

W E L I V E I N A F A N Z I N E F A C T O R Y

which is why you haven't got a FANDBOOK riding this issue.

TNFF is all over the middle of the living room floor in stacks ready to be put into envelopes and mailed out, and it has been for a week and a half. The problem is that we publish TNFF on alternate months with SHANGRI-L'AFFAIRES, and last month SHAGGY got delayed--and got delayed--and got delayed--and the result was that we published TNFF and SHAGGY the same weekend. Now publishing isn't too bad--we have an electric Rex Rotary that works most of the time and gives fantastic registration when it isn't busy chewing paper into scrap, and is pretty easy to run. But collating is a real drag; and collating 350 TNFF's and 270 SHAGGIES, and 500 Poul Anderson art portfolios to go out with SHAGGY, and then putting them in envelopes for mailing--more collating again--well, it just plain wears one out.

"Look," says Ron, "why don't we just put in a piece of paper and say that FANDBOOK will be out next issue?"

"That," says I, sighing with exhaustion and temporary revulsion at the thought of publishing another whole damn fanzine, "is a great idea!"

The problem was also that Ron had just finished up finals in his night-school courses and the MS needs a re-write job. A week and a half from now, we may have it, and we hope to have it ready for the cons this spring, but general distribution will have to await the August issue.

Sorry, but, man, we're beat, and just as soon as this thing is done we're taking a vacation, or at least I am. The mag index may or may not be done before I leave for the East. If it isn't, that's too bad, too, and it will have to wait for fall.

Right now Fred Patten gets to stuff envelopes while I go construct a pair of final exams to give later this week. Thanks, Fred.

This weekend we move the Trimbles--they've bought a house in Garden Grove--miles and miles from Stan Woolston, though. Which brings us to three CoA's that came in too late to make the regular issue:

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Bernard L. Morris, 22 Hilliard St., Apt. 1, Cambridge 38, Massachusetts
(summer only; resume old address in fall)
Bjo and John Trimble, 5571 Belgrave Ave., Eastgate, Garden Grove, California

Since the editorial was written, the May issue of Sky and Telescope has appeared with a run-down on the areas of the United States where the partial eclipse of the sun will be visible--and that is most of it.

So now you know why you haven't got a FANDBOOK riding this issue.

Al Lewis & Ron Ellik