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Official Editor Charles E. Burbee, Jr.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Elections may come, elections may go; officials may be dilatory and malfessant, to the point where one wonders how best to secure a writ of mandamus; but ol' man FAPA keeps on rollin' along.

The mailing that you have in your hands is slender. Yes. But it is out on time. Mr. Burbee, nominated for Official Editor, said that he was going to get the mailings out on time. I told him he had my support. Mr. Burbee told me before he decided to run for office, that if he ever became official editor, the mailings would forthcome on the date due if they contained nothing but the Fantasy Amateur. This also has my sanction.

Too often in the past, amilings have been delayed because some editor or other held it up because a friend begged him to wait until hiser mailing was ready. Mr. Burbee has no friends.

And then, we will eliminate the necessity of delaying mailings for the secretary-treasurer's report. Mr. Ackerman is in the same town as the other officers, and personal contact can do wonders toward speeding up a late report.

..... ((This deletion in Elmer's report is dedicated to Chandler Davis. --ftl))

The function of the Fantasy Amateur Press Association is that of providing a centralised mailing and distribution system for amateur publications. Officers, officers' correspondence, and officers' reports are secondary to the prime function, and must not be considered foremost. Mailings will not be hald up for a report from anyone. This is as it should be.

Mr. Rothman has said in a letter to me that he sees no point in furnishing mailings to any person who is debtor to the association. In this I concur.

As of this date, the records of the Secretary-Treasurer and funds of the association have not been received from former treasurer Widner, nor a portion of the funds from former treasurer Al Ashley (term of 1945-46). This mailing goes out to those on the only mailing list we have--six months olde-lacking any better way of knowing the recipients. Until such time as records

are received, will you kindly write us if you think there is any discrepancy between mailings received and mailings to which you think you are entitled.

And Mr. Widner, if you do not have time to whip up the records into shape, please, please just toss them in a box and send them as is, and we'll get them sorted and brought up to date down here.

(Incidentally, the blame for non-receipt of mailing list and Secretary Treasurer's report for this and the last mailing is not wholly Mr. Widner's. While editor, I wrote no letters to Mr. Widner requesting such a report, and it could be that the lack of such a reminder was a factor in non-receipt of same.)

In the Official Editor's report, you will find the deadline for the material for the next mailing. Kindly be advised that this deadline will not be extended.

Mine is the responsibility for the snafu condition of the last mailing. The Amateur had been printed and some fifty mailings made ready for distribution, when word came that my wife's mother had died. I telephoned Mr. Burbee, gave him the location of the material, requested him to take over, and my wife and I left town. ((See FAN-DANGO page 5, 7th paragraph from the top for a more complete account. --ftl)) Five of you received your mailings two weeks later, when I returned, got the remainder sorted and mailed.

Elmer Perdue

September 29, 1947

VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

The vice-president of this group has rather a miscellaneous assortment of duties, some directed by the constitution and some of a more traditional nature. I find that in addition to being prepared to fill the breach if something happens to our esteemed CINCFAP, I must render decisions and interpretations of the constitution when asked to do so, and am also in some way responsible for the compilation of laureate reports. This didn't sound like much, so in addition I shall stencil the FA for four issues.

Right off the bat, I have had a nice hot potato handed me, a request by several local members of FAPA for a ruling on the outcome of the recent constitutional election. According to a paragraph railroaded through an election in 1944 by the Futurians, a majority vote of the membership is required to amend the constitution. And although the recent proposed constitution was submitted as a separate entity and not as an amendment to the old one, the fact that it would if adopted actually amend the old one by replacing it makes it, in my opinion, subject to this majority vote of the membership.

On the other hand, a number of FAPA members, including myself, have never been wholly satisfied as to the Futurians' motivations when this section of our old constitution was railroaded through. The net effect of this, as has been repeatedly shown in the last three years, is to freeze the constitution as it was in late 1944, making any proposed amendments foredoomed to failure regardless of their merit. Moreover, the finest minds in FAPA plus Elmer Perdue have spent well over a year working out the proposed constitution on which you just voted. It has been threshed out publicly and honestly, and it is certain that no member of FAPA objects very strongly to it or he would have been heard from before this.

Also to be considered is the snafu on the last mailing, which almost automatically precluded getting a majority vote of the membership.

So, playing strictly by ear, I shall hereby rule that the proposed constitution on our recent ballots is now the organic law of FAPA, having been carried by a vote of 13 to 1.

I shall further rule that this new document shall become effective January 1, 1948. The new administration had agreed to hold to the constitutional mailing deadlines when they first filed for office, and had moreover made various public announcements to this effect, going so far as to set calendar deadlines for the receipt of material. We feel that to postpone our previously announced deadlines, even in deference to a new constitution, would be most inexpedient. This administration stands for prompt mailings without postponements. So, since the new constitution contains no paragraph indicating when it shall come into effect, I am ruling that we will finish up the calendar year with the old one, and start 1948 with our brave new document.

THIS MEANS THAT THE NEXT MAILING WILL HIT THE MAILS ON THE SECOND SATURDAY IN FEBRUARY 1948. That is four months from now, four months for all you folks to make those mimeos hum and give FAPA the biggest mailing in its history.

ANYTHING TO GO IN THE FANTASY AMATEUR MUST BE IN MY HANDS BY FEBRUARY 1, 1948. ANY MAGAZINE TO GO IN THE MAILING BUNDLE MUST BE IN BURBEE'S HANDS NOT LATER THAN FEBRUARY 13, 1948. THESE DEADLINES WILL POSITIVELY NOT BE EXTENDED.

Whew! I'm out of breath after all that hollering.

I realise that my ruling on this constitution matter is somewhat high-handed. However, I am sincerely convinced that it is in the best interest of FAPA that I so rule. Furthermore, either the old or the new constitution contains provisions by which you the membership can do something about me and my high-handedness in the event enough of you take it amiss. Actually, nothing any of us does makes any difference, so long as those mailings keep coming out on time.

Al Ashley, wallowing in a veritable bath of ego-boo from the various Burbee publications, is developing for the first time in his life a faint trace of smugness. Burbee has worriedly asked me if Al Ashley can claim activity credit for the frequent use of his name. I hereby rule as follows: since the precedent has been set of giving Al Ashley activity credit for all sorts of reasons, such as that fine magazine EN GARDE which Jack Weidenbeck once published under Ashley's name, I hereby rule that Al Ashley is entitled to 1/25 of a page activity credit for each time that his name is mentioned except in the membership roster; provided that he presents to this organization a report in quadruplicate listing each mention of his name, and audited by a reputable firm of certified public accountants.

If enough of you made regular laureate nominations, I'd try to compile a report something like the one Stanley had in the last FA. But you don't, so I won't.

In lieu thereof, I shall conduct an official poll of FAPA. My next report will not only give the full details, but will include stamped pollcards. The May mailing will include a tabulation of these cards which will simply reek with ego-boo.

Francis T. Laney

October 2, 1947

TREASEC'S REPORT. ((Ackerman turned this over to me this Thursday. He got it Monday. He made no comment on it. Made no changes. I suppose it is all right.))

The month after your name shows when your memship expires. The number shows how many pages you must contribute to meet activity requirements. \$ means dues payable Nov 25.

1. Ackerman, Forrest J 236 1/2 N New Hampshire, Los Angeles 4, Calif	Jul/8
2. Anderson, Andy 1011 W 34th St Los Angeles 7	Jan/8
3. Ashley, Al (see below 4) 643 S Bixel St., Los Angeles 14	Oct/8 \$!
4. Blish, Virginia K. 787 Washington St., New York City 14	Oct/8 \$!
5. Boggs, Redd 2215 Benjamin NE, Minneapolis 13, Minn	Jul/7 1/2
6. Bonnell, Kenneth H 4749 Baltimore St., Los Angeles 42	Oct/8 \$!
7. Brazier, Donn 1329 N 33rd, Milwaukee 8, Wisconsin	Oct/8 \$!
8. Burbee, Charles E 1057 S Normandie Ave., Los Angeles 6	Apr/0
9. Cheney, Harold W Jr 584 E Monroe, Little Falls, N. Y.	Oct/0 \$
10. Burgess, Fred R 115 Aycock, Chapel Hill, N Carolina	Jan/8
11. Coslet, Walter A (see below 1) Box 6, Helena, Montana	Oct/0 \$
12. Crane, Burton PRO GHQ FEC APO 500, San Francisco	Jan/0
13. Croutch, Leslie A Box 121, Parry Sound, Ontario, Canada	Oct/0
14. Davis, Chandler Perkins 76, Cambridge 78, Mass	Oct/0 \$
15. Dunkelberger, Walt (see below 2) 1443 4th Ave South, Fargo, N Dak	Jul/8
16. Evans, E Everett 628 S Bixel St., Los Angeles 14	Apr/0
17. Evans, W H 2121 Monroe, Corvallis, Oregon	Oct/8 \$!
18. Fern, Mike, Jr. FBIS, G-2, GHQ, FEC, APO 500, San Francisco	Oct/8 \$!
19. Gardner, Thomas S (see below 3) 155 Jackson Ave., Rutherford, N J	Jul/8
20. Hart, Dale Apt #20, 1116 Georgia St., Los Angeles 15	Apr/0
21. Hevelin, James V 3761 Third St., Riverside, Calif	Apr/6
22. Jewett, Tom 670 George St., Clyde, Ohio	Oct/0 \$
23. Kadet, Sanford 7100 S Shore Drive., Chicago 49, Ill	Oct/8 \$!
24. Kennedy, Joe 84 Baker Ave., Dover, N. J.	Jul/8
25. Koenig, H.C. 2 East End Ave., New York City 21	Oct/8 \$!

26. Ladd, Thyril 33 Cuyler Ave., Albany 2, N.Y.	Apr/8
27. Laney, Francis T 816 Westboro Ave., Alhambra, Calif	Jul/0
28. Lyon, Andy 200 Williamsboro, Oxford, N Carolina	Jan/8
29. Maddox, Ron 20 King St., New York City 14	Oct/8 \$!
30. Madle, Robert A 1366 E Columbia Ave., Philadelphia 26	Oct/8 \$!
31. Loffatt, Leonard J 5918 Lanto St., Bell Gardens, Calif	Jan/1
32. Moskowitz, Sam 446 Jelliff Ave., Newark 8, N. J.	Jan/8
33. Nuttall, Marijane Route 1, Box 601, Lakeside, Calif	Jul/8
34. Perdue, Elmer 524 W 46th St., Los Angeles 37	Jan/0
35. Riggs, Jack 1620 Chestnut, Berkeley 2, Calif	Jul/0 \$
36. Rosenblum, J Michael 4 Grange Terrace, Leeds 7, England	Jan/0
37. Rothman, Milton A 2113 N. Franklin, Philadelphia 22, Penn	Apr/2
38. Searles, A Langley 19 E 235th St., New York City 66	Oct/8 \$!
39. Sneary, Rick 2962 Santa Ana St., South Gate, Calif	Oct/8
40. Stanley, Norman F 43-A Broad St., Rockland, Maine	Jul/8
41. Speer, Jack 4518 16th NE, Seattle 5, Washington	Oct/0 \$
42. Spelman, Henry M III Leverett E-21, Cambridge 38, Mass	Jul/8
43. Spencer, Paul 88 Ardmore Road, West Hartford, Conn	Jan/8
44. Stevenson, C Burton 521 E Monroe, Phoenix, Arizona	Jan/8
45. Swisher, R. D. 15 Ledyard Rd., Winchester, Mass	?
46. Russell, Samuel D 1810 N Harvard, Los Angeles 27	Apr/8
47. Taylor, Beak 9 MacLennan Ave., Toronto 5, Ontario, Canada	Apr/8
48. Thompson, D. B. Gen. Delivery, Imperial, Nebraska	Oct/8 \$!
49. Train, Oswald 3507 N Sydenham, Philadelphia 40	Jan/8
50. Tucker, Bob Box 260, Bloomington, Ill	Jan/7
51. Warner, Harry Jr 303 Bryan Place, Hagerstown, Maryland	Apr/0
52. Wesson, Helen ESS Textiles, GHQ, SCAP APO 500, San Francisco	Jan/0
53. Widner, Art 121 Norton St., N Weymouth 91, Mass	Oct/8 \$!
54. Wilimczyk, Frank 167 E 2nd St., New York City 9	Oct/8 \$!
55. Willmorth, Norman V (Gus) 643 S Bixel St., Los Angeles 14	Apr/4

1. I think the simplest way of evaluating Yhosized zines like Coslet's is to count each page as 3/4 of 8 1/2 x 11. In fact I have a vague recollection of determining the page-value of Yhos by actual word count this way. So Walt or any others would have to publish 12pp to get credit for 8. OK?

2. Dunkelberger did not have activity requirements so was dropped and then accepted as a new man, in case anyone is curious as to how he is still on the rolls. Credentials: ED&Pub Fanews. Hevelin's case is the same. Cred: Ed Stefnews. I realize this makes a mockery of the activity requirement clause, but I don't see what else can be done as long as there is no waiting list.

3. Just in case anyone wants to be confused, those persons listed as "Jul/8" are not delinquent in any way, but are merely starting a new year, & their memship expires July 48. Any other mark following such a designation should be heeded promptly, however.

4. "!" means activity by next mailing or else.....!

The following have been dropped for lack of dues: Bridges, Douglas, Fortier, Goldstone (why can't he be in as of #2 above? Provided he has credentials, that is.) Groveman, Robinson. Dropped for lack of activity: Lane, Wollheim, Zissman.

Credentials: Boggs - Ed Tympani. Nuttall - Contributions to Shangri-L'Affaires (the furlong stanzine) & Gorgon. Spelman - Ed Sparx. Sneary - Ed GG, articles in Cygni, Dream Quest, etc..

Now for the royally fouled-up finances:

Balance 1 Apr 47	\$ 20.13
Dues & Donation	20.00
Total income	<u>40.13</u>
Forwarded for mailing expenses	15.00
Balance 1 Sep 47	25.13
Accounts receivable	21.67
Total assets	<u>46.80</u>

Breakdown of accounts receivable:

Owed by Ashley	\$23.90	(see Winter FA)
Account book	\$.30	
conversion loss		
on Canadian money	.45	
Pstg to forward		
records	2.33	
Paid on acct to Perdue	10.00	
Total	13.08	
Total owed by Ashley	\$10.82	
Owed by Perdue	5.37	(see Spring FA)
plus recvd for mailing		
expenses	15.00	
Plus recvd from Evans		
and Goldstone	2.00	(see Summer FA)
Total	22.37	
less spring mailing	11.52	
Total owed by Perdue	10.85	/Gnd Total \$21.67

Addenda: Since Boggs, Nuttall & Spelman were not on the list & extra July mailings may not be available, & in any case they would get them too late to vote, their memship shall begin with the Oct mailing. Succeeding treasec please note! Also consult with Mr Perdue as to status of Burgess.

.....whew!

/signed/ Art Widner

P.S. To the unfortunate jerk who succeeds me, I bequeath this head-ache: Miltly told me at the Philcon that he sent \$15.00 to Laney for the July mailing....Who collects from who, and why does he? Iâ, Iâ...
...Cthulhu nafl fthagn....glrbl...gzng... yaaaaaa a a a a

PPS There's a Person from Porlock around here somewhere.

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EDITOR'S REPORT (Which is here merely to fill out the page)

Nuttall got the July mailing, in spite of Widner's failure to send us the dope. Sam Russell is back on the list because he and Laney maintain that he was dropped due to a clerical error in the machinery somewhere. Swisher, according to Laney, was dropped accidentally, too.

I might mention here that the deadline dates will be strictly adhered to while I am Editor. This is my first mailing and it is going out on the due date. The mailings following this one will also go out on the due dates.

In this mailing:

•Plenum	16pp
•Horizons	12
•Frappe	9
•Tangents	2
•Tandango #15	6
•Half Length Articles #1	12
•Gruzak #2	12
•Phanteur #4	8
•Panomena	10
•Moonshine #8	10
•Atote	14
•Glom	4
•Papa Flypaper	1
•Elmurmurs & attachment (Major Disaster Plan)	13*
•Slithy Toves #2	4
133 pages	

Which, plus the 7pp in the FA, makes 140pp, which is not bad for a mailing which came out only a month after the previous mailing.

---Charles Burbee

In Ackerman's mag you will note where he intended to give away some throwaway sheets advertising some fantasy movies. But I (in my God facet) banned these sheets because there were two different kinds and not enough of each to go around. So the mailings wouldn't be identical.**

*Perdue does not claim activity credit for the Major Disaster Plan thing. Not that he needs it.

You may have noticed our memship list is 10 short of our quota. Now is a good time for getting busy and recruiting some new blood

**Ackerman thinks this will become a cause celebre.