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This year 20 winners had previous experience in science fairs compared to only 11 out of the 40 last year. The 82% increase shows the influence science fairs exert in providing stimulation and direction for future research scientists.

The National Science Fair is another annual science competition sponsored by Science Clubs of America.

Science Clubs of America, administered by SCIENCE SERVICE, is the international organization for science groups in schools and out. Today more than 15,000 clubs here and abroad are affiliated with it.

The 40 winners were chosen by Dr. Harold A. Edgerton, New York psychologist; Dr. Stuart Henderson Britt, Chicago psychologist; and Dr. Rex A. Buxton, Washington psychiatrist.

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PSYCHOLOGY

Wishing No Help In Rolling a Seven

► DO NOT COUNT ON wishing for winning at dice; it is not dependable.

A total of 170,000 throws of dice were made by 393 volunteer subjects in a serious effort to find out whether wishing, say for a seven, would help to cause that particular number to result.

Although the wishing did not have any statistically significant effect on the total number of wished-for faces turning up, it was observed to be related to a decline in the rate at which that face resulted.

The study, made at the department of physics of the University of Pittsburgh, is reported in the *Journal of Experimental Psychology* (Oct., 1955) by Dr. R. A. McConnell, R. J. Snowdon and K. F. Powell.

In the past decade, they state, a number of experimental papers have reported an effect called "psychokinesis," by which the fall of dice was affected significantly by the desires of the person throwing them.

Two statistical effects were reported as constituting "psychokinesis." The first is the causing of the wished-for face to turn up more times in the whole experiment than would be expected by chance. The second is a decline in average rate over each page of records.

It was this second effect that was observed in the Pittsburgh experiment.

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GENERAL SCIENCE

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