

Can Hypnosis Carry Man Back To Life In Another Era? Big Question Asked



EARL CARLSON, Chief Boilerman, U.S. Navy, has been assigned to the Klamath Falls naval recruiting office. Chief Carlson's last assignment was on the U.S. Yorktown, CVA-10, an aircraft carrier at Alameda, California and in the Pacific. During World War II Chief Carlson served in the Marshalls, Gilberts, Marianas, Philippines, Okinawa and Iwo Jima campaigns. He will assist CPO Laurence Cuffel at the local recruiting office. Chief Carlson, whose home town is Portland, is living at 2535 Darrow Street with his wife Marcella and seven-year old son Michael.

(Editor's Note: Can hypnosis carry a patient back to another life in another era? The question is in many minds, due largely to a book which has rocketed to the top of most best-seller lists. What do psychiatrists and other researchers say? Here is the result of an AP survey of several outstanding figures in the field.)

By WATSON SIMS
NEW YORK (AP)—A veteran news reporter in Olympia, Wash., was amazed several days ago by a state trooper's "dramatic experiments in hypnosis."

"I saw him purportedly take three different persons back to a period in time before they were born," the reporter said.

"All responded as other persons in a life previous to the one they are now living. They gave their names, described their homes, told of their marriages and their children. Some even described their deaths."

Across the nation, many other reporters have recently found similar experiments to write about or even take part in.

One writer appeared on a television network while supposedly in the state of a 17th-century German leather worker.

In Shawnee, Okla., a youth left a suicide note saying he wanted to investigate the theory of reincarnation in person.

And in California, a hostess, taking note of the times, sent out party invitations which instructed: "Come as you were."

Why such a sweeping revival of interest in hypnotism and reincarnation?

The answer seems to lie in an amateur hypnotist's book which suggests that one can be used to prove the other.

The author, Morey Bernstein, placed a Colorado housewife under hypnosis and told her to go back in memory "until, oddly enough, you find yourself in some other scene, in some other place, in some other time."

The statements she subsequently made, says Bernstein, indicate that the woman lived in Ireland 200 years ago as Bridey—or Bridget—Murphy.

Published only a few weeks ago, "The Search For Bridey Murphy" is now in its 8th printing (145,000 copies) and demand is far outstripping supply. It has been serialized in 42 newspapers and purchased for a movie.

By way of by-products, the book has stimulated activity by other amateur hypnotists and has deeply disturbed clergymen and psychologists.

Clergymen object on the ground that conclusions are being drawn which contradict basic tenets of Christianity.

Psychologists, who often use the technique of taking patients back in time to study human behavior, object on two counts:

1. They maintain that no information has been gained in this manner which could possibly support reincarnation, the theory of an earlier life.

2. They say that actual mental or physical harm could be caused to subjects who lend themselves to experiments by amateur hypnotists.

"Hard scientific evidence says that hypnosis is an explosive thing to play with," says the American Psychological Assn., an organization of 15,000 psychologists and research psychiatrists.

"Psychological research on the subject has not yet told us enough about it so that it can be used except with great care."

Seeking to check the scientific background for taking a subject back in time, The Associated Press queried five outstanding authorities who have engaged in research in hypnosis. They were unambiguous and emphatic in denying that such experiments could shed new light on reincarnation.

On these mechanics they were in agreement:

When a subject under hypnosis is told to go back and relive his past—scientists call it regression—he will comply to the best of his ability, drawing on all the resources at his command. These resources may include the memory of past experiences, knowledge he has gained from other sources—and fabrication.

"It is important to note that there are two kinds of regression," said Dr. Louis R. Wolberg, director of the post graduate center of psychiatry and associate

professor of clinical psychiatry at New York Medical Center.

"One is true regression, in which a good subject is able to relive parts of his natural existence which he can no longer consciously recall. The other, by far the most common form, is

nothing more than hypnotic role playing."

Experimenters at Yale University School of Medicine took another tack; they projected into the "future" five subjects who previously had been taken back into the past; and received equally

convincing performances in either direction.

"The stories they gave were quite plausible in view of each subject's background," commented Dr. Richard Newman, professor of clinical psychiatry.

A medical student, for example,

was told it is an afternoon in October, 1963. He immediately reported himself busy with an emergency operation, even describing the patient's abdominal cavity.

"We believe that each of our subjects, to please the hypnotist, fantasied a future as actually here

and now," reported Drs. Robert Rubenstein and Jay Katz, both instructors in clinical psychiatry at Yale.

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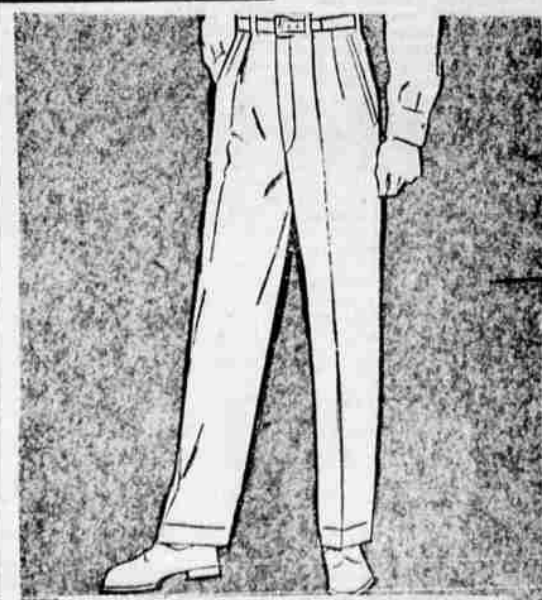
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Burned Man "Critical"

Robert Pryor, 41-year-old mechanic, who was transformed into a veritable "human torch" when a can of gasoline in which he was washing auto parts exploded at the Ellingson Lumber Company plant, was still in a critical condition Monday at Klamath Valley Hospital.

The accident occurred shortly before 1 p.m. According to James Kaler of Kaler Ambulance Service, Pryor was overhauling a truck transmission at the plant when the gasoline exploded. He was taken unconscious to the hospital. He suffered multiple third degree burns.

Hospital attendants said Monday morning that the victim still was in a semi-conscious condition. He resides at 433 Clinton Avenue.

Home Extension

CHILOQUIN
By Darlene Wolff

The Chilouquin Home Extension Unit met on March 1 at the Masonic Hall from 10:30-2:30. There were 19 members and two visitors present. The meeting was called to order by vice-chairman, Mrs. Fjerdman Kirk. The minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. Elton Romine and approved.

Mrs. Guy Staiger explained and discussed the AGWW, the world wide women's association. She showed items of interest from India as the Tri-Annual conference is to be held at Ceylon this year.

Mrs. J. Pitts Elmore, Klamath Falls, gave a very interesting lesson on Civil Defense and the importance of being prepared in case of any disaster—whether it be by war or by flood or other disaster of nature. She demonstrated improvised stoves made from tin cans.

Dunsmuir Council Favors Co. Tax

DUNSMUIR — Dunsmuir city councilmen Wednesday night passed a resolution favoring a countywide one per cent sales tax and authorized Mayor Fred Lloyd to negotiate for the city's share of the revenue if the tax goes into effect. A representative of the council will attend a meeting of Siskiyou County supervisors March 20 in Yreka to discuss the sales tax proposal.

Motto's restaurant request for renewal of a card table license was granted. The request prompted discussion of gambling ordinances and councilmen were informed by Police Chief Lee Clark that the district attorney's and sheriff's offices are working on a uniform gambling ordinance for the county.

The Dunsmuir ordinance allows card tables to operate 24 hours a day, although bars close at 2 a.m. Councilmen decided not to amend the ordinance until the county offices complete the uniform code.

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