

the f. A. LEAN-TO ANNEX:

Number I

SPRING POST MAILING

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Shortly after the Spring Mailing went out, we received Liebscher's criticisms. We also got word from several that they would have their publication done soon for a Post Mailing. Two of them finished their mags and mailed them out themselves. Speer sent his to us. The rest finally discovered they couldn't make it after all. So here is what we could salvage from our plans for a nice little Post Mailing. It is very late, and some of you may have your review columns stenciled by now. If so, will you try to work in a review of Speer's mag somewhere else? Thank you.

A late communique from Secretary Chauvenet informs us that things aren't shaping up so good for the forthcoming election. Julie Unger and Al Ashley have filed for President, and Chauvenet for Vice-President. That is the sum total of the candidates to date. Whassa matta with y'all? How about a little organizational patriotism here? We need at least another candidate for V-P, two for Sec-Treas., and two for Official Editor. It would be even better if there were more than two running for each office, but we must have that many.

The Official Editor job is a lot of fun. Some of you with mimeos are missing a swell opportunity by not running for the office. Just think, you get to read all the items some time before the rest of the membership. When some member comes out with an attack on you or some of your pet notions, you can come right back at him in the same mailing. And there other advantages too numerous to mention. Get busy and file with Chauvenet. Maybe you can win yourself the best job in the organization.

The past three mailings have been exceptionally good. The mags have been of good size, quality, and number. Now we approach the last Mailing of this NFFF year. How about making it the biggest and best Mailing in NFFF history. Let's start in right now and outdo ourselves. Those whose mags appear regularly, make the forthcoming one an exceptional issue. Those whose publications haven't been seen for a while, put forth a little extra effort and get one in this Mailing. Let's see just how close we can come to having every member represented in a single Mailing. It has never been done. But must that mean that it CAN'T be done? YOU do your part, and then see what happens. We may surprise ourselves.

We still have on hand a lovely supply of back issues as listed in the Spring Fantasy Amateur. If you want any of these, better get your order in. We have it on good authority that there'll be some new members admitted soon, and they'll probably grab a lot of them.

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CHIEF CRITIC'S BELATED REPORT **!!!

- KONAN A minor Odyssey of fantasy poetry.
- LETTERS OF HENRY S. WHITEHEAD
Excellent. Are all great weird writers great letter writers? Whitehead gives Lovecraft competition.
- POGORUS Illegibly hectoed. What I could read was alright, but that's all.
- YHOS Homo Futuris - H'm I wonder -- disagree with Art on some points -- articles well put. I might as well state here that I don't consider reviews of the preceding mailing as a part of a FAPazine, although I do like to see them. As far as commenting on a mag is concerned, I shall not count the reviews as a part of it. Which leaves "Whatnot", which leaves me to say, "Oh, well."
- X Nothing Xtra. Humor leans too much toward the vulgar, though admittedly funny.
- WALT'S WRAMBLINGS Bookie Wookie, eight to the bar.
- READER AND COLLECTOR
Consistently above par. "Of Books and Things" most interesting. His argument on fantasy in FAPA seconded by yours truly.
- MUTANT If Shastakovich' Fifth is a prune, Tchiakowsky's Sixth is a weeping papaya plant. I liked it, especially Chauvenet's article.
- RAMBLINGS Makes you cogitate.
- SUSTAINING PROGRAM
Speer's rag will never lag. His drawings have that irresistible something. Picture too, welcome. Prince Valiant -- come now!
- SALUTE Drean's End one of my favorites. H'ray for Ackerman's poem. Passing.
- CENSORED I liked the cover. I liked the stories. I liked the rest of it. Oh, for a mailing full of "Censoreds".
- HORIZONS Top notch material of which "Music For The Fan" takes my top vote. Mag snatches first place in the mailing.
- FAN-TOD First issue -- first in quality. "Yesterday's 10,000 Years" has great possibilities.
- EN GARDE Wunderbar, Al super, Abby Lu super, and Acky interesting. Oh, but Abby Lu, if you would have kissed RAP on the spot, I'd have been so embarassed.
- PVT. MILTY'S MAG Good to hear from Milty again.

TALE OF THE 'EVANS

Reading for pleasure -- the old fan's got something there. Evans' FAPA swan song, darnit. Combine NFFF and FAPA --- no, no, not that!

GUTETO

Makes you think strongly and wonder and hope we can do something. Always one of the neatest, if not the, in any mailing.

MADMAN OF MARS

Not as good as former installments but I still like it, if only for the puns.

FANTASY AMATEUR

Swell. Contents of FAPA files was worth the effort.

SARDONYX

Stanley good as usual. Bet Doc Smith has a good reply. Poem damn well executed. ((Poet should be.)) (((Overlook that last. We suspect the Gremlins are broadening their activities, and invading this part of the country. -O.E.))) Would comment further, but L.R.C. says I dassn't.

S-F Check*List

Invaluable to the completist. System a wee bit cryptic.

INSPIRATION

Missed story comment. One man stuff which holds interest for seven full pages.

PHANNY

DEE BEE always presents good points to "arguffy" about. This sensitized paper business looks mighty interesting. Makes an eye-appealing cover.

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Suit's its purpose.

CALIBAN

Strip Polka takes the Pullet Surprise. Marlow O.K. "Of Course You've Seen" and "Ships That Don't Quite Pass" warrant expanding. First issue -- first rate.

SCI-FIC VARIETY

Not quite what you expect of Tucker, but I'm glad he printed it. Too many fans scoff at things when they haven't enough data.

SUMMARY

A zenith mailing. Nice and large, only one single-sheeter, and the mags were unusually quantitous and qualitous.

ThisFAstructureisgettingcomplicated.Hopewedon'thavetobuildonmuchmore!

LEST YE FORGET

Our beloved Uncle Samuel is trying to construct himself an Army. But to do an efficient job, he needs Officers. Well, he ain't got nothin' on FAPA. We're trying to construct an efficient fan organization, and we need Officers too. With Unkie Sammy you have to attend an Officer's Candidate School, and study and work like hell. With FAPA you just file your intention to run, with the Sec-Treas., Chauvenet. How about detaching the Osmium from your blinkin' trews????????????