

CHICAGO

BULLETIN NUMBER 2

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That Postcard...

Enclosed with this second issue of the convention bulletin is a postcard questionnaire which is to be filled out and sent back to the committee as quickly as possible. We urge you to cooperate with us in this, since we feel that the convention membership has a right to assist in making the decisions which will affect them directly. To be useful, however, we must have a prompt vote.

The first question deals with an attempt to determine how many delegates we can expect to attend. Since the Tenth Anniversary Convention will have the largest registration of any convention, we have no precedents to guide us. We wish to make sure that all conventioners secure good accommodations, hence the poll.

For your convenience in choosing a room, we have once more printed the rates on the card. (Code: S1--single; DoD---double with double bed; DoT---double with twin beds; Su2, Su3, SuDL--suites with two or three rooms and deluxe suites.) Since no deposit is necessary, we urge you to make a reservation NOW, even though you are not absolutely certain of being in Chicago this Fall. You lose nothing---and the convention committee gains everything when it is able to shower the hotel manager with a flood of reservations.

The more reservations we receive, the better service and facilities we will be able to offer, so fill out your card now. You will notice that there has been an increase in some rates. This has occurred since printing of Bulletin #1, but we are assured that no more price rises are forthcoming.

The second question and one of grave importance, deals with our banquet. With the holiday weekend the caterers must pay their employees double time for their services. This increased cost is reflected in the prices asked for banquets. The lowest quotation we have been able to get is \$4.25 per plate.

Now this is, admittedly, high. And we didn't want to accept this quotation without first polling the membership. If you would attend the banquet at this cost, we

ask you to vote YES on your card. In the past, the banquet has frequently been one of the high points of the convention, featuring many of the most entertaining speakers, as well as providing an opportunity to view your fellow conventioners in a semi-civilized atmosphere.

But the decision is up to you. We feel that it would be an asset to have a banquet, but the banquet is by its very nature a sacred institution which cannot be set aside. We hope that you will give the matter careful thought before casting your vote.

The third question deals with the possibility of a masquerade. It has been suggested by some of our members that we hold an s-f masquerade party. Since the field offers practically limitless potentialities for clever, bizarre or downright alien mummery, we thought it would be a good idea---provided you like it too.

Being warned about it in advance, you could concoct your costume at home and pack it along to the convention. Simply choose an idea or a character from your favorite yarn and be creative! The party would probably be held in some of the large, connecting suites rented by the convention Committee and some of the larger fan organizations.

CONTRANSPORT

Information about car pools and general transportation will appear in the Number Three Bulletin. If you are planning to drive to the convention and would like a rider to share your expenses, please address CONTRANSPORT, care of the convention box number. And similarly, if you are looking for a ride let us know also. We will also be glad to publish news of auto caravans or bus and train-loads coming to the con.

If you have any special problem, be sure to let CONTRANSPORT know. They'll be glad to help you out, and have contacts with railroads who will help you to plan your trip economically and conveniently.

ON THE PROGRAM



Hugo Gernsback

Guest of Honor at the convention will be Mr. Hugo Gernsback, pioneer in science-fiction, the first man to edit and publish a magazine dedicated entirely to science-fiction. Under his guidance the old AMAZING STORIES appeared in April, 1926 -- formally launching a literature which has been going strong ever since.

Featured among the speakers will be Mr. John W. Campbell, Jr., editor of ASTOUNDING SCIENCE FICTION. In discussing the topic of his talk, Mr. Campbell said: "Why, after lying fallow for some 2000 years, has science-fiction suddenly blossomed? What cultural force has brought into prominence a form of literature that remained almost unnoticed for those many centuries?" In attempting to answer this question, Mr. Campbell will speak on "The Place of Science-Fiction in the Modern Cultural Pattern."

Speaking on the science non-fiction portion of the program will be Dr. Joseph A. Winter, whose talk will deal with thinking machines and the human brain. George O. Smith is to discuss possibilities for constructing and energy weapon -- the familiar "blaster" of s-f. In addition, we are planning a scientific panel, details of which will be released in the next bulletin.

In a lighter vein, we present short illustrated talks by our "Probability Zero" experts, Dr. John H. Pomeroy, Irvin Heyne and Les Cole, speaking on "How to be an Expert Without Actually Knowing Anything," "The Fourth Dimensional Aspects of Time Travel," and "Lunar Geology of the Little Men's Mining District." (See page 10.)

Featured in the entertainment will be Ted Sturgeon, singing ten new science-fiction songs and ballads and accompanying himself on The Monster--a 12 string guitar which he describes as "the most authoritative stringed instrument since the invention of the clavichord."

We have been promised a skit by Bill Venable, Bob Krepps and the rest of the Pittsburgh group. No details on it are available yet, but we hope to have more news by Bulletin #3 time.



JOHN W. CAMPBELL, JR.

Convention Membership

229. August Derleth
230. Henry Moskowitz
231. Ed Zimmerman
232. Rosco Wright
233. Paul H. Rehorst
234. Garth Bentley
235. Robert Bloch
236. Marion Bloch
237. Mrs. Signe Swanander
238. Dr. M. Doreal
239. Mrs. Sonya Doreal
240. C. D. Gerguson
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242. Allan M. Anderson
243. Melvin H. Daskal
244. John A. Rose III
245. Arthur Levine
246. Anthony Yarussi
247. Bob Pavlat
248. Charles Freudenthal
249. Bob Keyes
250. Bernard Kramlich
251. Roy A. Squires
252. Peggy Scott
253. Stewart Ketchette
254. Edward M. Spoerer
255. Meta L. Mantey
256. Nelson Hebgen
257. John W. Ziemann
258. Carl D. Motz
259. Marvis H. Manning
260. Faye M. Manning
261. R. L. Farnsworth
262. Derek Pickles
263. L. W. Carpenter
264. Walter J. Daugherty
265. Don Belfry
266. Eph Koenigsberg
267. Arthur Jean Cox
268. Adie Ross
269. Damon Knight
270. William Cox
271. James Wilson
272. Frank Quattrocchi
273. Mel Brown
274. Len Moffatt
275. Anna Moffatt
276. Paul Gordon
277. Cordwainer Smith
278. Stella I. Heyne
279. Addie Huddleston
280. John Ring
281. Ronald S. Friedman
282. Vincent Manning
283. Lee Tremper
284. Darrell C. Richardson
285. George Pataky
286. John J. Kujawa
287. Elizabeth W. Kujawa
288. Jerry Hunter
289. Richard L. Conner
290. Robert Lux
291. Gregg Calkins
292. Liz Connolly
293. Margey Garrison
294. Donald Baker Moore
295. William R. Vizzard, Jr.
296. Walt Wagner
297. Marvin Bowen
298. Jim Larson
299. Gary Nelson
300. Peg Wagner
301. Robert McCary
302. Jeanne Dailey
303. Ed Berrill
304. Mike Girsdansky
305. Margaret Keough
306. Norman G. Wansborough
307. John Carmichael
308. George Riley
309. Richard C. Spelman
310. Ray Bradbury
311. Bruce Hapke
312. Ralph Robin
313. L. Sprague de Camp
314. Benson Perry
315. Richard Terzian
316. Albert Hornhuter
317. Emma Hornhuter
318. William Blackbeard
319. Freddie Curtis
320. Con Pederson
321. Russ Hodekins
322. Edward Clinton
323. Audrey Clinton
324. Grace B. Adams
325. Ernest Posey
326. F. K. Lord
327. Russell Martin
328. Jay V. Miller
329. Walter M. Miller, Jr.
330. Richard Wagner
331. Fredric Tarnow
332. Jim Galichus
333. Bob Holzman
334. Ted Kane
335. Harold M. Blessing
336. James Carbine
337. Patricia Carbine

CONVENTION MEMBERSHIP (Cont)

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| 338. John G. Langan | 370. Carol Stanton |
| 339. Phil Myers | 371. Frederik Pohl |
| 340. Donald Pardi | 372. Orrin Keeponews |
| 341. Douglas Mitchell | 373. Eugene DeWeese |
| 342. Clyra Deck | 374. A. C. Putnam |
| 343. Hal Annas | 375. Theodore Sturgeon |
| 344. Jim Phillips | 376. David McGirr |
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| 362. David A. Kyle | 394. Stephen J. Takacs |
| 363. Martin Greenberg | 395. Merton Cuthbert |
| 364. Edward F. Piefeldt | 396. Claude Hall |
| 365. Jack Lawler | 397. Mrs. L. W. Carpenter |
| 366. George O. Smith | 398. E. J. Carnell |
| 367. Dona Smith | 399. Baltimore S-F Forum |
| 368. Richard I. Meyer | 400. Curme Gray |
| 369. Brenda Lu Forman | 401. Madeleine Gray |

PROGRAM BOOKLET RATES
READY SOON

SPACE FOR FAN EXHIBITS

Plan now to have a fan exhibit at the convention!

We have available a limited number of tables, 2' x 6' on which you can exhibit issues of your fanzine, sell back issues of prozines, or think up new and unique methods of ego-boo.

These tables, which will be conveniently situated in the left balcony overlooking the convention hall (on the same level as the bar) are covered with a white cloth. The cost of their rental is only \$4.50.

Only fifteen of these tables are available, so hurry and place your reservation for one now.

The 1952 Convention Program Booklet, featuring beautiful printing in a number of type faces, heavy paper stock, and a colored cover---is now ready to go into production.

For the last nine years, fans have given the program booklet their support by taking ads. This year as in others, the convention committee is offering first choice of ad position to non-professional supporters. The ad rates will be available after April 1, and we suggest that you contact BOOKLET, Box 1422, Chicago 90, Illinois, and reserve space. We hope that everyone will want to at least place a small "booster" ad. These will be low-priced, so write in today for details.

1952 CONVENTION CENSUS

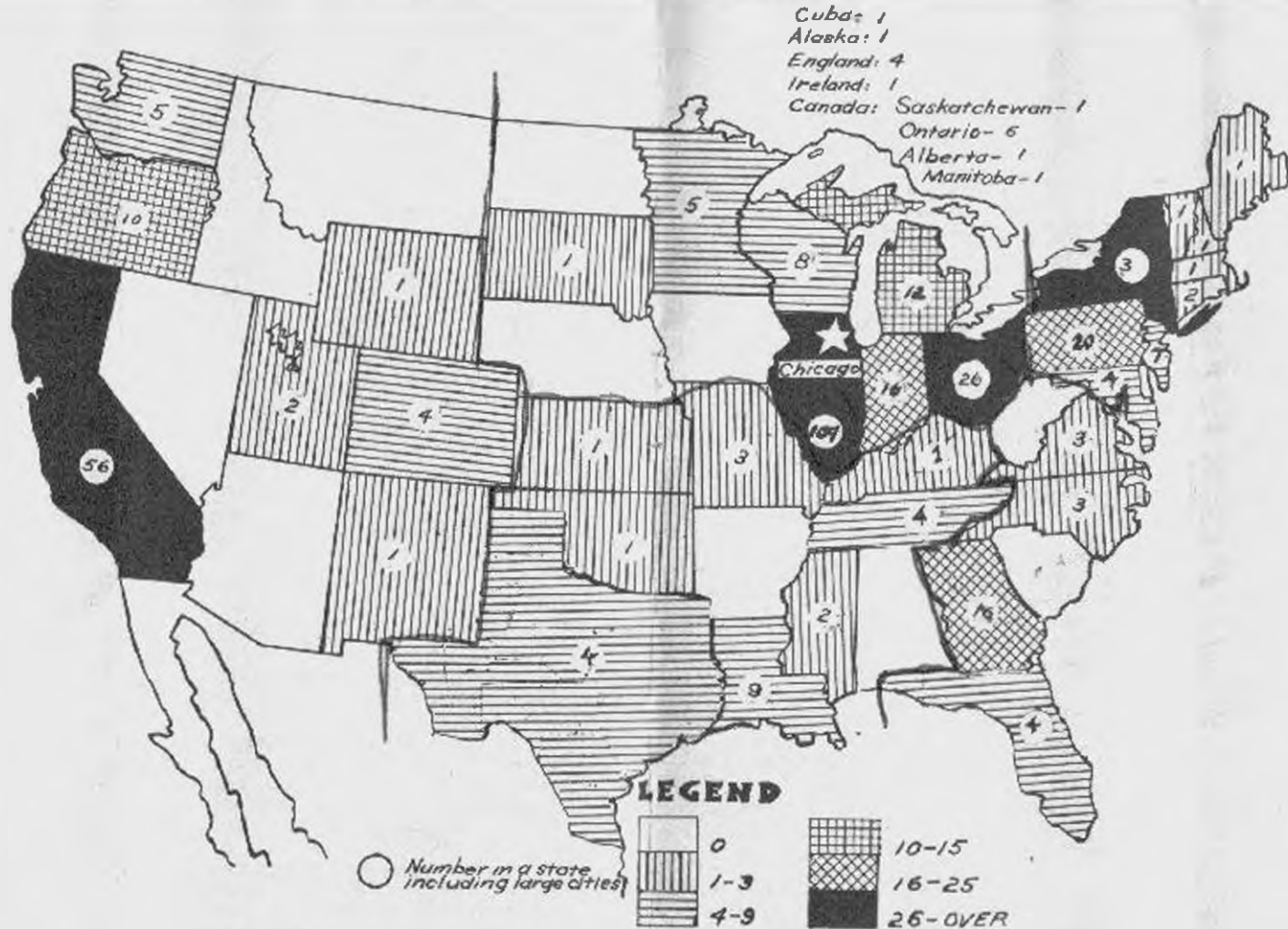
WATCH THE TENTH CONVENTION GROW

Membership to date is 401 — the largest convention membership to have been accumulated this early in the season, and very nearly the largest all-inclusive membership of all time! A splendid record for the tenth Anniversary Convention! Let's keep the members coming. We can top this with your help!

Fan clubs have swelled the city totals by joining en masse. Atlanta, Los Angeles, the Bay Area have all achieved nearly 100% registration. We'd like to see more East Coast cities represented. Let's go, New York, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Portland, Seattle, Detroit, show us your convention strength.

As of March, 35 states, four Canadian provinces, Cuba, Ireland and England have been enrolled.

Due to space limitations, we have found it impractical to continue putting the major cities on the map. Their membership totals will be given in the scoreboard at the right henceforth.



THE INTERURBAN SCOREBOARD

CHICAGO.....	99
LOS ANGELES.....	35
NEW YORK.....	32
BAY AREA.....	18
PHILADELPHIA.....	14
ATLANTA.....	10
NEW ORLEANS.....	9
CINCINNATI.....	6
CLEVELAND.....	6
TORONTO.....	5
DETROIT.....	4
WASHINGTON, D.C.....	4
PORTLAND.....	4
EUGENE, ORE.	4

Moon Titles Secure Despite Rival Claims

The convention's Moon Commission says that despite the controversy centering about rival claims to property on the moon, titles now held by convention members will be defended vigorously.

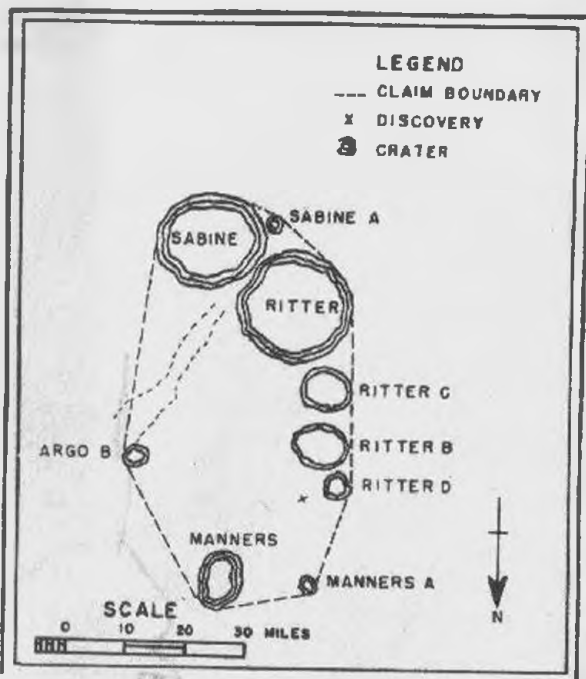
Initiating the squabble were members of the Bay Area's Elves, Gnomes and Little Men's Science-Fiction, Chowder and Marching Society who laid claim to mining rights in the territory around the craters Ritter, Sabine and Manners, located in the southwest corner of the Sea of Tranquillity. The Little Men have demanded that the United Nations recognize their claim.

Rising up in protest to the action of the Little Men was octogenarian Alexander F. Victor, inventor of the Victor Talking Machine, who shouted, "Their claim is illegal! Don't be surprised if I take this to the Supreme Court!" Victor went on to say that HE reserves exclusive right to dispose of moon property—at \$1,000 an acre!

Where, you property holders will ask, does the Moon Commission stand in this matter? In such cases, the Moon Commissioner maintains, the UN has no jurisdiction. The regulation of lunar real estate transactions is not under the authority of terran courts, but remains a speculative problem -- a problem of science-fiction. And as the body now representing the largest number of science-fiction enthusiasts, the convention Moon Commission reaffirms its position as final authority in lunar disputes.

Mr. Victor's claim, of course, was repudiated at once by the commission. That a private individual should hold an exclusive title to a body obviously belonging to the public domain is at once presumptuous and ridiculous.

The claim of the Little Men is being given more careful consideration, in view of their having explored the disputed region in the Winter of 1951. However in by-passing the authority of the commission for the UN, the society committed a serious breach of interplanetary protocol. It is likely--



MAP OF CLAIMED AREA

that the officers of the group will be arraigned before the Solar Council, consisting of eminent entities from every planet in the solar system, when it meets in plenary session at the convention in August.

But all members holding title to moon craters can be assured that the commission will do its utmost to insure that their rights are not encroached upon. We are securing the services of the Lunar Protective Patrol to guard against claim jumpers, and you can cooperate by reporting irregularities at once.

In the interests of insuring your claim, we are publishing on subsequent pages the craters already assigned, together with the number of the member now holding title. Any requests for correction, transactions of barter or exchange should be sent in quintuplicate to the Moon Commissioner for filing.

Crater List

1. Copernicus	58. Delisle	115. Kunowsky	172. Bettinus
2. Longomontanus	59. Plato	116. Stoeffler	173. Burnham
3. Franklin	60. Archimedes	117. Faraday	174. Rheeticus
4. Gemma Frisius	61. Tycho	118. Orontius	175. Werner
5. Anaximenes	62. Billy	119. Capella	176. Kiser
6. Protagorus	63. Zupus	120. Delaunay	177. Archytas
7. Endymion	64. Poisson	121. Faye	178. Fontenelle
8. Seleucus	65. Lyell	122. Hypatia	179. Schiaparelli
9. Pentland	66. Fontana	123. Hind	180. Aristoteles
10. Schickard	67. Boguslawsky	124. Louville	181. Kepler
11. Simpelius	68. Isidorius	125. Eratosthenes	182. Mairan
12. Azophi	69. Wilson	126. Euclides	183. Daniell
13. Hell	70. Wurzelbauer	127. Neander	184. Manilius
14. Abenezra	71. Secchi	128. Nonius	185. Boskovich
15. Pons	72. Bode	129. Milichius	186. Posidonius
16. Nicolai	73. Parrot	130. Goclenius	187. Clavius
17. Büsching	74. Albatagenius	131. Darney	188. Caroline Herschel
18. Plinius	75. Beasarion	132. Flamsteed	189. Helicon
19. Diophantus	76. Lindenau	133. Langrenus	190. Eudoxus
20. Herschel	77. Letronne	134. Pallas	191. Young
21. Peters	78. Andel	135. Vieta	192. Wilhelm I
22. Maginus	79. Licetus	136. Fernellius	193. Lagalla
23. Hainzel	80. Feuille	137. Burckhardt	194. Flammarion
24. Walter	81. Beaumont	138. Polybius	195. Egede
25. Lexel	82. Herodotus	139. South	196. Arzachel
26. Atlas	83. Agrippa	140. Anaxagoras	198. Williams
27. Hercules	84. Dionysius	141. Pitatus	199. Bianchini
28. Theaetetus	85. Geminus	142. Hesiodus	200. Metius
29. Sirsalis	86. Goldschmidt	143. Zach	201. Brenner
30. Autolycus	87. Maedler	144. Heis	202. Saunder
31. Cordanus	88. Cyrillus	145. Palmieri	203. Littrow
32. Proctor	89. Brown	146. Olbers	204. Reinhold
33. Anaximander	90. Regiomontanus	147. Bullialdus	205. Condorcet
34. Schiller	91. Lacaille	148. Versenius	206. Linne
35. Piazza	92. Purbach	149. Macrobius	207. Theon Sr.
36. Theophilus	93. Riccius	150. Tisserand	208. Theon Jr.
37. Conon	94. Horrebow	151. Buch	209. Beer
38. Lacroix	95. Argelander	152. Maurolycus	210. Timocharis
39. Kant	96. Gambart	153. Arnold	211. Reaumur
40. De la Rue	97. Brayley	154. Bessel	212. Oppolzer
41. Lalande	98. Groves	155. Sasserides	213. Rheita
42. Philolaus	99. Mercator	156. Wargentin	214. Vitruvius
43. Firmicus	100. Sulpicius Gallus	157. Deluc	215. Arago
44. Krafft	101. Kee	158. Curtius	216. Piccolomini
45. Curvier	102. Alnanon	159. Donati	217. Gutenberg
46. Epigenes	103. Alexander	160. Vitello	218. Cepheus
47. Ptolemaeus	104. Lilius	161. Lichtenberg	219. Foucault
48. Alphonsus	105. Daguerre	162. Strabo	220. Oriani
49. Jacobi	106. Pythagorus	163. Gauss	221. Angstrom
50. Aristarchus	107. Parry	164. Chacornac	222. J. J. Cassini
51. Lambert	108. Bonpland	165. Maclear	223. Apatharchides
52. W. C. Bond	109. Steinheil	166. Reiner	224. Tralles
53. Appolonius	110. Euler	167. Aliacensis	225. Maraldi
54. Xenophanes	111. Marius	168. Fracastor	226. Pytheas
55. Robinson	112. Bacon	169. Geber	227. Marco Polo
56. Blancanus	113. Fra Mauro	170. Kirch	228. Gay-Lussac
57. Cleomedes	114. Otto Struve	171. Scheiner	229. Julius Caesar

230. Thales	288. MacClure	346. Asclepi
231. Guericke	289. Gaertner	347. Kinau
232. Leverrier	290. Protagoras	348. Spallanzani
233. Enke	291. Babbage	349. Fabricius
234. Colombo	292. Picard	350. Vlacq
235. Abulfeda	293. Oersted	351. Pontanus
236. Descartes	294. Chevallier	352. Zsout
237. Tralles	295. Timoleon	353. Taruntius
238. Debes	296. Delmotte	354. Lamont
239. Newcomb	297. Proclus	355. Krusenstern
240. Bernouilli	298. Mason	356. Maskelyn
241. Berosus	299. Buerge	357. Censorinus
242. Hahn	300. Plana	358. Stiborius
243. Furnerius	301. Jansen	359. Cook
244. Hase	302. Messier	360. Monre
245. Maupertius	303. Herigonius	361. Vendilinus
246. Naumann	304. Clausius	362. Holden
247. Carlini	305. Thebit	363. Snellius
248. Harpalus	306. Lassell	364. Bohnenberger
249. Timaeus	307. Davy	365. Sina
250. Cassini	308. Wichmann	366. Yerkes
251. Neison	309. Koenig	367. Glaisher
252. Noeggerath	310. Cammanus	368. Borda
253. Vega	311. Saussure	369. Legendre
254. Maury	312. Cavendish	370. Menzinas
255. Hall	313. Glyden	371. Mutus
256. Alhazen	314. Spoerer	372. Breislak
257. Galle	315. Moestinz	373. Webb
258. Democritus	316. Alpetraevius	374. MacLaurin
259. Playfair	317. Pelisa	375. Ball
260. Apianus	318. Taylor	376. Plutarch
261. Cassendi	319. Alfraganus	377. Magelhaens
262. Seneca	320. Gaudibert	378. Zuchius
263. Carpenter	321. Azout	379. Serner
264. Lick	322. Hansen	380. Loino
265. Einmart	323. Schmidt	381. Baillaud
266. Berzelius	324. D'Arrest	382. Ructemon
267. Hook	325. Torricelli	383. Veton
268. Roemer	326. Lameck	384. Sosigenes
269. Messala	327. Weinek	385. Main
270. Le Monnier	328. Celsius	386. Chellis
271. Kene	329. Miller	387. Scoresby
272. Delambre	330. Cichus	388. Barrow
273. Zoellner	331. Ramsden	389. Lubiniecky
274. G. P. Bond	332. Gauricus	390. Petermann
275. Kirchhof	333. Haidinger	391. Cusenius
276. Dawes	334. Liebig	392. Kaestner
277. Halley	335. De Gasparis	393. Lapevrouse
278. Ritchey	336. Godin	394. Ansgarius
279. Catharina	337. Dembowski	395. Santbech
280. Tacitus	338. Triesnecker	396. Wrottesley
281. Airy	339. Horrocks	397. Petavius
282. Aristillus	340. Krieger	398. Hecataeus
283. Da Vinci	341. Rose	399. Behaim
284. Oenopides	342. Clairaut	400. Nasireddin
285. Tobias Mayer	343. Dove	401. Huggins
286. Crozier	344. Pitiscus	
287. Bellot	345. Hommel	

WORLD SCIENCE-FICTION CONVENTION

BOX 1422, CHICAGO 90, ILLINOIS

March, 1952

To: All Conventioneers Everywhere

From: Convention Committee

SUBJECT: Miscellaneous notes

We'd like to renew our invitation to all fan clubs to hold special meetings at the convention. Why not plan now to hold a "con within a con" with members from all over the U.S. and Canada participating? There will be special meeting rooms set aside for you if you write in now and make your reservation. More details are available from the Chairman. Work up enthusiasm, NFFF, TLMA, ISTFC, and all the rest! We'll look forward to hearing from you.

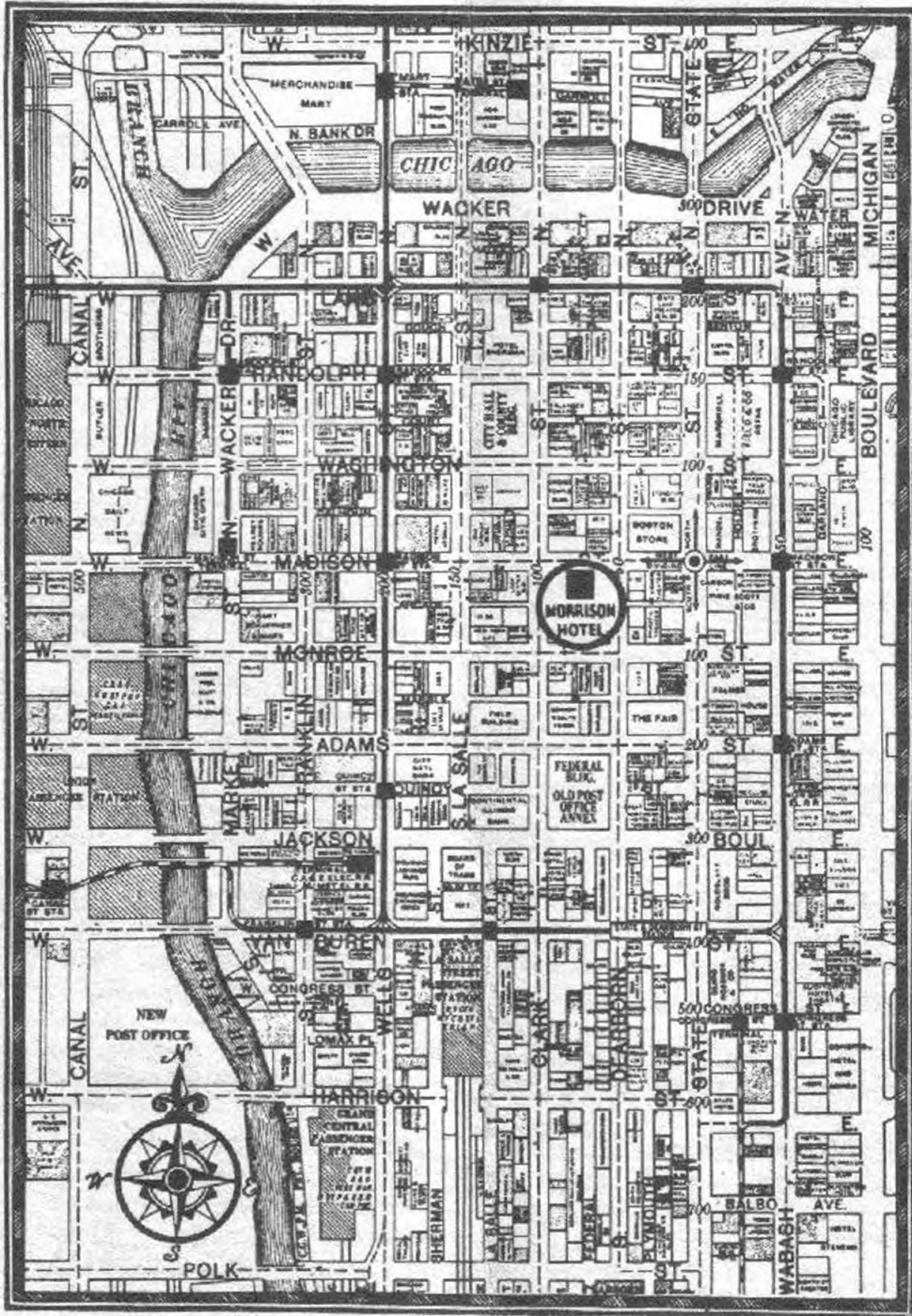
In sending in room reservations, be sure to use a separate envelope from other convention correspondence. This helps us to keep our files in order, and will insure that your reservation is not misplaced.

Report all changes of address promptly. We cannot be responsible for mail directed to previous locations.

Be personally responsible for securing members for the convention. Tell them about it, urge them to come to the biggest event of the science-fiction year -- to meet people, join the fun, have an experience they'll never forget. Your own promotion and enthusiasm will help us make this the best convention of them all.

1952 CONVENTION COMMITTEE

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