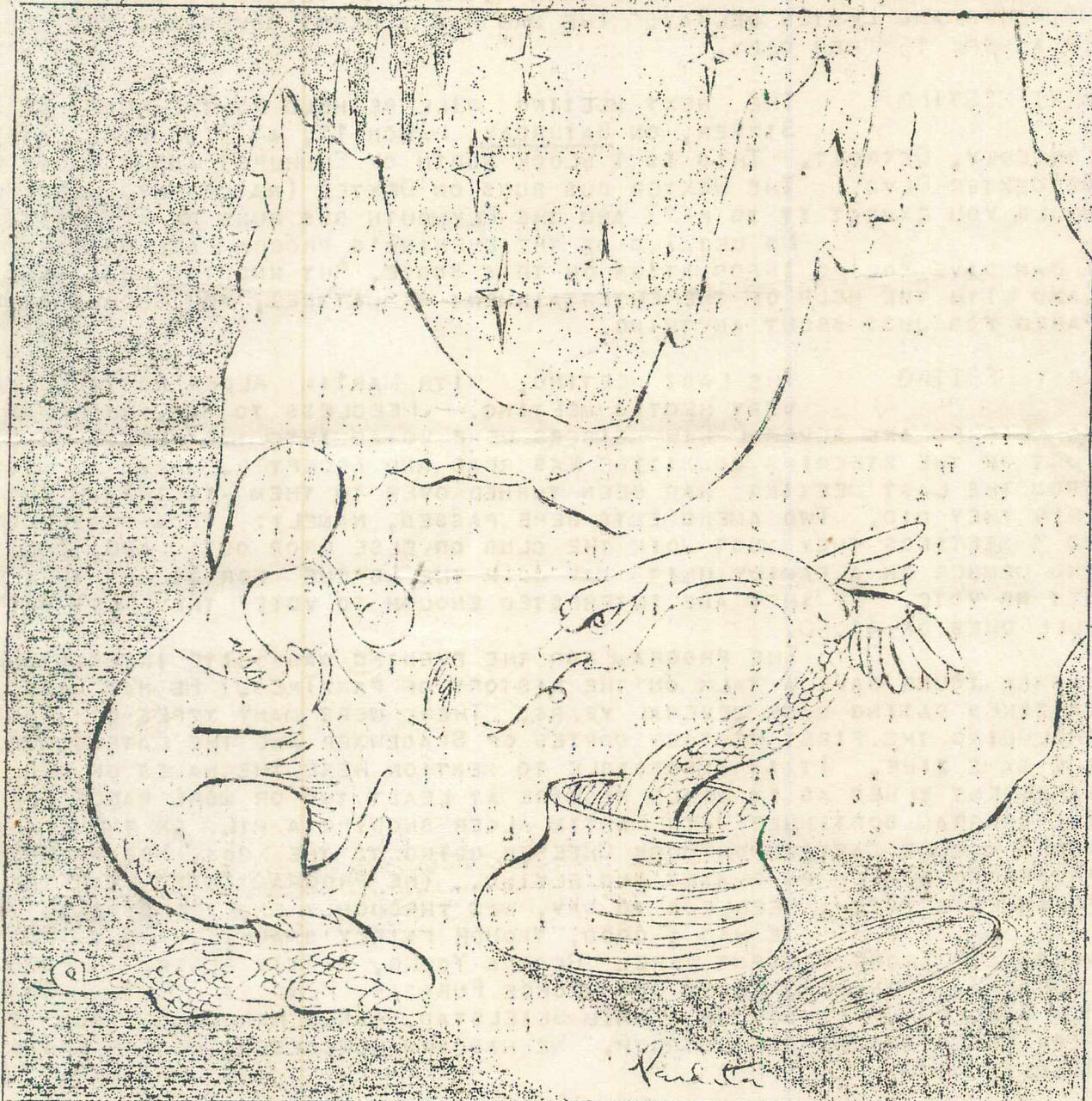


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FLASH FUTURE FICTION COMBINED WITH SCIENCE FICTION STORIES IS BACK ON THE STANDS AGAIN. WITHOUT ANY FANFARE OR ANNOUNCEMENTS IT HAS AGAIN TAKEN ITS PLACE AMONG THE MAGAZINES WE ALL ENJOY READING. THESE MAGAZINES FIRST SAW THE LIGHT OF DAY AS SEPARATE MAGAZINES, SFS COMING OUT IN MARCH OF '39 AND FF IN NOVEMBER OF THE SAME YEAR. THE TWO MAGAZINES WERE MERGED IN APRIL, 1943 AND DISCONTINUED ALTOGETHER IN JULY OF THE SAME YEAR. THE LAST MAGAZINE CAME OUT AS VOL. 3 - NO. 5 BUT THE NEW ONE IS NUMBERED AS VOL. 1 - NO. 1. FOR THE FIRST ISSUE THEY HAVE SUCH AUTHORS AS GEORGE O. SMITH, MURRAY LEINSTER AND LESTER DELRAY. THE MAG HAS A BERGY COVER AND THE PRICE IS A MERE 15¢ PER COPY.

NEXT MEETING THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE HOME OF BEN SINGER, ON SATURDAY, MARCH 11, AT 7:30 P.M., AT 3242 MONTEREY, DETROIT. THIS IS 1 BLOCK NORTH OF ELMHURST AND 1 BLOCK EAST OF DEXTER BLVD. THE DEXTER BUS RUNS ON DEXTER (NATURALLY, WHERE ELSE WOULD YOU EXPECT IT TO BE?) AND THE PLYMOUTH BUS RUNS ON ELMHURST. NO DETAILS OF THE EVENING'S PROGRAM ARE ON HAND, SO I CAN GIVE YOU NO INFORMATION ON THIS SCORE. BUT KNOWING OUR BENNY BOY (AND WITH THE HELP OF THE ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE), YOU SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR JUST ABOUT ANYTHING.

LAST MEETING THE LAST MEETING, WITH MARTIN ALGER HOSTING, WAS A VERY HECTIC MEETING. NEEDLESS TO SAY, MUCH WAS ACCOMPLISHED AND SEVERAL NEW MEMBERS WERE VOTED INTO THE CLUB. THE REPORT OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE WAS READ AND ACCEPTED. SEVERAL MATTERS FROM THE LAST MEETING HAD BEEN TURNED OVER TO THEM TO THRASH OUT AND THIS THEY DID. TWO AMENDMENTS WERE PASSED, NAMELY: IF A PERSON COMES TO 3 MEETINGS THEY MUST JOIN THE CLUB OR ELSE DROP OUT; AND, THE SECOND MEMBER IN A FAMILY UNIT MAY JOIN THE LEAGUE FOR \$1 BUT THEY WILL GET NO VOTE, IF THEY ARE INTERESTED ENOUGH TO VOTE THEY MUST PAY THE FULL DUES OF \$1.50.

THE PROGRAM FOR THE EVENING WAS QUITE INTERESTING... GEORGE YOUNG GAVE A TALK ON THE HISTORY OF FANZINES. HE HAD MANY OLD FANZINES DATING BACK SEVERAL YEARS. THERE WERE MANY TYPES OF FORMAT, INCLUDING THE FIRST HECTOED COPIES OF SPACEWARP AND THE LATEST COPY OF THE SAME ZINE. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO MENTION HERE THE NAMES OF ALL THE DIFFERENT ZINES AS IT WOULD REQUIRE AT LEAST TWO OR MORE PAGES FOR ALL. THE PROGRAM CONTINUED WITH MARTIN ALGER SHOWING A FILM ON THE A-BOMB AND A COMEDY CARTOON ON BUCK CHEESER GOING TO THE MOON. NORMAN KOSSUTH PRESENTED A FILM ON PLANES AND FLYING. THE PROGRAM ENDED WITH THE REFRESHMENTS WHICH, NEEDLESS TO SAY, WAS THOROUGHLY ENJOYED BY ALL.

WE HAD A GOOD, THOUGH FAIRLY SMALL, TURNOUT FOR THE MEETING. THOSE PRESENT WERE: GEORGE YOUNG, MARTIN ALGER, FRED AND BEULAH ST. ARNAULT, EDITH AND GEORGE FURCSIK, PERDITA LILLY, ED KUSS, BEN SINGER, JERRY GORDON, ARNIM SEIELSTAD, AGNES HAROOK, CLAYTON WEAVER, DICK EVANS AND NORMAN KOSSUTH. WE HAD TWO NEWCOMERS, JOSEPH KRAIG AND BENNETT SIMS.

FANNITIONS DSFL: THE DETROIT SCIENCE FANTASY LEAGUE
 MSFS: THE MICHIGAN SCIENCE FANTASY SOCIETY (PASSE)

ACTIFAN: THE CAREER FAN, THE "FAN OF FANDOM", WHO CORRESPONDS, COLLECTS, PUBLISHES, ORGANIZES, ENTHUSES, FAIRLY OOZES AN AURA OF FANTASY. EXAMPLE: ART RAPP.

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WE ARE HAVING A PARTY

IN HONOR OF

OUR PATROL SAINT

ST. MIMI O'GRAFF

ON

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 1950

FROM 8 P.M. TILL THE PARTY'S OVER

AT

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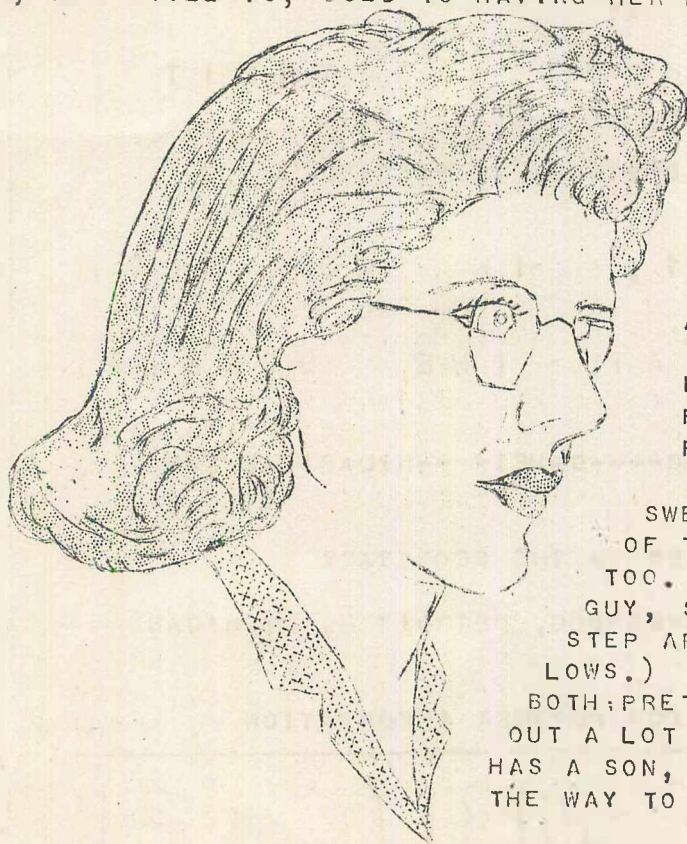
OUR GOOD FRIEND AND VICE-PRESIDENT, ONE FRED ST. ARNAULT, IS A TALL, HANDSOME, GOOD-NATURED FELLOW. (SORRY WE HAVE NO PICTURE TO RUN OF HIM AS NONE WAS RECEIVED IN TIME.) SO YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT HIM. WELL, THEN, LET'S START FROM THE BEGINNING.

ONE GOOD FRIDAY MORNING IN 1921 A 'SAINT' WITH AN EXTREMELY FAINT HALO SQUALLED HIS DEFIANCE AT THE WORLD. IT WAS UNUSUALLY WARM FOR MARCH WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE BEEN AN OMEN THAT THE 'SAINT' APPELLATION WAS MISAPPLIED. AFTER A FEW DAYS THE HALO HAD DISAPPEARED AND WAS REPLACED BY ALMOST IMPERCEPTIBLE SWELLINGS, ONE ON EACH SIDE OF HIS FOREHEAD.

HIS FIRST TEN YEARS WERE SPENT THINKING OF VARIOUS WAYS TO FURTHER BELIEVE THE HANDLE AND AFTER INNUMERABLE SPANKINGS DISCOVERED THAT SUBTLETY WOULD ALLEVIATE THE PERSISTANT SENSITIVENESS OF HIS POSTERIOR. THEN HE DISCOVERED SCIENTIFICTION. FROM THEN ON, HIS PARENTS WERE NOT SURE WHAT THEY HAD BROUGHT INTO THE WORLD. EVERYWHERE THEY TURNED, THEY WERE CONFRONTED BY THE GARISH COVERS DEPICTING THE SCORPION MEN OF ARCTURUS, THE JELLYFISH-LIKE HORRORS FROM ALDEBERON OR AT BEST ONE OF THE LESSER MONSTROSITIES WHICH INHABIT (CONTINUED ON BACK PAGE)

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EDITH FURCSIK, WHOM YOU SEE LOOKING OUT AT YOU WITH ALL HER EYES, IS OUR EVER-SMILING, HARD-WORKING SECRETARY-TREASURER. SHE STARTED READING SCIENCE FICTION IN SELF-DEFENCE SEVERAL YEARS AGO AS SHE HAD A HUSBAND AND TWO BROTHERS WHO ALWAYS READ THE STUFF. SHE WAS DRAGGED INTO ACTIVE FANDOM BY HER BROTHER, THE ONE AND ONLY HAL SHAPIRO. SHE WAS, AND STILL IS, USED TO HAVING HER HOME INVADED BY ALL SORTS



OF CHARACTERS AND BEINGS AND FOR ALL SORTS OF REASONS. SO SHE JUST DECIDED THAT SHE MIGHT JUST AS WELL BE ONE OF THEM INSTEAD OF ENDURING THEM ABOUT HER.

SHE HAS DONE SOME PROFESSIONAL WRITING BUT NOTHING, AS YET, IN THE SCIENTIFICTIONAL LINE. SHE OPERATES A SECRETARIAL AND PUBLISHING SERVICE FROM HER HOME, AND, CONSEQUENTLY, PUBLISHES OUR STEFAN BULLETIN FOR US.

SHE IS MARRIED TO A PRETTY SWELL FELLOW WHO IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE LEAGUE, A VERY ACTIVE MEMBER TOO. (HE'S A VERY STRONG, MUSCULAR GUY, SO YOU HAD BETTER WATCH YOUR STEP AROUND HER WHEN HE'S AROUND, FELLOWS.) (ALL KIDDING ASIDE, THEY'RE BOTH PRETTY NICE PEOPLE AND BOTH TURN OUT A LOT OF WORK FOR THE LEAGUE.) SHE HAS A SON, HUMAN, WE THINK, WHO IS WELL ON THE WAY TO BECOMING A STEFAN, ALSO.

MORE FANOGRAPHIES NEXT ISSUE

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| 4. NORMAN KOSSUTH | 8. BENNETT SIMS |

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SUBSCRIPTIONS MOST OF YOU HAVE ENJOYED READING OUR BULLETIN, (I HOPE) AND THOUGH WE WISH TO HAVE YOU CONTINUE READING IT, WE FIND THAT WE CANNOT KEEP ON SENDING IT OUT TO NON-MEMBERS. THAT IS, WE CANNOT SEND IT OUT FREE ANY LONGER. WE ARE ASKING ONLY A NOMINAL FEE TO COVER THE COST OF PAPER AND POSTAGE FOR THE BULLETIN. IT WILL BE 6 ISSUES FOR 25¢ AND NFFF MEMBERS MAY GET 7 ISSUES FOR 25¢. SO, SEND IN YOUR SUBS FOR THE BULLETIN. IT IS GUARANTEED TO GROW BIGGER SOON AND TO INCLUDE MORE MATERIAL OF GENERAL INTEREST.

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AS USUAL WE HAVE RUN OUT OF ROOM BEFORE WE HAVE RUN OUT OF MATERIAL TO USE. NEXT ISSUE WE PLAN TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE MORE ADDITIONAL SHEET WHICH WILL GIVE US TWO MORE PAGES TO FILL WITH STUFF. WE HAVE SOME ART WORK AND STORIES ON HAND BUT COULD USE MORE BUT HAVE NO POETRY AT PRESENT. WE WOULD LIKE MORE MATERIAL (ESPECIALLY FROM OUR MEMBERS) SO THAT WE CAN PLAN OUR BULLETINS AHEAD OF TIME AND NOT HAVE A WILD SCRAMBLE WHEN IT IS TIME TO GET AN ISSUE OUT. IT ALWAYS SEEMS THAT IT IS PRACTICALLY NEXT MEETING TIME BEFORE THE BULLETIN IS IN THE MAIL, NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRY THOUGH, I ALWAYS PLAN TO HAVE IT OUT AT LEAST A WEEK AHEAD OF TIME.

FANOGRAPHY

(CONT.) SATURN'S MOON. INSTEAD OF CALLING IN A PSYCHIATRIST, HIS FATHER THREW THE "DAMNED THING" OUT OF THE HOUSE. UNDAUNTED, HE SOON DISCOVERED THAT HE COULD REMOVE THE COVERS, SUBSTITUTE MORE BENIGN ART WORK FROM MAGAZINES ON THE APPROVED LIST. THIS WORKED, BUT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO BUILD UP A COLLECTION.

SERENITY REIGNED FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS (OR AT LEAST RELATIVE SERENITY). THESE WERE SPENT AVOIDING THE USUAL PITFALLS, GAINING AN EDUCATION, AND EXTRICATING HIMSELF FROM PITS INTO WHICH HE HAD FALLEN. EVERY YEAR THE PITS GOT DEEPER AND HARDER TO GET OUT OF AND BY 1942 HE GOT MARRIED TO A CUTE LITTLE GIRL BY THE NAME OF BEULAH. (SORRY GIRLS) FROM THEN ON THE PACE WAS FAST AND FURIOUS. UNCLE SAM WHISKED HIM INTO THE ARMY, POUNDED HIM INTO A REASONABLE FACSIMILE OF A SOLDIER (A 2ND LOUIE AT THAT), TAUGHT HIM HOW TO OPERATE THE NORDEN BOMBSIGHT AND AS AN AFTERTHOUGHT PLUNKED HIM INTO THE MIDDLE OF INDIA'S THICKEST, HOTTEST JUNGLE WHERE HE HAD TO FORGET ALL ABOUT DROPPING BOMBS AND LEARN TO NAVIGATE CONVERTED B-24'S OVER THE HIMALAYA MOUNTAINS. AFTER NINE MONTHS OF THIS UNAPPRECIATED PATRIOTISM, HE RETURNED TO THE STATES.

SAFELY DISCHARGED, HE REJOINED THE RESEARCH LABORATORY STAFF WHERE HE HAD WORKED FOR A FEW YEARS BEFORE THE WAR. IN DUE TIME HE WAS PRESENTED WITH TWIN DAUGHTERS. (THESE ARE NOW CARRYING ON THE FAMILY TRADITION BY FIENDISHLY LITTERING THE FLOOR WITH A THREE YEARS ACCUMULATION OF TOYS MOSTLY DISSECTED UNTIL THEY ARE HARDLY RECOGNIZABLE.) EARLY IN 1947 HE LEFT THE LABORATORY TO JOIN THE SALES ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT OF THE COMPANY AND WAS TRANSFERRED TO DETROIT.

ONE DAY HE WANDERED INTO RALPH FLUETTE'S BOOK STORE IN SAGINAW AND WAS TOLD ABOUT THE MISFITS. HE JOINED AND EVER SINCE---WELL, THE PSYCHIATRIST TELLS HIM THAT THE SCORPION MEN OF ARCTURUS AND THE JELLYFISH HORRORS OF ALDEBERON WERE TOO MUCH FOR THE IMPRESSIONABLE MIND OF A YOUNGSTER AND THAT HE'LL NEVER BE THE SAME. PERHAPS SHOCK THERAPY WOULD WORK BUT ON THE OTHER HAND IT MIGHT HAVE THE REVERSE EFFECT AND PLUNGE HIM INTO A NIGHTMARE WORLD OF NO ESCAPE.

OH, OH! POSTMAN! DON'T READ THIS,
FOR ONLY TO FEN IS IT HEAVENLY BLISS;
IT'LL DRIVE YOU DAFFY TO TRY TO UNDERSTAN'
THE LITERATURE COMPOSED BY A BUNCH OF STFAN.

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