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This Week in the

History of Psychology

(August 18-24) 🗓️

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This week brings together pioneers who shaped philosophy, neuroscience, education, social psychology, and even paleontology.

From split-brain studies to the first rat maze, their legacies still echo in classrooms, clinics, and labs today.

Swipe to meet them!

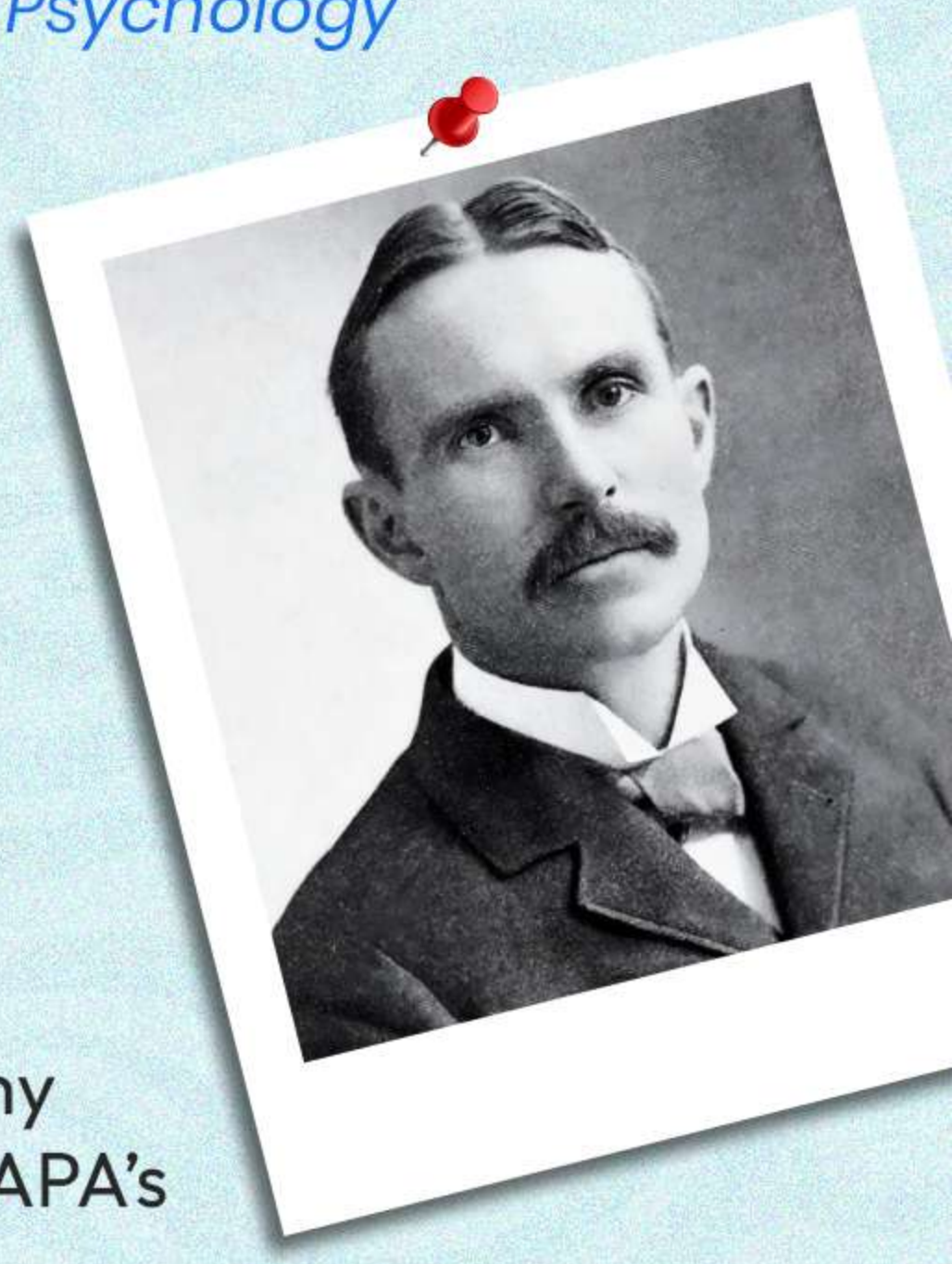
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George S. Fullerton

(Aug 18, 1859)

"Bridging Philosophy and Psychology"



Born in British India, became a leading American philosopher & psychologist.

Hosted the first APA meeting (1892); served as its 5th president.

His works linked philosophy and psychology, shaping APA's early history.

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Hedda Bolgar

(Aug 19, 1909)

"Psychoanalytic Pioneer & Social Justice Advocate"



Created the Little World Test and practiced psychoanalysis for nearly 80 years.

Championed feminism, social justice, and mental health access.

Mentored generations, inspiring resilience and activism in psychology.

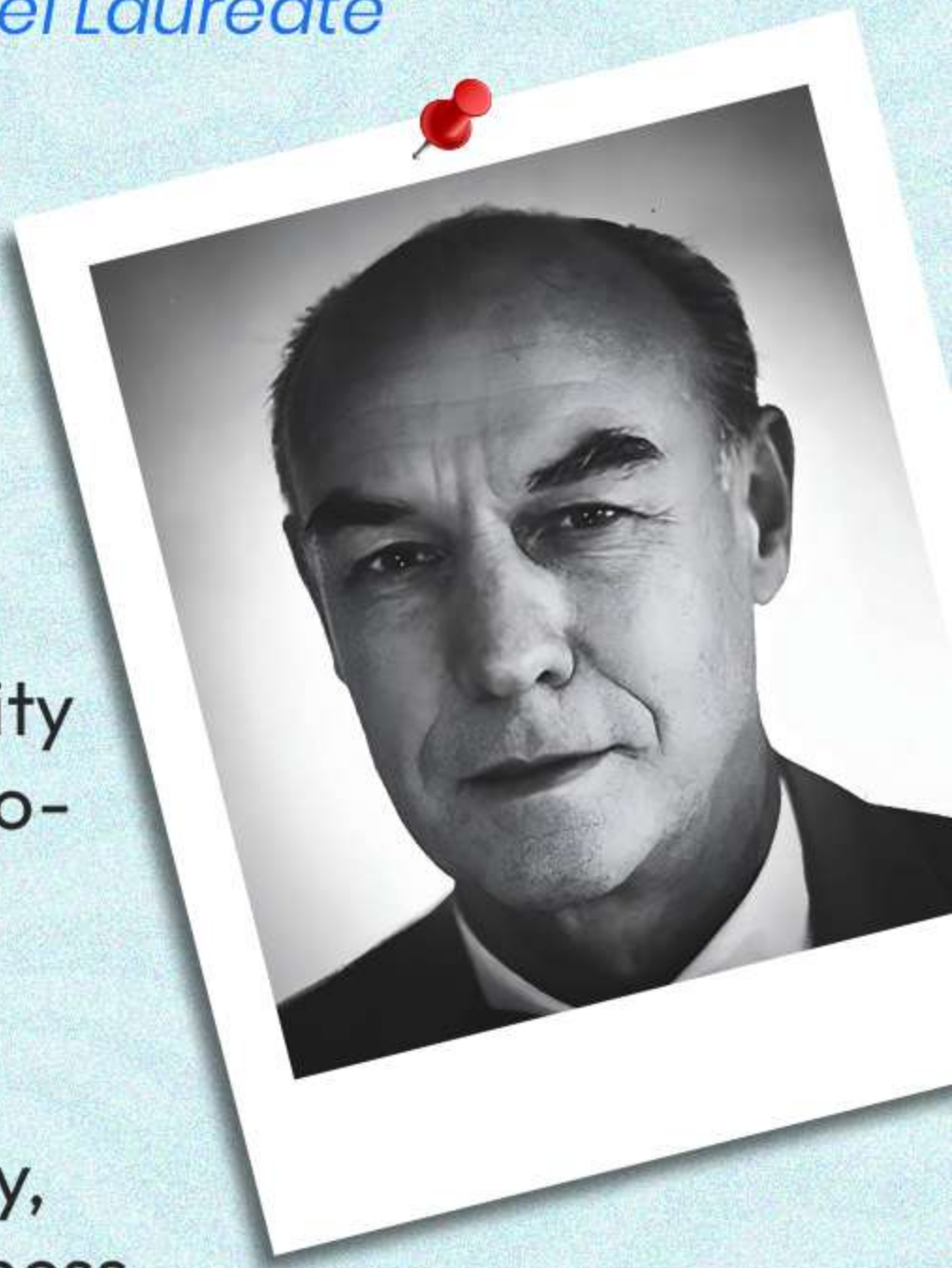
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Roger W. Sperry

(Aug 20, 1913)

"Split-Brain Pioneer & Nobel Laureate"



Revolutionized neuro-science with split-brain research → hemispheric specialization.

Proposed the chemoaffinity hypothesis in neural develo-pment.

Nobel Prize winner whose work reshaped psychology, neuroscience & consciousness studies.

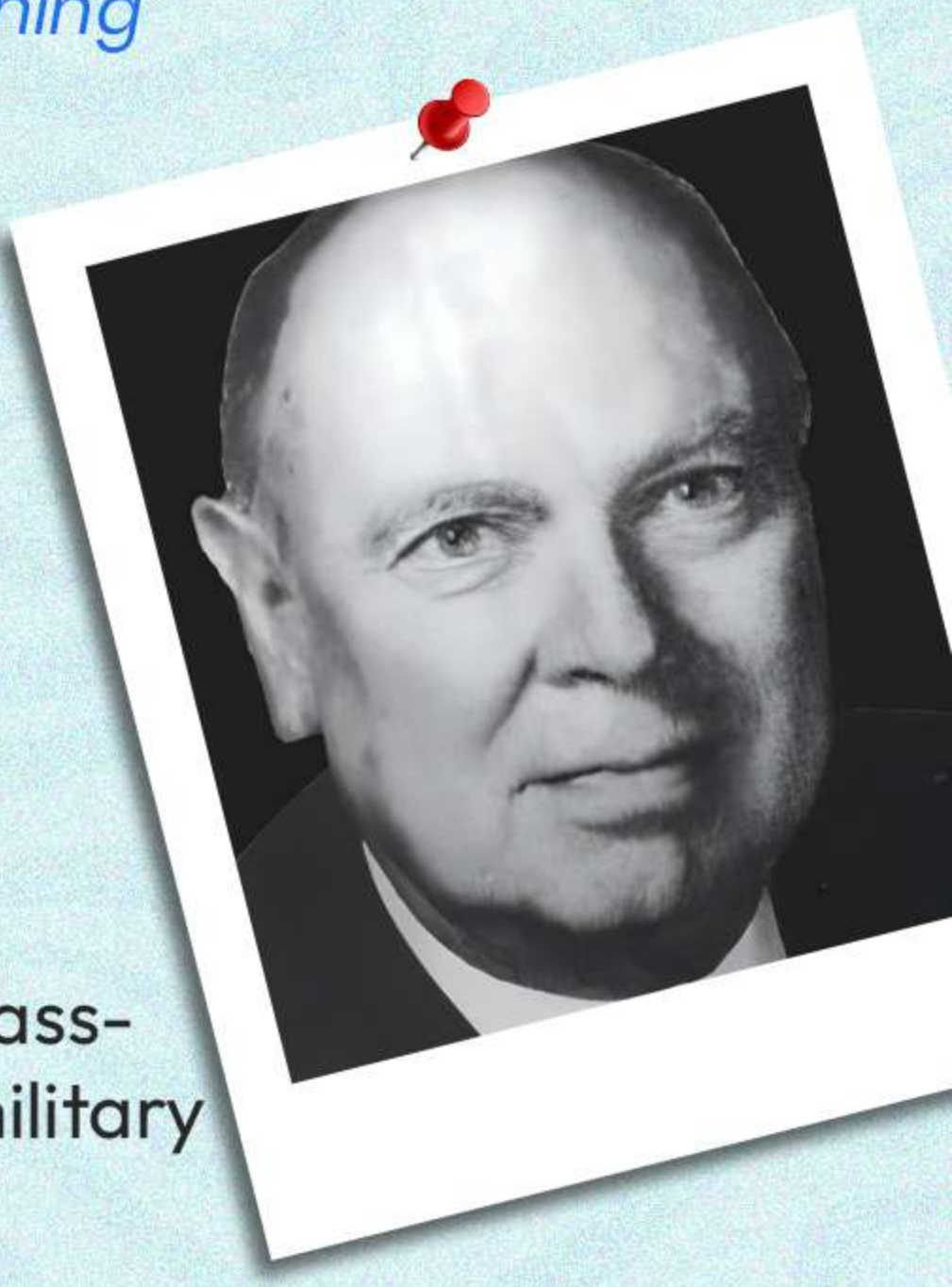
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Robert M. Gagné

(Aug 21, 1916)

"Architect of Modern Learning"



Introduced the Conditions of Learning & Nine Events of Instruction.

Transformed education, training, and psychology with structured methods.

His frameworks shaped class-rooms, workplaces, and military training worldwide.

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Floyd H. Allport

(Aug 22, 1890)

"Father of Experimental Social Psychology"

1924 textbook made social psychology scientific & experimental.

Studied social influence, group behavior, and attitudes.

His methods built the empirical foundation of modern social psychology.



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Georges Cuvier

(Aug 23, 1769)

"Father of Paleontology"



Proved extinction as a natural fact through fossil studies.

Advanced comparative anatomy & taxonomy.

His reconstructions reshaped debates in biology and geology.

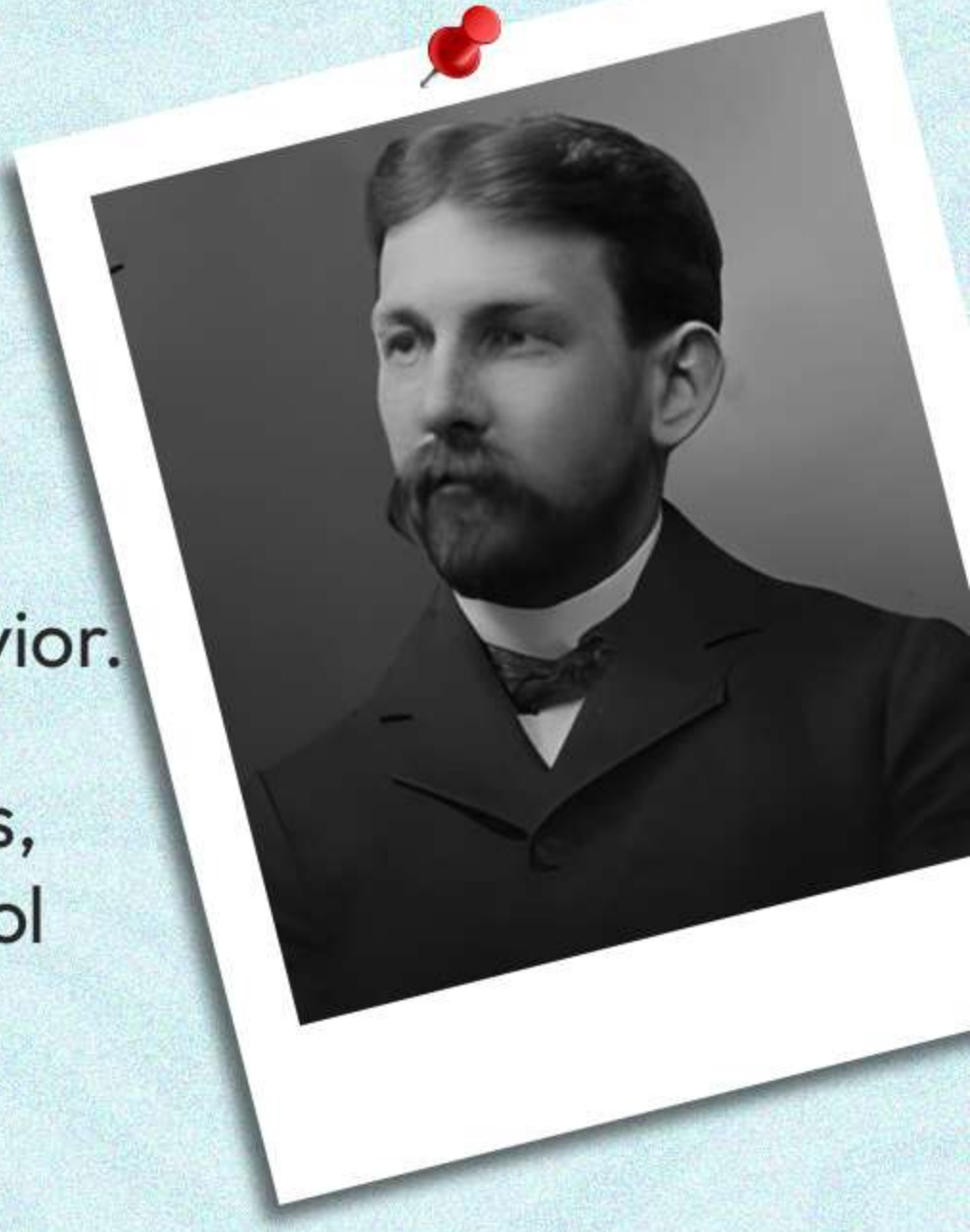
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Willard S. Small

(Aug 24, 1870)

"Pioneer of the Rat Maze in Psychology"



Introduced the first rat maze experiments in comparative psychology.

Explored memory, habituation, and animal behavior.

Inspired early behaviorists, making the maze a key tool in psychology research.

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