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TOTAL PAGES, MAILING #57: 302½

DEADLINE FOR THE 58th MAILING  
is Saturday, 9 February 1952.



## OFFICIAL REPORTS

OFFICIAL EDITOR'S NOTE: In a letter received here 8 October 1951, Marion Z. Bradley refused to serve as co-president according to Francis T. Laney's "dual presidency" plan (as set forth in The Fantasy Armature, postmailed to the summer 1951 bundle). In a subsequent letter, this one dated 12 October 1951, Marion stated that her refusal meant that she was "technically resigning" — but that since "by all sane methods of reasoning" she was not elected, she did not feel that she was breaking her promise to "serve if elected." Her resignation brought up another problem which, no doubt, is solved in paragraph #4 of the vice-president's message. But first, from "Somewhere in Korea," here is the

### President's Message

Salutations, FAPs:

Our illustrious OE has just notified me that I am your figurehead for the next circuit of Sol. I understand that between the holding of the election and now there has been somewhat of a hassle in our august ranks. This is one advantage of politicking from Korea: I remain serenely aloof from such minor quibblings.

This, too, should give me a highly objective viewpoint in case I am called upon to deal with any situations not covered in the constitution, though the time factor may hamper me in appointing members to fill vacated offices. In view of the latter fact I hereby empower vice-president Pavlat to take emergency action in such cases, pending a decree from the president.

To inject a personal note into this official message, I want to express my thanks to each sterling individual who voted for me. I was overwhelmed at being elected. Particularly since I'd forgotten I'd filed for office.

As you may be aware, I take the Insurgent, or non-constructive, attitude toward fan activity. More power to goons with beards and beanies. May FAPA<sub>52</sub> be as uninhibited as SAPS<sub>50</sub>!

-- ARTHUR H. RAPP, president.

### Vice-President's Message

Included in this mailing you will find a pollcard asking you to make your selections on such questions as the best fapazine, best article writer in FAPA, and so on. Old hands in FAPA are well acquainted with the yearly poll, and about all the newcomers have to know is that the choices should be limited to the doings of FAPA during 1951.

Results will be printed in The Fantasy Amateur next mailing. Write your choices on the card and drop it in the mailbox. You need send no money to have your vote counted. Let's make this fifth annual FAPA poll the most successful of all!

There is some confusion about who is president of FAPA. Ex-president FTLaney ruled that Arthur H. Rapp and Marion Bradley were to be co-presidents, and that the vice-president was to serve the term of either co-president if he declined the office. Marion Z. Bradley has declined, which puts me in the position of being only co-president, both co-president and vice-president, or sometimes co-president and sometimes vice-president. Since Laney's actual wording was that "Arthur H. Rapp and Marion Z. Bradley are alternating co-holders of the presidency of FAPA," I take the stand that I am, at present, the co-president of FAPA, although my term of office is the second and fourth mailings. "Alternating co-holders" is a confusing term, and

may mean practically anything, but I interpret it to mean that both individuals are president, but each exercises his powers of office at different times.

Since Mrs Bradley's term of office was to be during the second and fourth mailings, and since I am filling in for her, this is not the legal time for me to exercise whatever presidential powers I may have. Nonetheless I'm going to make a presidential ruling, as follows: That so much of Laney's ruling as reads "...the vice-president, Bob Pavlat, will succeed to the portion of the presidency thereby vacated" shall be amended to read "...the remaining co-holder of the presidency will succeed to the portion of the presidency thereby vacated."

With the pronouncement of the above ruling, a peculiar thing happened. I reverted to the vice-presidency, and no longer have (or ever had) the authority to pronounce such a ruling. However, if I hadn't ruled as above, I would still have the authority to do so. I don't expect any questions or quibbling on the matter, however, for two reasons: It is the most logical and easiest way to cover the situation, and as vice-president I have the responsibility of interpreting the constitution, should the need arise. Since presidential rulings are only an adjunct to the constitution, I assume I also have the authority (or responsibility) to interpret them and whether or not they fall within the limits of the constitution. The peculiar power I possess to rule on the constitutionality of my own ruling is sometimes called dictatorship, so I hereby declare that I am and/or was FAPA's only dictator, regardless of the false claims of Moffatt and Spelman in 1949.

I have only one more thing to say. Was I ever the president of FAPA?

-- BOB PAVLAT,  
vice president.

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Higgs, Riggs, Boggs, and Briggs  
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Here's an exact copy of the 1951 pollcard -- in fact, it's the same stencil used to mimeograph the cards -- for your files. Be sure to mail the pollcard to Bob Pavlat, 6001 Forty-third avenue, Hyattsville, Maryland, before 22 Dec 51.

Official teller Walter A. Coslet adds a postscript to his report in The Fantasy Armeter: "Three votes came in too late to be counted -- and every one was for Art Rapp."

Morton D. Paley wants it known that Paul Spencer has given him permission to use the title Jabberwocky, formerly used by Paul as his fapazine title.

#### ROSTER ADDITIONS

Last minute report from Lee Riddle:  
"Two new members we have for FAPA are

Sam Martinez  
1830 E. 15th St  
Tulsa 4, Okla.

Norman Stanley  
P.O. Box 895  
Rockland, Maine"

#### BEST FAPAZINE

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

#### BEST ARTICLE-WRITER

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

#### BEST MAILING-COMMENTS

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

#### BEST HUMORIST

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

#### BEST FICTION-WRITER

- 1.

#### BEST POET

- 1.

#### BEST ARTIST

- 1.
- 2.

1951 FAPA POLL -- post before 22 Dec 51





## SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

A brief explanation of the three columns following your name and address is in order. Column "A" is the month your membership expires. Column "B" shows how many pages you still owe to meet minimum activity requirements for renewal of membership. In the last column ("C"), the letter "X" means you owe the pages listed in Column "B" this mailing or within 45 days in a postmailing. The letter "D" means you should pay \$1.50 before the next mailing. The letter "F" means you have 45 days to pay the \$1.50 for renewal. A combination of X and F should make you get real hot, for there is almost nothing between you and extinction as a FAPA member!

	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"B"</u>	<u>"C"</u>
1. Alger, Martin E.; Box 367, Mackinaw City, Michigan	FEB	8	D
2. Austin, William N.; 4327 West Brandon, Seattle 6, Wash.	AUG	8	-
3. Ballard, Wrai; Blanchard, N.D.	NOV	0	F
4. Beale, Ken; 115 E. Moshoku Parkway, Bronx 67, N. Y.	FEB	0	D
5. Black, Gordon L.; 12095 Rosemary, Detroit 5, Mich.	FEB	8	D
6. Blish, Virginia K.; Apt 6E, 14-01 36th Av., Long Island City 6, N. Y.	FEB	8	D
7. Boggs, Redd; 2215 Benjamin N.E.; Minneapolis 18, Minn.	AUG	0	-
8. Bradley, Marion Z.; Box 246, Rochester, Texas	NOV	0	F
9. Briggs, Robert, US 52125553, Battery "A" 515 F.A. Bn, 101 Airborne Div., Camp Breckinridge, Ky.	FEB	0	D
10; Bullard, W.E.; 1405 NE 74th Ave., Portland 16, Oregon	FEB	2	D
11. Burbee, Charles; 7628 So. Pioneer Blvd., Whittier, Calif.	FEB	0	D
12. Carr, Gertrude M.; 3200 Harvard No.; Seattle 2, Wash.	NOV	0	F
13. Chambers, Robert W.; 990 No. 10th St., Coos Bay, Oreg.	MAY	8	-
14. Cole, Les; 614 Norvell St., El Cerrito 8, Calif.	NOV	0	F
15. Coslet, Walter A.; Box 6, Helena, Montana	(52)NOV	0	-
16. Cox, Ed; 4 Spring St., Lubec, Maine	NOV	8	F - X
17. Crane, Burton; 139 East 66th St.; New York, N. Y.	FEB	8	D
18. Croutch, Leslie A.; Box 121, Parry Sound, Ontario, CANADA	AUG	8	-
19. Danner, William M.; 720 Rockwood Ave., Pittsburgh 34, Pa.	AUG	8	-
20. Day, Don; 3435 NE 38th Ave., Portland 13, Oregon	MAY	0	-
21. Donaldson, Dale C.; 878 NE Ainsworth St., Portland 11, Ore.	NOV	0	F

22.	Drummond, Royal H.; 2312 44th Ave., S.W., Seattle 6, Wn.	FEB	0	D
23.	Dunkelberger, Walt; 1443 Fourth Ave So., Fargo, N. D.	AUG	8	-
24.	Elsberry, Richard; 413 East 18th St., Minneapolis, Minn.	AUG	8	-
25.	Eney, Richard; RFD 1, Box 239-B, Alexandria, Va.	(53)MAY	8	-
26.	Evans, Bill; 4330 37th St., N.W., Washington 8, D.C.	FEB	0	D
27.	Evans, E. Everett; 1941 Estrella Ave., Los Angeles 7, Calif.	MAY	8	-
28.	Felkel, Warren; 1511 Pinewood St., Falls Church, Va.	FEB	8	D
29.	Gluck, Sid; 1047 Louisa St., Elizabeth, N. J.	FEB	0	D
30.	Higgs, Ray; 813 Eastern Ave., Connorsville, Ind.	FEB	0	D
31.	Hoffman, Lee; 101 Wagner St., Savannah, Ga.	AUG	8	-
32.	Hunter, Gene, SK3, USN; "Center Relay", Naval Supply Center, Navy #128, c/o FPO, San Francisco, Calif.	AUG	8	-
33.	Jacobs, Cpl Clarence L., RA 19235355; 990th Sig Opn Co., Camp Gordon, Georgia.	MAY	0	-
34.	Keasler, W. Max; 420 So. 11th St., Poplar Bluff, Mo.	(52)NOV	0	-
35.	Laney, Francis T.; 816 Westboro Ave., Alhambra, Calif.	MAY	0	-
36.	Loan, Roy W.; P.O. Box 3224, Col. Hgts. Sta., Washington, D.C.	FEB	0	D
37.	McCauley, Ian T.; 57 East Park Lane, Atlanta, Ga.	MAY	8	-
38.	McCain, Vernon L.; 146 East 12th Ave., Eugene, Oregon	NOV	0	F
39.	Moskowitz, Sam; 127 Shephard Ave., Newark 8, N.J.	NOV	0	F
40.	Paley, Morton D.; 1455 Townsend Ave., New York 52, N.Y.	MAY	8	-
41.	Pavlat, Bob; 6001 42nd Ave., Hyattsville, Md.	NOV	0	F
42.	Perdue, Elmer; 2125 Baxter Street, Los Angeles 39, Calif.	FEB	8	D
43.	Pesetsky, Alan H.; 1475 Townsend Ave., New York 52, N.Y.	NOV	8	F - X
44.	Rapp, Arthur H., Sgt.; Hq Co, 2d Inf Div (CG Sec), APO 248, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Calif.	FEB	7	D
45.	Reynolds, Neal Clark; 704 No. Spadra, Fullerton, Calif.	AUG	8	-
46.	Riddle, Charles Lee, PNCA, USN; Fleet All Weather Training Unit, Pacific, c/o FPO, San Francisco, Calif.	NOV	0	-
47.	Rose, Margaret Ann; 1005 West 6th St., Los Angeles 17, Cal.	MAY	8	-
48.	Rotsler, William; 6255 Hollymont Drive, Hollywood 28, Cal.	NOV	0	F



49. Silverberg, Robert; 760 Montgomery St., Brooklyn 13, N.Y.	AUG	8	-
50. Sneary, Rick; 2962 Santa Ana St., South Gate, Calif.	NOV	2	F - X
51. Speer, Jack; North Dend, Wash.	NOV	8	F-X
52. Spelman, Henry M. III; P.O.Box AG, Vero Beach, Fla.	NOV	8	F-X
53. Splawn, Van, Sgt.; P.O. Box 611, St Louis 1, Missouri	FEB	8	D
54. Stein, Bob; 514 W. Vienna Ave., Milwaukee 12, Wisc.	NOV	0	F
55. Thompson, D.B., Box 329, Ainsworth, Nebraska	(52)NOV	0	-
56. Train, Oswald; 3507 N. Sydenham St., Philadelphia 40, Pa.	NOV	8	F-X
57. Tucker, Bob; Box 702, Bloomington, Ill.	(52)NOV	0	-
58. Warner, Harry; 303 Bryan Place; Hagerstown, Md.	MAY	0	-
59. Weber, Wally; Rm. 378, Cascade Hall, UofW, Seattle 5, Wn.	FEB	8	D
60. Wesson, Helen; 5 Adams St., East Rockaway, L.I., N.Y.	FEB	8	D
61. Willis, Walter A.; 170 Upper Newt'ds Rd, Belfast, No.Ireland	NOV	8	X
62. Woolston, Stan; 12832 S. West Av., Garden Grove, Calif.	AUG	8	-

See bottom of page 3 for names of members #63 and #64.

Three members were dropped this past mailing: Diskin (DUES); Gardner (DUES & ACTIVITY); and Stanley (ACTIVITY). Three new members were added: Hunter, Chambers, and Reynolds.

WAITING LIST: (1) Robert Pope, Jr., SW Hill & Hanover Sts., Charleston, So.Car.; (2) John Van Couvering, 13058 S. Downey Ave., Downey, Calif.; (3) Sam Martinez, P.O.Box 2032, Tulsa 1, Okla.; (4) Norman Stanley, 43A Broad St., Rockland, Me.; (5) Dick Ryan, 224 Broad St., Newark, Ohio....I have invited Pope, Couvering, and Martinez to join and they probably will be members by the time you read this. If Couvering doesn't answer, Stanley will be reinstated as a member. (See page 3.)

MONEY TALKS DEPARTMENT::

Balance 11 Aug 1951.....	\$121.92
Income.....(Dues).....	28.00
	<u>\$149.92</u>

Outgo: Expended by Burbee..	27.98
Postage on records..	1.08
Advance to O.E.....	<u>25.00</u>

	<u>54.06</u>
Balance as of 24 Oct 1951...	\$ 95.86

(Note: The remark "expended by Burbee" includes refund on a membership fee; the FAPA elections; the August mailing; the proxy broadside; and refunds on sale of surplus stock.....The balance shown above includes advance payment by Rapp & Jacobs for airmail postage on bundles to them, and also includes sales of surplus stock....I'll try to have it broken down better the next time for you all)--LEE

# THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FANTASY AMATEUR PRESS ASSOCIATION

[Adopted 1947, effective 1 January 1948]

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 the 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 8½" x 11" 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 \$1.50 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 through 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 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 postpostings is not to be paid by the treasury.

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(\*). Amended from "...dues are \$1.00 per year," effective February 1950.



6. OFFICERS: 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' standings 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.

THE END