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Editorials

FIRST ANNUAL STF.AMATEUR FRESS MONTH

Your Editor has suggested that next month (July) and each July thereafter be known as Science Fiction Amateur Press Month - and during this month members of all the fantasty groups namely:-National Fantasy Fan Federation Fantasy Amateur Press Association Spectator Amateur Press Society Vanguard Amateur Press Association Canadian Amateur Fantasy Press

band together in celebrating in true fashion stf. writing, publishing, drawing, etc.

It behooves every member of each and every association to become active "at least during Stf month" I call upon each one of you to

help make July, the Stf. Anatour Press Month - one to be remembered for years to come - and do it each July.

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TORCON

This is our last chance to say that the Sixth World Science Fic (Cont.inside cover-back page) Prez Tarr Sezs:

Fellow Members:

The Brick House June, 1948.

It is to be hoped that the last six months of this year will see the organization moving ahead toward the better thing of which it is capable. There are numerous projects which we can go to work on and a few fans such as Henry Spelman have in dicated in letters there personal wishes and criticisms in the matter of projects and other activities. I like to set letters like his; it shows that someone is interested. And its hard to get even essentials such as complete reports on current activities of differents committees and works.

I assure you that it is the desire of the present officers to do all they can for you -- and I think Rick Sneary de serves some commendation. He's in there pitching.

Boff Perry has resigned as a director due to press of other work. I asked Koestner if he could take his place but have not had word from him todate so I guess I'll take a shot at one of the other candidates who missed in the last election.

Art kapp of Michigan has been placed as new head of the Manuscript Bureau. Get your stuff in to him. In the last six months of this year we will endeavor to

start and bring to fruition the considerations of these first six months. A definitive result in the voting on the referendum will be of immense help and it is to be hoped that most of you did your stuff with the ballots. There does seem to have been a burning question in the minds of some in connection with the constitutional referendum and I havent the time to go into it here. Suffice it to say that the majority should have their way and if there be any who disagree they may take the constitutional and reasonable means of presentation of their ideas -namely getting the necessary signatures to a petition. However only a sorhead or imbecile would not accept a definitive majority as an expression of the will of the membership and in an organization such as ours where heretofore so much of the debate and actions of former officers have been lost to their successors through lack of records or lack of willingness on the part of officers to submit reports to their successors -- - well ??!

I was rather pleased with the appearance of the latest 00 and expect that so were you. I received some criticism of Higgs' previos efforts but thought it was too early for condemnation to be just. Higgs is beginning to show his ability and he does have the time and energy in far greater measure than anyone else who can be discovered. He has had considerable experience in the editorial line and I believe he will deliver work in the future of which we can well be proud. Especially if the members and officials will cooperate in the matter of articles and letters. Committee heads, Georgi for instance, should write a short article outlining their methods etc. for publication in the00.

Coming up for action is the idea of a fan directory and Who's Who which together with the Yearbook idea would undoubtedly be fine yearly works for our organization. What say?

Dale Tarr.

THE PERFECT FANZINE

By David H. Keller

Written for the Torcon Issue of TNFF

OT being the editor of a fanzine, and never intending to be one it is evident that I know exactly what salient points the perfect anateur publication should posses. Therefore, knowing very well that my suggestions . will not meet with the approval of many fanzine oditors I will proceed to give my ten point program for the editing of a magazine that would be satisfactory to me.

1. The name. This should be offtrail, and not include the words fantasy, wierd, science or fiction. It has to be a name casily romembered with a definite meaning and connection with the magazine as an ontity.

2. As a magazine depends on its contributors I would acknowledge promptly all papers sent to me. If not harmonious with the editorial policy I would return them at once with a note of ex planation and thanks and a request for other contributions, giving my thought as to what they should be. If I accept would write and give due thanks and a definite statement as to when the material would be published. When published the contributor would receive some extra numbers and be given at least one years subscription.

3. Each issue would contain one strong, well written editorial of general interest.

4. I would cut to the minimum lottors which tall how good the magazine is. Perhaps it would be a novelty to print only letters of condemnation. It seems to me that the average letter section of the professional magazines, mainly lauditory, is simply a wasto of pulp paper.

5. Avoid arguments. Some fanzines seem so devoid of metorial that they encourage controversics between prominent fans. As a rule no one except the fams involved are interested. Eventually the reader tires of the debate and at last are uncertain what it is all about, why it was started, ot why it should be continued.

6. I would endeavor to have in every issue one story, er ticlo, poen or illustration which would make that issue a collector's item. This should be advortised a month in advance. Difficult - cortainly, but it can be done.

7. If there is a book review section, have it conducted by an Associate Editor who knows how to write reviews intelligently, honostly and without produdice.

8. The magazino should be beautiful in format and of a high literary value. There should be some art but romember that the nature fan is tired of nudity and poorly done comics. One fine pictute is far botter than a dozen poor onos.

9. If possible avoid advertising. If necessary to help with the costs place it all at the end of the issue and not interspace it with the reading matter.

10. Havo the print logible, easy to road, clear.

Finally do not start a fanzine unless you are cortain it will live for at least a year. Mail three hundred copies of the first issue free and after that send only to paid subscrib ers and contributors. Study fanzines like the Gorgon, Commenta tor, Dream Quest, Canadian Fandom and they make an effort to get out a better publication. If you are able to do that you can make your fanzine self supporting.



Ellsworth Fells, Maine May 6, 1948

Dear Ray and N3F Mombers,

A new Constitution could conceivably correct some of the faults inherent of the old one - but the proposed Constitution printed in TNFF of February can not logically be the successor. Rick Sneary, in his letter opposing it, pointed out several mis takes in the drafting and body of this Constitution; and any further drafting of one should bear these points in mind. As to change of name, I, myself, an not sure which way to vote; when and if a new Constitution is adopted I will likely support the dropping of that word 'fan,' As it stands new N3F is the only way I can say it without stuttering.

The idea of a YEARBOOK is something we should cultivato from the ombryo stage into maturity. Plans must be made as to just what it will consist of - photo, of course, how much data and other addenda - what type of paper will have to be used, cost, etc. If the support has been great enough the mext. step lies with the officers.

In the February TNFF, which is the latest I have received, I liked particually Dr. Keller's humerous satire and Vernell Coriell's article had its good spots, interesting anyway.

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Sincercly,

Philip Gray

- NJF -

1398 Mt. Pleasant Road Toronto 12, Ontario May 13, 1948

Doar Ray:

Very short note -- still writing exams -- excellent issue this time -- one of the best TNFF that I have seen -- thanks for all the TORCON plugs -- if everybody was as helpful as you are, we'd be over the top already. As it is I think we'll have our 200 members by the time the con rolls around -- I can't even type straight -- Beak and I have been working on CANFAN and I haven't had any sleep for quite awhile -- we're Varityping part of it.

NFFF has 248 members of which only 56 are members of the Torcon Society -- we now have 144 members so there are 200 interested people who have not joined us and 100 who have not joined you -- of course a great many of our nombers are Canadians and possibly foel that NFFF does not do anything for them -- just a thought -- besides the CSFA is in the process of formation over horo -- I guess I'll start at the first and comment on the 00 -in your list of Amateur Associations you neglected the Canadian Anatour Fantasy Press -- perhaps the oldest and also one of the flourishing of the lot -- CAFP numbers among its members CANFAN, LIGHT, MACAERE, CENSORED and soveral others -- are YOU going to join the TORCON? -- will YOU be here? -- we already have several publications listed for con time -- among them (all those are now to conventions as far as I know) a room directory, a catalogue of auction material, revival of LEZOMBIE, the first post-con issue of a con newshoet which will take the place (in part) of the Men Book idea -- aside to Don Wilson -- this will be a post-con 15sue -- the work of publishing it before the con would stretch our resources to the breaking point -- we figure as it is that within the next three months there will be over fifty thousand pages of stuff printed here -- that's a lot of turning you know -- you just finished fourteen thousand and you will understand the work involved -- we will see about a daily sheet at the con, but don't wanto nake any promises -- Beak will be loaded down with work as it is and unless we can shove such a job off on somebody other than the four of us here -- well -- index is very good -- I have just suppliod (about a month ago) some info on Canadian pubs to DCR so may be they will finally get an accurate coverage -- guess I'd better call it quits for now but an looking forward to the TORCON issue of TNFF -- here's a thought -- we will have LEZ, CANFAN, MACABRE, THE FUTURIAN and possibly several others for distribution at the con (maybe free - possibly nominal charge) might it not be a good ad for the NFFF to have extra copies of TNFF here?? -- jus a thought of course ---

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Hoping to see you in July

Edward N. McKoown

Sec. - Treas. Report. This report includes all business up to June 1st. THCOME EXPENSES ipril TNFF (including Richardson 30.00 PHILCON final sum - - - -NEW member Stationery, ctc - - - 3.50 "Supplement" Hailing, Postage - 3.90 TORCON "AD" - 7.00 "Name Change" vote cards - - - 4.75 5.00 237.22 Loss EXPENSES 65.55 Nev TOTAL 171.67 65.55 MEN ROSTER OMISSIONS. Cynthia Carey, 1028 - 3rd Ave S, Loorhead, Minn. Bob Strickler, 6719 Chestnut, Kansas City 5, No. These are the only ommission beports we have had, so maybe the list was fairly accurate. We urge all members to report to Sec-Treas IF you dont get TMFF. The ROSTER contains all NEW members up to #69. "69- Jim Harmon, 427 East 8th Street, Mt Carmel, Illinois". Charles McKinney, % Lyle Nelson, Sheffield, Ill. Monroe Gross, 2075 Creston Avenue, Bronx 53, New York. 170-#71-Alfred Kobas, 30 Sauqueit Street, New York Hills, New York. #72-Claude Plum Jr. 526 Ellis Street, San Francisco 9, Calif. E.D.Loeth LC dr USNR, Aerology MAS, Patuxent River, Maryland. #73-#74-#75-Horman E. Haldeman Jr. E.T.Sn, Batt 15-48 Plat.1 Service School Command, U.S.N.T.C. Great Lakes, Illinois. #76- Charles Henderson, 2146 East 13th South, Salt Lake City, Utah. #77- Donald L. Fox, 208 West Seventh, Bichmell, Indiana. Keith Hoyt, 2011 N. Starr, Columbus 12, Ohio.
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=_LAUREATE = AWARDS=

Due to the fact that there were so many "single" votes, there were no very high point Winners. The PROMME vote is the largest that has ever been polled. Only 73 ballots were cast out of a possible 250. I think this was due to the fact that many NEW members were at a loss as to how to vote, being unfamiliar with fan personalities.

-- THE WINNERS -- (names under-scored)

BEST FAN AUTHOR; Sam Moskowitz 13; Redd Boggs 8; Joe Kennedy 4; D.H.Keller 4. Ray Bradbury 3; Charles Burbee 3; Art Rapp 2. Many singles.
"POET; Redd Boggs 7; Stan Hullen 5; Dale Hart 5; Lin Carter 4;G.Stephen 3.
"EDITOR; Stan Mullen 17; Langlie Searles 11; Don Wilson 7; Dunkelberger 5; Willmorth 5; Joe Kennedy 4; Rex Mard 3; Beak Taylor 2; Burbee 2; "FANZINE; Gorgon 22; Fant.Commentator 9; Dream Quest 7; CanFan 5;F. Adv. 2.
"MRTIST; John Cockroft 12; Thm Rotsler 9; Roy Hunt 5; John Grossman 4; Russ Manning 4; Robert Stien 3; Lin Carter 2.
"HUMORIST; Charles Burbee 23; Joe Kennedy 11; Rick Sneary 6; Jack Clements 4 Bob Tucker 3; Tom Jewett 2; Beak Taylor 2;
PAN O' YEAR; K.M.Carlson 14; F.J.Ackerman 11; Rick Sneary 5; M.A.Rothman 4;

Joe Kennedy 4; Rex Ward 3; Ray C. Higgs 2; Stan Mullens 2. SPECIALIZED FANZINE; Fantasy Advertiser 18; Fant. Commentator 7; F.Speaks 7; K-M-T 5; Fanscient 2.

BEST NEW FAN; Con Pederson 5; Don Wilson h; D.H.Keller 3; Ed Cox 2; R.Woodman 2; PRC (ex fan); Ray Bradbury 15; Bob Tucker 10; Don Wollheim 3; John Campbell 2. PROMAG; Astounding Science Fiction h2; F.F.H 9; F.N.8; W.T. 3; Startling 2.

There were man y uncomplete ballots .-- K.N. Carlson, Teller.

N.F.F.F. NE.IS. Our

Our Vice President, Henry Georgi, has appointed a new "MELCON" Hostess--- ZEDA MISHLER of Penna. If you want a Pen-Pal just write to her. A Round-Table group is seen to be started. Get in on the fun.

President Dale Tarr has affirmed the appointment of Arthur Rapp, as manager of the MANUSCRIPT BUREAU of N.F.F.F Send your stories, articles, poetry and drawings to him at, 2120 Bat Street, Saginaw, Michigan.

M.A.Rothman mailed in the final sum from the PHILCON funds. The total sum of 059.75 has been carmarked for the HART book. We are very grateful to N.A.Rothman for the nice job he did during the PHILCON. It takes good Officers to carry on a successful Convention. Thanks, Hilty.

We have had quite a few fans offer to take on the job of Representative for their state. Write to President Dale Tarr if you want to file for such a job.

The "Check Listof Stf Mags" reprinted by Gordon Kull is still available FREE, if you send a card to Sec-Treas, K.M. Carlson.

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the Canadian Convention and will be out this fall. Order yours from Med McMeer or Beak Taylor, 118 St. George St, Toronto5, Ont, Canada. Now that Vacation time is here, we hope that you a follow fan along the route. Even a telephone call will help, if you cant stop over. I will be gone for 2 works uvself, so don't works

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tion Convention is being help in Toronto, Canada; July 3 to 5. It should be a "must" on your summer addenda - but you had better rush and send one dollar to Ned McKeown, 1398 Mount Pleasant Road, Toronto 12, Ontario, Canada. Support the TORCON:

STF ALBUM

Your editor is sponsoring the STF ALBUM (first called Torcon Memory Book); but named changed so as not to be confused with the TOR CON REPORT that the Canadian boys are presenting. STF ALBUM is a presentation or combozine of fanzines, sapsines, fapazines, etc. published by various members of the NFFF, FAPA, SAPS, VAPA, CAFP, and any individual intorested in stf. publishing. Already DON WILSON has reported that he will have a 'special' issue of "SCROOGE", also the "FANTASY ARTISANS" are issuing a special ish of FAN ARTISAN WE NEED MORE AND MORE ZINES, AND ARE BEGGING ALL OF YOU TO HELP MAKE STF ALBUM A SUCCESS - 'cause the proceeds of the sales of STF ALBUM go to the treasury of the NFFF. The money in turn will go for the cause of stf work. For instance - WHO'S WHO, YEAR DOOK, SIGN OF THE BURNING HART, etc. and from what I hear - the treasury has been fro zen, that is, the monies we have at present, so as to carry out at least the presenting of THE SIGN OF THE BURNING HART. So this just nears - WE NEED MONIES! - Lot's of DOLLARS! - THAT IS! SEND IN 200 copies of your zine, size 82 X 11, not stapled AT ONCE, OR AT LEAST DROP US A CARD AND SAY YOU ARE FREPARING A ZINE. WE WANT TO GIVE OUT WITH STF ABBUM BY THE LAST OF AUGUST. WHEN COMPLETED STF ALBUM WILL SELL FOR ONEDOLLAR - PROCEEDS TO NFFF - and do WO NEED IT?

STE AMATEUR FRESS MONTH

Things are too dern quiet around the stf publishing front, SO together with the TORCON, STF AMATEUR FRESS MONTH, STF ALBUM, WE are presenting our BIG 5 SPECIAL to HELP MAKE MORE MONIES FOR N3F. Yes - around the last of August, we will have for your reading pleasure -

F Λ N M Λ G - Issue number 2, first in Philcon Memory Book, IF you ever get it. Could use more stories, poems, art, etc.

- GAMNAF a new one need stories, poems, letters, conics strips, cartoons, etc., etc.,
 - POEMZINE- the ORIGINAL, my own brainchild nothing but poems. IT'S LOVELY. Need more if you will send 'em.in.

ARTZINE - nothing but art - oh, boy, U need this. KOMIKZINE - another newic - come on, U artists.

<u>FRICE: 1 EUGK</u> Proceeds to N3F. Need some more art, comics, poems, atorics, etc. WHY NOT FUT 'EM ON SPENCILS - Help out.' Send all requested above to Higgs-including the MONIES! TREASMRY HAS BEEN FROZEN IN JUNE - that's all we can give you -

Higgs - the O.E.

