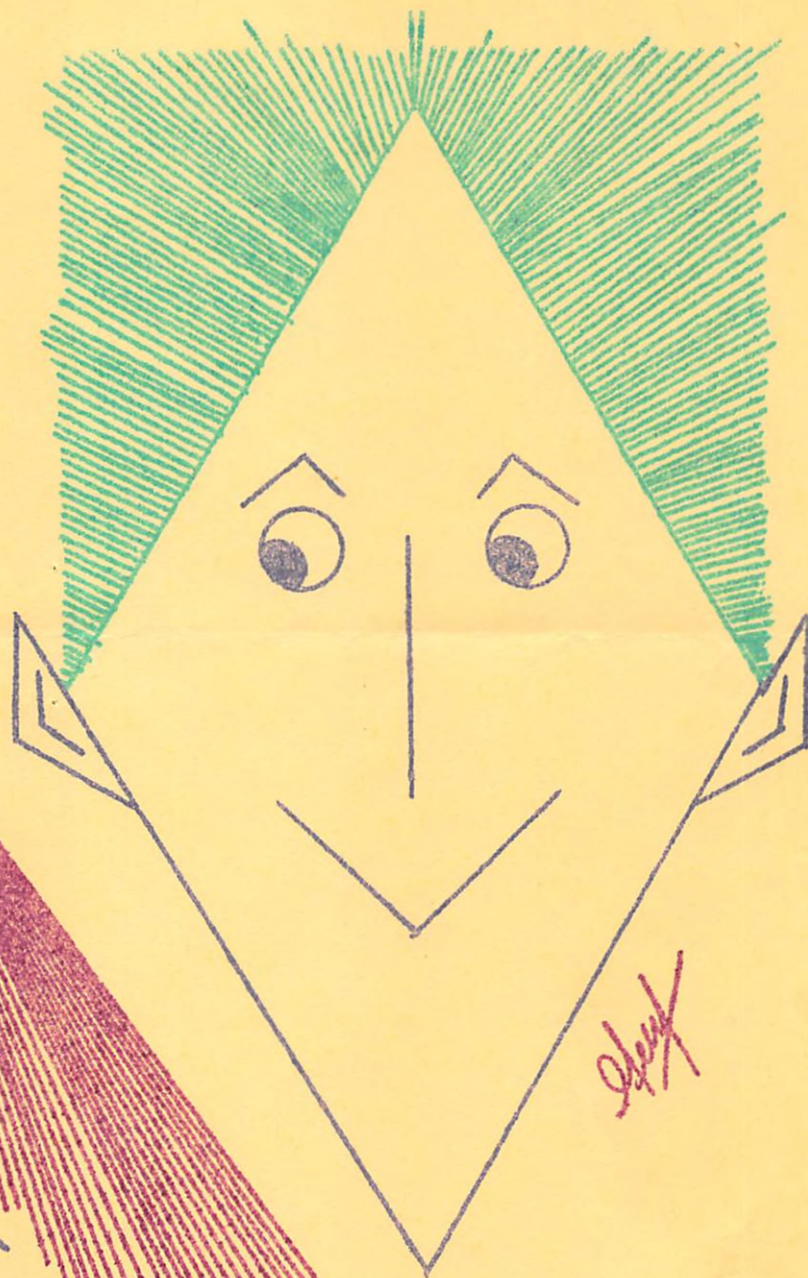
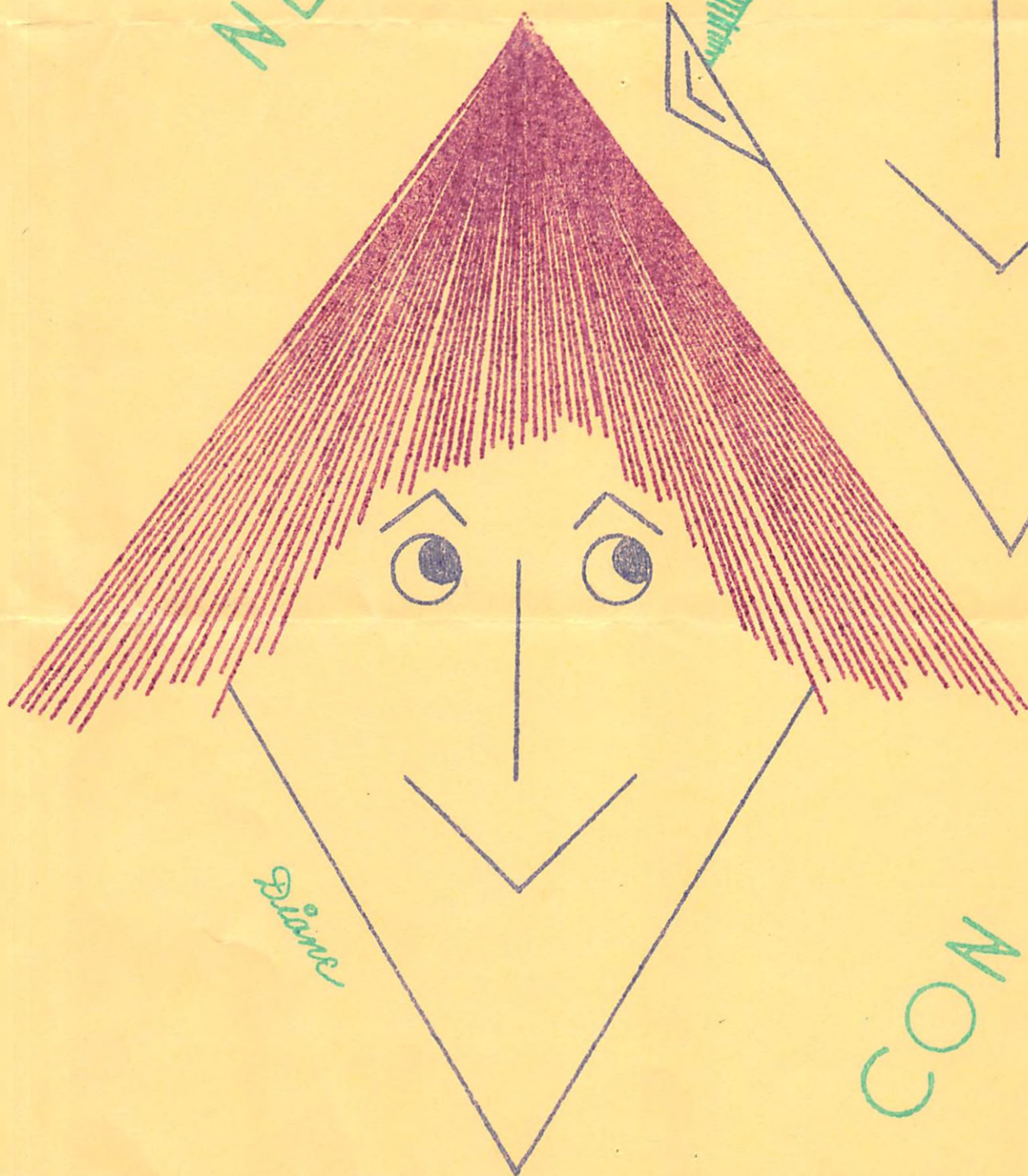


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T-CARR, G-CALKINS, E-BUSBY, R-ELLIK TO BE ON FAN PANEL

Surprise Guest

Quite by accident, Diane discovered there was to be a surprise guest present at the BOYCON this year. I doubt very much that we would have known had not Diane gone to the hotel to see if the reservation sheets were ready.

In asking about the sheets, she was informed that one reservation had come in all ready and the hotel manager showed her the card.

I have no information as to whether the fan will actually be here or not, but it rather looks like it. To give out the name would not be fair on our part if the fan does not want it known.

So, there will be another nice surprise awaiting you in Boise this year.

Lower Smiles

The laughing pictures on the front cover this issue are self-portraits of Diane and I as we contemplate the progress that has been made on the BOYCON to date.

Things are really looking up and we feel, now, that we can really give you fen a convention that you will enjoy.

The only thing we are still short of at this time is auction material. We can still use some.

Because of the popularity of the Fan Panel at the DETENTION, and also because several fen suggested it, the Fan Panel will be a feature of the coming BOYCON in Boise, Idaho, July 2, 3, and 4, 1960.

Four well known fen of the West Coast area have agreed to act as the panel members: Terry Carr, Gregg Calkins, Ron Ellik and Elinor Busby. Baring some mishap between now and the time of the BOYCON, all four members will be ready to give their all to the panel.

You might know that the old Twig would pull his usual blunder. After thinking hard to come up with the panel members, he overlooked the fact that a panel must have a moderator. In fact, this idea never struck him until one of the panel wrote and asked who would moderate. Final word on this will be given in the final news for June.

Topics for discussion were phrased broadly to give the panel a chance to really get going.

There will be time given over to questions from the fan audience, so come prepared with your questions.

No Costume Party

Plans to have a costume party at the BOYCON have been given up. Response to the request of letting the Twigs know your desires on this indicate that the idea would be better forgotten. With this in mind, we thought it best not to put fen to the added expense of making a costume.

WE MOVED!

June 1, 1960: The sparsity of BOYCON NEWS to come out of Boise this year has not been a lethargy on the part of the Twigs toward the convention. Rather, it has been nothing more than a plain lack of time on our parts to get them done.

Today, the vision of an end to all of this running around entered our heads. At two this afternoon, the moving van arrived at 1412 Albright and we started the switch of address to the new "Route #1."

We find ourselves--no, I didn't ride in the van with the typer and write this on the way--soundly at home in the new house, and soundly at home in a terrific mess that has to be cleaned up. But at least we are here and much of the running back and forth has come to an end.

I had wanted to have my fan room in the basement completed by the time the BOYCON arrived, but find this is an impossibility. It will be some time before I can get this done. Instead, I have nineteen boxes of prozines sitting on the floor waiting. (I can go down in weak moments and grab a box and look for awhile, though, and this is balm for ragged nerves should they appear.)

We had planned on a May and a June issue of the NEWS, but time crept up on us and you'll find that instead of the two issues, you have in your hands a combined May-June issue. (If prozines can do this, so can we!)

We're looking forward to seeing all of you in Boise, and needless to say, the closeness of the Con has put a rather sinking feeling into us.

This, then, will be the last issue of BN--the next word from us to you--we hope--will be in person, July 2, 3, 4, and for some of you, possibly the 1st.

SEE YOU THEN!

CON-QUET

Final arrangements have been made on the banquet for the 13th Annual Westercon, the BOYCON, to be held on Saturday night, July 2nd, in the Platinum Room of the Hotel Owyhee.

Time of the banquet will be at 7 P.M.

The cost for the banquet tickets will be \$2.75, including the tip. We would appreciate knowing as soon as possible whether you will attend the affair or not. (That doesn't mean you need to write to us immediately, but you will be requested to give a yes or no at the time of registration.) A postcard to us would be appreciated if you have the time.

Menu for the banquet is as follows:

Fried Chicken--in Idaho we use our fingers on this item.

Tossed Salad

Whipped Potatoes and Gravey
New Peas

Coffee, Tea, or Milk
Apple Tart

Rog Phillips, Guest of Honor at the BOYCON, will speak at the banquet.

Hotel Reservations

Enclosed with this BOYCON NEWS you will find a sheet from the Hotel Owyhee for your use in reserving a room for the BOYCON. Note that the dates have been changed at the top of the sheet. The Hotel goofed in printing them up for us.

The management said they would try to locate rooms as near 222, the Con Suite, as possible. The sooner your reservation comes in, the more likely you are to be at the center of activities.

We didn't forget to send these before, the Hotel just didn't get them to us any earlier. One reason why the May issue was held up and didn't come out.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

One of the prime requisites of a Regional Con, I learned from many sources, was not to programme too much of the fan's time in any one day of the convention. In looking over the tentative program below, you will see I ignored this almost completely.

There is, or was, however, a definite reason for doing this.

Diane and I have subtitled the BOYCON as "the shoestring Con." Our aim has been to plan to give you as much as possible for as little as possible.

As noted before, the Seattle Westerncon Committee gave us \$60 left over from last years convention. To date we have taken in around \$30 in advance registrations for a total of around \$90.

Not being sure of how many would actually show at the Con, we have budgeted the money as nearly as possible to give you the most for what you paid.

The hotel, due to the small size of the Con, would not see its way clear to giving us the Platinum Room. It costs \$25 a day. As a result, you can see what \$75 would do to our actual cash. We took the Platinum Room for just one day--and have scheduled all main events for Sunday.

We know this is taking up much of your one day, but I think you'll note that the time is not crowded so severely that you'll end up sitting the entire day.

And, you'll also note, Saturday and Monday are left open for gabbing, etc.

Here then is what you can reasonably expect:

CONVENTION SUITE: Room 222

PROGRAM ROOM: Platinum Room on the Mezzanine.

Friday: July 1 Spagetti Feed at the Twigs. 7 P.M. (We'll provide transportation.)

Saturday: July 2 Registration-Room 222
8-12 A.M.
Swimming Party-Pool
2 P.M.
Banquet-Platinum Room
7 P.M.

Sunday: July 3 Coffee Time-Platinum Room
9 A.M. to ????????
Auction & Raffle
10 A.M.
Business Meeting
11 A.M.
Fan Panel
2 P.M.
Movies
7 P.M. (if I can ever get a response from the people concerned saying we can use them)
Con Committee Party
Room 222
9 P.M.

Monday: July 4 Coffee Time-Room 222
9 A.M. ??????
Morning Swim
10 A.M.

The above program is, of course, subject to change between now and the actual time the BOYCON takes place. I have a couple other items up my sleeve but they, too, depend on my hearing from certain people as to whether they will be present at the Con or not.

Car Caravan

I have no actual word on the following, but I'm given to understand in FANAC that the Bay Area group is planning a car caravan to the BOYCON. This I heartily approve of--naturally.

If you live in that area and are desperate for a ride, I would suggest you contact:

Miriam Carr
1818 Grove Street
Berkeley 9, California

as I understand she has much to do with the proposed caravan.

BAR FACTS

Unhappily, I must report that the bars in Idaho are not open on Sunday. This was news to me and I didn't learn of it until last Tuesday. I had gone on merrily thinking there would be three days of open bar.

Thus, I have to say that drinking on this day of the Con will be confined to the various rooms in the hotel from your own supplies.

Sorry, but that's the way it is.

I can say, though, that the bar will be open again on Monday.

*Don't forget the feed
at the Innings on Friday,
July 1st. Hope to see
you here. Shuf + Diane*

*Shuf Terwilliger
Route 4
Boise, Idaho*

*First Class
Mail*

Boy Not Ready

And, in this story also, I must express a type of regret. I had announced that Best of Fandom--'59 would be ready for distribution at the BOYCON. No work has been done on the typing of masters or the running of these untyped gems. Perhaps once the BOYCON is over I will have enough time to really buckle down and get this job done.

Daily Planned

Charles Devine, newly formed Neo of Boise, Idaho, has vowed that he will issue a daily newssheet during the three days of the BOYCON.

On this I will promise nothing, but Chuck does have the determination to do it.

We'll see.

To:



*Edmund K. Meslits
723A 45 St.
Brooklyn 20, New York*

WESTERN SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION

Friday, Saturday, Sunday

July ~~1~~ 2, 3, 4 1960

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

ARRIVAL _____ HOUR _____

PREFER TO SHARE ROOM WITH:

PLEASE INDICATE TYPE AND PRICE OF ROOM DESIRED:

SINGLES: \$6.00 \$7.00 \$8.00 _____

DOUBLES: \$8.00 \$9.00 \$10.00 _____

TWIN SINGLES: \$8.50 \$10.00 \$11.00 _____

DELUXE RMS: \$14.00 AND UP _____

SUITES: \$16.00 AND UP _____

IF RATE IS NOT AVAILABLE, NEAREST AVAILABLE RATE WILL BE
ASSIGNED.

RESERVATION WILL BE HELD UNTIL 7:00 P.M.; WHEN DEFINITE TIME
OF ARRIVAL IS NOT GIVEN:

DEPOSIT IS NOT NECESSARY UNLESS ARRIVAL IS AFTER 9:00 P.M.

PLEASE MAIL TO:

OWYHEE MOTOR INN

BOISE, IDAHO