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Chatting...
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OH, NOW I'VE CAUGHT up with the people who have been telling me for a couple of weeks that they've seen robins. I don't think there's any one harbinger of spring that gives you such a start of pleasure as seeing your first robin. I saw mine this morning. He perched for a long time on one of the barren shrubs in our back yard. His feathers were all puffed out and head snuggled down as a bitter March blizzard raged around him... mute evidence that the climes of winter are having their last innings...

IT'S INTERESTING to see how hypnotism and mind-reading have caught the fancy of the TV entertainers. And there's no denying it's a fascinating study. Personally my fascination with such things is tinged with a bit of fear too. The scope of hypnotism in many fields is tremendous, but before it can be accepted by people universally for the benefits it can bring about for instance in the field of medicine, dentistry and so on, that niggling little fear most people have of anyone tampering with or controlling their mind must be removed. Most of the hypnotists now appearing are entertainers however, and again, there's no denying it is a most entertaining art. I have heard it said, and read too, that there is absolutely no harm in being hypnotized if it is done by a sensible, responsible person... As a matter of fact the other night on TTV, a hypnotist said we are all being subtly hypnotized all the time, especially by advertising.

I REMEMBER ONE newspaper convention we attended, a hypnotist was the featured entertainer of the evening. He asked for volunteer "subjects" from the audience and got more than his required quota. However some of the volunteers just could not be hypnotized so he ended up with about eight or nine newspaper people who were willing and receptive to hypnotism. Some people don't believe that the subjects are really asleep, but if they wanted proof that evening they could have had it when they saw a beautiful young woman with a sleek hairdo really give that faultlessly coiffed head of hair "the works," when the hypnotist suggested that she give herself a good shampoo. She was so energetic I'll swear she had every hair standing straight up on her head before she was through. And here is the point — the fact that her hair was in such a state in front of all those people bothered her not a whit. The hypnotist smoothed it down for her a little so she would look more presentable... This same girl also provided for me, what was one of the most interesting experiments of the evening. The hypnotist gave her a slip of paper, telling her that she was ten years old, and asked her to write her name. He passed the slip of paper around to let us see that she had printed in childish letters her maiden name...

INCIDENTALLY, THIS girl's husband was also hypnotized at the same time, and his reactions were completely opposite to hers. He went to sleep all right when bid to do so, but he was so soundly asleep that the hypnotist couldn't get through to him at all. He made absolutely no response to any bidding. He was out like a light...

THE GOING TO SLEEP process was the best part of the whole process according to another newspaperman who was hypnotized. I overheard him remark to the hypnotist afterwards that he'd give a thousand dollars if he could drop off to sleep like that every night. To which the hypnotist replied that he had cured several bad cases of insomnia with one or more "treatments" and perhaps this chap who was plagued with sleeplessness would like to try a treatment now. Nothing daunted, our hero agreed, and in nothing flat he was sleeping peacefully on the stage. I often wondered since if the treatment worked...

IN THE GUELPH PAPER last week there was quite a fascinating front page article about a mind-reader called "The Great Nix-

on" who was appearing daily at the Odeon Theatre. As a publicity stunt, he had the mayor of Guelph, Harold Suttler, hide an object known only to the mayor, within a mile of the theatre. Wearing a blindfold which had been tested by Mayor Suttler and others before he began his walk in search of the object, Nixon was followed by a crowd of more than a hundred as he made his way unaided through the streets of Guelph. He crossed streets and went around buildings without bumping into anything. The crowd was frankly skeptical of his ever locating the hidden article. The mayor was the only person in Guelph who knew what and where it was. How could it be possible?...

BUT ACCORDING TO the Guelph Mercury, "as Nixon approached the Co-Op doorway he seemed to be nervous. He checked around the door then paused. Suddenly he took hold of the door handle, thumbed the latch and walked inside. Pausing briefly facing the counter, he held out his hands, turned back to the left and walked to a door that was barely noticeable. He opened the door and without even putting his head through the opening, reached behind the wall and lifted up a can of Reddi-Whip. When Mayor Suttler nodded that that was what he had hidden, the crowd of more than 100 gave a loud cheer. "The Great Nixon's" tour had covered about seven blocks in distance, but was actually less than three blocks from the theatre... I can't figure it out, can you?

Georgetown Represented At Mutual Aid Banquet

Representatives from Georgetown fire department joined guests from other towns at a banquet tendered by Hamilton Beach volunteer fire department.

Guests from Burlington, Bronte, Nelson, Oakville, Acton, Milton, Trafalgar, and Georgetown were welcomed by fire chief Dan Hazell. William Leeming, vice chairman of the Burlington Beach Commission praised the Halton group for fine cooperation that goes into the mutual aid agreement whereby each fire department helps others in cases of emergency.

NOT THAT THE SUBJECTS are closely related in any way, except that they are complete mysteries to the average person, I have been meaning to mention since last fall that Mrs. Jack Crawford of Glen Williams had a very interesting visitor for a couple of months last fall, in the person of her aunt from England, who is one of the most famous spiritualist "mediums" in the world. While making the Crawford home her headquarters, Mrs. Crawford's aunt was away a great deal of the time, being much in demand in various cities in the United States as well as Canada...

UNION Home Helpers Plan Spring Bazaar

Home Helpers of Union Presbyterian Church, numbering 16, met last Tuesday at the home of Mrs. R. S. Leslie, when they discussed preparations for a bazaar which they will hold this spring.

Mrs. Eric Leslie, president, conducted the meeting and the study book was taken by Mrs. William Hunter. An Easter reading was given by Mrs. Charles McNally. Mrs. Alvin Starret gave a selection from Glad Tidings. Mrs. William Ostrander and Mrs. Alvin Starret were assistant hostesses.

John Herbert Fuller Chinguacousy Farmer

A farmer all his life, John Herbert Fuller, 77, died March 5th. He made his home at lot 20 on the fourth line west, Chinguacousy, and was born on the same line, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas Fuller. He was a member of Home Church and was unmarried.

Mr. Fuller was buried from the David A. McClure Funeral Home with interment in Brampton Cemetery. Pallbearers were John Fuller, Clarence Dolson, Albert Dolson, James Prince, William Smith and Laddie Smith. Mr. Fuller is survived by three brothers, Joseph Albert, Blake and Archie, and two sisters, Hazel (Mrs. C. Leffler) and Elizabeth (Mrs. G. H. Hall).

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