RATATOSK



TWIN BOYS, Edmond Leigh (5 lb. 1120z) and Eric Allen (6 lb. 90z) were born one away in mint condition."

10:20 and 10:25 PM, respectively, Saturday, 24 July. The mother is reported doing fine, and the father is recovering. Double Congratulations should be addressed to 511 Drexel Drive, Santa Barbara, Calif 93103.

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BILL DONAHO REPORTS that the \$100 mentioned as the pass-on from Pacificon in the last issue is not the entire picture. After the 1964 con, the Pacificon Committee wrote London that, what with the difficulties of foreign exchange and all, "it seemed best for London not to try to make any pass-on to the 1966 con. We would do that for them. And that since we had already paid for London's Hugos and bases, the only pre-con expenses they should have would be publications. And since London already had a large advance registration we didn't figure they would need any further money, but if they did to let us know and we would cough up more. They did, and that was the \$100. Pacificon is distributing some \$1.300. worth of goodies:

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London Hugos and bases \$105 In addition we are ex In addition we are expecting a \$320 tax refund from Money to London \$100 \$300 Pass on to '66 con of Illinois on taxes paid by the Chicon and the Discon, and Hugo stockpiling \$300 \$200 \$100 this will be added to the Hugo P.A.S. '65 Westercon stockpile fund. The London TAFF \$200 Hugos need some repairs done

of the Hugo stockpile fund. And while it hasn't been decided definitely, it is probable that our \$200 contribution to TAFF will be used as a bonus. Several British fans, particularly past TAFF winners, have spoken about the difficulties of British fans making the trip on the \$600, and we tentatively plan to give this \$200 direct to the next British TAFF winner." ++ RATATOSK approves of all these worthy causes, and only regrets that some of this loot couldn't have been used for a Proceedings. We were told by one member of the Committee that the Proceedings were nixed because "we didn't want to set a precedent." They felt that three years of Proceedings in a row would do so.

THE DEEP SOUTH CON III will be held at the Downtowner Motor Inn in Birmingham, on the weekend of August 6-8. Attendance fee is \$2. Program will include movies, talks and possible auction and/or panel discussions.

VERY OLD NEWS DEPT. We don't think FANAC has reported it yet: George Adamski, author of Flying Saucers Have Landed and other saucerian tracts, died on 23 April in Takoma Park, Maryland, at the age of 74. It was some 12½ years after his first visit to a flying saucer (Nov. 20, 1952). ++ And on 29 April the Institute for Specialized Literature received its incorporation papers back from the state of California. The ISL, Inc., is organized for the collection and preservation of, and research into, imaginative literature. The Founding Directors are Steve Schultheis, John Trimble, Albert Lewis, Fred Patten, Rick Sneary, and Bruce Pelz. Information available from any of them.

LASFS PUBS AGAIN: A frantic last-minute rush before the Westercon resulted in two anthologies being available to the general reader. Part 1 of THE FILKSONG MANUAL (22 pages; 40¢ plus 5¢ postage from Bruce Pelz) contains words and music to the Jessie James parodies, the songs from Silverlock, and several more, plus the words to a half-dozen or so Gilbert and Sullivan parodies. ++ More for your money, though, is THE BEST FROM APA L -- 124 p., available from Fred Patten (1825 Greenfield, LA, Cal 90025) or Tom Gilbert (1094 E. Howard, Pasadena, Cal) for \$1.25 (or \$1 if you pick it up in person.) An excellent compilation from the first months of the weekly APA at LASFS. ++ Now in progress is the Ellik TAFF Report. The LASFS, voting on the titles suggested as a result of the contest mentioned in RATATOSK, selected The Squirrel's Tale for the title. It is hoped it will be ready by LonCon.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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Meskys, Ed, c/o Felice Rolfe, 1360 Emerson, Palo Alto, Calif 94301 [For
all mail, whether previously sent c/o Metcalf or to the Rad Lab]
Wells, Charles, Math Dept., Western Reserve Univ., Cleveland, Ohio 44106

MATCHED: Dr. William Harrington Evans and Buddie McKnight, in Washington, D.C. The wedding was held April second, but the announcement wasn't sent out until June 22, so this doesn't quite fit the Very Old News Dept. Is it nepotism to have the FAPA President as the step-father-in-law of the FAPA S-T?

PRO NEWS FROM NEW YORK: Dave Van Arnam and Ted White have sold their collaborated novel, When in Rome, to Pyramid. Terry Carr has had two of his F&SF short stories pirated by Hapna!, the Swedish promag, and he may be the focus of international lawsuits and pressures and intrigues, as F&SF's publisher goes after Hapna's publisher -- though, regretfully, there's no money in it for him even if F&SF wins. Damon Knight and Berkeley Books are starting a new pb prozine, along the lines of Star SF, called Orbit. Damon is buying stories for v.l now, paying 3¢ a word base up to 5¢ for top stories by topnames as an advance against pro-rata share of royalties. Lin Carter has sold a sequel to World of Lemuria to Ace. And Ace Books has offered J.R.R. Tolkien an "honorarium" on the Ace editions of The Lord of The Rings, terms to be discussed if he is interested. It is called this because, technically, they can't pay him straight royalties since Ballantine is bringing out an "authorized" edition in October. The Ballantine eill have Powers covers, and it is rumored to contain some additional material -- unspecified.

THE DISCON PROCEEDINGS need one correction, according to editor Dick Eney: On p. 177 is a statement attributed to Sam Moskowitz. Actually, only part of the statement is by Moskowitz, the rest being by Will Sykora, according to witnesses; it was Sykora who said that the Exclusion of the Futurians from NYCon I was a mistake and he was sorry for it.

DAVE KYLE REPORTS that First Fandom has decided to set up a Science Fiction Fandom Memorial Fund, in memory of Don Ford. The purpose is to collect \$2,000 as a basis for a perpetual fellowship grant at an Ohio college, for the advancement of medical studies and research.

THE FANZINE FOUNDATION, organizaed and paid for by Alan J. Lewis, is being sold, as he no longer feels that he can keep it up, being short of both time and funds. He will get back the several hundred dollars he put into the Foundation, in small payments over several years. The fanzines themselves will remain in Detroit, where they have been stored by Howard Devore, until they can be picked up next summer by the new stored by Bruce Pelz.