

NEW FANZINE ISSUED WITH HAND-SET TYPE

First Person Singular, a fanzine printed from hand-set type, is now ready for distribution at a dime for the introductory copy.

Contents of the mag, including editorial comments, are written in the first person. Emphasis is on science-fiction, with other phases of fantasy secondary.

A letter department will appear in the second issue, with subjects of a general fan-interest preferred.

Concerning FIRST PERSON SINGULAR

Perhaps the most important period in the development of a fanzine is the time used by the would-be editor in mulling over his plans and deciding how he can best approach his ideal. In 1942 I became interested in putting out a fanzine, but a hectoed or mimeoed publication didn't appeal to me, as I had been working in the printing trade for some time. Though pay was good for the trade as a group, I was connected with a shop where the lucre wasn't so good. That's why it took five years before I could buy my press, and why "FPS" is only now being offered to fen.

Type was set and run off a page at a time, and the type redistributed during week-day nights after work. My other pastimes, including magic, code and cipher making and breaking, reading and writing, were almost forgotten. The hours spent setting "FPS" might appear as solitary as my other hobbies; however, with contact with a few fen for stimulation, and Len Moffatt in particular to aid me by mail or personal visits, the mag seems more of a meeting of friends than a solitary vigil.

That's why I wish to put out more issues of my mag, though it will mean tired fingers and eyes, and evenings alone at home. That's why I'd like to get material from all the better writers, whether they be as well-known as a F. Towner Laney or as unknown as a Yelnats Tubomfz. Articles with wit and substance, or reviews of deep critical insight would, of course, suit me fine. I'd like to build up a regular group of departments, with the authors emphasizing the detail of fantasy they like best (perhaps collecting, or writing on personalities, or anything fen enjoy). If you would like to write for "FPS" send items to me at 12832 S. West St., Garden Grove, Calif.

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