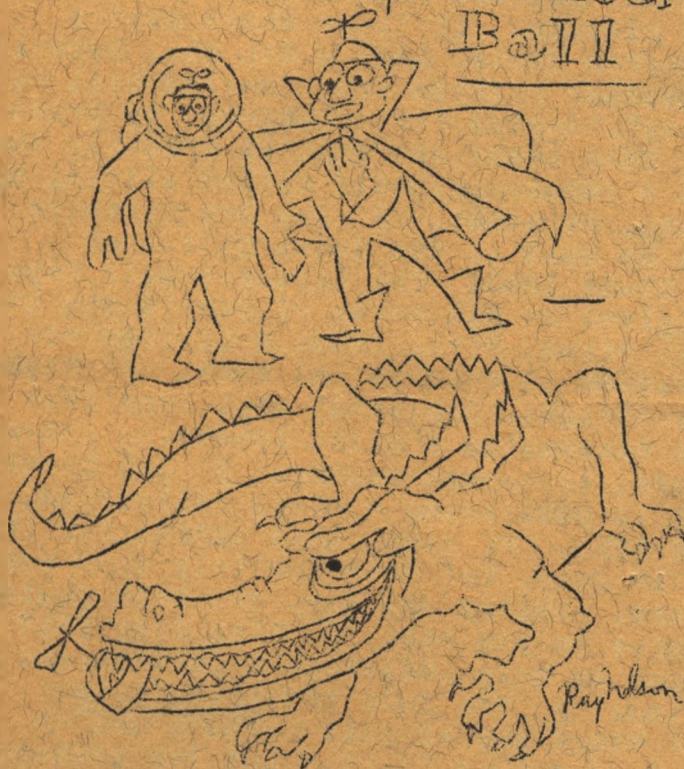


CONVENT Masked Ball



"What a stroke of fannish genius!
Wearing a live crocodile!"

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FANAC #63

We don't like to admit it, but this biweekly fanzine sometimes comes out only once a month; "we" is Terry Carr (1818 Grove St., Berkeley 9, Calif.) and Ron Ellick (2315 Dwight Way, Berkeley 4, Calif.), and we aren't talking, especially Ron. FANAC sells for 25¢ for four issues currently, 50¢ for nine (from Miriam Carr, FANAC's circulation manager, at the same address as her 16-year-old twin brother), or for two shillings for four issues from British Representative Archie Mercer, 434/4 Newark Rd., North Hykeham, Lincoln, England. This issue's cartoon is by Ray Nelson; it's been in our files for ages, waiting till it was timely, which just proves that patience is a virtue even in newszine editors--if newszine eds can be said to have any virtues.

FRITZ LEIBER TO BE WESTERCON GOH

Fritz Leiber Jr., author of "Conjure Wife," "Gather, Darkness," and more recently the 1958 Hugo-Award-winning Galaxy novel "The Big Time," has accepted the Baycon (Westercon '61) Committee's invitation to appear as Guest of Honor next July 1 & 2 at the Leamington Hotel in Oakland.

In addition, the Baycon will honor Jack Speer as fan guest of honor; Jack's letter of acceptance too has been received. Speer, a long-time fan, compiled the first FANCYCLOPEDIA in 1944, is a charter-member of FAPA, and has contributed an astounding amount to fandom over the years.

Both Leiber and Speer will speak at the banquet, with Anthony Boucher as M.C. Al Lewis, who made a big hit as auctioneer at the Boise Westercon, will handle the auction at the Baycon too.

NANCY SHARE, ART RAPP TO MARRY

Nancy Share, prominent SAPS member and fanartist, and Art Rapp, publisher of SPACEWARP and fandom's not-poet laureate, have announced their plans to be married "sometime around the first of June" next year, "probably in Danville" (Pennsylvania), where Nancy lives. They will live in El Paso, Texas, where Rapp is currently stationed as a member of the Army.

"All this, of course, assumes no change in my military assignment before next year," writes Art. "If I should get overseas orders before then, we'll marry before I leave the States, and Nancy will join me in Europe as soon as I can make the necessary arrangements."

Nancy writes to say that she's in "a wild eyed awed state of 'sheer happiness'".

The very best of luck to you two from us all.

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS, WE PRINT: Dirce Archer writes to say that Lawrence S. Stevens (Lawrence of Famous Fantastic Mysteries et al art fame) died on Jan. 7th of this year. Some Lawrence originals will be up for auction at the Pittcon. # There will be a showing of "Wrai Ballard, the Musquite Kid," the latest Unicorn Productions movie, in Berkeley after its premiere at the Pittcon. It'll be shown Sunday evening, Sept. 11, at the Donaho-Curran Manse, 1441 - 8th St., Berkeley. No charge; it'll be a party. # Another Pittcon program-item will be Carl Brandon's "The Purple Pastures," adapted for acting-out by Bruce Pelz. (Harrumph, I wrote it.) # This issue of FANAC is probably the first fanzine ever stencilled with a three-month-old kitten sitting on the editor's shoulder. Proofreading, no doubt. # The 3rd Northern Calif. Space Craft Convention will be held at the Hotel Claremont (a Fancy Expensive hotel) on Aug. 27-28 1960. The flying-saucer boys must have loot. Speeches will be given by all sorts of people who have received messages from planets like Orion, Mars, Venus & Clairon according to the notices, and have ridden in saucers and such. # Daphne Buckmaster (8, Buchanan St., Kirkcudbright, Scotland) will send free sample copies of ESPRIT, a serious discussion fanzine featuring material of personal and philosophical nature, to anyone asking. # Bob Lichtman (6137 So. Croft Ave., L.A. 56) is publishing a 20-pg collection, SOME OF THE BEST FROM QUANDRY, for OMPA. He might have extras for 15¢ or so. # Suzy Vick had twins on 19 July, but unfortunately they were premature and both died within hours. Shelby and Suzy are both feeling pretty bad about it. Our condolences to you two. # Dick Eney (417 Ft. Hunt Rd., Alexandria, Va.) hopes to have Additions & Corrections to FANCYCLOPEDIA II out by Pittcon time. # The July '60 Scientific American features not only a brief biography of Milt Rothman and an article by him on "Things That Go Faster Than Light," but the book-review column devotes a couple thousand words to Amis' "New Maps of Hell" -- "perhaps the greatest prestige-display that stf has had since Harpers' 'Little Superman, What Now?' more than a decade ago," says Art Rapp. # The Aug. 1 National Guardian, via Dave Rike, reports that Chan Davis, who was Sent Up for refusing to answer questions of the HUAC, was released from Danbury Federal Penitentiary on June 29 after serving a five-months' sentence. A professor from Brown University led a reception committee of 50 people at the station when he returned home. # This issue and the past couple of FANAC's, by the way, have been mimeoed on Dave Rike's machine; this one will be the last done on that machine, because Dave has bought a new electric Gestetner and is selling his current machine. And by next FANAC we should have our own electric mimeo, the Iron Maiden, in working order. # There will be a Welcome Eric Bentcliffe Party thrown jointly by the Lunarians and the NY Futurians on October 31 at the home of Belle & Frank Dietz, 1750 Walton Ave., Bronx 53, N.Y. All are invited. # Len & Anna Moffatt (10202 Belcher, Downey, Calif.) will host a Non-Con Picnic & Party at their home, Saturday 3 Sept., from 1:00 P.M. till Ghu-knows-when. Everybody is to bring his own food, coffee will be provided, and you can stay the night if you bring your own blankets. This is not "rump con," of course, just a consolation-con for those who can't make it to Pitt. All are invited. # Bob Madle sent us a list of people who voted in the just-over TAFF election. We don't have time to print it, but have studied it. Interesting to note that Sandy Sanderson got a third of his total points from the U.S. from the New York area in one lump. Les Gerber is listed twice; was his vote counted twice, Bob? Miriam & I are not listed as having voted, and I know we did; however, since the check we sent with it wasn't cashed, we guess maybe the check&votes never got there. In all, a very interesting list, Bob, and many thanks for sending it; it's obvious from it that you did a fine job this year despite my minor carping.

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MEMBERSHIPS IN THE BAYCON may be purchased from the convention's Treasurer, Miriam Carr, 1818 Grove St., Berkeley 9, Calif. Memberships are a dollar, and a drawing will be held for a valuable prize; you need not be present at the con itself to win. The first BAYCON PROGRESS REPORT will be out soon, with more information about the con and its site, the Leamington Hotel in Oakland.

A NEWSNOTE A DAY FROM ALL OVER: Art Rapp and Nancy Share will be at the Pittcon; Dick Eney will pick Nancy up on his way to the con, and Rapp is flying there and back. # Redd Boggs is compiling a catalog of his Gafia Press publications, possibly to appear in RETROGRADE. # Nan Gerding says that her semi-gafia of the past year has turned into a permanent one as far as amateur journalism is concerned; she intends to drop off the SAPS waitinglist. # Berkeley Ho!: Jerry Knight, who recently published the first issue of QUELQUECHOSE, will be moving to Berkeley next month to attend the University of California. Unfortunately, though, Ruth Berman says she can't make it here as she had planned; she's going to the U. of Minnesota instead, but will vacation in California next month. # Speaking of Nan Gerding gafiating reminds me that Walter A. Coslet, a long-time fan and the only SAPSmember to have had a SAPSzine in every single mailing of that apa, has announced complete retirement from fandom. Coslet's legendary collection of prozines and fanzines is up for sale; it's a superb collection, and he won't sell it piecemeal. If you're prepared to bid in the thousands for it, write to Coswal at Box 6, Helena, Montana. # The APA Corner: The 52nd SAPS mailing appeared last month--592 pgs. of fine stuff, including such standout items as the lettercol of Bob Lichtman's HERE THERE BE SAPS with letters from Joe Kennedy and Lloyd Alpaugh Jr., the lettercol of Earl Kemp's SAFARI, consisting of letters of comment on WHO KILLED SCIENCE FICTION?, the 78-pg. POOR RICHARD'S ALMANAC from Rich Brown, with copious mailing comments from Shelvy and Suzy Vick, the reprint of the 1949 SPACEWARP roundrobin serial STF BROADCASTS AGAIN!, and Lee Jacobs' EGOTAPE, the first taperecording ever to be distributed as part of an apa mailing. # FANAC will soon announce air-mail subscription rates, for people like Wilhelm von Olbrecht and other people overseas; domestic airmail rates too, maybe. # Chuck Devine sends a black-bordered postcard saying that Guy Terwilliger has decided to gafiate for perhaps a year. Status of this year's BEST OF FANDOM is doubtful at present. # Keith Joseph (see COA section) wants serious, thoughtful articles on the purposes and functions of fandom for his forthcoming fanzine, GOLEM. No surface-thinking, he warns: he wants to start some serious probing into fannish why's and where-for's. # Ed Emshwiller won an Award of Distinction for his film "Life Lines" and a Special Citation for his film "Transformation" from the Creative Film Foundation. He was the only person to receive more than one award. # Ray Nelson reports that two new French-language fanzines have appeared: JEUNESSE POUR RIRE (J.P.Kudelka, 2 Ave de la Victoire, Vesoul, Hte-Saone, France) and KARELLEN (Georges Gheorghiu, 161 Rue de Cernay, Reims, Marne, France). The latter is a serious zine featuring the work of pro French SF writers, but JEUNESSE POUR RIRE is a more fannish zine. Nelson says they need "cartoons and humorous Burbee type material (preferably in French)." Somehow that cracks me up. # Fabulous Seattle Fandom has been forced to give up on getting the one-volume version of John Berry's THE GOON GOES WEST out in time for the Pittcon: an acute shortage of time and ready cash absolutely precludes any possibilities of such. "...it just wouldn't work unless I quit my job or something," says F. M. Busby. However, the book version definitely will be ready for distribution shortly after the con; write to F.M.&E. Busby, 2852 - 14th Ave. W., Seattle 99, Washington.

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RON ELLIK'S ADDRESS is effective as of 10 September, but if you want
to write to him now you'd better use that address anyhow; he'll be
enroute to the Pittcon and back for the next couple of weeks. And yes,
that is Barrington Hall where he'll be staying again--he's even think-
ing of taking over THE BARRINGTON BULL again. # Some of our subbers
aren't keeping us up-to-date on their changes-of-address; we're get-
ting FANAC's back from Cato Lindberg, Otto Pfeifer, Dan Adkins, and
Nick Falasca. Anybody have new addresses for them? A contributor's
copy of our last SAPSzine came back from Bill Rotsler's 1131½ No.
Genessee address, too; has he moved?

BACKPAGE SCRAMBLE: The Boise Westercon passed on a contribution of
\$34.00 from the auction there to help Eric Bentcliffe make it out here
to the Coast. Bob Madle says, "We are dispensing with the so-called
'rule' which says the winner will get only his fare, or 90% of the
total, whichever is the lesser, and giving Eric everything we have on
hand." Good for you, bighod! # NOTA BENE: Pittcon attendees who
plan to check into the hotel before registering should change their
minds; the hotel is offering a lower room-rate to Pittcon members, and
they'd appreciate it if you'd register before checking into the hotel.
Most interesting oneshot lately has been THE FANNISH IN & OUT BOOK,
pubbed by Larry Stark & Bill Sarill. A very amusing type thing; 25¢
from Sarill, 58 Colorado St., Mattapan 26, Mass. # Most interesting
first-issue fmz lately was SI-FAN, from Jerry Page, 193 Battery Pl.,
N.E., Atlanta 7, Georgia. Looks like sort of a successor to the At-
lanta group's fine fanzine ASFO of a few years back; that mag's editor,
Jerry Burge, is co-editor of this one and contributes some fine art.

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