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ERIC JONES DEAD

Eric Jones, who entered fandom in the late 1930's, died January 8th, 1967. He was a Founding Member of the Order of Saint Fantasy, as well as the Coteswald Tape Recording Society. His interests covered fanzine publishing, films, clubs, and organizing science fiction clubs and conventions. He was also interested in hi-fi and British Archeology. He had entered the hospital in July and felt ill ever since, becoming increasingly so until his death on January 8th. He is survived by a wife, Margaret. Fandom will remember this fan who has done so much to help make fandom an integral part of so many peoples' lives.

63 Attend Balticonference: The 1st annual Balticonference was held February 10th and 11th at the Emerson Hotel in Baltimore. Registration was placed at 63, only 4 of whom were from New York. The New Yorkers attending were Andy Porter, Frank Dietz, Judy Sephton and Jim Sanders. Other attendees included Erwin Strauss of Boston, and Jack Chalker, Ron Bounds, Joe and Gay Haldeman, Jack and Alice Haldeman, George Heap and Sharon East of Rochester, NY, Frank Prieto, and Roger and Judy Zelazny. A party Friday night was attended by about 35 people, with about 30 people present at the program Saturday afternoon. The two panels were a fan panel with Jim Sanders, Frank Prieto, Banks Ebbane, and Joe Haldeman. The Pro Panel consisted of myself, Roger Zelazny, Mark Owings, Bill Osten, and Jack Chalker as Moderator.

A dinner was held in the Hawaiian Room that evening, followed by a party with nearly everyone attending. Afterwards I went on a tour of The Block with Ron Bounds, and sampled the delights and perils of that exuberant section.

A note about the hotel: I'm very glad that Baltimore didn't win the worldcon, because the Emerson is not capable of handling a convention larger than about 500 people. Above 500 the ballroom must get uncomfortably crowded, and the hotel is located in a very poor position in relation to other, inexpensive hotels. The nearest good hotel is the Lord Baltimore, a hotel which could handle a large Worldcon but with room rates comparable to the Waldorf-Astoria or the Plaza hotel in New York; in other words, singles starting at \$12 or so and up... Next year it would be well if the Balticonference were held at a Holiday Inn or some other small hotel-motel.

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Correction: Calvin and Wilma Demmon will not live in San Francisco; they will live at Calvin's home in Los Angeles. For details of the marriage, see page 2.

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Rising Costs Dept: Several issues back I reported that the subscription costs will be going up due to the need of a mechanical addressing system; After more investigation, I've discovered that it will be cheaper to buy one rather than using the one in Dave Van Arnam's office. Therefore subscription rates will stay the same, and won't go up, and the ad in the NYCon PR will cite the same rates as now.

Steve Stiles for TAFF!!!

Calvin Demmon Gets Married Dept.: The wedding took place at 2:30, February 4th, in an old Victorian house in San Francisco. The Reverend Richard Ellington performed a short, simple, dignified ceremony. Over 100 people were in attendance, including Bill Donaho, Dick, Pat & Marie Ellington, Jerry, Miriam & Jennifer Knight, Poul & Karen Anderson, Bob & Margo Lichtman, Ray Nelson, Lou & Cynthia Goldstone, Sid & Alva Rogers, Ed & Jesse Clinton, Avram Davidson, and Grania Davidson. After the ceremony, wedding cake and punch were served, and the crowd wished Calvin and Wilma all happiness and soon drifted away. ((thanx, Bill Donaho!))

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Tricon Refuses To Pass On Money: In a letter to Ted White, Ben Jason said he had decided that the NYCon was doing very well and thus he was not going to pass on any money to the NYCon. He also said he would not be making any financial statements of any kind, and that NYCon should not expect him to send any on.

In a separate development, Terry Carr, US Administrator of the Transatlantic Fan Fund, or TAFF, noted that he had sent several letters to Ben Jason asking about money for TAFF, but had received no answer. At the moment, TAFF has only \$212 in it's treasury, and unless it receives money from other sources than voting for TAFF delegate, will find it very hard or impossible to send the winner to England. It may be noted that TriCon, with an attendance of 850 was one of the largest s-f conventions held, withover \$1,000 worth of artwork being sold at the Art Show alone. (The Project Art show is separate from the TriCon, but the figure is meant to show that considerable sums of money were taken in by selling artwork and other things at the convention.) It is also noted that Ben Jason is getting married this spring; there is considerable speculation going around that the happy couple will have a nice nest-egg.

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Syracuse University to Collect S-F: In a press release dated Feb 12th, Dick Wilson, Syracuse University News Director nates that S.U. is embarked on a major project to collect anything and everything dealing with s-f, from manuscripts and correspondence to magazines, hardcover and paperback s-f, and even lowly fanzines! S.U. is making an attempt to collect all sf magazines going back to Vol. 1, No. 1 of Amazing. Damon Knight is contributing the archives of SFWA (a scholar of the future will surely find of interest Bob Silverberg's speculations on where to hold the SFWA Banquet); others include Fred Pohl, Robert Guinn for Galaxy Publishing, Dave Kyle for Gnome, Joe Ferman for Mercury Publications, AA Wyn for Ace Books, Forry Ackerman for everything, Ted Carnell donating a morocco-bound collection of New Worlds & Science Fantasy, as well as papers of Demon Knight, Don Wollheim, Harlan Ellison (a color photo of a bag of jelly beans), Will Jenkins, Clifford Simak, James Blish, Bob Silverberg (18 kittens), Keith Laumer, Roger Zelazny (8 cases of empty bheer bottles), and Joe Trufan (a complete file of his award-winning fanzine, Crud-News Quarterly).

If you have any cruddy fanzines that Bruce Pelz refused to buy from you (or if you have terminal cancer and your mother will pay the freight charges just to get the stuff out of the house), send your unwanted or uninheritable fanzines, prozines, hard-bound and paperback s-f (even carbons of your love-letters to Katya Hulan) to Howard L. Applegate, Administrator of Manuscripts, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY, 13210. I'm sure Dr. Applegate will be overjoyed to find himself the recipient of your complete collection of Spicy Spaceship Stories. Or maybe not.

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Miscellaneous News Dept.: George Pal will film Frank M. Robinson's The Power. Micheal Avallone has a new "Man From..." book, entitled The Man From Avon Books. Guess who the publisher is... The Hobbit and the other Ring Books had the highest sales of any paperback in the United States during 1966.

To join the NYCon 3, the 25th World Science Fiction Convention, send \$3 to Andrew Porter, 25th World SF Convention, P.O. Box 367, Gracie Sq. Sta., NY, NY, 10028.