

LASFS' Shangri-L'Affaires

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Kneelings
(Left to rite)

Paul Freehafer
Peggy Finn
Walt Daugherty
Forry Ackerman
Norwin Johnson

Back row
(Ditto)

Helen Finn
Dorothy Finn
Eleanor O'Brien
Morojo
Art Joquel
Ed Chamberlain
Gerald Miller
Henry Hasse

SIXTH ANNUAL XMAS PARTY (Foto by Hodgkins)

Above you see the grafic climax of the affair, each person exhibiting his/her gift. Each brot a present which was placed indiscriminately on the shelf in the club's mimeo supply closet as they arrived, and later each stepped up to the curtain and removed a package, grab-bag fashion. Order of present-picking was accomplished alphabetically --beginning backwards. The Daughertys each received copies of Standard Publications...with packets of aspirin attached! Morojo is seen in the r8le of Sally Finn, with the two biggest suckers in town! An original illustration was Art Joquel's selection; "Intrigue on the Upper Level", Hodgkins'; Chamberlain drew a copy of Fanciful Tales; Action Stories featuring Bond's "Exiles of the Dawn World" was 4e's lot; Henry Hasse got "Tarzan the Terrible"; Paul Freehafer selection "Tarzan at the Earth's Core", Eng. edition; Peggy Finn picked "Jurgen" (& was promptly cautioned by all she was too young to read it!); her sister Dorothy copped Coblenz's "The Wonder Stick"; visitor Gerald Miller got embroiled in Wells' "War of the Worlds"; serial "Satan in Exile" to Norwin Johnson; while Helen Finn drew the prize of the occasion, a beautifully bound copy of the original BLIND SPOT and the 3d Ann 1sh Fantasy Mag!

Prior to the "pay-off" of the evening, Daugherty had raffled a deluxe edition of Edgar Allan Poe's "Tales of Imagination and Mystery", 15 quickly-taken tickets at 10c a chance. The winnah--Walt Daugherty! A triple-threat round-table contest also was held, in which the object was to be the last person able to name a story by a selected author. Ackerman won the Cummings' contest, Hasse the Keller, and Joquel the Lovecraft; then the Big 3 were pitted against each other on Wells, and Forry came out first, selecting treasury-donated book "Shuddering Castle"; Joquel second, taking "Dian of the Lost Land"; and Hasse wound up with a "Woman Alive"...

Long letter from London, TransAtlanticClippard from Ted Carnell, was read by the Director, various local fans being extended greetings of the season by name. Holiday cards to the Club were on display on the mantel, senders including "Cincinnati", Bob Olsen, Dick & Jessica Wilson, Ken Chapman, Walt Liebscher and Jno Jeffryes Jr.

NO PRECEDENT FOR NEW "PRESIDENT": Annual Election netted us--no, not a Fourth Termer--but, unique as far as we know in the annals of fan organizations, a Woman Director! Virtually swept into Office was Helen Finn, who retained incumbent Treasurer Morojo, accepted resignation of Secretary Hodgkins replacing with Daugherty, and relinquished her own position as Librarian to Paul Freehafer. Few words about our new Directors: Helen Finn read the Burroughs books, began magazine science fiction with Argosy 1921. Has read about all the representative fantasy. Almost was published herself in Weird Tales of the Wright era. Saw LASFS' write-up in Weird while in Mexico, made up

mind when she returned to Los Angeles she wanted a new circle of friends and decided to find out what the Imaginatives were like. She sees no reason for fandom's collapse due to war. Believes the standards of sf writing have improved over the years. First favorite, Merritt, followed by the old Kline; in the newer writers, dislikes Asimov, gets a lot of laughs out of Kultnar, 100% for Heinlein.

PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLICATION: Besides acting as the organ of the LASFS to inform fandom first-hand of the activities, club & extra-curricular, of the Angeleffo fans, the primary purpose when this periodical was proposed was to promote exchange of fanmags with other societies and individuals, to the insidious end that borderline readers in our midst become inculcated with a genuine interest in amateur output. First edition of club-pub'd Sha-L'Affaires did not seem to arouse any great enthusiasm on the part of recipients; in fact, not a single trade was received. However, this was not regarded as depressing, as it had been felt beforehand that few publishers would be enthusiastic about parting with a 20 or 30 page publication of their own for a paltry one-pager. Addition of the foto to this issue--with the foto perhaps becoming a permanent policy--will, it is hoped, warrant your sending us a copy of your publication in return. Why, just to have your brain-child housed in the internationally famous library of the LASFS should be incentive!

VISITING FANS: Four out-of-state sfans in LA lately. Adam Lang of Denver in town after a naval job; "Gus" Willmorth of Chelan, Washington, looks up Daughertys, accompanies them to meeting; 'Rustebars', originally of Riverside, Cal., and lately of Philadelphia, walks in breaking up meeting to report on Philly Fellows, their progress toward securing a clubroom, future publishing plans, etc., distributing copies of the new Fantasience Digest and PSFS News; and lastly...not five minutes before stepping out of his flat and on his way to the Xmas party, Forry received a tone-call from one Gerald Miller, once of the Futurians of New York, presently of Tempe, Ariz. Miller was toning from a downtown booth but did not know where he was located so Ackerman could not tell him very well how to get to the Clubroom til it was determined from a description of his surroundings that he was nice and central at 7th & Bdwy. Forry arrived to find Miller (fname: Gem) was waiting outside the room, talking with Johnson. "Miller?" queryd 4c-- "I'm Breathless." (joke over) During the informal part of the meeting Miller told of his several-year-old recollections of Wollheim & Pohl & Perri & Kornbluth & Hahn, the latter whom he was surprised to learn was now in LA, and of his success in forming the Amalgamated Arizona Science Fictioneers, with an enrolment of about 40. **FANS VISITING:** Reversing the procedure, Paul Frechafer, Henry Hassc, RA Hoffman & Emil Petaja, members of LA's by-invitation-only Weird Tales Club, made a special post-Xmas week-end trip to Auburn, Calif., where they called on the Old Master of the Macabre, Clark Ashton Smith. Many fotos were taken, several write-ups are anticipated, one aimed at Fantasia. **AND ANOTHER REVERSAL:** T. Bruce Yerke, recently promoted to Mgr of Nite Shift (correction: Shift) at his Glorified Hamburger establishment, treats Morojo & Forry to a show! Selection: The new Disney fantasy, "Dumbo". Recommended. Incidentally, this all came about as a result of Tubby's being bored (tho "Tubby" will not apply much longer if TBY continues to lose his excess weight, already having taken off 20 lbs). Nauseated by a scanning of "The Man-Beast of Torea" (termed a fairy Torea), which he fished out of the library, and that Forry was kidding him when he told him it was a "classic" recently reprinted in Startling, Bruce made the startling proposition.

ON HIS OWN: Bradbury has made his first solo-sale--"The Piper", placed with Margulies after one re-write.

WITH THE DAUGHERTYS: Walt & Eleanor are the entertainingest people! A dinner for Rustebars, with Forry and Howard Robinson invited, Clarence Hamms and his "Black Flame" spouse dropping in afterward for an evening of fantasy record-playing. At a later date, your reporter was unable to accept the invitation, but it is believed a record-making (monogram-record) party was attended by, among others, Bradbury, the Hamms, Hodgkins and the Dishingtons. Walt & Eleanor and the Hamms spent New Year Eve together, seeing a preview of "Tarzan's Secret Treasure".

BLESSED EVENT: Warren J. Oswald, XLASFS mem, informs of the arrival of fanatic material in the person of Carol Ann Oswald, 7 lbs 7 ozs; Miami.

OUR NEXT FOTO: The 1000-piece library of our fantasociety.

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