

NEWS
WHILE
IT'S
HOT!

FANTASY NEWS

the science fiction tri-weekly newspaper.

PRICE:
THREE
ISSUES
TEN
CENTS.

VOLUME 8 NUMBER 13

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1944

WHOLE NUMBER 171

FANTASY AMATEUR PRESS ASSOCIATION

OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

Not without some difficulty, the following official report of the recent FAPA elections has been received from Harry Warner, Jr., member-FAPA, and member-Board of Directors-National Fantasy Fan Federation:

President: Robert W. (Doc) Lowndes, 306 West 11th St., New York, N.Y.

Vice-President: Al Ashley, 25 Poplar St., Battle Creek, Mich.

Secretary-Treasurer: A.L. (Suddsy) Schwartz, 57 Nightingale St., Dorchester, Mass.

Official Editor: Larry Shaw, 1301 State St., Schenectady, N.Y.

(Shaw is probably in New York as this goes to press and should be contacted c/o Pres. Lowndes.)

Fans wishing to join the FAPA should contact the secretary. The new mailing is just out---another whopper. Postage on it was about 75¢.

ARISIANS MEET

Special to FN by Monroe Kuttner.

The first Arisian meeting after the summer siesta was held on Sunday, Sep 24. The Arisians now meet in broad daylight! Formerly, the club had held meetings every other Friday night, but now meet once a month on Sunday afternoons.

Besides regular members Austin Hanel, Rose Mary Riewald, Bill Stoy, Russell Wilsey, Al Weinstein, Donald and Elsie Wollheim, and Monroe Kuttner, there were two visitors: Larry Shaw, who will be a regular since he now lives in New York City and Joe Kennedy, reciprocating for the Doveroon.

Members and visitors did the usual thing, talked, held discussions, played records (especially Ravel's "Bolero") and devoured refreshments.

PROJECTED BRITISH PRO MAG

SHOWS PROGRESS.

Premature News Published Elsewhere Should Have Been Held Confidential
EXCLUSIVE by Walter H. Gillings.

Walter H. Gillings, former editor of TALES OF WONDER, and leader in the movement to provide British fans with their own professional science fiction magazine, reveals that news published in American fan mags should have been held confidential and could have put the proposed British pro mag in serious jeopardy.

The following is an extract of a letter dated Sep 20, which Mr. Gillings sent to the editor of this newspaper:

"About further information on my projected magazine, though I particularly wanted to keep things mum for the moment (in view of the set-up over here and possible competition, which one has to contend with), I see that another fan magazine has spilled the beans in toto by reprinting my circular letter to authors, which was supposed to have been issued in confidence.

"However, I hope there's no harm done, though our own fan magazine was a bit upset! And you can't be feeling very pleased about it yourself, having respected my request for silence.

"As soon as I am able, I will, of course, supply you with full details, but as yet the project is by no means settled, and to say too much would be premature.

"All sorts of things---more important matters---have to be settled first. Though it looks like they are going to be very shortly . . .

"All the very best.

Yours Sincerely,"

Signed:) Walter H. Gillings

NEXT ISSUE FN will be special. At least 2 full pages letters from fans in the U.S. armed forces.

FANTASY NEWS is published tri-weekly by William S. Sykora.
Address: Box 7316, Baltimore 27, Md.
Editor: Will Sykora.

Associates: Jimmy Taurasi, Sam Moskowitz, Mario Racic, Jr.

Rates: 3 issues 10¢, 8 issues 25¢, 32 issues \$1.00. (NO STAMPS PLEASE)

Ad Rates: Full page \$2, 1/2 page \$1, 1/4 page 50¢, column line 2¢.

NOTE: Please make all checks and money-orders payable to Will Sykora.

----- BOOST SCIENCE FICTION -----

EDITORIAL by Will Sykora.

Many readers have urged us to bring FANTASY NEWS out weekly. To us this means an issue out every week, not four "weekly" issues out maybe once a month. The factors which have made weekly publication impossible in the past are lack of time and insufficient material. Lack of time is no longer an operating factor, but shortage of usable copy is.

Like other newsheets, this paper could publish the inconsequential doings of unimportant nonentities. If Joe Doakes visits Ray Roe and a lot of bull is thrown back and forth, that is not news. But if, as a result, a fan club is organized, a fan mag is born, the pro mags personally contacted, or a scientific project is promoted or advanced, that is BOOSTING SCIENCE FICTION, and that is news.

It has never been FN's policy to glorify mere personalities, and unfortunately this has been misunderstood in many fan quarters. We intend to slight no one and are only too glad to publish news of worthwhile fan doings.

Unfortunately, few fan clubs understand the value of good publicity committee. Some, such as the Arisians of New York, do; and we have made arrangements to report their meetings regularly. The Secretary of the NFFF, the FAPA, LASFS, PSFS have been contacted, and if they come through with news of their organization's activities, this newspaper will follow through with what can only be a distinct advantage to these clubs, a clear, unbiased publication of their (next col.

FANZINE REVIEW by Harry Warner, Jr.
Fancylopedia: Ackerman, Box 6475, Metro Station, Los Angeles, 55, Calif.
Fandom's greatest, most spectacular achievement to date: one hundred pages of definitions, data, history, and anecdotes in encyclopedic form, written by Jack Speer, published by Forrest J Ackerman, and the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, financed by the National Fantasy Fan Federation. Excluding biographies of fans, dope on fanzines, available in Swisher and Schwartz publications, this volume comprises all the lore and spirit of fandom. The 250-copy edition should sell out in a few weeks, and immediate ordering of yours is essential.

The Acolyte: Fall, Francis T. Laney, 1104 S. Georgia St., Los Angeles 15, Calif. Now generally recognized as the top general fanzine, this publication's latest issue is up to snuff. Lovecraft, CASmith, Fritz Leiber, Jr., and E. Hoffman Price are among the top-notch contributors.

Alpha: Vol. 1, no. 1, Fred Baker, Boykins, Va. Hectoed, 11pp, articles & stories.

BACK NUMBERS OF FANTASY NEWS WANTED

Whole Numbers 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 17, 21, 22, 53, 92, 99, 100, 102, 103, 111, 115, 129, 130, 132, 137, 138, 139, 145, 148, 149, 152, 163, 164 are wanted by the Publisher. Spot cash paid according to quantity and condition.

Write c/o FANTASY NEWS, PO Box 7316, Baltimore 27, Md.

VOICE OF FANDOM by Our Readers.

Westwood, N.J.: Sep 3 issue of FN is great improvement. If you can keep up to the standard, I think you'll go places. Gerry de la Ree.
Hamilton, N.Y.: I hope you make FN a weekly. Ronald Maddox.

EDITORIAL Cont'd: reports.

Your Editor hopes that the above will clarify somewhat the fanews situation as it exists for FANTASY NEWS.

At the same time we are redoubling our efforts to print late news of the pros, always a feature of this paper, which has published many memorable scoops in the past.

GET YOUR FRIENDS TO SUBSCRIBE TO FANTASY NEWS & BOOST SCIENCE FICTION