

# A.R.E. NEWS

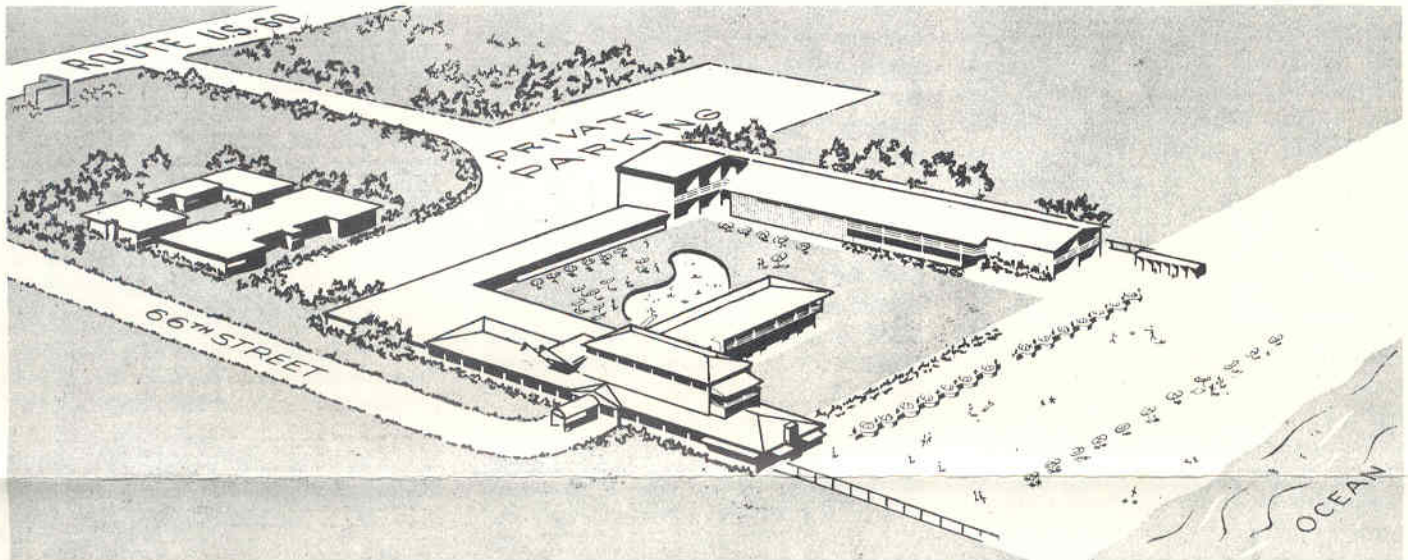
A REPORT OF MEMBERS AND ACTIVITIES AROUND THE WORLD

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## WELCOME TO THE MARSHALLS



With the resumption of week-long A.R.E. conferences at Virginia Beach Headquarters the middle of September, The Marshalls became again an integral part of A.R.E. accommodations, offering special rates both for rooms and meals to A.R.E. guests. With its 300 feet of beach in front, a beachside terrace, a glass-enclosed lounge indoors also facing the sea, a swimming pool and sun patio which the dining room faces, and newly redecorated bedrooms, it offers both charm and comfort. Completely air-conditioned for warm weather it now offers a newly installed heating system serving all rooms for the cooler season.

Hundreds of A.R.E. guests who enjoyed meals at Headquarters in the last two or three years will be gratified to know that Mrs. Lester (Billie) Babcoke is now in charge of the cooking at The Marshalls, observing as nearly as practicable the Cayce readings diet recommendations. Because of the special rates for rooms, guests are required to patronize the dining room at \$6.00 a day

plus 15% gratuity. Room rates are \$10 to \$20 a day (2 to a room) with a special rate of \$5 each per day for three or more in a room.

Reservations, with deposits, must be made directly with The Marshalls, not with the A.R.E. The A.R.E. cannot arrange for room reservations. Write to The Marshalls, 66th Street and Ocean Front, Virginia Beach, Va. 23451, or telephone 703-428-6841.

### CHIROPRACTIC SEMINAR AT A.R.E. HEADQUARTERS

A three-day seminar for Chiropractors will be presented by the Edgar Cayce Foundation, October 30–November 2, at A.R.E. Headquarters, Virginia Beach for the purpose of exploring the many concepts in health, education and Chiropractic therapy given in the Edgar Cayce readings. Genevieve M. Haller, D.C. will be in charge of the seminar, presiding at the several sessions and giving four lectures. Dr. Haller is Director of the Chiropractic Division of the Edgar Cayce

Foundation and a practitioner of Chiropractic in Virginia Beach. She will be assisted professionally by William A. McGarey, M.D. of Phoenix, Arizona, Director of the Medical Research Division of the Edgar Cayce Foundation, and Paul L. Mathis, D.C. of New York, a practicing Chiropractor and member of the A.R.E. Executive Committee in New York City.

### LOOKING FORWARD

October week-long conferences at Virginia Beach Headquarters will be succeeded by a fall-and-winter schedule starting immediately after the Chiropractic Seminar. This schedule will include regular week-end conferences similar to those conducted throughout the past summer but probably including only three lectures—Friday and Saturday nights and the Sunday afternoon Forum program; also a week-day course on a given subject; with five morning sessions.

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The "Survey" course of afternoon lectures will continue. This schedule will allow for a continuous and more leisurely enjoyment of the incomparable A.R.E. Library and of the enjoyable facilities of the Marshalls at special A.R.E. rates. Write for brochure announcing coming conference subjects, etc.

## TWO NEW REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Ronald W. Noel of Kansas City, Missouri has accepted the position of Regional Representative for Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Iowa. Mr. Noel was born and brought up in West Virginia and Kentucky, served in the U.S. Medical Corps during both World War II and the Korean War, represents an eastern company as sales promoter in Kansas. He has been prominently active in the local A.R.E. for some years.

Patricia (Mrs. Robin E.) Larson of Honolulu, Hawaii is now Regional Representative for Hawaii. Originally from Iowa, Mrs. Larson is widely traveled, has lived long enough in Hawaii to feel like a native, has attended the A.R.E. Family Workshop in Asilomar, expects eventually, when her U.S. Navy Captain husband retires, to come to a home they already own in Virginia Beach.



Ronald W. Noel



Mrs. Larson

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Detroit, Mich. Council Members: l. to r., front row—Ray Hughes, Mary Jane Forish, Anita Davis, Dolores DeCoster, Mr. and Mrs. J. Carter; back row—William Klinke, Elijah Evans, Mr. and Mrs. R. Warfel, Eva Brown



## COUNCIL NEWS



Mrs. Van Gelder

● North Florida Area will hold its first conference October 10—12, with Mrs. William R. (Joe Ann) Van Gelder of Tallahassee as chairman; Mr. and Mrs. Arch Ogden of Jacksonville as co-registrars. Scenic, secluded Wakulla Springs will be the site of the conference. "The Psychic Nature of Man as Expressed in Symbology" will be the theme. Mrs. Jackson (Violet) Shelley of Virginia Beach will be the guest lecturer. Mrs. Shelley is editor-in-chief of "The A.R.E. Journal," also author of the A.R.E. booklet, "Symbols and the Self." She will discuss "Symbology in Dreams and in the Bible," will present an illustrated lecture on "Reincarnation" and will conduct a question and answer period on the subjects presented. Time will be made available for tours, boating and picnic trips in the beautiful setting of the conference.

● San Francisco Bay Area Council reports "now almost 50 study groups in the Area." They held a picnic in July at Mill Valley in Marin County. At a meeting following the picnic the following officers were elected for the coming year: Fred Kulick, chairman; Terry O'Keefe, vice-chairman; Jenny Wheeler, treasurer; Grethe Tedrick, recording secretary; Goldie Stottrup, corresponding sec'y. Additional members of this executive committee are past chairman, Ken Broman; newly elected A.R.E. trustee, Ed Cavanagh; and regional representative, Elaine Chapin. We are indebted to Frank H. Lavell for this account and the accompanying pictures.

● The Greater Kansas City (Missouri) Council and its study groups have had a busy season. The Sixth Mid-West Conference, held at Unity World Headquarters at Lee's Summit, Mo. April 23—27, attracted a record attendance representing several central mid-west states to hear Hugh Lynn Cayce, Elsie Sechrist, Col. Frank Adams and Dr. Robert Bradley and to enjoy the super-surroundings of Unity Village. The Council also shared the experience of attending Congress Week at Virginia Beach Headquarters through their representatives, Council Chairman Wesley Griffith and his wife Esther.

Several picnics were sponsored by the Council in the course of the summer. An Inquirers' Group has been active for individuals interested in possible membership in study groups. Such applicants show a marked increase. Leaders of established study groups assist newly formed groups until they are ready to continue alone.

Lectures free to the public will again be offered this fall and winter, especially on subjects relating to spiritual healing.

● Basic Seminar I in Richmond, Virginia.

In the spring of 1968 when the "First Basic Seminar for A.R.E. Teachers and Group Leaders," originated by Group Leaders Ray and Rebecca Hanchey of Richmond, Va., was being organized for presentation at Virginia Beach Headquarters it became so over-subscribed that when available accommodation gave out a considerable number of applicants had to be turned away. To appease these disappointed ones Mr. Hanchey offered to repeat the Seminar program for them this year. Toward this end he had the whole program tape-recorded for closed circuit television and in August this year, assisted by other Richmond A.R.E. group leaders, he presented the program *in toto* in a successful week-long conference held in the Jefferson Hotel in Richmond. Fifty-five registrants, representing sixteen states, attended the conference. The following courses, with speakers, were reproduced to the satisfaction and congratulation of all present: "Spirit and Creation," by Eula Allen; "Universal Law," by Lydia J. Schrader Gray; "Meditation and Grace," by Hugh Lynn Cayce; "Concepts from *A Search for God*," by Elsie Sechrist; "The Revelation and Symbology," by Shane Miller; "Endocrine Intermediates to Development," by Ray Hanchey.



San Francisco Bay Area Picnic Scenes







## study group news

### NEW COUNCIL

Greater Miami, Florida

### NEW STUDY GROUPS

Mrs. A.D. Wilson, Wilmington No. 1, Delaware  
 Alice E. Syverson, Boise No. 5, Idaho  
 Patricia A. Albin, Cedar Rapids No. 1, Iowa  
 Mrs. Gerald L. Evans, Webster City No. 1, Iowa  
 Mrs. F.T. Hanbleg, Easthampton No. 1, Mass.  
 Beverly Clevenger, Helena No. 1, Montana  
 Mrs. Gerald V. Gordon, Lincoln No. 1, Neb.  
 Mrs. Ella Mae Freiwald, Cincinnati No. 2, Ohio  
 Mark Kinch, Hamilton No. 1, Ohio  
 c/o Mrs. Thomas Garrett, Lakewood  
 No. 2, Ohio

Stanley Moss, Tulsa No. 3, Okla.  
 c/o Millie Boldman, Portland No. 8, Oregon  
 John E. Fryman, Austin No. 12, Texas  
 Bennett N. Scott, Austin No. 13, Texas  
 Mrs. Alex Vargo, Corpus Christi No. 1, Texas  
 Mrs. Rae Eggeling, San Antonio No. 8, Texas  
 Mary Faith W. Clark, Newport News, No. 2, VA  
 Bart Van't Riet, Richmond No. 9, VA  
 Paul A. Betz, Kent No. 1, Washington  
 Jerry Foulger, Spokane No. 5, Washington  
 Robert E. O'Dell, Spokane No. 7, Washington

### MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE

The Membership Department appreciates knowing in advance your intentions in connection with membership renewal. The preferred procedure is for a member to return his initial notice with a covering check or message to discontinue mailings until further notice.

A circulating file takes two to three weeks to reach its destination after it has been mailed from Virginia Beach. Please be patient, then return the file after you have had it for two weeks. For fast service please be sure to include funds with the circulating file card when necessary. Four new files on Home and Marriage have been added this month: Home and Marriage: General; Preparation; Parenthood; and Divorce and Triangles. The file on Infection: Streptococcus has been improved.

Index sheets for Volumes I and II of the Supplements, Aug., 1957 to Dec., 1968, are available on request from Membership Service at no charge. The new index through Dec., 1969, will be available in another month.

The readings call for the use of pure, powdered willow charcoal which is now in short supply. Please contact us if you are able to supply willow charcoal in large quantities. (Not to be confused with *willow-type* charcoal.)

Sources of supply of hard-to-get items mentioned in the readings should be sent to us for inclusion in the suppliers' list which is revised periodically.

Now in the process of being printed is a membership survey which will be sent to all members and new members within the next few months. Purpose of the survey is to find out membership interests with a view to providing better services. In addition, there is a section where members can indicate areas and means whereby they can be of help to the Association. Watch for the survey in the near future.

### YOUTH HAS ITS DAY AT A.R.E.

From all over the country young people with a common interest in what the Cayce readings have to say converged on the A.R.E. Camp at Rural Retreat, Virginia for two one-week conferences that proved to be truly unforgettable experiences. Youthful volunteers started arriving at the Camp three weeks ahead of the first conference to earn their way in the construction gang. Under the leadership of Col. Frank Adams more camp construction was accomplished than in any previous season, and a great deal of good fellowship and outdoor living was enjoyed.

The first conference, at the end of June, found 46 conferees and twelve group leaders discussing service, ideals, cooperation, dreams and just about everything else suggested by the Cayce readings. Dr. Herbert Puryear from headquarters, Eula Allen, godmother of A.R.E. youth, Louis Boykin, Stephan Schwartz and Jim Baraff gave us inspiring talks.

The next event that also drew a great many young people was the Youth Weekend Conference at Headquarters in Virginia Beach. Here we heard talks on Atlantis, the New Age of Aquarius, Drugs, Sex, God and Spiritual Understanding. Walter Starcke, who has written two books and really talks the language of youth, was a featured speaker. The second conference week at Camp, held in August, had the purpose of providing a framework to deal with and learn to live by the precepts in the Cayce readings. An emphasis was placed on "project groups," each group to originate an activity of its own choice and carry it out in the course of the week. One group held a 24-hour prayer vigil; another group practised playing "cooperation volley ball"; still another group painted

the latrines and a fourth group explored "sensitivity," promoting such in certain exercises, also in washing and massaging feet. Spontaneity and enthusiasm prevailed throughout these experiments.

To try and describe the atmosphere, the mutual warmth and understanding, the joy and spiritual awareness throughout these conferences would be impossible for any one person. The following comments gleaned from individuals speak for all:

"I was blessed to have been included. Truly it felt like returning home after a long absence."

"Thanks for a great experience."

"Instead of pouring in knowledge I had an opportunity to let knowledge become living and flow out."

"For me this has been a tremendous spiritual growing experience."

"The conference has done a lot for me—my soul smiles."

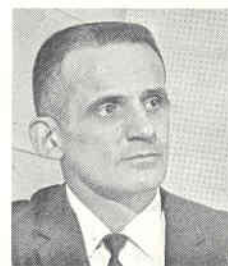
"It helped to create within me a change that will probably influence my life from now on."

"It is one of the turning points of my life which I will never forget."

"What I have come to realize here cannot be lost. I related to people and began to see my own actions measured against the concepts I believe in."

"This has been but a mere shadow of the future Peace that groups such as this one may finally bring."

—by One of Them



Cleve Backster, founder of the Backster School of Lie Detection in N.Y., made a sensation with his lecture on "Psychic Revelations in Plants" at the A.R.E. Conference on "Varieties of ESP".

Student in Readings Alcove, A.R.E. Library.



Rev. John V. Beams, minister of counseling and adult education, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., who will be a headliner at A.R.E. Conference on Prayer and Meditation, Oct. 12-18.





## feedline

**Q:** On page 41 of the *Edgar Cayce Reader No. 2*, there is reference to a reading given for one who was crippled. Cayce attributed the condition to a karmic obligation incurred in a past life when this person had laughed as a girl was torn to pieces by lions in a Roman arena. Are we to believe that a few moments of ill-timed laughter merits a lifetime as a cripple in payment?

Fowler C. Jones, Columbia, Missouri

**A:** Edgar Cayce did not elaborate, but the reading indicates that it was the attitude behind the laughter—an attitude that derided human suffering; that condoned brutality; that showed intolerance for another's beliefs; these brought about the karmic reaction—not the laughter. It's well to remember that the law of grace can soften or negate karma. Making amends for a wrong as quickly and as well as one knows how can set this law in motion.

**Q:** Did Edgar Cayce say it was a sin to practice birth control?

Peggy Schroeder, St. Louis, Missouri

**A:** Not to our knowledge. There are a number of readings on the subject of birth control as it applied in individual cases. But reading 826-6, quoted here in part, seems to have general application. Someone asked if the broadcasting of birth control information was advantageous in improving the race and Cayce answered: "It is like shooting feathers at an eagle. It's a move in the right direction, but that's about as much as might be said. This should be rather the training of those that are in the positions of being the mothers and fathers of the nation, of the peoples!

"For Life is of, and is, the Creative Force; it is that ye worship as God.

"Those that besmirch same by overindulgence besmirch that which is best within themselves. And that should be the key to birth control or sex relations, or every phase of the relationships between the sons and daughters of men—that would become the sons and daughters of God."

**Q:** In Cayce literature I have seen numerous references to "He that climbeth up by any other way is a robber." Please explain.

Ruth Gjedsted, Echo, Oregon

**A:** There are several acceptable interpretations. One answer is that it is possible to force entry to a higher level of consciousness through a wrong approach (mind-expanding drugs, for instance). But in using this temporary means, overall development is bypassed. So, in this sense we're "robbing" ourselves.

**Q:** Do any of Cayce's readings explain why people end up in certain occupations? Or how a given job relates to individual and/or group karma?

W.D. Henderson, Dallas, Texas

**A:** Yes, many do. Cayce often traced back through numerous lives, picking up particular traits or skills at their inception, showing how they developed as they were brought

forward into the present lifetime. This could explain why many of us feel strongly impelled toward certain studies or certain occupations.

In some cases the readings advised sticking with a particular job, however disliked, in order to "meet that ye have builded". In other words, a karmic obligation.

**Q:** In an A.R.E. Journal article (Fall, 1968) it was stated that references concerning reincarnation were removed from the Gospels. What is the literature reference for this information?

Dirk H. Tollenaar, Framingham, Mass.

**A:** Before Abraham Was I Am is the article to which you have reference and the sources quoted were Noel Langley's *Edgar Cayce On Reincarnation* and Leslie D. Weatherhead's *Case for Reincarnation. The Hidden History of Reincarnation* (A.R.E. Press, B-29) is another one you might want to check.

Send questions to T.A.B., A.R.E. News, Box 595, Virginia Beach, Va. 23451.

## A.R.E. LIBRARY REQUEST

The Library requests members to refrain from lending books from the Library to any friends before returning them, as this delays the circulation of the book among those waiting for it.

## OUR CHILDREN'S MAGAZINE



Word has reached us that subscriptions to "The A.R.E. Children's Magazine" have been presented by A.R.E. members to the children's department of two public libraries, the

Main Branch of the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore, Maryland and the Public Library in Staunton, Virginia. Our thanks go to these kind friends and loyal supporters.

May we urge all conference chairmen throughout the country to feature our "Children's Magazine" on their book tables, sell individual copies of the magazines and take subscriptions. It needs and deserves your help.

## TRAINING PROGRAM FOR A.R.E. SPEAKERS

A training program for A.R.E. speakers had its inception at Virginia Beach Headquarters in September and held three sessions at semi-weekly intervals. It will be a feature of the "Parallel Concepts" Conference, Sept. 28-Oct. 4. Shirley Winston is the chairman, with the following as assistant teachers: Violet Shelley, Esia Paoly, and Thelma Barrett.

## NELL CLAIRMONTE ON TOUR

Leaving her almost continuous talks with visiting and telephoning group leaders in her office at Virginia Beach Headquarters, Nell Clairmonte, National Group Coordinator, will take off, the middle of October, on a 3500-mile tour of A.R.E. groups in Philadelphia, New York, Albany, Syracuse and Rochester (N.Y.); Toronto, Canada; Detroit and Flint, Mich.; Green Bay, Milwaukee and other points in Wisconsin; Chicago; Fort Wayne, Kokomo and Indianapolis, Indiana; Cincinnati, O.; Lexington, Ky. and back home by way of Roanoke, Va.

## NOTICE TO CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS

You who are thinking in terms of A.R.E. Press publications and other books as gifts: we must have your order processed and shipped no later than December 1st for Christmas delivery. This means that your order should arrive at the Press no later than November 25th. Normal year-round postal delivery of Special Book Rate Fourth Class Mail is six days in our local area, on up to twenty-one days to the Pacific Coast states, two months to Hawaii.

Conference book sales tables



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