

PSFS News

so was a feller named Al Holblende (who is taking treatments with the professor to help him quit smoking. Jean Bogert was also given the treatment and a post-hypnotic command. Every time Herr professor would adjust his tie her nose would itch.

Dedicated to the proposition that all fans are slans

UGH!

We finally made it. People who did not find copies of the PSFS NEWS in their mail boxes were not being discriminated against. Nobody got any last time. However—here is this.

PROGRAM

On May 11th L. Sprague de Camp will be on deck with another set of literary criticisms. These will cover recent magazines, books, etc. and it is not so much that de Camp is giving it as he is just starting it. Once a set of literary criticisms gets going it doesn't stop immediately. If you haven't been to a PSFS meeting, this would be the one we would recommend for a start.

LOOK INTO MY EYES

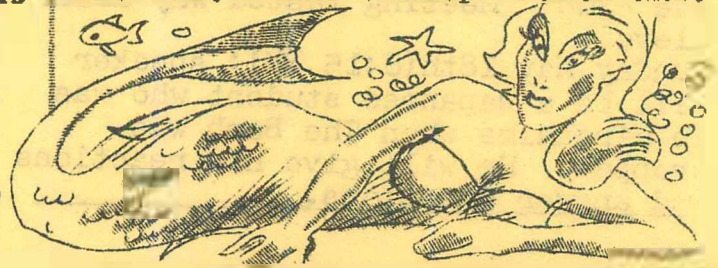
Last meeting had its share of typical PSFS stuff, blended with a subject of great interest. To wit: Prof. Robert James (who was studied with Freud among others) gave a very interesting talk on "Hypnotism & Suggestion". He gave a general history of hypnotism and some interesting statistics. For example: there are about 1,000 dentists using hypnotism in extractions. After this, came actual demonstrations of hypno. The audience was divided into two groups, with alternations. Group 2 watched as group one was given the works. Then one watched two. Instructions were to put feet on floor, feel relaxed, etc. while Prof. James put you, through suggestion, into a state of "revery". After it was over, James said to de C that he seems to relax very well. "Well," said the Wallingford Wizard, "I've been putting myself to sleep with this for years."

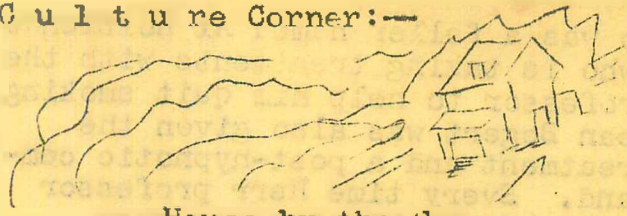
Then there was some individual work. Jack Agnew was put to sleep,

THE PHILADELPHIA SCIENCE FICTION SOCIETY - 1614 Locust Street
Next meeting - Sunday, May 11th
time - 8:30 PM.

Aftermath
After the meeting, the usual adjournment to Jim Williams', some discussion of the evening's program continued. Alan E. Nourse told us of some experiments done by a friend of his. This friend put a person into deep hypnosis and told him he was younger than he was; he worked his age to before puberty so that his voice changed; he worked it down still farther to five years old, with the typical vocabulary of a 5-yr. old being used. Then came this: "Remember 50 years before you were born." The hypnotist was highly amazed when the subject DID. He answered complete questions about his identity; he was a farmer in Alabama, he had four children, he went to church regularly, etc., etc. After it was over, the man asked the subject if he had ever heard of the person described. He hadn't, no relation, nothing. Yet research into birth records, church records, etc. substantiated it. We don't draw any conclusions. Alan Nourse said it happened. Is he lying, or should he write it up as an article for FATE?

We have a lot of odds and ends to fit into the next page. Bear with us. Take a deep breath and.





House by the Sea

Hugging the shore at Rocky Point
Its eyes looking out on the sea,
Suffeted by salt-laden winds
There stood a house of mystery,
Seemingly the haunt of spirits
Who are struggling to be free.

Fibers clasp the earth with crooked hands
The doorways are askew and grim,
Even the pathway through the weeds
Has become sand-choked and dim,
While over the sagging roof-lines
The fork-tailed swallows wheel and skim.

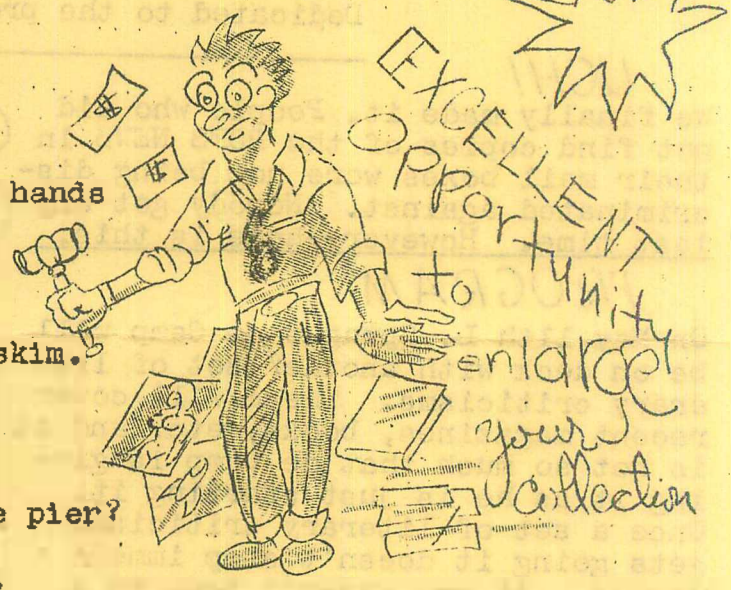
What happened to this lonely house?
Was a murder committed here?
Was it a lookout for pirates
With blood-stained boats tied to the pier?
No matter when the curse was laid
The house is still shadowed by fear.

The spiders have spun yards of lace
Upon their minute, fairy looms,
Festooned with dust, it decorates
The entrance hall and empty rooms.
Wibar shutters, admit the wind
Sweep it clean with salty brooms.

--Isabelle E. Dinwiddie

Information:
April 29th, 8 PM--Lincoln Prep
School, 203 South 20th Street.
Professor James will speak on
"Hypnotism & Suggestion". In case
you missed the last meeting you
might try this--the PSFS recommends
PARDON ME--the date is MAY 1st!
Two programs of interest are coming
up at the La Cadeva Fellowship,
1905 Rittenhouse St.
Sunday May 4th, 8:15 PM. 'Lex Phil-
lips, author & member of the PSFS,
will speak on anthropology. Recall
the last time 'Lex spoke on that at
the club? Meeting lasted way after
eleven.
Sunday May 18th(8:15 PM): speaker
will be a Japanese student who was
in Hiroshima when The Bomb was
dropped. He will give his reactions
and answer questions.

GIANT AUCTION



Although the treasury is in
the neighborhood of 100 dollars
we'd still like to add a bit
more. Therefore--if you have
any old stiff items around (books,
mags, original drawings, Ms.,
etc.), or if you have duplicates
or if you're just sick of the
stuff, bring it around and
contribute it to the auction.
All proceeds go to the PSFS.

As for an auctioneer--I wonder
if Sam Moskowitz is available.

Ramblings:--
Will Jenkins was at the New York
Fan-vets. Tells us the thing
couldn't start till they dragged
Bixby out of a bar across the
street. Avon is starting a new
mag. The PSFS NEWS has brought
about some reforms: for example,
a gal-type name Lee Tremper got a
copy of it, showed it to the Ir-
diahapolis group and now THEY have
a similar news letter. I just
thought of lots more things to say
but no more room. A lass.



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