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"I got it Isabel, I got it! The new Thelonius Monk piano roll I ordered!"

FANAC GOES TO A PARTY

Friday, 30 October, the Elves', Gnomes', and Little Men's Science-Fiction, Chowder and Marchine Society held its annual Hallowe'en party at the home of J Ben Stark in the Berkeley hills. Several fans wore costumes, and prizes were awarded in the form of potables: First prize to Karen Anderson in her Titania costume (worn at the Detention); second prize to Mrs G R Dickson, filling a costume loaned by Karen Anderson; third prize to Paula Salo.

Guests included Li'l Man President Al Halevy; Bob Buechley; Dale (un-Man) Rostomily; Mr&Mrs Dean Dickensheet; Mr&Mrs Poul Anderson and Astrid; Mr&Mrs G R Dickson; Mr&Mrs John Golden. Singing, talking and drinking proceeded far into the wee small.

Saturday, 31 October, the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society held its annual Hallowe'en party at the home of Albert J. Lewis in Santa Monica Canyon. A short skit, a Hallowe'en game of some sort (your reporter was talking to fans in the kitchen), and costume judging occupied the official part of the program. A guest lecture in the William Rotsler Institute seminars was presented impromptu by Gloria Darrin. Prizes for costumes were awarded to Eleanor Turner (with John Trimble and Brad Carlson acting as "accessories" to her costume), Frank Coe, Bjo, and Gloria Darrin. Many of the costumes evidenced much thought, time and work, and showed off Lozangeleno talent excellently.

Guests included Forrest Ackerman, Ted Johnstone, Len & Anna Moffatt, Ingrid Fritzch, Dick Daniels, Jon Lackey, Rick Sneary, George Fields, Barbara Gratz, J&J Jardine, Earl Samuels, Steve Tolliver, Jim Caughran, Dale Frey, Ernie Wheatley, Rich Stephens, Bernie Cook, Walter J. Nameless, and Jack Harness. After midnight or so the crowd thinned out and what was left stayed till the next noon or so, when the last Oscar Brand record had been played.

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Saturday, 31 October was also the date of a Hallowe'en party at the home of Dale and Rita Rostomily in Oakland. Among the mixed group of about forty partiers were fan-types Poul and Karen Anderson, George Scithers, Tony and Phyllis Boucher (White), Gordy and Djinn Dickson, (continued)

(more partying)

Terry and Miriam Carr, Bob and Georgia Buechley, Dean and Shirley Dickensheet, and Al Halevy.

A model of the Tower to the Moon of Bheercans was erected early in the proceedings, prompting Gordy Dickson to exclaim in horror, "You're tempting God!" Due to the accuracy of Mr. Dickson's prognosis or maybe because of general tipsiness at the party, the Tower fell continually during the party and had to be rebuilt. Djinn and Gordy showed pictures of their wedding; Karen and Djinn sang "The Oro's Marching Song" (a "Jesse James" parody concerning The Hobbit); and nearly every sf fan present discussed Heinlein's recent F&SF serial, "Starship Soldier" ("Bob Mills says he finally decided to print it because he's so tired of John Campbell's attitude of printing only what he agrees with--so he decided he'd bloody well print something he completely disagreed with!").

Saturday, 31 October also saw a party thrown at the home of Dan Blackburn (N'APA member). Active NY fans attending were, in addition to Dan, Pat (Pacho) Alfonseca, Lenny Kassan, Dorothy Diehl, Joe Casey, David MacDonald, Ken Beale, Belle and Frank Dietz (the latter of whom sent us this report).

"Dan's mother provided a nice buffet of cold cuts, etc.," says Frank, "and a constantly refilled punch bowl of vodka screwdrivers. The main entertainment was a very fine magical act presented by Pacho. He has a real talent for it. Most people left after this (about 12:00), with the fans departing about 2:00 a.m. after a couple hours talk."

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"THE WRITER'S WORKSHOP," a regular program on the local listener-subscription FM radio station, presented on October 31 a discussion on mystery novel writing featuring Anthony Boucher, Lenore Glen Offord, Poul Anderson, Miriam Allen DeFord, and Clayton Rawson.

Poul's first mystery novel, "Perish By The Sword," was recently published by Macmillan. It features a detective of Norwegian and Japanese ancestry named Trygve Yamamura. Try it.

RECENT VISITORS to the Bay Area have included Djinn and Gordy Dickson, George Metzger, and Bill Evans. While Evans (President of FAPA) was here we recorded the San Francisco section of the SAPS Tape just to be cussed. In addition to the presence of Evans on the tape, FAPA Secy-Treas Ronald D. Ellick uttered unSAPSish words, and FAPA-and-OMPA-and-Cult member Jim Caughran injected little joyous greetings, like "FAPA Forever!" We're sure SAPS will live through it, though.

HOCUS #11 arrived this week, sporting what was apparently a very good though slightly unmailable cover by Dave Prosser, but editor Deckinger's mimeography messed it up a little too much. The contents, while no great shucks, are passable for the first time in the fmz's career. Graham B. Stone has a very interesting article on Australian Fandom's efforts to get organized, Bob Bloch writes on the perils of monthly publication (which perils FANAC recently escaped by going back to bi-weekly), Bob Lambeck has half of a long Detention report which is fairly good, Alan Dodd writes painfully amateurish fiction, and someone named Bill Durkom writes like an LMJ. Contributions by Sneary and Rapp are promised for next issue, so it looks like HOCUS is definitely on the upswing. (Mike Deckinger, 85 Locust Ave., Millburn. N.J.--10¢)

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KEN AND PAM DULMER are expecting, writes Belle Dietz upon her and Frank's return from their two-week vacation in London. Referring to the coming blessed event, Belle says, "Like, Inchmerry started the trend and imitation is the sincerest form of flattery."

Belle also says, "Being in London, I missed my FU deadline. The next FU won't have any column by me, the one after that will carry a report on the fanned panel at the Detention, and the next one, I'll be getting back to fanzine reviewing again." Belle's column, after only one installment in print, seems to be bringing in new fannish blood already: Miriam's SYZYGY was reviewed, and she's had eight or ten requests already; CRY was reviewed, and Busby says their circulation is up 10% because of it.

Send fanzines for review to Belle Dietz, 1721 Grand Ave., Bronx 53, N. Y.

NIELS AUGUSTIN (Jac. Veltmanstr. 3011, Amsterdam-Slotervaart, Netherlands) says he wants to trade Burroughs comics (Dutch and English) Dutch art (paintings etc.), fanzines, sf-novels (English), and other items for Pogo books, American magazines, comics, etc.

THE ESFA, says Frank Dietz, is meeting in members' homes until a new meeting-place can be found. The club recently lost the use of the meeting hall it's been using for almost ten years because the hall will no longer be open on Sundays.

Meanwhile, over in England the BSFA is having trouble too, it seems. Word is that quite a number of the established fans who took out memberships in the BSFA when it began have not renewed, and thus quite a lot of the fire has gone out. We hope things pick up for the club real soon.

NEW FRONTIERS, Norm Metcalf's new photoffset zine, is now out. It's short on artwork, the lettering is rather poor, and the fanzine reviews aren't too good--but the rest of the material (deCamp, Mark Clifton, EEEvans, etc.) is fine. A bit steep at 30¢, but you can't hardly get this kind of zine no more. (Norman Metcalf, P.O. Box 336, Berkeley 1, Calif.)

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EARL KEMP reports that Dean Grennell is not safe from visiting fans even the conventions are over with in his area. Chicago fandom plus Phyllis Econnou travelled up to Fond du Lac last Sunday (1 Nov 59) in the persons of Earl & Nancy Kemp, "Joe & Jim & Jerry & Joe" and Ann Dinkelman, and Lewis Grant Jr. They contributed drunkenly to the next issue of QABAL, and enjoyed a fine fannish visit. Grennell is expected to recover soon. ~~Advent~~ is reprinting IN SEARCH OF WONDER in December (c/o Kemp, 2019 No Whipple, Chi 47, Ill).

TEDDYBEAR SEASON CLOSED: Roger Sims has been bagged by Mabel Young, sister to Real Soon Now George Young. They will be wed between Christmas and New Year's Day.

F&SF BOOK CO just published their Fall 1959 book list: bargains galore from them at POBox 415, Staten Island 2, NY. ~~Jean~~ Jean Linard says he can, after all, write longhand, but that his fanac will be limited to writing to FANAC, so he would like people to be forgiving when he doesn't answer mail. ~~Bruce~~ Bruce Pelz (4010 Leona St, Tampa 9, Fla) is preparing a photo-illustrated report of his trip to Detroit and the West Coast, for publication in December.

The now-complete (five volumes) FANZINE INDEX, covering fan publications through Dec 52, is available for \$1.00 from Bob Pavlat, 6001-43rd Av, Hyattsville, Maryland. Corrections & additions requested--6th volume scheduled for next year.

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Write

If you have a life-time subscription to FANAC, your life-time has just expired.

WE NEED ANOTHER PAGE TO THIS FANZINE: John Berry wishes to thank everyone for the highly enjoyable month he spent in this country, including the Detroit convention. He is hard at work on his memoirs and would like this message to compensate for the many letters he hasn't time to write. ##A Tea Drinking Contest was held at Oblique House 18Oct59; Walt Willis brewed up, Bob Shaw refereed, and a new world's record was set by Johnny Hartz (of the Republic of Eire) with 24 1/2 cups, only to be bested shortly thereafter by John Berry (of Belfast) with 25 1/2 cups. Ian McAuley (also visiting from So Eire) retired at 18 cups, presumably to the lavatory. ## Next issue of FEMIZINE (the all-female fanzine) due out immediately from Ethel Lindsay, 6 Langley Av, Surbiton, Surrey, England. ##Norm Metcalf writes, says the Sid Chapman who has an article in the current SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN is by a different Sid Chapman. That's all right, Norm--we don't know the first Sid Chapman, anyway. ##Andy Young adds his cheers to the DAMN HER EYES movement. ##The Indianapolis SF group also threw a Hallowe'en party, but we have no details on it. ##Lee Tremper also writes that the Indpls group thinks they have discovered a new method of duplication, called Diagoprint, put out by Technifax. It's fotografic but relatively inexpensive--masters cost 25¢ each, paper is approx 1¢ a sheet. She says there are branches of this Technifax outfit in LA and other major cities. ##Felice Rolfe finally got off the dime and delivered that baby--Benjamin Adair Rolfe, weighing in at 6 lb 11 oz at thirty-nine minutes past noon on Friday, the 30th of October. (3815 La Donna, Palo Alto, Calif.) ##Memberships in the 18th World SF Con are going at bargain rates (one for two dollars, two for four dollars) from P. Schuyler Miller, c/o 1453 Barnadale, Pittsburgh 17, Penna. ##IASFS held a 25th Anniversary meeting and van Vogt spoke, and so help me, that's all I know about it. ##Andy Main (5668 Gato Av, Goleta, Calif) is planning on producing a generalzine soon, and wants material. He swears he will publish. ##No matter what we do, we can't get rid of SKYRACK. The eighth issue just came out, almost exactly on its monthly schedule, and our only reaction is to recommend that you send Ron Bennett (7 Southway, Arthurs Av, Harrogate, Yorks, Eng) 2/6d for six issues, or send 35¢ for six issues to Bob Pavlat, 6001-43rd Av, Hyattsville, Md. ##And AMRA, and ORION, and TNFF are also out, fagohsake there's no room left.

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A MIGHTY DAMN CROWDED CHANGE OF ADDRESS LIST: A/3c R W Brown, AF 19646261, Box 267, 3338th School Sqdn, Amarillo AFB, Tex. ##Bill Donaho, c/o Mellman, 288 Clementina, San Francisco 3, Calif. ##Sam Moskowitz, 340 Seventh Av West, Newark 7, New Jersey. Lee & Jane Jacobs, 8108 Norwich St, Van Nuys, Calif. ##We do need another page. Yes. Bob Madle, 672 Ripley Street, Alexandria, Virginia. ##Bob Briney, 562 Newbury St, Boston 15, Massachusetts.

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