

BLOOMINGTON NEWS LETTER

#1 - Dec 15 1945 - Tucker, Box 260, Bloomington, Ill. - Exchange only

- 1) Books: Sam Moskowitz plans book publication of History of Fandom after it finishes serialization in Searles' Fantasy Commentator. Will Sykora printing the Krueger-Hadley-Grant books; sample page displays professional quality and workmanship. Spencer and pal plan books for NFFF after their release from army. Rent and read (but don't buy) "Methinks The Lady..." by Guy Endore. He also wrote "Werewolf of Paris." Title sentence, if completed, would read: "Methinks the lady is nuts." She is. Jekyll and Hyde stuff with feminine angle, with much sex, comedy, and debunking psychoanalysts.
- 2) Fanzines: Wheeler's fifth Rosebud in work. Tarr and Tanner have fanzine in work. Bloomington News Letter will publish erratically, go to exchange fanzine editors, and whoever else requests it. News paragraphs will be numbered consecutively, making it easier to refer back to them in times to come, if any. Rusty Barron will do preliminary work on NFFF anthology of Chas Hornig's Fantasy Fan. Robinson and Tucker will publish (this winter) belated 1942 Yearbook of Science, Fantasy & Weird Fiction, not waiting for Molasses Unger to get around to it. Price two-bits, free to faneditors who exchange. Liebscher and Tucker to publish (this winter) index to 1943-44-45 fantasy and etc books. Tucker to issue another fanzine index.
- 3) Travel: (beg poddin, Speer.) Sgt Phil Schuman, former fan and editor back in States after Alaskan war. To be stationed with WAC wife at Chanute Field, Ill, come Xmas. Art Sehnert of Memphis to be at Champaign, Ill, only a few miles from him, at the same time. Lt Dorothy Les Tina, recent spouse of Fred Pohl, will be home from the wars in time to spend Xmas with parents in Florida. Marijane Nuttal vacationing in Nogales, Arizona. Pfc Jack Riggs returned to Camp Edwards, Mass, after airplane-hitchhike-furlough home. Mari Wheeler to be home for Xmas furlough. Niel DeJack, Chicago fan, is reported homeward bound from Hawaiian Island. Navyman Robinson to be shipping out (of Chicago) after first of year. Blakney in Tokio.
- 4) Fan Mirror: NFFF election, closing Dec 10, will reveal startling results in some offices. Early tabulations show plenty of also-rans with few votes each, including 'famous' pro editor and assistant. NFFF Bored of Directors unanimously refuse money to Daugherty for his census project. Tucker (that's me, folks) has quit the theatre job after 13 years, is now writing publicity and editing house organ for local advertising agency. Local wits wonder how soon they'll catch onto him. Liebscher lands advertising agency job in Los Angeles, ghostwriting, copywriting, and etc. (Will Bob Bloch quit his advertising job in disgust?) Chicago fans mulling clubroom. Sgt Dick Wilson, former NYC futurian, returning to University of Chicago from Phillipine Island, further study in mind. Professional critics are almost unanimously condemning Wollheim's Novels of Science anthology.

We'll take up with number five next time, unless an atom splits.