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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The most important thing before us as members of the NFFF this month is the new proposed Constitution. Whatever your reaction to this proposal; whether you agree in whole or in part or not at all, your President urges that all of you VOTE. We believe it is one of the most important things that is before us at the present time; so important that it should not be decided by a minority vote. If you have not already sent in your ballot, which was included in the recent issue of TFFF, may we strongly urge that you do so without any further delay.

From the experiences which your President has had with the organization since it was first started, we feel that each and every provision of this Constitution is needed for its successful continuance. Each part of the proposed Constitution has been carefully worked out, and each dovetails with each other.

Experience has proven that the officers need to have a lot of authority, to be able to do things with the minimum of red tape and loss of the excess time which working through the mails entails. We also find that experience teaches that there needs to be a system of checks and balances on the officers, so that no one can use that power venially, or for his own aggrandizement, or for the gaining of power for himself or any group.

With all due respect for the ability of our Official Editor, Jack Speer, your President's long and daily work with the NFFF has clearly shown that such a short Constitution as Speer proposed does not have the necessary points contained therein that would make for a successful organization such as the NFFF.

We therefore urge that you VOTE -- and VOTE NOW! -- and it is our hope that you will vote for the proposed Constitution as it has been presented. It represents a lot of careful preparation and consideration by your officers and directors, and contains the best ideas and thoughts of all of them in its presented form.

As many of you know, your President is leaving the middle of July to take up his residence in Southern California, probably in Los Angeles. We have, therefore, turned over the reins of government to the Vice-President, Bo Tucker, from 15 June to about the first of September, when we should be all settled, working at a new job, and in a position to resume active charge of the work of the organization. From this date onward, then, all official communications that would ordinarily be sent to your President are to go to

Vice-President Bo Tucker
P. O. Box #260
Bloomington, Illinois.

Personal mail, of course, I hope to continue to receive, and a few days from now you should be receiving a postal card from me on which will be my temporary Los Angeles address; and later I shall send you another which will contain my permanent address out there.

I expect to see Tucker before I leave, and will talk over with him all the various activities of the organization, and I know that I am leaving them in very competent hands. I shall also spend several days with our Secretary-Treasurer Walt Dunkelberger, on my way west, and shall have a chance to go over matters thoroughly with him, as well. Therefore I can assure you that my move will not in any way jeopardize the affairs of the NFFF by my absence -- in fact, it will probably show that there are others better qualified than I to run it. (My ego says "I hope not"!)

Please note: We have lost track of two of our members, as the mail sent them is returned. Anyone know of the present whereabouts of Len Marlow or S/Sjt Warren Oswald? /or Nick Kenealy?--jfs/ If so, kindly notify the Secretary at once.

New members continue to come into the organization, one of the most prolific reasons being the recent activities of Sjt Forrest J Ackerman, who has been responsible for the addition of nearly a dozen new members. Fine work, Porry. Why don't some of the rest of you get busy? Personal letters to your friends will do wonders!

Again let me urge that you all send in your votes immediately. Let us make this a 100% vote, no matter HOW you feel that you want the matter decided. That, of course, is your business -- but it is also your business to see that YOUR vote is cast.

Respectfully submitted:

E. Everett Evans

NEW MEMBERS OF THE NFFF: The President reports the following as new members, presumably since last month. They appear on the roster sent in by the Secretary, with the exception of Rusty Barron, whose address is: James Hevelin, 3779 3d St, Riverside Calif.

Jeanne Paule; David Selengut; Roy Squires; Tigrina; James Hevelin (Rusty Barron); Rick Sneary; John McLeod; Stanley C Skirvin; William C Danner.

Welcome! Come in and make yourselves known.

31 May 1945
Paris

To the Members of the National Fantasy Fan Federation:

I disapprove of the proposed constitution for much the same reasons that Jack Speer gives in his article. It is not necessary or desirable to give detailed procedure for conducting the organization in the Constitution.

A more desirable plan would be to state the general organization of the society in the constitution, and then to detail the procedure and policy in memorandums which would appear from time to time in the Official Organ. Thus it would be possible for each administration to decide how it wanted to do things, and allow leeway for a little initiative on the part of the officers.

I agree with Speer that the President of the Society should also be chairman of the Board. However, I also believe that a judiciary board is a desirable thing, since there are always controversies arising which require settlement. I don't care too much for the title "United Fantasy Fandom." "International Fantasy Association" is more to my taste. ...

Love
/Milty/

Concurring dissent of Juffus Speer:

Mr Rothman also is a veteran of constitutional crises in FAPA, New Fandom, and NFFF, and in addition has sat at the deathbed of ISA and SFL.

So if we're going to argue authorities rather than issues, the question is whether Evans' intensive experience with NFFF outweighs our extensive experience with various general fan organizations. I'd like to point out that the experience as President on which Evans bases his request for passage of the proposed constitution, is not experience under that or any similar constitution; the wartime constitution under which he has operated more or less is about as short as the one I suggested. Our only experience with a long and detailed constitution for NFFF is with the one which choked the organization in 1942 so that it had to be revived by extraordinary means on Evans' part, he then being rlancom Chairman, and the old constitution set aside. The selfsame possibilities are present in the one up for vote now: The multiplicity of offices, the requirement of endorsements for candidacies, the cumbersome machinery for getting little things done, and the discouragement of inexperienced members from standing for office.

For when government is complex, few people feel qualified to fill an office, or even to judge the efficiency of those in office. How many of you feel that you understand the proposed constitution well enough to be justified in running for an office under it? And how many are saying that since Evans is the main push behind the organization, you ought to go along with him on whatever he wants?

As for the judiciary, it could be set up if desired, under such a short constitution as I suggested, and as easily abolished if unnecessary.

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Please make sure that your name and address are right on this list. There are quite a lot of zone numbers lacking in cities that call for them; supplying this might make you get your mail a day or two sooner, would certainly help the postoffice - and N-triple-F's life depends on the postoffice. While you're at it, how about adding phone numbers? A couple of times on my recent wanderings across the country, I was unable to contact nearby NFFF members for lack of their phone numbers. All such information should be sent to the secretary, Dunkelberger, of course.

Due to loss of a letter in the mails (good ol' postoffice--grrr!), the membership list is all the secretary's report we have this time. However, I doubt not that some dues are still overdue and payable. After all, it's only customary for organizations to carry delinquents for a limited time, and there'll likely be a housecleaning after this voting is over. Are you a delinquent?

Late additions: Niel deJack, HQ 13 RD, APO 969 Frisco; Andy Lyon, 200 Williamsboro St, Oxford N Car. see also page 2.

OFFICIAL EDITOR'S STATEMENT

Sam Moskowitz, formerly Managing Secretary of New Fandom (fl 1939), advised me to make the National Fantasy Fan as much of a general magazine as possible, "so then the members will always be sure of getting that in return for their dues anyway."

I answered that, if a club's activities did not justify its continued existence, I didn't think it should be kept formally alive merely by issuance of an official organ as a regular subscription fanzine.

I believe that the NFFF has and will have plenty of activities to justify its existence. The function of The National Fantasy Fan should be to report these activities and serve as an instrument for carrying them out.

However, when the membership covers fandom as nearly as NFFF's does, there are some services that the official organ ~~can~~ give, which a subscription fanzine could not simply because of its limited circulation.

By frequently publishing the membership list, it can serve as an up-to-date directory of active fantasites. By an adequate review department it can introduce to the whole field of subscription fan magazines new or inactive members who simply do not know what all is being published.

The official organ, with its wide circulation, can serve as the best bulletin board for many purposes: Exchanging collector's items; requests for information; announcement of private projects; notice of change of address; even requests for correspondents of a particular type (Note: verboten for Army-Navy men).

And of course our pages are always open to criticisms, comments, suggestions, etc., on any matters pertaining to the organization or its activities.

With all respect to Moskowitz, I think these are the proper functions of an official organ.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

EEEvans

Ackerman reports that the FANCYCLOPEDIAS have all been sold -- except the last TWENTY-FIVE. Following a pre-arrangement, the cost of these has now been raised to \$1.00 for members; \$1.50 for non-members, or for any copies members wish to purchase after their first one. If you haven't a copy of this magnificent book, we urge that you get yours before all are gone. It is something no member should be without, for it is one of the finest things fandom has yet produced -- thanks to Jack Speer, the author, and the LASFS members who published it. Get yours today -- or you'll be sorry!

THE BLATANT BEAST

by
Art Widner

TAURUS #1: 1/2 size 18pp mimeo 5¢ 6/25¢. Rating 2.20. Albert Yeager Jr, 48 Mill Rd, Durham N.Hamp.

Considering that this is the first effort of a new fan, it's pretty good. Mimeoing could be improved a little, and the artwork a lot. Articles by Kennedy, Dunkelberger, and Yeager. Book review by Perry. Al needs material. Give him your support.

CHANTICLEER #5: reg size 28pp mimeo 15¢. Rating 2.82. Walt Liebscher, 25 Poplar St, Battle Creek Mich.

In my humble opinion, this is now the #1 fanzine. Acolyte is close, but I like the more general type of 'zine, such as this one. Format & mimeoing excellent. Beautiful white on lavender cover by Wiedenbeck (I presume). Articles by Chauvenet, Brazier, & Liebscher. Poetical humor by Bloch, Liebscher, & Anonymous. Intriguing short story by Crane. Interesting book reviews by Liebscher, Rosenblum, Laney, Watson, Camden, Tucker, & Autolycus. Subscribe to this one by all means.

SHANGRI-L'AFFAIRES #25: reg size 38pp mimeo free. Rating 2.44. Box 6475 Metro Station, Los Angeles 55 Calif.

Here we have a monster anniversary issue. Unlike most of its type (annissues) there is a surprising amount of good material. I have always deplored the practice of throwing in everything on hand just for the sake of making a jumbo size number out of it. Anyhow - articles by Warner, Tucker, Searles, Laney, Crutch (2); an amusing far-future story by Crane, & a not so amusing one by Laney; a column by Ackerman; filler by Maliano, & Tigrina; & some interesting letters from readers, make up a well-varied & entertaining issue. Altho it's free, the editors expect you to write in & comment if you wish to continue on the mailing list.

CONCEPT #s 2 & 5: reg & 1/2 size 2pp printed free. Harry Sinn, Rte 1, Carnation Wn.

There is no rating on this one, as the usual system would make it extra high, since there is only a small amount of material, which is good. In the case of #5 there is only one article, which would rate 3, & thus give an overall rating which would put it higher than Chanticleer, which has a far greater amount of equally fine material, along with a few fair items which drag down the rating somewhat. [Doesn't he sound like Johnny Campbell in the Analytical Laboratory!] An arbitrary rating of about 2.50 would be OK, I think. #2 has two good pieces by Gray & Kennedy and also stuff by Tucker & Kennedy. #5 consists of a blog of Franklin Lee Baldwin, Idaho fan, by Duane Simel. Hatch, the printing makes for a very neat & readable effort.

THE 51st FAPA MAILING, Spring 1945.

As usual this remains far and away the best value in fandom. For 25¢ (4 mailings per \$1 annual dues) you get over 200pp of fanzines (31 in this mailing - & it's smaller than usual) about 50% of which is very good. Some of the publications rank on a par with Chanticleer, notably Fantasy Commentator (Searles) [also available for 20¢, 19 E 235 St, NY 66], Time-Binder (EEEvans), & Fan-Tods (Stanley). There are also a number of better-than-avg 'zines, such as The Southern Star, Horizons, Fan-Dango, En Garde, Channy, & (ahem!) your reviewer's rag, Yhos. I was going to review the above mags in detail, but time presses, so I'll wait until there's a dearth of regular pubs. For further information, write to Al Ashley /president/, 25 Poplar St, Battle Creek Mich.

send your effusions to Widner for reviewing.

"TO KEEP THE FAN OCCUPIED AND OFF THE STREETS" --

Due to a misunderstanding between the Plancem Chairman and the President, this suggestion seems to have been lost. We take this means of reviving it:

"When an enthusiastic neofyte comes into stefdum, he looks about him for something to do. Chances are he can't write good stuff yet, nor get himself elected to any office. So what can he do but issue another fanzine--probably non-FAPA. Well, the result is that we have one more poorly duplicated collection of third-rate stuff, with a good page here and there. In time he may improve his style, learn his way around, and put out a good subscription fanzine, or maybe go into FAPA. But a great many of these first efforts are like the seed which was sown on stony ground, and withered in the noonday heat because the plants had no roots.

"The Idea is this: aren't there lots of other things that these young fan could do besides publishing their own subzines? I think there are a lot of jobs floating around that older fan would agree need doing, but aren't important enuf or big enuf to call for appointment of a special committee. How about starting a list of Recommended One-man Projects, from which a fellow could choose one, with the assurance that its completion will be a worthwhile piece of work, will win him credit in fandom, and will help him to learn his way around in the microcosm?

"To make a start, here are some things that occur to me as needing doing:

"Someone who has access to a collection should go thru the several issues of the S-F Check-List and make a condensed list, in one alphabetical order, of all the fanzine names that have been suggested, and indicate which have actually been realized. This will provide a guide to conscientious editors who don't want to duplicate any previous title, but at present have no suitable list to refer to.

"Someone should make himself a list of pro authors, artists, and editors, find out how many of them are honored in Who's Who in America and who's Who, and report his findings. "An index to book reviews that have appeared in fanzines (and pros)

should be useful to many people."

a suggestion or two more along this line: Somebody with a Frank Robinson mind might well do a condensed chronology of the commercial sf magazines, showing the date on which each was first published, and the date of each change in editors, publishers, price, format, frequency, name, etc. I for one am no longer able to keep this mass of information in my head, but might memorize it if it were all laid out neatly on paper. Naming the cover-copper for each mutational issue would be a good idea, too.

It's past time for a new who's who of fantasites; I believe the last one was in 1948--all we've had since then are random full-length biogs, and guides to special groups like the LASFS. This might call for NSF backing and assistance.

Another thing long overdue, which one fan could easily assemble, is a comprehensive list of penames of professional fantasy authors. Letters to perhaps half a dozen people in the know would get nearly all of the known pseudonyms.

You think of some other suggestions. And if any of the above appeal to you (note: they haven't been screened by anyone else to determine whether they're really worthwhile), registrar swisher is the man with whom to file your claim.

Widner means 31 fanzines in ~~fact~~, not 31 pages.

Due doubtless to the change of editorship, TNEF goes to press this time without having received reports from the Welcom, publicity Director, et al. We have seen evidences, however, that they have not been idle.

a note on the fanzine publisher's manual: Ditto Inc is not the only maker of direct-process duplicators. When they proved unable to deliver one as scheduled, I happened to find a Rex-o-graph machine of the same type, and for about 2/3 as much. This issue is the first thing to be published on it. Unsatisfactory features of the duplication are more likely due to inexperience of the operator than to faults of the machine.

Before I forget: all unsigned stuff and all insertions (in brackets) are by the Editor, likewise screwy spelling and idiosyncr-- idiosyncr-- peculiar punctuation.

Last-minute Roster changes: Don Bratton is amove again; address later. Drop Chauvenet. Cpl N Willmorth 39,257,350, Unit Personnel Sec NAFO-ATC, APO 396 NY. Give my love to the Berbers, Gus.

If for any reason your copy of TNEF is defective--page missing, illegible, or the like--or if you fail to receive one, secretary Lunkelberger has a number of extra copies from which he can replace yours.

SPECIAL SASFA SUPPLEMENT -- TO SASFA MEMBERS

Henry Elaner Jr., President SASFA

The SASFA has been officially merged with the NFFF. The voting returns were as follows: FOR the merger 26; AGAINST 8; indifferent 2.

No further issues of either Black Star or Arcturian will be published.

Because of the large number of inactive SASFA members, and because of the unnecessary amount of bookkeeping it would involve, your membership has NOT been directly transferred to the NFFF. To become a member of the NFFF, you must secure an official application blank from me, fill it out, and send it together with a dollar dues to: Walt Dunkelberger, 1443 Fourth Ave S, Fargo N Dak. Because of this arrangement, no 1945 SASFA dues were collected. If you do not already have an NFFF application blank, I will send you one upon request. If you are a newcomer to stfandom and do not have a copy of the NFFF Welcom booklet, I will also furnish one on request.

Important: When filling out the application blank, in the space provided for fan organizations to which you belong, there is a space labeled "Other". In this space write "SASFA-merger". In this manner the NFFF will be able to determine just how many members it has obtained as a result of the merger. SASFANS who are already members of the NFFF need not fill out another blank. I will be glad to answer any questions that may arise.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those SASFA members who helped me keep the organization running as long as it did. I would also like to say to those who tried to subvert and undermine the club -- I hope you're satisfied.

I hope that you members will get a lot of enjoyment out of the NFFF, though I realize that it will be quite different from the SASFA at first. Our President, E Everett Evans, is always open to suggestions -- in fact, pleads for them -- and I'm sure he would enjoy hearing from you if you have any constructive ideas to offer.

To my correspondents: The demise of the SASFA does not mean the end of my fan activities. I realize that I have been very slow in answering letters, but have patience, as now that this official business has been taken care of, I will again find time to carry on correspondence (I hope!).

Many of you expressed, on your ballots, that some sort of stef activities should be carried on by the sincere ~~stefans~~ of the old SASFA. As a result of decisions reached by Bridges, Walt Coslet, J Stadter, William Kohr, Soodherr, George McManus, and myself, in the very near future I expect to issue an all-stef fanzine, along the line suggested by Bridges in his article in the last Black Star. Watch for future announcements in the NFFFan.

Sincerely yours,

Henry Elaner Jr

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