

# L A S F S Newsletter

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**DE TO A SEPTIENNIAL INCONVENIENCE** the Silverlake Playground will be closed three Thursdays in the next two months, and the LASFS must find other quarters. Fortunately, a moderately spacious Slan Shack is available with prior reservation, and the three displaced meetings will be held at the Labrynth of Valeron, 619 South Hobart, L. A. 5.

Thanksgiving, as you should know, always falls on a Thursday and the LASFS has had to make Other Arrangements on that date for years. But one year in seven Christmas Eve falls on a Thursday, and of course when that happens New Year's Eve falls on the following Thursday. 1964 is one of these years. The Silverlake Playground will be unavailable to us these evenings, but the Labrynth will be open.

The Thanksgiving meeting will be a regular meeting, with no special attraction since the attendance is usually low. The Christmas Eve meeting will include the Annual Christmas Gift Exchange, described below, and not much else, since even fans have other places to go on Christmas Eve -- families, loved ones, and like that. The New Year's Eve meeting will make up for both of the others, and anything else that has been left out in the last four years.

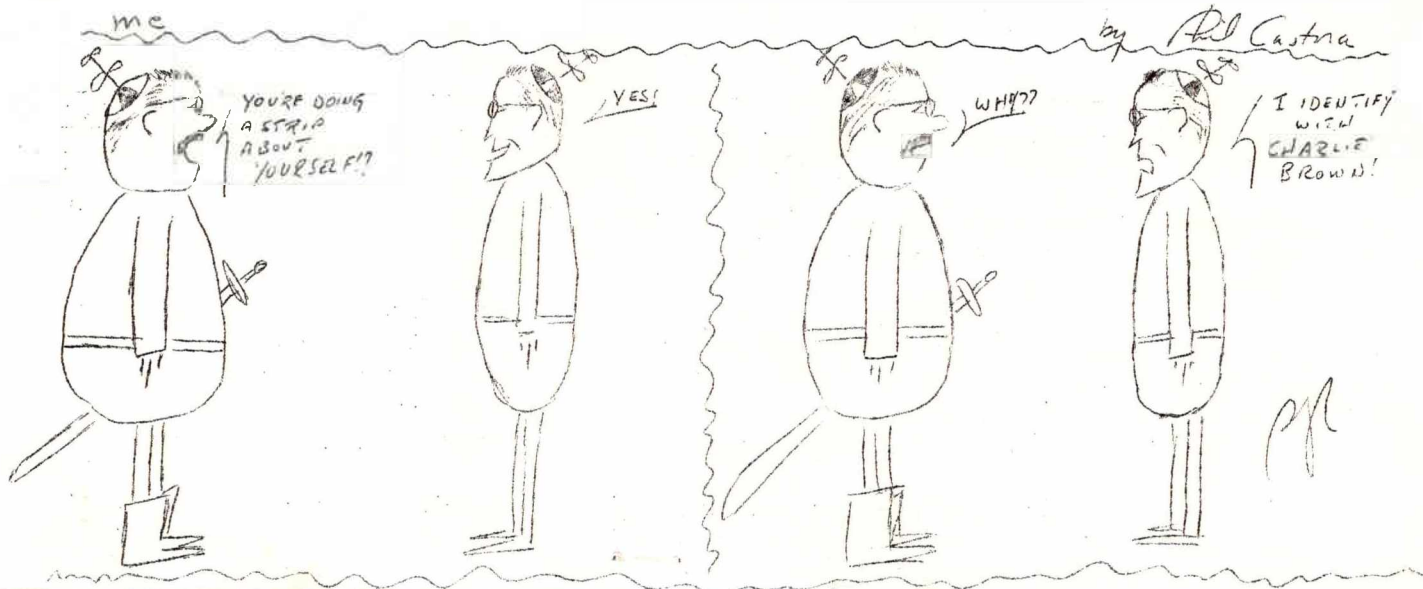
The meeting will be called to order sometime shortly after 8 p.m. on New Year's Eve -- a Thursday. Friday is New Year's Day, and therefore a holiday. Saturday and Sunday, the 2nd and 3rd, will also be free days for most of us. Therefore... I think you may have guessed. And you are right! The New Year's Eve meeting will last four days, and with any kind of luck should be the biggest blast to hit this city since the famous Last Party at the Fan Hillton.

There will be no charge --- the Treasury can supply enough mix and basic nibbling refreshments to get things started, and there is a 24 - hour grocery-cum-liquor-store four blocks away where things can be bought any time of the day or night, including New Year's Day.

Like the Hallowe'en Party, there will be conversation and circulation downstairs and card games upstairs; there will probably be some amount of filksinging, and doubtless a satisfactory amount of drinking and snogging.

Everyone is invited -- attendance is not restricted to the readers of this Newsletter, or even to LASFS members. Or even to fans, for that matter. We want to meet a lot of people. Bring your friends, your relatives, your enemies, and interesting people you may meet on the street. And of course, remember to come yourself. Bring your own Booze, Broad, and Bedroll, and remember to stop the milk before you leave, and arrange to have the neighbors feed your pets and take in your mail.

**THE CHRISTMAS GIFT EXCHANGE** is a Yuletide tradition of the LASFS, and is conducted at the last meeting before Christmas, according to ancient and ritualistic tradition. For those of you who have not participated, or who have been away, it runs something like this. Everyone who is interested in exchanging a gift, brings one, wrapped, preferably of a generally stfnish nature suitable for man or woman (or arrested child), worth about a dollar, places it on the table at the front of the room, and is given a slip of paper with a number on it. Similar numbers are put in a hat, and the drawing is begun. The holder of the first number drawn gets his choice of any gift on the table, and unwraps it in the sight of all. A second number is called, its holder chooses his gift, and unwraps it. Then he has the option of exchanging it with the holder of the first number. The wishes of this individual are of no matter; the exchange is not voluntary except on the part of the holder of the last number drawn. The third number chooses a gift, and after opening it, may trade with either number one or number two. And so forth. Finally, when all the numbers have been called, and all the gifts given out, the holder of the first number called may have his choice of any of the gifts there, trading whatever he currently holds for it.



DEPT. OF MISSING PERSONS: Carl "Pippin" Spreitzer, reported as missing in the last issue, has been found. He had not been kidnapped, but only wandered away. Admittedly, three weeks is a long wander, but he is now safe and as sound as can reasonably be expected.

ELECTIONS AREN'T OVER YET: The IASFS elections will be held as usual at the end of December. The last meeting of the year will include nominations and elections for the five club elective offices -- Director, Secretary, Treasurer, Senior and Junior Committeemen. Initial nominations for Director will be made at the next to the last meeting of the year. Be sure to attend these meetings -- remember, bad officials are elected by good members who don't vote.

The next issue of the Newsletter will include the outlines of the duties of these officers, quoted from the IASFS Constitution. And sometime in the next month, we will publish the current club constitution, complete with the latest revisions, amendments, and by-laws, including those setting up the Friends of the IASFS. This Constitution will go to all Newsletter Subscribers, and will be handed out at IASFS meetings until we run out of them.

REMEMBER, THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER and it's partly up to you to keep it going and interesting. Keep us informed of your changes of address, in case we miss the CoA in RATATOSK, and if anything of interest comes up, like pregnancies, marriages, divorces, new fanzines starting, old ones folding, kittens for sale, rooms for rent, drop us a line and we'll see about giving it a plug. Or just drop us a line anyway. We like getting mail, and you'll be less likely to be trimmed from our unwieldy subscription/ mailing list.

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