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### BJO, JOHN TRIMBLE TO MARRY

I took a long drag on my salami sandwich and said the obvious thing to Bjo, who was sitting on my lap. "No," she smiled, "I'm not kidding."

"But John Trimble?" I said. I looked unbelievably at her. All my incredulity went for naught. Then I congratulated her. It's the thing to do; you know.

They announced it Saturday, 27 Mar 60, and asked us to publish a FANAC extra so they could hand it to LASFS instead of telling them.

They say they're getting married next fall. We still don't believe it.

But FANAC wishes to extend its sincere (if incredulous) congratulations.

RETRACTION DEPT: Seems we goofed again. Not serious, but Robbie Gibsons says we better print a retraction. The party for Rog Graham we reported on last issue was held at the Gibsons', not the Grahams'.

While we're at it, in the review of Shaggy I (Ellik) guessed that "Pandora" was Bjo. Seems it was her next-door neighbor, Marsha Dickinson (wife of Gordon Dickinson).

And Al Halevy says he is no longer interested in organizing a Tolkien group, now that Ted Johnstone is starting one. Anyone interested in Ted's Fellowship of the Ring should write to him at 1503 Rollin St, South Pasadena, Calif.

PROJECT ART SHOW: Fans interested in helping on the Art Show to be put on at the Pittsburgh convention Labor Day should write to Bjo, 9804 White Knoll Drive, Los Angeles 12, Calif. They need participating members, not only artists; they need guards and helpers in the exhibition room, and people interested in putting on shows. This project has grown out of the auspices of the N3P and is now a Bjo Project; Bjo says it is not a game they're playing...it's real.

### CHANGES OF ADDRESS:

Larry Andersen, Box 131, Colstrip, Montana.

Steve & Pat Cartier, 185 S Greenwood Street, Pasadena, Calif.

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THE APA CORNER: Ted White, Official Arbiter of the Cult, writes to say that our lament for the fading and possible dying of the Cult awhile back was exaggerated. (If Ted had really phrased it in such MarkTwainish words I could remark that everybody talks about Ted White but nobody ever does anything about him. ...oh well) Anyhow, Ted says he's been checking up on the Cult situation, and that the next two publishers of the official organ, THE FANTASY ROTATOR, are ready to go and promise to be on schedule. So no flowers for the Cult, please. And we're glad.

PRO NEWS, LIKE: Judith Merril has dropped Marty Greenberg as her publisher for anthologies, mailed out copies of her last one to authors, and is now under contract with Simon & Schuster. ## Doc Smith will have a new novelet in Astanalogue very soon which will introduce a new series of his. Gnome Press will be publishing his old Vortex Blaster novelets (from Astonishing Stories, early '40's), in book form and they'll be available from Pick-a-Book soon. There is also a possibility that there will be more Tedric material from him, perhaps a book or some novelets. (Thx to Rog Phillips & Mike Deckinger for these items.)

THE N3F IN THE NEWS: The NFFF Manuscript Bureau got a plug in a recent "Bookman's Notebook" column in the San Francisco Chronicle; William Hogan was the columnist. The 15-line item explained quite briefly and sensibly that "This is a non-profit agency which distributes short fiction, articles, poetry and art work to some 40 or 50 amateur and semi-professional publications in the imaginative field," and suggested that interested parties send stuff in. A remarkably sensible writeup for mundania; only trouble was that Hogan misspelled wartwork.

And while we're on the subject of newspaper items, Poul Anderson (who is not to be confused with the N3F) had an item in Herb Caen's column devoted to an anecdote of his about someone he supposedly knows who starts every whodunit book in the middle--"This way, she not only wonders how it'll come out, but also how it began!"

BOB MADLE writes to say he's sorry about the mistake he made in the "official final results" of TAPF 1959 that he sent us, and says my addition is correct and the "final official official final results" are: Ford (514), Carr (342), Bjo (294). Seems he'd added in some votes at the last minute and got a little mixed up; the votes had arrived late, but they had been forwarded from his former address, so he counted 'em. Fair enough.

QUICKIES: BHHDeVore says the Pittcon Hugo's are all ready except for the winners' names, and that they ~~cost~~ money and the Pittcon Committee needs memberships. # There will be a Final Report on Detention; maybe a FANAC rider. --tgo

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