought to read "Moby Dick" again: the same thing as Job's Leviathan. Those who don't catch fish now, while they have their chances as younger brethren, will ultimately become fishes themselves. That's when the "net" is spread out in which they will get entangled. There is no way out of the 12th house. 12th house is prisons, hospitals, and tabernacles. Concerning the Feast of Tabernacles the Bible states: "This is the EXIT" (Exodus with Moses): no more incarnations! Fishes KNOW this. That's why the big fish stated: "only a little while" then he would be gone.

Those who come in through the 12th house, have the "honor" of being the "first-born" in a world where hardly anyone has had even the first birth-pangs. Then they get a chance to sweat blood in Gethsemane (oil press) while the apostles are forever and ever snoring away. Nachor (snoring) was one of the ancestors of Christ. Then they get a chance to carry everybody else's cross for sins that they themselves have never committed. Then they hang on the cross between thieves (counted in with the worse) on Golgotha (in the skull): their ideas and ideals are forever misunderstood. In the final agony they shout: "Eli, Eli . . ." (going up, going up). And the dear brethren

say: "he is calling Elias." They have been wondering about that Elias ever since.

This is a lot of all fishes, prophets and sons of God: "Crucify him . . . let his blood come upon us and our children's children!"

Well . . . hasn't it?

What is "oil"? Oil is used for healing purposes, healing body and soul; also for lighting up lamps (light of the world). So far, however, no candlesticks have been set up, and "darkness reigned over the earth," (the sun and moon have been darkened) and we are right back where we started: Genesis 1:1.

Wishing you continued success in your attempt to set up candlesticks, and standing by with my prayers and blessings, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Anne B. Juttner

St. Louis 11, Mo.

Dear Tom O'Neil:

Congratulations to you on your expose in the last issue. I know that it must have been a very hard decision to make. However, if mediums who have for so long acquired the label of "Reputable" and they turn out to be just another fraud, how can we really believe that any of them are reputable? Perhaps we should form an association to test and examine mediums for certification. As I visualize it, it would be a sort of self-inflicted police system to defend the legitimate and expose the frauds. It should also be similar to bank auditors in mode of operation in that they would be subject to periodical spot checks without prior knowledge of how or when. They would not pay dues to the association as such because the association should be independent of any individual or group. Perhaps it could be financed by the churches and they could sponsor mediums for certification. The association would, of course, have to maintain a spotless reputation in order to fulfill its duties and responsibilities fully and without influence from outside sources. I think it's a good idea and something is going to have to be done along these lines in the near future or I am afraid the cause of spiritualism shall die of its own hand.

Sincerely,

Harry R. Tucker

Clinton, N. C.

Dear Mr. Tom O'Neil:

In your's and Dr. Puharich's expose of fake materialization at Camp Chesterfield, you have done a great service to the cause of Modern Spiritualism. Every true Spiritualist is grateful to you

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both, for fake materialization has been like a cancer eating the very vitals of the religion of Spiritualism.

The policy of silence and suppression of the details, when a fake medium has been exposed, has been a great source of injury to our cause. It has encouraged fraud, because no drastic actions had been taken in the case of the expose.

In all the different phases of mediumship materialization is the easiest to counterfeit, for one with a little practice can become a very successful materialization medium and make as much as \$150 for an evening's work.

When one's eyes are blinded by tears of sorrow and one's heart is beating high with emotion, one is in no condition to rationally consider whether the spirit manifestation is genuine or counterfeit. This attitude of mind makes one an easy prey for the fake medium and very easy living.

Fake materialization requires no psychic power, all that is needed is a brazen nerve, a total lack of conscience, a depraved and degenerate nature, which is generally well concealed by an hypocritical smile, an air of religious devotion, with much pretense of love, charity, and good will towards others.

Many years ago I had an article published in *The Progressive Thinker*, in which I attacked fake materialization. Since that time I have never been invited to work at a Spiritualist Camp, which featured materialization. You both no doubt will be greatly attacked by the "shut eyes" in our cause, but to the spiritualists who use their reason and common sense: who have at heart the good of our great religion, they will honor you both for what you have accomplished. Go on with your good work.

Most sincerely yours,
Rev. Alfred H. Terry
Pastor of The First Spiritualist Church
Washington, D. C.

Dear Tom:

I have been a regular reader of *Psychic Observer* since the first issue, which must have been about twenty years ago. I have always said that Spiritualism is either the greatest Truth, or the most dastardly; the most cruel fraud in the world. I have followed the findings of Psychical Research long enough to be completely convinced that genuine Psychic Phenomena do exist. I am convinced that even the rare phenomena of Materialization have been observed and recorded under absolutely fool-proof, test conditions by competent researchers. I am also convinced that an immeasurable amount of fraud, trickery, and deception has so honeycombed the movement, that it has long since lost the attention, the support, and the respect of thousands of sincere, conscientious, open-minded people, who would gladly embrace its Truths, were it not for the fakers and charlatans who masquerade under its banner for the sake of filthy lucre and dishonest gain. Hell is too good for such individuals or groups. I refer especially to those who perpetrate deliberate fraud and deception upon over-credulous grief-stricken survivors. May God have Mercy upon their blighted, twisted Souls. Surely they will need it.

We want you to know that a vast majority of we earnest, sincere seekers after TRUTH are behind you 100 per cent in your efforts to clean this sort of corruption out of the Spiritualist Movement, and let it stand clean, pure, and undefiled before man

and God. Go after it with every means available. Give us the unvarnished TRUTH. If that Truth is distasteful, or it upsets some of our most cherished dreams and convictions, then let us have it just the same. I had rather face and accept an unpleasant Truth than to embrace a falsehood, no matter how beautiful or desirable it might appear.

May God Bless You.

Sincerely yours,
C. L. Rogers
Palestine, Texas

Dear Tom:

My congratulations to you on your Chesterfield Camp exposé. It took guts not to look the other way. But as the Editor of *Psychic Observer* it is your duty, you are moral-bound, to report the truth at all costs. You've undoubtedly prevented many readers from experiencing a personal tragedy had they gone. And perhaps forever lost faith in Spiritualism had they discovered the trickery themselves. You are obligated to your readers first.

Psychic Observer will undoubtedly be blacklisted at Chesterfield. I can't help feeling sorry about the whole thing. Then, too, though the individual mediums are responsible for their own actions, I can't help wondering just what part the public plays in such deception? How many are thrill or curiosity seekers, wanting their "money's worth"? Is a medium a faucet that can be turned on and off at will for the public's satisfaction? Even the great Eusapia Palladino admitted that there were times when she felt the force so strong that she couldn't restrain herself from physically making objects move.

The mediums involved have to examine their own consciences. But I have constantly maintained that so do those seeking out mediums too. A complete honest appraisal of themselves, their motives, their expectations, their wants often prevent genuine mediums from being positive channels for phenomena. Either one caters to the public or he caters to God. Mediums who aren't financially independent must depend upon their work, and it is in this dependency that he cannot function as an instrument of truth for long. There are as many fraudulent "seekers" as there are mediums. When the emphasis is on "my will be done" instead of "Thy Will Be Done" fraud is inevitable.

Psychic Observer must be a spokesman for truth, even when personally embarrassing and painful. It's not a matter of what medium or camp is involved: This concerns the integrity and respect of Spiritualism as a philosophy and a religion. If it is to be a "Journal of Spiritual Science" in more than name only, then it must face issues squarely, regardless of what individuals or groups it alienates. May God bless you in your work: You'll need Divine strength and guidance in the task which awaits you.

Sincerely yours,
Rev. Leo Louis Martello
New York 28, N. Y.

Dear Mr. O'Neil:

I received July 10 *Psychic Observer* yesterday, with its "We Are in Mourning" format and I must say I am extremely disappointed. When I attended Edith Stillwell's seances last summer, they were not conducted as you described at all. They were so different from the way you describe them that I wonder about your integrity.

After all, we have known Edith many years longer than we have known you.

We do not believe in deceptions nor would any of us participate in a fake session of any kind. We resent your taking the

leader of the "Sacred Mushroom Cult" to help you prove our mediums a fake! I understand you are not even a Spiritualist! Please stop sending me your paper as I do not want another copy of it in my home as long as it is filled with the sensational bunk that it contains to date.

Sincerely yours,
Velma S. Jones
8011 Brutus St.
Houston, Texas

Dear Sir:

The *Psychic Observer* of July 10th caused that same type of let-down feeling that you had after you had the pictures developed of the "sitting" you had with Mable Riffle and Edith Stillwell on materialization, to me.

I cannot imagine two old pros such as they are, to stoop to such tactics, when all they had to say "The reception is not good for today" and let it go at that. Why, oh why, do they have to put doubt into thousands of minds "just to get their names in the paper?"

Of course I cancelled my reservations for this month at that Camp as must have many others who are interested in a "faith" such as ours.

Not all of us are blessed with the power to "see" and "hear" our loved ones and we must, without reserve, depend on those who have that power. I attend classes each week and have fair results and have for many years when possible attended other sittings outside of Detroit. In the many years that I have been taking this paper, from Ralph Pressing's time in New York State to now, I have not had anything upset me more than pages 1, 2, 3 and 4 of this issue No. 520.

It, the Chesterfield Camp, is a beautiful spot where one can rest after eleven months of hard work and should be continued by some reliable person or persons, so that the mediums who are working or have worked at Chesterfield will not be stamped with the brand of "Fraud."

Now, in order to compensate for this awful (What is the word) please print, over a period of times, names of mediums and addresses so we, who have to look for new connections, may have a guide. Not necessary to have paid ad, special arranged ad for the NEW ONES that are coming into the work. We need new blood.

My "faith" is not shaken.
Detroit Free Press "Talking Point"—Those who hope for no other life are dead even for this.—Goethe.

Yours very truly,
Arch V. Cousins
Detroit 27, Michigan

To the Editor of *Psychic Observer*:

One phase of Spiritualism has suffered an earthquake in Chesterfield, Indiana. Ever since I attended my first seance in college 48 years ago, I have seen earthquakes hit Spiritualism—some greater than others.

But if the city of San Francisco in 1906, can rebuild a city to later give birth to a United Nations of World Peace—so can Spiritualism have a new birth of freedom and honesty which Abraham Lincoln saw when an earthquake of civil war hit America. Now is the time to remove all termites in the Temple of Spiritualism and rededicate it. Of course, materialization-mediumship can be judged by infrared motion pictures; but the mind of a mental medium cannot be photographed—only judged by the medium's character. Unless there is peace and good will and praise of many patrons, it would indicate the existence of psychic termites.

Naturally, the repercussion of the disaster in Chesterfield hurts all of Spiritualism in general, and gives enemies an advantage. So something must be done to

promote the entire Temple of Spiritualism which contains so many different rooms and chapels, so as to please all free Spiritualists whether interested in the religion, the science or the philosophy of Spirit truth.

But those in one room of the Temple must not do all the promoting for their own room and against other rooms, nor fail to cooperate for the overall good. This selfishness has been the folly of the past, causing jealousy where there should be good will and a united front.

Spiritualism can no longer tolerate little minds nor bigoted personalities. We are in a power-age of unity and proximity. Distances and differences have been reduced—and neighbors must live in peace or perish.

Sincerely,
Ed Bodin
Lily Dale, N. Y.

Editor Tom O'Neil:

Congratulations! Appreciation and thanks for your courageous and straightforward denunciation of fraudulent physical phenomena! Never before has such an exposé been made of these charlatans who prey upon the credulous and unsuspecting public. Traffic in the "souls of the departed" is a dreadful sin—may they reap their reward.

Until Spiritualists will, with sound judgment and sincere seeking, guard themselves against fraudulent mediumship, little can be done to make our cause clean and upright. It is those who are ignorant who encourage fraud and delusion.

Spiritualism is first of all a RELIGION to be believed in and lived as such! The corroborative proof will come to us in good time if we pray for the true leading. Spiritualist camps, which should be centers of true philosophy and true spiritual activity, are becoming, instead, meeting places where only the sensational is sought. True worship of spiritual things should be made of sterner stuff!

Season after season these fake mediums get away with their disgraceful mechanical performances, filching from the public hard-earned dollars and giving nothing in return.

I admire your brave stand in helping to "destroy fraud in our midst."

Many thanks.
Sincerely,
Rev. Converse E. Nickerson
Somerville, Mass.

Dear Sir:

You sure did deliver a staggering punch in the July 10th *Psychic Observer*. I'm still reeling from the blow.

I realize what it cost you to print what you HAD to . . . and I'm sure the shock was as great to you . . . as it is to us, your readers.

I have not been down to Chesterfield for about three years . . . and I had no concrete plans to go this year either . . . now I think I understand why . . . subconsciously, I was rejecting Chesterfield, but didn't know it.

However, I NEVER once thought that Mable Riffle would lend herself to fraud. I would never have BELIEVED it, if the news had come from any other source. I always believed that she was very strict . . . and would allow no medium on the grounds that she even suspected of fraud. WHAT A SHOCK. As for Stillwell . . . w-e-l-l . . . I sat only once in her seance room—and the seance I attended that time did not impress me one way or another, so I never went back to her.

You've said that you'd NEVER go back to Chesterfield again . . . who'd blame you for THAT resolution?

I'll end this letter, right now, with the admonition to carry on—let's wash all the dirty linen, and see if we can start clean.

Cordially,
Edith M. Snow
7045 Joy Road
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Mr. O'Neil:

Regarding your story exposing Rev. Edith Stillwell of Camp Chesterfield, you asked for letters pro and con. Here is mine:

First, let me tell you, I, too, am an accredited Medium of the IGAS, serving the Church of the Good Shepherd in St. Petersburg, Fla., during the winter.

I have long been a fighter for Spiritualism and its Truth. I was heart and soul sick after reading your article and worse yet seeing the pictures.

I say God Bless you and help you to expose all such Mediums. You, in my eyes, made one mistake: You should have made trips to other Camps and other seance rooms of so-called Great Mediums, taking pictures as you did at Camp Chesterfield, and when you were all finished publish the true and the false. As it stands now, I fear you will not get the opportunity of doing this again as you will be taboo to all camps and I cannot see how you have succeeded in your efforts to expose just one medium. Spiritualist believers the world over, I feel will forgive and forget.

I am with you one hundred per cent in exposing all frauds in this work. I will even help financially your cause, for only in taking the Chaff from the Wheat, can we bring Spiritualism up to its rightful place. The frauds do not stop at Materialization. What about the Trumpet Mediums and others who claim to have Physical phenomena, when

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really they have no such thing? Some will, and do, anything for that almighty dollar. If you are going to clean house, do it on all. Then I am with you. I only pray to the Dear Heavenly Father that I will soon have the privilege of seeing pictures of true Mediumship in your paper. The honest ones will not refuse to let you take such pictures.

Good luck to you and God Bless you.

Yours in Spiritual Truth and Friendship.

Minnie McHugh Balbirski
Pastor of Guiding Star
Spiritualist Church, and
Co-Pastor of the Church
of the Good Shepherd,
St. Petersburg, Fla.

Dear Tom O'Neil:

Last night I received your amazing *Psychic Observer* issue dated July 10, 1960. Since you have asked for comment, I am writing you this letter. I believe I am doing this because my spirit forces wish me to do so. I cannot imagine that I would wish to spend my strength and time on letter writing at this moment, unless I was being "impressed" to do so. Before I go on, let me say that I am on your side as regards your wish to investigate spiritual phenomena wherever they occur. I am most forcefully skeptical of anything and everything unless I can become convinced in my own God-blessed mind that I am not being made a fool of.

I have never been to Chesterfield, because I could not see myself spending hundreds of very hard-earned dollars to observe psychic phenomena. I can observe them right here in New York City if I feel thus inclined. As a result of your revelation I probably never shall go to Chesterfield to be fooled out of hundreds of dollars which I can ill afford to waste.

Best wishes.

F. D. 3 E
255 W. 84th St.
New York 24, N. Y.

Dear Bro. O'Neil:

The "materialization" fraud you recently uncovered will merit the approval of all true Spiritualists. You deserve a solid gold loving cup suitably inscribed.

Advanced and experienced Spiritualists know there is only one kind of spirit-materialization—when the ectoplasm from the Medium's body is/and seen or touched, with or without infra-red lighting; then after the form built up is fully recognized, the plasma returns to its Medium.

In fact, no medium absolutely requires a cabinet. Any other so-called materialization should be avoided or given a different label.

My sympathy to the culprits who pulled off such a stupid stunt. Gosh, how they will regret their fool actions, even before leaving Mother Earth.

Recently I heard on the radio, or was it on tele, someone say, "The world is a wonderful place, but the people are sick."

"Doctor" O'Neil, I like your prescription and I want to remain healthy and sound.

Yours in True Spiritualism,
William Geiger
85 Sunrise Lane
Levittown, L. I., N. Y.

Dear Mr. O'Neil:

My copy of the *Psychic Observer* arrived Saturday and nothing has been the same around here since! It comes at a particularly dramatic time, as I am planning to go to Camp Chesterfield on July 13th and take five friends with me!

I was so heart-sick when I saw what the pictures and article was about that I couldn't read it all through at that time, so I put the paper away for twenty-four hours and finally had the "stomach" to get it out and read it carefully. The pictures speak for themselves, especially the two of the male figure at the top of page three. Yes, he does look too, too human, and looks like Homer Watkins, but who is Homer Watkins?

I can well imagine your dilemma and you must have given much thought as to the best course to follow. If you were motivated solely by the desire to serve truth, then there is no question that you deserve congratulations for your courageous stand.

I know Andrija Puharich slightly, having met him and heard him speak most informally at a private gathering at the Country Club when he was here in Corpus Christi as the guest of our mutual friend, George Farenthole. I had time for only a few private words with him, but I felt that he was a most fair and impartial researcher after truth, and I also felt that he was more than a little interested in Spiritualism.

Strangely enough, I was about to write and ask you if you would be interested in an article on *The Amazing Mediumship of Charles Swann*, which I was planning to write. (I planned to have several talks with him and ask him if he was agreeable to me writing the article.)

I am not afraid of truth—wherever it may lead—and I applaud your fearless denunciation of fraud and trickery—but I also hope that you will continue your investigation as impartially as possible, and print the other side of the picture with equal fervor and drama.

The world badly needs the beautiful and comforting truths of Spiritualism, and it is all too ready to grasp at any hope and comfort, and while it should be given all the truth we have on the subject, it should also be warned against imposters and frauds. A balance must be struck and the very nature of the subject makes this difficult. A cool head is needed and where the emotions are stirred, this is next to impossible.

Kindest regards,
Lula Lee Locher
(Mrs. David Locher)
Corpus Christi, Texas

Dear Mr. O'Neil:

I am exceedingly glad of your exposure of fraud by the two mediums, Edith Stillwell and Mable Riffle. It depressed me terribly but I have often said that "I want the truth if it does hurt."

After all the reading and attending seances I have done for the last ten years, which has been considerable, I am again just where I started and a great deal sadder. I have a pretty large library of books on spiritualism which I now feel are absolutely worthless. I doubt if I can renew my faith in spiritualism.

I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the truth, the fact I had good reason to suspect. I wanted to believe it was all true which discredited my doubts.

So many people have written about spiritualism in a positive manner that it seems unbelievable they could all be wrong, many of which seemed to be men and women of unquestionable character. I suppose people will write anything for money.

My wife takes communications in writing from alleged spirit. It all seems strange to me and she does not know for sure from whence it comes. We have wondered if it is a trick of the subconscious. That too seems far-fetched. So we do not know how much of our own doings are gov-

erned by our mind or how much from an alien mind. If you have an idea we would appreciate your comment.

If you can get me out of this quandary I shall appreciate it very much.

Sincerely yours,
E. W. Eubanks
Urbana, Ill.

Dear Mr. O'Neil:

As a subscriber to your publication, *The Psychic Observer*, I take this liberty in writing to you.

I want to congratulate you in regard to your exposure of the deception practiced at Camp Chesterfield, Indiana. It was certainly a very regrettable thing to happen, as so many people had confidence in that place. Nevertheless, truth had to come out and you certainly lived up to the slogan, "Truth for Authority, Not Authority for Truth."

I had planned on going over to Camp Chesterfield on Sunday, July 24th, which of course you know was *Psychic Observer* Day, but I certainly am not going now. I never want to see the place.

You are doing a wonderful job with your publication. Keep it up, hold fast to "Truth for Authority, Not Authority for Truth" and God will bless you and your work.

Sincerely,
Rose R. Cavanaugh
Danville, Illinois

Sirs:

Enclosed find one dollar (\$1.00) for which send 4 copies of *Psychic Observer* of the faking at Chesterfield, Ind., Spiritualist Camp. I heard they had ordered all the *Observers* of that date burned.

If they are doing such things they should be exposed, for they are not true Spiritualists.

Thanking you, I am,
Mrs. Fred N. Foster
Indianapolis 18, Ind.

Dear Tom O'Neil:

I could write a book! I lived on Chesterfield Camp '52 to '56. Suffered a complete "nbd" '52 and my companion was stricken suddenly and graduated to a higher life expression during holidays (Yule and N. Y.) '55-'56 and in less than ten days the dishonorable Mable Riffle had me within the shadows of a mental institution before I learned of her nefarious plan to railroad me as incompetent! (She has rode roughshod over many oldsters unable to fend for themselves.) Not me! Her plan boomeranged, but quickly.

I sincerely hope, dear Tom O'Neil, that you can find comfort and consolation, also deep satisfaction and appreciation for having been used—which I feel so sure you were singled out to be used because of your sincerity—by those dedicated, noble souls who years ago founded that lovely Camp for such a worthy cause and who have long since passed on and seen their sacred spot overrun by frauds, of which there are no more despicable creature on earth than a "fraud" and to cloak themselves in hypocritical devoutness to/or for a sacred cause is doubly contemptible! Anyway, the main thing I wanted to tell you—methinks there's great rejoicing among the founders of Chesterfield Camp for your Search for Truth and accepting and sharing that Truth; and we do find Truth in some of the most unexpected places and often bitter truth as you found!

I am a student—not a "sucker"—therefore I did "not belong" but the happiest years of my life were spent on those sacred grounds of Camp Chesterfield in spite of the "frauds." May this be the opening wedge toward restoring the vision of those dedicated souls who founded the Camp!

Well done faithful servant! (even though painful) yes. I could write a book—probably will when I can run my typewriter again!

The very best blessings to you and yours.

Anne L. Losand
Anderson, Ind.

Dear Mr. O'Neil:

We have read your July 10th, 1960, edition of the *Psychic Observer* and we want to thank you for your courage in publishing the facts as you found them.

We have been going to Chesterfield for many years and have hoped someone would expose some of the things that have been going on there.

We have been interested in the Philosophy of Spiritualism for many years. We think it is too sacred to try to fool anybody.

It is a religion with us. As we are both clairvoyant, but not professionals, we are praying for you to keep up the good work.

May God Bless you.

Mr. & Mrs. Jackson L. Combs
Lexington, Ky.

Mr. Tom O'Neil, Editor:

Your issue of *Psychic Observer*, July 10th, 1960, No. 520, has the very commendable article exposing the proceedings at Camp Chesterfield. It is high time this operation is exposed. My wife and I have been active workers in this Spiritualist movement for many years, being students of the true religion, and know the many truths and then seeing such a falsehood being worked on people who want to know the truth.

Have had experiences at Chesterfield, and suggested to the leader that some of the doings should be investigated. One gets the reply, "If you don't like it—get the h—l off the grounds!" Which results in one never going back. But an individual can do nothing—but your proceeding can be proven and one must commend you.

Please send me—rush—four copies of July 10th No. 520 issue. Thanks.

Elwood S. Kille
Camden, N. J.

My Dear Mr. O'Neil:

Thank God for the few who have the courage of their convictions. As a rule fraud has to do with material things, but when it enters the most sacred thing we possess, our Spiritual being, it is beyond pardon.

I have been going to Chesterfield for years, and have heard rumors of fraud, but that it must be a mistake. To the few, who can't be shaken in their belief, this is only a very sad happening, to many, who aren't too well grounded, this is more than tragic and the harm it will do is beyond our knowing.

I hope this puts an end to Mable and her Chesterfield, and from it will arise the thing it should be, an anchor, a blessing, and a comfort to all who see the Light. Please keep before the public the names and crime they have committed. I take your paper and it is well worth reading.

Thanks again for your courage.

Cordially,
Gertrude Thraves
(Mrs.) W. V. Thraves
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Friend Tom O'Neil:

Bully for you on this July issue of P.O. A hearty pat on the back, and want you to know I back you all the way on your exposure of fraud by Edith Stillwell and Mable Riffle at Chesterfield.

You may recall a letter our minister, Amy L. Jefferys this city, wrote you several months back, which you published, about who should be allowed to attend seances, etc. We thought she

would perhaps get a kick-back from her letter, but I had been telling her for several years, that such groups should be carefully screened.

She attended the materialization of the Stillwell-Riffle at Norfolk winter 1959, but said she did not detect fraud, but several attending complained there was fraud. It is this sort of thing, that has put such a damper on the great movement of Spiritualism, and I personally feel the sooner we weed out such people, the sooner we will attract the right sort to our movement. Time was when people would listen to some utterly ignorant person spouting things purportedly from the world of spirit, but I cannot conceive this type of person ever attracting a person of even average education in this day. I have listened to some literally murder the king's and queen's English, and I judged them according.

Keep up your good work. We in Richmond will back you. We are little, but perhaps we can be loud.

God Bless You.
Sincerely,
Merle B. Hosey
Mrs. Merle B. Hosey
Richmond 23, Va.

Psychic Observer:

Enclosing a check for \$5.00 for renewal of Subscription.

I congratulate you for the exposure of fake mediums. I know you sure have stirred up a hornet's nest. You probably will be sued. I often wondered how those big fat mediums got around to fake. It is too bad that these people claiming to be ministers of God, do such things.

Thanks.

Yours truly,
Yvonne Odell
Brevard, N. C.

5 July 1960

Dear Tom O'Neil:

I congratulate you for the courage you have demonstrated in exposing those "materialization frauds" at Chesterfield. Edith Stillwell and Mable Riffle, however, are not the only phonies in this field. We have some dillies out here too.

In fact, I have yet to witness a legitimate materialization in the Los Angeles area. I'm glad to see that we are not the only ones being taken.

There is only one answer: Expose every fraud that we discover. You have the weapon. Continue to use it. Spiritualism is badly in need of a thorough house cleaning, and I have the feeling that you can furnish the broom. Again I repeat—Congratulations! Keep up the good work.

Yours in the Light of Truth,
Frederick Charles King
766 N. Kenmore Ave.
Hollywood 29, Calif.

P.S. I am a missionary priest for the Ecumenical Episcopal Church.
F.C.K

Dear Mr. O'Neil:

I read the *Psychic Observer* from July 10, 1960, about the Camp Chesterfield, Ind., this is more than terrible, I know how you feel, but things like this going on in a lot of places to fool the people, that is why the Spiritual Churches have a hard time to make it go.

We sincere people in this work congratulate you and Dr. Puharich to have the courage to bring this terrible thing to the light of the people. My heart is bleeding too, for people doing and deceiving their fellow man with fraud, while we were looking upon them as the best in their work.

I hope that Camp Chesterfield will clean house and put the right kind there, I know there are some good ones.

Some one ought to start a collection to help you both with the

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expenses, I like to know about it if they do.

Thank you, thank you for your wonderful work and I think the Psychic Observer is one of the best and sure hope that the subscriber list doubles in a short time.

Best wishes for success and blessings.

Mrs. Lena Jahnke
New Braunfels, Texas

A Joint Letter

Dear Tom:

I was most happy to read your article in the July 10th Psychic wherein you exposed the fakery which is going on at Camp Chesterfield.

I lived only about forty miles from Camp Chesterfield and have attended seances at almost every medium's place at the camp, prior to my marriage this spring and am now living near Louisville.

I have known and felt for a long time that things were taking place that were not honest and straightforward and am so thankful you have had the wonderful courage and honesty to split the racket wide open.

You have made me a more firm believer in true spirituality and at the same time more disgusted with the revolting practices of fakes and liars, who parade as God's Lambs in Wolves' Clothing. What dividends can such hypocrites expect to reap from such iniquitous investment?

Mary Jane Doble

Dear Tom:

I join my wife in full-hearted expression of thanks to you for your courageous exposure of deceit, hypocrisy and spiritual whoredom as given in Psychic Observer. Your action brings to mind Lincoln's saying: "To sin by silence when men know they ought to protest makes cowards of men." Wish to God we had more men like you to protest what is wrong in their hearts. To know there is an honest, intelligent, incorruptible man of your stamp who has the courage to live up to his paper's masthead: TRUTH for Authority; Not Authority for TRUTH, makes me determined more than ever to know the truth of Spiritualism and how to rightly divide it from the falsehood greed and lust for power which you have courageously uncovered among some kinglypins at Camp.

Frank Doble
Fairdale, Kentucky

Dear Mr. O'Neil:

Allow us to congratulate you on the exposure of the fraudulent mediums and their assistants. Our executive committee fully approves and endorses your article "The Tragic Deceptions in Materialization." You did take a step in the right direction and true Spiritualists should be grateful to you. We certainly need more men like you who are unafraid and will expose all fraudulent psychic phenomena.

I have spent the last 20 years in psychical research here and abroad and know of several fake mediums who congregate in this State during the winter months. Our executive committee was going to take steps to expose the fakes but since an honest medium sometimes practices fraud unconsciously, we gave them all the benefit of the doubt.

We corresponded quite often with the late Dr. Hereward Carrington. He claimed that by personal observation 98% of all psychic phenomena is produced by the mind and only 2% by spirit. We concur with this and moreover we know that about

50% of the 98% are outright fakes.

Most sincerely yours,
B. E. Roessling, Ps.D.
Executive Secretary
Florida Society for
Psychical Research,
Inc., Jacksonville, Fla.

Dear Friend, Tom O'Neil:

You have done one of the bravest and courageous things for we human Beings that it has been my pleasure to see. I had begun to despair to find a man so true that he would have the courage to actually print the Truth about something he had proved to his complete satisfaction. Bravo!!! I will enjoy Psychic Observer in the future more than I ever have before. I can rest assured that what I am reading from your pen is TRUTH as far as you are able to discern it. God bless you.

Mrs. Mary J. Hughes,
Carmichael, California

Bravo! Countless thousands have turned away from years of fraud! You have done a historic thing in changing the course of this wrong which has almost destroyed the effort. Houdini claimed, too, and did, do 90% of all phenomena found in Spiritualism—could we thus infer that 90% has been fraudulent, which he, as a close observer, could duplicate?

But why are you so surprised at THIS affair? A few months ago I sent you a picture which appeared in "Psychic Observer" of Stillwell's "Indian," marking for attention the arm of the "Indian," which was Miss Stillwell's without doubt.

Follow up—you are on the right trail.

Marie Harlowe
Three Rivers, Mich.

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Dear Tom:

I hope you will publish this letter, as I introduced you to Dr. Puharich. This introduction resulted in the exposé of the materialization medium as outlined in your issue of July 10th of Psychic Observer.

Why anyone would be so stupid or assinine as to attempt to fool genuine researchers in ESP is beyond the average person's ability to comprehend.

Your exposé in the Observer proves to me your sincerity, and your honest attempt to elevate the Psychic Observer out of the quagmire, superstition and charlatanism that often passes under the name of Spiritualism. However, I am the first one to admit that I have seen genuine psychic phenomena, and that the phenomena do exist. You have seen such phenomena, and so have many other researchers.

That is why the London Society for Psychical Research, the Duke University Parapsychological Laboratory and other accredited researchers with good names

have to be so careful. There are two reasons. Vicious attacks by organized and dogmatic religions of many denominations, who are afraid, as in the instance of the Dead Sea Scrolls, that some new knowledge or revelation may cast suspicion upon the foundations of orthodoxy.

Secondly, there are men of genuine scientific interests who repeatedly deny the existence of ESP and spiritual or psychic phenomena, mainly because there are such frauds as you recently exposed in your publication.

Like yourself, I have known many mediums, and I am amazed at what mediums will do to make money, or to impress the general public, and scientific men, with their psychic gifts.

I am now staying at 280 Park Ave., New York City, trying to get Dr. Norman Vincent Peale to open his church to spiritual healing. Mr. Peale told me that the New Testament indicates that the early Christian church was based upon healing, until it degenerated into medieval witchcraft.

I introduced Dr. Peale to several people who are healers, and Mr. Walter Dwyer of West Dennis, Mass., who is author of the book, "The Churches' Handbook for Spiritual Healing." Mr. Dwyer said that he thinks the Protestant churches will have to bring healers into their churches gradually, because, as we all know, healing is based upon psychic or the mediumistic gift of healing; and the minute this is mentioned to the Billy Graham element, it is as bad as throwing pepper into a fan.

There is nothing so mad, it is said, as an angry theologian. Organized Protestant churches are not willing to admit that the human soul is the same existent or name as the subconscious mind of science. I had a talk with Dr. Smiley Blanton and Dr. Peale, and they both agreed that when the preacher saves a soul from his pulpit, and when a psychiatrist takes a patient upon his couch at fifty dollars an hour to remove neuroses from the subconscious mind, that there is only one difference. One is practicing his profession scientifically and the other is indulging in superstition, or heresay.

We all know that religion and science should be one truth without conflict; and the sooner religion gives up its dogma and faith, and gets down to the actual facts of spiritual science, development and the true progress of the soul, then superstition will be abolished and disappear.

Very sincerely yours,
W. H. Belk

Tom O'Neil:

I sure want to thank you for the great work you are doing when you uncovered this great fraud at Chesterfield Spiritualist Camp. Keep up the good work. We want the truth and no fraud, it should have been done years ago.

Sincerely,
Rev. Clara S. Johnson
The Spiritualist
Episcopal Church,
3248 Park Avenue,
Minneapolis 7, Minn.

"Was going to make a special trip to Chesterfield to sit with Edith Stillwell, That is . . . until you blew the lid off."

Ruth Baird
Roscoe, Mo.

Dear Editor:

The Psychic Observer of July 10th is one that should go down in history. It has the best Editor that the paper has ever known. You are a true worker for our cause of Spiritualism.

I had a great desire to visit Camp Chesterfield this summer but now I don't want to even hear of it. If there are two frauds there, there must be plenty more.

I wonder if the Pressings knew about the frauds when they were there as publishers of the Observer. Ralph Pressing called it putting on a show and that is exactly the right name for it, a show like the stage magicians put on in a legitimate theater. It can be called a show, after all, don't the public have to pay to see it—the fraud before their eyes.

I became interested in Spiritualism back in 1928 when I lost my young brother at the age of 21 and two weeks after his so called death I saw his spirit in a private home in Beaumont, Texas, and he was killed in New Orleans. I did not need the help of a medium to have this experience. I believe if a spirit wants you to see it, the spirit will find a way and you need not spend your money with a medium to learn about life after death. After this great experience I had, I denounced all the churches and to this day I cannot believe what they are teaching about Hell and the Devil, etc. But after learning about so much fraud in the one thing I pin my high hopes on, where does that leave me or any other person stand? I have been proud of my faith in Spiritualism but now I don't know, but one thing I will say, I think Rev. Nina Ward Hughes of Sarasota, Fla., is just about the most sincere medium of any one I know about. I wish she would write a regular column for our paper.

I am sure all the readers of your paper are proud of you and the noble stand which you have taken.

I am merely one of your subscribers and just want you to know how I feel about the thing.

Sincerely,
Bessie Lipinski
Cincinnati, Ohio

July 2nd, '60

Dear Mr. O'Neil:

Please renew my subscription. It seems incredible that two people would resort to such deception. This is grist to the mill of L.J. and his ilk who have no understanding.

I do hope you will give the sincere, truthful workers at Chesterfield an opportunity to redeem the camp. This should prove to them that they must come out of the "Dark" and into the "Light."

Sincerely,
C. L. Evans
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. O'Neil:

Altho I have just written you, the new copy of the PO just came, with the news of the fraud in Chesterfield. You asked for comments from your readers about your stand in this matter. (Publish this if you like.)

You did the only right thing in exposing this fake. No honest person, and no honest Spiritualist, tolerates deception. Fraud and evil practices must be wiped out of organized Spiritualism, if it is ever to win a large number of followers and make converts among the general public. I am sure the decent element in Spiritualism will applaud you.

Here is something about frauds in Chesterfield you may not know. You can believe it or not; it makes no difference to me. Almost 20 years ago, Marge Hall, who at that time was publishing a small Spiritualist newspaper in New York, went with a friend to Chesterfield and exposed the fake materialization seances going on there, at that time! The medium was different from the one you exposed. Anyway, Marge Hall, without any infra-red cameras or snooperscopes, discovered that the alleged "spirits" were real people coming into the back of the cabinets (as you saw) and going out to the dressing room the same way. Marge, who was an ardent believer in the basic Truths of Spiritualism, got all

upset and made the mistake of complaining to the authorities of Chesterfield while she was still there, instead of waiting till she got away and then presenting her proofs. The result was that altho she printed the full exposé in her journal, the Camp authorities denied it all and practically crucified Marge, and so weathered the storm. It is entirely possible that fake materializations have been taking place in Chesterfield ever since. I never visited Chesterfield, so I am not making any charges—just passing along this information to you. It can be verified from back copies of Marge's paper.

I am not associated with any Spiritualist organization; and have not been for many years. But I believe in Spiritualism itself, and constantly work for its best interests. This fraud is a blow, but not too serious. The mere exposing of one fraudulent medium does not negate the basic Truths of Life After Death and all the beautiful philosophy.

Yours sincerely,
Howard B. MacDonald
New York, N. Y.

Dear O'Neil:

It has always been my feeling that you are a sincere and intelligent person. But being fully cognizant of what prevails in Spiritualism generally, and especially such as displayed at Camp Chesterfield, I have often wondered whether you and all the other editors of Spiritualist magazines were not in cahoots with the rest of the frauds who have sunken to this low estate.

The latest issue of *Psychic Observer*, however, conclusively proves that you are not in this category. Hallelujah! You went to Chesterfield in good faith, as many thousands have done before you; you discovered the awful truth for yourself, as also many others have already done; and then you had the guts to go home and honestly publish your findings—although you may have quivered some inwardly in so doing. This is the mark of a great editor. Keep up the good work! Your work is cut out for you if you can see this challenge: clean up Spiritualism. What better organ to use than Spiritualism's own magazine.

In the short time that she was editor of *Psychic Observer*, the person whom you succeeded deserves plaudits for her efforts to purge the movement of dishonesty and crookedness. However, she lacked the kind of ammunition now in your possession, and too little attention was given her; but she did scratch the surface, and you can carry on.

I have been quietly investigating Spiritualism for many years. It's a fascinating subject: the idea that one can communicate with those who have passed on. I often visit Chesterfield. It's a lovely place in the summertime; the food is good; and the entertainment is interesting if one can shake off that creepy feeling that you are being rooked.

In all my looking and searching, I have never found anything in the slightest evidential; but I cannot help but believe that under the vast mass of fraud and delusion, somewhere there is a grain of truth which I may yet find and uncover sometime. That is why I continue to visit spooky locales and get took every time I put three bucks on the line.

Yours is the great exposé of this century. The question is: what will be the result? Will Chesterfield be mobbed, or will it be boycotted? Neither, would be my guess, if you drop the matter here. But if you take up this challenge and fight as you can, something will come apart at the seams in good time. More power to you.

You made one statement with which I disagree, that is that no doubt there are some very fine

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LETTERS

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mediums at the Chesterfield Spiritualist Camp. Now I challenge you to name them to me personally, and I enclose a stamped envelope for your reply.

Very sincerely yours,
C. R. Denniston

Dear Mr. O'Neil:

I am sorry to learn that the use of the snooperscope has uncovered fraud in materialization seances. When I first heard of the snooperscope I wrote to the leading television networks suggesting the use of the snooperscope to record on film materialization seances and then broadcast the materializations of prominent historic personalities on television programs. The idea was rejected by the networks. The same suggestion to Long

John Nebel was not answered. In fact, the courtesy of an answer is not to be expected from Long John Nebel.

It is my belief that the claims about apports are also false. It would be a good idea to show with the help of a snooperscope how apports materialize in the dark. It is my belief that the "Spirits" would now find excuses if it were known that a snooperscope was in use.

With reference to the question of fraud in materialization seances, it is no worse than the fraud in the major orthodox religions. About six years ago the Holy Spirit gave us a message to the effect that religious leaders are false and that they are not even true to Christ. The more time that passes the more evidence accumulates to prove how false they are. So while you are exposing fraud in Spiritualism please don't overlook the fraud in other religions.

Sincerely,

Morris Katzen
Cooks Falls, N. Y.

and entertainment world. IT IS A RELIGION. Our religion — Spiritualism.

I can only hope and pray, Tom, that your efforts to clean up Spiritualism will really benefit it and that the people of the world will understand we, Spiritualists, love our religion and believe in it; that we want our religion to be clean and decent and good, yes, and holy, too. Jesus had a word for all this in Matthew 24:24, wherein He tells us:

"For there shall arise false Christs and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; inasmuch that if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."

And in I John 4:1, we read: "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they be of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world."

Keep "Trying the spirit," Tom, and those who are honest will not be afraid and if they love their dear Spiritualism, they will bless your every effort. WE KNOW you will be fair, for all concerned, AND YOU MUST.

CHURCH NEWS

The 35th Annual Ordination Service of the Supreme Council of the Independent Associated Spiritualists was held at its national headquarters in New York City, 152 West 42nd Street, on Sunday afternoon June 19th with the Reverend Doctor Marion Owens, Supreme Councilor of that ecclesiastical governing body, officiating. Miss Martha Frey was the organist and the soloists were Rev. William Belgrave and Reverend Garfield Harper.

Those who received First Orders were: Eva Berry from Sewell, New Jersey; Margie Mitchell, Cleveland, Ohio; Josephine Shafer and Verna Wilson from Newark, New Jersey, and Ann Cagle from Long Beach, California. Missionary papers were given to Eleanor Reed and Wilbur S. Reed, who serve with the Rev. Eva Berry at the Church of Spiritual Truth at Sewell, New Jersey. A Charter had been given to the newly organized church in May of 1960.

The candidates were presented by the Rev. Flora L. Chagnon Borg, an Associate Pastor of the Church of the Ascension, one of the I.A.S. Churches, and accepted by the Rev. Lena Parker of the Temple of Light, a New York City Church.

Second Orders were granted to the Rev. Margaret Seamon.



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EDITOR'S NOTE: Here is another case of a "church" not wanting its flock to see the frauds. Why do they ban the truth, and "cuddle up" to the lie?

Dear Sirs:

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EDITOR'S NOTE: The above letter indicates why Spiritualism is in the "doldrums!" It is churches like this that PSYCHIC OBSERVER wants OUT of the movement. DO NOT SUPPORT ANY CHURCH OR ORGANIZATION THAT DOES NOT WISH TO SEE A CLEAN SPIRITUALISM.

Among Missionary Orders issued for different parts of the country and abroad were: 1st Orders Missionary: Oswaldo Ortiz of Puerto Rico; 2nd Orders Missionary: Lora Foster of Michigan; and 3rd Orders Missionary for Berdie Badgett of Kansas and the Rev. James S. Ellis of Louisville, Kentucky, and also Flossie Walls of Ronda, North Carolina.

Further certificates of recognition for advanced studies were given to Rev. Charles Edwards as Bachelor of Metaphysics and to Rev. Margaret Bagnuolo, Rev. William Belgrave, Rev. James Cerrato, Rev. Jennie Frazee, Rev. Estelle Reed, Rev. Concha Freire, Rev. Garfield Harper, Rev. Clara Lavezoli and Rev. Elsa Siemsen, who were awarded Master of Metaphysics.

Rev. Ortiz advises that he has a specially built seance room constructed in his home in Puerto Rico at which he and a group of five of the professors at the University are conducting scientific experiments along the lines of research in physical phenomena. Rev. Frazee has been with our organization for a period of years

and has done wonderful missionary work throughout the State of Pennsylvania. Rev. Ellis continues with his undertaken work in Kentucky, and Rev. Badgett in Kansas.

The New York group of advanced students undertook a complete study of Biblical Spiritualism during the past year, starting with the Book of Genesis and finishing with the Book of Revelations. With this understanding they are better able to refute the arguments against Spiritualism, which usually center upon the Witch of Endor and Saul and they feel that they are better Spiritualists for having made this intensive study.

Many of the clergy from Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey and New York were represented at the services. Messages were given by six of the visiting mediums during the evening, including Rev. Bertha

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Tom O'Neil, Editor
Dear Tom:

I just received my copy of the July 10th issue of Psychic Observer. What a shock!! I am sickened by the revelations therein! Pray God the cameras lied!! Pray God you are wrong!! Pray God it is all a ghastly mistake!! Our poor, dear, Spiritualism! Just when it is once again starting to make some headway in public opinion this has to happen. I'm be sorry. So very sorry.

Two years ago Agnes Reuther (Palazzetti) had a like experience. She told us in confidence about catching someone behind a curtain "throwing out apports" to the gathering. Poor, dear Agnes was so upset about it at the time but thought it best not to mention it for the sake of the cause and those who have the faith. Perhaps she was right. I don't know!

Some twenty-five, or so, years ago the late Hereward Carrington had a heartbreaking experience with the then famous materializing medium Usaphia Pallidina. He told me he had heard about her and went to Italy and investigated her thoroughly and was definitely convinced she had a marvelous gift. He persuaded her to come to this country (he paid the tab) and she gave many convincing demonstrations. In the meantime Usaphia was meeting people, giving many readings and being generally lionized. She liked it!! And she was also getting tired. Finally Dr. Carrington arranged to have a group of eminent scientists investigate her prowess. During this much advertised seance Usaphia was caught, red-handed, cheating!! Of course, there was much adverse publicity for our dear Spiritualism. Dr. Carrington was heartbroken and when he asked Usaphia why she cheated she blithely answered, in her broken English, "He no come—me make!"

Just that simple!! The sad part of it all is that our critics and haters soon forget the individual and damn our religion. We are all, unceremoniously, painted with the same brush—as fakers!! It's just too bad we all have to suffer for the indiscretions of the few. It is just too bad our religion has to be judged by the personal acts of ANY individual. It's so unkind!

Spiritualists know there IS such a thing as materialization. We know all things are possible under God! During the last forty-nine years I have witnessed many things, good and bad, connected with our religion. I have witnessed genuine phenomena and some very smooth and raw cheating. Many times I wanted to jump out of my chair and run—sickened and nauseous. But I didn't!! Perhaps I was a coward or perhaps I was ashamed of it all and wanted to sweep it under the rug! I didn't know what to do then and I wonder what I would do now!! I don't know! In my heart I knew that sooner or later right would prevail and it will. Perhaps that is where you and Psychic Observer comes in!

In the tour of this country and of Spiritualist churches, I made two years ago, I met many sincere Spiritualists, clean and good and religious. Most of these people did not ask for, or want, their spirit Loved Ones and friends to put on a "show" for them. They did not ask for, or expect, spiritual gymnastics! All they hoped for was spiritual growth; spirit nearness, help and guidance—if they were worthy—if they had earned it. Spiritualism was their religion. They believed in it—all of it!! We know phenomena is a part of our religion but it is not for entertainment. It's too serious an issue for that. If we ever expect our religion to grow and be acceptable we just must divorce it from the sideshow

FLASH: SPIRITS IN CHESTERFIELD SEANCE ROOMS CLAIM TO BE REAL — THEY ADVISE ALL SITTERS TO "STOP READING THE PSYCHIC OBSERVER!"

The reports are pouring in from all over the Nation, and all parts of the world regarding the Chesterfield PSYCHIC CIRCUS.

The reports from Chesterfield itself (from those who live on the post) are a true delight.

The PSYCHIC OBSERVER bonfire, over 500 Psychic Observer papers, must have "lit up" the sky all the way to Indianapolis, and according to reports, there isn't a PO to be had anywhere in the vicinity. Further rumors—the camp-goers have been offering to buy them anywhere at \$1.00 per copy. **NOTE:** Anyone wanting copies of the July 10, 1960 Psychic Observer may get them at the regular rate of 25c plus postage. We printed several thousand extra copies of this issue knowing that the demand would be great.

Look for another PSYCHIC OBSERVER bonfire at the Chesterfield Camp on the next issue. They didn't cut their order, so—we mailed them out again!

More news from the Chesterfield front—"The entities are appearing in the 'seance rooms' and on the auditorium stage and telling the people not to buy the Psychic Observer because it isn't telling the truth about 'us spir-

its!'" Many letters tell us about this.

So many letters also say: "Ask the other physical mediums if they will allow Dr. Puharich and myself to use the 'snooper-scope' and infra-red film." The point being—"that any medium who is on the level would not mind one bit being photographed while his or her spirit forces are in action, and that it would be an outstanding contribution in bringing the Spiritualist movement back into a good light."

O.K. PSYCHIC OBSERVER IS ALL FOR IT—WHO'S FIRST?

Mediums and workers from all over the world have written to us thanking us for bringing this dirty business out into the light.

Six mediums have written, that because they are "so tired of the whole rotten thing" they will, if Psychic Observer will keep their names from being publicized, blow the whistle on the whole fraudulent set-up at Chesterfield. They write that they have wanted a clean house for years, but just did not know how to buck the "machine."

TWO OF THESE MEDIUMS LIVE AND WORK ON THE CHESTERFIELD GROUNDS!

Here is the greatest part of this

story—these mediums WANT TO GO STRAIGHT! So you see, good readers, the Spiritualist movement is NOT as bad as it seemed from a first look. IT ONLY TOOK AN OPENING WEDGE LIKE THIS BIG EXPOSE OF CAMP CHESTERFIELD TO SPARK THE CLEAN-UP.

Psychic Observer is prepared to go along with these mediums, or any others, who want to let a little light shine in on this matter. WE WILL NEVER PUBLICIZE THEIR NAMES IN ANY WAY DEROGATORY to their making a living as honest mediums. We will keep their secret forever, and I am sure that the Psychic Observer readers would want it that way.

BECOME A SPIRIT—AT SO MUCH A YARD

Here are some of the things that we have been told: "Ectoplasm sells for \$6.50 a yard, and enough can be wadded into one hand to clothe six 'spirits!'" This "ghostly material" can be bought in at least three places in this country! We have the names and addresses of these firms who sell the seance room gadgets, and this includes masks, wigs, Indian regalia, and other odds 'n ends

to make the sitter think he is talking to the dearly departed or a master teacher. The "master teachers" are usually garbed in luminous colored "ectoplasm" which costs more than the garden variety stuff. This can be purchased in New York City where this firm also makes a special type light. More on that in the issues to come, but the mediums who buy this material for use in the seance room, and happen to be reading this item, know that I know what I am talking about!

Also—have you ever heard of an "APPORT SALESMAN?"

What? You mean you have never heard of an "Apport Salesman—?"

We will talk about that in later issues.

We are going to make it possible for all of our readers to dress up like "spirits" and play "seance room." Won't that be fun?

We are going to do this because forewarned is forearmed. If you can dress up like the "spirits" do at Chesterfield, then—you are bound to know what a real spirit looks like when you meet one face to face.

IS ALL INTELLIGENCE HUMANLIKE—?

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teleportation, and practically instantaneously.

As for a human standing the trip of distant space-travel to higher frequencies—yes, it could be done, but not before his body (primarily a water body) was changed, "rechemicalized." This includes a "polarization" of the atomic substance that goes to make up every body cell.

With the wiser space-being's knowledge of how to manipulate matter, this can be easily accomplished. Which is of course beyond modern man's ability. Taken into outer-space, a different frequency would congeal an Earthian's blood if he did not have a new polarization of the body. Physical structures would have to be taken care of, so extremely different are the higher dimensions or higher frequencies. There exists a greater state of what is called purity of form. Mostly eliminated are what might be called dross or the poisons of the system.

But why are present-day spaceships here—in our upper atmosphere in such great numbers, literally millions of them? These craft vary greatly from discs a foot or so in diameter (used as electronic eyes) to craft that are many miles in length and width (used as mother ships). Indeed, there are also giant craft of planetary size!

Many and varied are the reasons for their presence here. They have come because of:

An impending natural or cosmic event, such as our atomic explosions, suicidal for Earthians and disturbing for outer-space beings.

Hostile saucers bent on conquering us.

Possible accidents like "polar flips," some other cataclysm, new radiation or vibratory frequency, due to our solar system's new position in space, great cosmic dust storms.

The planetary Guardians stand by to help us from all the above possible happenings, as well as others. Whatever the event, it

will come about within this century. So believe the Reeves.

Another belief: that a marvelous "golden age" is at hand. But before it comes about, there will first arrive a period of house-cleaning on earth to rid it of the dominating destructive and non-progressive elements. Hence all the conflicting talk of cataclysms, great cosmic accidents, rescue missions.

Future contacts will be bolder, more open, many serious saucer students feel, "when the world is better conditioned for them and when it can be done without fear of panic or undue upset to our economic, scientific, governmental and religious views."

Make no mistake, the space-beings know what they are doing, and are acting with great wisdom.

Since solidifying, earth is about seven billion years old. During that time, a lot of "school children" have passed through this "school-house" (earth).

Many superior civilizations, long-forgotten but having had atomic power, spaceships, etc., have come and gone. We, mistakenly thinking of ourselves as such an "advanced" civilization, are only re-learning what our ancestors knew countless ages ago. There is literally nothing "new" under the sun. As for historical or archeological records of these things on earth, there are very few.

When asked what was the greatest thing he learned on his pilgrimage, Bryant Reeve's answer was: "That life in outer-space exists in octaves of frequencies—that outer-space is not empty—but is filled with life, form, color, activities, yes, and even with great unseen civilizations and cultures, worlds without end. These are not nebulous, but real, solid, factual and glorious to those with the necessary tune-in ability. The entrance to these worlds is not through distance in light years, but via the 'frequency elevator,' by the conversion of the frequency and

mode of vibration of energy."

All this is not new knowledge, declared Bryant, but merely the return of lost knowledge—an important phase of Cosmic Truth.

Helen Reeve's answer as to what surprised her most is also worth quoting.

"Here in this generation we have been privileged to glimpse the opening of the doors of human knowledge to interplanetary life, interplanetary governments and cosmic life itself. And yet most of us do not realize what is happening; nor do we appreciate it or welcome it. This is indeed surprising!"

As I put the finishing touches to this article, and check back, I ponder certain contact-communication stories. How they differ from the claims of others in person contactees! Some say only human-like beings of intelligence inhabit the universe. Others say the very opposite, that there exists in the universe intelligent life completely unlike Earthians.

What gets this writer is the unshakeable positiveness of these opposing statements. Again, one group says, very soberly, that only benign saucers are permitted to land on Earth. The other group states flatly that malevolent saucers do land.

A previous article of mine (Hostile Saucers" — July, 1958 SEARCH) seems to bear out the latter contention. All this leaves me very puzzled. Then the title of this article comes to mind: "The Complexity of Flying Saucers." Indeed it is complex!

Which is the understatement of the century.

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