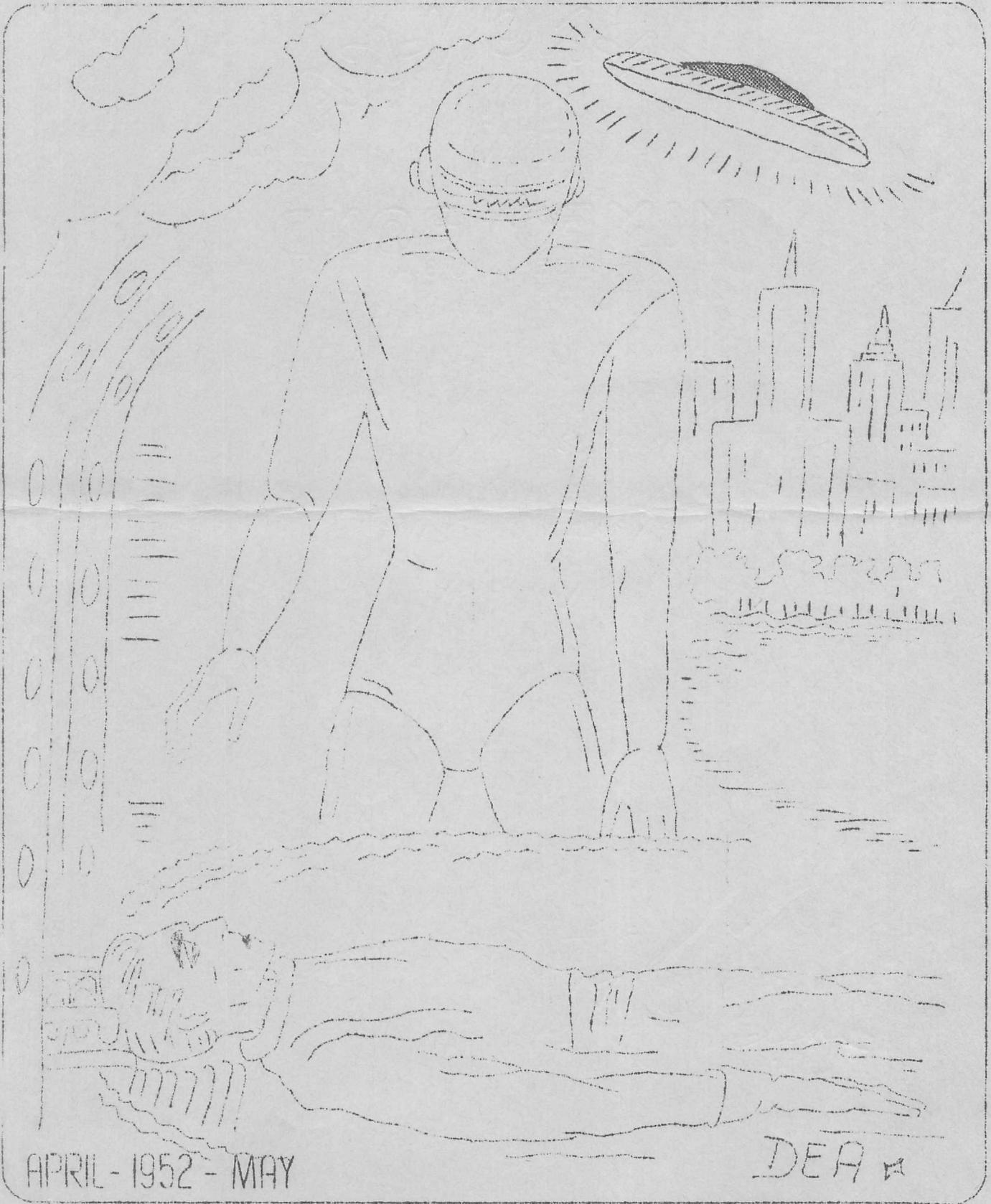


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# FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Now that most of our 'change-over' troubles are over, we should be able to concentrate on some projects that would see completion sometime during the year. Too many worthwhile ones have been side tracked because of loss of interest. Our Director, Stan Woolston has a fine idea on "Book Mark" project. As I am very interested in this one, I do hope we can get it ready this fall. It is not so costly as some of the others being planned.

It is my hope, that with both 'Welcom' and 'C-B' working as effectively as they have been this last year, we can gain 100 or more new members and hold at least 300 of our present ones. I was really surprised to note the gain in Bre-fans. They are really "getting-together" over there. Their convention will be remembered for a long time. By this time you will have read about the Australian 'con' also. It has been traditional to have a 'Little Con' of N3F members during these conventions, and I note that such is the case for World 10th Anniversary S-F Convention for Chicago this year. I have always been a member (even if not able to attend) of these conventions. You feel as if you 'belong' in fandom if you support the conventions.

The Directors have talked over many projects, but the money angle is always interfering as usual. Everything in supplies needed, has just about doubled in price, BUT N3F dues are still only \$1.00 a year!!! Somebody said that is only 50 cents in our old money (not the new inflated one). Still we hear that N3F doesn't do anything. I'm sure our active members don't feel that way! By July we should have enough money on hand to complete many projects and set up committees to work them out.

We are fortunate to have so many of the experienced fans willing to work on projects. They have the "know-how" and interest that it takes. Editor Ray C. Higgs has the longest record of service on TNFF and as a Director that I know of. Eva Firestone has been an official since the old 'Welcom' days. Rick Sneary was trying for the Directorship back in '45. There are many others that could be mentioned also. Each year new members work their way forward into the 'Brass-Hat' section and continue the work N3F has been doing in Fandom.

Now with the new light placed on Stf both by Hollywood and TV, there is no question but that more interest will be reflected. That means that more fans will be attracted to the various clubs in Fandom. So we must be alert to see that they join N3F - the largest and most active in the World. I believe N3F has satisfied most of the members these many years - or the club would be no more. We are now in the 400 membership range. Whereas the high-spot was 175 in 1945. Our gradual increase has come through the steady influence of our publicity workers.

1952 will be better year than 1951. We are moving forward!

K. M. (Kaymar) Carlson,  
President NFFF

# THE MECHANICAL BRAIN IS HERE

BY GWEN CUNNINGHAM

Recently a Sunday paper printed, as a news item, the astounding fact that California has installed three mechanical devices that are to be used to figure out what we owe the State in taxes! These machines are fed the Income Tax forms we poor Californians have sent in, and they not only compute what we owe, but correct our mistakes in addition, etcetera. In a recent "Test run", the mechanical brains detected about a million dollars that had been overpaid, not to mention about two million that was -ahem- under the mark.

Robot brains have been growing so fast the last few years that it is staggering to contemplate. Not only can they add and subtract, they are even capable of computing scientific formulae at a great rate of speed. They also have the added advantage of being more accurate than the most brilliant living intelligence, together with the fact that they never tire, never need to sleep, never get drunk on New Years!, and never have a fight with the wife to throw them off. It's miraculous -- and a little frightening.

Of course, I've always approved of the invention of the adding machine, since Nature failed to endow me with more than ten fingers and ten toes. It's nice at the grocer's too, because the grocer can't add on a few cents here and there by adding the column wrong, when the cash register adds up the bill for him in hardly any time at all. This, of course, makes for more trust and good-will between grocer and customer, which is a fine and wonderful thing.

But - even though I've no complaint to offer because an adding machine can beat me all hollow at a column of figures, it's an entirely different thing to face a machine that can answer complicated scientific problems when I, personally, bog down right on page three of Big-  
inners Algebra! What is the world coming to?

I shudder to answer that. And yet, I must.

I fear the world will sit back on its air-foam easy chairs and let the machines run the world. It's not too bad if machines do our work for us. I can hardly wait, as it is, until we can afford a dishwasher. But to have a machine think, ponder, work out, and answer a problem put to it, is a horse of another color.

Which last reminds me that the totalizer board, (which flashes the odds and the payoffs, plus the time of the day, time of the next race, time the last race was run in, jockey changes, and I forget what else, on its broad face for the public to see) is just such another machine. It's called a Totalizer board, but you see how it is? It's really just another mechanical brain, that's all. It's not as complicated or as capable as, say, the Income Tax Computer, but it still beats the adding machine, as far as the adding machine beats me.

Then there's a kind of mechanical brain in Washington, D.C., I understand, I forget what they use it for. I hope it isn't for replacing the Senate or Congress; though if it came to a choice between IT and Truman, I confess IT would get a big edge.

I wonder how long it will be before we can buy small mechanical

brains to figure out our budgets with, at home? Perhaps it would be a good thing there. Especially if, as added features, it could remind us that the Jones are coming tonight to play Canasta, or that Hopalong Cassidy is at the Bijou on Wednesday night, or that tomorrow is your Mother-in-law's birthday. It could also be used to help us with our shopping list, and as a menu file.

But even as I sigh at the loveliness of having such a nice servant, it does seem that, in the home, it would have a tendency to lift the nape of your hair when it started to think for you.

You know, you'd go up to it, flip a switch, and feed in a slip of paper reading "Shopping List" and it would click and hum, a bell would go "Ping" and the answer would roll out of a slot, reading "Vinegar, flour, coffee, butter, bread; Cousin Amanda will be here at 4 PM meet the train. Your library books are due today. Your phone bill is overdue. Say, honey, what are you doing tonight?"

It's stupendous. You'd run out of the house, clutching your library books, your phone bill, and cab fare, dash off to shop, pay the bills, change your books, pick up up Cousin Amanda at the depot, and rush home all in a dither to get dinner on for the family.

If you'd left the machine to its own devices, you could have finished your last library book, sipped a cool gin rickey, and been comfortably at peace, while the man shut off your phone, Cousin Amanda got mad and went back to Iowa, and supper after all was a delicious blend of bacon waffles, and a sloegin fizz. Life would be much more peaceful without a machine to remind you of all the awful things you ought to do. It's bad enough as it is, doing what you can't get out of.

So before it goes any further, I put my foot down. They can compute what I owe in taxes if they want to, though as far as I'M concerned they could also skip the whole thing. But doggone it, no salesmen had better try to sell me a home sized model of the mechanical Brain. I might buy the darned thing! That is why I say as loudly as I can - No mechanical brain for me! Down with them; for a few years yet. I prefer to think for myself.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO IN '52? -Editorial, News, Views & Comments

As all of you know - the slogan for the year of 1952 is - "WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO IN '52? Naturally, the majority of the N3F membership are content to leaving it all up to the officers, directors and a few 'chosen' active fans who are enjoying their membership by doing more than their share of the work. I said - the majority are content to leaving it up to others----but included in this majority are those who do nothing - but who spread false rumors and ill will against the very club that they are a member of. For one dollar these same folks expect and demand much - too much! - You must remember that NFFF is an amateur organization, charging only 'amateur' membership dues--one dollar per year. NOW DAYS WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A DOLLAR? In ALL amateur press associations and several stf-fsy groups (other than N3F) members donate monies monthly to help their group stay out of the 'red'. Several clubs have rules that when they get short on 'cash'--a small fee is charged each member to help defray expenses. This fee is 'extra' from the regular membership fees. IF NFFF were to ask for donations - and IF N3F did charge an 'extra' small fee to help defray expenses - we could give  
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# THE NFFF CORRESPONDENCE BUREAU

Should we have club-wide Round Robins?

Informal debate between Ev Winne and Norbert Hirschhorn.

## Part I: Ev Winne

Recently the C.B. started two Round Robin letters among its members, with 10 C.B.'ers belonging to one and eight to the other. Participants receive the letter in turn, read what has been said to date, add their own comments and mail the R.R. to the next on the list.

In the first round comments were very assorted and covered NFFF, C.B., fandom, hobbies and several other topics. One R.R. went around in 30 days, the other in 35 - exceptionally good time (which will probably slow down as we reach summer time, tho'). The R.R.s have a strict series of rules, including a post card check-off system to Honey Wood, the C.B. secretary, to keep them rolling.

In round I, we asked the C.B.'ers if they would agree to help form R.R.s among other NFFF members who might be interested. Our feeling was that most fen were isolated from many other fen, that fen enjoy fan correspondence, that R.R.s can be a lot of fun with interesting discussions and that R.R.s would add to the enjoyment of belonging to fandom and N3F.

Some C.B.ers, however, have disagreed for various reasons. Norbert Hirschhorn, an able and active N3F and C.B.er is here carrying the ball for the opposite point of view - which should make an interesting debate.

## Part II: Norbert Hirschhorn

I feel that club-wide R.R.s would not be a good thing. While it has its good points, the bad ones, in my opinion, outweigh the good ones. Here are my arguments against it.

I - The R.R.s would be just serving as outlets for fan feuds. Let some fen find a way to argue and they rip right into it. Not only would feuds take place in one R.R., but they might break out between others.

II - These R.R.s would become very unwieldy. By that I mean that whoever would take upon himself (or themselves) to organize these R.R.s would run into such tremendous trouble. Sure, we've had worse situations before, but why run into trouble for something that isn't necessary? The group who might organize these R.R.s would run into these difficulties. First, they would run into fen who would not want to join R.R.s with the "ordinary fan", but would want to hob-nob with the BNFs. Secondly, they might run into the fan that would volunteer to join and then back out, leaving someone to hold the bag. Thirdly, I don't feel that anyone can foist off an R.R. on anyone. If someone wants to form his own R.R. and there are enough willing people, fine. You don't need the C.B. for that. And you certainly don't need the C.B. to foist an R.R. off.

III - If these R.R.s are formed, they would become lifeless

in a very short time. Unlike the C.B. they do not have important topics to consider. Topics (and inexhaustable ones, I admit) like religion and politics might be brought into play, but that would lead to countless hurt feelings over petty arguments and vice-versa. An example of this might be the outlet of the now gone Fanvariety served for the childish arguments of Redd Boggs and Ken Krueger over the existence of a god and other irrelevant topics. I don't think an R.R. would last. Can you think of any that have?

IV - If just possibly there are topics that would last and are of fan interest then I'm sure all of us would like to hear about it. One way we might do that is to ask someone to read, edit, and publish a zine with all the worthwhile suggestions. Soon we'd have another official organ. No, that isn't too good. Well, how about putting it into the OO we have? Just ask Racy to work a little harder, print a few more pages, etc. Then, here comes the argument, this is what would occur. Material should be in on the 15th of the month preceeding the month of publication. So, a letter written in, let's say, January or February would not be seen until the middle of April. By that time, the suggestion would be quite stale.

#### Part III - Ev Winne (rebuttal)

There are certain points I would like to clear up. 1) R.R. feuds. Each R.R. would be more or less separate from each other, and a chance of a feud would be negligible. 2) Organizing R.R.s. If left to us - then we'll see that R.R.s are divided up so fan from different sections of the U.S. and Canada. British fan can have their own, if they wish. We'll try to diversify each R.R. so that it has males and females, new fan and old fan. This would help greatly in eliminating the chance of a squabble. 3) R.R.s dying. If it is agreeable that the C.B. select the chairman, or chairlady, for each R.R. - then C.B. will pick chairmen who seem to be good choices to keep their respective R.R.s rolling, and interesting. 4) R.R. reports to other fan. Each R.R. chairman can send in brief reviews of R.R. to TNFF and can include only items of general interest, and skip items of momentary interest. Conclusion: - I'd expect that fan joining an R.R. would do so because they like fandom and having fan friends. They would join because they like to express views and like to hear others.

#### Part IV - Norbert Hirschhorn (rebuttal)

Most fan like correspondence, agreed. But the R.R.s would be too repetitive and unweildy. Most fan would also like to choose their own correspondents of the same interests as they have. In the way the R.R.s would be formed, you would have astronomers linked with psychologists and both utterly miserable. Stan Woolston recently suggested to me this. If we need these R.R.s, or even better, if we want to help fan find correspondents with the same interests, we could do this. Janie Lamb has a fan file of all NFFF members, their descriptions, hobbies, interests, etc. Why not publish a leaflet containing this info on all NFF members? This would be extremely helpful for hundreds of fan. This project, while long, would be much more benefiting to fan than foisting R.R.s on them. Conclusion: - All in all, I believe that the R.R.s would be just a waste of time, since it is not a project worthwhile enough to spend time and energy on.

#### Part V - Ev Winne and Norbert Hirschhorn

We'd like to hear from any and all members by letter or post-

card, who have any interest or any views at all on this proposal. Perhaps you may have additional reasons pro or con - then by all means let's have them. This is your chance to take part in an important N3F decision. We want to hear from all of you, whether you favor the idea or think it would fall flat on its face, or if you want more info. Your opinion is needed.

We'd appreciate it if you sent your ideas to Norbert Hirschhorn, 853 Riverside Drive, N.Y. 32, N.Y. or Ev Winne, 109 Ashley St., Springfield, Mass., who will forward them to Honey Wood, the official scorer.

The C.B. could use a few more active fen in our projects (inviting fen to join, securing correspondents for service men and several other projects). Information on request. All you have to have is a liking for fan correspondence and the willingness to write four or more letters a month.

We will be looking forward to hearing from you.

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WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO IN '52? - (Continued from page 5)

the membership many, many more benefits along the line of various leaflets, index after index, etc. - but with only dollar membership dues, and NO donations or 'extra' small fees - WHAT CAN THE MEMBERSHIP EXPECT outside of the fine Official Organ that YOU ARE NOW RECEIVING? During 1952 the NFFF Directors have decided to "pay as we go"! WHEN and IF we can get a decent bank account on hand - when donations come in to help defray the 'extra' expenses - (even that dollar don't begin to pay for the cost of TNFF) - NFFF will start to go FORWARD! Are YOU interested enough in N3F - in science-fiction and fantasy to start the ball to rolling?

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Included with this issue of TNFF is the NFFF LAUREATE POLL FOR 1951. Are you going to make NFFF the laughing stock of stf. as you did last year - only a few voting - returning the poll only half filled out - NOT VOTING AT ALL? For YOUR DOLLAR, you ALSO GET TO VOTE! Why not do it? Vote AT ONCE and return ballot to:- EVA FIRESTONE, UPTON, WYOMING. A complete list of those voting will be carried in the next TNFF - and perhaps a list of "those" who don't think enough of TNFF to take the time to do so. Read the Ballot sheet for more info!

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With this issue of TNFF, we were going to say that renewal envelopes were included. These were for 1952 renewals - however the mailer sent the envelopes out with the last ish, and of course no info was included. May this starighten you out on same, and to those who were already paid up for 1952, but sent an additional dollar, this will take care of your 1953 dues.

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The Richardson Index are being included in each issue of TNFF and will be until all are sent out. To those new members - the Index are those extra sheets being mailed with each issue of the O.O. Frankly, I have preached for years that the complete set of R.I. should ALL go out under one cover - even if a small 'extra' charge was made to help (Continued on page 12)

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# FILM REPORT

BY FRED BURGESS

This does not come from Hollywood--let's set that right before I do anything else. This report is from the most important people in the movie industry, the exhibs. If you want to be specific, the exhibitors who own and/or operate the twenty thousand theatres spread all over the world. The exhibs importance, the weight he is able to throw around, comes from only one thing; the fact that his finger remains constantly on the pulse of his patrons; he knows what they like and when they like it. When a house folds it's usually because the exhibitor forgot or just wasn't interested in his ticket-buying public.

In a poll conducted by the Motion Picture Herald back in January the exhibs had some interesting things to say about science-fantasy films. This poll was a little different from the usual line. This time the question was "What type of pictures are most disliked by your patrons?" Science-fantasy films, backed heavily by the rural vote, won first place honors. Doesn't it seem that something is wrong in that?

You and I are supposedly mature, intelligent persons. Does it seem that there is something unusual in the fact that a terse, gangster-glamorizing, killer-loving western or the like will draw the shekels while a well-developed film such as "Destination Moon" will draw so many complaints and walk-outs as to necessitate pulling the picture before its run is completed. I admit that the flagged-in ending to "Moon" didn't help the picture except in the popular mind, but that wasn't all there was to hurt, was there?

Or, "The Thing" -- I'll admit, before anyone pins me down, that the thing (sic!) was nothing but a scarepic to dazzle the customers. Well, it did most everywhere.

Take Burlington--just a small town in Tar Heelia, with 25,000 people. We ran "The Thing" as a late show last June in our two houses here. In a house of 500 capacity we sold 560 tickets; the other house 777 and sold 850 tickets. And we did stand-out business on the regular run.

At the time I was managing the small theatre, and I more or less had the assignment to ballyhoo the pic. I had the idea I was the only fan in town at the time, except for an announcer at one of the local stations, and he was only on top of the fence. Charley and I cut ten five minute spots to run before the regular advertising break on the picture, paralleling the film but never quite hitting the point. We took most of our material from "Who Goes There?" anyway. Then a spaceship was built to fly through the theatre during the trailer, which was shown under a blue spotlight. A trick shadow box over the screen called attention to the film during intermissions and breaks.

All helping recrod business.

I know of two other managers in our company who had "The Thing". One let it run its course, with no special publicity; the other did about twice as much work as I did. Consequently, Dave did four times the business the other guy did. Guess who worked on the film. That's right.

Which leads to the logical conclusion: it pays to advertise. The

premise that brings to my mind is this: managers know how to advertise pictures--fans know science fiction and what it is. Why don't you get together with your local manager and work on the next one. He'll be happy to tie-up with you, and you'll have a hell of a lot of fun. If you have a club in your town, that's twice as good. Try it.

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In the next FILM REPORT Burgess will list some of the coming productions in the science-fantasy field with the suggestions for tie-ins with theatres on certain pictures.

## HITHER AND YON

BY ???

-----'s back again to bring you news of all the fen. This column is for you and you. I gotta have a full review of what you're doing here and there...who and why and what and where.

I know I'll have to watch my step, in case my tongue should get too hep. I now shall cite in black and white...please designate with clear intent, just what you wish to see in print.

I love to talk, alack, alas...and if it ever comes to pass...a tender subject I should touch...or say too much of such and such... (Heaven forbid...the idea is so shocking that I couldn't even put it in rhyme (RHYME???)

But gosh, I gotta have some protection...so will the readers of this section, heed my plea and send to me...some pseudonyms...(hers or him)...for me to clench in self-defense. I'll utilize them all... though they be great or only small.

Thus HITHER AND YON shall gaily don...a different name in every frame ...enabling me to safely flee...those who doubt my integrity! They'll never know from day to day...that ---'s to blame for this array.

The first to guess my identity will win a ride on Comet III. But better yet, I'll give away...a novel written by Issac A. A reading sensation ...it's called FOUNDATION. (This is true, you doubtful schmoos.)

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This is a mess I must confess...but there's method in my madness! I wanted to gain attention, no less...if I don't I'll weep with sadness ...this column will be a horrible flop...it will go on its face with a little plop...if you eager ghus don't send me the news...of what is happening here and there...and who and why and what and where.....so there.....jets away!

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Until some one guesses who is writing this column...send your material to the editor of TNFF, but do it NOW, and remember the deadline is the same as for TNFF!

# NOTES FROM MY SCRAP BOOK

BY EVA FIRESTONE

Color Curves - By means of an Electric Eye, "the precise component basic colors in any shade" is revealed. By "a black waving line on a chart measuring reflectance percent of the colors of the spectrum, mixtures of which form every visible shade, the desired standard color is represented exactly." Many firms requiring exact duplication of shade now order by curve, and are thus assured of greater accuracy in obtaining those in use for their products and advertisements.

Earth is Not round - On July 6, 1946, Professor A. Izotov said that the earth is elliptical and has three axes and equators. He also stated that the earth's radius is about half a mile greater than the distance measured by the German astronomer Bessel in the late 1830's, and which had been accepted by cartographers for more than a hundred years.

Probably a SLAN - Solomon Shereshevsky, of Russia, is said to possess the greatest memory of any living man. "He can easily remember any number of words or digits. Equally easily he memorizes whole pages from books on any subject and in any language and for quite a long time. Also, he can accurately quote anything he was told ten or twelve years ago."

Rocky Mountain News - Colorado has an Arctic Zone less than two hours drive from Denver. The area at and above timberline duplicates, in conditions of nature, the end of the tree zone in the northlands of Canada, Alaska and Siberia.

Letter in 1950 from Texas - In two years Harvard Observatory has discovered three asteroids rotating in our own orbits, a region always well covered by telescopes and cameras. Why should these suddenly appear? They were reported to be under a half mile in diameter, and two are only about 800,000 miles ahead of the planet Earth; and one appears to be trailing us at a distance of 500,000 miles, but they are traveling at the same speed we are. Why are they not affected by our gravitational pull? Another fact is that all other true asteroids travel in a highly elliptical orbit, but these do not.

Letter in 1945, Northern Alaska, (By F.A.C.) - We travel nights and see lots of northern lights on all sides of us, in the valleys and over the flats. They always show best after a wet storm, and one may walk right into these lights. They do not play around you longer than half a minute. There is a strong odor or suffocating effect. To me it smells like a fresh pile of blasted quartz rock or a strong salt vapor. To another it is like antimony fumes. One is conscious of some kind of ash falling all around him. Often, in the spring, there is an ash to be seen almost everywhere on the melting snow and ice. Sometimes it is possible to gather this ash around the edges of puddles. Lights of this same kind seem to be in fierce display around the South pole.

May 26, 1951, Upton, Wyoming - Display of Northern Lights early in

evening. Giant size streamers shot up from horizon, vivid and bright. This is the more common type seen here, but once in a while we have display of the fan-shaped lights of various tints.

Mesons - "The stickum that holds the universe together" are being produced by X-ray beams with energies of 335,000,000 volts. Report from California University radiation laboratories in 1949.

Ultrafax - a system developed by Radio Corporation of America, can transmit 1,000,000 words per minute. Single pages of books and newspapers treated as pictures are transmitted in rapid succession by television. At the receiving end they are reproduced by high-speed photography. In this way the contents of twenty 50,000-word books could be flashed across the continent in sixty seconds of time.

Soon to Mars - Maj. J.R. Randolph, Mathematician and engineer; writing in the semiofficial journal of the Army Ordinance Association, (summer of 1947), made this statement, "Rockets capable of going to Mars may come more quickly than we now think possible, and when they come there will be a race to get there first with an adequate expedition."

The New Universal Electron Microscope at Oregon State college is the highest powered instrument of its kind in the world. Magnifies one hundred times. This 50,000 volt instrument will be used to study virus diseases of orchard trees, molecular structures of chemical compounds, bacteria and other minute wonders.

Crypt of Civilization at Oglethorpe University in Atlanta, Georgia, is to be opened at noon on May 28, 8113. Those who contributed gifts were given an "imperishable" metal card that entitles any descendant, of the 187th generation, to attend the opening.

Private "time capsule," a \$75,000 pyramid in Monte Ne, Arkansas, was erected by William Hope Harvey between 1932 and 1936, and it contains copies of his books on how to cure the ills of the world, "preserved for more intelligent generations than his own."

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WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO IN '52 - (Continued from page 8)

defray the expenses - but they weren't - so you still get them "a few at a time".

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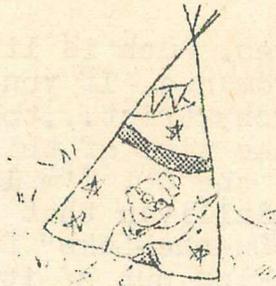
The 3rd Annual Midwest Conference is being held May 10-11 - again at Beatley's-On-The-Lake Hotel, Russell's Point, Indian Lake, Ohio. Those who have attended the first two can tell you that this two day event rivals the World Convention. Better attend if possible! Write to Donald E. Ford, 129 Maple Avenue; Sharonville, Ohio for info.

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To those members who desire to take in the World Convention (and all of you should) better start to make your plans NOW! Time is passing and as all of you know, the 10th Anniversary Science Fiction Convention is scheduled for August 30, 31 and September 1 at the Hotel (Continued on page 14)

# WILLIE'S WIGWAM

BY  
WILLIAM W. MILLER



How! Com-gow-ah! Pòco-moco! and all that sort of thing. Welcome to William's warm, wolf-skin, water-tight wigwam. Pull up um water-buffalo skin (me in the Navy) and squat for um while. Squaw fetchum fifth of "Old Hot Water Bottle" and case of cokes and we have heap big pow-wow. (this injun talk for "throwing big drunk.") Just lean back and take it easy and we have heap big talk.

I am new in the "tribe" so I'll give you my name, etc. This way you will remember what not to read when you see my name in the future.

Me Bill Miller; 21 years old; home tepee in Tiffin, Ohio; been in Navy since June of '48; getting discharged this June; hope to start college this Fall---Journalism---George Washington University mebbe; been reading SF for couple years.

Oh yes. Many thanx to all the guys and gals on the Welcommittee who have made me feel so much at home with your friendly cards and letters.

Had a letter from Nan Gerding today. She's the squaw who indooced me to dig down deep in my dark green and gray argyle and come up with the wampum for my membership in the N3F. Nan is okay. She writes a gay letter.

Since I've been in the Navy almost four years I thought perhaps I could give you potential swabies the scoop about this magnificent life in Uncle Sam's "Thirteen Button Battalion".

Yes, join the Navy men! See the world! Live it up! Roam the Seven Seas and all that. Yep, you really get around! Look at me for instance. I went from Boot Camp to Metalsmith School at Memphis, Tennessee. From there I went to a transport squadron at Patuxent River, Maryland. In May I'll have been here three years. Any questions? What? No, I didn't start cracking up until late last summer.

Now I know you hear a lot of guff about square needles and all that sort of stuff, but it isn't that bad at all. (it isn't square either! It's hexagonal!) It's not half as rough as it may sound. Why, my scars hardly show at all.

How about you girls out there? Let me give you an example of what you can find in a Navy career:

Now Effie Glutch was a good kid when she joined the Waves. A good sport and well liked by all. Today she is married and has 2 1/2 kids (don't ask silly questions) thanks to what the Navy did for her. Why if she hadn't joined the Navy she might never have met Bradstoop! I can remember the night they met at a nightclub near our base.... (I was lying under a nearby table--checking people for athelete's feet)

Effie came in early that night. In fact, it was about three in the afternoon. She sat at the bar and ordered two knuckles of whiskey. She heard a cough and turned to see who was spreading all the germs...

He was sitting on the stool next to her and it was love at first drink. He was about four feet two inches tall; wore a dark white pin strip bathrobe, yellow kidskin tennis shoes; and had black hair, brown eyes, a mustache, and a severe nosebleed. (the stools at the bar were extremely high) They were really taken with each other. In fact, he took her up to his penthouse for a game of canasta and from then on they became steadfast friends.

Ah yes. Such is life in the Navy. Sweet--nestalgic--full of memories and romance. If you are thinking of enlisting then go to your nearest psychiatrist...today! Do not delay!

At the time of this writing (March first) I only have the June 51 issue of the OO, I'm looking forward to the April issue. I want to tell Betty Sullivan that I enjoyed her article about her weekend at "Beatley's-On-the-Lake" for the second Mid-west Conference. Got a number of chuckles out of it and aroused my curiosity. Wish I could attend the next one this May. Sounds like a jolly time will be had by all. And the hallowed art of "Hall-Crawling", ah me yes!

What's that you say? Oh, you've had enough eh? Well I guess I can't say as I blame you. Anyhoo--you are always welcome at Willie's Wugwam. The hair on um buffalo skins may not be the longest and Willie may not be the smartest injun in the camp--but me always glad to have you come to my tepee, sit and jaw awhile and relax. Me go now. Don't take any wooden wampum!

William (ugh!) Miller

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WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO IN '52? - (Continued from page 12)

Morrison, Chicago, Illinois. It still isn't too late to send that one dollar membership fee, so do it now! For info write to:- Science Fiction Convention; Box 1422, Chicago-90-Illinois. Better Attend!

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How many of you N3F members are attending the World Convention at Chicago ~~this year~~? The Convention Committee are willing to let NFFF have a room adjoining the con auditorium to hold a meeting or "baby" con for our members. THIS we should not pass up - and too - should make it an yearly event at the Worlds conventions. We are in need of a Chairman and some helpers to take charge of this event. ARE ANY OF YOU MEMBERS INTERESTED ENOUGH TO LEND AID? Write to Eva Firewone or G. M. Carr - and to those members who are going to attend, why not drop a line to these ladies with that info. Are any of you willing to appear on a program - do you have any ideas to give out with for a program - then write AT ONCE to G.M. or Eva! Let's make the N3F "baby" con a yearly event - and MAKE IT BIG!

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NFFF will have a 'table display' at the Chicago convention! Let's 'show-off' our BEST wares produced by N3F. Every member who produces a fanzine for NFFF should have copies of same on the NFFF display table...also copies of TNFF, leaflets, application blanks, stationary and letterheads, etc. should be on display. LET'S SHOW 'EM NFFF IS ACTIVE AND ALIVE! Are you interested?

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"IF I CANNOT SPEAK WELL OF NFFF -  
I WILL NOT SPEAK ILL OF IT!"

This should just about 'take-care' of those who are always belly-aching about NFFF. At least they could consider this as a good Motto to follow!

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Notes from the President's Message:- The Welcoming Committee has been set up under the direction of Louis Goldstone, and the roster of members filled out. John Cunningham has been named as Dispatcher to the Welcom. All Fanzine editors who would like to co-operate in our project of introducing new fans into fandom, are asked to send Cunningham from three to five copies of each new issue; these will be distributed free to prospective fans in the hope of interesting them further in fandom. By the time of the June issue, we should be able to form some idea of the probable success or failure of our experimental Welcoming Committee. At the moment, the prospects seem excellent.

Notes from Welcome Chairman's Message to his committee:- You are asked to keep under continuous observation not one, but all of the pro-magazines whose letter-sections provide the names and addresses of readers who reside in the states which are under your jurisdiction.

You are asked to contact, at your discretion, those readers who may, in your judgement, be brought into the ranks of active fandom. Approach them in any manner you see fit, bearing in mind the fact that unless they possess some measure of real enthusiasm for fandom, their membership in the NFFF will be of no value either to themselves or to the organization.

When your prospects are satisfied that they wish to join the NFFF, please so advise me at this address. Upon your recommendation, their names and addresses will be forwarded to the proper authorities, and will be considered by the membership.

You are asked to submit a report, covering all your activities on behalf of the committee, to me once every month. The first should be posted by April 15, 1942. Include in the report information on the current status of each prospect.

The assignments of territories to each committee member are tentative and flexible, and subject to alteration on request.

Prospects who receive the copies will be reminded that a subscription will be appreciated by the publisher who has donated his magazines. Members of NFFF who publish fanzines are asked to contribute, to the Welcom.

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In the next issue of BONFIRE, June 1942, we find this very interesting note:- "It has come to the attention of your Editor that the postoffice department played hell with the last issue. Several members did not receive their copies. However, there are enough copies on hand to supply those who did not receive theirs. Notify me as soon as possible, please. Thankee, chums."

In both the April and June BONFIRE's there are listed names of INactive N3Fers!

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If present NFFF membership is interested in reading material copied from old file the Official Organ, more can be published. State your wish - Yes or No. The above was presented by Eva Firestone, and more will be published if the membership so desires.

ADDRESS CHANGE - DELLS, 548/550 Leeds Road, BRADFORD, Yorks., England

SOS! - Send information to Janie Lamb, Heiskell, Tenn., for the Fan-File.

BONFIRE issues for years 1943, 1942, 1941, WANTED. Will pay good price. Write first, advising date of copies, because I have a few scattered issues.

Have you paid your dues? Have you contributed material to TNFF?

Have you made arrangements to attend the 10th Anniversary Science-Fiction Convention at Chicago, Illinois? The dates are August 30 - 31, & September 1. Write to Science Fiction Convention, Box 1422, Chicago 90, Illinois. Send your \$1.00 membership along!

Would you contribute several copies of your fanzine for display at the World Convention?

Would you attend a meeting or 'baby' con for N3Fers at the con? Write Kaymar NOW!

The 3rd Annual Midwest Conference is being held May 10 - 11 at Beatley's-On-The-Lake Hotel, Russell's Point, Indian Lake, Ohio. Gonna Attend? Write Donald E. Ford, 129 Maple Avenue, Sharonville, Ohio.

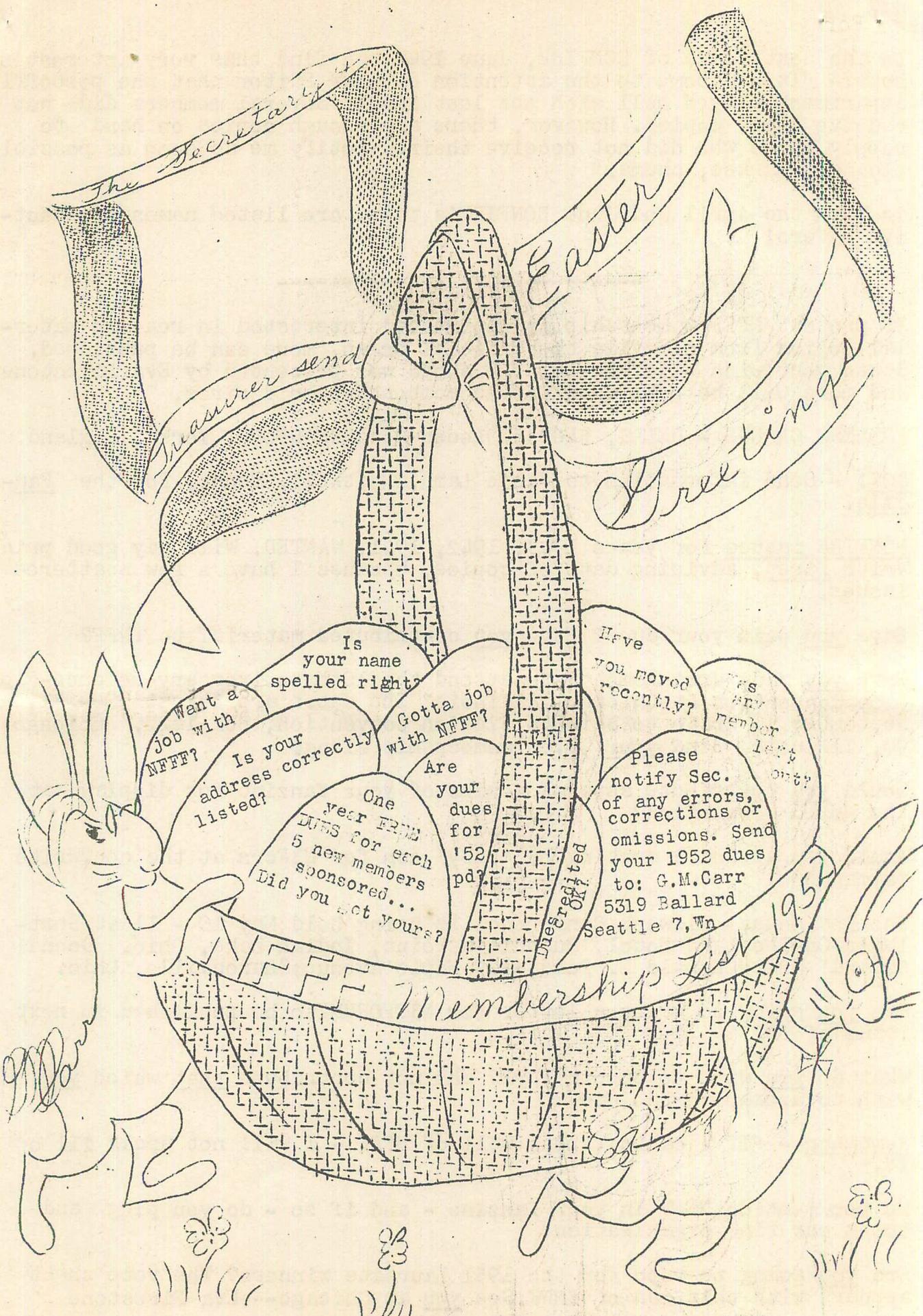
Are you going to write a letter for N3FFORUM to be published in next issue of TNFF?

What do you wish to see in TNFF? Why not contribute that which you wish to appear in the O.O.?

Remember - "If I cannot speak well of NFFF - I will not speak ill of it."

Do you mention NFFF in your fanzine - and if so - do you plug and boost our fine organization?

Are you going to vote for the 1951 Laureate winners? The vote sheet appears with this ish of TNFF. See you at Chicago---Eva Firestone



The Secretary

Easter Greetings

Treasurer send

Want a job with NFFF?

Is your name spelled right?

Gotta job with NFFF?

Have you moved recently?

Has any member left out?

Is your address correctly listed?

One year ERND DUES for each 5 new members sponsored... Did you get yours?

Are your dues for '52 pd?

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JANIE LAMB, Heiskell, Tenn. Thanks folks for the nice way you responded to the request to mail the info cards to the file. They have been coming ever since, I suppose there will be others come later.

I'd especially like to say a great big THANK YOU to our overseas members who were so prompt in sending the cards back. Lyell Crane was very cooperative, sending me the list of fen he had compiled. Our file is now nearly complete, by that I mean I have most of the N3F members listed, and Nan Gerding is keeping me up to date on the new ones. Thanks Nan.

And now I'd like to tell you (as if you didn't know) there is a plan to bring Walt Willis over for the Convention at Chicago. To bring him over takes a little do re mi, so if after your income taxes are paid you find you have a dollar left, will you send it to....Shelby Vick, Box 493, Lynn Haven, Florida.

This is a worthy undertaking and Willis would be a swell person to have over for the con. Any contribution is welcome no matter how large or small. If you want any more info, don't be afraid to ask, but let's get on the ball and get Willis over. If there is not enough money donated (perish the thought) yours will be refunded.

-Janie the Lamb.

BARCLAY DE LAY JOHNSON  
878 Oak Street  
Winnetka, Illinois

Dear Ray:

I wish you would publish this in TNFF, or at least mention my zine.

I just received the August, October & December TNFFs. You are a fine editor, and with the help of the club, publish one of fandom's best fanzines. I think that TNFF contains more variety, due to the fact that it is 0-0 of N3F, o' course, than any other zine.

Well, now that I've buttered you up what I hope is sufficiently enough to get this published, here is the letter:

I have thousands of ideas, and am just bursting to become an active fan and helpful to the NFFF. I'm only 13, but I can still do SOMETHING, I'm sure.

One thing I'd like to do is work on pamphlets. Whoever I should write on this, please forgive me, I'm sorry! I have a mimeo, but probably will not be able to do any big work until the middle of April.

I'm publishing a directory of stf clubs soon, and in case anyone is interested, it's a dime. It has some hilarious illos by R.M.Kidd, and a short bit by Lee Hoffman. 20 pages.

Also would like to publish a fanzine, containing a lot of art and same plus icles (think, boy!)

To top off all of these ideas, I'd like for my zine to be affiliated with some club. Probably not NFFF, since I don't feel like mimeoing 350 copies of a fanzine, but does anyone have any ideas?

As you can see, I'm bursting with enthusiasm, but need a little help, in the form of correspondence and ideas AND suggestions.

-Barclay Johnson

RICHARD BERGERON  
RFD 1, Newport, Vermont

Dear Ray:

Received latest TNFF and was pleased with it. It wasn't a bad issue at all

for the first of the year. Gave us the club news and reports that are needed to start the year off right.

The message from the President didn't say much tho, just put off things for another two months that's all.

Ev Winne's report was timely and an excellent progress report on CB activity. The CB - RR is coming along fine and don't forget, any of the members that want to get in on RRs should write to Honey Wood.

I hope the Buffalo area fans don't decide to run in next year elections just to make things exciting. N3F doesn't want officers that just want to make things exciting - we want and NEED constructive and progressive officers. The need for good officers is great and if the ballot is filled out with guys who want to just "make things exciting" how are we to know which are the really serious contenders.

The Robinson and Cohen reports give us a fairly good idea of the state of British fandom. I hope they're in every issue.

Membership Activities was very good although I can't say I can't say I like Firestone's style of reporting.

Happy Valentine's day to you too GMC. I'm glad you didn't win the presidential race too!

-Rich

HOWARD K. PRUYN, List Dept.  
FANTASY AND SCIENCE FICTION  
570 Lexington Avenue  
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Dear Mr. Higgs:  
The Magazine of FANTASY & SCIENCE FICTION is now assembling what it believes will be, upon completion, the only comprehensive list of fantasy

and science fiction fans in the world.

It will include organizations and individuals in every corner of the globe and will, we believe, be of immeasurable interest and help to groups of all kinds, common among whom is a desire for the advancement of this field. It will also, for the first time, enable fans everywhere to form a true portrait of the status of world fandom.

We should be extremely grateful for any assistance you or your organization might be able to lend us in this undertaking, including the names of members of your own and related organizations, and, indeed, anything which you believe may increase the scope of this project.

-Howard K. Pruyne

BILL MILLER  
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Hi Ray-

Eva Firestone said in her welcome letter that my first job as a new member of the N3F was to write an article for the April issue of TNFF. Well, here it is, such as it is. Hope it can be used. Perhaps you'd rather

it was longer but when something is as corny as this, then it's best to keep it short. Drop me a line and let me know if it "passed the physical."

-Bill Miller

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N3FFORUM is "wide open" to all members of NFFF! You too, can write some kind of letter that would be of interest to other members. What do you want to see in TNFF...what leaflets do you want us to compile..... how should Laureate winners be decided.....should N3F have a 'baby-con' at Chicago....there are dozen and dozen of other items that you could IF YOU WOULD, write about. If you dislike the way things are going - you have but to open your mouth - and WRITE! Send direct to editor of TNFF. SPEAK OR FOREVER HOLD YOUR BREATH!

# WELCOMMITTEE

From Nan Gerding to all and sundry:  
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Chairman of WC--Nan Gerding--\*  
alias Ye Olde Slavedriver. The  
roster of WC members, twenty-  
nine of the most cooperative  
and willing group of slaves

it's ever been my pleasure to work with, are as follows:

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| 1. Ruby Anderson       | ⌘ | 17. Virginia Lelake     | # |
| 2. Bill Berger         | * | 18. Ann Lee McLeod      | # |
| 3. Richard Bergeron    | ⌘ | 19. Tamza Michaels      | # |
| 4. Jean Bogert         | # | 20. Charles Moslander   | ⌘ |
| 5. Larry Campbell      | ⌘ | 21. Michael Belsang     | * |
| 6. Jean Carroll        | # | 22. Don T. Regan        | # |
| 7. Henry Ebel          | & | 23. Ron D. Rentz        | ⌘ |
| 8. Bob Farnham         | & | 24. Neal Clark Reynolds | ⌘ |
| 9. Eva Firestone       | & | 25. Bill Warren         | # |
| 10. Nan Gerding        | * | 26. Honey Wood          | ⌘ |
| 11. Norbert Hirschhorn | * | 27. Douglas Mitchell    | # |
| 12. Charles Irons      | ⌘ | 28. Ronald S. Friedman  | * |
| 13. E. H. Johnson      | # | 29. Dennis Campbell     | * |
| 14. Mary Kolb          | * |                         |   |
| 15. Richalex Kirs      | # |                         |   |
| 16. Karen Kurz         | ⌘ |                         |   |

\* write to all new members  
⌘ write to all odd numbered

# write to all even numbered  
& do part-time work

CHANGE OF ADDRESS--Mary Kolb, 2379 Creston Ave., Bronx 63, New York

During the month of February, we welcomed thirteen new members.

During the month of January, according to my count, we welcomed thirty-three new members.

PLEASE will all Welcommittee members send me any change of address immediately. I'd hate to think of any of my slaves slipping out of my grasp....heaven forbid!

## BRITISH WELCOMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN--Bert High

### Northern Section

T. L. MacDonald  
Eric Bentcliffe  
Bert High

### Southern Section

John Brunner  
Tony V. Cooper  
Norman Wansborough

These three write to new members  
living in Northern Britian.

These three write to new members  
living in S. Britian.

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THE COMMITTEEZINE edited and published by Nancy Gerding is a lively  
and most welcome ish containing reports from and for the Welcommittee.  
The following was 'swiped' from Nan's pub by the ed of TNFF:  
In THE COMMITTEEZINE #6 we find these renewals - Raymond Clancy -

- Phil Rasch - W. Homer Bunge. New members listed are as follows:

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HENRY MOSKOWITZ, Three Bridges, New Jersey

GUY E. TERWILLEGER, P.O.Box 387, Nampa, Idaho

RICHARD Z. WARD, 409 Superior St., Jamestown, New York

Here is a new Welcomittee Member - Number 30 - John Ring, 301 Central Avenue, Norwich, Connecticut. \* write to all new members, John.

We noticed two changes of addresses in this issue:- Raymond L. Clancy, 1086 President Street, Brooklyn 25, New York. - - - Wilkie Conner, 1514 Poston Circle, Gastonia, North Carolina.

In Committeezine number 7, I find the following new members:-

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Thomas Reamy, Gen. Del., Andrews, Texas

Mrs. Johanna Magdalena Grobler, 4 Rochester Mansions, Leyds Street, Hillbrow, Johannesburg, South Africa

Mr. Johannes Hermanus Grobler - same address as the Mrs. above.

Renewals:- Rev. B.C. Richardson, Pfc. Roy R. Wood, Lawrence Campbell, Douglas Mitchell.

Here is another New Welcomittee member - number 31 - Gerald A. Steward, 166 McRoberts Avenue, Toronto 10, Ontario, Canada.

In issue 8 of The Committeezine we find the following new members:-

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WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO IN '52? - (Continued from page 14)

The Editor of TNFF is ever-ready to receive good articles and letters for publication. We have many members who could supply us with the needed articles. May this be an invitation to you and you -- also your letter-hacks...can you spare time enough to write one 'litte-bittie letter for TNFF. WE NEED MATERIAL! YOU MEMBERS DESIRE A FINE TNFF! NEED WE SAY MORE?

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NFFF could use a good drawing for our book-mark coming up. If you are that good, supply us with the drawing, the book-mark cometh afterwards. RUSH 'em to KayMar Carlson!

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The Directors could use some good ideas on forthcoming leaflets. WILL or CAN any of you members supply us with some ideas?

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- so, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO IN '52? - Written by the Editor.

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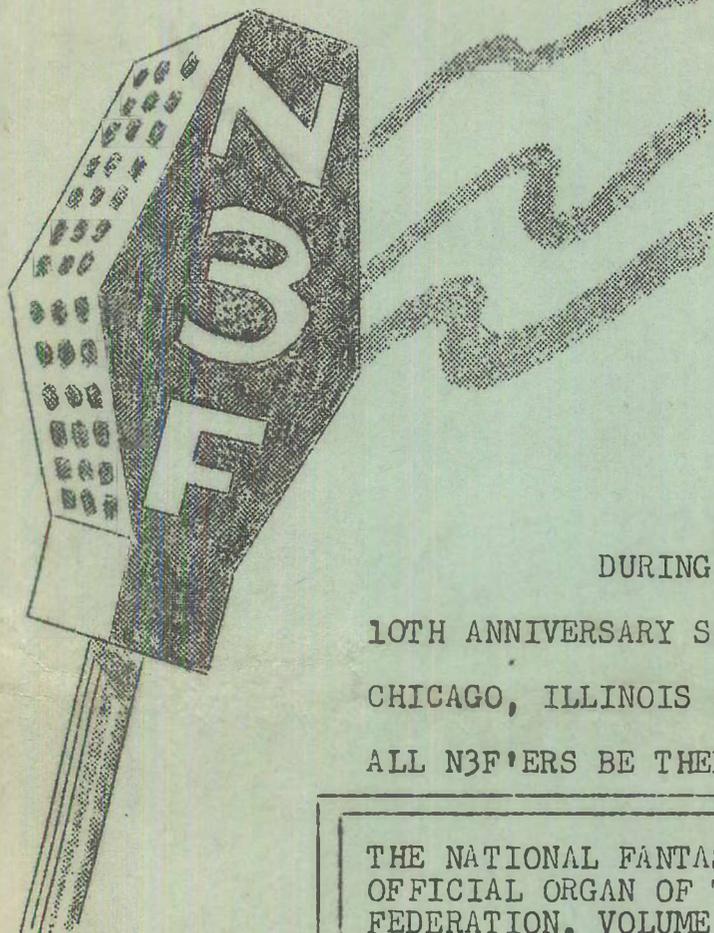
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