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The Fantasy Amateur

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Official Organ of the Fantasy Amateur Press Association

Officers of the FAPA: President: Al Ashley  
Vice President: L R Chauvenet  
Sec'y Treas: Norman F Stanley  
Official Editor: R D Swisher

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The Election of 1943, as reported by Art Widner, 7 17 43:

President	Ashley	30
	Lowndes	5
	Unger	2
Vice-President	Chauvenet	27
	Jenkins	10
Sec'y-Treasurer	Stanley	27
	Evans	8
	Michel	2
Official Ed	Swisher	37
Membership amendment:	Yes 29	No 8
Librarian amendment:	Yes 28	No 7

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President's Message:

"...I will make every effort to have the Prexy's Message and the Official Critic appointments in your hands by the 17th of this month (Aug.). In fact, you may practically depend on it..." (Maybe I had oughta answered his letter sooner. Perhaps there will be another President's Message a little later. OE)

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Jack Speer's Message:

12 Aug 43 Official Editor. And I didn't know you had any political ambitions. At any rate, I trust you'll have the FA mimeoed, and prove groundless the fears of many members in regard to its legibility.

Here is a report on the petition-circulating. I think an appropriate title would be "Fans Are Morons":

Out of a membership of 51, 32 returned cards in connection with the war exemptions petition. One of these was mailed a week later than the ample deadline indicated. Another, from an inactive member who by post-mailing redeemed his activity, can be counted.

"Members of the Association residing outside the United States shall not be required to pay annual dues." This just failed to obtain a majority approval, and, unless cards mailed before the



deadline are received from overseas, will not be effective. Two members, enuf to give it majority approval, did sign this paragraph, but made material changes in it, despite our emphasized warning that approvals so given could not be counted unless everybody else made exactly the same changes.

"Members of the Association in the armed forces shall not be required to fulfill the activity requirements to retain membership." This provision failed by a considerable margin to obtain the signatures necessary to be in force.

"Members in the armed forces stationed abroad shall not be required to fulfill the activity requirements to retain membership." This was approved by the following members, and will be in effect until 31 July 46, or six months after the end of the war, whichever shall be sooner: Jack Speer, Harry Jenkins Jr, Lynn Bridges, Bob Tucker, Larry Shaw, A L Schwartz, Art Widner Jr, Edgar A Martin, D B Thompson, Francis T Laney, Milton A Rothman, William H Groveman, Al & Abby Lu Ashley, Walt Liebscher, Bill Deutsch, Samuel D Russell, 4e, Morojo, Cpl J J Fortier, Louis Russell Chauvenet, Harry Warner Jr, Thomas R Davies, Paul H Spencer, William H Evans, Phil Bronson, Bob Jones, Fred Hurter, Norman F Stanley, R W Lowndes, and J Unger.

Some members signed the second article while refusing to sign the third, which probably was not their intention. Innumerable ones signed the introductory paragraph, which merely stated the conditions under which the signatures were to apply, and otherwise revealed a deplorable inability to follow instructions. Mumbling in our beard, we withdraw into our cave.

You mite also run a notice to Elmer Perdue and members in general to this effect: Custom allows the preceding president to name the Laureate Committee for the year of his administration, even tho it is delayed beyond the end of his term. Vice-President for the past year, Elmer Perdue, has been written several times in connection with this, but up to now has not replied. Unless I hear from him by the end of September, someone else will be appointed to act as Laureate Committee chairman.

Aufs Pacificon,

Jack Speer

#### President's Message(II):

Aug 30, 1943 ...Illness kinda messed up my plans and intentions. ...I have appointed Jack Speer Chief Critic, but haven't decided yet on his associate. Will let you know as soon as it is decided...

#### President's Message(this is really it, folks):

My sincere thanks to the members for voting for me in the recent election. My hope now is that I may succeed in serving faithfully and well, and justify your choice.

Next, a very warm welcome to the new members who have been admitted under the enlarged membership limit, and to those who will be admitted until the new limit is reached. We all hope you find the FAPA all that you expected and that we may mutually profit from your having joined. As I stated last mailing, I have



assumed the task of printing a combined introduction to, and explanation of FAPA, along with the constitution. I had hoped to have it finished by this mailing, but circumstances prevented. But I can promise to finish it before the next mailing.

As a campaign promise I mentioned increasing the number of Laureate Awards. I do feel that they could be made to cover more phases of publication than they have in the past, and am anxious to know the reactions of the membership. The constitution fails to specify what these awards shall cover. It is my understanding that it has been largely left up to the Laureate Committee. At present we have Editing and Publishing, Writing, Poetry, and Art. We suggest Humor, and that Writing be broken down to Fiction, Articles, and perhaps the Most Interesting Idea presented. To a greater or less extent the others could doubtless be broken down too. So let's hear from the rest of you. Your ideas must be made known before anything definite can be done.

Well, fellow members, we're off on the seventh year of FAPA. Down through the ages seven has been considered a number with an especial significance. It has always been a mystic number, a lucky number. FAPA membership has been increased. There has been much greater activity in the organization than at any time in the past. And there is promise of even more in the year to come. The war has taken its toll of all fan organizations and fan effort, but the FAPA seems to have responded in inverse proportion. It has become the symbol of fan activity, and holds fair to go far toward holding Fandom together for the duration. Considering all this, we should need no urging to do everything in our power to make this seventh year of FAPA the greatest in its history. In fact, we have it in our power to make it a year that will be difficult to beat in the future. We can do this by making up our minds, once and for all, that we WILL have a copy of our mag in every mailing. Of course, we can still retain our membership by making just one mailing a year. But let's forget that leeway. After all it makes us rather a bunch of chiselers to enjoy others' mags mailing after mailing, and contribute but one issue a year in return. So make every effort to overcome your own peculiar difficulties and get that mag out every time. Enjoy the pleasure of knowing you had an important part in making FAPA's seventh year the best it ever had-----or, perhaps, ever will have.

Thanks!

Al Ashley

Ye Chief Critiques (author, columnist) Critiques (L = Liebscher)  
The Ass't Critic's report (S = Schwartz, the "off'al ass't critic")

Reader and Collector -- L: All one needs to comment on an issue of R&C is a rubber stamp marked "Excellent". "Of Books and Thing" informative and extremely interesting. I grow tired of the hissing campaign. The poem excerpt and comments on it gave me paroxysms.

S: Slipping but still good.

Petition Card -- L: I woted.

S: Received and sent off almost immediately and I hope you did the same.

Walt's Wramblings -- L: Lookie, lookie lookie here comes bookie.

S: Amusing.



Yhos -- L: Eureka, bravo, the plan and rules for "Interplanetary", fandom owes Art huge thanks. Cover interesting. Rest up to snuff.  
 S: One good thing about Interplanetary is that it got Langley Searles interested in FAPA. Re religion: religion stinks and I don't want any thing to do with it. (Klono am I biased!)

Horizons -- L: I hope the rest of the fans enjoy "Music for the Fan" as much as I do, immensely. Universal language article should start interesting discussions. But good.  
 S: Glad to see you'll still be with us Harry. Now that you're rejected how about reviving Spaceways? I know at least three fans that would like to see it again.

Fan-Tods -- L: I'm usually irked by comments on preceding mailing taking up most of a Fapazine but Norm's comments ramble into the damndest amount of subjects, interesting and entertaining subjects. Nice mimeo. "Yesterdays 10,000 Years" again a high spot.  
 S: Enjoyable, especially Byways and the comments on Sardonyx. Another of the "too deep for me" fanzines.

Inspiration -- L: Again the pleasant rambling style. I missed the green ink.

S: Willy Ley told Larry and I that the weight of fuel in a rocket would be 95% of the total weight of the ship. He also told us that with a few changes, such as eliminating torpedo tubes and the complex air-purifying system, a sub would make a good rocket. See his new book (out in Oct, Pub by Viking \$3.00) for further details, I think.

Whopdoodle -- L: We had fun.

S: Good, also. (In the off'al ass't critic's report this was immediately preceded by his report on Aagh! OE)

Yearbook -- Invaluable, the boys need more praise than they will get for efforts like this.

S: Gee! this is the second free copy I got. It is invaluable if you want to look up a particular story without going to the bother of going thru your entire collection.

OE: To hell with trying to remember to double space between these items.

Matters of Opinion -- Speer's stuff has that indefinable something that makes it hard to comment on, but it always makes good reading.

S: This sheet I always have trouble writing comments about because it's often way over my head. Therefore: no comment.

Fungi from Yuggoth-- L: The best in weird poetry, nicely mimeoed and a good format. What else could you ask?

OE: Even though I forget to put in the "L" sometimes, the first comment is still Walt's.

S: Too deep for me, way above my head. Sorry.

Sardonyx -- L: 99% review and one pome. The reviews were O. K. but an article would have helped.

S: Agree with Russ re unions. Some unions are downright autocratic when they list things their members can and cannot do. The main trouble with unions is they're living too far in the past. Does anybody agree with me when I say guys like John L. Lewis should be shot?

Moonshine -- L: Sammy was probably running from "Moonshine". Reviews short and snappy, good.

S: I think you sent me the cartoon a while ago and I nonchalantly lost it, no?



Fan-Dango -- L: If ever a fan mag looked a prelude to great things to follow, this is it. Fanzine Anthology a whale of an idea, but I fear it will never come to pass. Nicely hektoed.

S: The fanzine anthology is a good idea but who would want to wade thru thousands of fanzines searching for material? Not me.

Jinx -- L: Mimeo excellent. Wollheim interesting. Schmarje letter typical Schmarje, which is bad. Very eye appealing.

S: Is swell. Abattoir best in the issue and Bob Jones is the best of the best. Letter from Harry Schmarje is merely senseless digging up the past. Fooley on it.

Aagh! -- L: "A Visit With Cabell" a shining light in an otherwise mediocre issue. Mimeoing poorish and one page upside down.

S: Isn't it?

Guteto -- Always a neat little item. Good editorial.

S: If a common language will help thot-transmission why should we speak Esperanto when more people speak and understand English than Esp. A lot fewer people will have to learn a new language if English becomes the International Language.

Rahunn Ta-Ka or Revenge -- L: Ackerman, nonsense, puns. I like.

S: Quote "What Has Gone Before: is best left unrepeatd." What comes after is best left untold. Be warned.

Silver Dusk -- L: Summation fair, the rest stinks. Mimeo clear.

S: Raym good, the rest I didn't care for.

Phantagraph 10 III -- L: "The Booklings" was thoroughly enjoyed.

Classic is the only word I can think of, at least it is one of the best bits of fan fiction I've read in the last five years.

Phantagraph 10 II -- L: Definitely Uninteresting.

Phantagraphs (both of them) -- S: Were not worth straining my eyes to read a second time. In fact, I shouldn't have even read them once.

Adulux Beskan -- L: Frudge.

S: Abfo ddt fgtnu gitmsj gns dngithdnt Wolheim.

Love, Eimer -- L: Nice, but so wittle.

S: No comment.

Pogorus -- L: Amateur flag waving is bad flag waving. No like at all.

S: Stinks to high hell. I sincerely hope that no more of this bilge gets into my mailing; in fact, I'll pay to have it kept out of my envelope. What say, Bob?

OE: No bribes accepted, please.

Wowsy Wamblings -- L: Wrotten.

S: Is weally wowsy.

En Garde -- L: Excellent cover as usual. Midgicon article swell. Good mimeo job. Oi, has Ashley got an ego, what an announcement.

S: Covers are supposed to depict acts of god, no? Disagree when you say fans are slans -- we may be a little more intelligent than the masses but does that make us super beings? I say no.

Fantasy Amateur -- L: The best of a beautiful series of covers. Mimeo good. Sorry this is the last Ashley F A.

OE: You ain't just wagging your gums, brother.

S: Ass. Critic's reports were lousy, weren't they? Blame it on my immaturity.

F A Lean-To -- S: I got it. It would be better on two sides of one sheet I think.

F A Lean-To Annex -- S: Fa vy should I bodder to mek ha comment?

Browsing -- L: Wonderful. What makes a better fanzine than book reviews?

S: This is the type of fanzine I like -- devoted to the collector. My only complaint is that I drool with envy whenever Mike describes a book I'd like to have.



Sustaining Program -- "Quoteworthy Quotes" but good. "Mene Mene Tekel Upharsin" answers a good question. Best interlineations in FAPA. Those covers always get me.

S: Hey Jack, what means "published for perhaps the last time"? You ain't giving up SusPro are you? You can't do this to me!!

Why SusPro is the first thing I read in each mailing. (soft soap)

S-F Variety -- L: Film boners a favorite game of a lot of people. Tuck had some new ones. "Campbell's Buts" informative and sets you to wondering whether too many stories begin to pall on one. Typical Tucker, which ain't bad.

S: Hey Bob, what's the fifth unprintable error? I'll trade you my favorite concubine for the secret. I'll throw in my number three wife, too. Is it a deal?

Pegasus -- Hooray, a Fapazine without reviews of former mailings. A Fapazine resembling a regular subzine. More, more, more. The most beautiful job of hektoing I've ever seen.

S: Nice job. First prize of one green gumdrop goes to Gilbert. The fiction was uninteresting.

Agenbite of Inwit -- L: "Trigger Talk at Green Guna" merits five prunes with whipped cream, charming bit. Poems just fair.

S: Good.

#### Official Editor's Message:

A note of appreciation: To Al Ashley for the excellent state of the files and for the beautiful Volume 6 he turned out. To Russell Chauvenet who has kindly lent us his mimeo, the intricacies of which we must master soon without benefit of any book of instructions. To Mrs. OE, whose stenciling you will be able to observe-- she did the sheets that will turn out readable. To me, who am doing the rest of the work.

No thanks to those members who voted for me.

A query to Jack Speer: Since when does having a thing mimeoed insure its legibility? Such naivete. And just how many were the many members who feared? One, that you knew of for sure?

A statement of policy: There will be no beautiful covers, unless Al or some other expert breaks down and makes them for us. The present type of interlineation will obtain throughout Volume 7, if I can help it, and I hope forevermore. The F A Lean-To will be incorporated with F A if practicable, in order to kill at least one of those damnable one-holer publications. There will be no post-mailings nor inter mailings, unless someone can show me constitutional requirements. None from here, that is--you're quite free to make your own post-mailings.

With kindest regards,

Your OE

#### Secretary-Treasurer's Report:

##### Financial report:

	In	Out	Balance
Cash on hand, May 16, 1943			\$21.30
Expenses for June FA		\$3.15	18.15
Postage on June mailing		8.98	9.17
Dues received since May 16, 1943	\$12.75		21.92

Account to date, Aug 26, 1943

Norman F. Stanley, S/T

Treasury this time shows a slight increase, even though no sales from Surplustock have been reported. This is due to the growing ten-



gency of members to contribute sums in excess of required dues. Verily the practice seems like to make pluted bloatocrats of us. Thanks go this time to Rouze, Wiedenbeck, Unger, your so modest s/t, and any others whose names may have been lost in the shuffle. All donated 25¢ extra except Julie who came through handsomely with 50¢.

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### Membership:

DUES---Please pay your 75¢ to the Sec'y-Treas. before Oct. 1.

ACTIVITY---Unless you are represented in this or the next Mailing, you will be ineligible to renew.

DUES-ACTIVITY---Unless you are represented in this Mailing you may not renew until 6 months have passed, and then only if a vacancy exists in the membership.

EXPIRED---June dues unpaid. If not paid by Oct. 1, member will be dropped.

- 1 Ackerman, F. J. (Cpl.), HQ-SCU 1959, Fort MacArthur, Cal.
- 2 Ashley, Al & Abby Lu, 86 Upton Ave., Battle Creek, Mich. DUES
- 3 Bovard, Barbara, 812 Quintana Pl. NW, Washington, D. C.
- 4 Bridges, Lynn (T/Sgt.), 833d Chem Co., AO, Camp Sibert, Ala.
- 5 Bronson, Phil, 1710 Arizona Ave., Santa Monica, Cal.
- 6 Brown & Fern, Mel & C. J., Jr. 1055 Wilshire, Los Angeles, 14 Calif.
- P7 #Buck, R. C., G31 Adams House, Cambridge, 38, Mass.
- 8 Carnell, Edward J., 17 Burwash Rd., Plumstead, SE 18, London, England
- 9 Chauvenet, L. R., P.O. Box 171, Bound Brook, N. J.
- 10 Connor, E. C., (Pvt), 365ed SU, Co. A, Room 114, Hitchcock Hall, University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.
- 11 Croutch, Leslie, Box 121, Parry Sound, Ontario, Canada
- P12 Cunningham, J. M. (Pfc.), 504 TG, BTC #5, Bks 2004, Kearns, Utah DUES
- 13 Daniel, Thomas R., 108 East Heron, Aberdeen, Washington
- 14 Daugherty, Walter J., 846 1/3 W. 82d, Los Angeles, Cal.
- P15 #Davis, Chandler, 321 Lake Ave., Newton Highlands, Mass.
- 16 Deutsch, Wm. J., '46, 7 Jacobus Hall, Castle Pt., Hoboken, N. J.
- 17 Evans, E. Everett, c/o Al Ashley
- P18 Evans, W. H., 233 Sheldon, Ames, Iowa DUES
- ok 19 Farsaci, L. B. (Pvt.), 48 Lewis St. Rochester, N. Y. ACTIVITY
- 20 Fortier, J. J., 2222 East 30th, Oakland, Cal.
- 21 Freehafer, Paul, 2325 Ocean View Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.
- L 22 Gergen, John L., 221 Melbourne SE, Minneapolis, Minn. EXPIRED
- 23 Groveman, William, 623 Central Ave., Cedarhurst, N. Y. DUES-ACT.
- 24 Hodgkins, Russell J., 1903 W. 84th Place, Los Angeles, Cal.
- 25 Honig, Harry, 256-26th. Ave., San Francisco, 21, Cal.
- 26 Hurter, Fred, 5590 Campden Place, Cote St., Catherine's Rd., Montreal, PQ, Canada
- 27 Jenkins, Harry, 2409 Santee Ave., Columbia, South Carolina
- 28 Jones, Bob, 2710 Wexford, Columbus, Ohio
- P 29 #Kepner, James, 1495 O'Farrell St., San Francisco, Cal.
- 30 Koenig, H. C., 540 East 80th St., New York, N. Y.
- 31 Kuslan, Gertrude, 170 Washington Ave., West Haven, Conn.
- 32 Laney, Francis T., 720 10th St., Clarkston, Washington
- 33 Liebscher, Walter, c/o Al Ashley
- 34 Lowndes, Robert W., 306 West 11th St., New York, 11 N. Y. DUES
- P 35 #Ludowitz, Tom, 2310 Virginia, Everett, Washington
- 36 Martin, Edgar Allen, 160 Collins St., Hartford, Conn.



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 38 Moffatt, Leonard J., c/o Mrs. Rae Moffatt, 831 Pershing St.,  
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 39 Morojo, Box 6475 Metro. Sta., Los Angeles, Cal.  
 40 Perdue, Elmer, 1218 So. Cedar St., Casper, Wyoming  
 41 Rogers, Don, 214 N. 20th, Newcastle, Indiana  
 42 Rosenblum, J. Michael, 4 Grange Terrace, Leeds 7, England  
 43 Rothman, Milton A. (Cpl.), ASTV 3900, Box 38, Oregon State  
 College, Corvallis, Oregon  
 44 Rouze, Gordon K., Imperial, Nebraska  
 45 Russell, Samuel D., 1810 N. Harvard Blvd., Hollywood, Cal. DUES  
 P 46 Ryder, William H., 8820 Ave. L, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 47 Schwartz, A. L., 310 W. 18th St., New York, 11 N. Y.  
 48 Searles, A. Langley, 19 East 235th St., New York, 66, N. Y.  
 P 49 Shaw, Larry, 310 W. 18th St., New York, 11, N. Y. DUES  
 P 50 Speer, Jack F., 6323 Western Ave. NW, Washington, 15, D. C. DUES  
 51 Spencer, Paul (Pfc.), 88 Ardmore Rd. West Hartford, Conn.  
 52 Stanley, Norman F., 43 A Broad St., Rockland, Maine  
 53 Swisher, Robert D., 15 Ledyard Rd., Winchester, Mass.  
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 55 Tucker, Bob, P.O. Box 260, Bloomington, Ill.  
 56 Unger, Julius, 6401 24th Ave., Brooklyn, 4, N. Y.  
 57 Warner, Harry, 303 Bryan Place, Hagerstown, Maryland  
 58 Washington, Raymond Jr., 117 Hamflton St., Live Oak, Florida  
 P 59 Widner, Art Jr., 87 Colonial Rd., North Weymouth, Mass. DUES  
 60 Wiedenbeck, Jack, 115 Marjorie St., Battle Creek, Mich.  
 61 Wilimczyk, Frank Jr., 3 Lewis St., Westfield, Mass.  
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 P 63 Wood, Mrs. Russell M. 524 West 2d St., San Pedro, Cal. EXPIRED  
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# indicates new members tentatively listed pending receipt of 75¢ dues.

Changes since last mailing: Membership of Marconette has lapsed. Fifteen new members admitted since passage of memorandum. Credentials are: Buck: Fiction in Mar. '43 Sardonyx. Crutch: Editor of Canadian fanzine Light. Davis: Articles in Yhos during past year. Honig: Editor of Arcana, sub. fanzine to appear shortly. Kepner: Editor of Toward Tomorrow. Ludowitz: Editor Space Tales. Rogers: Cosmic Circle Society and publications. Rouze: President of Neb. Amateur Press Club. Ryder: Application approved by outgoing S/T-- I haven't yet heard from him. What credentials, LRC? Searles: Searles-Unger Bibliography. Washington: Material in Paradox, LeZ, VolM. Wiedenbeck: Nova pubs' tame artist. Wilimczyk: Editor Paradox. Wright: Cover for Dec 42 Phanny; Editor Visions.

The Twenty Fifth Mailing: 1 Fandomania. 2 Walt's Wramblings (two sections). 3 Fan Dango. 4 Dreams of Yith. 5 Yhos. 6 Rahuun Ta-Ka. 7 Guteto. 8 Sardonyx. 9 The Nucleus. 10 Satyrical. 11 Horizons. 12 The Scientifiction Savant. 13 Browsing. 14 Sustaining Program. 15 En Garde. 16 Inspiration. 17 Fan-Tods. 18 Ye Olde Science Fiction Fanny. 19 Cosmic Circle Commentator. 20 Have At Thee, Knaves. 21 Presenting Ronald Clyne. 22 Wudgy Tales. 23 Fan Notes. 24 We Just Had To Do It. 25 Golden Atom. 26 The Fantasy Amateur.