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I have decided to change Argassy to a chatter and newstype zine from the Midwest. I have enjoyed Fanac, Rumble, Gaphia, etc. so much I felt fandom would enjoy one from the Midwest also. I am not going to be a publishing giant like the Ellik-Carr combo, this will not be a weekly effort. My

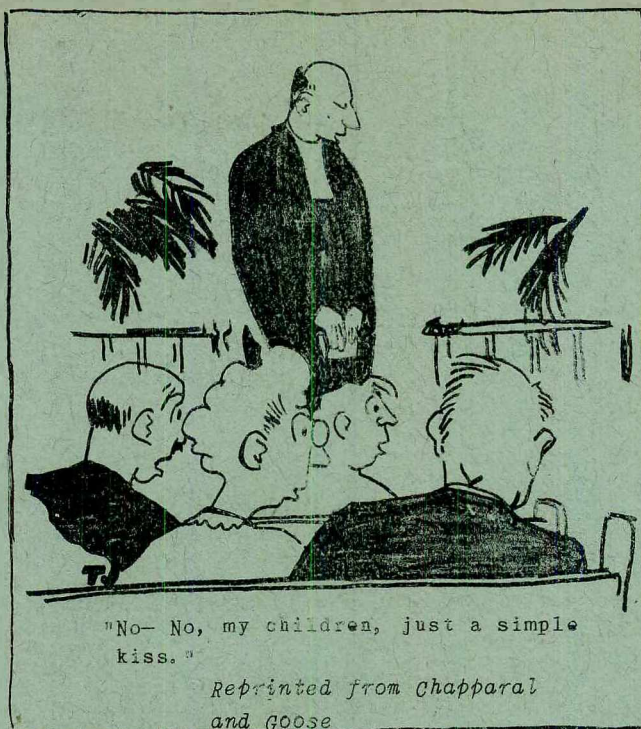
plans at the present time call for 10 issues a year unless some item would be forthcoming that needed publication in the interem. I will try to bring you all the fannish news from this area as it is sent to me, letters of interest from the readers, cartoons and other good artwork (note the drawing by LEE, a fine midwestern artist) and any club notices that are sent in by Midwestern sf clubs.

The Advent Press (Chicago) will probably release another book by the end of the year; the series of lectures on THE SCIENCE FICTION NOVEL: IMAGINATION AND SOCIAL CRITICISM, which were delivered under the auspices of the university of Chicago by Robert A. Heinlein, Cyril Kornbluth, Alfred Bester and Robert Bloch. Basil Davenport has written the introduction to the volume.

Jim Harmon has three stories coming up soon. Two in Galaxy and one in Amazing.

Robert Bloch, who appeared in Ellery Queen's Awards last year with Dig That Crazy Grave, is represented in the new volume (ELLERY QUEEN'S ANNUAL #13; Random House) with a yarn called SOCK FINISH. As was the case last year, science fiction writers are well represented in the whodunnit ranks.

Rumor has it that C.L. Barrett, M.D., may finally make good his longtime threat and take a swing around the midwest circuit as part of a trip to some future medical convention. Fans in the area are busily hiding away their collector's items.



Dan Adkins writes: "I'm leaving here next week for Ohio, so another address (RT #2 East Liverpool, Ohio). I'll keep you posted as best I can when I move around. I'll be going back to New York early next year to stay and work my way up as a pro artist. Meanwhile, I'm going to do samples in Ohio at my folks place. There is a lot I have to learn in a short time."

August Derleth is preparing to observe the 20th anniversary of the founding of Arkham House with a special publication commemorating and commenting upon its history. Seems hard for oldtime fans to realize that THE OUTSIDERS AND OTHERS made its bow way back in 1939 -- and that it was quite a while before the modest limited edition sold out at \$5.00 a copy.

The Indiana Fantasy Club (is that the correct name?) is now officially organized with Robert A. Madle as President, Vince Roach V-P, Ray Dean Secretary and Lee Anne Tremper Treasurer. Had 8 at first official meeting and 9 at the October 11th meeting, including the Coulson's from Wabash.

Was sitting in my motel room last Tuesday watching tv and saw Mel Hunter on "To Tell The Truth". He was one of the three the panel were quizzing as a rocket expert from the Cape. Three of the panel guessed Mel instead of the real expert.

I am thinking of purchasing a larger Multilith. If I make the deal on the Model 750 I'm looking at I will have a good Model 50 for sale. Anybody want to put in a bid on it? I bought it new in 1951 for around \$900.00.

Overheard on a busy Milwaukee street-corner recently:

1st woman: Did you see that picture, I MARRIED A MONSTER FROM OUTER SPACE?

2nd woman: Migawd, isn't that Fern Tucker's autobiography?

Gnome Press, after considerable delay, has at last published the long-awaited and long-out-of-print Talbot Mundy epic, TROS OF SAMATHRACE. Martin Greenberg, contacted by phone, says that prospects for the coming year are bright; new titles will be announced shortly.

One of the newstands in Decatur, Illinois sells a lot of sf and says there is a regular sf club in the city. I am trying to contact them and let them know a little of what fandom is like. This issue of Argasssy will be sent to all sf readers in Illinois that I know of and I hope to get a good response from them.

The Detroit group will be holding their annual Halloween party at George and Mary Young's this coming Saturday, Nov. 1st. I would love to be there but have a potato show in northern Wisconsin that runs all next week.

Have read a number of books in the past few weeks that I enjoyed and would recommend.

The Lincoln Hunters by Wilson Tucker sf Book Club
Good Deeds Must Be Punished Irving Shulman Popular Special
Corner Boy by Herbert Simmons Dell
The Temple of Gold by William Goldman Bantam
Baruch My Own Story Cardinal Giant
Tubie's Monument by Peter Keveson Bantam Giant

Am happy to see Satellite go big size and monthly. Will be able to put something on the shelves with Astounding, Unknown Worlds, and SF Plus. It is also noted that Galaxy is going bi-monthly and thicker. At 50¢ yet. I hope this doesn't forebode bad things for Galaxy.

Join the DETENTION now!! Send \$2.00 to Jim Broderick, treasurer, 2218 Drexel, Detroit 15, Michigan. We will be running items from time to time as the Detention plans take shape. It is going to be great convention and deserves your support. Lets get those two bucks rolling in.

Its getting late in the afternoon and I still have to run this off before my Joe Penner movie starts on tv. Correspondents this issue were Robert Bloch and Robert Madle. I want news items pertaining to sf and fannish activities in the Midwest, good cartoons, Subscriptions, letters, club news, letters, and anything you can think of.

You will continue receiving
Argassy if you

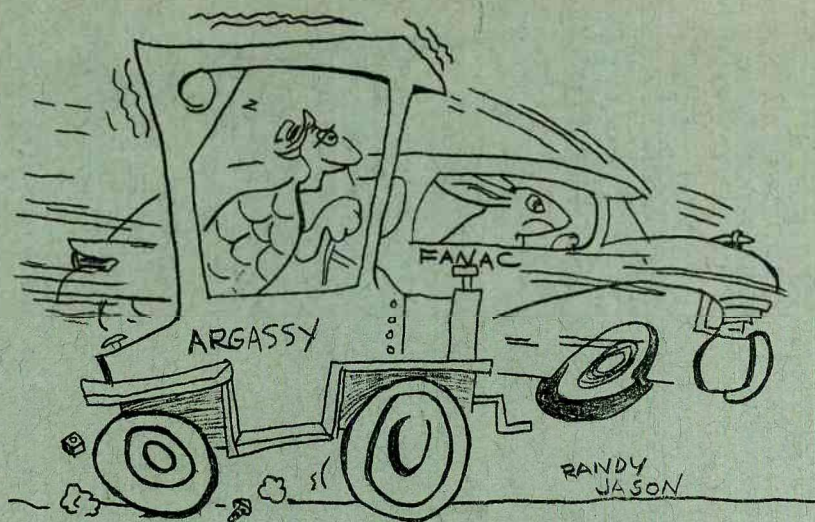
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