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"Other girls get carried off by gorillas, godzillas, and like that..."

FAPA AMENDMENT FAILS: APATHY

The amendment to the FAPA Constitution put to vote in a Special Election this past mailing failed to pass due to

the fact that not enough members voted to pass it. Though the votes which did come in were in favor of the amendment by a 13 to 2 margin, at least 16 votes had to be cast in favor of the amendment to pass it.

The FAPA Constitution says: "...majority of the votes must be favorable for the amendment to be adopted, and such majority must be more than 1/4 of the membership."

The proposed amendment was designed to reduce the strain on the pocketbooks of overseas members, by lowering the annual dues for them to \$2.00. Dues for Stateside members (and for overseas members still, since the amendment failed) are \$3.00 per year.

Members voting were: Marion Bradley, Chick Derry, Dan McPhail, Don Wilson, Sandy Sanderson, Dave Rike, Terry Carr, Bob Tucker, John Trimble, Charles Burbee, Gregg Calkins, Bill Danner, Jim Caughran, Bill Evans, and Dick Eney.

This disappointing turnout at the FAPA polls seems to be another indication of apathy on the group's part. Recent mailings have been only two or three hundred pages, about half their size the past couple of years.

ANTHONY BOUCHER has resigned from all connection with Fantasy and Science Fiction, reports Karen Anderson. Boucher, who had taken a leave of absence earlier in the year, is currently listed as Book Editor of the magazine, since he has continued his column of book reviews therein. But the January 1959 issue is the last in which his column will grace F&SF's pages. The February installment will be done by Basil Davenport; thereafter, J. Francis McComas will take over the column.

We are sorry to hear this news, because we feel that F&SF has been slipping badly in Boucher's absence, and were looking forward to his return to the editorial helm.

BOB PAVLAT IS NOT RUNNING FOR TAFF, he says. Bob says there was a movement afoot to nominate him, but after weighing pro's and con's he decided against it.

However, Lynn Hickman mentions that he's in on a movement to nominate someone, though he doesn't say who.

TED WHITE writes, "Greg Benford and I have gone into partnership on VOID, the object being to get it out as a monthly. The fourteenth issue will be out soon after Christmas. I'm currently rounding up Little Helpers for the task of cutting twenty stencils a month."

A CARD FROM BUCK COULSON DEPT.:

"I trust that you don't both collect postcards. I'm tempted to mark your YANDRO "cut along dotted line", but instead I may break a long-standing tradition and send a copy to both editors of a co-edited zine. If you do start receiving two copies, put it down as a mark of the esteem in which I hold FANAC, because nobody, but nobody else gets this treatment.

"With Pete Graham off to New York, may we expect an article titled 'Lawsuit Country' to appear in a forthcoming INNUENDO?

"Did you know that there are little green men being seen all over the country? Just ask anyone who has a color t-v...must say that until last Saturday I'd never suspected Perry Como of being part Martian. Lovely chartreuse complexion."

LARS BOURNE says he is starting work on a collection of material by Kent Moomaw, intended as a Memorial Issue for Kent. He reports that he has the permission of Kent's mother and that he would like the various editors who have printed Kent's stuff to make choices, and by all means send Bourne copies of the issues in which the pieces were printed. Lars says he'll return 'em after use. All money received aside from that to cover the cost of publication will go to Kent's mother. (Lars Bourne, 2436½ Portland St., Eugene, Oregon.)

"TO SCOTCH A RUMOR," says Bob Pavlat, "Let it be known that if Washington is selected as the city to hold the 1960 convention, the con will be held in Washington D.C., and not Baltimore..."

We printed this rumor in the last issue of FANAC, in hopes of getting a denial from the WSFA, and we did. Like we keep telling Sandy Sanderson, Truth Will Out.

G. M. CARR says, "As a protest against the increasing pressure of commercialization by the Greeting Card Industry, I'm not sending any Christmas cards this year--not even home made ones. The money I would have spent on paper and postage will be given to the Missions with a request that prayers be said for the temporal and spiritual welfare of those who would have been on our mailing list. Including most of your readers. (Like Stan Freberg with his 'Green Christmas,' we've stopped talking about the 'commercialization' of Christmas and decided to do something...to the best of our ability.)"

To which I can only add, Good show!

SCIENCE FICTION PARADE #8, containing Len Hoffatt's Solacon report, will be out about the same time as this of FANAC. Len says to warn our readers not to write him asking for copies, though, because they'll all be gone by the time you read this. Stan Woolston will take over the mag starting with number 9. "Of course," says Len, "li'l mags like SFP and FANAC are mere nothings compared to a fine fannish zine like SF TIMES with its great tradition and background and 100 readers...I mean how can us poor, impoverished type fen hope to compete with the steady flowing waters of Flushing?"

THE SCI-FI SCENE: L. A.

by Forrest J. Ackerman, 915 So. Sherbourne Dr., Los Angeles 35, Calif.

Evans' Funeral:

LA, 5 Dec. We gathered--AE van Vogt, Walt Liebscher, Walt Daugherty, Barney Bernard, Julie Jardine, Henry Eichner, Charles & Albert Nuetzel, Rus Hodgkins and I--to bid goodby to our old friend. Ceremony was military (he served in WWI) and taps was played. He was cremated.

The nite before, at LASFS, the club of which he had once been Director, \$10 was voted from the treasury and an additional \$20 privately contributed by members, and a check for \$30 in his memory was made out for the Heart Fund.

Machinery is already in motion to perpetuate Evans' memory in fandom in a significant fashion, and a further announcement along these lines is probable in these pages in the near future.

A posthumous collection of Evans' stories will be published in book form, titled FOOD FOR DEMONS.

Before his death, Evans and Doc Smith had planned a space opera novel collaboration.

--fja

MORE DEATHS have touched the fan-world recently. To begin with, we have the following item:

Promising young fanartist William Sarno was one of the 91 victims of the Our Lady of Angels Catholic School fire in Chicago December 1st. His illustrations had been featured in JOE-JIM, edited by his cousin Joe Sarno with Jim O'Meara.

Lynn Hickman reports that another fan committed suicide too, but we've lost the letter and remember only that the fan was from Indianapolis, and that we didn't recognize his name.

SHANGRI-L'AFFAIRES, the fanzine that's published every time a Burbee awakens, will continue despite the loss of editress Djinn Faine. Newly-elected editress to replace her is Lillian Field, formerly of New York fandom. Next issue will be out early in January, and we hear that the LASFS has bought a new Gestetner to publish it on, too. Those people down there are really going in for that crazy publishing giant stuff. Copies of Shaggy can be obtained by writing to the LASFS meeting-place, 2548 West 12th St., Los Angeles 6, Calif.

TO GAFIA AND BACK Dept.: Arthur Thomson, who's been forced into gafia for the last few months, is now re-emerging from that dread bourne from which few fen return. He says his difficulty was caused by the fact that his wife up and presented him with a baby girl, and that at the same time he bought a motorbike which kept falling apart and having to be fixed. "Things have quietened down, though," he says. "The baby has stopped bawling so much, and I've gradually (by using a firm hand and a large size spanner) stopped most of the nuts and bolts falling off the motorcycle." So Atom is back with us.

WE GET FANZINES, and sometimes we get busy with mundane things and don't have time to read 'em very much, so sometimes we can't review the new fanzines received between issues. But we always like to say thanks anyway, so here's thanks for CRY OF THE NAMELESS, ARGASSY, CANADU REVIEW, PROFANITY, KIWIFAN, and a lot more that are currently hopelessly lost in the stack of Fanzines To Be Read. One of 'em is BRILLIG, for which we thank Lars Bourne, because we just love aht and think it's best when mixed liberally with unmailable words.

--tgc

VISITORS to the Bay Area are warned to stay away from Joe & Robby Gibson (Apt G, 1627 Grant Avenue, Berk 4, Cal), for despite their facade of unending hospitality and convivial esprit de fan, these outwardly charming people have erected a miniature machine gun in the bay window of their place of residence. We became aware of this one night when we went over to mooch drinks and food as usual, and in the window was this terrifying weapon, with a sign saying, "WELCOME, PUBLISHING GIANTS." Last month, Bjo visited us for a while, and when she called on the Gibsons, the sign read "LASFS OUTPOST 6-7/8". Rog Phillips Graham worries the most, tho--for when he drops by this citadel of gibbonism, there is a string run from the doorknob to the trigger, and the sign reads, "OPEN THE DOOR, ROGER." We understand Joe Gibson spends all his spare time thinking up signs.

CAVEAT HUCKSTER: Vic Ryan (2160 Sylvan Rd, Springfield, Illinois) will pay \$4.00 for a copy of the 12th (Annish) issue of TWIG. Ted Pauls (1448 Meridene Dr, Baltimore 12, Maryland) is still looking for copies of THE HARP STATESIDE and Rotsler's 1957 artome, THE TATTOOED DRAGON--he, also, will pay \$4.00. It is refreshing to see these youngsters so interested in old-time fanzines.

SPRECHEN SIE FAN DEPT: From Erwin Scudla (Vienna XVII/107, Rotzergasse 30/1, Austria) comes the second issue of SIRIUS and the first issue of DIE WELT VON MORGEN. The former is the OO of the International Science Fiction Society, and the latter is magazine about science-fiction, with emphasis on spaceflight and sputnikchen. Die Welt is verlag Gebruder Weiss Verlag, Berlin, but I suppose that both it and SIRIUS can be obtained through Scudla, who is the center of the ISFS. All this sort of thing is highly recommended--if you speak the lingo. I am slowly translating a long article in SIRIUS that looks like a fan-article--I won't know till I get to the end, though, because I haven't found the verb yet.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT: Earl Kemp (2019 North Whipple St, Chicago 47, Ill) wrote us a letter that fairly screams the end of fandom as we know it. He, a notorious convention fan, is actually planning a mimeographed fanzine. Yes indeed, none of this fotoffset jazz; he wants articles only, and artwork suitable for mimeo. I will want to see this fanzine--if he puts the planning and ability into it that went into DESTINY, Chicago will have an excellent prop for its 1962 bid. ##Earl says he bought a 57 Ford recently, and the Kemp fambly and the Light fambly are using it to tour the Midwest. They have just got back from visiting Martha Beck one weekend, the Economus another, and the Grennells another. Wouldn't be writing the letter, he says, except that Chicago is having a record snowfall and we can't drive anywhere.

G.M.CARR offers us aid in our expose of H.S.Johnson, the mystery psychologist from Long Beach. Gem says that Lee Huddleston of Oregon also claimed to be one sex at one time, and another at other times; and, more important, Gem has a voluminous file of letters from Lee Huddleston. This is all fine, but Johnson has never claimed any sex. "He" calls himself Steve, but this could mean Stephanie as well as Stephen; our gnerring (but usually drunk) staff of private investigators has deduced Johnson's female sex from reading "his" letters carefully--in other words, it's pure conjecture, Gem. We have another line on Johnson, however--not a very definite one, just a hint from a letter. More later.

SCIENCE-FICTION NEWS #23 (Graham B. Stone, Box 4440, GPO, Sydney, NSW, Australia). This is the bi-monthly down-under version of SF TIMES, but fortunately there is little other connection. Book reviews by Ackerman, Tucker, Blish and Blackbeard. News about the ISFS from Erwin Scudla, and general stf information. 50¢ a year from C.R.Skinner, 43 Palmer St, St. Augustine, Florida.

--rds.

SEND \$2.00 to Jim Broderick, 12011 Kilbourne, Detroit 13, Michigan, for THE DTvention.

THE FAN COMMENDMENTS

This is a poll, as any fool can plainly see. We'd appreciate it if you'd fill it out promptly and return it to Terry Carr, 2315 Dwight Way, Berkeley 4, Calif. Results will be printed in FANAC.

This poll is for the year 1958. please vote on material and so forth which has appeared during the past year only.

In your opinion, what were the Top Ten Fanzines of 1958? List them in order, please:

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| 1) _____ | 6) _____ |
| 2) _____ | 7) _____ |
| 3) _____ | 8) _____ |
| 4) _____ | 9) _____ |
| 5) _____ | 10) _____ |

The best fan artist:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

The best fan writer:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____

The best fan cartoonist:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

Best new fan of the year:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____

Best column of the year:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____

Do you think fandom needs the WSFS? Yes: _____ No: _____

Deadline for this poll to reach us is February 28, 1959. We're including two identical copies of this poll sheet with this issue of FANAC, so you collectors can send one back and still be completists.

Write, dammit

Sub expires within two issues

You receive this issue because you are in FAPA; if'n
you want more, say so--to us, in a letter.

Klaus Eylmann (see below) did not move; this is his correct address, which is somewhat different from the one we had before. Check this'n out, because we understand some people besides us have a faulty address for him. He is the editor of NOVA, the literary fanzine from the SF Club Europa.

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