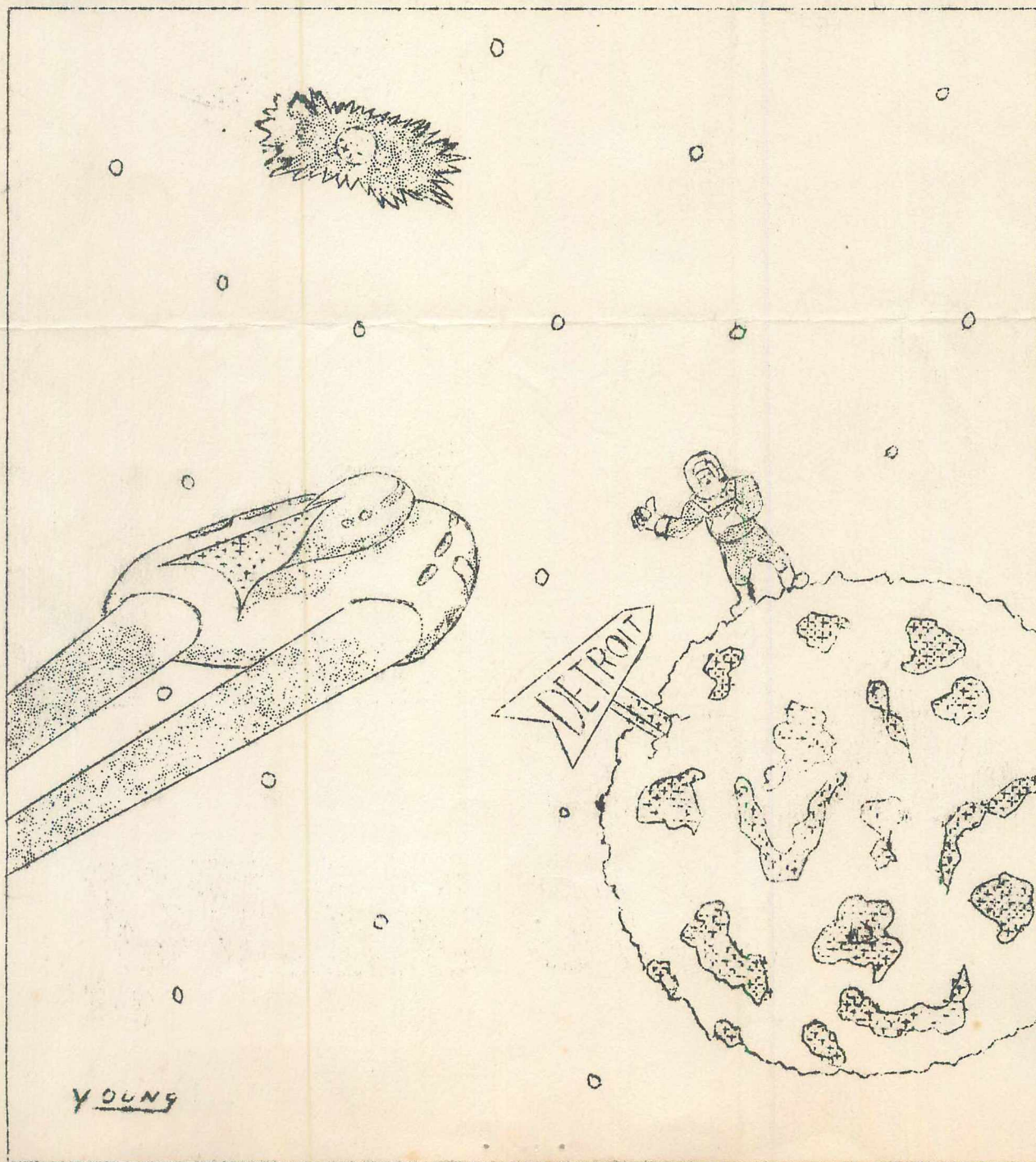


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FEBRUARY 20, 1950

NEXT MEETING THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, AT OR AROUND 7:30P. M., AT 5037 MAPLEWOOD, DETROIT. THIS IS A BLOCK FROM GRAND RIVER, MIDWAY BETWEEN W. GRAND BLVD. AND JOY ROAD. THE GRAND RIVER BUS WILL TAKE YOU PRACTICALLY TO THE DOOR. YOU MIGHT TRY PHONING TY. 7-6132 FOR ANY INFORMATION OR DIRECTIONS THAT YOU MIGHT REQUIRE AND IF WE HAPPEN TO HAVE ANY LYING AROUND AND FEEL IN A GOOD MOOD, WE'LL LET YOU HAVE SOME.

MARTIN ALGER IS THE HOST FOR THE COMING MEETING AND I UNDERSTAND THAT OUR PHOTO-FANATIC LENS MAN HAS SOME MOVIES TO SHOW US AS HIS SHARE OF THE EVENING'S ENTERTAINMENT. WE ALSO HAVE AN EMINENT SPEAKER FOR THIS MEETING WHO WILL GIVE US A RESUME OF FAN MAGAZINES, BETTER KNOWN AS FANZINES, AND OTHER ALLIED SUBJECTS. REFRESHMENTS? WHY, NATURALLY!

LAST MEETING THE LAST MEETING WAS HELD AT THE HOME OF SMILING, GENTIAL ED KUSS, AND A PLEASANT MEETING IT WAS, INDEED. AS OUR PRESIDENT WAS LATE (AS USUAL), FRED ST. ARNAULT, VICE--PRESIDENT CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AND PRESIDED UNTIL MR. YOUNG FINALLY WANDERED IN. MISS MARILYN ROSS, WHOM THE CLUB MEMBERS FOUND TO THEIR LIKING AND WHO LIKED THE CLUB AND THE CLUB MEMBERS (ESPECIALLY THE MALE MEMBERS), WAS VOTED INTO THE CLUB AS A MEMBER.

WE HAD A VERY INTERESTING PROGRAM AT THIS MEETING. ART RAPP, MICHIGAN'S NUMBER 1 FAN (SEE WRITE-UP UNDER FANOGRAPHY), STARTED OFF THINGS BY GIVING US A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON THE NFFF AND ITS WORKINGS. WE ALL SANG HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO SYBIL DEVORE, HOWARD'S BEAUTIFUL WIFE. BEN SINGER, OUR SPEAKER OF THE EVENING, GAVE A HUMOROUS TALK ON FANDOM, FAN PERSONALITIES, AND MICHIGAN FANDOM. HE FINISHED UP WITH THE HISTORY OF THE MICHIGAN SCIENCE FANTASY SOCIETY AND OF THE DETROIT SCIENCE FANTASY LEAGUE AND WITH REMARKS ON DIFFERENT DETROIT FEN. THE PROGRAM CONTINUED WITH A SHOWING OF MANY LOVELY, COLOR SLIDES AMONG WHICH WERE PICTURES OF THE MIDWESTCON IN MILWAUKEE OVER LABOR DAY OF '48 AND OF THE CONVENTION IN '49. THESE SLIDES HAD SUCH CHARACTERS AS ED KUSS, HIMSELF, ART RAPP, MARTIN ALGER, STEWART METCHETTE, HAL SHAPIRO, BEN SINGER, GEORGE YOUNG, NORMAN KOSSUTH, GERALD GORDON AND ERWIN STERNWEIS. THERE WERE ALSO SEVERAL OF BOB STEIN, MILWAUKEE FAN, WITH MANY OF HIS PAINTINGS. THERE WERE ALSO SOME BEAUTIFUL SCENIC SLIDES AND A FEW CARTOONS.

MRS. KUSS, ED'S LOVELY MOTHER, SERVED AN EXCELLENT REPAST, ENJOYED BY ALL. THOSE ATTENDING THE MEETING WERE: ARTHUR H. RAPP, OF SAGINAW; GEORGE YOUNG; MARTIN ALGER; FRED AND BEULAH ST. ARNAULT; ANDRE WEITZENHOFER; HOWARD AND SYBIL DEVORE AND THEIR DAUGHTER CHERYL; PERDITA LILLY; ED KUSS (NATURALLY, IT WAS IN HIS HOUSE); BEN SINGER; MARILYN ROSS; GERALD GORDON; ARNIM SEIELSTAD; AGNES HAROOK; NORMAN KOSSUTH; DONALD LIEDEL; CLAYTON WEAVER; AND GEORGE AND EDITH FURCSIK AND THEIR SON, BILLY.

FANNITIONS VETERAN FANS USE A "SLANGUAGE" ALL THEIR OWN. HERE WE WILL TRY TO GIVE A FEW AND ALSO THEIR MEANINGS:

NFFF: THE NATIONAL FANTASY FAN FEDERATION, A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION
 FAN: THIS, BROADLY, MEANS YOU, IF YOU'VE A MORE THAN ORDINARY INTEREST IN FICTION OF THE FANTASTIC, THE SCIENTIFIC OR THE WEIRD.
 FANNE: THIS IS YOU IF YOU HAPPEN TO BE FEMALE.
 FEN: THE PLURAL OF "FANS".

FANNOGRAPHY

ACROSS THE PAGE LOOKING AT YOU, YOU CAN SEE THIS GUY RAPP (ARTHUR H. RAPP), MICHIGAN'S NUMBER 1 FAN AND POSSIBLY THE NUMBER 1 FAN IN THE COUNTRY TODAY) LOOKING AT YOU. HE STARTED READING STF IN 1942 WHEN HE WAS JUST OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL AND DIDN'T KNOW ANY BETTER. HE LIKED IT...IN 1947 HE PICKED A COUPLE OF NAMES FROM PROZINE LETTER COLUMNS AND WROTE TO THEM. HE SELECTED, FROM ALL THE INFINITE POSSIBILITIES, A COUPLE OF GUYS (A) BEN SINGER; (B) EDWIN SIGLER. IN THE LIGHT OF THIS INCREDIBLE ACTION, THE CONSEQUENCES WERE INEVITABLE.

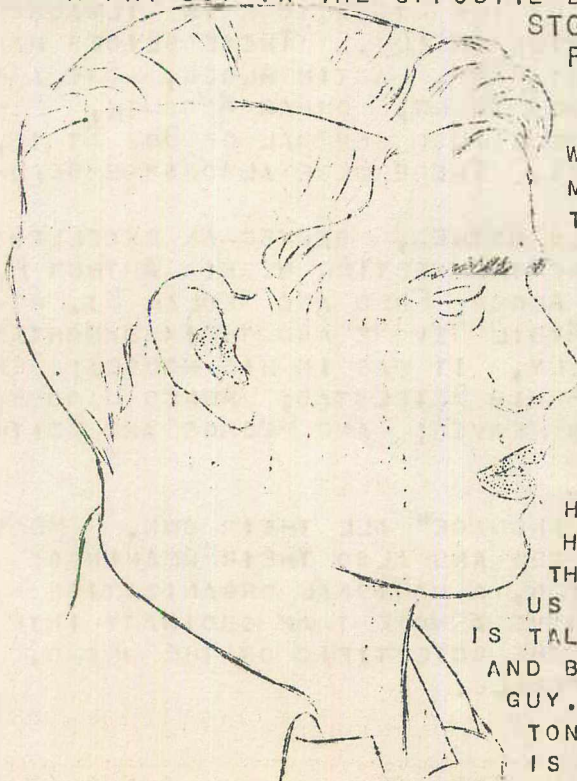
HIS RECORD READS THUSLY: DIRECTOR, NFFF (1949); CHAIRMAN, NFFF DIRECTORATE. (1950); SECRETARY, MSFS (1949); ATTENDED THR TORCON AND THE CINVENTION; PUBLISHED BEMBOOK, SPACEWARP, MINDWARP, TIMEWARP, POSTWARP, WANIGAS, THE MICHIGAN; CONTRIBUTED TO (INSERT HERE NAMES OF ALL FANZINES BEING PUBLISHED IN THE YEARS 1949-1950). AUTHOR OF "RESULTANT VECTOR" PUBLISHED IN "SELECT SCIENCE FICTION", SEPT. 1948; WINNER, 2ND PRIZE FOR FANZINE WRITING IN 1949, FOR "MASTERMIND" PUBLISHED IN "AMAZING STORIES", DEC. 1949.



THE ILLUSTRATION IN THE OPPOSITE CORNER FROM THE RAPP IS THAT OF AN INSANE GRULZAC KNOWN AS GEORGE YOUNG, WHO HAPPENS TO BE PRESIDENT OF THE DETROIT SCIENCE FANTASY LEAGUE. THIS SELF-STYLED SCIENCE FICTION FAN STARTED READING (THE STUFF) AT THE TENDER AGE OF 15 WHEN HE SAW THE LURID COVER OF AN AMAZING STORIES ON THE NEWSTANDS AND SOON FOLLOWED IT WITH A COPY OF PLANET. WHILE IN CAMP IN THE SUMMER OF '46 HE WAS READING A COPY OF FUTURE FICTION ON ONE BUNK AND LOOKED ACROSS TO SEE A FAT BOY IN THE OPPOSITE BUNK WHO WAS READING A COPY OF STARTLING STORIES. THEY GREW TO BE FAST FRIENDS. IN

FEB. '47 HE FOUND HIMSELF SITTING NEXT TO A PIMPLY FACED KID WITH A STUPID EXPRESSION ON HIS FACE. BEFORE THE TERM WAS OVER HE WAS BUYING STF STUFF IN THE MORNING AND TAKING IT TO HOME ROOM CLASS TO READ. THIS SKINNY PUNK NEXT TO HIM WAS READING THE MAGS AND THEN TAKING THEM HOME TO FINISH. IT SOON DEVELOPED THAT HE WAS BUYING NEW MAGS BUT READING SECOND HAND MAGS. CAME THE FALL AND HE MET BEN SINGER (GHOD FORBID). HE WENT TO A MEETING OF THE HYPERBOREAN SOCIETY OR WAS IT TWO, AFTER WHICH THE CLUB BROKE UP. (THIS SHOWS THE EFFECT HE HAS ON FANDOM.) SOON AFTER THIS HE

HELPED TO ORGANIZE THE MSFS, AND ALSO THE DETROIT CLUB WHICH JUST ABOUT BRINGS US UP TO DATE. PERSONAL TO THE GIRLS: HE IS TALL, NEARLY A SIX FOOTER, WITH GREY EYES AND BROWN HAIR AND NOT AT ALL A BAD LOOKING GUY. HE'S SINGLE, TOO. LIVES IN FARMINGTON AT 22180 MIDDLEBELT ROAD. PHONE NO. IS FARMINGTON 1120.



FINANCIAL REPORT.

HEREBY IS SUBMITTED OUR FIRST QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT AS REQUIRED BY THE CONSTITUTION OF THE LEAGUE. THE BOOKS ARE OPEN FOR A MORE DETAILED (DAY TO DAY) ACCOUNT TO ANY ONE DISSATISFIED WITH THE BRIEF, CONDENSED VERSION. THE MONTHS OF NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER OF 1949 AND JANUARY OF 1950 ARE HERE COVERED.

EXPENSES

POSTCARDS, STAMPS, STENCILS, INK, STAPLES, PAPER, ENVELOPES, ETC	\$ 9.78
NEW YEAR'S PARTY EXPENSES.....	16.77
MIMEO, M INK, STAPLER & STAPLES, LETTERING GUIDE, 3 STYLI.....	15.12
REGISTRATION BLANKS.....	1.50
TOTAL EXPENSES.....	\$43.17

INCOME

COLLECTED AT MEETINGS.....	\$10.50
COLLECTED FOR NEW YEAR'S PARTY EXPENSES.....	17.00
DUES AND REGISTRATION FEES.....	28.50
MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTED.....	1.47
TOTAL INCOME.....	\$57.47
TOTAL EXPENSES.....	43.17

BALANCE ON HAND AS OF THE END OF JANUARY, 1950.....	\$14.30
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FANVIEWS

WE WILL TRY TO HAVE A REVIEW COLUMN ABOUT EVERY OTHER ISSUE, THAT IS WE WILL IF WE GET THE FANZINES TO REVIEW AND IF OUR MEMBERS INDICATE THAT THEY WOULD CARE TO HAVE THIS FEATURE CONTINUED.

THE NEKRONANTIKON, 1905 SPRUCE AVE., KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI. 25¢. THIS IS A FIRST ISSUE OF SOME 50 PAGES. IT'S A BEAUTIFUL JOB COMBINING MIMEOGRAPHING, PRINTING AND LINOLEUM BLOCK PRINT PICTURES. THE WORKMANSHIP AND THE MATERIAL IS OF A SEMI-PROFESSIONAL NATURE AND CONSIST OF 5 STORIES, 3 ARTICLES, SEVERAL POEMS AND MANY ILLUS.

SPACEWARP, 2120 BAY ST., SAGINAW, MICH. 15¢. SPACEWARP IS SUPPOSED TO BE FANDOM'S TOP MONTHLY OR SO THE EDITOR CLAIMS. I'M NOT ARGUING, I THINK IT'S PRETTY GOOD, TOO. I DON'T BELIEVE R-TRAPP HAS MISSED AN ISSUE SINCE HE FIRST STARTED PUTTING IT OUT. THIS ISSUE CONTAINS SEVERAL GOOD ARTICLES, SOME NOT SO GOOD, A STORY OR TWO, AND OTHER ASSORTED MISCELLANEOUS MATTER.

THE GORGON, 600 COLUMBIA RD., COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO. 20¢ THIS IS ANOTHER PRACTICALLY PROFESSIONAL JOB, CONTAINING MANY GOOD STORIES, ARTICLES AND POEMS. THE FANZINE HAS A LARGE CIRCULATION AND IS PUT OUT BY A PROFESSIONAL WRITER FAN EDITOR.

THE MICHIGAN FANTASITE, 510 S. WASHINGTON, SAGINAW, MICH. NO PRICE QUOTED. WELL, AT LEAST IT WAS A FAIRLY NEAT MIMEOGRAPHING JOB.

THAT'S ALL AT LEAST FOR THIS WEEK, IT IS, AS WE HAVE USED UP ALL OUR AVAILABLE SPACE. THE THINGS WE HAVE BEEN FORCED TO LEAVE OUT OF THIS ISSUE, WE WILL TRY OUR BEST TO CROWD IN NEXT TIME WE GO TO PRESS. HOPE I'LL BE SEEING MOST OF YOU AT THE MEETING, FOR I KNOW YOU WILL ENJOY YOURSELF WHEN YOU COME.

MR. POSTMAN: HALT! STOP! READ WHAT'S HERE: YOUR EYES'LL POP! ONE DAY, A NOSEY POSTMAN, JACK; DID STUMBLE, FALL -- BREAK HIS BACK, WHEN INSTEAD OF WATCHING HOUSE NUMBERS, HE READ THIS LOUSEY HACK!

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