



DINNER guest of Dr. and Mrs. Sam Sheppard night she was slain, Don Ahern is second witness called by prosecution in trial of osteopath at Cleveland, O. (International)

Church of England Starts Study Of 20th Century 'Faith Healers'

London—(U.P.)—The Church of England has begun an exhaustive study of what appears to be a twentieth century rival of miraculous "spiritual healing" like that described in the Bible.

Church leaders want to know whether the modern "faith healers" are what they say they are, and if so, what the church ought to do about them.

Scores of healers who seem to cure disease through a mystical power are known in England. Some employ the traditional "laying on of hands" to effect a cure. Others use only prayer.

A panel of theologians, scientists, doctors and psychologists

has been set up to spend two years of necessary examining all the evidence in this reputed revival of a form of medicine practiced at the dawn of Christianity.

The church's official study grew out of a discussion at the convocation of Canterbury in 1951, when the Dean of Salisbury observed that 1500 or more years ago the art of healing was part of the church's function.

Medical Profession
Later, he said, the medical profession came into being to take over the welfare of the body, leaving the church as guardian of the spirit.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, primate of the Anglican Church, set up the investigating committee which will consider "the theological, psychological and pastoral aspects of divine healing with a view to providing . . . a report designed to guide the church to a clearer understanding of the subject."

Doctors throughout Britain already are supplying the committee with information. It is well known in the medical profession that many minor diseases are cured quickly when the patient achieves a certain peace of mind he lacked before.

Dr. Arthur Pool, chairman of the Manchester Mental Health Committee, said he was convinced emotional or spiritual upheavals and unconfessed sins lie behind many organic diseases.

Chronic anxiety, he pointed out, can cause ulcers. Bitter hatred and resentments may produce rheumatoid arthritis.

Frustrations have been linked to skin diseases.

Even Cancer?
These are comparatively simple diseases compared to the great killer, cancer, but Pool said he knew of at least one case of "hopeless" cancer in which a man baffled doctors by living on for years.

The investigators have sent questionnaires to hundreds of practicing "faith healers" asking

such questions as: Have they ever cured any actual physical defects? How were the cures effected? Have the patients been treated by medical doctors at the same time they were treated by the "healer?"

Some field work is part of the committee's program, too. The investigators recently joined 6,000 less scientific observers at a meeting presided over by one Harry Edwards, a former railroad worker regarded by his followers as the greatest healer in the world.

They watched Edwards touch the limbs of paralyzed cripples, and then heard the cripples say they could move the limb better

than they could before. Members of the committee said they would look further into the work of Edwards, and many others.

EARLY WORK

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On The Side

By E. V. Durling

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Telecasts of important bouts are a menace to boxing. When a bout lasts only one or two rounds the sponsors consider the telecast a flop. The temptation is great for the battlers to prolong the bout. This is bad as there is much gambling done on how long a bout will last. Another bad angle is that the sponsor of a telecast wants the bout to be one of much action. "The more bloody the battle the better he likes it. The result of this is that the referees keep urging the contestants to mix it up. They do. This brings about an increase of punch drunk, half blind ex-boxers wandering about talking to themselves.

Wines

How do you qualify as a wine expert? What are the best French wines now available? Do you agree with the choice of the French Premier Mendes-France as shown by the wines he selected for a recent dinner in honor of a United States delegation? They were Saint-Emilion (year of 1943), Meursault-Bлагня (year of 1947) and Rodez champagne (year of 1942).

Get It Right

The originator of the ready to wear sale of two pants suits was George Benson of Chicago. Inspiration of the idea was a friend of Mr. Benson's named George Rasmussen. Seems Mr. Rasmussen had a custom tailor make him an extra pair of pants for a suit. He said he wanted to use one pair while motoring and the other for regular wear. Mr. Benson was attracted by the two pants idea and immediately arranged to have such suits made for sale in the ready to wear department of his store.

Information

Some natives of New York City who consider themselves well informed can't even tell you where the statue called "Beauty" can be seen in Manhattan. Others don't know where little West Twelfth Street is. Nor can they give you the location of Shinnong Alley or tell you where in New York City there is a monument erected in honor of a dog.

Then there are people who have lived on Manhattan Island all their lives who can't tell you how long it measures from north to south and how wide it is at its widest point.

Vanishing Irish

All efforts to get Irishmen to marry at a younger age have failed. The average age at marriage for men in Ireland is 34 and for women it is 28. Also the number of men who have determined not to marry at all is increasing.

References to the "vanishing Irish" are frequently noted. In 1841, over a century ago, the population of Ireland was 8,000,000. Now it is a little over 4,000,000. The state of affairs aforementioned can't be due to the nature of Irishmen. There must be other reasons. When Irishmen leave home and come to this country they marry young and always rear large families.

People

Richard Oneto. Brilliant young singing actor. He introduced that smash hit song, "Stranger in Paradise," in the musical show, "Kismet." . . . Stanley Clements. Another up and coming young fellow. His portrayal of a jockey in the film titled "Salty O'Rourke" was the only accurate characterization of a saddle-smith I have ever seen on the screen. Stanley is a Brooklyn boy and learned about jockeys from living near Jamaica, Belmont and Aqueduct.

Asking

Queries from clients: Q. Here is the argument raging at our house. Can a man be called "witty" and yet have no sense of humor? A. I believe it is a question of usage. The term "witty" is generally applied to men with a sense of humor. Yet a man may be possessed of wit, as one who is styled "quick witted," and still have no sense of humor. Q. What were the outstanding hit songs of John McCormack, Chauncey Olcott, Andrew Mack and Fiske O'Hara? A. McCormack's greatest hit was "I Hear You Calling Me." Chauncey Olcott's was "My Wild Irish Rose." "Forget what were considered the outstanding hits of Mack and O'Hara.

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