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FAPA POLL RESULTS; Ego-Boo by the Ton!

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If I'd had the faintest notion how much fun this poll was going to be, I'd have taken one year ago. I suppose I should have put the cards aside and let them slide until all were in, but early in the poll I had to learn how things were coming. So I started a little card-by-card preliminary tabulation which I revised with each new card, and thus let myself in for one of the most exciting contests I've yet witnessed. The final standings just don't reflect the battle royal between Rothman and Warner. There was a stretch for over a month during which every card I got changed their relative standings both as publishers and article writers. Then came a two-week period in which nearly every card broke the tie between these two worthies in one classification only to tie them up in the other--it was only in the last week of the poll that Rothman definitely established his leads. Then there was Stanley's terrific stretch drive. Scarcely mentioned at all until the poll was more than half over, Norm came on with a rush in the last two or three weeks which had me practically getting ready to holler out loud as he passed member after member in the standings. A contest of less importance in the poll but of some personal import was the knock-down-and-drag-out between Speer and myself for the 3rd and 4th places in article writing. I started out with a rush on the strength of local cards, but once the out of town votes commenced, Speer jumped into third and stayed there for six weeks. Now and then someone would vote for me and throw us into a tie (we were tied at least four times), but Speer had it pretty well under control until the last week or ten days when for some inexplicable reason his name just quit appearing on the cards. I was beginning to think the Deros had him until I happened to get a letter from him the other day.

As a rule I wouldn't dream of telling how any one member voted, but in Joe Kennedy's case I've just got to make an exception. He and Burbee had been tied for best fiction writer through nearly the entire poll, first at 3 votes each and then with 4. I sent cards to some of the boys who had not voted yet with the idea of getting in a few more ballots; in response to one of these Kennedy sent me the next to the last card to be received, and knocked himself out of some priceless ego-boo by voting for Burbee.

Thirty five members voted, better than a 50% response. Between signatures, recognizeable handwriting, and postmarks I was able to figure out who all but one were. Here they are: Blish, Boggs, Burbee, Cheney, Condra, Coslet, Cox, Croutch, Davis, Dunkleberger, Evans(?), Gardner, Hart, Hevelin, Jewett.

Kennedy, Laney, Lyon, MacInnes, Miller, Moffatt, Rotsler, Schaumberger, Sneary, Speer, Spelman, Stanley, Stevenson, Thompson, Tucker, Ward, Warner, Widner, Willmorth, Wilson, Thank you, one and all. In addition Perry and Rothman sent cards explaining why they did not vote.

I hope that my long-windedness has not bored you too much, but I have felt so downright selfish over the fun that I got out of the cards as they came in that I thought I ought to try to pass a little of it on to you.

With no more beating around the bush, here we go. The figure in parentheses indicates the number of first-place votes.

#### BEST FAPAZINE

1.	Plenum	- - (3)	- - - - -	83
2.	Horizons	- (6)	- - - - -	74
3.	Synapse	- (4)	- - - - -	62
4.	TuT	- - (6)	- - - - -	46
5.	Fan-Tods	- (5)	- - - - -	40

#### also-rans:

6.	Fan-Dango	(1)	- - - - -	34
7.	Phanteur	-	- - - - -	26
8.	Burblings	(2)	- - - - -	22
	Light	- - (2)	- - - - -	22
9.	Masque	- - -	- - - - -	17
10.	Ichor	- - -	- - - - -	15
11.	Grulzak	- (1)	- - - - -	10
	Sparx	- - -	- - - - -	10
12.	Sky Hook	- (1)	- - - - -	9
13.	Wild Hair	(1)	- - - - -	8
14.	Half-Length Articles	(1)	- - - - -	7
	Canadian Fandom	- - (1)	- - - - -	7
15.	Glom	- - -	- - - - -	6
16.	Yellum	- - (1)	- - - - -	5
17.	Lethe	- - -	- - - - -	4
18.	Snix	- - -	- - - - -	3
19.	Ego-Beast	- - -	- - - - -	1

The Synapse votes include also votes for Sus-Pro, "Speer's mags", "Speer", etc. If I'd tabulated them separately it would have knocked Speer way down in the also-rans, but this seemed unfair.

And note the way Milty won this tabulation on the strength of getting nearly everyone's vote for second-best FAPazine!

I'll bet Can-Fan would have rated higher if it weren't always post-mailed; it's not so easy to remember that it is a FAPazine.

#### BEST ARTICLE-WRITER

1.	Rothman	- - - (10)	- - - - -	108
2.	Warner	- - - (10)	- - - - -	89
3.	Laney	- - - (5)	- - - - -	77
4.	Speer	- - - (2)	- - - - -	67
5.	Gardner	- - - (1)	- - - - -	31

#### also-rans:

6.	Burbee	- - - (1)	- - - - -	26
7.	Stanley	- - - (1)	- - - - -	18
8.	Thompson	- - - (1)	- - - - -	14
9.	Ackerman	- - - (1)	- - - - -	11
10.	Davis	- - - (1)	- - - - -	6
	Watson	- - - (1)	- - - - -	6
	Woolston	- - -	- - - - -	6
11.	Wilson	- - -	- - - - -	5
12.	Rotsler	- - -	- - - - -	4
	Condra	- - -	- - - - -	4
13.	Boggs, Maddox, Moskowitz, Spencer. (each)	- - -	- - - - -	3

Burbee said, "Being an also ran is a staggering blow to me. If this happens again I'll get a persecution complex like Al Ashley's."

The total score of one of the also-rans is from a self-vote. No, bub, I won't tell on you!

From these figures, it looks like Milty had better double his output, since we all like it so well.

14. Ashley - - - - - 2  
 15. Alpaugh, Evans, Kennedy,  
     Ladd, Tucker (each) - - 1

Better luck in next year's  
 poll, people.

#### BEST MAILING COMMENTS

1. Speer - - - - (18) - - - 72  
 2. Warner - - - - (3) - - - 31  
 3. Thompson - - - (2) - - - 18

also rans:

4. Stanley - - - - (2) - - - 12  
 5. Blish - - - - (2) - - - 8  
     Boggs - - - - (1) - - - 8  
 6. Coslet - - - - - - - 7  
 7. Ackerman - - - (1) - - - 5  
 8. Stevenson - - - (1) - - - 4  
     Rothman - - - - - - - 4  
 9. Laney - - - - - - - 3  
 10. Kennedy - - - - - - - 2

This one was a walk-away.  
 Speer took the lead on the  
 first card and was never  
 headed. The only contest  
 was Stanley's last minute  
 stab at third place, but  
 The Sage had too much of a  
 lead.

Sudden thought: wonder if  
 Ackerman got credit for  
 Everett's mailing comments  
 in the last GLOM.

#### BEST HUMORIST

1. Burbee - - - - (29) - - - 98  
 2. Tucker - - - - (4) - - - 22  
 3. Kennedy - - - - (2) - - - 17

also rans:

4. Laney - - - - - - - 16  
 5. Ackerman - - - - - - - 6  
     Miller - - - - - - - 6  
     Schaumberger - (1) - - - 6  
 6. Perdue - - - - - - - 5  
 7. Speer, Wilson (each) - - - 3  
 8. Maddox, Sneary (each) - - - 2  
 9. Evans, Keller (!) (each) - 1

Burbee's first place vote  
 for himself seems to have  
 been a trifle superfluous.

Schaumberger voted for him-  
 self for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd  
 --giving himself 6 points.  
 Humorous?

I wish I knew how many of my  
 16 points came on the strength  
 of stuff I meant to be seri-  
 ous!

#### BEST POET

1. Dale Hart - - - - - 13

also-rans:

2. Boggs - - - - - 5  
 3. Crane - - - - - 3  
 4. Nuttall - - - - - 2  
     Davis - - - - - 2  
 5. Kennedy, Exum, Dragonette,  
     Johnston, Gibson, de la  
     Ree (each) - - - - - 1

I trust none of the also-  
 rans are mere pseudonyms  
 for our poet laureate.

Many left this classifica-  
 tion blank, or filled in  
 such remarks as, "They all  
 stink!"

#### BEST FICTION-WRITER

1. Burbee - - - - - 5

Hamm. Did Burbee ever have  
 any fiction in FAPA?

## BEST FICTION-WRITER (cont)

also-rans:	
2. Kennedy - - - - -	4
3. Rothman, Dave Thomas, Riggs, Orrok (each) - - - - -	2
4. Hatecraft (Wilson), Woolston, Widner, Vinc Williams, Crane, Speer (each) - - -	1

Our traditional attitude towards amateur fiction was never more strongly demonstrated.

## BEST ARTIST

1. Rotsler - - - - -	23
also-rans:	
2. Kennedy - - - - -	3
3. Cockroft - - - - -	2
4. Woolston, Bob Gibson, Speer, Riggs, Widner (each) - - - -	1

There he sits, on the top rung of the ladder of success.

I'm not sure which of three Cockrofts is meant.

## WORST FAPA MEMBER

1. Perdue - - - - (8) - - - - -	39
2. Dunkleberger - (3) - - - - -	12
3. Graham - - - - (2) - - - - -	6
Croutch - - - - (2) - - - - -	6
"Yellum" (Schaumberger) (1) -	6
also-rans:	
4. Burgess - - - - (1) - - - - -	5
Higgs - - - - (1) - - - - -	5
5. Ashley - - - - (1) - - - - -	3
Evans - - - - -	3
Laney - - - - -	3
Tucker (self-vote) - (1) - - -	3
6. Widner (self-vote), Sneary, Ackerman, Coslet, Ander- son (each) - - - - -	2
7. Stevenson - - - - -	1

And to think he is our president!

On his poll card, Schaumberger claimed Yellum as his own, so in my high-handed way I gave him these votes. I doubt if Maddox ever saw Yellum anyway --not in time to do anything about it.

This is the only classification Burbee forgot to vote for himself in! I mean, of course, indirectly. In fact, he didn't vote directly for anything, for fear of being thought unAshleyesque.

Well, that concludes the tabulation of the stuff actually on the poll cards. But the fun is yet to come. As I suggested when I announced the poll, I have combined all these votes for FAPazine, poet, and whatnot into a cumulative score with the idea of naming a top ten for FAPA. Doing it this way, the top ten standings tend more to represent a real top ten, on the strength of what the different members do in FAPA, rather than mere arbitrary selections. The "worst" votes were subtracted from the individual's cumulative total, except in the case of self-votes which I arbitrarily took to be humorous.

I doubt if all of you have considered how tremendously serious the naming of a top ten can be, how utterly important. Many of you, with your finite minds, self-centered and egotistic, regard it only as a source of ego boo. Such a narrow view reflects to the discerning person appalling revelations of obscure psychiatric ills. In fact, a highly erudite and abstruse volume could be written on the subject: "PSYCHOANALYSIS THROUGH THE DETERMINATION OF ATTITUDES TOWARD FAPA POLLS." For the

present, I shall withhold this volume from you.

But consider, if you will, how invaluable these poll results are for social purposes. No longer will you have to worry over who to introduce to whom--it<sup>#</sup> is right here, sharply limned in imperishable mimeography. Those in charge of the seating arrangements at the Torcon will have ample cause to feel grateful for my selfless work in making this data public.

Of course, in the last analysis, individual preferences will be the final arbiter, but our newer members might find a few Emily Postian notes of lasting value. For example, if you are an also-ran fictioneer, you should be very hesitant about addressing an article-writing titan like Mr. Rothman by his first name, without first securing written permission. In fact, it might be well not to speak to him at all unless he speaks to you first. And you should definitely call him "Sir". If you placed in the running in any of the classifications, you are safe (though socially incorrect) to call Mr. Warner "Harry", but then he has always been a Democratic fellow.

Burbee states that if you approach him in his facet as fictioneer you may call him Oxnard, since he is always eager to encourage hopeful young writers, and moreover is a very democratic man, of common tastes and simple mind despite his pinnacle of eminence among us. If you approach him in his facet as a publisher, you may call him Burb or Chas, since the camaradie among editorial titans is something he cherishes. If you approach him as a member of the top ten you may speak to him without express permission, and if your name is Speer, Rothman, or Warner you need not call him "Sir". But if you are contemplating approaching him as a humorist--well, best you don't! This side of the man is so closely interwoven with his god facet that he wishes to be left alone in solitary grandeur until he can find himself a peer.

This may have bored some of you, but if it keeps just one of our newer members from making an irredeemable social faux pas and ruining his life forever I am sure you'll agree with me that it is space well spent.

Without further ado, here it is:

#### THE TOP TEN OF FAPA

1.	Speer	- - - - -	206
2.	Rothman	- - - - -	197
3.	Warner	- - - - -	194
4.	Burbee	- - - - -	153
5.	Laney	- - - - -	129
6.	Stanley	- - - - -	70
7.	Thompson	- - - - -	58
8.	Crane	- - - - -	52
9.	Wesson	- - - - -	46
	Rotsler	- - - - -	46
10.	Kennedy	- - - - -	38

#### also-rans:

11.	Gardner	- - - - -	31	16.	Croutch	- - - - -	18
12.	Hart	- - - - -	28	17.	Maddox	- - - - -	10
13.	Ackerman	- - - - -	26		Spelman	- - - - -	10
14.	Boggs	- - - - -	25		Wilson	- - - - -	10
15.	Tucker	- - - - -	23	18.	Blish, Coslet, Davis	-	8

19.	Higgs, Taylor, Woolston - - - -	(each) - 7
20.	Condra, Miller, Watson - - - -	(each) - 6
21.	Anderson - - - - - - - - - -	- 5
22.	Moskowitz, Spencer, Stevenson -	(each) - 3
23.	Nuttall, Widner - - - - - - - -	(each) - 2
24.	Alpaugh, Ashley, Ladd - - - - -	(each) - 1
25.	Bratton, Clements, Cox, Fern, Hansen, Hevelin, Jewett, Lyon, MacInnes, Moffatt, Mullen, Perry, Rosenblum, Russell, Stein, Ward, Wilimczyck, Willmorth, Sneary, Schaumberger - - - - -	(each) - 0
26.	Evans - - - - - - - - - -	-1
27.	Burgess, Higgs - - - (each) - -	-5
28.	Graham - - - - - - - - - -	-6
29.	Dunkleberger - - - - - - - - - -	-12
30.	Perdue - - - - - - - - - -	-34

The first poll in history that gives ego-boo even to those who got no votes whatever. (Most are brand new members.)

Reverse ego-boo. It is interesting to speculate on the causes of these minus votes.

Whew!

Boff Perry wrote on his card: "Having been a member for less than a year, I do not feel informed enuf to take part in a poll. Oke?"

And a Philadelphia member who signs himself "That old has-been, Milt" postalled: "I couldn't make up my mind who to put on the card, got absorbed in one thing and another, and by now I can't find the card, so I says to hell with it.//Anyway, you can put me down as saying that Plenum is the best fapazine.//Modesty forbids me to say who is the best article writer. I might give this guy Laney a vote for something, only at this particular moment I can't think of what. I have no patience to go digging through four mailings to make such momentous decisions. Sorry to disappoint you."

Gus Willmorth accompanied his card with another, on which he said, "All right, I'll mail your damned poll, but little good it'll do anyone. I'm a lazy bastard as you well know, and I couldn't think of anyone in FAPA worth a damn except myself, and I'm too conventional to put myself down, so every one of the things that I did write down are lies, and I just could not bring myself to send them in until you so rudely demanded them, and I hope you are happy with the whole thing although I must say that I am not at all happy with anything at the moment. Fandom is going to hell."

Stevenson said: "This thing is ambiguous but maybe not so much so as those 'laureate' classifications."

Sneary's vote for third worst fan was totally illegible so in my high-handed way I appropriated this tally for myself. I trust that this will not inspire a torrent of illegible votes in next year's poll, because it won't happen again!

Schaumberger covered his card with a mass of irrelevant tripe which I hope my postman didn't notice. Typical of his entire card was the word "higgledy" repeated 18 times. This conveyed no meaning to my finite mind. I guess I'm just an Aristotelian in a microcosmos of semanticists.

Miller said, "Give me the name of that nitwit who stuck that copy of the newtestament...Think I'll send it to Ackerman." Haw!

And there were other comments here and there but I've used up the three pages Burbee allotted me.

Francis T. Laney. April 15.

April 30, 1948

Presidential message

To the members of FAPA, greetings:

I had a message written out in my head last week which alas is now gone. It was particularly well constructed, cogent; naught remains now but the memory...

I remember that it contained quite a few commendations for Mr. Burbee in re his success at getting the mailings out; for setting deadlines, adhering to them; for managing to have mailings drop in the mailbox at most gratifyingly regular intervals. Also approbation to both Mr. Laney and Mr. Burbee for their endeavor to collect all outstanding FAPAccounts. Mine was cleared up last night. I wish them every success with Ashley, but doubt that they can manage to finagle the organizational ten spot out of him.

We have constitutional authority for the official editor to serve consecutive terms. The official editorship has been a mess for years. Consider Perdue; Wild Willie Watson; Larry T. Shaw. I take great pleasure in suggesting Mr. Burbee for a rerun.

Incidentally, I wonder what the hell is eating Towner. He has so far failed to mention the bathtub episode; and that Jackie (his penultimate wife) forbid me the house.

My wife, a charming strong-willed individual, has been in Tennessee for the past month. Given any luck at all, I hope to keep her there for another two or three. The time is spent catching up on a year's abstinence from what I liked--the phono is now going, for example, playing Little Brother's "I love you mama but you don't mean me no good." This, gentlemen, is the first time I've been able to listen to my record collection since marriage. Fan stuff was also in the forbidden category; you have no idea, you happy bachelors you, how I had to fight to get any fanning done 'soever.

FAPA business seems to be non-existent. The mailings are beautifully plump, and is mostly meat. Just keep it up. So far as decisions, etc, are concerned, have not heard from any FAPA except Burbee since last mailing. So no one seems to have any gripes.

Elections coming up next mailing. Let's have some good strong candidates--FAPA needs you. Any group care to serve as ballot counting committee?

Elmer Perdue

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Social News from All Over

The evening of January 30, 1948, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer B Perdue paid a social call on Mrs. Jackie Laney and children Sandra and Sonia. A pleasant evening of fan gossip was enjoyed by all....

# MEMBERSHIP

1. ACKERMAN, Forrest J: 236-1/2 N New Hampshire, Hollywood 4, Cal.  
Exp. May '49, 8 pgs due.
2. ALPAUGH jr, Lloyd: Rt 4, Somerville, NJ. Exp. Nov, 8 pgs due.
3. ANDERSON, Andy: 1011 W 34 St, Los Angeles 7, Cal. Exp. Feb, 8.
4. BLISH, Virginia K.E.: 171 Pelton Ave, Staten Island 10, NY. Feb 8
5. BOGGS, Redd: 2215 Benjamin NE, Minneapolis 13, Minn. Pgs OK, Aug
6. BURBEE, Chas: 1057 S Normandie Ave, Los Angeles 6. 8 pgs, Feb.
7. CHENEY jr, Harold W. 584 E Monroe, Little Falls, NY. 4 due, Aug
8. CLEMENTS, Jack: 6310 Madison Rd, Cincinnati 27, O. 8 due, Aug.
9. CONDRA, Cyrus: 4174 Irving Place, Culver City; Cal. 4 due, Aug.
10. COSLET, Walter A: Bx 6, Helena, Mont. No pgs due, exp. Nov.
11. COX, Ed: 4 Spring St, Lubec, Me. 8 due, last mlg will be Nov.
12. CROUTCH, Les: Bx 121, Parry Sound, Ontario, Can. None due, Aug.
13. DAVIS, Chan: Perkins 76, Cambridge 38, Mass. 8 due, Aug last.
14. DINER, Moz: 445 Mt Pleasant Ave, Westmount, Montreal 6, Quebec,  
Canada. 8 pgs due, last mlg will be Nov.
15. DUNKELBERGER, Walt: 1443 - 4 Ave S, Fargo, ND. 7 due, Aug last.
- 16\*\*ELSNER jr, Henry: 13618 Cedar Grove, Detroit 5, Mich. 8 pgs, Feb
- 17 EVANS, Everett: 628 S Bixel, Los Angeles 14. 8 due, May '49.
- 18 FERN, Jr, CJ: C/o Wesson, Textile Div. ESS, GHQ SCAP APO 500,  
San Francisco Cal. 6 pgs due, Aug will be last mlg.
- 19 GARDNER, Dr Thos: 155 Jackson Ave, Rutherford, NJ. 8 by May.
- 20 GRAHAM, RP: 305 Studio Bldg, 1718 Sherman Ave, Evanston, Ill.  
7 pgs due, last mlg will be Nov.
- 21 HANSEN, Chas: 1301 Ogden St, Denver 3, Colo. 8 due, Nov last.
- 22 HART, Dale: Apt 20, 1116 Georgia St, Los Angeles 15. 8, Feb.
- 23 HEVELIN, Jas: 3761 - 3 St, Riverside, Cal. \$1 within 45 days.
- 24 JEWETT, Tom: 670 George St, Clyde, O. 8 pgs due, Nov last mlg.
- 25 KENNEDY, Joe: 84 Baker Ave, Dover, NJ. \$1 within 45 days.
- 26 HIGGS, Ray: 813 Eastern Ave, Connersville, Ind. 8 pgs by Feb.
- 27 HURTER jr, Fred: 79 Hudson Ave, Town of Mt Royal, Montreal 16,  
Quebec, Canada. 8 pgs due, Nov will be last mlg.
- 28 LADD, Thyril: 33 Cuyler Ave, Albany 2, NY. 8 pgs due, Feb.
- 29 LANEY, Fran: 816 Westboro Ave, Alhambra, Cal. \$1 due.
- 30 LYON, Andy: 200 Williamsboro, Oxford, NC. 8 pgs by Feb.
- 31 MAC/INNES, David: Apt E, 1619 Eastern Ave, Baltimore 21, Mary-  
land. 8 due, Aug.
- 32 MC/INNIS, Hugh: C/o YMCA, Warren, Ark. 8 pgs owed, Feb final.
- 33 MADDOX, Ron: C/o A/Garretson, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Addis  
Ababa, Ethiopia. 8 pgs due, last mlg will be Feb.
- 34 MILLER, Howard: 1421 W George St, Banning, Cal. Pgs OK, Nov.
- 35 MOFFATT, Len: 5918 Lento, Bell Gardens, Cal. Pgs OK, Nov. last.
- 36 MOSKOWITZ, Sam: 446 Jelliff Ave, Newark 8, NJ. None due, Nov.
- 37 MULLEN, Stan: 4936 Grove St, Denver 11, Colo. 8 pgs, Nov last.
- 38 NUTTALL, Marjane: Rt 1, Bx 343, Lakeside, Cal. 8 due, Aug.
- 39 PEDERSON, Con: 705 W Kelso, Inglewood, Cal. 8 pgs due, Feb.
- 40 PERDUE, Elmer: 524 W 46 St, Los Angeles 37. 8 pgs due, Feb.
- 41 PERRY, "Boff": 68 Madbury, Durham, New Hamp. 8 due, Aug. last.
- 42 RIGGS, Jack: 1620 Chestnut St, Berkeley, Cal. \$1 due.
- 43 ROSENBLUM, J. Michael: 4 Grange Terrace, Chapeltown, Leeds 7,  
England. 8 pgs by Nov.
- 44 ROTHMAN, Milt: 2114 N Franklin St, Phila 22 Penna. \$1 due.
- 45 ROTSLEK, Wm: Route 1, Box 636, Camarillo, Calif. Nov. will be last.
- 46 RUSSELL, Sam: 1810 N Harvard Blvd, Hlywd 27, Cal. 8 due, \$1 too

SNEARY, Rick: 2962 Santa Ana St, South Gate Calif. 2 pgs by Nov.  
 48 SPEER, Jack: 4518 - 16 NE, Seattle 5, Wash. Aug will be last.  
 49 SPELMAN, Henry M 3d: Leverett E-21, Cambridge 38, Mass. Aug.  
 50 SPENCER, Paul: 88 Ardmore Rd, W Hartford, Conn. 8 due, Feb.  
 51 STANLEY, Norm: 43A Broad St, Rockland, Me. 8 due + 1 buck.  
 52 STEIN, Bob: 514 W Vienna Ave, Milwaukee 12, Wis. 8 pgs, Nov.  
 53 STEVENSON, CB: 521 E Monroe, Phoenix, Ariz. 8 pgs due Feb.  
 54 TAYLOR, Beak: 118 St George St, Toronto 5, Ont., Can. \$1.  
 55 THOMAS, David: 31 Linnaean St, Cambridge 38, Mass. 8 pgs, Feb.  
 56 THOMPSON, DB: Gen Del, Imperial, Neb. No pgs due, exp. in Aug.  
 57 TOTH, Albert: 1110 Gillespie Ave, Portage, Pa. 8 pgs, Feb last.  
 58 WARNER, Harry: 303 Bryan Place, Hagerstown, Maryland. \$1 due.  
 59 WIDNER, Art: 121 Norton St, N Weymouth 91, Mass. 8 by Aug.  
 60 WILIMCZYK, Frank: 167 E 2, NYC 9. 8 by Aug.  
 61 WILLMORTH, Gus: C/o Evans, 628 S Bixel, Los Angeles 14. \$1 due.  
 62 WILSON, Don: 495 N 3 St, Banning, Cal. 2 pgs due, Aug last mlg.  
 63 WOOLSTON, Stan: 12832 SW, Garden Grove, Cal. 4 pgs due, Aug.

Alright, where's #64 & 65? Check - check - check. BRATTON! Left out Don Bratton!--56521/2 Sunset Blvd, Hollywood 28, Cal. 2 pgs due, last mlg Aug. And 65. Joe Schaumburger, 1822 Bathgate Ave., Bronx 57, NY 8pp by Nov. Two people on the waiting list: Tim Orrok and Russell Harold Woodman.

Boy, I really bollixed up the Mailing List that time. - Only 2 more chances to make a perfect one. It all seems so simple when you start out. Why wasn't I born smart, like Burbee? (He talked me into taking this job, and god do I hate it! Do you hear me, Burbee, and you other 63 members? Hate it! A thousand other things I'd rather do, and I have to keep track of all this crap of dues and dates and pages and changes of address and credentials, etc. Incidentally, hold up the mailing of ELSNER till I report that he has come thru with his buck.)

Credentials: ALPAUGH--publisher in Spectator Amateur Press. DINER--material in Can Fan, Moh-Dzee. ELSNER--ed Stiffist, Thots. HIGGS--ed National Psy Fan. HURTER--ed Censored. MC/INNIS--recruited by Burb. PEDERSON--ed IF--1 THOMAS--ed Klugg. TOTH--material in Gorgon, Loki

TREASURY: Last time we had \$14.87 on hand. \$2 more had to be paid out to Editor to cover mailing. Perdue paid the \$3.44 he owed FAPA, and together with renewals and new memberships we have \$35.31 before deducting the cost of this mailing.

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PS: Hate the job, I said.

ATTENDA BY BURBEE: Add to the above amount \$10.82 paid by Al Ashley, who paid Ack six weeks ago (today is 1 May) and ask him to keep it a secret.

Ackerman kept it such a secret that he forgot to put it in his report and had to call me up and ask me to include it here. Anyhow, this makes the total \$46.13. ### I did not recruit Hugh McInnes. I never heard of H. McInnis till I got the bundle of Stfanatics. I did not know he existed. I still can only take his own word that he exists. I did recruit Sneary, though, and I'm glad. Don't sell Sneary short.

# EDITOR'S REPORT

Burb

Will start off with some words from FTLaney: Apart from six pages of publ results, your VP has nothing to report. No members have consulted him; he has consulted no members. No decisions have been asked for; he has made no decisions. Aloof and godlike he has spent the past quarter year dwelling in solitary grandeur in his pseudo-Spanish castle in the depths of Emery Park, attended only by people. No slans have sought him out, no bright eyes have dazzled him, no fine minds have deigned to show him what a clod he really is by giving him a glimpse of their supernally brilliant workings. Why, Al Ashley has even finally given up trying to teach him how to think.

For all these things your VP is duly grateful.

He was going to write a great spate of words about Al Ashley paying his debt, and the psycho-ward atmosphere with which this great man rose above his psychosis against paying his debts---but it is too much---he is as sick of the subject of Al Ashley as you are---more so, since he still has to work with him. Maybe next time.

L. A. fandom is not typical. Oh, no?

---- FTL

Well, that gets Laney's report out of the way. Now to my own report.

Postmailings last time: •A Premonition of Disaster (Miller) 2pp, •Lethe (Riggs) 15pp, •Oracle (Stevenson) 17pp. The Miniature Mailing, comprising •Bedfast (Laney) 2pp •Abed and Bored (Ashley) 2pp, •Disturbing Element (Rotsler) 2pp, •Brownout, the Magazine Fans Believe in (Burbee-Moffatt-Woolston) 2pp, •Pneumo (Burbee) 2pp, •The Antipost-mailer (Ackerman) 2pp, •Asp (Burbee) 1/2p, •Half-Asp (Rotsler) 1/2p, •Parasite (Rotsler) 2pp, •Fantasy Amateur Jr (Burbee Jr) 1p. Also postmailed, •Canadian Fandom (Taylor) 40pp, •Dear Fapaian (Dunkelberger) 1p, •Scarab 5 (Burgess) 4pp. Total, 396 pages.

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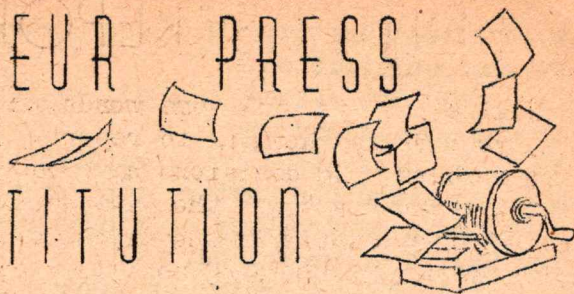
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NOTE: Since two local members (of which I am one) are going to postmail their mags, we are thinking of having a collective postmailing. So if you want your mag sent along with ours in the LA Postmailing, send it along by 11 June, send a Buck (\$1) for postag and handling, and the thing is done.

--burb

# THE FANTASY AMATEUR PRESS ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION



1. Function: The Fantasy Amateur Press Association operates in the general field of activity which has grown up around interest in fantasy fiction. The quarterly mailings distribute to its members material written or published by members.
2. Members: Not more than sixty-five persons can be members of FAPA at any one time.  
Membership is open to anyone who can show as proof of his interest in fantasy amateur activity  
either (a) contributions in the form of verse, drawing, fiction, or non-fiction writing, published in two fantasy amateur publications not produced in the same city area  
or (b) position as editor or publisher, not merely nominal or trifling, of at least one issue of a fantasy amateur publication.  
The credential must have been published within the year prior to acceptance of the application. When vacancies occur, the secretary calls on the applicants first on the waiting list to cite credentials and pay dues.
3. Renewals: To be eligible to renew his membership, a member must have published or had published in FAPA mailings or postpostings during the preceding year at least eight 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "x11" pages or equivalent. The time limit for renewal is 45 days after the posting of the fourth mailing under his current membership.
4. Finances: To pay the FAPA's operating expenses, dues are one dollar per year, paid at time of admission or renewal of membership. Contributions are accepted and surplus stock is sold. If there are insufficient funds to cover expense of the next mailing, the secretary-treasurer can announce equal assessments on all members, sufficient to pay for it, and members not complying will not receive that mailing.
5. Mailings: The official editor sends out identical bundles to all members immediately following the second Saturday in November, February, May and August. When individual members, or the official editor as an individual, send postpostings to all members, they are considered part of the mailing they were too late to go in.  
Members are not obliged to distribute their fanzines thru the FAPA, but all items included in the mailings are produced at the publisher's expense and are free to members, being considered exchanges. The publisher must send to the official editor at least sixty-eight copies of publications intended for the mailing. These publications may be printed, mimeographed, hektographed, photographed, or reproduced in any other way which gives a sufficient number of identical and legible copies. They must represent to a substantial extent the work of the member who has put them in the mailings. While some relation to fantasy is desirable, there is no restriction on the type of material included except lawfulness. The postage on postmailings is not to be paid by the treasury.
6. The following officers are elected:  
(a) The president has general direction of the FAPA's affairs. He appoints members to fill vacated offices, and auxiliary officials for purposes not otherwise provided for. He has what power is necessary to deal

with situations not otherwise covered by the constitution.

(b) The vice-president succeeds to the presidency in case it is vacated. He also gives interpretations of the constitution after two or more sides of a controversy over construction have been presented.

(c) The secretary-treasurer receives membership applications and renewals. He keeps track of members' standing in regard to sustaining activity. Each quarter he sends the official editor a list of members' names and addresses, description of credentials, report of income and outgo, and other information within his department. Notices of candidacy for office being sent to him, he furnishes the official editor information for preparing the ballot. He keeps the FAPA's funds separate from his own in cash or deposit. At the end of his term the secretary-treasurer turns over the records and funds to his successor.

(d) The official editor is charged with assembling and posting the mailings. He publishes ballots and the quarterly official organ, The Fantasy Amateur, at FAPA expense. The official organ contains the reports of the various officials and other material at the official editor's discretion.

7. Elections: Elections are held by mail. Candidates whose names are to appear on the ballot file with the secretary-treasurer in writing. The ballots are included in the summer mailing.

All votes to be counted must be

in the counting committee's hands a month after the mailing is dispatched. This ballot counting committee notifies outgoing and incoming officers and all candidates, of the full results of the election within two weeks after the ballot deadline. A plurality is sufficient to elect.

Officers serve for one year. No person can be elected to the same office, except the official editorship, more than once in five years. The secretary-treasurer must be an adult.

8. Amendments: Amendments to this constitution must be proposed in writing, endorsed by four members. Copy with signatures is sent to the president, other copies to the other officers. The proposal in substance must be given in the official organ the mailing before it comes up for vote. Unless the president orders a special vote, amendments are voted on at the annual election. A majority of the members must vote on an amendment, and a majority of such voters must be favorable, for the amendment to be adopted.

9. By-Laws: By-laws may be adopted at any time by a majority of the members endorsing a copy of a proposal which has been sent to the entire membership. Such by-laws can expel members, remove officers, override officials' acts, suspend sections of this constitution, or do anything else within the sovereignty of the organization. On endorsement by 12 other members, a member's failure to meet sustaining-activity requirements will be waived on a particular occasion.

