

# Hypnotism Floors Skeptics Mildred Ragan, Ada Lane

By SARAH GRAY

That strangely elusive and mystifying science known to the layman as hypnotism has settled upon our psychology majors, putting one victim after another into deep states of lethargy and causing more than one skeptic to hastily remove a knowing smile.

It all started at psychology seminar when Mildred Ragan and Ada Lane sank into states of complete somnambulism through the power of suggestion exercised by Mr. Daryl Kent.

Relaxing comfortably in an armchair and staring into the thin flame of a candle, Mildred yielded willingly to Mr. Kent's commands. After he assured her that she could not raise her arm, she couldn't, and when he told her that she could not open her eyes, they just wouldn't open. She listened with great interest to popular tunes played over a radio audible to her alone. Mr. Kent told her that upon awakening she would walk to the other side of the room and straighten a curtain. Mildred confessed later that although she had wanted to do it, her better judgment hindered her. After all, one does not usually go into another's home and insult the hostess by committing such unethical acts as straightening a curtain, no matter how unevenly it may be hanging.

Ada Lane became an exceptionally good subject, submitting quickly to the will of the hypnotist. When asked what kind of music she preferred, she replied "marches" and soon identified the pulsating rhythms of "The Dog Whistle March" and the march from the *Nutcracker Suite*, coming over the same radio to which Mildred had listened. (Ed. Note: This is the kind of radio Founders would appreciate during quiet hour.)

When Mr. Kent told Ada that Evelyn Pearson was wearing one brown shoe and one white one, she heartily agreed, even accepting the explanation that Evelyn was trying to wear out the white one. Incidentally, Evelyn's shoes were both tan.

"Can you name everyone in this room?" asked Mr. Kent. Ada thought she could and she named correctly everyone present. After she had finished, someone told her that Evelyn Pearson had left the room and that she must name them all again. In naming them the second time, Ada looked right at Evelyn but did not name her. I am sure we have all had this experience, only we do not attribute it to hypnotism.

Charlie Lewis, wondering whether Ada was still skeptical on the powers of hypnosis, asked her if she thought she could be hypnotized. She emphatically retorted, "No."

Mr. Kent then put Charlie partially to sleep, telling him to do everything Evelyn commanded. She told him to scratch his head and he did, but when Herbie Pearson told him to straighten his tie, there was no reaction. Herbie then said "Please," and Charlie complied.

A person under hypnotic influence will never commit an act opposed to his moral code, so don't try committing your mischievous deeds via hypnosis—it just won't work.

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## Sophomore Party to be Held At Faculty Home

Dr. Philip W. Furnas and Mrs. Furnas will entertain the sophomore class at their home this evening at 8:00.

The party is being arranged by the social committee, headed by vice-president Margaret Ellison, and composed of Tommy Brunkhardt, Gail Willis, Herbert Schoellkopf, Carlyn Guy, Otto Schenk, and Brad Leete. Other officers of the class are: president—Dan Young, treasurer—Philip Hurwitz, secretary—Winifred Ellis. All sophomores are invited to attend.

## Gulfordians Take Time Out To Discuss the Weather

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in the groove. He worked at the Airport this summer—from midnight until 8 a.m.!

For instance, there's the one about the woman who called up one evening and asked, "What's the minimum temperature going to be tonight?" Upon receiving an answer, she inquired, "Is that indoors or outdoors?"

DeArmas says that the fellows at the Airport are not the ones who tell us whether or not it will rain—at least they don't start the gossip. They get the North Carolina forecast from the station at Jacksonville, Florida. If the indications on the map don't quite fit this area, they revamp it. Then they pass on the news via the telephone to the Winston-Salem, High Point, and Greensboro papers. Those interesting little side notes in the paper about the moon rise and set, the sun ditto, and the humidity are determined in the evening and sent in to the papers in time for morning editions.

If you've ever been out to the Airport (is there anyone who hasn't?) you've probably seen a little balloon flying around at times. If no one had been playing tricks on you, it was probably sent up by a meteorologist who was going to find out the direction and velocity of the wind. This is one of the jobs that must be done four times a day.

One of DeArmas' stories about his job concerns a woman who likes to call him on the telephone. "She's been calling at intervals ever since August," says DeArmas. "She wants to know when it's going to freeze, so she can bring in her two geranium plants. I don't know what she'll do if they die."

The most thrilling experience he's had on the job was when he saw a plane crash. Major Barr was coming from Langley Field to inspect the eighth pursuit division. As he was

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## Early Play is Theme Of Lecture on Drama

Mrs. Milner Gives First Talk Concerning Development of Drama

The first of a series of lectures illustrating how English drama developed was given last night by Mrs. Ernestine C. Milner. The lecture concerned the wit and sciences of moralities, and extracts from two miracles, the *Second Shepherd's Play* and *Noah*.

Skits from these plays were presented along with the lecture. They were directed by Mr. Daryl Kent with the cooperation of the Dramatic Council.

Taking part in the plays were: *Second Shepherd's Play*—Daniel Young, Doris Wanstall, Kingston Johns, Ben Runkle, David Stanfield, Barbara Anderson; *Wit and Science*—Charles Lewis, Elois Mitchell, David Spiegel, Evelyn Pearson, Tom Purdy, Malcolm Crooks, Henry Ausband, J. W. McGinnis, Hazel Sharp, Jean H. Thomas, Elaine Lyon; *Noah*—Jean G. Thomas, Phil Hurwitz, Hazel Sharp, Jean H. Thomas, Elaine Lyon, Jack Dabagian.

Continuing the series, Miss Dorothy L. Gilbert will talk on "Realism and Burlesque in Comedy"—"The Knight of the Burning Pestle" on Friday, November 21, at 8:00. Her lecture will be accompanied by a presentation of "The Knight of the Burning Pestle" by the class in public speaking, under the direction of Mr. Kent.

Dr. Philip W. Furnas will speak on "The Tragedy of Blood and Horror" on Friday, November 28. In connection with his talk, the class in Elizabethan drama will present two skits, *Spanish Tragedy* and *White Devil*. The tentative cast includes Phyllis Meadows, John Hobby, Ben Brown, and Jack Hartley.

about to land, a cub plane got in his way, and he had to circle around the field. He tried to pull his ship up into the air, but something locked, and he couldn't make it. He bailed out about 5000 feet up, south of the field. DeArmas was outside at the time, and saw the plane crash.

"If you want the easiest job, be sure you work on the day shift," says DeArmas. "Your hardest job will be keeping up with the telephone calls."

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## Chapel Schedule

Monday, November 17—Ezra McIntosh, "Radio as a Career."

Tuesday, November 18—Meeting for worship on the basis of silence in the Hut.

Wednesday, November 19—Dr. A. D. Beittel will conduct a worship service.

Thursday, November 20—Class meetings.

Friday, November 21—Reginald and Gladys Laubin, an interpretation of American Indian ceremonial.

Monday, November 24—Scholarship society.

Tuesday, November 25—Meeting for worship on the basis of silence in the Hut.

Wednesday, November 26—A Cappella choir, Thanksgiving day program.

Thursday, November 27—Class meetings.

Friday, November 28—President Milner will conduct a worship service.

## Purnell Kennedy Receives Highest Sea Scout Award

Purnell Kennedy, Guilford student and member of the Sea Scout ship Davy Jones, has been awarded the highest sea scout trophy, that of quartermaster.

Over a period of four years he prepared for the comprehensive examination which he took last Wednesday night. Kennedy was the eighth Scout from this council to receive the award. Other Guilfordians who have received it are Leslie Atkinson, '40; Ralph Deaton, '40; and Armstead Estes, '41.

Awards were given to other Guilfordians on the same occasion: Jean McAllister, Robert McAllister, Purnell Kennedy, and Solomon Kennedy were given long cruise bars; Ernest Ferris was given able rank, and life-saving merit badge; and Arthur Johnson, rowing merit badge.

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## Faculty Members Attend State College Conference

Dr. E. Garness Purdom and Mrs. Ernestine C. Milner represented Guilford at the North Carolina College conference held on November 5 and 6 at the O. Henry hotel in Greensboro.

Others attending from Guilford were Dr. A. D. Beittel, Dr. Ezra H. F. Weis, Mr. William O. Suiter, and the Economics seminar.

The conference is composed of faculty members of Junior and Senior colleges throughout the state, and meets annually to discuss educational problems. Ernest K. Lindley, Washington editor of News Week, spoke on the International situation, and Dean House of the University of North Carolina spoke on his philosophy of education. Reports were given by J. D. Clark of State college, and Dr. Holland Holton of Duke university.

Dr. Luther Gobel, president of Greensboro college, was elected president of the North Carolina College Conference to succeed Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of the University of North Carolina.

## Dr. E. H. F. Weis Will Lead Chorus in 200th Anniversary

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The first performance at a concert given in the interest of charity at Dublin, Ireland, in the spring of 1742. It was at a performance at the Covent garden theater that the King of England arose during the "Hallelujah!" chorus, establishing a custom which has survived to the present day.

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