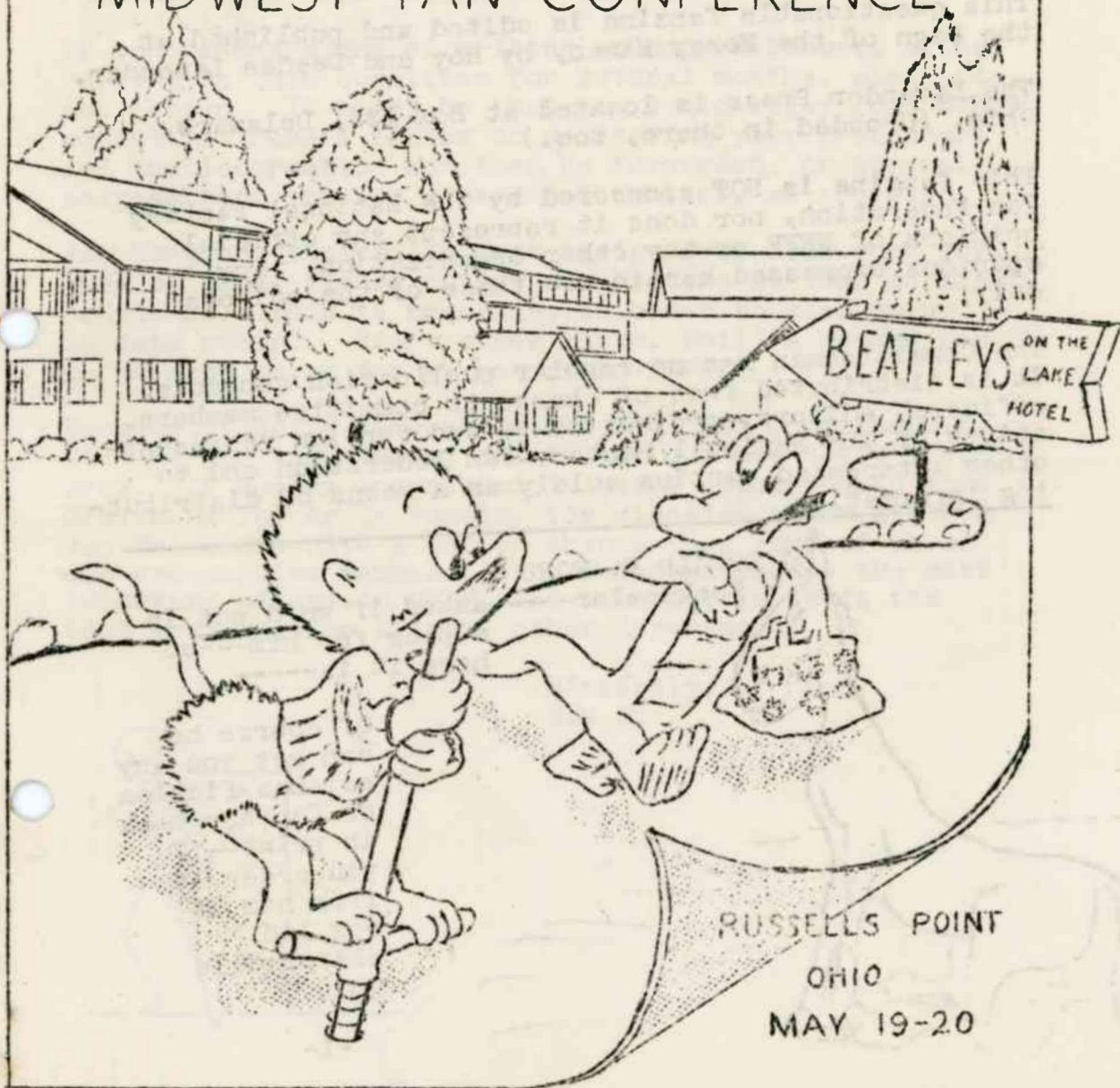


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ANNOUNCEMENT

FROM EVA FIRESTONE--ATTENTION WELCOMERS

If you become weary of writing so many Welcomes, after working in this committee for several months, please do not resign. It might be that you would enjoy some other activity. Send a letter to me stating your preference and the information acn then be forwarded, or correct address sent you for a personal contact, as you wish.

If, however, you really must resign from club work for lack of time, please notify our Hostess at your earliest convience. This is necessary in order to keep an up to date record. Every other month, Emili's record has to be sent to me for my report to TNFF.

Because of Roy's request in the Feb. 2nd Committeeman, Bill Berger volunteered and is now our new Sec'y-Treasurer. If you're interested in being appointed to some Chairmanship, or in running for election as an officer, you Welcomers have a better chance than some of those who are passive members. The Welcommittee is the most important of any in NFFF, and activity in it is the best training for all the other departments.

Sincerely,
Eva F.



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NEW MEMBERS

(153) Sam Martinez--521 Kennedy Bldg., Tulsa 3, Okla. Research chemist, 35, read stf 21 years. Amateur and pro writer, amateur artist, collects mags. No N3F work. Sponsor, Floyd Tewksbury.

(154) Tod Lief--1240 Hohlfelder Rd., Glencoe, Ill. Student, 16, read stf 4 yrs. Amateur writer, artist. Collects mags. No N3F work. Sponsor, Loren Benson.

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(156) Alton Maddup--Garner, Texas. Rancher and teacher, 27, read stf 5 yrs. Mag collecting. Yes to N3F work. Sponsor, Eva Firestone.

(157) Mrs. Anna Sinclair Moffatt--5969 Lanto St., Bell Gardens, Calif. Sponsor--Len J. Moffatt (husband).

(158) Neil Blum--2200 N. Kedzie, Chicago 47, Ill. Western Union Messenger, 15, read stf "since June 1951". (? ed) Pro bookdealer and author. Amateur writing. Collects books and mags. Yes to N3F work. Sponsor, Roy Lavender.

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(163) George M. Williams, Jr.--1302 Sevier Terrace Dr., Kingsport, Tenn. College senior, 23, read stf 10 yrs. Collects books, mags. Yes to N3F work.

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(165) Alan F. Wilson--Suite 28, 10217 St. Clair Ave. NE, Cleveland 8, Ohio. Inspector, 31, read stf 3 yrs. Amateur publisher, writer, mag collector. Corresponds. Director, Cleveland Science Fiction Soc. Member, Fortean Soc. Yes to N3F work. Sponsor, Jean Carrol.

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(171) Frank Howard--26 Richmond Ave., Schoolfield, Va. Salesman, 20, read stf 2 yrs. Corresponds, collects mags. Member, The Centaurians. No N3F work. Sponsor, Bob Farnham.

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INFORMATION and stuff---

N3F has a CORRESPONDENCE BUREAU. It's headed by Ev Winne. It works this way. If you want to correspond with a fan or fans, or just plain talk to fans by letter, get in touch with Ev and tell him about it. He'll do his best to put you in touch with fans with the interests that you have in mind, or in the part of the world that you want.

We might mention that this service is not limited to N3F members, but is open to all fans. We are receiving full cooperation from SCIENCE-FICTION INTERNATIONAL and others in this undertaking.

INTERIM NEWSLETTER (the 0-0 of SFI) is continuing to come out regularly. No. 7 came in last week, bringing the news that Lyell Crane has already departed for England and the EUCON. (He has promised some news on the EUCON for TNFF.) Julian May is carrying on as editor in his absence.

A FOREIGN LANGUAGE CHECKLIST is in process as an SFI benefit. You can help out if you'll send them information on any books of S-F or fantasy published in a foreign language that you may know about.

The address, Julian May--2334 N. 76th Court, Elmwood Park, Ill.

Speaking of plugs, Interim Newsletter carries a nice big one for N3F, and lists some of the benefits.

And speaking of benefits, N3F has another, put out by Ev Winne. THE PAPER BOUND EDITIONS CHECKLIST covers pocketbooks of s-f and fantasy. We haven't seen one yet, so that's about all we can tell you this time.

SUPER SCIENCE carried a nice big plug for N3F in Jimmie Taurasi's column in the June issue.

⑦ Rory (Grandma the Demon) Faulkner has resigned from the Welcommittee.

And the Welcommittee has the following new members--
Mrs. Ann Lee McLeod Charles Moslander
Don T. Regan June Superak
Herbert R. Womaski

Fans are in the news again---"Doc" Barrett appeared in the Columbus (Ohio) Sunday Dispatch. In the background a few of his collection of 10,000 books appear. The article included a big plug for the MIDWEST FAN CONFERENCE.

The Committeeman is still offering a Finlay Folio (First Series) for the correct address of a "lost fan" listed in TNFF. This offer will stay open while the supply of folios lasts. We may make the prize a Philson Memory Book if you'd prefer. e

We received an announcement from Lin Carter--1734 Newark St., St. Petersburg, Fla., that his first collection of fantastic poems, "Sandalwood and Jade" is now on sale at 50¢ per copy.

We've plenty of the new application form on hand, listing Bill Berger as the one to send the buck to. Drop us a card if you need some.

CONVENTION NEWS, bringing news about the EUCON on May 10th to 13th came in from England. They've has such a response to their earlier announcements that the Committee has booked a large hall at the Royal Hotel for the main part of the affair.

For membership, send your 50¢ to Convention Secretary, c/o White Horse Tavern, Fetter Lane, London EC 4, ENGLAND.

SLANT No. 5 arrived just lately. This issue is tops, as is the usual case with this fine fanzine. (8)

It also reminds us that we've been slighting its editor, Walter A. Willis.

We haven't been mentioning that SLANT is free on request to all N3F members in Europe.

All you N3F'rs in the U. S. A. are missing a good thing if you haven't subscribed to SLANT. The price is two issues for one current pro mag, or 25¢ in cash or stamps. (We doubt that he means U. S. stamps.)

You can't miss on that deal. Buy a current 'zine, read it (without tearing up the cover, please) and then swap it for two copies of a fanzine carrying more stories of equal quality.

No kidding about that, either. Stories originally appearing in SLANT have been later published in pro mags.

The address, Walter A. Willis--170 Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast, North Ireland.

OPERATION FANTAST NEWS LETTER is another new arrival at Box 132. As you no doubt guessed, it's put out by Ken Slater. Its purpose is to get information out to U-K fans with greater frequency than is possible with O-F along.

In case you've been wondering where we've been with this edition of The Committeeman--we've been busy. The new job (with North American Aviation) is running into overtime and six days a week, besides requiring driving sixty miles a day.

In answer to an inquiry--we do this format in a Royal portable by cutting the stencils in two at line 42, then after they are cut, gluing them back together with #268 mimeograph cement.

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PARODY ON "CAESAR"

Fans, amateurs, professionals, lend me your ears;

I come to bury ASF, not to praise it.

The evil that zines do lives after them;

The good is oft interred with their paper;

So let it be with ASF. The noble Rick Sneary

has told you ASF is too ambitious;

If it were so, it is a 'grievous' fault,

but joyously doth ASF answer it.

Here, under leave of Rick Sneary's pen,--

for Sneary is an honorable man:

so are they all, all honorable men--

Come I to speak on ASF's behalf.

It is my friend, faithfully tops to me:

But Sneary says that it is too ambitious;

and Sneary is an honorable man.

Th oath brought luster to science-fiction's name:

Did this in ASF seem too ambitious?

When writers were hungry, Campbell fed them

from money from his own pocket:

Ambition should be made of sterner stuff:

yet Sneary says that he is too ambitious;

and Sneary is an honorable man.

You all did see some conventions ago

where Campbell did support fandom

all he was able to: was this ambition?

Yet Sneary says that he is too ambitious;

and sure, he is an honorable man.

I write not to disprove what Sneary wrote,

but here I am to speak what I know.

You all did love ASF once, not without cause:

What cause withholds you then to side with ASF?

O Judgement! Thou art fled to brutish beasts,

and fans have lost their reason. Bear with me;

my heart is in New York there with Campbell,

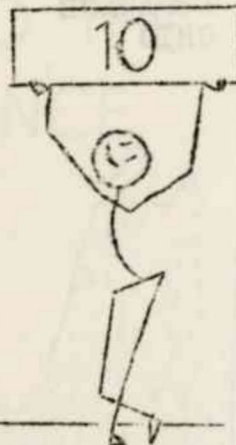
and I must pause--'til it come back to me.

ODICUS ODE TO FORM 1040-ES

By Olive Morgan

You may be Uncle's sugar plum,
To me you're the delirium
Sired by pipe of opium
And reared by Pandemonium
To rout my equilibrium,
And leave resistance doubly numb
Until shrinking from opprobrium
I turn in Estimates maximum
Without one glance at minimum;
One tear for happy medium.

Now should this well fleeced lamb succumb
To a ruptured pericardium,
Would you donate residuum
One measly chrysanthemum-
Or a scrawny red geranium?
Or could it be, my greedy chum,
Your conscience might be over come
'Til You too go the maximum
And rear o'er my poor cranium
This epitaph: AD LIBITUM!



The above arrived as an indirect result of the parody we published last issue.

The parody on Caesar appearing elsewhere in this issue is by Dennis Strong and first appeared in BEM/Chimerical Review, January, 1951.

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