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1901 to 1930

EDGAR CAYCE IN THE NEWSPAPERS

Every article about him we could find in the newspaper pages the Library of Congress has scanned, in date order, with the full text.

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Before you read

Edgar Cayce worked in small towns and hotel rooms, and the newspapers wrote about him in bursts, the way they covered any local wonder. This book collects the stories we found, in date order, from a one-sentence wire item in 1901 to a United Press story about Atlantic University in 1930.

Every item but one comes from a page the Library of Congress holds in its Chronicling America collection. The exception is the New York Times feature of October 9, 1910, from a scan of the Times itself.

We searched those pages for the name Cayce between 1900 and 1930 and read what each hit was about. Most were other people, because Cayce is a Kentucky and Tennessee family name that the Montgomery and Birmingham papers print all through their society columns. What remains is the Edgar Cayce of Hopkinsville, Selma and Virginia Beach. A search finds only what the library has scanned and its text recognition has read, so this is what turned up and not a claim that nothing else exists.

Newspapers printed before 1931 are in the public domain in the United States, which is why the full text can appear here. We read the text by machine, checked it against a dictionary and fixed what the page showed us to be wrong. Where a scan was too poor for the machine, you get the clipping instead.

HOW TO READ IT

Each item is headed with the paper, the place, the date, the page and a link to the page at the Library of Congress. The page number is the library's image number for that issue.

Spelling and punctuation follow the paper. Cayce's own count of cases appears three times in 1922, in October and December, and the figures are not the same. Read all three before you quote one.

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Hopkinsville to Detroit

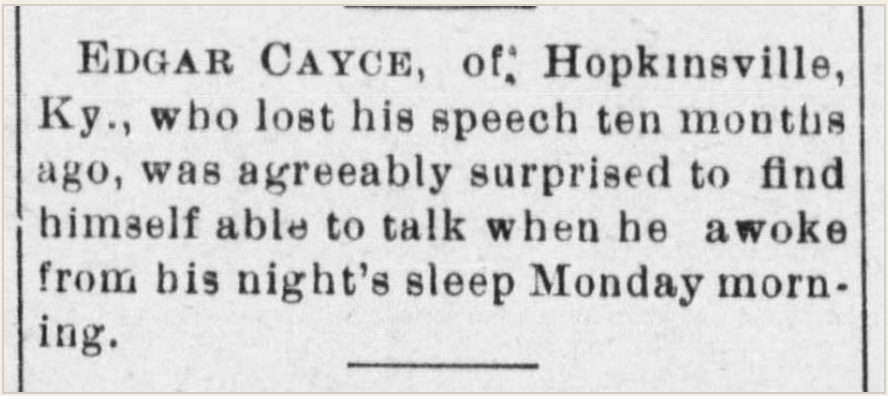
1901 TO 1912

The first reports. A Kentucky town hears its photographer has lost his voice, a doctor takes his case to Boston, and the newspapers of two cities pick it up.

THE COLUMBIA HERALD · COLUMBIA, TENNESSEE

Untitled item, Cayce able to talk again

February 15, 1901 · page 7 · www.loc.gov/resource/sn96091104/1901-02-15/ed-1/?sp=7


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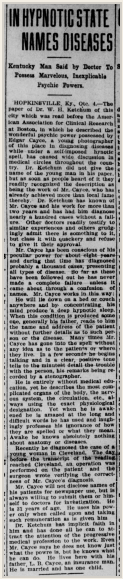
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THE DETROIT TIMES · DETROIT, MICHIGAN

In Hypnotic State Names Diseases

October 4, 1910 (First Edition) · page 1 · www.loc.gov/resource/sn83016689/1910-10-04/ed-1/?sp=1



IN HYPNOTIC STATE

NAMES DISEASES Kentucky Man Said by Doctor To

Possess Marvelous, inexplicable

Psychic Powers.

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky., Oct. 4.—The paper of Dr. W. H. Ketchum of this city which was read before the American Association for Clinical Research at Boston, in which he described the wonderful psychic power possessed by EdgAr Cayce, a young photographer of this place in diagnosing diseases while under a self-imposed hypnotic spell, has caused wide discussion in medical circles throughout the country. Dr. Ketchum did not give the name of the young man in his paper, but as soon as people heard of it they readily recognized the description as being the work of Mr. Cayce, who has already achieved more than local fame thereby. Dr. Ketchum

has known ot Mr. Cayce and his work for more than two years and has had him diagnose nearly a hundred cases without a failure. Other doctors readily testify to similar experiences and others grudgingly admit there is something to it, but class it with quackery and refuse to give it their approval.

Mr. Cayce has been conscious of his peculiar power for about eight years and during that time has diagnosed probably a thousand cases, presenting all types of disease. So far as these have been followed out he has never made a complete failure unless it came about through a confusion of names. Mr. Cayce works in this way:

He will lie down on a bed or couch anywhere and by concentrating his mind produce a deep hypnotic sleep. When this condition is produced some one, generally his father, reads to him the name and address of the patient without further details as to such person or the disease. Many times Mr. Cayce has gone into the spell without any idea as to the patients or where they live. In a few seconds he begins talking and in a clear, positive tone tells to the minutest detail the trouble with the person, his remarks being recorded by a stenographer.

He is entirely without medical education, yet he describes the most complicated organs of the body, the nervous system, the circulation, etc., always using the exact physiological designation. Yet when he is awakened he is amazed at the long and difficult words he has used and laughingly professes his ignorance of how they are spelled or what they mean. Awake he knows absolutely nothing about anatomy or diseases.

Recently he diagnosed the case of a young woman in Cleveland. The day., before the transcript of the reading reached Cleveland, an operation was performed on the patient and the surgeon wrote verifying the correctness of Mr. Cayce's diagnosis.

Mr. Cayce will not disclose names of his patients for newspaper use, but is always willing to submit them or himself to doctors for investigation. He is 31 years of age. He uses his power only when called upon and taking such remuneration as is given him

Dr. Ketchum has implicit faith in him and has done all he can to attract the attention of the progressive medical profession to the work. Even Mr. Cayce says he does not know just what the power is, but he knows what he can do. He lives here with his father. L. B. Cayce, an insurance man. He is married and has one child.

The Last Edition of the same day ran the story again on page 3. Our text is the First Edition.

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THE NEW YORK TIMES · NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Illiterate Man Becomes a Doctor When Hypnotized

October 9, 1910 · Sunday Magazine, page 11 · ProQuest Historical Newspapers: The New York Times

The scan of this page is poor and the type is heavy, and our machine reading made too many mistakes to print. Nothing here is guessed. The seven columns of the article follow as the paper set them, in reading order, after the pictures.



Edgar Cayce, Who When Hypnotized is Able to Diagnose Diseases of Which He is Usually Ignorant.



Dr. W. H. Ketchum, Who Vouches for Cayce's Powers.



Strange Power Shown by Edgar Cayce Puzzles Physicians. Leslie B. Cayce, Father of the Hypnotic Patient.

THE medical fraternity of the country is taking a lively interest in the strange power said to be possessed by Edgar Cayce of Hopkinsville, Ky., to diagnose difficult diseases while in a semi-conscious state, though he has not the slightest knowledge of medicine when not in this condition.

During a visit to California last Summer Dr. W. H. Ketchum, who was attending a meeting of the National Society of Homeopathic Physicians, had occasion to mention the young man's case and was invited to discuss it at a banquet attended by about thirty-five of the doctors of the Greek letter fraternity given at Pasadena.

Dr. Ketchum made a speech of considerable length, giving an explanation of the strange psychic powers manifested by Cayce during the last four years, during which time he has been more or less under his observation. This talk created such widespread interest among the 700 doctors present that one of the leading Boston medical men who heard his speech invited Dr. Ketchum to prepare a paper as a part of the programme of the September meeting of the American Society of Clinical Research. Dr. Ketchum sent the paper, but did not go to Boston. The paper was read by Henry E. Harpower, M. D., of Chicago, a contributor to The Journal of the American Medical Association, published in Chicago. Its presentation created a sensation, and almost before Dr. Ketchum knew that the paper had been given to the press he was deluged with letters and telegrams inquiring about the strange case.

It is well enough to add that Dr. Wesley H. Ketchum is a reputable physician of high standing and successful practice in the homeopathic school of medicine. He possesses a classical education, is by nature of a scientific turn, and is a graduate of one of the leading medical institutions of the country. He is vouched for by orthodox physicians in both Kentucky and Ohio, in both of which States he is well known. In Hopkinsville, where his home is, no physician of any school stands higher, though he is still a young man on the sunny side of Dr. Osler's deadline of 40.

Dr. Ketchum wishes it distinctly understood that his presentation of the subject is purely ethical, and that he attempts no explanation of what must be classed as mysterious mental phenomena.

Dr. Ketchum is not the only physician who has had opportunity to observe the workings of Mr. Cayce's subconscious mind. For nearly ten years his strange power has been known to local physicians of all the recognized schools. An explanation of the case is best understood from Dr. Ketchum's description in his paper read in Boston a few days ago, which follows:

"About four years ago I made the acquaintance of a young man 28 years old, who had the reputation of being a 'freak.' They said he told wonderful truths while he was asleep. I, being interested, immediately began to investigate, and as I was 'from Missouri;' it had to be shown.'

"And truly, when it comes to anything psychical, every layman is a disbeliever from the start, and most of our chosen profession will not accept anything of a psychic nature, hypnotism, mesmerism, or what not, unless

vouched for by some M. D. away up in the profession and one whose orthodox standing is unquestioned.

"My subject simply lies down and folds his arms, and by auto-suggestion goes to sleep. While in this sleep, which to all intents and purposes is a natural sleep, his objective mind is completely inactive and only his subjective is working.

"By suggestion he becomes unconscious to pain of any sort, and, strange to say, his best work is done when he is seemingly 'dead to the world.'

"I next give him the name of my subject and the exact location of same, and in a few minutes he begins to talk as clearly and distinctly as any one. He usually goes into minute detail in diagnosing a case, and especially if it be a very serious case.

"His language is usually of the best, and his psychologic terms and description of the nervous anatomy would do credit to any professor of nervous anatomy, and there is no faltering in his speech and all his statements are clear and concise. He handles the most complex "jaw breakers" with as much ease as any Boston physician, which to me is quite wonderful, in view of the fact that while in his normal state he is an illiterate man, especially along the line of medicine, surgery, or pharmacy, of which he knows nothing.

"After going into detail with a diagnosis and giving name, address, etiology, symptoms, diagnosis, and treatment of a case, he is awakened by the suggestion that he will see this person no more, and in a few minutes will he awake. Upon questioning him, he knows absolutely nothing that he said, or whose case he was talking about. I have used him in about 100 cases, and to date have never known of any errors in diagnosis, except in two cases where he described a child in each case by the same name and who resided in the same house as the one wanted. He simply described the wrong person.

"Now this description, although rather short, is no myth, but a firm reality. The regular profession scoff at anything reliable coming from this source, because the majority of them are in the rut and have never taken to anything not strictly orthodox.

"The cases I have used him in have, in the main, been the rounds before coming to my attention, and in six important cases which had been diagnosed as strictly surgical he stated that no such condition existed, and outlined treatment which was followed with gratifying results in every case.

"One case, a little girl, daughter of a gentleman prominent in the American Book Company of Cincinnati, had been diagnosed by the best men in the Central States as incurable. One diagnosis from my man completely changed the situation, and within three months she was restored to perfect health, and is to this day.

"Now, in closing, you may ask why has a man with such powers not been before the public and received the indorsement of the profession, one and all, without fear or favor? I can truly answer by saying they are not ready to receive such as yet. Even Christ himself was rejected, for 'unless they see

signs and wonders they will not believe.'

"I would appreciate the advice and suggestions of my co-workers in this broad field as to the best method of putting my man in the way of helping suffering humanity, and would be glad to have you send me the name and address of your most complex case and I will try to prove what I have endeavored to describe."

In further explanation, Dr. Ketchum gives this statement as obtained from the young man himself while asleep, when asked to describe his own powers and the source of his mystifying knowledge:

"Our subject, while under auto-hypnosis, on one occasion, explained as follows:

"When asked to give the source of his knowledge, he being at this time in the sub-conscious state, he stated: 'Edgar Cayce's mind is amenable to suggestion, the same as all other sub-conscious minds, but in addition thereto it has the power to interpret to the objective mind of others what it acquires from the sub-conscious mind of other individuals of the same kind. The sub-conscious mind forgets nothing. The conscious mind receives the impression from without and transfers all thoughts to the sub-conscious, where it remains even though the conscious be destroyed.' He described himself as a third person, saying further that his sub-conscious mind is in direct communication with all other sub-conscious minds, and is capable of interpreting through his objective mind and imparting impressions received to other objective minds, gathering in this way all knowledge possessed by millions of other sub-conscious minds."

In all young Cayce has given more than 1,000 readings, but has never turned his wonderful powers to his pecuniary advantage, although many people have been restored to health by following out the course of treatment prescribed in his readings while in a state of hypnosis.

President James Hyslop of the American Psychic Society has made suggestions in regard to the development of the subject's powers. Other psychologists in Europe and America are seeking information, and Dr. Ketchum's plan is to have a committee of scientists of the highest standing come to Hopkinsville and investigate in a most rigid manner and make a report as to the truth of what is claimed but not understood. That this will be done in the near future is certain. Several men in this city have attended Mr. Cayce's readings and are ready to tes-

tify to the truth of the representations made.

Recently Mr. Cayce was given for a second interpretation the case of a man living in Indiana, and when asked by his father to tell whether he had read the case before and to describe the present condition, he said:

"Yes, I have had him before. Some little difference in his case this time Resting easy now; heart action not so bad; rest produced by an anaesthetic. We find this body suffering from smothering spells, short breath, depression of the heart, and very weak at times. Pains in the head, especially through the base of the head, the first and second cervical, and front part of the head and eyes; circulation is very poor.

"In the first and second cervical we have a lesion there which is from the reflex action from the pain we have below, and gives off pains to the head at times and especially to the face and facial muscles. This all comes through a sympathetic nervous system.

"Now, at the seventh and eighth to the tenth dorsal vertebrae, reaching the solar plexus, we find a bad lesion, especially where it comes in contact with the nerves governing the heart and hepatic circulation just below the left lung. The trouble first began here. We see a congestion caused from a cold in the left lung contracted from the exterior, producing a choking up of the lung and treated locally and externally on the side.

"This filling up caused not enough air in the lungs and produced the lesion we have just above the solar plexus or nerve centre which controls the whole digestive organs of the body, and the congestion we have here in the lumbar region has produced locomotor ataxia and a withering away of the limbs; especially is this most noticeable in the right limb, and producing a very bad state in the pelvic region.

"We find the same thing through the circulatory system of the blood. The blood is very weak; the red corpuscles are more numerous than they should be, with not enough of the white tissue to build up the body. Where we have a loss of white blood tissue we have the same in the gray matter in the nerve force.

"Not all the nerve force of the body has been destroyed. We have weak and then strong spells, because the circulation is weak, especially the capillary, with a heart action strong at times, producing palpitation of the heart and smothering spells, dizziness of the head, and the same of the solar plexus system, causing the emitting from the stomach of the things taken into it.

"We have no organic heart trouble and very little of the lungs, but some enlargement of the liver. In the left lobe of the liver we find a granular substance from medicines taken in through the stomach and bowels. The

liver is not doing its work in throwing off the bile and waste matter of the body. That produces the enlargement of the liver.

"We have altogether a very weak and bedridden man, but he can be cured. To correct this trouble, first reduce the inflammation, then, by giving plenty of pure water, with alkaline treatment, the acid will be reduced. A tincture of iron for toning up the digestive organs and blood, and static electrical treatment along the spine not very strong along the upper cervical, for this is near the brain, but very strong through the dorsal and lumbar regions. Give digitalis and strychnine to tone up the nerves and heart. With plenty of rest and fresh air we will have the man improved."

Edgar Cayce was born in Christian County, Kentucky, March 18, 1877. His father is Leslie B. Cayce, who was at that time a farmer, but who moved to Hopkinsville in 1894 and has since engaged in the insurance business. The son was precocious as a child, and what education he has was received in the common schools in the country.

His father says that even in his early childhood he manifested a strange aptness in his studies after coming out of a sleep. It was his father's custom to teach him his lessons at night, and sometimes he would fail to solve the problems presented and would say, "Papa, let me sleep a while and I will know it better," and often, reclining in a rocking chair, he would drop off into a little nap, and when he awoke his mind would be clear and he would know perfectly what he had previously been unable to grasp. Sometimes he would go to bed at night puzzled in his mind over some difficult lesson, and would rise in the morning with the problem solved in his mind. This became noticeable when he was not more than 10 years old.

He was about 17 years of age when the family left the farm, and his first employment was in a book store, where he remained for four years, and then went to Louisville for one year, returning to Hopkinsville to accept a place in a dry goods store. Later he associated himself with his father in the fraternal insurance business.

Soon afterward, while visiting a neighboring town on business, he was taken with a severe headache. He sought a doctor, who prescribed for his ailment, and, securing the medicine, he took it all but without securing relief. In the evening he returned to his home about 10 o'clock very ill. A doctor was sent for, who gave him an emetic. He was ill for several days, and one morning awoke to find that he could talk only in a whisper. He remained in that condition for nearly a year, his health otherwise being good.

Being unable to talk, he becam[e] photographer, which business he [con]tinued to follow. During this year a hypnotist visited Hopkinsville, [and] for several nights gave public perfor[m]ances. At one of his meetings you[ng] Cayce accepted an invitation to go [on] the platform and be hypnoti[zed]. He proved to be an easy subject, and [fell] in a state of hypnosis was told to talk by the hypnotist, and surprised everybody by speaking in a clear, strong

voice.

Believing that it would benefit him he went again, but found that his voice was restored only while he was in a trance. Some time afterward a local man found that he was a hypnotist and began to experiment with young Cayce, and finally conceived the idea of asking Cayce to diagnose his own case. One day the young man asked his father to go with him, as the student was going to try to restore his voice.

The young man was put into a trance and asked to tell what he saw wrong about his own throat. He said there was to be seen a congestion of the vocal chords. The man said: "Watch it now and see if you cannot increase the circulation." He replied, "Yes, that's easy." He talked in his natural voice, saying: "It is gradually going away," then, "It is nearly gone," and finally said, "It is all right now."

He was then aroused, and after clearing his throat of an accumulation of phlegm found he could talk as well as he ever could.

This cure created much comment, but after a time it ceased to be talked about, some even holding that the loss of voice was a temporary affliction that had passed off as it had come and of its own accord.

In the succeeding years Mr. Cayce had occasional recurrences of the throat trouble, usually when suffering from a cold, but the loss of voice was of short duration. About this time he was urged to take up diagnosing as a business, but he refused to consider it, though he frequently gave readings without profit to himself.

During the last ten years he has followed the business of a photographer in several cities, but has been a good part of the time here in Hopkinsville. About eight years ago he married Miss Evans of this city, and they have one child, a boy, now seven years old.

At first Mr. Cayce was hypnotized by another, but he now goes to sleep of his own accord by what Dr. Ketchum has called auto-hypnosis. He comes out of the trance at the suggestion of some one else, usually his father, who has assisted in his development more than any one else.

His experience does not fatigue or exhaust him. On the contrary it seems to refresh him. Sometimes he will be feeling tired and will take up a case to read, dropping off to sleep for the purpose, and when aroused will feel greatly refreshed.

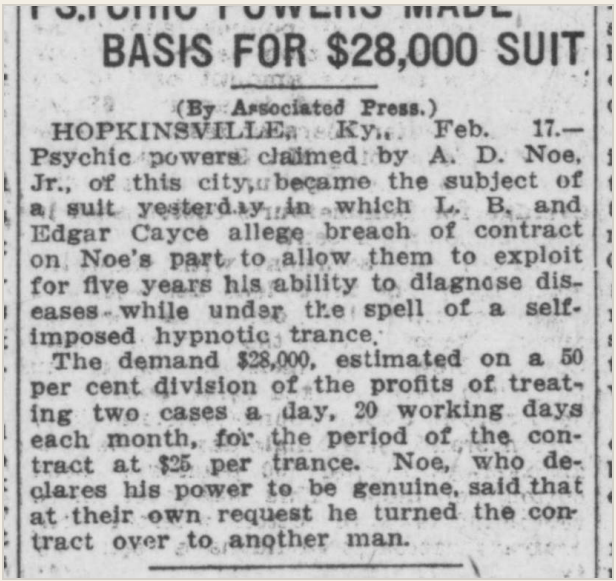
The question of distance is not important, as he has given successful readings with his subject a thousand miles away.

Mr. Cayce will not disclose the names of his patients, if they may be called patients, but says he is ready to submit any necessary facts in aiding the fullest investigation.

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Basis for $28,000 Suit

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BASIS FOR $28,000 SUIT

(By Associated Press.)
HOPKINSVILLE, Ky., Feb. 17.—Psychic powers claimed by A. D. Noe, Jr., of this city, became the subject of a suit yesterday in which L. B. and Edgar Cayce allege breach of contract on Noe's part to allow them to exploit for five years his ability to diagnose diseases while under the spell of a self-imposed hypnotic trance.

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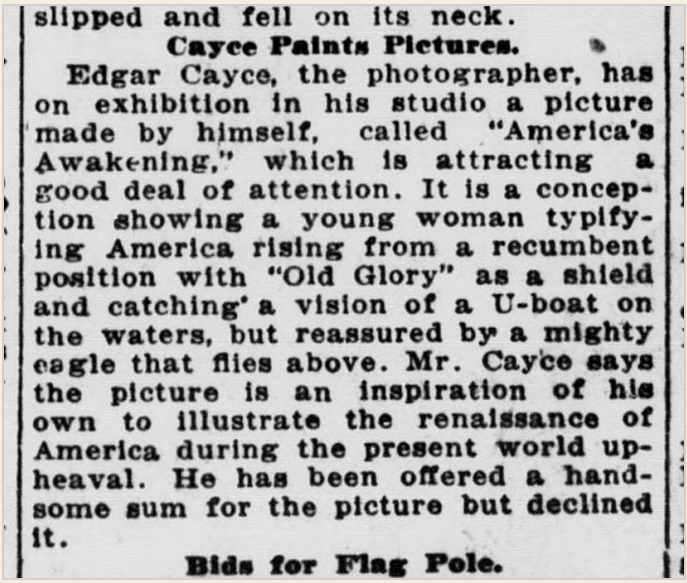
1917 TO 1920

The photographer in an Alabama town, an exhibition of his own picture, a visit from a famous writer, and plans for a hospital.

THE MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER · MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

Cayce Paints Pictures

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Bids for Flag Pole.

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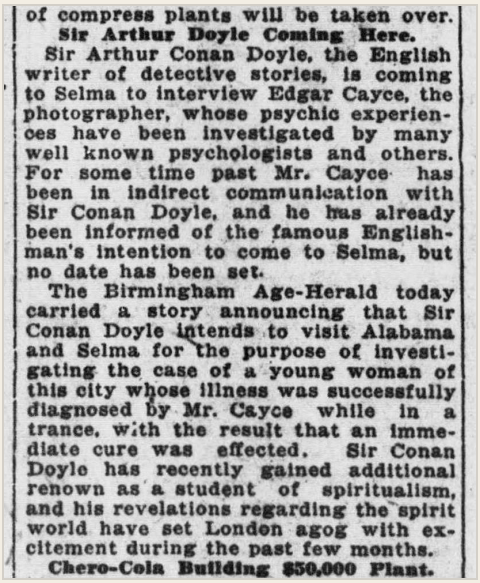
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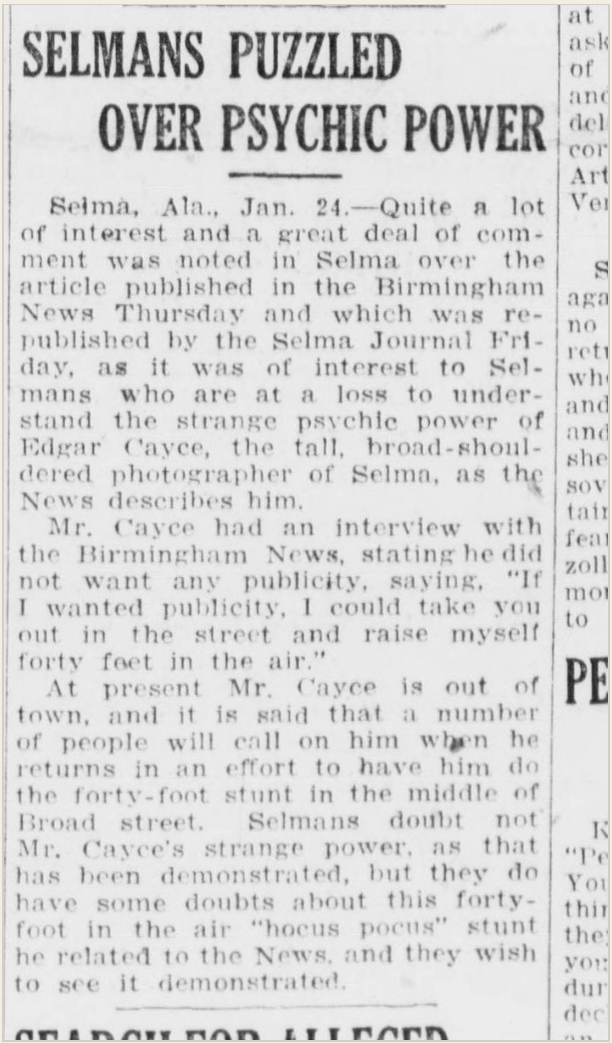
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THE CHATTANOOGA NEWS · CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

Selmans Puzzled Over Psychic Power

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SELMANS PUZZLED
OVER PSYCHIC POWER

Selma, Ala., Jan. 24.—Quite a lot of interest and a great deal of comment was noted in Selma over the article published in the Birmingham News Thursday and which was republished by the Selma Journal Friday, as it was of interest to Selmans who are at a loss to understand the strange psychic power of Edgar Cayce, the tall, broad-shouldered photographer of Selma, as the News describes him.

Mr. Cayce had an interview with the Birmingham News, stating he did not want any publicity, saying, "If I wanted publicity, I could take you out in the street and raise myself forty feet in the air."

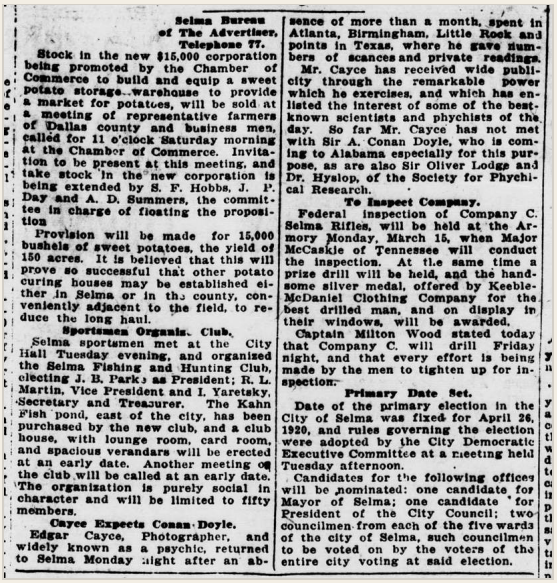
At present Mr. Cayce is out of town, and it is said that a number of people will call on him when he returns in an effort to have him do the forty-foot stunt in the middle of Broad street. Selmans doubt not Mr. Cayce's strange power, as that has been demonstrated, but they do have some doubts about this forty-foot in the air "hocus pocus" stunt he related to the News, and they wish to see it demonstrated.

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THE MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER · MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

Cayce Expects Conan Doyle

March 4, 1920 · page 2 · www.loc.gov/resource/sn84020645/1920-03-04/ed-1/?sp=2



Selma Bureau of The Advertiser, Telephone 77.

Stock in the new $15,000 corporation being promoted by the Chamber of Commerce to build and equip a sweet potato storage warehouse to provide a market for potatoes, will be sold at a meeting of representative farmers of Dallas county and business men, called for 11 o'clock Saturday morning at the Chamber of Commerce. Invitation to be present at this meeting, and take stock in the new corporation is being extended by S. F. Hobbs, J. P. Day and A. D. Summers, the committee in charge of floating the proposition.

Provision will be made for 15,000 bushels of sweet potatoes, the yield of 150 acres. It is believed that this will prove so successful that other potato curing houses may be established either in Selma or in the county, conveniently adjacent to the field, to reduce the long haul.

Sportsmen Organize Club.

Selma sportsmen met at the City Hall Tuesday evening, and organized the Selma Fishing and Hunting Club, electing J. B. Parks as President; R. L. Martin, Vice President and I. Yaretsky, Secretary and Treasurer. The Kahn Fish pond, east of the city, has been purchased by the new club, and a club house, with lounge room, card room, and spacious verandars will be erected at an early date. Another meeting of the club will be called at an early date. The organization is purely social in character and will be limited to fifty members.

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To Inspect Company.

Federal inspection of Company C. Selma Rifles, will be held at the Armory Monday, March 15, when Major McCaskle of Tennessee will conduct the inspection. At the same time a prize drill will be held, and the handsome silver medal, offered by Keeble-McDaniel Clothing Company for the best drilled man, and on display in their windows, will be awarded.

Captain Milton Wood stated today that Company C. will drill Friday night, and that every effort is being made by the men to tighten up for inspection.

Primary Date Set.

Date of the primary election in the City of Selma was fixed for April 26, 1920, and rules governing the election were adopted by the City Democratic Executive Committee at a meeting held Tuesday afternoon.

Candidates for the following offices will be nominated: one candidate for Mayor of Selma; one candidate for President of the City Council; two councilmen from each of the five wards of the city of Selma, such councilmen to be voted on by the voters of the entire city voting at said election.

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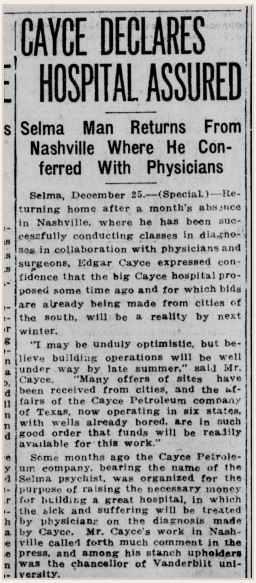
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Cayce Declares Hospital Assured

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CAYCE DECLARES HOSPITAL ASSURED

Selma Man Returns From Nashville Where He Conferred With Physicians

Selma, December 25.—(Special.)—Returning home after a month's absence in Nashville, where he has been successfully conducting classes in diagnoses in collaboration with physicians and surgeons, Edgar Cayce expressed confidence that the big Cayce hospital proposed some time ago and for which bids are already being made from cities of the south, will be a reality by next winter.

"I may be unduly optimistic, but believe building operations will be well under way by late summer," said Mr. Cayce. "Many offers of sites have been received from cities, and the affairs of the Cayce Petroleum company of Texas, now operating in six states, with wells already bored, are in such good order that funds will be readily available for this work."

Some months ago the Cayce Petroleum company, bearing the name of the Selma psychist, was organized for the purpose of raising the necessary money for building

a great hospital, in which the sick and suffering will be treated by physician? on the diagnosis made by Cayce. Mr. Cayce's work in Nashville called forth much comment in the press, and among his stanch upholders was the chancellor of Vanderbilt university.

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Birmingham

1922 AND 1923

A reporter at the Age-Herald sits down with him, a lecture at a college, a hotel-room advertisement, and a quiet return home.

THE BIRMINGHAM AGE-HERALD · BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

“Peculiar Gift Has Been Mine Since Youth,” Says Mr. Cayce

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NGHAM AGE-HERALD, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10,

“Peculiar Gift Has Been Mine Since Youth,” Says Mr. Cayce

Mysticism, Psychism, or What You Will, Envelops Man Whose Power in Healing Has Created Tremendous Interest Among All Conditions of Men

By DOLLY DALRYMPLE

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The statement by Mr. Edgar Cayce, native Kentuckian and for many years a resident of Alabama, was as unboastfully made as possible, when he was talking to me yesterday.

Quiet in his demeanor, modest in his speech, with none of the flare and glare of the “professional” mystic, psychic, clairvoyant, or fortune teller, Mr. Cayce, who now makes his home in Selma, is a visitor to Birmingham for a few days, having come here to meet a group of people from Chicago who desired his service.

“How do I do it?” Mr. Cayce repeated the question after me. “I can't say more tell than you can; one thing I know and that is since I was a child I have had the peculiar gift; my parents used to thrash me soundly for my ideas and practice of my powers, and yet that did not deter me from going straight ahead and revealing them to all with whom I came in contact.”

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Christianity the Foundation

“My work is not for pecuniary purposes; my patients pay me what they will. By profession I am a photographer, I have never been on the stage although I have had the most flattering offers. In fact I. refused fifteen thousand dollars to appear for three times on the stage and demonstrate my work, in a nearby city, a short time ago, but I shun such publicity and notoriety."

“Then how do you do it if it is not like the professional psychic medium or clairvoyant?”

“In the privacy of my own rooms,” said Mr. Cayce. “Yes, I go into a trance or sub-conscious state; what it is I don’t know; I am really not aware that I am doing any thing marvelous; in fact I am not conscious of what I am saying or prescribing: I just don’t know what is is.

“This I do know; that it is man’s humanity to man to be able to diagnose suffering and disease and prescribe a remedy for it that cures!”

“ 'May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.’ is the foundation of my work. Belief in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man is my motto and for this reason I hope to be able to establish a hospital or a sanitarium so that suffering humanity can have the benefit of my gifts.

Not Spiritualism, But Spirituality

“No; I do not believe in spiritualism but I do believe in spirituality,” declared Mr. Cayce. “What those who say they communicate with the dead must mean is, that they communicate with impressions left by the dead here. They talk to the personality of the dead; in other words the personality which is left to us here just as the individuality goes into the other world.

“Ectoplasm, of which we hear so much, is nothing more or less than personality reduced to this form. Thoughts are deeds we are told and they may become miracles or they may become crimes.

"Japan once proposed a law preventing people from thinking wrong, if you recall; in other words, right thinking on any subject prevents crime and reduces suffering to a marked degree."

‘‘The professional mystic, mind reader, who blindfolded on the stage tells you the number of your watch, the color of your sweetheart’s hair, who your next husband will be, what of him," I asked curiously.

“I couldn't call any such people fakes, because I don’t know what they are or what they see or what they feel, any more than I could call I myself a fake because I don’t know where my power comes from or whither it goes."

A Physical Phenomenon

Mr. Cayce is very baffling, very unusual and very interesting, certainly one of those physical phenomenals, which puzzle and confound the layman, while exerting equally an unrestful effect upon the scientific mind.

One thing I will say for the peculiarly gifted Mr. Cayce.

I don’t believe the hundreds of people whose written testimonials (he has many of them in their own hand writing) would put down on cold white paper such startling statements regarding his powers, if he had not benefited them in some measure.

At any rate Mr. Cayce's cast, is interesting, whether psychic, mystic, clairvoyant, mind reader or spiritualist. what you will. It is not for me to say or you and he has the foundation of successful achievement written luminously upon his life work in the simple fact that he believes in himself!

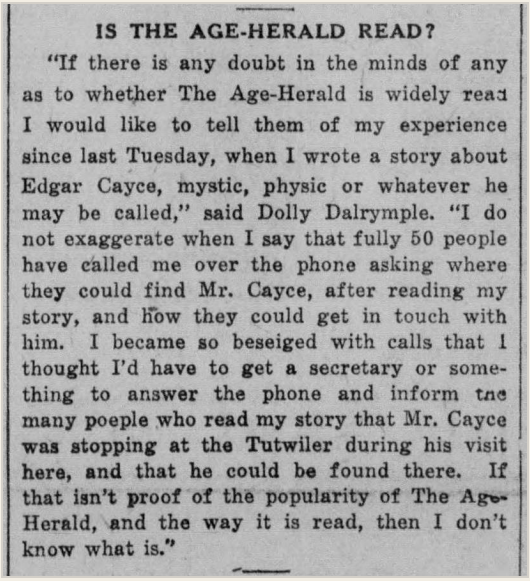
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Is the Age-Herald Read?

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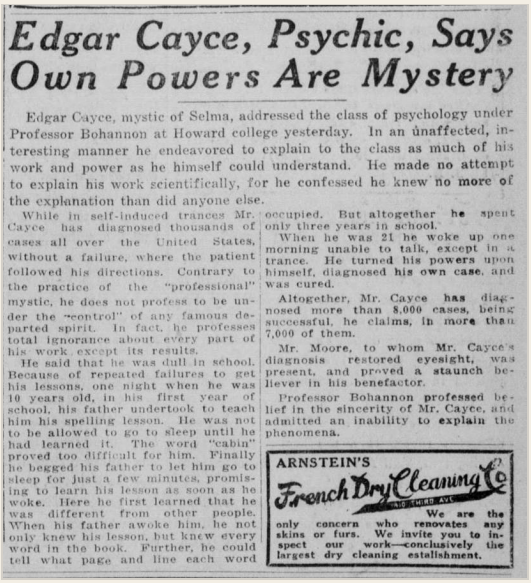
"If there is any doubt in the minds of any as to whether The Age-Herald is widely read I would like to tell them of my experience since last Tuesday, when I wrote a story about Edgar Cayce, mystic, physic or whatever he may be called," said Dolly Dalrymple. "I do not exaggerate when I say that fully 50 people have called me over the phone asking where they could find Mr. Cayce, after reading my story, and how they could get in touch with him. I became so besieged with calls that i thought I'd have to get a secretary or something to answer the phone and inform the many people who read my story that Mr. Cayce was stopping at the Tutwiler during his visit here, and that he could be found there. If that isn't proof of the popularity of The Age Herald, and the way it is read, then I don't know what is.''

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Edgar Cayce, Psychic, Says Own Powers Are Mystery

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Edgar Cayce, Psychic, Says Own Powers Are Mystery

Edgar Cayce, mystic of Selma, addressed the class of psychology under Professor Bohannon at Howard college yesterday. In an unaffected, interesting manner he endeavored to explain to the class as much of his work and power as he himself could understand. He made no attempt to explain his work scientifically, for he confessed he knew no more of the explanation than did anyone else.

While in self-induced trances Mr. Cayce has diagnosed thousands of cases all over the United States, without a failure, where the patient followed his directions. Contrary to the practice of the "professional" mystic, he does not profess to be under the “control” of any famous departed spirit. In fact, he professes total ignorance about every part of is work except its results. He said that he was dull in school, Because of repeated failures to get his lessons, one night when he was 10 years old, in his first year of school, his father undertook to teach him his spelling

lesson. He was not to be allowed to go to sleep until he had learned it. The word “cabin" proved too difficult for him. Finally he begged his father to let him go to sleep for just a few minutes, promising to learn his lesson as soon as he woke. Here he first learned that he was different from other people, When his father awoke him, he not father When awoke his lesson, but knew every word in the book. Further, he could tell what page and line each word occupied. But altogether he spent only three years in school.

When he was 21 he woke up one morning unable to talk, except in a trance. He turned his powers upon himself, diagnosed his own case, and was cured.

Altogether, Mr. Cayce has diagnosed more than 8,000 cases, being successful, he claims, in more than 7,000 of them.

Mr. Moore, to whom Mr. Cayce’s diagnosis restored eyesight, was present, and proved a staunch believer in his benefactor.

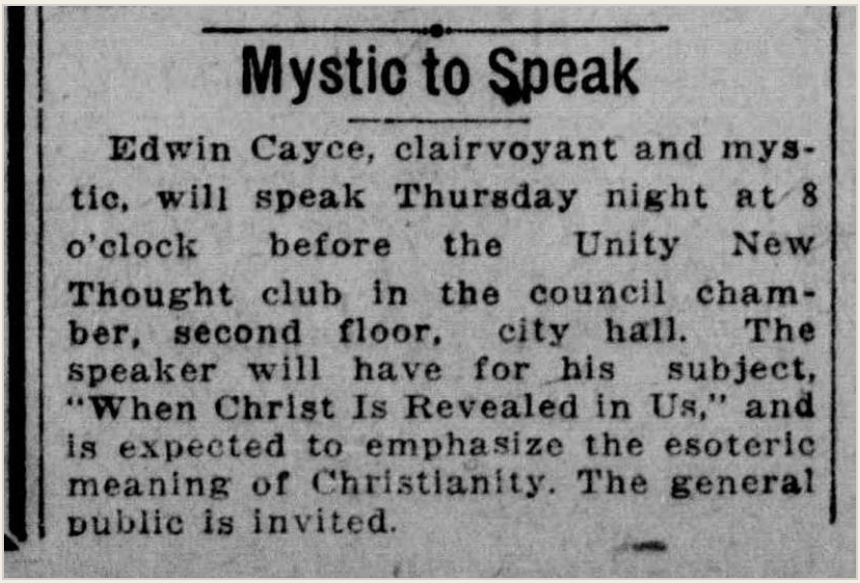
Professor Bohannon professed belief in the sincerity of Mr. Cayce, and admitted an inability to explain the phenomena.

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Mystic to Speak

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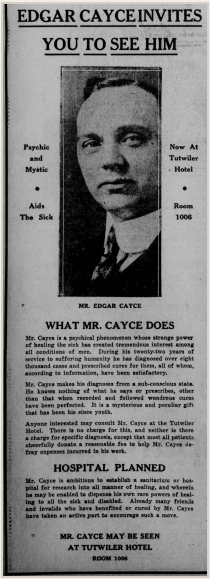
Edwin Cayce, clairvoyant and mystic, will speak Thursday night at 8 o'clock before the Unity New Thought club in the council chamber, second floor, city hall. The speaker will have for his subject, "When Christ is Revealed in Us," and is expected to emphasize the esoteric meaning of Christianity. The general public is invited.

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Edgar Cayce Invites You to See Him

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EDGAR CAYCE INVITES

YOU TO SEE HIM

Psychic and

Mystic

Aids The Sick

Now At

Tutwiler

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MR. EDGAR CAYCE

WHAT MR. CAYCE DOES

Mr. Cayce is a psychical phenomenon whose strange power of healing the sick has created tremendous interest among all conditions of men. During his twenty-two years of service to suffering humanity he has diagnosed over eight thousand cases and prescribed cures for them, all of whom, according to information, have been satisfactory.

Mr. Cayce makes his diagnoses from a sub-conscious state.

He knows nothing of what he says or prescribes, other than that when recorded and followed wondrous cures have been perfected. It is a mysterious and peculiar gift that has been his since youth.

Anyone interested may consult Mr. Cayce at the Tutwiler

Hotel. There is no charge for this, and neither is there a charge for specific diagnosis, except that most all patients cheerfully donate a reasonable fee to help Mr. Cayce defray expenses incurred in his work.

HOSPITAL PLANNED

Mr. Cayce is ambitious to establish a sanitarium or hospital for research into all manner of healing, and wherein he may be enabled to dispense his own rare powers of healing to all the sick and disabled. Already many friends and invalids who have benefited or cured by Mr. Cayce have taken an active part to encourage such a move. i

MR. CAYCE MAY BE SEEN

AT TUTWILER HOTEL

ROOM 1006

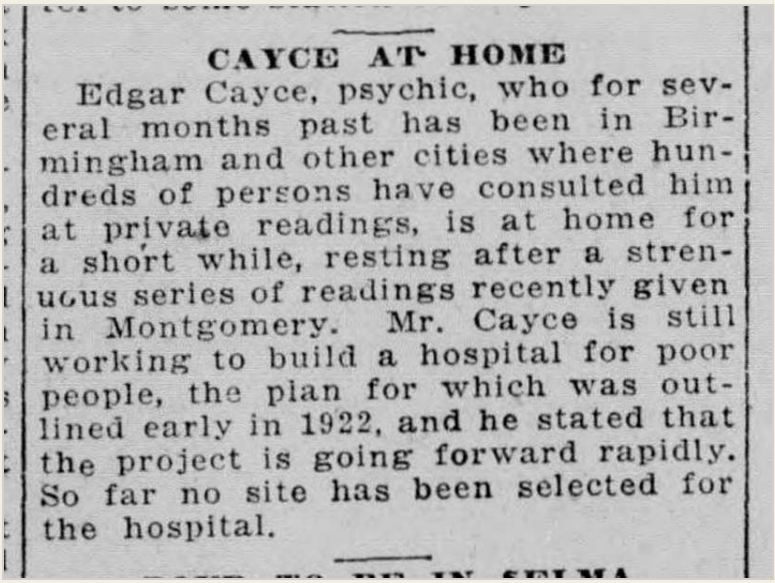
This is a paid advertisement, set in the paper by Cayce or on his behalf. It is reproduced because it is the only place he spoke to the public in his own advertising voice.

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Cayce at Home

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CAYCE AT HOME

Edgar Cayce, psychic, who for several months past has been in Birmingham and other cities where hundreds of persons have consulted him at private readings, is at home for a short while, resting after a strenuous series of readings recently given in Montgomery. Mr. Cayce is still working to build a hospital for poor people, the plan for which was outlined early in 1922. and he stated that the project is going forward rapidly. So far no site has been selected for the hospital.

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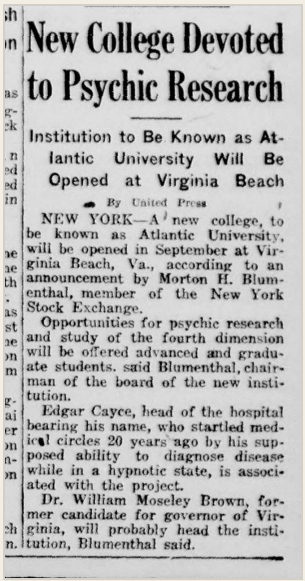
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A wire story from New York about a new college at Virginia Beach, run by two papers on consecutive days.

THE WASHINGTON DAILY NEWS · WASHINGTON, D.C.

New College Devoted to Psychic Research

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New College Devoted to Psychic Research

Institution to Be Known as Atlantic University Will Be Opened at Virginia Beach

By United Press

NEW YORK—A new college, to be known as Atlantic University, will be opened in September at Virginia Beach, Va., according to an announcement by Morton H. Blumenthal, member of the New York Stock Exchange.

Opportunities for psychic research and study of the fourth dimension will be offered advanced and graduate students, said Blumenthal, chairman of the board of the new institution.

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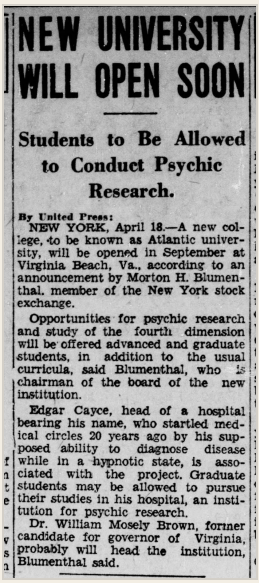
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SOUTH BEND NEWS-TIMES · SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

New University Will Open Soon

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Opportunities for psychic research and study of the fourth dimension will be offered advanced and graduate students, in addition to the usual curricula, said Blumenthal, who is chairman of the board of the new institution.

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Other Cayces and brief mentions

Many hits for Cayce in these papers belong to other people, among them families in Columbia, Tennessee, in Louisville and in Atlanta, and a Hopkinsville case in March 1912 in which a woman of that name was charged with killing her father. None of that is about him and none of it is reproduced.

A few brief mentions name an Edgar Cayce in lists and are probably him, since they are Selma, Alabama church and civic lists from 1912 to 1917 in which he was a known resident. We could not confirm it from the pages, so they are listed and not counted. A December 1922 Birmingham society note names a Mr. Mohr as secretary to Mr. Cayce, the psychic diagnostician, which does refer to him.

DATE	PAPER	LINE
1912-03-03	The Montgomery Advertiser	Committee on Boys' Work, Edgar Cayce (Selma church convention list)
1913-07-24	The Montgomery Advertiser	Edgar Cayce, Selma, superintendent of a Sunday school division
1916-11-20	The Montgomery Advertiser	A debate led by Edgar Cayce and Roger Butler at a Christian church meeting
1916-12-29	The Montgomery Advertiser	Edgar Cayce on a Selma arrangements committee for a holiday event
1917-07-20	The Montgomery Advertiser	Edgar Cayce on a Selma entertainment committee
1917-10-21	The Montgomery Advertiser	Edgar Cayce among twelve men assigned to tents at a Selma gathering
1922-12-03	The Birmingham Age-Herald	Mr. Mohr described as secretary to Mr. Cayce, the psychic diagnostician (this one is him)

END OF THE CLIPPINGS

Now read what he said.

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