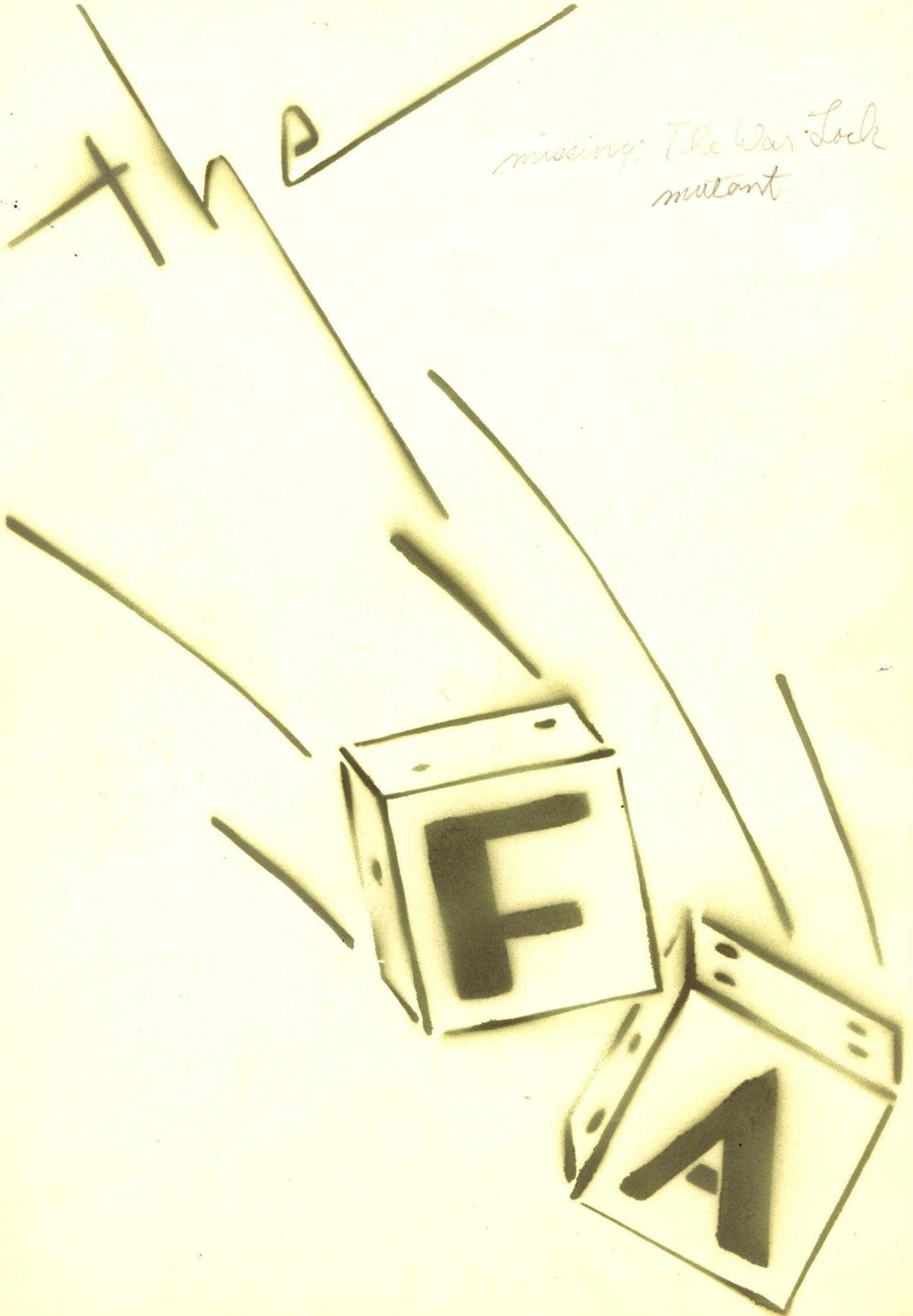


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LAUREATE COMMITTEE REPORT

Report of FAPA Laureate Committee for the period September, 1941, to June, 1942:

Members of Committee: Forrest J. Ackerman, Art Widner, Jr., and Milton A. Rothman, Chairman.

This period was the most productive in the history of the FAPA and a great deal of interesting material appeared in the mailings. We regret that we can't mention more names than we do, for there were many others who did work worth mentioning. We also apologize for the haste with which this report was prepared, as some worthy item may have slipped through unnoticed. However, your chairman is writing this on the day before he leaves for the army, so you cannot expect too much. Awards are as follows:

EDITING AND PUBLISHING:

1. H. C. Koenig
2. Art Widner, Jr.
- Honorable Mention . . . Jack Speer

WRITING:

1. Louis Russell Chauvenet
2. Jack Speer
- Honorable Mention . . . D. B. Thompson

POETRY:

1. Louis Russell Chauvenet
2. Robert W. Lowndes
- Honorable Mention . . . C. S. Youd

ART:

There was very little competition in this field. If we knew who the artist was, we would give the award for the covers of Phantagraph in the March Mailing. In lieu of this, the award goes to Tom Wright.

Respectfully submitted,

Milton A. Rothman.

~~standing before them like ladies and gentlemen are the winners and new champions!~~

President Speer wrote a couple weeks ago, asking for a list and description of FAPA property turned over to the Official Editor. Some time ago a petition was submitted by a bunch of the members, to the effect that extra copies and surplus mailings be made available for purchase by the members. He is interested in knowing whether this property is being passed along by the succession of editors, and just what is on hand at present. The property has not yet come into my hands as yet, but is expected to before long. I will probably be able to comply with Speer's request, and print such a list in the next Fantasy Amateur.

---Al Ashley.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In the first place, I wish to thank everyone who voted in the last election, and call down maledictions upon those that didn't.

No doubt the war is largely responsible for the unusually low vote. I shan't exhort you people to each and everyone keep up at least his usual level of activity during the coming year. The shortages of time and energy are a condition that must be faced, and the best thing to do is to trim to meet the storm. I much fear that there will be less of elaborateness in FAPA publications for some time to come; certainly, if the work of even right-hand margins, multi-color mimeoing, dummies, etc, makes the difference between continuing to publish something or giving it up, I'd say to Warsaw with the frills -- what you have to say is what we want to see. With the stimulation of world conditions, there should at any rate be no decline in the interest of the material in our magazines.

On the other hand, no one should use the war, or vacation, or school exams, or the doldrums as an excuse for falling down on some assignment he's undertaken for the FAPA. Putting out the official organ, getting in a report on time, and other duties are obligations to the whole Association, and the individual can't expect to fail to perform them and still keep the undiminished respect of his fellow fans.

As for voting in elections, it's so little trouble -- but more of that some months from now.

One consequence of the war that something should be done about as soon as practicable is the question of the FAPAers in the Army and those who are citizens of foreign countries.

The latter classification, as it happens, includes only fans in the British Empire. Early in the war, exchange control was inaugurated which prohibited money being sent outside each British country for ordinary purposes. Such scientific material as the Anglo-fans have been able to get from the United States has had to be from a money balance previously established, from free bundles for Britons, or by swap. In the case of their FAPA dues, it has been the practice within the FAPA administration to consider the dues as coming out of some contribution of several dollars made by an American member to the Association treasury.

The problem with American fans in the armed services is quite different. The pay of the soldiers, which is in addition to uniform, subsistence, and quarters, is supposed to go for the soldier's individual needs, and is supposedly sufficient for 75¢ dues once a year. The problem with them is twofold; keeping up their activity, and keeping up with their addresses. The question of addresses is apparently something to be worked out between the mailing manager (the Official Editor) and Harry Warner, or whoever may be acting as clearing house for addresses of fans in the armed services.

Those boys have other things to do, though, than publish or write for fanzines, nor is it likely to be very convenient for them to be active even if they do find the time -- no typewriter, bad mail service, etc. For this problem, and the question of the British fans' dues, I think action is advisable under Article 12 of the

Constitution, which provides in part that "A similar majority [of the active membership] may at any time, thru an instrument in petition form, . . . suspend sections of this Constitution in particular cases without repealing them."

If there is any discussion on this, it should be carried out in private correspondence and in magazines in the December Mailing. Immediately after that Mailing, unless there appears to be general opposition to it, copies of an instrument something like the following will be circulated in letters to individuals, until a majority is secured:

"Members of the Association residing outside the United States shall not be required to pay annual dues.

"Members of the Association in the armed forces shall not be required to fulfill the activity requirements to retain membership.

"These provisions shall expire three years from January 1, 1943, or six months after the end of the present War, whichever shall occur sooner.

"This shall not take effect unless approved by a majority of the active membership before February 28, 1943."

Keep the duplicators rolling!

Jack Speer, President, FAPA

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VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you for electing me to office.

Your mailing may be late this time. Or the Secretary-Treasurer's message, membership list, and the like, may be missing. If so, it is my fault, and I am sorry. No excuse exists for laziness, and I shall not try to find one. You see, the FAPA records were not forwarded to the new Secretary-Treasurer, Chauvenet, until the 21st of August.

But the sole function of the Vice-President is that of deciding questions of constitutionality. And I believe that laziness will not interfere with the trivial amount of work necessary.

Love, Elmer.

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Some sort of special Medal Of Honor should be bestowed upon newly elected Chief Critic, Walt Liebscher, for "conspicuous heroism beyond the call of duty". Upon being asked for his criticism of the last mailing, he found to his dismay that his copies were unavailable at that time. Undaunted, Walt promptly, and without hesitation, embarked upon a trip to Battle Creek to the home of the Official Editor so that he might use the O.E.'s mailing to carry out his new duties. Such conscientiousness and unsparing devotion should not go unrecognized. Of course, the fact that Walt was on vacation and doing a little trip-ing anyhow doubtless had little to do with his action in this matter.

CRITICS' REPORT: JUNE MAILING

WALT LIEBSCHER, Official Critic. A. L. SCHWARTZ, ASSOCIATE CRITIC.

H. C. KOENIG, Ex-Associate Critic (Present by some misunderstanding)

THE FANTASY AMATEUR V.5 N.4

Liebscher: Better job of mimeo this time. Founding of FAPA informative and interesting.

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JINX V.1 N.3

Liebscher: Beacon Light always interesting. Rest O.K.

Schwartz: Wollheim makes a bigger jerk of himself; Lowndes blasts Lowndes' mags. These Futurians must love themselves.

Koenig: A good issue. Wollheim's article was timely and to the point; Beacon Light by the Cynic was particularly enjoyable.

THE SCIENCE FICTION ECHO June, 1942.

Liebscher: First and last FAPA from Ecco.

Contents good, no more, oh hecko!

Schwartz: Oh Boy!!! He mentions the "Rogue's Gallery".

Koenig: A first issue by one Ed Connor. Excellent mimeographing -- thanks to 4e and Morojo. Contents interesting; would like to see the magazine expanded.

THE ROCHESTER-AMERICAN PATRIOT

Liebscher: Enjoyable flag waving. Poems and illustrations better than average.

Schwartz: No comment.

Koenig: I'll just pass this one by with "No Comment."

FAN DAMN V.1 N.1

Liebscher: Passing.

Schwartz: Damn Fan Damn. I had to strain my myoptics to read it. Uninteresting.

Koenig: Another first issue. The hectographing is (admittedly) terrible; and the contents nothing to write home about. The section "The Editor Thinks" should be developed into a couple of pages.. Pogo and Russ could easily do it.

EFF'S ILLUSTRATED NYCON REVIEW

Liebscher: Most fans had it already. Practice of putting widely circulated material in FAPA should be prohibited.

Koenig: The 1939 convention again. When bh, when are we going to hear the last of that affair? Unger labels the magazine an illustrated review -- but, so help me -- I couldn't find any illustrations. The photographs have been carefully and economically deleted from the "FAPA edition". The only reason for this edition appearing in the mailing is to save Unger the trouble of preparing something really worthwhile.

THE SCIENTIFAN V.1 N.3

Liebscher: Interesting in spots, illegible in others.

Schwartz: Pfui.

Koenig: A magazine consisting mostly of reprints. Marred to a great extent by poor reproduction. Three of four pages in my copy could hardly be read -- except with infinite patience. Fortier would do well to read his own article on magazines in the FAPA.

EPHEMERON June, 1942.

Liebscher: Amusing.

Schwartz: I don't to know why hecto ink gets all over everything; what I want to know is how do you get it off.

Koenig: A one pager--with a little of this and a little of that--and not enough of anything.

WALT'S WRAMBLINGS June, 1942.

Liebscher: This epistle short but sweet, Don't look at size, look at the meat.

Schwartz: Damn good. One of the best items in the mailing.

Koenig: Walt's first contribution to the FAPA. Only a one-sheeter, but filled with a lot of interesting information for the reader and collector of fantasy books. A fine start; I hope Walt finds in possible to build the "Wramblings" into three or four pages.

SCI-FIC VARIETY N. 6.

Liebscher: Tuckermania will never painia.

Schwartz: It's not as good as LeZ.

Koenig: A fine issue--from all angles. Tucker's reviews and comments on the various books and magazines are always worth reading.

FANZINE DIGEST V. 1, N. 1.

Liebscher: Pick of material, format nice. Sad to hear of it's demise.

Koenig: An interesting selection of reprints. Designed for reading on short subway trips.

EN GARDE No. 2.

Liebscher: Cover wonderful as all Nova Press pubs are. Criticisms good. Contents are on par with cover. "Forgotten One" -- poeey.

Schwartz: Nice cover. Nice format. Good stuff inside.

Koenig: A well-mimeographed job--with a rather attractive (if lurid) airbrush cover. Some good, short comments on previous mailings; remainder of contents open for improvement.

A TALE OF THE 'EVANS V. 1, N. 2.

Liebscher: Anything by the grand old man Is thoroughly relished by every fan.

Schwartz: A hearty Amen to EEE's sermon, and a giggle for his "Ain't Science Wonderful" Department.

Koenig: The usual breezy comments by the Editor. An interesting and well-prepared magazine. Will be looked for in every mailing.

GUTETO V. 2, N. 1.

Liebscher: I agree--this has no place in FAPA.
 Schwartz: Sure, it's STF. How about more pages, Morojo?
 Koenig: Why waste any time--no comment.

MILTY'S MAG June, 1942.

Liebscher: You can always count on Milty.
 Schwartz: Interesting, all but the last page which was a hopeless blur.
 Koenig: A good illustration of what happens when Editor Rothman gets mad and serious. We have to wade through pages of tiresome paragraphs on the war, Communism, etc. Oh, well, I guess its better than no Milty at all.

SABDONYX N. 6.

Liebscher: Contents excellent; article by Stanley enlightening on the U-235 situation.
 Schwartz: Some of it was too deep for me on account of because I ain't a literary high-brow.
 Koenig: Wery, wery ultra in spots; but one of Chauvenet's best issues. I hope Russell takes a little space in the next issue to explain the cover; the front one had me running around in circles.

AGENBITE OF INWIT Pages 9, 10, 11 and 12

Liebscher: Mimeo job readable but poor, material good, record review a panic.
 Schwartz: Reminds me of a drug-store sandwich, two slices of bread and no meat.
 Koenig: Somewhat better than previous issues. If Doc Lowndes keeps that up--he will eventually have a real magazine in the mailing. I hope.

RAMBLINGS N. 11.

Liebscher: Speer always entertaining, this is no exception.
 Schwartz: I definitely am in favor of a book club.
 (Editor's Note: Darned if this doesn't seem to have been meant for "Walt's Wramblings" -- and vice versa.) (('Scuse, pliz.))
 Koenig: Made up mostly of learned discussions by one of our most learned discussers. If you can overlook that--No. 11 is a good job.

SUSTAINING PROGRAM Summer, 1942.

Liebscher: Speer again, ditto.
 Schwartz: A bit long-winded.
 Koenig: Of all the commentaries on the previous mailing, Speer Alpha and Beta commentary is tops. I've gotten to the point where I don't care very much what Jack writes about. Fantasy or Non-Fantasy. Most of his stuff is interesting.

THE MADMAN OF MARS June, 1942.

Liebscher: This story by 4E is a honey, Specially when he waxes punny.
 Schwartz: Wacky Acky raves again.
 Koenig: Enough is enough. Another installment of this tale will have all of us in a bat-house.

THE F.A.P.A. FAN N.12.

Liebscher: Beat me daily with a boogie shhalaylee.
Schwartz: Woolheim is a jerk.
Koenig: Wollheim likes to point out that this is the
"First and Oldest FAPA Publication". I wish he'd
do something to make it one of the best. It's
far from that, now.

HORIZONS V. 3, N. 4.

Liebscher: Good. Review of Astounding nicely done. Hektoing
good--Hurrah!
Schwartz: Please, Harry, mimeo.
Koenig: Another interesting collection of comments on
previous mailing, and reviews of Astounding.
Harry certainly puts a lot of time and effort in
this magazine.

PHANNY and INSPIRATION Summer, 1942.

Liebscher: Thompson makes you think and like it. Holds up
promise of first issue.
Schwartz: Interesting reading, mimeoing fair.
Koenig: A combination magazine--well mimeographed in red
and blue. Contents only average.

YHOS N. 3.

Liebscher: One of Fandom's welcome sights is anything that
Widnerites.
Schwartz: I like best Art's piece on Swearing. I would like
to nominate for the salt mines any \$#'&%)*' _#%&
who wants me to wear a necktie.
Koenig: A good issue. Mimeographing OKay and a number of
interesting articles and comments. Thumbs up.

READER & COLLECTOR V. 2, N. 6.

Liebscher: But good--as if you didn't know.
Schwartz: Heck, between you and I now, I have read, at
least twenty times in my short life, that Swift
predicted the moons of Mars.

FANDOMANIA V. 1, N. 1.

Liebscher: Cartoons good, especially the Slans. Contents
so-so.
Schwartz: Nice illustrations,..Period. Period.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Liebscher: Size of mailing commendable, same goes for ma-
terial.
Koenig: Only a fair mailing; representing about one-half
the membership. Several of the contributions
stand out, notably: Speer's "Sustaining Program",
Chauvenet's "Sardonyx", and Jenkin's "Jinx".

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SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

Due to the fact that on August 25th, when this report was sent in, the out-going S-T had not yet turned over the records or the cash on hand to the present S-T, some difficulty has been experienced in compiling this report. No complete financial report is possible.

In the following list, * indicates new members accepted by me since my election.

DUES --- Pay your 75¢ now.

ACTIVITY --- If you have nothing in the NEXT mailing you'll be ineligible to renew.

DUES-ACTIVITY --- If you have nothing in THIS mailing, you ARE ineligible to renew.

EXPIRED --- Dues overdue. If not paid by October 1, member will be dropped.

1. Ackerman, F.J., 236½ N. New Hampshire, Hollywood, California.
2. Ashley, Al & Abby Lu, 86 Upton Ave., Battle Creek, Mich. DUES
3. Bridges, Lynn, 876th Chem. Co., AB, Sarasota-Bradenton AAB, Sarasota, Florida.
4. Bronson, Phil, 1915 Logan Ave., N., Minneapolis, Minnesota.
5. Carnell, Edward J., 17 Burwash Rd., Plumstead, SE 18, London, England.
6. Chauvenet, L.R., 1920 Thomson Rd., Charlottesville, Va.
7. Connor, Edward G., Area #1, Bks. #1219, 1627 S.U. (R.C.) Scott Field, Illinois.
8. *Cunningham, John M., 2050 Gilbert St., Beaumont, Texas.
9. Daugherty, Walter J., 846 1/3 W. 82, Los Angeles, California.
10. Eastman, Lee B., c/o Harry Jenkins.
11. Evans, E.E., 191 Capital Ave., S.W., Battle Creek, Michigan.
12. *Evans, W.H., 143 N. High St., Salem, Oregon.
13. Farsaci, L.B., 48 Lewis St., Rochester, N. Y.
14. Fortier, J.J., 1836 39th Ave., Oakland, California.
15. Freehafer, Paul, 2325 Ocean View Ave., Los Angeles, California.
16. Gergen, John L., 221 Melbourne, S.E., Minneapolis, Minnesota.
17. Gilbert, Joseph, c/o Harry Jenkins. DUES
18. Groveman, William, Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio. DUES-ACTIVITY.
19. Hodgkins, Russell J., 1903 W. 84th Pl., Los Angeles, Cal.
20. Hurter, Fred, 5590 Campden Place, Cote St., Catherine Rd., Montreal, PQ, Canada.
21. Jenkins, Harry, 2409 Santee Ave., Columbia, South Carolina.
22. Jones, Bob, 281 14th Ave., Columbus, Ohio.
23. Koenig, H.C., 540 E. 80th St., New York City. DUES
24. Kuslan, Gertrude, 170 Washington Ave., West Haven, Conn.
25. Liebscher, Walter, 101 S. Eastern, Joliet, Illinois.
26. Lowndes, Robert W., 127 E. 27th, New York City. DUES
27. Marconette, Walter E., 2120 Pershing Blvd., Dayton, Ohio.
28. Martin, Edgar Allen, 2 Broad St., Manchester, Conn. DUES
29. Moffatt, Leonard J., 419 Summit Ave., Ellwood City, Penna. ACTIVITY
30. Perdue, Elmer, 1218 S. Cedar St., Casper, Wyoming.
31. Morojo, Bx 6475 Met. Sta., Los Angeles, California.
32. Rosenblum, J. Michael, 4 Grange Terrace, Leeds 7, England.
33. Rothman, Milton A., 2113 N. Franklin St., Phila., Penna.

- 34. *Russell, Sam, 3236 Clinton Ave., Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- 35. Schwartz, A.L., 229 Washington St., Dorchester, Mass.
- 36. *Schmarje, Harry, 318 Stewart Rd., Muscatine, Iowa.
- 37. Shaw, Larry, 1301 State St., Schenectady, New York.
- 38. Spencer, Paul, 675 Yale Sta., New Haven, Conn.
- 39. Speer, Jack, 6323 Western NW, Washington, D.C. DUES
- 40. *Stanley, Norman, 43A Broad St., Rockland, Maine.
- 41. Swisher, Robert D., 15 Ledyard Rd., Winchester, Mass.
- 42. Thompson, D.B., 1903 Polk St., Alexandria, Louisiana. DUES
- 43. Tucker, Bob, Box 260, Bloomington, Illinois.
- 44. Unger, Julius, 1702 Dahill Rd., Brooklyn, N. Y.
- 45. Warner, Harry, 303 Bryan Place, Hagerstown, Md.
- 46. Widner, Srt, Jr., 87 Colonial Rd., No. Weymouth, Mass. DUES
- 47. Wollheim, Donald A., 245 West 74th St., New York City.
- 48. Wood, Mrs. Russell M., 524 W. 2nd, San Pedro, California.
- 49. Wright, Tom, 3618 Maple Ave, Oakland, California. EXPIRED
- 50. 2375076 Sigmn. Youd, C.S., c/o 244 Desborough Rd., Eastleigh, Hants, England.

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Applications on hand; Thomas Daniel, and Bill Deutsch. The membership list is now full. The outgoing secretary-treasurer is said to have some applications on hand, but I have acted on those submitted directly to me.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Amount stated to be on hand, May 28, 1942.			\$17.10
Dues received by present S-T	\$6.75		23.85
Approximate cost of June Mailing		\$7.50	16.35

The actual cash on hand August 25, 1942, is \$6.00. The balance of some \$9 or so is still in the hands of the outgoing S-T, but will undoubtedly be transmitted in due course. The June mailing may have cost slightly more; I cannot find the exact figures and the S-T's records are not available at the moment.

Account to date, August 25, 1942. Louis Russell Chauvenet.

TWENTY STATES OF THE UNITED STATES AND A TOTAL OF THREE COUNTRIES ARE REPRESENTED
IN FAPA

OFFICIAL EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Thanks for electing me! In other words, thanks for a JOB! Nevertheless I shall do my best.

As you couldn't help noticing, this mailing is late. Because of the short time between the announcement of the election results and the time the mailing was due, it was impossible to assemble the material and print the F A on time. Also the small number of mags received in all, coupled with the fact that some were late in arriving, made a late mailing date seem most advisable. However, considering the excellent cooperation I received from the other officers and appointees, this should not happen again. In spite of the delay, this mailing is unusually light. Let's hope this doesn't happen again either.

--- Al Ashley.