

Sneide's Odd Will

Family Challenges Provision Leaving \$18,275 for Statue, Book Printing

The estate of Ole J. Sneide, the seer of Market street who died last August, has been appraised at \$18,275.63.

Sneide, whose highly-cabalistic explanation for the flying disc phenomena won him nation-wide publicity, left explicit instructions for the disposition of the money.

It was to go, his will directed, for the erection of a statue of Aphrodite and the publication of a stack of manuscript.

The statue of the Greek goddess of love and beauty was to be chosen

by the Art Commission and placed in Golden Gate Park.

HIS MANUSCRIPTS

The manuscripts, all on occult affairs and kept in the vaults of the Bank of America, were to be published at a cost of \$3000.

Five hundred dollars more was to go for library copies of the book with the proviso it also be published in the Saturday Evening Post or Readers' Digest.

Members of Sneide's family immediately challenged the will declaring, through Attorney Jack Meller of Stockton, that the 61-year-old occultist was incompetent and that the will was improperly executed.

Meller has filed a suit which ties up the disposition of the will. The suit has not yet been set for trial.

The Park Commission doesn't think too highly of the gift. A commission spokesman said it doesn't favor statues in Golden Gate Park "especially statues of Aphrodite."

'SCOUT SHIPS'

Sneide, in long letters to The Chronicle's Safety Valve, at one time explained that the flying discs were "scout ships from Nimbre A. Theatos."

He found this out, he said, by projecting himself into space and asking some super-people living on the dark side of the moon what the discs meant.

These persons, he explained, were Dhyanis, ruler of creation. "They appeared in a blinding flash of light—the answer was 'Information refused!'"

Sneide also confused and amused readers of the Safety Valve with accounts of the secrets inscribed on something called the Castle Crags Astronomer's National Monument. The letters were always liberally scattered with cabalistic equations.

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