

LASFS Newsletter # 9, published on a bi-monthly-to-quarterly basis for the LASFS, by John & Bjo Trimble, Mathom House, 222 S Gramercy Place, L A 4. A number of members and interested(?) parties are getting this because we want to spread the word of the Fanquet; the LASFS By-Laws provide that a member wanting to receive the club Newsletter must pay 35¢ per year for it. So why don't you slip a dime and a quarter (less than the price of most stf these days) in an envelope (taped in place) now, while you're thinking about it, and send it to the above address? It'll will make sure you get #10.

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IT'S FANQUET TYME

Each year, since 1949, the members of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society have gathered together sometime around the Ides of March to honor one of their number who has entered the ranks of the professionals in writing, editing, films, art, etc. during the previous year.

The first Fanquet honored E Everett Evans, and we went on to express our feelings for many other members who had donned some of the tattletale grey of the "dirty pro". Sometimes, as in 1951, when we honored Len Moffatt and Dave Lesperance, and again, in 1960, when the honorees were Julie Jardine and Richard Geis, we have had two members which the club felt were equally sullied with prodom.

In 1957, however, there was a break with tradition; in that year, the club was bereft of members who'd sold anything of late, and so the membership voted overwhelmingly to turn the Fanquet into a Testimonial Dinner for the oldest member, Forrest J Ackerman.

Again, in 1962, we have found ourselves without a single **newly-minted** dirty pro in our ranks. And so, recognizing the many and varied offices which he has held, and the quiet, constructive force for goodwill which he exerts, the LASFS voted unanimously that the 1962 Fanquet should be a Testimonial Dinner in honor of a certain Squire of the Ancient and Honourable Order of St Fantasy.

The Fourteenth Annual Fanquet will honor R I C K S N E A R Y !

And said affair will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 24th at Manning's Coffee Cafeteria, 3715 Wilshire Blvd (a block & a half east of Western Ave), in Los Angeles. There's a big parking lot back of the cafe for those who will be driving, and the intersection of Wilshire & Western is accessible from several bus lines.

In 1959, the Fanquet was held at Manning's, and while someone felt that it was beneath their dignity to carry a tray to the balcony then (& now) reserved for the affair, most attendees felt that the wide choice of food available made the idea worth trying again.

So we're doing just that this year.

Remember the date: SATURDAY, MARCH 24th, AT 7 PM. MANNING'S, 3715 WILSHIRE BLVD, Los Angeles. Honoring Rick Sneary, Squire of StF.

See you there.

(By the way, our agreement with Manning's is that we'll average out to a little over \$1.00 a head for all who attend; come hungry -- the food's rather good.)

LASFS MEETS AT 8 O'CLOCK ONCE AGAIN

Every Thursday (come hell, high water, or the Tromp of Doom) evening, the LASFS meets at the Alpine Playground, 817 Yale, LA. The playground is a few hundred feet north of Alpine St, one block west of Hill st, and two blocks west of North Broadway. Easily accessible from the Golden State, Pasadena, Hollywood and Harbor freeways, and from the Main Interchange (from San Berdo & Santa Ana fwys). Not at 7:30 any longer...but at 8 o'clock blunt.

However, the meetings at Alpine must end before 10 p.m., and many members have been gathering at Mathom House, 222 S Gramercy Pl, L A 4 (DU 9-0619) for hot chocolate, lemonade, or coffee and cookies and a post-meeting bullfest. (There's a kitty, of course, to help pay for the goodies.) Mathom House is three-quarters of a block north of 3rd St, in the third block west of Western Avenue, for those of you who haven't been there yet.

Coffee's on, c'mon over.

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AUCTION -- MAY 10th

You know the quality of material...there's some top stuff available. Bring money!

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WESTERCON XV

Have you joined the Westercon yet? The 15th Annual West Coast Science Fantasy Conference will be held at the Alexandria Hotel, 5th & Spring Sts in LA on June 30th & July 1st, 1962. Jack Vance will be Guest of Honor, while Alva Rogers, an old-time LASFSian, is to be Fan GoH.

Several interesting panels and talks are scheduled; Ray Bradbury has agreed to read one of his stories during the program, and then to stand by for the running question and answer session that always follows. Don't miss out!

For your Westercon membership, including all Progress Reports and the Program Booklet, just send \$1.00 to WESTERCON XV, P O Box 54207, Terminal Annex, L A 54. Make checks and money orders payable to William B Ellern, Treasurer.

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CHICON III

The 20th Annual World Science Fiction Convention will be held at the Pick-Congress Hotel in Chicago, Ill, on Sept 1, 2 & 3, 1962. Theodore Sturgeon is to be Guest of Honor, and the con will mark the climax of the Tenth Anniversary Willis Fund, as Mr & Mrs Walter A Willis journey over to the convention from Belfast, Northern Ireland.

You can join this certain-to-be-memorable convention by sending a measley \$2.00 to George W Price, 20th World S F Convention, P O Box 4864, Chicago 80, Illinois.

Do it, today!

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IF YOU DO NOT SUB IMMEDIATELY THIS IS YOUR LAST ISSUE

Revised Directory to Los Angeles Fandom

A year ago, we published the first LA Fan Directory in memory, containing 170 names and addresses, enabling us and many others to keep in touch with the infrequent LASFS attendees and sundry LA fans who always seem to be unavailable through the telephone book. The project was a quiet success--it offended none, because we advertised it much and asked everyone to tell us if they wanted their name, address, or phone kept out of it. It helped LASFS keep its mailing list up to date, and at 25¢ the copy sold modestly but well for a number of months.

Like any directory of fans, it is sadly out of date, and with more fans cropping up all the time, our projected revision will probably top 250 entries. So do us, and yourself, a favor--look at the address on this Newsletter, and drop us a card correcting it if necessary. Is this your complete, current address? Is the zone number correct? Do you have a phone--and do you want the number published? Send the card to Bjo Trimble at Mathom House, 222 South Gramercy Place, Los Angeles 4 (Dunkirk 9-0619); and use an envelope if you like--if you do, you can send along a dime (10¢) for a copy of this new directory, at pre-publication price, special this week. It's a quarter, later; the directory will be published before the Westcon.

Movie Parties

When Unicorn Productions throws a movie party, you see famous and fabulous films for a nominal admission charge, and you are contributing to amateur movie-making in LA at the same time. Our first movie party this year lost money--if that keeps up, we stop the parties. Take a look at our line-up, and mark your calendar to drop around Mathom House to talk movies, drink coffee, and see:

APRIL 14...The Ghost Goes West, starring Robert Donat, Jean Parker, and Elsa Lanchester; the almost-classic spook-comedy of a Scottish castle transported stone-by-stone to Florida by an eccentric millionaire, complete with haint--the hereditary ghost of the castle, who must walk its walls until he fulfills his curse. His attempts to find rest are somewhat slowed by his wenching and the innocent blunderings of his current-day kinsman.

JUNE 16...The Happiest Days of Your Life (Alistair Sim, Margaret Rutherford); an English farce about a boys' school accidentally billeted with a girls' school; non-stif, but very funny.

and...The First Russian Earth Satellites, a documentary about the good old days before we sent men around outside the atmosphere, when all there was up there was tin cans and dogs.

JULY 1.....Things To Come, by H. G. Wells. This genuine classic of the sci-fi-film genre will be shown on the second day of the Westcon XV, and is not a Unicorn movie party. For more information, send \$1 for membership and progress reports to William B. Ellern, Treasurer, WESTERCON XV, P. O. Box 54207, Terminal Annex, Los Angeles 54, Calif.

AUG 4.....The Magic Horse (Russian color animation); a Russian folk tale of enchantment.

and...The Red Balloon (French live color); fantasy of a boy and his balloon in Paris.

OCT 6.....Bell, Book and Candle (J Stewart, K Novak, E Kovacs, J Lemmon); a fantasy of witches and warlocks in New York City.

Movies start at 8:00 sharp; so plan to be here by 7:30 for early coffee and gab; and bring friends. Each party includes several short subjects besides the features.

Dates to Mark

For specific times, places, etc., keep up with the LASFS Newsletter -- 35¢.

MARCH 24 -- Fanquet honoring Rick Sneary. At Manning's, on Whlshire, 7 p.m.  
25 -- Meeting of Baker Street Irregulars, at Stu Palmer's:  
826 N Barranca, Covina, Calif -- visitors welcome

APRIL 14 -- Unicorn Productions movie party...featuring "The Ghost Goes West".  
28 -- LASFS Mad Hat Party, at Mathom House; prizes for wildest hats,  
\$1.00, byob.  
14 & 15 -- Unicorn Prod. work party at Forry's to sort magazines.

MAY 10 -- LASFS auction; books, magazines, artwork, fanzines...bring money to  
the meeting. Other auctions will be scheduled later.  
32 -- Lose your temper day.

JUNE 16 -- Unicorn Productions movieparty.  
30 -- First day of WESTERCON XV...got your membership?  
31 -- Al Lewis' Day.

JULY 1 -- WESTERCON XV.

AUGUST 4 -- Unicorn Productions movie party.

SEPTEMBER 1, 2 & 3 -- CHICON III...send \$2.00 now to George W Price, Box 4864,  
Chicago 80, Ill.

OCTOBER 6 -- Unicorn Productions movie party.  
25 -- LASFS' 28th Anniversary meeting...presentation of the Evans-Free-  
hafer Award to an outstanding member...professional speakers.  
27 -- LASFS Hallowe'en costume party...Mathom House, \$1.00, byob.

NOVEMBER 2 -- Dia de los Muertos (Mexican Day of the Dead). This is the day  
to celebrate the end of the Hallowe'en hangover...informal party  
at Mathom House, byo....

DECEMBER 15 -- Deadline for SHAGGY Art Folio/Supplement.  
20 -- LASFS Christmad Party...bring an exchange gift, under \$1.50.  
31 -- LASFS New Year's Eve party...Mathom House...\$1.00, byob.

Noble Experiment To Be Tried Anew

Beginning the second meeting in April, LASFS will go back to its attempt to have  
a program every second meeting of each month; and possibly to very informal pro-  
gram every fourth meeting. This means speakers, slide shows, tape programs,  
movie shorts, demonstrations, auctions, and/or any other special program which  
can be planned.

While We Like Not Having To Pay Rent...

Let's face it, the Alpine Playground isn't the most gongenial place in which to  
hold meetings. So, we're still in the market for a better permanent meeting  
place for LASFS. Requirements: in the LA central area (not much further west  
than Mathom House, etc), large enough to hold 35 to 50 people, and a rent of  
\$15.00 or less per month. We have trouble making ends meet on that much rent,  
we'd be at sea if we had to pay any more than that.  
Keep looking, people, we still need a good, roomy meeting hall!