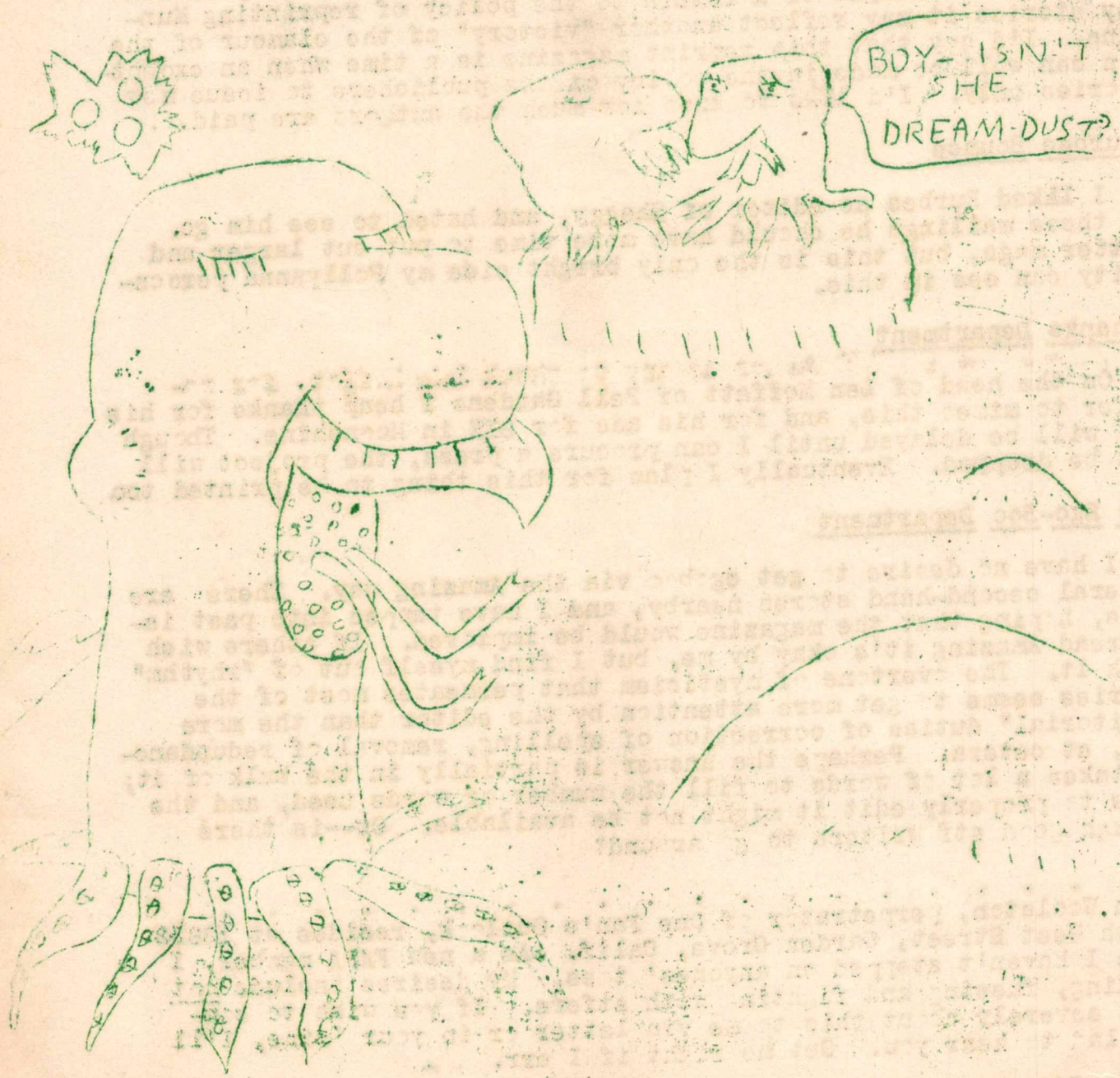


FIRST ISSUE

# One Man's Outlook

PRESENTING "THE GUILT OF STANLEY WOOLSTON" FOR PAPA



WORDS WITHOUT MUSIC INSIDE - ALSO STUFF AND NONSENSE



• Stuff and Nonsense

I T S T A R T S L I K E T H I S ---

As a new member of FAPA I write this as a sort of platform.... one full of splinters, perhaps, but nonetheless reflecting my "personality." Stuff on these pages will be primarily to work off steam on things that interest me, with emphasis on stf.

• Fantastic Novels Returns

A Fandom Speaks note just informed me that Fantastic Novels is returning to the stands on January 21 with Merritt's "Ship of Istar." As an example of a return to the policy of reprinting Munsey stories it may reflect another "victory" of the clamor of the fans. I'd say that this reprint magazine is a time when an exception can well be made in the policy of the publishers to issue new stories only. I'd like to know how much the authors are paid...

• Burbee Bounce

I liked Burbee as editor of Shaggy, and hated to see him go. In these mailings he should have more time to put out larger and better mags, but this is the only bright side my Pellyanna personality can see in this.

• Thanks Department

On the head of Len Moffatt of Bell Gardens I heap thanks for his offer to mimeo this, and for his ads for SIN in Moonshine. Though SIN will be delayed until I can procure a press, the project will not be dropped. Eventually I plan for this thing to be printed too.

• No Ego-Boc Department

I have no desire to get egoboc via the Amazing way. There are several second-hand stores nearby, and I have tapped into past issues, hoping that the magazine would be improved. If others wish to read Amazing it's okay by me, but I find myself out of "rhythm" with it. The overtone of mysticism that permeates most of the stories seems to get more attention by the editor than the more "editorial" duties of correction of spelling, removal of redundancies, et cetera. Perhaps the answer is partially in the bulk of it; it takes a lot of words to fill the number of words used, and the time to properly edit it might not be available. Or--is there enough good stf writers to go around?

Stan Woolsten, perpetrator of One Fan's Outlook, resides at 12832 South West Street, Garden Grove, Calif. As a new FAPA member, I hope I haven't stepped on anyones' toes. My desires include not feuding, fussing and fighting with stfers. If you wish to comment severely about this to me via letter or in your 'zine, I'll be glad to hear you. Set me right if I err.

PARSON ERROR: NONE - THIS STENCILING IS NEW FOR ME ...



FAPA Mailing

WORDS WITHOUT MUSIC

Reviews on the phicon (add a capital letter, plus) were the most interesting to me, with perhaps two exceptions. PLENUM, A TALE OF THE EVANS, and PANDORA were all interesting. Plenum report was really pleasant to read, as its candid tone gave it an "effortless" feel. All who attended the 'con and took the trouble to write reports gain the thanks of us poor non-attendees; at least from me.

The way the 'cons revolve with the Earth is a marvelous thing. But the way they "jump big" when they get to the West Coast I deplore. In the east the jumps are short, and it's possible for folks in the region of New York, say, to visit several of them before they're out of range. But, if past trends continue, the West will be unrepresented for about four years. Perhaps a more representative way to choose sites should be found. These words are not made with any hope of anything coming of it, but to seek comment. "Con men: Go West."

Fern's comment; in tangents on proof-reading and politics are worth thinking about. Trying out a "new system" isn't always the most sensible of things, but it seems to appeal to the style-conscious among us. (Pardon the hyphen at end of line--I'm writing on the stencil and didn't have foresight enough to do anything about it.) Concerning set ideas of folks in public office: how would a course in semantics for future politicians change the outlook of the politicians? Would they succeed so well to fool themselves into believing what they want to? As a part-time proof-reader, I should take up the study of semantics and see if it improves me...

Snix's special commemorative issue asks if Gernsback isn't a scientist. The latest (at this writing) Magazine Digest has an article about him as a radio pioneer (with just a mention of his stf connections). It's in the January issue--1948, of course... Casual dreams science fiction. I dream black-and-white. Is this the usual thing, or is technicolor reserved for certain people? I dreamed only once in color, and then only one. My dreams are color blind. Are yours?

Thanks, Dale, for your Flypaper offer. As a new member, I'll write for Ichor.

Elish's review of Lord of the World reminds me that some folks consider their version of religion as reality, and so would judge any story of the coming of Christ as prophetic fiction. Like philosophy and religion, the basic elements of science must be left up to the mind (or "intuition") to label as truth or fantasy. So perhaps these gents have something here... what I dunno. As for selectivity in reading, this calls for judgment, and a structure of reference is needed for this. The "in-between" of the status quo (to make a label) and the unformed ability to make or stick to a decision is needed. Hmm... Guess that would be judgment... Concerning the "article" One Fan's Outlook, it is part of a couple letters from me to Muff, to let him know a bit about my mental processes. I see you've judged them from the content...



## More on FAPA

Russ Willison's article in Phanteur touches on a problem of mental segregation that is deplored by many and ignored by most. (Say that again, Stan--I dare you.) Russ' idea that Negroes are the ideal peacemakers is a point to consider. Their psychology is shaped by oppression and their will to survive. They seem to appreciate kindnesses more than many of us would; what the "whites" would take for granted is considered worthy of a thank-you. It's probable, though, that on Earth the Negro won't be tried out as a peace-maker. The stupidities and indifferences of the present-day hi-shots would prevent this. Otherwise we might have a way here to help stop the Atom Wars...

The DAMcon problem of a near-utopian government would be a mental feat to conceive, and a near-miracle to apply if made. I remember reading about someone who postulated an Utopia, and then wrote of it as if it was a joke, though the author took it seriously. So the persons who read the story took it as entertainment alone, and its serious message was ignored.

My suggestion for a plank in a Capitalistic utopia: legalize gambling and let it take the place of taxation. That is, legalize certain phases of gambling that could be controlled, like number-drawing. I know that even if the laws against national gambling could be repealed there would be opposition from those who think gambling tends to lower the morale of the gamblers, and make them susceptible to new vices. However, gambling is done by everyone; it's really a part of life. Honest gambling would be a challenge to the world...with the proceeds we might even be able to pay the Indians for the land we took from them...

GLOM reprints interest me, especially the letter on a cinema plot by this new fan Forrest J Ackerman. If the outline isn't accepted soon, why not form an independent company to produce it for the FAPA mailings? I hear California is full of characters... One of the faults of The Green Man, I'd say, is it says too much--shows the author didn't know when to stop. It is reprinted from Amazing, I believe...the name is the same as one recorded in Kennedy's Fantasy Review of last year.

## Not in Review

Picked up H. G. Wells' FIRST MEN IN THE MOON, a Dell 25c title (also with the rest intact) from a local mag stand...Thompson spoke of the unevenness of distribution of stf mags; it's probably because of its distance from a center of distribution. Near the larger cities the distributors should be good "pay-dirt" to the magazines. But this is guess-work. Santa Ana, about sixty miles from Los Angeles, has stf mags on about every stand, including Avon Fantasy Reader, Astounding, Wonder, Startling, Weird, etc.

## Exit Lines

This is the end of the first ish of One Fan's Outlook. It was hastily typed, so I could rush it to Mciff to be mimeed. If you have a headache after reading this, perk up--I have too. Typed Christmas day, 1947, for Fantasy Amateur Press Association. Why not drop me a letter and make me happy? 'Con by mail...  
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