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We go to press before hearing how the vote on the proposed constitution turned out. The next issue may appear under a different name.

ACTING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Short and sweet, and not too sweet. That's Everett's specialty.

It has been suggested that the NFFF republish a lengthy work on time traveling written by Robert Swisher and originally published several years ago in the Fantasy Amateur Press Association.

Accordingly, Swisher has been contacted but has not replied as this is written. If it can be arranged, it will probably be mimeographed inasmuch as the paper runs to several pages, and at least 200 copies will be needed--more on it later.

Milt Rothman, who wrote what many believe to be the very best chapter in the Welcom Booklet, has written another long article on the new fan just entering fandom--the whys, wherefores, and look-what-you-can-do-now sort of thing. This is also docketed for early publication, and will be distributed in the right places.

Bob Tucker

Please note: Until further notice, address all mail for E E Evans in care of Walt Daugherty, 1305 W Ingraham, Los Angeles 14 Calif.

Editor's comment: The only section of Mr Swisher's temponautical essay that we have read was published in Dick Wilson's fanzine "Escape" in 1939. It was excellent, incisive and amusing. However, we have heard that the whole manuscript, unfinished, runs to more than "several" pages--around a hundred.

THE GENTLEMAN HAS THE FLOOR

(In hand are seven pages of comments on the NFFF from Joe Fortier in Salvo. Since we cannot publish it all, the editor has had to take the liberty of selecting those sections which seem to him most needful of consideration.)

Whither the NFFF?

Very recently in asking that question I made some remarks that were slightly condemnatory in outlook; possessing a nature as skeptic as it is optimistic, I feel that criticism is a healthy thing but naturally I feel too that some concrete suggestions for new paths are requisite

Everyone seems to be groping around for an all-inclusive purpose to the NFFF, one that will reveal some almost mystical far-sighted goal. I've given much thought to this seeming problem, once again coming to the solution that it is both impossible and senseless. However, I can and do offer what I believe is a material basis that will suffice for as long as will ever be necessary. The wording should run something as follows:

"The _____, an organization formed by followers of fantasy fiction, will be run by the members according to the constitution to offer worthwhile service, such as could not be accomplished by an individual, to the members in the fields of fantasy and relevant subjects." That is not what I consider to be the best and final phrasing, but that is what I believe contains the basic right idea.

Much idle chatter has been devoted to a new name. Admittedly there are at least three major difficulties to the present title: 1) It is unwieldy and unattractive. 2) ... the federated concept has fallen through. 3) There need not be the slightest nationalist tendency or necessity to the NFFF if we don't go off halfcocked. ... My own suggestion would be something short and simple; e. g., Fantasy Service League, Offtrail Literary Union, Fantasy Associates, even Futurist Co-Op, but preferably something snappier and more compact.

... There's the basis: Damn both the federated concept and campaign for members to influence hackneyed pulp publications; full speed ahead with a society to offer some tangible services to a guy who likes to mess around with this mighty interesting hobby.

... The idea of co-op living quarters, as tested by Blan Shack, less the "Grand Palace of Fantasy" theory (which so often turns into the epic booby hatch), could stand expansion to several locales. Where these are located, sectional publication facilities might well be established for use of the novice with no knack for reproduction (speaking in literary terms, of course) but with some extra cash to see his brainchild given birth....

Other cooperative ideas would work well, such as the once suggested and slightly tested one on a center to purchase mimeograph supplies, paper, etc., in large lots at low wholesale prices, then to distribute at slightly above cost ... Purchase of "best sellers" in the fantasy field would often mean books at something like half-price. There is no end to the many accomplishments possible here. [I think the chief value of such purchasing would be relief to the fan who happens to live in a locality where prices of stencils, for instance, may be 100% higher than satisfactory ones elsewhere. --Speer.]

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... the manuscript bureau which might well have an agent to the professional field for an occasional gem--or even an established thing. criticism staff and all, to end this perpetual pirate rate charged for such service to the beginner from an established agent....

The one big flaw to be pointed out is lack of capital; the answer is that members are more benevolent than expected when something worthwhile can be seen....

This I put forth to the MFFF Federation and FAPA association as well as all nonmembers who are interested in fantasy and the many diversions it offers. Here is food for controversy, for a wealth of articles on such concepts as the co-op center, the fantasy printing company /wouldn't fan printers like Impert and Sykora serve better? --JFS/, a largescale news service, and I hope most of all for acceptable consideration and action.

For unless there is action, not too little and not too late, plenty of it here and now, the MFFF is headed but one place: to a future article on the oldtime fantasy societies which lasted a year or two.

Joe Fortier

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Fantasy amateur publications issued during May and June 1945:

The Acolyte #10 (15¢) Laney & Russell, 1005 W 35th, Los Angeles 7
Chanticleer #5 (15¢) Walt Liebscher, 25 Poplar, Battle Creek Mich
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Fantasy Critic #1 (free) Sam Russell, see Laney address above
Fantasy News #s 177-178 (3/10¢) Will Sykora, Box 7316, Baltimore 27
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Fantasy World Bulletin #1 (free) Dale Tarr, 232 W 5th, Anderson Ind
FAPA Mailing for April (members only) Bill Watson, San Francisco
Futurian War Digest V 5 #2 (3d) Mike Rosenblum, Leeds, England
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FASFS News April and May (5¢) Ossie Train, Philadelphia
Shangri-l'Affaire #25 (free) FASFS, 637½ S Bixel, Los Angeles 7
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Utopia #1 (free) Charles McNutt, 442 Denning Place, Chicago
Vom #s 41-42 (15¢) Forry Ackerman, Box 6475 Met Sta, Los Angeles

FANCYCYCLOPEDIA NOTICE -- Correction

It was stated here last month that the cost on the last 25 copies of Fancyclopedia was \$1.50 to non-members. That was the price immediately after publication. It is now \$2.00 to non-members; for MFFF members \$1.00. If you want one, you'd better get one now; the sculptors will move in soon. (Fancyclopedia is a 99-page dictionary and encyclopedia of fantasy fandom.)

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Sec'y. Treass. Report. —

This is the first complete report of the Sec'y-Treas. since Dec. 5, 1944. Since that time the organization has performed a few tasks, all of which have appeared in the NATIONAL FANTASY FAN. Repetition of the accomplishments is needless.

Below you will find listed our expenditures and following that you will a complete list of "members in good standing" of the NFFF. All others have ceased to be members of the organization for non-payment of dues. Your Sec'y. is sending each of them another notice that their dues hasn't been paid. Only upon payment may they be reinstated.

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Balance brought forward from December 5, 1944.....	\$ 27.52
Dues received since that date	96.00
Donations	43.90
Total Income	\$ 167.42

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THE NATIONAL FANTASY FAN:

Covers	\$ 6.44
January Issue	5.80
February Issue	6.35
March Issue	6.35
April Issue	6.00
May Issue6.10
June Issue	8.95
Dues Notices and Receipts	5.00
Stationary	6.75
President's Mailing Fund	18.00
Secretary's Mailing Fund	14.00
Misc. (express, exchg. on checks, etc.)	2.95
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Total Expenditures	\$ 108.82

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To the Officers,
you have forwarded many applications for membership with the application
marked PAID, yet have failed to forward the money to the Treas. In fair-
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paid mark. You, as an Officer, are responsible for the dues not forwarded.
If you feel you have a claim on the Treasury for the amount you are with-
holding, please forward your bill so that it may be considered in the proper
manner.

Notices are going out to those members who are being dropped for non-payment of dues. Notices will go out to those who do not pay up their IOUs before August 10th.

According to our Constitution (the old one) any member whose dues were not paid before May 1st was to be automatically dropped. This was a 4 months period of grace. So please pay your obligations to your organization promptly.

Your Secretary would like to have a bit of information from each Fan Publisher and Fan Dealer. Frequently he is asked to recommend fanmags or fan dealers. He has his own particular favorites, of course, but he would like to recommend every fan magazine published by an NFFF member. Would each publisher please send in his name and address, name of his publication(s), a few words about the contents, frequency of publication and price? Would each fan who has some items to dispose of send in his name, address, mention in a few words the sort of thing he has to dispose of. Your Sec'y will then prepare lists for mailing to those who question about such things. Possibly the lists will be generally circulated in the NATIONAL FANTASY FAN in some future issue.

Respectfully submitted

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July 10, 1945.

Notes on the foregoing:

Bacham's address is S 2/c Samuel Bacham Jr.,
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Skirvin, soon to be shipped, should be addressed
APT 2/c Stanley Carl Skirvin 635-43-79, CASU 37, c/o Fleet Com
Office, San Francisco California.

Washington is at C I O House,
Washington St, Gainesville Fla.
Wildner is now a Cpl.

Welcome Report

May and June

STARTLING STORIES (Henry Elsner): Booklets to Joe Shaumburg, Bronx NY; Joe Hayhurst, Belton Texas; Joe Moro, Alameda Calif; Andy Lyon, Oxford N Car.

Al Yeager Jr, assigned to Amazing Stories, inquired about the advisability of wasting booklets on those who write to his magazine reporting their personal adventures in caves, their dreams and turtle voices, and so forth. The Chairman heartily agrees with his opinion (as expressed in a personal letter) and has, accordingly, instructed him to use his own judgment.

This of course applies to the other members of the welcoming Committee as well. Where reasonable doubt exists, don't waste the booklet.

--Bob Tucker

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