

ALRIGHT - Just FOR YOU I'll PUT IT DOWN AS A COA.

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RATATOSK IS BORROWING several of the ideas from the recently-folded STARSPINKLE: biweekly publication schedule, subscription rates, and general format. As yet we do not

have an overseas agent, but the mails have been slow lately. We are attempting to dispense with envelopes in order to cut down on some of the work in getting out an issue. If your copy arrives much later than usual, or mangled by the P.O., write and say so; we might have to go back to the envelopes. As for subs, we discourage any over 6 issues, in order to keep an active, interested mailing list. Our rates are 3 issues for 25¢ for first class mail in the U.S.; 4/50¢ for U.S. airmail (including APO/FPO); 9 issues for 7/6d outside the U.S. (\$1 in non-Sterling areas), for first class mail; and 9 issues for 10/- (LI Australian) for Airmail outside the U.S.

A "GO AWAY RON ELLIK" PARTY was held on 7 November to celebrate the imminent departure of the Squirrel from Los Angeles to the D.C. area. It must have been a flop: Instead of leaving the 13th, Ron has been held up by the refusal of a project at work, which he is supposed to finish before leaving, to come out right. He hopes to leave tonight, but the Machine hasn't Spoken yet.

THE 3rd CONVENTION ANNUAL, reports Jay Klein, will be distributed, at long last, this month. On 2 Nov. the material for the ANNUAL was turned over by the Business Manager to Klein's attorney, and by 12:30 p.m. on 3 Nov., it was in the hands of the printer. Jay hoped to distribute some copies at the Phillycon over the weekend of the 13th, and mail the others when he returned to Syracuse.

HATCHED, MATCHED: Ruth Kyle gave birth to a 7 pound 2 ounce baby girl on 4 Nov. Name: Kerry Margaret Kyle. Order of succession: immediately following the Crown Prince, A.C. Kyle III. ## James Blish married Judith Ann Lawrence on Saturday, 7 Nov. in a small church ceremony in New York. Jock Root was the Usher, reports Charlie Brown, and others present included the Pohls, del Reys, Silverbergs, Damon Knights, Carol Emsh, and Charlie and Marsha Brown.

EDGAR RICH BURROUGHS, INC. is preparing suit against Gold Star Books, publishers of Tarzan and the Silver Globe -- a new story based on the Tarzan character (though some sections of Tarzan and the Jewels of Opar have been stolen directly. ERB maintains that the character of Tarzan is protected, and thus cannot be used in any new material (as opposed to publishing a book of Tarzan which is now out of copyright. The case will be watched with great interest by such people as Earle Stanley Gardner, and Walt Disney (who owns the rights to Oz books). It is reported that Ian Ballentine won a \$166,000 lawsuit from this publisher some years back.

RIP. Jimmie Dodd, ex-chief Mouseketeer of Walt Disney's Mickey Mouse Club, died 10 Nov. in Honolulu, after having been hospitalized since 24 Aug. He was 54.

APAc: The first mailing of APA 45, whose membership is limited to fans born in 1945 or later, appeared early this month with 222 pages. The 13 members, referred to on a first-name basis in the 00 ("Woodsie & Dave"), are required to submit at least 6 pages of original material in each quarterly mailing, plus at least 20 pages of his genzine in every other mailing. It sounds like Burn-Outsville, to me, but if they can keep it going it will at least serve to channel the energy neos usually waste trying to get into the other APAs. ## FAPA mailing 109, 593 pages of it, was sent off this week. The resignation of Curtis Janke (who is withdrawing from Society because Goldwater didn't get elected) and the dropping of Art and Nancy Rapp for lactivity, finally allowed Ruth Berman to join the ranks, after being on the waiting list since the Feb. 1961 mailing. The 109th features a 57-page LIGHTHOUSE from TCarr, and a 41-page MASQUE from Bill Rotsler ---as well as a 55-person waiting-list, still waiting.

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PUBLIC APPEARANCES: In the Holland-American line's guide to Europe, under the heading of Meiningen, there's an entry on the Reichenbach Falls. It is written by one Ruth Berman.

CHIEF POLLSTER for the 1964 Fan Poll will be Wally Weber. "After all, what else is there to do in Huntsville?" said Wally, when he volunteered for the job.

TUCKER SENT ME A PIECE OF TAIL...it's 3 inches of movie film with "TAIL" printed on it 4 or 5 times. He also sent clippings from Boxoffice, warning us that there is a film being released called "Santa Claus Conquers the Martians." Also for Nov. release: "First Men in the Moon" (Edward Judd, Martha Hyer) with Ray Harryhausen special effects. For Oct: "The Horror of It All" (Pat Boone) and "Witchcraft" (Lon Chaney). Feh...

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