

IS MIND READER AMAZES SKEPTICS

Child Puts Teacher on Spot; He Is Ambitious to Be a Parachute Jumper.

New York.—To look at he's just the usual happy-go-lucky boy. A mop of curly hair, a pink, chubby face. An overwhelming desire to jump over things, stand on his head and take alarm clocks apart.

But Jackie Merkle, aged six, is more than the average boy. He is one of the most amazing mind readers, "mental marvels" or whatever word you choose, who has ever visited skeptical New York.

Jackie reads minds—no one who has witnessed his work can doubt that. He slips up now and then, of course, when reading directly the mind of his "subject." But he rarely slips up when the "subject's" thought is first given to Jackie's papa, Jacques Merkle, former circus acrobat.

Too Much Truth.

"Code. Of course there's a code," said the skeptics when Jackie and papa visited a newspaper office. But the skeptics were convinced, often to their embarrassment, for Jackie has a way of blurting out the simple truth when a "subject" would much prefer a little white lie.

The reporter who brought Jackie to the office doesn't believe in anything. He was going to catch Jackie, all right, all right.

"Did I ever have an accident?" "You were wounded in the World War at St. Pol," Jackie said promptly. That took the feet right from under the reporter, but he made another attempt.

"Shall I marry soon?" "No," said Jackie, "you're married and you've got a child."

Whereupon the reporter, who is and has admitted defeat. From reporter Jackie skipped to managing editor, and wasn't a bit over-awed. He told the editor his name, told him he had visited Germany last summer, even named the towns, what is more, pronounced them correctly, although he probably never heard of them before.

He "read" without seeing it an invitation to a banquet.

Professors hold that he has the vocabulary of a college graduate, and his IQ is that of a boy of twelve. He's always staggering his tutor, Miss Beula Anderson. He studies second grade lessons, and they are a snap.

Teacher on Spot.

It was suggested that, if Jacky felt lazy, he might read the answers in his teacher's mind.

"I'm afraid of that," said Miss Anderson, in a baffled way. Now and then Jackie dabbles in the future, but they keep him away from that, unless it results in reading a person's thoughts as to future. One incident, as related by Papa Merkle, makes good reading, anyway.

Seems that Jackie was talking with Melvin Purvis, Department of Justice ace, who asked what Dillinger was doing that day.

"He's robbing a bank in Indiana," said Jackie.

"Well, what bank?"

"Oh, that's too personal. I don't want to get bumped off."

"And the papers carried a story that night," concluded Papa Merkle, "that Dillinger had robbed a South Bend bank."

Jackie likes movies and girls—pretty ones. He hates to read. He likes to eat, as his chubby form indicates. He likes mechanical toys best, and wouldn't bother with an interview until he had had a set-to with his toy airplane.

"I have a psychological impulse," he said. "Honestly, that's what he said. 'It's easy, the answers are flashed to me. I can always see clearly what is in other people's minds.'"

His future? "I," announced Jackie, "am going to be a parachute jumper."

Ambulance Kills One, Injures Four Others

Cincinnati.—The siren of a Cincinnati life insurance ambulance sounded a death knell as it roared through a downtown street to the aid of a woman reported to have attempted suicide.

As it passed a busy intersection, it struck an automobile containing five negroes. All five were injured, one fatally.

Police finished the call the ambulance had started to answer and found Mrs. Irene Mae, thirty-five, recovering from the effects of inhaling a small amount of gas.

War-Blinded Disprove Theory About Tobacco

London.—The belief that smoking holds little charm for the smoker in the dark—that a smoker doesn't enjoy his "weed" unless he can see the smoke—is disproved by a survey made at St. Dunstan's Home for the Blind, where nearly 2,000 war-blinded men are housed. Thirty-five per cent are avid smokers of pipes and cigarettes.

Massachusetts Collector Has 3,500 Midget Books

Brockton, Mass.—James D. Bunker son claims to have one of the world's biggest collections of little books. Collecting miniature volumes has been his hobby for many years and now he has about 3,500. Among them is what he describes as the smallest Roman Catholic prayer book to exist.

PARKVILLE NEWS

Rev. W. M. Mannix filled his appointment at Parkville Church Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Ferrell had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Sam Farrell and children, of Chappinok; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Lane and children, Mrs. Joshua Lane and two children, Mary Spurgeon and Willis; Mrs. Mary E. Hobbs, Mrs. Louis Lamb and baby, Maxie Edward; Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Bright and children; Mrs. John Higgins and children, Ralph and Bennie.

Louis Lamb and children, Alice, Louis Ray, Mildred and Naomi, and Tony Brothers attended the birthday surprise given in honor of Mr. Lamb's mother at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Chappell, near Snow Hill, Sunday.

Little Carol Lamb spent the week-end with his grandmother, Mrs. O. D. Ferrell.

L. D. Lamb and Willie Ferrell were in Hertford Wednesday on business.

Funeral services for Alexander Smith were held Saturday afternoon by Rev. Ray Smith at the Parkville M. E. Church, and interment was made in the family burying ground near Parkville. Mr. Smith is survived by his wife, Mrs. Louise Smith; four sons, Edward Smith, of Hertford; Franklin Smith, George Smith, and Alden Smith; two daughters, Mrs. Henry Riddick, of Parkville, and Mrs. Jim Key, of Portsmouth, Va.; and fourteen grandchildren.

MANY ATTEND CONFERENCE

A large number of women of the various Missionary Societies of the Hertford M. E. Church attended the Annual Conference of the Woman's Missionary Society held in Elizabeth City this week.

BELVIDERE NEWS

Miss Mary Elizabeth White, of Winfall spent Wednesday night with her aunt, Mrs. J. A. Chappell.

Ruth Winslow, of Hertford, spent the week-end with Julia Miller Chappell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ansie White and family, of Hertford; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Winslow and son, Leonard, Jr., of Winfall, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Winslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Chappell spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. Bunch, of Hobbesville.

Mrs. F. C. White is very ill.

Missionary Society Meets

The Minnie Coston White Missionary Society of New Hope Church held its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Davis on Thursday, April 11, with Mrs. Davis as hostess. The meeting was conducted by the president, Mrs. C. W. Griffin. Prayer was offered by Mrs. S. D. Banks, followed by roll call and minutes of the previous meeting. The Standard of Excellence was presented by the president. Mrs. W. W. Spencer presented Social Relationship, and read the Lord's Measure of William Taylor. Mr. and Mrs. Dimmette were most welcome visitors. The devotional was conducted by Mrs. Mattie Robbins. How the Church Can Help was given by Mrs. W. C. Barcliff and Mrs. W. K. Barcliff. At the conclusion of the meeting, Mrs. Davis served candy.

PINEY WOODS

Miss Mattie Hendren spent Monday night with Mrs. W. P. Chappell.

Miss Edna Phtisic and Mr. Nurney Chappell visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jordan Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lane and two children, of Ryland, and Mrs. Mary Phtisic spent Saturday afternoon in Hertford.

Mrs. Laura Ward is visiting her son, Mr. Carson Ward, of Elizabeth City.

Those who visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Chappell Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Perry and son, of Bethel; Mr. and Mrs. Nereus Chappell and children, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chappell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Chappell visited Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Chappell Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Ward and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Carson Ward, of Elizabeth City, Sunday. Mrs. Louis Winslow, Mrs. Shelton Chappell and Mrs. J. R. Chappell visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jordan Monday afternoon.

Mr. Haywood Phtisic spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Mary Phtisic.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Chappell visited Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Chappell Sunday evening.

SUNBEAMS HOLD MEETING

The Sunbeams of Whiteville Grave Church held their regular monthly meeting Saturday afternoon at the home of Lois and Mae Edie Asbell. The president, Sybil Layden, had charge of the meeting. After the program was given, an egg hunt was enjoyed by all, and many interesting games were played. Three prizes were awarded by the leader, Mrs. T. P. Layden. Blanche Chappell won a prize for not finding any eggs; Jasper Layden for finding the most, and Julian Chappell, Jr. for finding the second largest number. After the eggs were found, a feast of boiled eggs, cranberry and pickles was enjoyed by all. Those present were: Dick and Blanche Chappell, Mary Louise, Julia Miller and Julia Chap-

pell, Jr., Jasper and Sybil Layden, Herbert Ray Chappell, Vernon Layden, Marjorie Perry, Mattie Lou and Eunice Mae Turner, Eva Lee Nixon, Lois and Mae Edie Asbell, and Mrs. T. P. Layden, and a visitor, Ruth Winslow, of Hertford.

MISSIONARY UNION MEETS

The Woman's Missionary Union of Piney Woods Church met at the home of Mrs. Veland Winslow Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, with Miss Maggie Chappell as assistant hostess. The president, Miss Lucy White, had charge of the meeting. After the business session, the following program was given: Hymn, "The Morning Light is Breaking;" devotional was given by Mrs. E. L. Chappell. At roll call each member answered with A, B, C of Missions. The lesson from the book, "Japanese Women Speak," was then presented. The meeting closed by repeating the Lord's Prayer. The hostesses served delicious refreshments.

WHITESTON NEWS

Miss Lorna Brothers and Miss Winnie Winslow were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Eason recently.

Mrs. Alvah Jordan, of Hertford, spent a few days recently with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Winslow.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. White and children, of Sunbury, visited Mr. White's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. White, recently.

Miss Lorna Brothers graciously entertained the members of her seventh grade graduating class at her apartment in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Baker on Tuesday afternoon and evening. At 5:30 o'clock Miss Brothers served a very appetizing supper consisting of sandwiches, salads, iced tea and cakes.

After supper, Miss Brothers accompanied by Miss Winnie Winslow, took the children to Hertford to the Rex theatre for the show. This is an annual affair, Miss Brothers having commenced it with her first seventh grade graduates about five or six years ago. It is quite a treat for the children and they look forward to it the whole school year. The members of this year's graduating class in-

clude: Clemms Winslow, Midge Lane, Leslie Winslow, Harold Lassiter and Winifred Winslow. Miss Winslow also took her niece, Barbara Winslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Winslow and son, Clinton, of Belvidere, were dinner guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Winslow, recently.

Mrs. Walter Winslow entertained at an all-day quilting party at her home on Wednesday. Mrs. Winslow, assisted by Mrs. Mercer Winslow and Mrs. Beatrice Jordan served an elaborate dinner to the following guests: Mrs. G. W. Chappell and children; Mrs. Percy Chappell and son; Mrs. Otho Winslow and daughter; Mrs. Claude Winslow and baby, of Belvidere; Mrs. Alvah Jordan, of Hertford; Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Winslow and daughter, of near Winfall; and Mrs. Mercer Winslow.

Miss Alma Leggett, of Winfall, was the week-end guest of Miss Lorna Brothers.

Miss Burnette Winslow and Miss Lucy Grant Flythe visited Miss Flythe's grandmother in Conway on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. White and children, of Elizabeth City; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph White and children, of Norfolk, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. B. L. White and children, of Sunbury were week-end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. White.

Mrs. Linford Winslow and daughter, Mary Leland, of Hertford, spent a part of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Winslow.

Adelia Winslow, of Hertford, spent the week-end with Doris Lane.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Winslow and daughter, Jean, of Norfolk, Va., spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Winslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Winslow and baby, of Elizabeth City, visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Adrien Smith and sons, of Bagley Swamp; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Winslow and children, of Hertford, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Winslow, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Winslow and daughter, Gloria, of Belvidere, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lett Winslow.

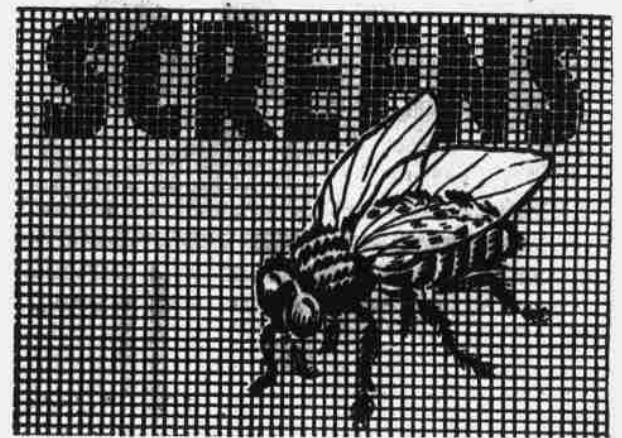
J. F. White, who is suffering with rheumatism, is not much improved.

Mrs. Lindsey Winslow was called to the bedside of her mother, Mrs. F. C. White, in Belvidere, Saturday night. Mrs. White is seriously ill.

Betty Jean and Barbara Winslow are spending sometime with their

aunt, Miss Winnie Winslow. J. T. Winslow, who has been sick for several days, is improving.

Several from here attended the Guilfordian meeting at Piney Woods Friends Church Saturday evening.



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