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"Sex Editor" Wilson will probably regret the whole thing when he sees the last issue of NL. Through a very, very careless slip in typing, "Sex Editor Emeritus LW" in the "Let It Crack!" item was transformed into "Sex Editor Emeritus." We take this opportunity to state that NL under our editorship had no Sex Editor, that we know of none in the past, and that, to the best of our belief, the inclusion of one on the staff is a change which has been given no consideration at any time. Teddibly caddy, Dick, but you shoulda stood in New York if you wanted to avoid things like that.

FANTASY AMJAY

Not content with the two-page constitution they already have, certain members of the FAPA are proposing three amendments designed to tighten the restrictions on membership. A special referendum will probably be held to vote on the amendments, as they apply particularly to the re-enrollment period, rapidly approaching. . . . The latest FAPA Mailing contains the Leeds FUTURIAN (printed), PHANTAGRAPH and VISION out of Lowndes (printed), J F DEBATER (Rothman, hekto), something apparently called SCIENCE FICTION MISCELLANY by Thompson (hekto), THE FANTASY AMATEUR (giant issue, mimeo), FAPA FAN (Wollheim, mimeo), and RAMBLINGS # 1 (Spear, hekto, illegible). There are also others, but mostly fiction, maga, and fan fiction is something nice people don't even talk about.

CASUALTY

(Reprinted from an NAPA paper) Viola Knowlton and Oakland and C. Hamilton Bloomer of San Francisco narrowly escaped serious injuries on June 17 when struck by an automobile in San Francisco's Chinatown. The two had gone there to witness the Rice Bowl celebration held to raise money for relief of war refugees in China. They were run down by a motor car travelling 20 miles an hour. Miss Knowlton escaped without injury. Bloomer was dragged several feet and suffered painful leg bruises. He was confined to his home for two weeks.

NO NUDES IN GOOD NUDES

Last issue's letterhead was drawn by Robert W. Lowndes. We knew absolutely nothing about it till we saw it run-off. You go and blame Lowndes, see?

ASTOUNDING NEWS

Secret Agents Z-4403 & H-2-0 visited recently the offices of the good John W. Campbell, Ed of AST, from whom they elicited the following items. Earl Vincent is back in the next issue with a new sequel to 'Prowler of the Wastelands', which promises to be as good as the classic original. The Brass Tacks section, which has for some time been sadly diminished due to space-sharing with Science Discussions, will be enlarged within a few months. The recently revived twice-monthly rumor is without either foundation or likelihood. New artists are being gradually broken in for ASTOUNDING, drawn from the ranks of both amateurs and leaders in non-stf illustrating. Frank R. Paul is definitely out."

SCIENCE FICTION SOIREE

New Yorkers Dan Burford, Chet Cohen, Johnny Michel, and F. Pohl, plus Pacificoaster Claire Beck gathered at the home of Pohl Sunday, September 4th, to do honor to the 22nd birthday of Robert W. Lowndes. Wassail was sent out for, songs were sung, and anecdotes were exchanged. Probable high spot of the evening was the strange sight of Messrs. Burford & Lowndes preparing a bacon-potato-cheese omelette, accomplished with finesse and many dirty dishes. Gathering degenerated into a game of vingt-et-un, enlivened by the highly hilarious Scandioevian dialect act of C. Beck. Party was smaller than was to be expected, since several favorite fans were out of town. Jack Gillespie, Later Daying in Baltimore in the company of Speer, sent a telegram of congratulations, while Don Wellheim, also vacationing, delivered his birthday present in absentis. Towards midnight the clan set out for Washington Square with the avowed purpose of soap-boxing about Ghughuism, whereafter they planned to visit the East Side and blow out the gaslamps on MacDougall Alley. Your reporter lost track of them before that, but will report on events in the next NL.

THIS ISSUE'S LETTERHEAD

is drawn by Ye Ed Pro Tem himself. Perhaps somewhat confusing when viewed from the conventional angle, it will, if observed upside down and at a slant of 45 degrees, be even more so. For those who fail to appreciate the eclectic beauties of dadaist illustration, a complete explanation may be had by sending \$14.45 to partially cover packing and mailing expenses to NL.

STF TO COME

HUMAN STORIES, Fall-scheduled new pulp run by TAC (Theater Arts Committee), will prominently feature science fiction stories. The content of the magazine will resemble ARGOSY, but all stories will be written from a labor viewpoint. Progressive writers of stf are urged to try their hand at writing for this magazine. More definite information will be released shortly.

SCIENCE FICTION HOUSE CONT'D

The projected Science Fiction House, announced in the last NL, may be formed within two weeks. It will probably take temporarily the form of an apartment run co-operatively by Wellheim, Michel, and Lowndes. If so formed, a banquet will be held there sometime in the beginning of October, to which fifteen carefully selected ranking science fictionists will be invited.

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This is the last of the two issues of the NL issued under our aegis. We take this opportunity of bidding you a fond, fond farewell. Should the well-beloved Wilson ever wish again to take a vacation, we offer our aid, hereafter as heretofore given unflinchingly without stint . . . And so we leave you as Editor, perhaps forever. But, though edit NL we may not, we will yet be ever at your doorsteps, through our regular column and through our series, "The Lives of Joe Chthulhu", the first part of which will be issued with the next NL.

Frederick Pohl (4)