

Literary Musings

By ROBERT G. MULDER

Many times I have driven down Atlantic Avenue in Virginia Beach and passed the large white structure which resembles a summer resort. There are always several cars indicating that much goes on even during the winter's off-season. Near the well traveled street, a neat sign identifies the Association for Research and Enlightenment and welcomes visitors. The title refers to the Edgar Cayce (pronounced Casey) Foundation. I have often wanted to visit this place, and last Saturday the opportunity presented itself.

The name Edgar Cayce is quite familiar to me because an interest in the psychic sciences years ago had prompted the purchase of paperbacks by and about this sleeping prophet. As one enters the lobby of the main building, he is greeted by a counter-clock wise informative pictorial history of Cayce. Not the least bit commercial is the adjoining bookstore making available to visitors and patrons an almost endless assortment of titles dealing with mysticism and the scope of the psychic.

A library located in the main building is open to the public and contains one of the best stocked collections in existence on parapsychology and metaphysics. Available to the interested public are the Cayce readings conveniently arranged and indexed for scholars who wish to conduct research. Assistants are on hand to answer questions and to help those requesting aid. The Braille Library provides a selection of Edgar Cayce works and related metaphysical literature on tapes and in braille. The Association maintains an active press for the production of its printed literature, mainly that which concerns the work of its founder. An attractive auditorium and private conference rooms are almost constantly in use.

One cannot visit the Association without becoming aware of the vast program carried on during the year. For instance, coming up in March are special studies on our prehistoric heritage, dreams, the Old Testament, and a study of vibration. Later in the year such topics as reincarnation, creation, and soul development are scheduled. Workshops and summer camps are conducted for groups. Speakers for the various areas are learned men, all specialists in a given field.

The Association for Research and Enlightenment, a non-profit organization, maintains a membership which is continually growing in this country and abroad. One of its major purposes is the dissemination of information on the Cayce readings. Another purpose is research into these readings making them applicable and relevant to today's world.

It is impossible to enter into the work of the A.R.E. without coming into contact with the life and personality of Edgar Cayce. He was born in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, in 1877. When he was seven years old, his first vision appeared. Asked what he wanted to do with his life, he replied that he wanted to help others, especially children. Young Edgar was told that his prayers had been answered, but he said later "that he had no concept of the implication of what was to come."

Through an experience with self-hypnotic suggestion, Cayce cured himself of a seriously defecting physical condition and discovered the psychic powers within himself. He discovered that he could fall asleep and answer questions put to him on any subject. His information seemed to come from an ever-flowing river of wisdom. The readings themselves healed illnesses, solved mysteries, and predicted with accuracy the future. "He himself never heard a word he said, nor remembered it when he woke up."

Until his death in 1945, Edgar Cayce lay down and entered the sleep-state at least twice each day. Of the approximate 16,000 times he engaged in these sleep-readings, some 14,000 sessions are recorded and assembled in the A.R.E. Headquarters. The range of topics is extensive covering such areas as dream interpretation, the mind and body, and human-relations problems.

"Perhaps the most generally applicable information given by the sleeping Cayce is contained in the thousands of references to the Bible and the message it carries to all men. While advocating no specific philosophy, religion, or ism, it expresses a deep belief in a Divine Creator of whose plan man is a part. The readings make it clear that if man would know himself, he must seek to live in harmony with his Creator's plan."

Through the Cayce Foundation, as I prefer to call it, is quite extensive, I did not sense a flamboyant display of sensationalism as I visited in Virginia Beach.

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abide by restrictions of Probation Officer - as to places and associates, 3. Shall not carry any type of weapon or any article that could be used as a weapon, 4. each to pay one half of medical expense of prosecuting witness within 30 days of the current date as directed by Probation Officer;

Davis Redell Layden was found guilty of driving under the influence, (2nd offense) and was given a 6 months sentence suspended upon payment of a fine of \$200.00 and costs, and ordered not to operate a motor vehicle until he is re-licensed by the

State. An appeal was noted and the case was placed on the Superior Court Docket for trial;

Prayer for judgment was continued for 6 weeks in the case of Leon Ange on the condition that he enter Walter B. Jones Alcoholic Center for treatment. The defendant was found guilty of assault on a female;

Luther Hayes, Jr. was found not guilty of destruction of property;

Melvin Barrington Jr., charged with improper registration, was given a 30-day sentence suspended upon payment of a fine of \$25.00 and costs.



REMOVING TREE TRUNK — Members of the town crew recently removed an old large tree in front of the Hertford Grammar School. The removal took many hours. The large tree was dangerous during storms. (Sawyer Photo)

Rare & Endangered Species

The Soil Conservation Service in North Carolina will soon broaden its work in conservation of natural resources to provide protection of the habitat of rare and endangered plants and animals in the state, it was disclosed today by State Conservationist Jesse L. Hicks in Raleigh.

This will be an expansion of the conservation work of SCS employees. Previously workers of the conservation agency, a part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, has traditionally concentrated on soil and water conservation and effects of this program on crop production and the environment and this will continue.

Henceforth, SCS will also cooperate with the North Carolina Endangered Species Committee, convened by the State

Department of Natural and Economic Resources, to preserve and enhance habitat for endangered plants and animals.

As its first objective this committee, under the leadership of Dr. Arthur Cooper, Assistant Director of NER, compiled a preliminary list of endangered species in North Carolina. This has now been published. Phil Edwards of Raleigh, Soil Conservation Service biologist, served on the committee and participated in preparation of the list.

The preliminary list, 25 tight-packed pages, is now being distributed to SCS offices and to soil and water conservation districts in every Tar Heel county.

Assistance in preserving and enhancing habitat will be available this spring from Soil Conservation

Service employees, as they work with land-owners and land users on conservation plans.

In a separate but related program SCS people in North Carolina participated in a statewide survey of the Bald Eagle and the Osprey, cooperating with a program directed by Donald Harker of the Division of Wildlife Services, U.S. Department of the Interior.

In addition to receiving the endangered species list, all Soil Conservation Service employees will receive instructions on:

1. How to use the list.
2. How to identify endangered species.
3. Recognizing possible habitat for endangered species.
4. How to work with landowners in preserving endangered species and habitat for such species.

Hertford Bridge results

Grammar Menu

Tues. March 5, Fish Croquet, String Beans, Creamed Potato, Cornbread and milk.

Wed. March 6, Sloppy Joe's on Buns, Green Peas, Orange Juice, Rice Pudding and milk.

Thurs. March 7, Turkey Pot Pie, Lima Beans, Candied Yams, Corn Sticks and milk.

Monday and Friday - no school-Teacher work day.

Mrs. T.L. Jessup was hostess to her bridge club Tuesday night at her home on Front Street. Those playing were Mrs. G.W. Barbee, Mrs. C.R. Holmes, Mrs. W.C. Dozier, Mrs. J.T. Biggers, Mrs. John Coston, Miss Mary Sumner, Miss Ruby White, and the hostess.


Mrs. Holmes was high score winner. A sweet course was served.

Miss Mary Helene Newby entertained her bridge club Tuesday night at her home on Grubb Street. Those playing were Mrs. S.P.

Jessup, Mrs. T.B. Sumner, Mrs. C.E. Johnson, Mrs. Charles Whedbee, Mrs. S.M. Whedbee, Mrs. Johnny Broughton, Mrs. H.C. Sullivan, and Miss Louise Chalk.

Mrs. Sullivan won the high score prize. The hostess served a sweet course.

Mrs. Julian White was hostess to her rook club Wednesday afternoon at her home on Market Street. Those playing were Mrs. J.E. Morris, Mrs. C.T. Skinner, Mrs. G.R. Tucker, Mrs. J.H. Towe, Mrs. C.E. Cannon, Mrs. Walter Dale, Mrs. D.F. Reed, and Miss Mary Sumner.



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