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CLAIRE P. BECK, EDITOR OF THE "CRITIC" HITCH-HIKES ACROSS THE CONTRY
TO NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

(Speckal to Fantasy News) In what is positively the most amazing feat ever accomplished by a science-fiction fan, Claire P. Beck, deep thinker, philosopher, fan and editor of the world renowned "Science-Fiction Critic", hitch-hiked his way across the continent in exactly nineteen days, visiting on his journey numerous ~~scientific~~ scientificational celebrities.

The first inkling the fan world had of this phenomenal attempt was when Sam Moskowitz of Newark N. J. opened the door to a tall, fiery headed, freckle-faced, husky lad and asked "I've been expecting some science-fiction fan: what's your name?"

"Claire Beck" was the astounding answer, and after Sam had recovered from the initial shock there followed a long talk in which Claire unraveled the entire astounding story of his incredible trip across the continent.

Dissatisfied with conditions in Lakeport, Calif., Claire decided to visit his bother Clyde, then in San Francisco. When he left San Francisco his mind had been made up and he decided not to return home but to travel the country at large. His first night out was spent at the home of Clark Ashton Smith, well-known, science-fiction and weird tale writer of note. From Smiths abode at Auburn he made his way by auto, foot, truck and train to Kansas City and an intriguing time with R. H. Barlow. Thence to St. Louis where he spent two nights at the home of Eldon Scholl, science-fiction fan.

Claire regreted that the train from St. Louis did not stop at Denver, Colorado, forestalling his chances of visiting Olon F. Wiggins of that city. Indianapolis found him looking up his family tree and tracing it back two-hundred years to the time when his very great grand-father came to this contry from Prussia. Here he interviewed the famous authress C. L. Moore. From Indianapolis he obtained a ride clear across the state of Pennsylvania to New Jersey where he embarked for Bill Miller's home at East Orange where he was expected due to prior notice. Two pleasant weeks were spent at Millers, during which time he cultivated the acquaintance of Jim Blish of East Orange; visited New York and met personally, John W. Campbell, Jr.; L. Sprague de Camp; Frank B. Long; M. Koenig and Samuel Leventman. This was followed by a visit to Sam Moskowitz and thence to Stickney, Bogert and Gregor of Belleville.

During the next few days Claire will be at Paterson visting Raymond Van Houten and Peter Duncan. He will return to Newark, N.J., Sunday Aug. 14, to discuss plans of the nation-wide organization Moskowitz and Sykora are preparing and will there meet Will Sykora and James V. Taurasi.

Due to the fact that economizing is necessary Claire would appreciate offers from any fan to put him up for a night or two. This is certainly a magnificent chance to view one of science-fiction fandoms most (Continued P.2, Col.1)

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intriguing characters.

Tentative plans include a trip to Sullivan County, N.Y. to trace still further his family tree. A visit to R.D. Swisher and from there to Indianapolis for the winter, where Beck will stay over possibly to the date of the World-Fair Science Fiction Convention in 1939. After that points west.

GROO BECK WILL TAKE OVER THE "FUTILE PRESS" IN CLAIRE'S ABSENCE

(Special to FN) Groo Beck announces that in Claire's absence he will take over all branches of Futile publishing. He states that he printed most of the last issue of the "Critic"; and the greater part of Lovecraft's "Commomplace" Book. The Futile Press plans to mimeograph "Leaves" irregularly as an '80 large size paged publication, featuring fantasy. One issue of this publication edited by Barlow has already appeared. Other Futile press plans include the reprinting of that famous book of poetry by Clark Ashton Smith, known as "Sandelwood" and in addition, the equally famous but hitherto unknown "Incanatations". There are books of fantasy by Howard and Lovecraft planned besides a surprize volume by E.A. Edkins.

CORWIN F. STICKNEY TO RESUME PUBLICATION OF "CORRESPONDENT" THIS FALL

(Special to FN) Corwin F. Stickney states that he expects to have plenty of time to continue his publishing of the "Amateur Correspondent" this fall and that his subscribers need not worry about the fate of his publication.

Stickney also informs us that the library in Pennsylvania, which collects amateur publications, wrote him asking for a complete file

of the Amateur Correspondent. The letter was decidedly complimentary.

The "Correspondent" has material by Keller, C.A. Smith, Widner, etc on hand for publication.

OUR OVERFLOW

by Sam Moskowitz

A complete account of Becks' ~~ix~~ trip appears elsewhere in this issue, so there is little need to enumerate. Suffice it to say that Claire is a most decidedly fine fellow. Some of his experiences, as he related them to me, are most amazing. Nothing like them has ever been encountered in the science-fiction fan world before. I am dedicating a special essay to Becks feat and besides will have Beck prepare an explicit, detailed account of his journey for my remarkable new organization, NEW FANDOM! Very soon you will read a stupendous announcement in "Fantasy News" regarding this fantlingly original organization! Even Claire Beck, conservative that he is, waxed enthusiastic over the plan, pledged his support and nominated it as one of the few worthwhile fan endeavors he has ever encountered. Corwin F. Stickney enthusiastically proclaimed it as one of the finest ideas he has ever seen. Watch for full details VERY SOON..... Clark Ashton Smith announces his "Maze of the Enchanter", a story which originally appeared in his booklet, "Double-Shadow and other Fantasies", will be reprinted in Weord Tales shortly..... Clyde Beck has graduated, after taking a four year collage course at Reno, Nevada and is at present doing research work for the University of California..... Kenneth Sterling, old time fan, and author (Continued P.3, Col.1)