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OFFICERS OF FAPA:

President	((Elmer Perdue))
Vice-President	Francis T. Laney
Secretary-Treasurer	Forrest J Ackerman
Official Editor	Charles E. Burbee, Jr.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

is conspicuous by its absence. The dead-line of February 1 was set and announced last October. Perdue presumably read his mailing at that time. Perdue called Burbee on the phone last week, seemed surprised that there was a deadline, and was told by the Burb that he'd better get his message to me on time, because I wouldn't wait on him. He didn't and I'm not.

As a matter of fact, Perdue simply has not functioned thus far in his term. The other three officers have been operating the organization. The vice-president has perforce overlapped into presidential duties, since it has seemed far more important that the organization function than an incompetent officer be coddled and catered to. At the time of the Great Blitzkrieg Snafu (described in a bowdlerized fashion in HALF LENGTH ARTICLES and the last FAN-DANGO), Burbee and Laney agreed that it was a waste of time trying to work with a Perdue who could never be reached in time of need and who made a practise of standing people up with whom he had appointments.

To show what we mean, despite constant efforts on his part, it took Burbee over two months to get the FAPA surplus stock and other OE material from outgoing OE Perdue. This material included Dunkleberger's January 1947 mailing, and Summer 1947 mailings for Thompson and Ladd--all of which should presumably have been sent at the times the other mailings were.

No, we want no part of Elmer Perdue as an officer. If he cares to start functioning, we of course will cooperate with him to the fullest extent; otherwise we will continue to bypass him. His flagrant neglect of his duties as official editor played no little part in bringing FAPA to a virtual standstill; we refuse to permit him to hamper the organization further.

We thought seriously of circulating in this mailing a petition for his impeachment, but decided against it for a number of reasons, chief of which is the fact that the term is already half over and that we have been able to function well enough without him. As long as Perdue's fecklessness does not hamper the present administration, we are content to let him have the prestige of heading it.

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THE DEADLINE FOR MAGAZINES FOR THE NEXT MAILING IS MAY 7.  
"FORMS" FOR THE FANTASY AMATEUR CLOSE APRIL 30. No exceptions!

Send magazines to Burbee; FANTASY AMATEUR material to Laney.



VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

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Jack Speer, of the Puget Sound Speers, sends me the following to incorporate in my report this time:

The discussion published in Wild-Hair does not have the effect of an official vice-presidential decision, because there is no showing of compliance with the constitutional prerequisite of hearing opposing arguments. (I might add that I don't think Laney's interpretation is wrong.) The constitution says that the vice-president "gives interpretations of the constitution after two or more sides of a controversy over construction have been presented". Thus not merely a doubt but a dispute must exist, the theory being that ex parte decisions are less certain to be sound than those which follow the hearing of arguments both ways. This procedure should have the further advantage of defining more clearly all that the vice-president is required to decide, so that his "interpretation" won't ooze over into orders properly in the power of the president or another officer, as has been true of several past v-p decisions, including the purported one in Wild-Hair.

It might be a good procedure for anyone who is in doubt about the application of the constitution to a particular situation, to write up what he thinks is probably the correct interpretation, giving his reasons, and send this to the vice president. The latter can have it published in the Fantasy Amateur, and then anybody who wants to gainsay it can do so, after which a v-p decision would be in order. If no one gainsays it, no one will kick if the suggested interpretation is followed.

Speer's quotation of the constitution is accurate. However, there are two ways of interpreting a document of this nature; one can take the narrow view and demand that nothing be done unless specifically set forth in the constitution, or one can make a liberal interpretation which holds that anything is constitutional unless specifically forbidden. I incline to this latter viewpoint.

The constitution does not forbid the v-p to make an ex parte decision. Therefore I hold that my action in Wild-Hair is defensible.

If the vice-president were to hold back to waiting in the way Speer outlines, it would take most of his term to make a ruling on something which should be disposed of in two or three days. Further, his methods seem to me to require that a matter come almost to feud status before a ruling can be made on it, moreover leave no clear method of giving some member a casual opinion. I'll agree with Speer that an ex parte decision is less likely to consider all the factors than one which comes as the culmination of months of arguments and counter-arguments; on the other hand, most v-p's would as a matter of course weigh any matter from all sides before rendering an opinion (I know I certainly have been scrupulous in this regard) and moreover, any decision by any officer is subject to review by the membership, under paragraph 9.

My ruling in Wild-Hair definitely overlapped into the domain of the president. If we had a strong president, I probably would never have been asked for an opinion, but at the present time it is necessary for someone to be willing to take the responsibility of acting, someone who is readily available to all the membership and who will act promptly. If Mr. Fordue feels he has been wronged by my usurpation of some of his pre-



rogatives, I shall be reluctantly willing to include in my next report full information on the situation which almost caused the other three officers to declare the office of president vacant and appeal to the membership to back us up.

In dropping this subject, I'd like to add that I feel very strongly about the way thumb-twiddling officers almost destroyed FAPA, and that as long as I am an officer of this organization I simply will not allow such conditions to obtain--even if I have to perform personally the functions of all four officers. An officer who is actively performing his duties need never fear any attempt by me to muscle in on him.

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Elsewhere in this mailing you will find a ballot card for the first official poll of FAPA. It is stamped and addressed; all you have to do is to fill it out and mail it. Won't you please do this right away? This page bears a print of the ballot, so your files will be complete, and if you don't vote, the poll will be less accurate than otherwise.

Deadline for poll ballots is April 1.

In scoring these ballots, 5 points will be allowed for a first place selection in a category for which there are five choices (4 for second, 3 for third, and so on); 3 points for first in a three-choice category; and 1 point for a one-choice selection.

The reason for this differentiation is that we are trying, through weighted scoring, to arrive at a top ten for FAPA, chosen by your votes. In addition to the classified tabulations, showing who is best article writer, who publishes the best FAPazine, and so on; there will be a listing of members' names showing a cumulative score derived from all these other results. This will be the top ten.

We've tried, in our weighting of scores, to reflect the relative importance of each of these classifications--not necessarily as they should be, but as they actually are. Publishing and writing articles are the activities which really characterise FAPA, so a first place vote in one of them will count five times as much towards the top ten as a vote for best poet. If FAPA were primarily a poetical outfit, this would be reversed; so if you poets and fictioneers and artists feel slighted, you can console yourselves with the thought that you should have brought out more of your work and thus made it of greater relative importance in the mailings.

Votes for worst member will be subtracted from that individual's score. The category was included to give some of you a more socially acceptable form of venting spleen than sticking pins in wax dolls.

Francis T. Laney. 1/4/48

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## F.A.P.A. Official Poll Card

Best FAPazine	1
	2
	3
	4
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Best Article-Writer:	1
	2
	3
	4
	5
Best Mailing Comments:	1
	2
	3
Best Humorist:	1
	2
	3
Best Fiction-Writer:	1
Best Poet:	1
Best Artist:	1
Worst FAPA Member	1
	2
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AN OPEN LETTER TO WALT DUNKELBERGER

by Francis T. Loney

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Of all the members of FAPA, you undoubtedly have the most reason to be irked at the organization. Though you were entitled to it, you were not sent your mailing for January 1947 until a month ago, despite letters, cards, and even telegrams. Former official editor Perdue cannot possibly justify this dereliction in his office. I don't blame you in the least for being mad; anyone would be furious at receiving such treatment.

On the other hand, how can any pique justify your publishing the following paragraph in your FANE'S 339 for January 6?

"FAPA, Feb. mailing will be a yap and yammer mailing - with the Acky-Palmer feud occupying much space, the usual attempt to oust certain members who think contrary to one "alleged" big shot will come in for their share of paper and the LASES blow up will probably take up the rest of the space. ((If FAPA would start requiring a little intelligent publishing, instead of all this yap and yammer, possibly they could fill their roster again and keep it. Too much indulging in personalities."

That paragraph can have no possible effect other than to discourage prospective FAPA members who read it. They cannot possibly know how completely misleading and untrue it is.

You have no way of knowing what sort of a mailing this one is. Only one man has read all of it to date (January 30)--Barbee--and he told me today that, far from being a yap and yammer mailing, it is on the whole of a constructive and intelligent nature.

"Usual attempt..to oust certain members... This is a flat lie. Since you became a member of FAPA with the April 1945 mailing, there have been absolutely no ousters or attempts thereat. To my knowledge, the entire history of FAPA includes but one such attempt--the ouster of Claude Degler in the summer election of 1944, at about the time you first appeared on the waiting list.

If the LASES blowup occupies "the rest of the space" not taken up with the "Acky-Palmer feud" and "the usual attempt to oust..." I'll personally pay your FAPA dues for the next ten years.

And it sounds odd to hear a plea for "requiring a little intelligent publishing" from a member whose only recent submission to the mailing was an extremely tasteless folder of doggeral about bed pans and bowel movements, doggeral which did not even have the merit of being original. I'll agree with you that FAPA cannot get too much intelligent publishing. Why don't you do some of it?

The present administration of FAPA is bending every effort to pull FAPA out of the slump into which it was cast by the dereliction of some of the previous officers. We have put each mailing out on time to the day; we have gotten the group favorable publicity wherever and whenever we could. Without having yet seen it, I'll say that this mailing shows that the membership as a whole is playing ball with us, and turning out both quantity and quality. And we have something like 15 new members since the last mailing.

I for one think that you'd be a more appreciated member if you'd do your part, instead of smearing the organization with derogatory falsehoods. Why not give FAPA some good publicity, Mr. Dunkelberger?



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(Now and then something comes up in the official correspondence that seems of enough general interest to warrant our excerpting and publishing it. This department will appear whenever necessary, and all letters sent us on organizational business are subject to excerpting and reprinting here.--ftl/fja/ceb.)

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ART WIDNER ADDED A POSTSCRIPT TO HIS TERMINATING REPORT AS SECRETARY-TREASURER:

I think it would help us get candidates for the election if we allowed office-holding in lieu of activity requirements. I.e. Any officer would not have to meet activity requirements for the year in which he held office. It doesn't seem quite just where one devotes his time to serving the organization (and in my case it helped to prevent me from meeting activity requirements) and receive no credit for it. I did not bring this forward while in office for fear of being accused of the vested-interest motive.

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C. BURTON STEVENSON DISCUSSES PROZINE REVIEWS OF FAPA:

I agree that FAPA needs more publicity than it has had, and this is a logical way to get more. Also that there is not enough difference, if any, in quality between the two pro magazines to justify any discrimination. But there are some other angles.

In all probability the publicity won't be limited to FAPA, unless something is done to assure that it will be. The listing of the various FAPA magazines in these review columns, with their publishers' names and addresses and without some very clear and definite distinction between them and fan publications of general circulation would lead to a lot of confusion among the newsstand-buying public; various FAPANS would be getting letters from people wanting to subscribe or get sample copies. Some FAPANS won't mind this and may even welcome it, but at least a few, myself included, would be very much and very genuinely irked at such an eventuality. I won't distribute outside FAPA; most of the sort of stuff I'll probably be publishing wouldn't be of very great interest to most non-FAPANS, even if I wanted to let myself in for the bother; and I won't be put in the position of having to write letters telling people so.

So I'm suggesting that FAPA stuff be sent for review only with the proviso that it be reviewed as FAPA stuff, in a listing separate from that of general circulation fan pubs, and with no listing of publishers' addresses except in the case of those who have given express permission for such listing.

Also, it is largely true that FAPA publications in general can't expect to rate sensationally high in comparison with other fan publications in general for one who doesn't fully comprehend what FAPA is all about and how it works. Merwin would probably say that they are of quite restricted interest--reasonably enough, because most of them are aimed at a restricted audience. Some sort of brief explanation explaining what FAPA is all about, and what its entrance requirements are, is strongly indicated, along with the address of whichever officer is appointed to handle public-relations correspondence. And if such correspondence proves very heavy, a short brochure or prospectus should be prepared and duplicated, to save work in answering.

It seems reasonable to suppose that there are quite a number



of readers of each of the two promags, or occasional lookers-through, who would make better-than-par FAPAs; also a hell of a lot we could get along beautifully without. Attention should be given to slanting any quasi-official statement about the group intended for general circulation, with a view to encouraging and interesting desirables, and scaring off the riff-raff.

((Burbee has instructed Merwin and Graham to withhold all FAPA's addresses.))

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THE LATE R. D. SWISHER POSTALS BURBEE:

Thanks for the official consideration of you and FTL in assuming that I'd been accidentally dropped from the FAPA rolls, but really I formally resigned a year ago (or was it two?--time flies). I'm returning the mailing, along with a few postmailings that followed it so you can send it to a prospective paying customer. I was very glad to get a chance to read a mailing again, and only regret that Norm Stanley and Jack Speer weren't represented therein.

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JACK SPEER, OF THE KING COUNTY SPEEDS, GIVES HIS VIEWS ON THE VICE-PRESIDENTIAL FUNCTION:

The reason for vesting in the v-p power to settle disputes over interpretation is not merely to place before the members the opposing arguments and someone's idea of which is stronger. The reason is to give someone power to foreclose the losing party from continuing to urge members and officials to act in accordance with his interpretation (remitting him to legislative channels), so that there will be harmony of action within the organization. A vice-presidential decision should be overruled by a later decision only in the most extreme case, for otherwise the v-p will fall into deciding from personal reasons of policy, something which only the organization as a whole has a right to do.

Sure, there is nothing in the constitution forbidding the vp to give an ex parte opinion. But the only opinion of the person who is vp, to which the constitution gives legal (as distinguished from persuasive) effect is one rendered after hearing both sides of a question.

What is meant by giving legal effect to a certain person's actions? In a group which depends as much as ours on voluntary action, and where failure to perform duties is so common, it's not easy to see that "legal effect" is very different from merely persuasive effect. But there is at least this, and perhaps more, in the background: If, for example, your ruling on the matter of sending mailings to the prozines had been given in proper form, any member who wanted to could, if the editor discriminated between Startling and Amazing, secure an injunction from the regular courts restraining him, under effective penalties, from sending mailings to the one and not to the other. Since our policy has been to obey the sovereign's law almost any place where it's applicable, a vice-presidential decision having legal effect is a different species practically, as well as theoretically, from an exparte opinion.

... To your excuses for a bad vp decision, that it is always subject to review by the membership, the answer is that a vp decision is a far easier thing to render than a by-law is to get adopted, and if the vp decision is wrong, the right side has been placed under a heavy disadvantage.

((I hope that the necessary condensation of the foregoing did not weaken it; I tried, at least, to present Jack's salient points without some of the supporting detail.))



# CONSTITUTION

## THE FANTASY AMATEUR PRESS ASSOCIATION

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Effective January 1, 1948

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1. Function: The Fantasy Amateur Press Association operates in the general field of activity which has grown up around interest in fantasy fiction. The quarterly mailings distribute to its members material written or published by members.
2. Members: Not more than sixty five persons can be members of FAPA at any one time.  
Membership is open to anyone who can show as proof of his interest in fantasy amateur activity  
either (a) contributions in the form of verse, drawing, fiction, or non-fiction writing, published in two fantasy amateur publications not produced in the same city area  
or (b) position as editor or publisher, not merely nominal or trifling, of at least one issue of a fantasy amateur publication.  
The credential must have been published within the year prior to acceptance of the application. When vacancies occur, the secretary calls on the applicants first on the waiting list to cite credentials and pay dues.
3. Renewals: To be eligible to renew his membership, a member must have published or had published in FAPA mailings or postpostings during the preceding year at least eight 8 1/2 x 11" pages or equivalent. The time limit for renewal is 45 days after the posting of the fourth mailing under his current membership.
4. Finances: To pay the FAPA's operating expenses, dues are one dollar per year, paid at time of admission or renewal of membership. Contributions are accepted, and surplus stock is sold. If there are insufficient funds to cover expense of the next mailing, the secretary-treasurer can announce equal assessments on all members, sufficient to pay for it, and members not complying will not receive that mailing.
5. Mailings: The official editor send out identical bundles to all members immediately following the second Saturday in November, February, May, and August. When individual members, or the official editor as an individual, send postpostings to all members, they are considered part of the mailing they were too late to go in.

Members are not obliged to distribute their fanzines thru the FAPA, but all items included in the mailings are produced at the publishers' expense and are free to members, being considered exchanges. The publisher must send to the official editor at least sixty-eight copies of publications intended for the mailing. These publications may be printed, mimeographed, hektographed, photographed, or reproduced in any other way which gives a suffi-



cient number of identical and legible copies. They must represent to a substantial extent the work of the member who has put them in the mailings. While some relation to fantasy is desirable, there is no restriction on the type of material included except lawfulness. The postage on postmailings is not to be paid by the treasury.

6. Officers: The following officers are elected:

(a) The president has general direction of the FAPA's affairs. He appoints members to fill vacated offices, and auxiliary officials for purposes not otherwise provided for. He has what power is necessary to deal with situations not otherwise covered by the constitution.

(b) The vice-president succeeds to the presidency in case it is vacated. He also gives interpretations of the constitution after two or more sides of a controversy over construction have been presented.

(c) The secretary-treasurer receives membership applications and renewals. He keeps track of members' standing in regard to sustaining activity. Each quarter he sends the official editor a list of member's names and addresses, description of credentials, report of income and outgo, and other information within his department. Notices of candidacy for office being sent to him, he furnishes the official editor information for preparing the ballot. He keeps the FAPA's funds separate from his own in cash or deposit. At the end of his terms the secretary-treasurer turns over the records and funds to his successor.

(d) The official editor is charged with assembling and posting the mailings. He publishes ballots and the quarterly official organ, The Fantasy Amateur, at FAPA expense. The official organ contains the reports of the various officials and other material at the official editor's discretion.

7. Elections: Elections are held by mail. Candidates whose names are to appear on the ballot file with the secretary-treasurer in writing. The ballots are included in the summer mailing.

All votes to be counted must be in the counting committee's hands a month after the mailing is dispatched. This ballot counting committee notifies outgoing and incoming officers and all candidates, of the full results of the election within two weeks after the ballot deadline. A plurality is sufficient to elect.

Officers serve for one year. No person can be elected to the same office, except the official editorship, more than once in five years. The secretary-treasurer must be an adult.

8. Amendments: Amendments to this constitution must be proposed in writing, endorsed by four members. Copy with signatures is sent to the president, other copies to the other officers. The proposal in substance must be given in the official organ the mailing before it comes up for vote. Unless the president orders a special vote, amendments are voted on at the annual election. A majority of the members must vote on an amendment, and a majority of such voters must be favorable, for the amendment to be adopted.

9. By-laws: Bylaws may be adopted at any time by a majority of the members endorsing a copy of a proposal which has been sent to the entire membership. Such by-laws can expel members, remove officers, override officials' acts, suspend sections of this constitution, or do anything else within the sovereignty of the organization. On endorsement by 15 other members, a member's failure to meet sustaining-activity requirements will be waived on a particular occasion.



# TREASURY REPORT: 5 Feb 48

I received \$24.37 from ex-Treasurer Widner. In memberships and donations I have taken in an even \$30, making (on paper) \$54.37. But by actual counting there was \$57.82 on hand before making 3 major payments as follows: To Rothman, refund of \$15.18 for last July's mailing, paid for originally from his pocket; to Burbee, refund of \$12.67 for Nov. mlg.; and again to Burbee, advance of \$15 for this mlg. Total, \$42.85 expended. We have \$14.87 actually on hand, \$3.45 of this being "found money", the whyfor of which I am not of a temperament to spend hours-? days-? months-? years-? tracing down. Let us accept this gift and be glad. We are also owed \$14.26, \$10.82 of this being long overdue from ex-member Ashley, and only \$3.44 (rather than \$10.85) being due from Perdue since he explained to me how he had never been paid \$7.41 for the first mailing when he was editor. -Fja.

## MEMBERSHIP

1. ACKERMAN, Forrest J: 236-1/2 N New Hampshire, Hollywood 4, Cal. Last mailing will be May, must pay \$ within 45 days after to retain membership. No pages due.
2. ANDERSON, Andy: 1011 W 34 St, Los Angeles 7, Cal: Memship expires with this mailing: get your dues in within 6 wks.
3. BLISH, Virginia K.E.: 1171 Pelton Ave, Staten Island 10, NY. This is your expiration mailing. Money please.
4. BOGGS, Dean: 2015 Benjamin NE, Minneapolis 13, Minn: 7-1/2 pgs due: Aug. will be your last mlg.
5. BRATTON, Don: 5652-1/2 Sunset Blvd, Hollywood 28, Cal. Welcome to FAPA. You owe 8 pages. Aug. will be your last mlg.
6. BURBEE, Chas: 1057 S Normandie Ave, Los Angeles 6. Since you are Editor I assume it will be reasonable to assume that you will be retaining your memship. Leave me see a buck then, Chuck, as a retainer.
7. BURGESS, Fred: Have you come thru at the eleventh hour with your 8 pages? If not, you're thru, chum.
8. CLEMENTS, Jack: 6310 Madison Rd, Cincinnati 27, O. New. 8 pgs due. Last mlg will be Aug.
9. CONDRA, Cyrus: 4174 Irving Place, Culver City, Cal. Another addition. Same deal as #8, Cy.
10. COSLET, Walter A.: Bx 6, Helena, Mont. 8 pgs due, exp. Nov.
11. COX, Ed: 4 Spring St, Lubec, Me. Howdy. 8 due, exp. Nov.
12. CRANE, Burton: PFC GHQ FEC APO 500, San Francisco Cal. Let's have your buck, Burt, within 45 days.
13. CROUTCH, Les: Bx 121, Parry Sound, Ontario, Can. 8 due, Aug.
14. DAVIS, Chan: Perkins 76, Cambridge 38, Mass. 8 due, Aug. last.
15. DUNKELBERGER, Walt: 1443 - 4 Ave S, Fargo, ND. 8 due, Aug.
16. EVANS, Everett: 628 S Bixel, Los Angeles 14. May your last mlg.
17. FERN, CJ Jr: C/o Weßson, Textile Div. ESS, GHQ SCAP APO 500, San Francisco Cal. 8 pgs due, Aug. will be last mlg.
18. GARDNER, Dr Thos: 1551 Jackson Ave, Rutherford, NJ. 8 by May.
19. GRAHAM, Roger P: 305 Studio Bldg, 1718 Sherman Ave, Evanston, Ill. New recruit. 8 pages due, last mlg. will be Nov.
20. HANSEN, Chas: 1301 Ogden St, Denver 3, Colo. New. 8 due, Nov.
21. HART, Dale: Apt 20, 1116 Georgia St, Los Angeles 15. 8, Nov.
22. HEVELIN, Jas.: 3761 - 3 St, Riverside, Cal. 6 pgs due, May.



- 23 JEWETT, Tom: 670 George St, Clyde, O. 8 pgs due, Nov. last mlg.
- 24 KENNEDY, Joe: 84 Baker Ave, Dover, NJ. OK on pgs, last mlg May.
- 25 LADD, Thyril: 33 Cuyler Ave, Albany 2, NY. This is your last:  
let's hope you had 8 pgs in it.
- 26 LANEY, Fran: 816 Westboro Ave, Alhambra, Cal. Pgs OK, last is May.
- 27 LYON, Andy: 200 Williamsboro, Oxford, NC. Time to renew.
- 28 MAC/INNES, David: Apt E, 1619 Eastern Ave, Baltimore 21, Maryland.  
The only FAPA member to afford a Homburg. 8 due, Aug.
- 29 MADDOX, Ron: C/o AHGarretson, Ministry of For. Affairs, Addis  
Ababa, Ethiopia. 8 pgs and \$1 due.
- 30 MILLER, Howard: 1421 W George St, Banning Cal. New name, 8, Nov.
- 31 MOFFATT, Len: 5918 Lianto, Bell Gardens, Cal. Owe 8, Nov. last.
- 32 MOSKOWITZ, Sam: 446 Jelliff Ave, Newark 8, NJ. Owe 8, Nov. last.
- 33 MULLEN, Stan: 4936 Grove St, Denver 11, Colo. The Gorgon Man!  
We anticipate your 8 pgs. Your 4th mlg will be Nov.
- 34 NUTTALL, Marijane: Rt 1, Bx 343, Lakeside, Cal. 8 due, Aug. last.
- 35 PERDUE, Elmer: 524 W 46 St, Los Angeles 37. Renew.
- 36 PERRY, "Boff": 68 Madbury, Durham, New Hamp. 8 due, Aug.
- 37 RIGGS, Jack: 1620 Chestnut St, Berkeley, Cal. 8, May.
- 38 ROSENBLUM, J. Michael: 4 Grange Terrace, Chapelton, Leeds 7, Eng.  
8 pages by Nov.
- 39 ROTHMAN, Milt: 2113 N Franklin St, Phila 22 Penna. Pgs OK, May.
- 40 ROTSLER, Wm: 812 S Catalina, Los Angeles. 8 pgs by Nov.
- 41 RUSSELL, Sam: 1810 N Harvard Blvd, Hlywd 27, Cal. 8 due, May.
- 42 SPEER, Jack: 4518 - 16 NE, Seattle 5, Wash. Aug. will be #4.
- 43 SPELMAN, Henry M 3d: Leverett E-21, Cambridge 38, Mass. 8, Aug.
- 44 SPENCER, Paul: 88 Ardmore Rd, W Hartford, Conn. Last mlg, 8 due.
- 45 STANLEY, Norm: 43A Broad St, Rockland, Me. 8 due, May last.
- 46 STEIN, Bob: 514 W Vienna Ave, Milwaukee 12, Wis. 8 pgs, Nov.
- 47 STEVENSON, CB: 521 E Monroe, Phoenix, Ariz. Renew.
- 48 TAYLOR, Beak: 9 MacLennan Ave, Toronto 5, Ont., Can. 8 pgs, May.
- 49 THOMPSON, DB: Gen Del, Imperial, Neb. No pgs due, exp. in Aug.
- 50 TUCKER, Bob: Bx 260, Bloomington, Ill. 7 due this mlg. And \$1.
- 51 WARD, Rex: 428 Main St, El Segundo, Cal. Greetings. 8. Aug.
- 52 WARNER, Harry: 303 Bryan Place, Hagerstown, Maryland. A brand  
new name. Has till May to prove his worth.
- 53 WESSON, Helen: C/o Sheldon Wesson, ESS Textiles, GHQ SCAP APO 500  
San Francisco Cal. Time to renew, Helen.
- 54 WIDNER, Art: 121 Norton St, N Weymouth 91, Mass. 8 by Aug, Art.
- 55 WILIMCZYK, Frank: 167 E 2, NYC 9. 8 by Aug.
- 56 WILMORTH, Gus: 643 S Bixel, Los Angeles 14. Pay in May.
- 57 WILSON, Don: 495 N 3 St, Banning, Cal. Start "Dreaming". 8 by Aug
- 58 WOOLSTON, Stan: 12832 SW, Garden Grove, Cal. New too. 8 by Aug.

CRUDentials of the newcomers: Bratton--articles in Tympani, Stfrist.  
Clements--Co-ed Fandom Speaks. Condra--articles in Neophyte, Shaggy.  
Cox--Letters in Tympani, Tator. Graham--article in Dream Quest, let-  
 ters in Fandom Speaks. Hansen--Ed, Alchemist. MacInnes--I like his  
 wife. (He also publishes Necromancer). Miller--Assoc. Pubber,  
 Dream Quest. Mullen--I like U too, Sophia! (Gorgon had nothing to  
 do with letting Stan in.) Perry--Ed, Cygni. Rotsler--On the basis  
 of the 40,000 ads he has published for Neophyte, the unpublished fan-  
 zine. Stein--Co-Ed Tympani. Ward--Co-ed Fandom Speaks. Wilson--Ed  
 Dream Quest. Woolston--Letter in Fandom Speaks, poem in Necromancer.

ROOM FOR 7 MORE MEMBERS!



January 30, 1948

### President's Message

To begin with, I should like to thank all of you nice people who elected me President by such an overwhelming majority, and to thank the ex-officers for leaving relatively little grief where-with to begin the tenure of office.

#### Mailings to non-members for review purposes.

##### Summary of past events:

Mr. Burbee, the Official Editor, has for some years forwarded a copy of each of the publications with which he has been connected, to Startling Stories for review. Amazing Stories, another professional magazine publishing science-fiction, has announced that it will also run a review column. Mr. Burbee mentioned to me his intention to send a mailing to each magazine for review, and I endorsed the idea with these qualifications: 1) that no member be deprived of receiving a mailing by so doing, and 2) that one mailing be held in reserve to cover loss in the mails.

Mr. Laney in a Vice-Presidential report (see Wild Hair #1, December, 1947) has consulted both constitution and precedent in the matter, and finds that Mr. Burbee is within his rights as Official Editor. Mr. Laney in his report has qualified the blanket permission by reserving to the individual publisher the right to request Mr. Burbee to refrain from including their magazines in the mailing sent to Amazing Stories.

Mr. Speer of Seattle has circulated a by-law which will if passed enjoin the Official Editor from sending review mailings to one of these two magazines, Amazing Stories.

##### Presidential decisions:

1) If subject by-law is passed, the protection granted individual publishers by the Vice-Presidential decision is lost. Mr. Burbee does not keep his mailings, but forwards them after reading to some person whom he believes would be a worthy addition to FAPA. Mr. Burbee would be within his rights as an individual to forward his personal mailing to Amazing Stories. If this action is taken by Mr. Burbee, he is to make clear to Amazing's editor that his furnishing the mailing for review is not done in an official capacity.

2) Inasmuch as many members are not in a position to buy these two magazines, whether by geographical distance, poverty, or conscientious objection, Mr. Burbee is directed to obtain reprint rights for the review of FAPA publications only, and to reprint these two review columns in the Fantasy Amateur.

3) The Fantasy Amateur is by constitution the official organ, and all official messages and reports are to be published



therein. In addition, certain of our members file their mailings by individual title and do not keep them as a unit. Theoretically, the Fantasy Amateur should serve as a complete record of all official actions. Mr. Burbee is also requested to reprint in this issue of the Fantasy Amateur the Vice-Presidential Report referred to above, in order that there may be no doubt as to its validity and force.

I have spoken.

/s/ Elmer Perdue

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## EDITOR'S CRUD DEPARTMENT

Upon reading the foregoing report Acting President FTLaney remarked: "I must have a semantic block or something, but that report doesn't mean anything."

Add members unlisted by Ackerman: 59. H W Cheney Jr., 584 E Monroe, Little Falls, NY. Nov. Owes \$. 60. Rick Sneary, 2962 Santa Ana St., South Gate, Calif. 8pp Nov. 61. Oswald Train, 3507 N Sydenham, Philadelphia 40, Pa., 8pp and \$1 this mailing or else. 62. Joe Schaumburger, 1822 Bathgate Ave., Bronx 57, NY. New: Welcome to our ladder. 8pp due by Nov. Credential: Publisher of Loxygen. ### Possible postmailings to Ron Maddox should be sent c/o Phil Froeder, 446 Demarest Ave., Closter, N J.

Following mags not to be reviewed in Amazing's column, by request of their respective editors: Glom, Mi Skribas, A Visit from Graham, Sky Hook, Jabberwocky, Sparx.

Last mailing had a postpostings: Snix, 2pp; Sparx, 11pp, Requiem (what did the title intend to convey?) 6pp; Wild Hair, 15pp; Synapse, 21pp, making the entire mailing total 9193pp, plus whatever Snix was.

New Testaments this mailing courtesy of F J Ackerman, noted Bible enthusiast, who claims activity credit for them since he went 32½ times into the USO, picking up 2 copies each time.

Censor's Dept. You will notice that your copy of Yellum has a piece snipped out of the last sheet. The drawing on the next to last page was considered unmailable by a consensus of disinterested persons. If you are a completist and demand the missing part be supplied you, write to Maddox, c/o Froeder (as above) and perhaps he will send you one by first-class mail.

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