

L.A.S.F.S. SHANGRI-L'AFFAIRES 6

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Because of the infernal laziness of the director this issue of Shangri*

L'Affaires is late indeed. So instead of the monumental issue planned, Fandom will receive this little fandle-sheet of LA doings, whipped off on the spot.

July 30--at the home of Barbara Bovard, the members of the LASFS were royally welcomed and fed by the genial Mrs. and other members of the family. Forrie displayed some new right's, cards were played, and a good time was had by all while consuming indigestibles of the usual order.

DURING THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST, the attending membership of the club was seriously shorted by the attendance of Hoffman, Chamberlain, Yerke, Brady, and Bradbury as ushers to the Hollywood bowl and the regular paying admittance of Freehafer where the lot of them listened to the symphonics being played there.

July The Club received a confirming announcement from Helen Finn as to the martial condition of her two daughters Dot and Peggy. Dorothy and Henry Hasse at Ellsworth, Kansas and Margaret and Bill Crawford at Kansas City, Missouri.

AUGUST 7, On this date our leading member, and fandoms number one fan was inducted into the United States Army. Previously, Mr. Ackerman was feted in the usual manner of the dear departing. Although his fan activity will be seriously handicapped by his induction, he intends to carry on as well he might. Mr. Ackerman has turned the actual publishing and editing of VOM over to Morojo and Barbara Bovard, securing Director Willmorth's financial support on art work, but continues in a supervisory position over the contents and appearance of the fmz. The disposal of the magnificent Ackerman collection has already been widely publicized, but it will do no harm to mention here the worthy project of the Science Fiction Institute. If Forrie is carried into actual combat and is thereby liquidated, one thousand dollars and the actual collection is to be the embryo of a foundation dedicated to the preservation of science fiction. It would definitely be someplace to will those well-beloved collections to--a symbol for the whole of Fandomania to grasp and revere. Your editors personal donation will contain original illustrations for which he has payed more than a hundred dollars along with other items such as mags and books. Science Fiction Forward!!!!

AUGUST 16. The residence of Mr. Ackerman was the scene of ripping, tearing activity as various fans as Morojo, Barbara Bovard, Gus Willmorth, Paul Freehafer, Bob Hoffman and fan pen one put the garage-full of duplicates in order and excerpted piles of old argosies and All Storys, etc.

Later Morojo, Gus and Barbara retired to Daugherties' to make recordings to be sent to Gnaedinger, Wright, Widner, Evens and others. Mr. Hodgkins was there but soon departed. E-N-R dashed off to a show leaving a bowl of candy to the mercy of the fans. He did leave the bowl.

Paul, and Bob not adrian and also went to a show.

AUGUST 9th (I think) Lew Martin and Bob Jenks (I hope) were in town today from the naval training station at San Diego. Roy Hunt was unable to come. As you all know these three Denverites joined the Navy some time ago. It is believed that Ray is taking instructions at sea while the others are cramming at the naval school for ratings. Lew and Bob were given or rather taken to dinner at the new cliffton's and later lead to Hollywood. There they were shown to Graumans' Chinese and Egyptian Theatres, the various night clubs, a couple of radio studios, Earl Carrols, the Palladium, and did some bowling, Lew being high man with director Willmorth leading by a small margin. That is, I mean he lead me.

AUGUST 17. At the Greyhound station at fifth and Los Angeles, fans Williams, Willmorth, Morojo, Ackerman, Yerke, and a personal friend and Joquel's mother met to see Art off for Washington D.C. John, Gus, and Art had a farewell sandwich together and Art forced his way thru the crowds loaded with a brief case and typewriter that the bus lines refused to check. The last person to actually speak and shake the hand of Mr. Joquel was Yerke who arriving late did not get to say goodbye in the station, but by the use of his technocracy press card was able to get aboard the stage to interview the departing Pacifist.

AUGUST 21. Today Forrie's two week furlough was up and he reported for duty. The horrible change that war is bringing to the world was evident by the fact that Forrie had given up his exotic Green rimmed glasses for colorless frames, believing that the army would frown upon such individualism as evidenced by the emerald rimmed cheaters.

AUGUST 20, Thursday. A talk upon Atlantis was given by a Mr. Vanderhooven, a student of Atlantis and a spiritualist. The talk was fairly interesting and so was the art work of the gentleman. A proposed seance was proposed at the end of the meeting but subsequent meeting produced no medium. Perhaps it is just as well; mediums are said to be rather frail creatures, you know.

Also present at the meeting boys originally from Spokane, Washington; Dave Dawson and Al Uekel. These at Denver last year, and have been around quite a bit since. Dave has of the summer while Al, wisknown professionally as Al Thotis and for quite Both boys expressed a desire to did later. Al has joined the in hollywood.

August 30

August 30, In the city today was Mark Reinsburg, Chicagoan, who has been up at Rodding all summer working for the forest service as lookout along with Carl Korshak, though they were not stationed together. Arriving Saturday, he spent the night with Daugherty and the two of them came to the club early in the afternoon. The Directors quarters was the scene of most of the days chit chat as Mark wrote some letters on club stationery to send to some friends and fans. Later all went to the historic Clifton's cafeteria for dinner. After eating most of the party went to Freehafer's to do some record playing. Mark declared that Korshak would perhaps be down in another ten days. Reinsburg was to depart for Chicago and college Monday morning after spending his second night in LA at Paul's residence.

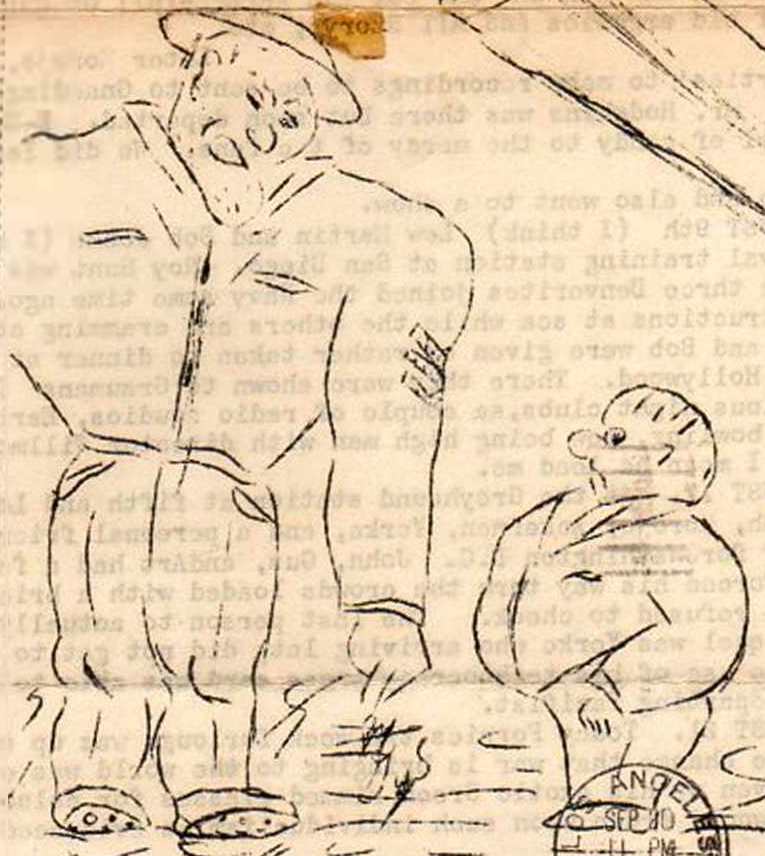
September 6...Forrest J. Ackerman was again in our midst for a brief day, resplendent in a brand new uniform with brass buttons and everything. Pictures were taken by Freehafer of the redoubtable Ackerman in military dress along with some group shots of people at the club. He reported that he had secured a office position at Fort McArthur and would apparently be stationed there for some time. Going down town for the usual dinner at Clifton's after which most of the group took in a show, we paused at Metro. Station to send some books to the reception center at FT. Mac. He reported the arrival of the books after his return to the fort, and a couple days later the chaplain of the post sent us due thanx. I wonder if I should answer the D.D. saying you are welcome, but through our own very efficient spy system we were already cognizant of the arrival of the donation. Would there be complications between the two societies as in the case of Colin Rodon who wanted to deliver some books in person to soldiers in hospitals? GET THE BEHIND THE SATAN!

Forrie reported that the present literature rage at the fort was Brave New World. Could it be the science fiction in the utopian thesis that influenced the boys or could it be?

SEPTEMBER 10...Al Thots world infamous magician gave a small exhibition of his astounding powers at the present meeting. After apologizing for the confined quarters and lack of equipment that gives the grand stage appearance, he continued on with a series of acts that were confusing and amusing. Why don't more people of such interest come to Shangri-La, the fans paradise?

SEPTEMBER 8th...A letter was received from Art Joquel announcing his safe arrival in Washington and his subsequent meeting with the Finn and Hesses'. An evening at Spars while Spars was working on his FAPA pub was revealed. Alojo is now employed by the RFC running a bookkeeping machine.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST, there will be a directorial election at the Club room at 1055 Wilshire Boulevard at the next meeting of September 17, due to the fact that the military forces of these United States feel a pressing need of the exceedingly indisponible abilities of the present director of the afore mentioned ~~XXXXXX~~ LOS ANGELES SCIENCE FANTASY SOCIETY. These will undoubtedly be the last fan words of Director Willmorth, though the efforts in Voice covers will go on for quite some months.



Now, listen here, you--No more of that 'Gx' Sarge, stuff. It's yessir or else!

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