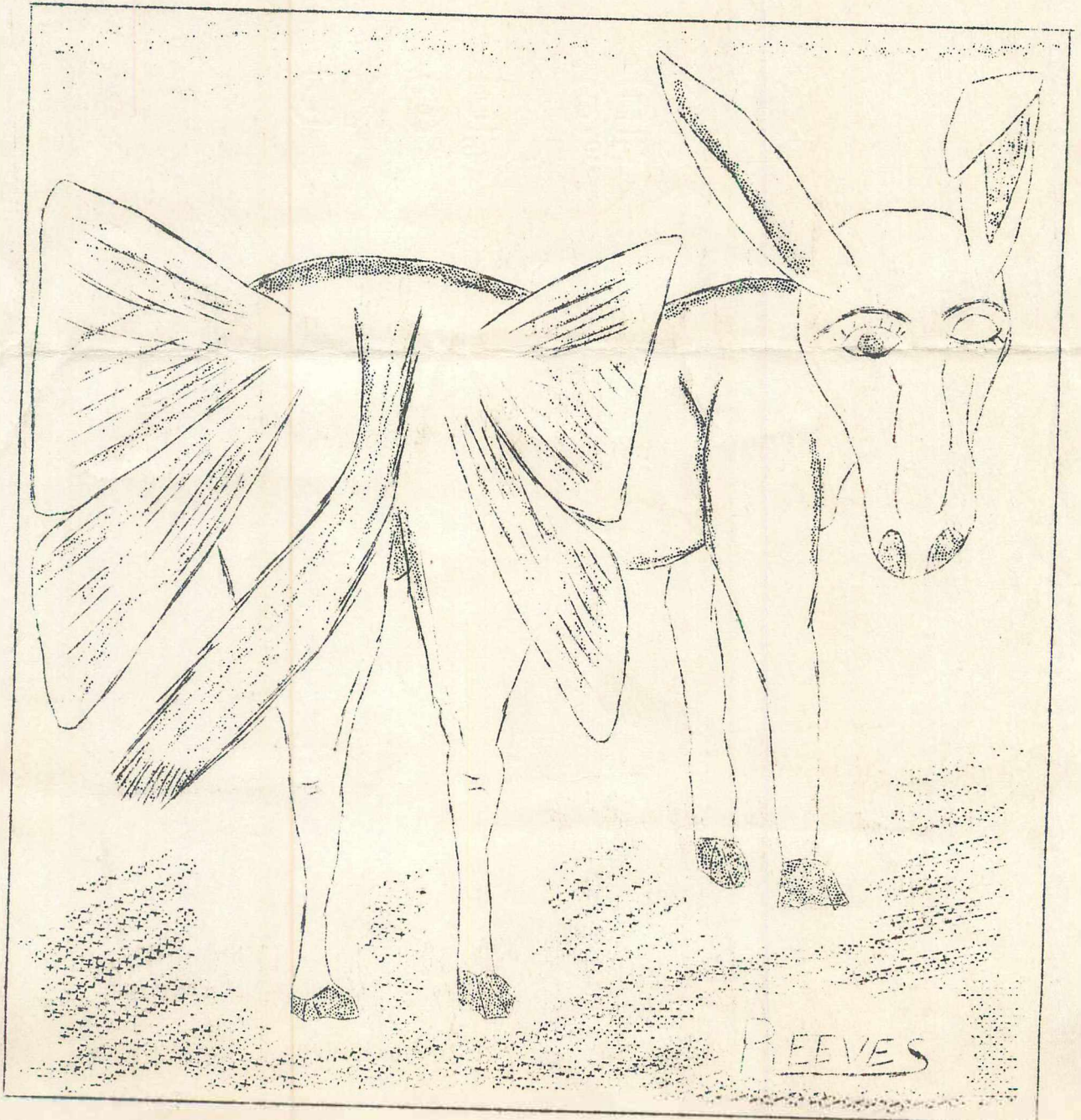


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OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE A PARTY IN HONOR OF THE PATRON SAINT OF ALL FAN CLUBS, ST. MIMI O'GRAFF. THE PARTY WILL BE HELD AT 5037 MAPLEWOOD, DETROIT. IF IT IS AT ALL POSSIBLE, WE WOULD PREFER TO HAVE YOU COME IN COSTUME, BUT IF NO COSTUME IS AVAILABLE OR CONCEIVABLE, THEN COME ANY WAY YOU WISH, JUST SO LONG AS YOU COME TO THE PARTY. THE ADMISSION CHARGE IS ONLY \$1 PER PERSON PROVIDED YOU SEND IN YOUR MONEY AHEAD OF TIME, OR \$1.50 PAYABLE AT THE DOOR. THE ADMISSION CHARGE IS MADE ONLY TO COVER THE COST OF THE EATS AND THE DRINKS THAT WE EXPECT YOU WILL BE CONSUMING. BRING YOUR GIRL FRIENDS AND BOY FRIENDS, YOUR HUSBAND AND WIVES, YOUR----- (OH, WELL, YOU FILL IT IN, YOURSELF)... THE GENERAL IDEA IS THAT ALL FEN AND THEIR FRIENDS ARE WELCOME.

OH! OH, IT LOOKS LIKE I FORGOT TO GIVE YOU THE DATE. THE PARTY WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, APRIL 1ST. IT IS SUPPOSED TO START AT ABOUT 8 P.M. AND LAST UNTIL YOU'RE READY TO GO HOME. BESIDES REFRESHMENTS, WE PLAN ON HAVING GAMES, DANCING AND ANY OTHER KIND OF FUN THAT YOU OR I OR ANY OF US CAN THINK OF HAVING.

MAIL YOUR MONEY FOR THE PARTY TO THE SECRETARY,, EDITH FURCSIK, 5037 MAPLEWOOD, DETROIT 4, MICH. IF YOU NEED ANY OTHER BITS OF INFORMATION YOU COULD CALL HER AT TY. 7-6132.

NEXT MEETING

THE NEXT OFFICIAL MEETING AFTER THE PARTY WILL BE HELD AT THE HOME OF MARILYN ROSS, AT 2943 PASADENA, DETROIT. THIS IS THREE BLOCKS NORTH OF DAVISON AND ABOUT 1½ BLOCKS EAST OF DEXTER OR WEST OF LINWOOD. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO MUST DEPEND, ON THE DSR FOR TRANSPORTATION THERE IS PLENTY OF THE SAME. THE DEXTER BUS ON DEXTER, THE LINWOOD BUS ON LINWOOD, THE FOURTEENTH BUS THAT TAKES YOU TO LINWOOD AND OAKMAN BLVD AND THE OAKMAN BUS THAT RUNS ON DAVISON. IF YOU STILL MANAGE TO GET LOST THEN TRY CALLING MARILYN AT TO. 7-2886. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, APRIL 15, AT 8 P.M.

LAST MEETING

THE LAST MEETING WAS HELD AT THE HOME OF BEN SINGER, OUR THEATER OWNER AND MANAGER. THERE WAS A SHORT BUSINESS SESSION DURING WHICH WYNNE CLACK, HAROLD OATLY, STANLEY CZAPLA AND BENNETT SIMS WERE VOTED IN AS NEW MEMBERS. FRED ST. ARNAULT WAS APPOINTED THE HEAD OF THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE.

THE ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM WAS CUT RATHER SHORT FOR WHILE WE HAD THE FILMS ON HAND, THE PROJECTOR FOR SHOWING THEM HAD BEEN FORGOTTEN. ED KUSS SHOWED SOME LOVELY COLOR SLIDES INCLUDING SCENIC AND ART SLIDES. THERE WERE ALSO SOME OF ED HIMSELF, HIS DOG AND SOME SCENES FROM "THINGS TO COME."

BECAUSE OF EXTREMELY BAD WEATHER AND ILLNESS, MANY OF OUR MEMBERS WERE UNABLE TO MAKE THIS MEETING. THOSE ATTENDING WERE: GEORGE YOUNG, EDITH AND GEORGE FURCSIK, MARTIN ALGER, FRED ST. ARNAULT ED KUSS, MARILYN ROSS, BEN SINGER, ANDRE WEITZENHOFFER, PERDITA LILLY, BEN SINGER, GERALD GORDON, AGNES HAROOK, JAMES DUNN, BENNETT SIMS, NORMAN KOSSUTH, ROSE BALANSOFF, WALTER SHAPIRO, PETER KOS, ROGER SIMS, AND HUBERT ROSSANO. THE WOLVERINE INSURGENTS ATTENDED THE MEETING COMING DOWN FROM SAGINAW IN EXTREMELY BAD WEATHER. THEY WERE ART RAPP, BILL GROOVER AND RALPH FLUTTE.

FANOGRAPHY

DUE TO THE LACK OF SPACE THIS ISSUE WE WERE FORCED TO OMIT THIS FEATURE. IT WILL BE BACK NEXT TIME (WE HOPE) AS THE EDITOR HAS ADDITIONAL SKETCHES WRITTEN AND PERDITA LILLY, THE YOUNG LADY WHO HAS BEEN DOING THE ILLUSTRATIONS, HAS MORE READY!

OPEN LETTER

TO MEMBERS OF THE DETROIT SCIENCE FANTASY LEAGUE
&
TO MEMBERS OF THE WOLVERINE INSURGENTS

SEVERAL MONTHS AGO THREE PEOPLE, ALL FROM SAGINAW-----ART RAPP, RALPH FLUETTE AND BILL GROOVER-----RESIGNED FROM THE MICHIGAN SCIENCE FANTASY SOCIETY BECAUSE, SO THEY SAID, THERE WERE TOO MANY "JUVENILE ACTING" MEMBERS IN THAT PARTICULAR ORGANIZATION. SINCE MOST OF THE REMAINING ACTIVE MEMBERS WERE IN DETROIT AND SINCE THERE ALREADY WAS A VERY ACTIVE FAN CLUB OPERATING IN DETROIT, THE DSFL, THE MSFS WAS DISSOLVED. AT THAT TIME THE SAGINAW FEN STATED THAT AT SUCH TIME AS THE DETROIT PEOPLE COULD SHOW THAT THEY WERE GROWN UP, THEY WOULD THEN CONSIDER REJOINING THE GROUP.

SOME TIME AFTER THIS, THESE SAME SAGINAW FEN ORGANIZED THEMSELVES INTO A GROUP THEY CALLED THE WOLVERINE INSURGENTS. EVEN THOUGH THEY SEEMED TO THINK THAT THE DETROIT GROUP WAS BENEATH THEIR NOTICE WE SEE THAT THEY ARE COMING DOWN TO A GOOD MANY OF OUR MEETINGS, REGARDLESS OF THE WEATHER.

AT THE LAST MEETING WHICH THEY ATTENDED, ON THE 11TH OF MARCH, THEY BROUGHT WITH THEM A PUBLICATION THAT THEY HAD WRITTEN AND PRINTED. TO SAY THE LEAST, THIS SAID PUBLICATION (TERM USED FOR WANT OF A BETTER WORD) CONTAINED MATERIAL THAT WAS UNTRUE, INDECENT AND LIBELOUS ABOUT PERSONS MOST OF WHOM THEY DIDN'T EVEN KNOW. APPARENTLY THEY HAD GOTTEN THEIR NAMES FROM THE CLUB PAPER "THE DETROIT SFAN" WHICH WE HAD BEEN SENDING THEM.

IT SEEMS INCREDULOUS TO US THAT A PERSON OF ART RAPP'S CALIBER COULD HAVE HAD A HAND IN SUCH MATTERS. ART RAPP, WHO MANY OF US HAVE RATED AS MICHIGAN'S NUMBER 1 FAN AND WHO HOLDS THE POSITION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE NFFF DIRECTORATE, HAS ALWAYS BEEN A STEADY-GOING, CLEAR-THINKING FELLOW HELPING FANDOM GROW. WE WHO HAVE CONSIDERED ART RAPP OUR FRIEND AND HAD THOUGHT HE WAS OURS ARE BEGINNING TO WONDER. THE ONLY THING THAT SEEMS POSSIBLE IS THAT HE MUST HAVE BEEN INFLUENCED BY UNSOUND ADVICE AND ACTIONS OF OTHER MEMBERS OF THE WOLVERINE INSURGENTS.

WE ARE THANKFUL THAT OUR CONSTITUTION IS SO WRITTEN THAT IT PROTECTS US AND ALLOWS US TIME TO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH THE PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS BEFORE THEY ARE ADMITTED TO THE LEAGUE AND TO ELIMINATE THOSE WHOSE CONDUCT IS DETRIMENTAL TO THE WELL BEING AND/OR THE NAME OF THE LEAGUE.

WE WOULD LIKE AN EXPLANATION FROM ART RAPP OF HIS PART IN THE JUVENILE ANTICS OF THE WOLVERINE INSURGENTS AS IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT HE KNOWINGLY AND WILLINGLY TOOK PART IN THEIR LAST ESCAPE. UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE INSURGENTS CAN SHOW US THAT THEY ARE BECOMING MATURE FEN AND ARE NO LONGER "JUVENILE JERKS" (THEIR OWN TERMINOLOGY IN REGARD TO THE MSFS) THEY WILL NOT BE WELCOME AT ANY OF OUR MEETINGS.

GEORGE YOUNG
PRESIDENT
EDITH FURCSIK
SECRETARY-TREASURER
ANDRE WEITZENHOFER
STEERING COMMITTEE
BEN SINGER
STEERING COMMITTEE

FRED ST. ARNAULT
VICE-PRESIDENT
GEORGE FURCSIK
CHAIRMAN, STEERING COMMITTEE
MARTIN ALGER
STEERING COMMITTEE
ED KUSS
STEERING COMMITTEE

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WE ARE HAVING A PARTY

IN HONOR OF

OUR PATRIOT SAINT

ST. MIMI O'GRAFF

ON

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 1950

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

AT

5037 MAPLEWOOD, DETROIT

PLEASE COME IN COSTUME, IF POSSIBLE

ADMISSION \$1, IN ADVANCE

OR \$1.50 AT THE DOOR

REFRESHMENTS---DANCING---GAMES---HILARICAL FUN

MAIL YOUR MONEY TO THE SECRETARY

EDITH FURCSIK, 5037 MAPLEWOOD, DETROIT 4, MICHIGAN

PHONE TY. 7-6132 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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AUTHOR DEAD

DEATH COMES TO BURROUGHS

HEART ATTACK FATAL TO TARZAN'S CREATOR

EDGAR RICE BURROUGHS, WHOSE OWN TWIST ON THE THEORY OF EVOLUTION--TARZAN--BROUGHT RICHES THAT DARWIN NEVER DREAMED OF IS DEAD.

BURROUGHS, AUTHOR, DIED MARCH 19, BUT THE APE-MAN HE CREATED WILL LIVE ON TO DELIGHT OTHER GENERATIONS OF YOUNGSTERS THE WORLD OVER.

FIFTEEN NOVELS WERE AWAITING PUBLICATION WHEN BURROUGHS, 74, DIED OF A HEART ATTACK IN BED. A MOVIE PRODUCER SAID HE HAD CONTRACTED TO MAKE 15 MORE TARZAN FILMS.

"TARZAN OF THE APES" BROUGHT BURROUGHS ONLY \$700. AFTER ITS PHENOMENTAL SUCCESS, HE RETAINED CONTROL OVER HIS LITERARY WORKS AND THE ROYALTIES REACHED FABULOUS PROPORTIONS. FROM MOVIE RIGHTS ALONE HE IS REPORTED TO HAVE REALIZED \$5,000,000.

ALMOST 40,000,000 TARZAN BOOKS HAVE BEEN SOLD. THE APE-MAN, PORTRAYED BY SUCH ACTORS AS JOHNNY WEISSMULLER, BUSTER CRABBE AND CURRENTLY LEX BARKER, HAS APPEARED IN 27 MOVIES.

SHORTLY AFTER THE SALE OF HIS FIRST BOOKS, BURROUGHS, BOUGHT AN ESTATE IN THE SUBURBS OF LOS ANGELES AND BUILT A HOME, "TARZANA," IN ITS CENTER. HE SUBDIVIDED THE PROPERTY AND THE CITY OF TARZANA GREW UP AROUND HIS HOME.

HE SOLD THE HOUSE AFTER HE AND THE FORMER EMMA HOLBERT, WHOME HE MARRIED IN 1900, WERE DIVORCED IN 1934. A YEAR LATER HE MARRIED FLORENCE DEARHOLDT. THAT MARRIAGE ENDED IN DIVORCE IN 1941. HE HAD THREE CHILDREN, JOAN, JOHN AND HOLBERT, BY HIS FIRST MARRIAGE.

BURROUGHS MOVED TO HONOLULU A FEW MONTHS BEFORE PEARL HARBOR AND WATCHED THE JAPANESE ATTACK. AS A WAR CORRESPONDENT DESPITE HIS AGE, HE TRAVELED FROM ISLAND TO ISLAND WITH THE ARMED FORCES FOR FOUR YEARS.

HE WAS 35 WHEN HE BEGAN WRITING. BEFORE THEN HE HAD BEEN A SALESMAN, CLERK, COWBOY, GOLD MINER AND RAILROAD GUARD. BURROUGHS NEVER REGARDED HIS WORKS AS MASTERPIECES. "IT HELPED ME ESCAPE BEING BROKE," HE SAID.

JUMP OVER MOON STARTS BULL MARKET

HUNDREDS SIGN UP FOR ROCKET TRIP

RESERVATIONS ROCKETED AT THE WORLD'S FIRST TRAVEL BUREAU FOR TRIPS TO THE MOON AND THE PLANETS.

THE FIRST ROCKET SHIP FOR UNIVERSE SIGHTSEERS WILL NOT LEAVE THE NEW YORK "SPACEPORT" IN CENTRAL PARK UNTIL MARCH 15, 1975.

THE TRAVEL BUREAU OPENED FOR BUSINESS ON MARCH 15TH OF THIS YEAR. MORE THAN 200 ATOMIC AGE PIONEERS PROMPTLY DEMANDED SEATS ON THE ROCKETSHIPS LUNARIAN, MARTIAN, SATURNIA AND SOLAR QUEEN.

BUT A FEW SEATS STILL ARE AVAILABLE FOR 25,000-MILE-PER-HOUR JAUNTS INTO SPACE RANGING FROM 10 HOURS TO 1,333 DAYS.

THE BUREAU WAS SET UP AS A STUNT BY THE HAYDEN PLANETARIUM AT THE AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY. MOST OF THE PROSPECTIVE UNIVERSE TROTTERS RESERVED THEIR SEATS BEFORE VIEWING THE PLANETARIUM'S PREVIEW OF FLIGHTS TO COME WHEN ROCKET SHIPS OPERATE ON A COMMERCIAL BASIS.

THE BUREAU'S ROUTE MAPS OF THE HEAVENS, PROMISING STOP-OVERS ON THE CRATERS OF THE MOON, MADE IT LOOK EASY-----SO EASY IN FACT, NEARLY EVERYBODY FORGOT TO ASK THE PRICE OR WHETHER THE TICKETS WOULD BE ROUND-TRIP OR ONE WAY.

EVEN THE POSSIBILITY THAT A HUMAN MIGHT EXPLODE ON THE MOON OR MELT ON MARS DID NOT SHAKE THEIR CONFIDENCE. PRACTICALLY NOBODY READ THE TIME TABLE FOOTNOTE WHICH READ AS FOLLOWS:

"CANNOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DELAYS EN-ROUTE CAUSED BY METEOR SHOWERS OR OTHER PHENOMENA."

ATOM AGES UP ELEMENT LIST TO 98

THE ATOM SMASHERS HAVE PRODUCED ANOTHER NEW ELEMENT. A STRANGE INVISIBLE SUBSTANCE WHICH SEEMS TO FIT DRAMATICALLY INTO THE JIGSAW PUZZLE OF CREATION.

THE NEWCOMER IS NO. 98 IN THE LIST OF KNOWN ELEMENTS WHICH MAKE UP THE UNIVERSE. IT DOES NOT NOW EXIST NATURALLY ON EARTH, BUT MAY HAVE FOR A FEW FLEETING MINUTES "IN THE BEGINNING," WHEN MATTER WAS FORMED.

THE DISCOVERY WAS REPORTED ON MARCH 17, 1950 BY A TEAM OF UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SCIENTISTS WORKING UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION. THEY ARE DR. STANLEY G. THOMPSON, DR. KENNETH STREET, JR., DR. ALBERT GHIORSO AND DR. GLENN T. SEABORG.

NO. 98 IS THE SIXTH ADDITION TO THE ROSTER OF ELEMENTAL SUBSTANCES SINCE THE DAWN OF THE ATOMIC AGE. BEFORE THAT, THERE WERE ONLY 92 KNOWN ELEMENTS AND NO. 92 WAS URANIUM. ALL THE NEW ONES HAVE COME FROM BUILDING UP URANIUM BY BOMBARDING IT WITH NUCLEAR PARTICLES.

NO. 93 WAS NEPTUNIUM, A SHORT-LIVED SUBSTANCE WHICH AUTOMATICALLY TURNED INTO ELEMENT NO. 94, PLUTONIUM, THE ATOM BOMB FUEL.

NO. 95, AMERICIUM, AND NO. 96, CURIUM, WERE NEXT. LAST JANUARY THE RESEARCH TEAM FOUND NO. 97 AND NAMED IT BERKELIUM AFTER THIS UNIVERSITY CITY.

THE RESEARCHERS SUGGESTED THAT ELEMENT NO. 98 BE NAMED CALIFORNIUM.

NO. 98 HAS NO FUTURE AS A SOURCE OF ATOMIC ENERGY, SAID A SPOKESMAN, BUT IT ADDS TO MAN'S UNDERSTANDING OF MATTER.

RADIO NEWS

AT LEAST TWO NETWORKS ARE CONSIDERING THE PROGRAMMING OF "SCIENCE FICTION," DRAMAS THAT HAVE A TRUE SCIENTIFIC BACKGROUND. NBC'S "SCIENCE FICTION THEATER" WILL CONCENTRATE ON SPACE SHIPS, OTHER PLANETS AND SUCH. ONLY THING YET TO BE DONE IS CHOICE OF TIME. THIS INFORMATION WAS GARNERED FROM THE "AIR GOSSIP" COLUMN OF THE DETROIT NEWS OF MARCH 9, 1950. AS SOON AS WE HAVE ANY FURTHER DETAILS ON THESE PROGRAMS, WE WILL PRINT IT HERE FOR THE BENEFIT OF YOU WHO MIGHT HAVE MISSED THE ANNOUNCEMENTS IN YOUR OWN NEWSPAPERS.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

MANY OF YOU HAVE BEEN RECEIVING AND READING OUR BULLETIN AND, WE HOPE, ENJOYING IT. THOUGH WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOU CONTINUE READING IT, WE FIND THAT WE CAN NO LONGER SEND IT FREE TO NON-MEMBERS. THEREFORE WE ARE ASKING A NOMINAL FEE ONLY TO COVER THE COST OF PAPER AND POSTAGE FOR THE BULLETIN. THE CHARGE IS 25¢ FOR 6 ISSUES. SO, SEND IN YOUR SUBS TO THE SECRETARY FOR THE DETROIT SFAN. IT IS GUARANTEED TO GROW BIGGER AND BETTER AND TO INCLUDE MORE MATERIAL OF GENERAL INTEREST TO ALL FEN.

FANNITIONS

FANVIEWS

BECAUSE OF THAT OLD BUGABOO, LACK OF SPACE, WE ARE FORCED TO OMIT THESE POPULAR COLUMNS THIS TIME. WE SINCERELY HOPE THAT BY THE NEXT ISSUE WE WILL HAVE MOST OF THE KINKS IRONED OUT AND SOME MORE SUBS IN TO HELP CARRY THE COST OF PUTTING OUT THE BULLETIN.

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