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# The Inquiring Mind

This series of articles, on many different subjects, results from work by senior students at the school of journalism at the University of Oregon. Each is a condensed version of a full-length thesis written as partial requirement for graduation at the school.

(This is the second in a two-part series on the medical uses of hypnosis.)

By William Debut  
In a sense hypnosis is its own worst enemy. Almost anyone can master it and use it for many different purposes—many of which are dangerous or unethical.

Dr. John G. Watkins, chief clinical psychologist at the Veterans Administration Hospital at Portland, and other experts in hypnosis are convinced, as a result of their experiments, that it is quite possible to do a great deal of harm with improper use of the phenomenon.

Traditionally, the theory that no one can be hypnotized against his will has been accepted by the majority of

authorities in the field of hypnosis.

Closely related to the question of hypnotizing the resistant subject has been the controversy over whether a hypnotized person can be made to perform anti-social acts.

The beliefs that the hypnotized subject will do nothing against his will and that no one can be hypnotized against his will are almost universally accepted by laymen. In fact, it is generally believed that these two "limitations" are effective safeguards against the abuse of hypnosis by entertainers and parlor hypnotists.

### Beliefs Change

A growing number of experts, however, are of the opinion that it is quite possible to hypnotize some resistant subjects and cause them to perform anti-social acts through carefully worded suggestions.

Dr. Watkins, in a paper written for the British Journal of Medical Hypnotism in the summer of 1951, called for more controlled investigations by psychological and medical scientists in the area.

Watkins' concern stems from the experiments which he conducted in a military psychiatric hospital during World War II and also from the occasional reports of unscrupulous hypnotists who have abused their ability to hypnotize by taking advantage of their subjects.

A news item carried by the Associated Press in 1948 reported the conviction of a man on the charge that rape was committed upon a woman placed in hypnosis against her will.

Watkins says in his article that:

"We cannot continue to report complacently that it is impossible to initiate hypnosis against a subject's will or to induce criminal or immoral behavior when much evidence to the contrary is available. An important legal issue is at stake," he declares.

It is Watkins' opinion that "It is more significant if some investigators are able to induce this phenomenon than it is that others were unsuccessful in their attempts. The problem is not whether everybody can be placed in trance against his will but whether anybody or any percentage of subjects can be so hypnotized."

The potentials of hypnosis are not yet fully understood. Recent research in hypnosis has startling implications for the use of hypnosis in psychological warfare. Only the characteristics of the trance can be described; even the experts admit that they do not know what the trance really is. These experts believe that research is the only way to learn more about the mysterious phenomenon which is so valuable and yet so dangerous.

Laws have been proposed which would be directed at the prevention of the non-serious use of hypnosis. There is such a law in Oregon but members of the medical profession desire a stronger enactment which would make it illegal for anyone outside the medical professions to use hypnosis.

Education is Step  
Educating the public about the phenomenon is another

### Blue Bird Troop Visits Newspaper

Members of the St. Mary's Blue Bird group toured the Mail Tribune plant and offices Monday afternoon. With the group were Mrs. Al Carrara, Mrs. Earl Igo, and Mrs. Martin Spielbusch.

Students included Janeen Payant, Susan Randolph, Carla Dibble, Patricia Evans, Bernadette Becker, Karen Swindler, Margaret Eakin, Tina Carrara, Mary Burich, Karen Teutsch, Lynett Stinson, Bobbi Swindler, Leta Norris, Rita Spielbusch, Carolyn Shasky, Barbara Doody, Theresa Hanley, Linda Budeau, Romie St. George, Patti Doyle, Joan Littlefield, Monica Dunn, Judy Holtzinger, Gloria Igo, and Mary Taft.



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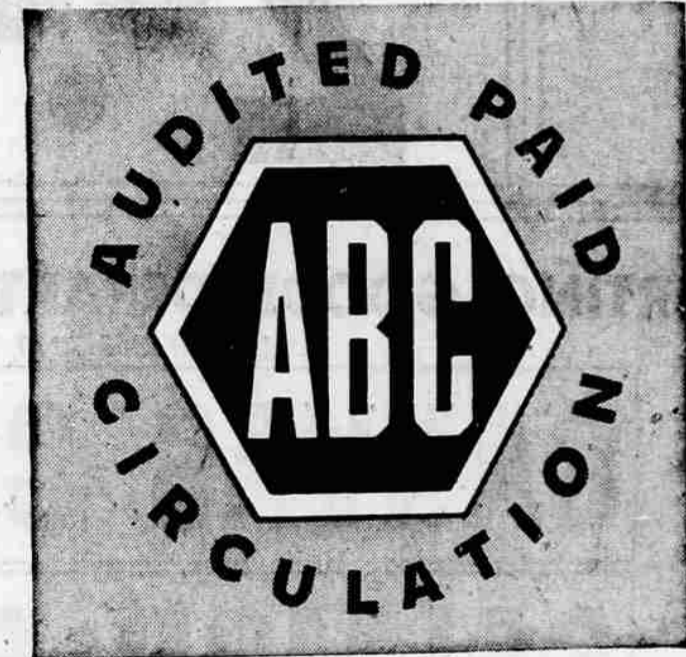


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### Pickin' Pears News and Notes From Camp White

SID HOLLINGSWORTH Manager Henry C. Herzog will deliver the Memorial day address at the VA cemetery at Eagle Point May 30. The ceremonies start at 1:30 p.m.

A new note is to be sounded this year, summed up in the Memorial day message. "This day is more than a day of tribute to the dead. It is a day of dedication for the living—to be prepared to make similar sacrifices for the same ideals."

Banks I. Paul, assistant manager, will be MC, with the Eagle Point Cub Scouts, the Muzzioli Accordion band, and service organizations participating in the ceremonies. Chaplain Roger Pryor will offer the invocation and Chaplain Lawrence Eskay the benediction. The color guard and firing squad of Camp White will conduct the military massing of colors and salute to the dead.

A little blue daisy is the symbol of an organization among the service groups which has been relatively obscure during the 10 years of its existence.

This is the Blue Star Mothers, with national membership, which represent the mothers of all veterans who returned home from the wars. The Blue Star Mothers in this area participate in the work of the VAVS and are here the third Wednesday of each month. They have an adopted ward and provide sewing for all the members. There are about 150 Blue Star Mothers in southern Oregon. The largest chapter is at Grants Pass where there are 62 mothers. Other chapters, scattered in the valley are at Cave Junction, Medford, Roseburg, and several nearby towns.

Jennie L. Smith is president of the Grants Pass chapter. All of which may give a reason for including the blue daisy among the other flowers made by veterans and sold at this time of year.

Pat Graham, DAV state commander, reminds members of the state convention this year at Salem. The dates are June 25 through 27. There is still time for recommendations for him to carry to the conclave. Pat was instrumental in bringing the convention to Medford last year.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bryan of the Canteen Service, have gone south for a brief vacation. They expect to be back at their accustomed tastes by June 1.

Luke Heinzman, who has been employed in the canteen for the past two years, is in charge during Bryan's absence.

The first issue of an "Employee Newsletter" is being distributed by the Personnel division. The name "Domni-

bus" was changed due to confusion with Dominevs, the monthly published by the members. Greater attention to employee news is noted in the new mimeographed letter.

Three area officials visited the domiciliary last week. They were: L. O. Janssen, area chief of special services; Elizabeth Jung, area chief, nursing service, and E. C. Maher, area representative of the safety and fire protection service.

Recently released color movies of the Fuchs Antarctic expedition were shown to domiciliary members Wednesday evening. They presented not only the hardships endured but the risks taken in crossing the ice cap of the continent.

The Sno-Cats — products of Medford industry — showed their tractor superiority in meeting the test.

Bud Ash, who arranged the show for the Elks, offered colored slides of his own use of this equipment in Oregon. He is an expert in snow measurement and now travels this way as a hobby.

The domiciliary clinic has been headed by six chief medical officers, including the present incumbent, Dr. A. S. Anderson. They were Dr. William E. White, Dr. Arthur W. Schulz, Dr. William P. Chisholm, Dr. C. K. Todd, and Dr. Wallace Pianka, in that order.

They showed a Robin Hood picture in the theatre recently in which there was a considerable amount of swordplay. One of the scenes lasting at least 10 minutes was a little too theatrical. Finally, one member, a little bored, exclaimed: "If there ain't any blood, I'm going to leave."

The music of Liberae was coming from the TV set in the Green room. Only one man was seated listening in rapt attention. He did not leave until the program changed.

"I always listen to his program," said Billy Giles. "I knew him and I knew his family in Milwaukee. That isn't his real name. I never could pronounce it. We called him Leo. He always could play the piano."

### WHO'S AVERAGE

New York — (UPI) — The so-called "average American consumer" is getting harder to define and manufacturers may have to probe his environment and the social and personal forces which direct his life, goals and ambitions, a marketing study points out. Now that a day laborer can earn as much as a professional, income group breakdowns — once an accurate index — do not necessarily indicate what type of furniture, appliances or rugs will be bought, it was noted.

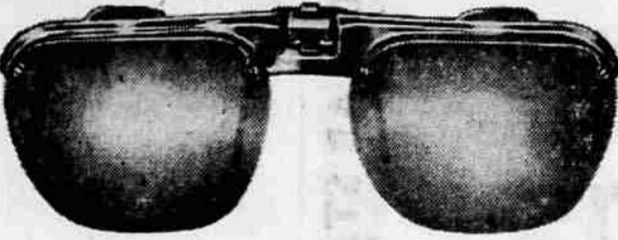
### FOR THE RED MAN

Washington — (UPI) — The Federal government has spent more than \$2 billion in the past 60 years to subsidize the American Indian. In this fiscal year, the government will write support checks of about \$390 for each of the estimated 300,000 Indians now living on reservations.

### WESTERN EFFECT

New York — (UPI) — TV Westerns are apparently proving a blessing to the small arms business. Industry sources predict production of pistols this year will increase 10 percent to 500,000, with western-style-shooters accounting for 150,000 to 200,000 of the total.

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