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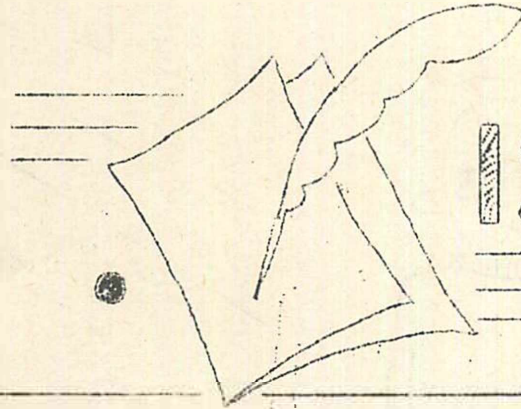
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ELECTION RESULTS

KAYMAR CARLSON ELECTED PREZ
HONEY WOOD BECOMES VEEP

With a membership of 150 plus - only 37 ISFCCers took time out to vote in the election of officers, therefore the results are as follows:-

President - K. MARTIN CARLSON, 33 votes
Vice-President - HONEY WOOD, 34 votes
Sec.- ED. NOBLE, 35 votes
Treas.- EVA FIRESTONE, 33 votes
Corr. Mgr.- HELEN HUBER, 34 votes
Trading Mgr.- ALAN G. DAVIS, 34 votes

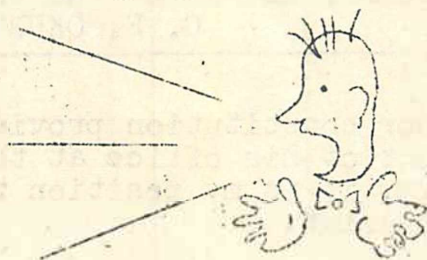
Other scattered votes were as follows:-

President - Don Gates, 1 vote
President - Richard R. Abbott, 1 vote
Treas. - Janie Lamb, 1 vote
Corr. Mgr. - Betty Kujiana, 1 vote
Treas. - George McPhaden, 2 votes
Vice-President - Lawrence Kuhlbauch

ISFCCers voting in the election are as follows:-

W.C. Butts	K. Martin Carlson	Don Gates	Don Ley
Ted Serrill	Lawrence J. Kuhlbauch	Ray Higgs	Honey Wood
Maurice S. Lubin	Larry Gage	Eva Firestone	
Alan G. Davis	George McPhaden	Eleanor Tootell	
Emili Thompson	Pearl McPhaden	Edward Noble	
John C. Blackburn	Jerome Wanker	Jack Cuthbert	
Thomas L. Springall	Gerald A. Stewart	Mark Curilovic	
Lynn A. Hickman	Richard F. Abbott	Bill Berger	
Carole Hickman	Patrick Eaton	Jim Harmon	
Thomas McMorarty	Jack Schwab	Claire Garceau	
Robert Peatrowsky	F. Chappel	Will Sykora	
Delray Green	Janie Lamb		

PREZ'S MESSAGE



Greetings to you all! In glancing over the Membership Roster I notice the names of many old friends. Now I want to make new friends also. Its one of my main reasons for joining the I.S.F.C.C. Now, lets on to the main message - - -

You are all familiar with Round-Robins or Circle-Letters, etc. They have been mostly of a general information type. I would like to see a chairman (or our Secretary) list topic departments and enroll members into the department they are more interested in, - such as Books, Music, News, Trading; General, etc. Most of us have a special interest within our stf field. (Mine is trading)

I would like to work closely with our Trading Manager, Alan G. Davis. Anyone who would like a copy of "KAYMAR TRADER" --- just send a card or letter to me. Our over-seas members should be given the best service possible in obtaining books and magazines.

We now have a steady Editor in Ray Higgs so our main contact is established, with the EXPLORER. I know Ray will give us the best he can. He is an 'old hand' at this work - at least since 1947 in the stf field.

So let's just take 2 projects to work on this year and if we can maintain them satisfactory we will have gained a lot. The 2 projects are CORRESPONDENCE and TRADING. They will be my special endeavor this term.

I don't know of anything that holds a U.S. fan closer to an over-seas fan, than the exchange of books and magazines! I have had that experience myself and know it is true. You can write letters and carry on for a time, but gradually you lose interest and soon --- no more letters. But if you are a collector or trader you always buy or trade. There is always some book you are trying to find and you always have duplicates to trade or sell. I believe this trading is the real 'life blood' of our fandom. Of course reading stf is important but how many of us get to read everything that comes our way? I myself have over 400 mags and 100 books that I haven't read a page of as yet.

Now I'm no speaker or wordy person, but I do promise that these 2 projects will get my attention this term and any person who would like to work with the Secretary and myself (also Alan Davis- Trading Manager) on these projects should get in touch with one of us very soon, so we can get 'steam up' before the half year is over. Lets do more in '54 - How's that for a slogan for this year?

Best of Luck to all of you - especially you fans who are overseas.
Sincerely,
'Kaymar' Carlson- President

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AFRICAN YOUTH CLUB'S SECRETARIAT -- BY
G. E. OKUNKPOLOR, GENERAL SECRETARY

Our constitution provides that every officer should give an annual account of his office at the end of every year, and as the General Secretary, it is my position to submit the Annual Report of the AYC's Secretariat.

In doing this, I shouldn't forget to make references to some people (members--of course) who had fought with tooth and nail to bring this organization to this democratic standard it is today. Firstly, I am indebted to Mr. G.O. Kanu, the founder and organizer of this club which we are now proud of its membership today. Moreover, we owe much to Messrs T. Dubre, B.O. Igunbor, W.E. Nwaubor, A.E. Otu, etc.who were the first and foremost members of this branch of the ISFCC as I could trace out from some documents in the Secretariat.

I am expected to list out the reports of the Secretariat and not the biography of this club and as such I am only concerned with all that happened from February 2, 1953 up to date.

A REMARKABLE DAY: Hardly can we remember the year this club started to function in Nigeria. Neither the month nor the day we know; in fact, it was in a more or less zig-zag form. Not until February 2, '53, when it was reorganized and better arrangements were made regards its running, that it began to function well. Officers were elected as well as non-official members to make the Executive Committee.

The officers and offices are as follows:

President	: Ayo Ajayi
Vice President	: S. Ojo
Gen. Secretary	: G.E. Okunkpolor
Asst. Secretary	: T. Dubre
Financial Secretary	: P. Okanigbe
Treasurer	: S.A. Ogunbor
Librarian	: O. Ijioma

Un-official Members:

A.O. Anyiam	A.E. Otu
B.O. Igunbor	G.O. Kanu

This is indeed a remarkable day and I shan't be wrong if I term February 2, '53 as the founder's day of this club.

The Executive Members who were carefully chosen from the experience of the members drafted out a constitution and this was passed in the General Meeting on the 4th of March, 1953. A copy was sent to President Gates and one to the Secretary in charge of Overseas Dept. (who was then Pat Eaton).

CONSTITUTION AND MOTTO WELL APPRECIATED: Pat Eaton, on receiving our constitution suggested that we should choose our club motto. He praised the efforts of the Execu-

tive members in producing such a good and well worded constitution. Our motto, "Universal Brotherhood Knows No Distance," was chosen and both the constitution and motto were well appreciated by the then Overseas Secretary, Mr. Eaton.

Here reads some of his remarks: "The AYC has already given me a great deal which I do very well value! From your letters I have gathered that the AYC is an enthusiastic, growing club with the highest ideals. If you continue to be this, if the members practice the aims of the club expressed in your constitution in everyday life, if they at all times keep in mind your motto, then I consider myself more than compensated for my activities in the club's behalf. The joy I experience when I learn of the accomplishments, activities, and progress of the AYC is far greater than any I could derive from material gifts. For my part, I am extremely proud to be associated with the AYC and look forward to the time when I can meet its members in person."

Pat Eaton has struggled to provide us with membership cards which numbered about 250 bearing the AYC's motto and emblem.

ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS: After the inaugural meeting, I experienced some hardships in getting a good number of the members at meetings. Many times meetings were not held owing to poor attendance of members until means were devised to check this irregularity before members put forth a good show in attendance. One of these means is the assaugement made with our School Fund Committee to provide a transport every fortnight to convey members to the American Library in Lagos Island.

QUESTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS: After the decision in the Executive Meeting that Mrs. F.S. McQueen, the Colony Welfare Officer and Dr. Odia, the Specialist in charge of Yaba Mental Hospital be our Honorary Members, I sent them letters respectively dated 11th January, 1954. After a couple of days Mrs. F. S. McQueen wrote to enquire from me the functions of Honorary Members; this I promptly replied to and expressed same to her on the 20th. Since then nothing heard from her neither Dr. Odia.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OVERSEAS MEMBERS: During the year, I have sent out from this office over a score of letters and those I correspond with are Donald E. Gates, President; ISFCC; Mrs. Helen Huber, Correspondence Manager, ISFCC; Pat Eaton, formerly Overseas Sec., ISFCC, etc. Amongst all these people I correspond, only Pat Eaton replies to correspondence, to the best of my experience as the Secretary throughout the year, I received no reply from any of the rest except one letter from President Gates which was general to all members of the ISFCC.

GIFTS DURING THE YEAR: We need to thank Don E. Gates, Ed Noble, Mrs. James Tone of Tillamook, Oregon, the principal and faculty of Taft High School, Taft, Oregon, and particularly our friend Pat Eaton. These people had generously contributed books (novels, Amazing Stories, Fantasy, Reader's Digest, text books, etc) to our library during the year. We owe them much gratitude.

The grand total of all the books we have got into our library from friends in the United States during the year roughly amounts to

APPEAL FOR CO-OPERATION: Now the year is ended and you and I have realized the progress we had in the AYC during the year. Members have the aims in our constitution as their daily watch word, never deviated from them in any shape or form. There had been Peace, Comfort, and joy with us, no descrimination of any type, be it tribal or racial and as the year dies, we shouldn't allow these good qualities to go with it rather we develop them.

I hereby appeal to you all by the right you conferred on me by virtue of my office as the General Secretary for 1953 for 'Co-operation' just to enable us to further the "Purposes" of this organization and at the same time to be a pride to the Home Club.

CONCLUSION: So far, the above are my reports from the AYC Secretariat and please forgive me if I leave some vital points untouched, I guarantee to explain any point in which any member is in doubt of to him when I am approached for such.

Finally I commend the efforts of my fellow officers for their co-operation with me to hold this office successfully and at the same time my praise goes to the floor members for their sense of organization. Lastly, I praise myself who has sacrificed most of my precious time for the interest of the AYC to deal with all sorts of correspondences so as to maintain the dignity of my office and secure a place for the AYC in the International Science Fiction Correspondence Club.

Here ended my Annual Report.

George E. Okunkpolor
Trade Centre
Yaba--Lagos
Nigeria

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congleton confidential by bob keyes of isfcc 

Those of you who read Mr. Glynn's little piece of hack writing in the January issue of the EXPLORER will understand just why this reply must be written; in view of the prevailing attitudes of certain person-ages of power in this country, it is well that the average citizen keep the record completely clear and clean.

Mr. Glynn, who is---you should pardon the expression---something of a professional sf writer on his own hook (in British circles he is frequently referred to as "the poor man's Richard Shaver",) has in his article seen fit to accuse me of being a 'tan' (an outright lie; my family has voted straight Whig for generations,) an Internationalist ('French beret'; luckily he neglected to mention that the jacket was Dutch,) an 'advocate of World Government' (nonsense; I actually am firmly in favor of America for Americans---us good, pure 118% White, Anglo-Saxon Christian (better make that read 'Protestant' just to be safe,) NATIVES,) and a 'fan' (I have photostatic evidence to the contrary, namely my expulsion notice from N3F for non-payment of

dues.)

To make matters even worse, Glynn insists that I am a believer in the Kuttner-Vance myth advanced by Elsberry during his periods of lunacy. (Everyone knows that 'Kuttner' is actually the ghost of H.P. Lovecraft, while 'Vance' is in reality Lamont Cranston, wealthy young man about town who years ago in the Orient learned the secret of the typewriter.)

Since any one of these charges could get me into serious trouble with McCarthy and his stout little band of bully-boys (from the Old English meaning 'congenital idiot',) or the Forry Ackermann-WAW-Ken Slater Committee to Keep Fandom Pure, I wish here and now to categorically deny all of these charges, collectively and individually.

Mr. Glynn makes some wild and irresponsible mention of my trip, and I wish to set the record straight on that little matter too. These are the facts ma'am:

It is true, I will concede, that I set out for Europe some weeks before Glynn saw me, but I was never lost as he calims. True, there were a few days when I was a bit bewildered, but I was never actually lost! What really held me up was that for the better part of eight weeks I was busy dodging a motley crew of polizie, border guards, passport officials and irate burghemeisters.

Mind you, nothing that I was doing was in itself illegal, but these characters were a suspicious lot, a fact which Glynn would, without a doubt, lay to my haircut.

With but four days of my vacation left, I landed, one dark and drizzly night in Folkestone, south of London. Having just escaped from strike-plagued France, even the prospect of a night on the floor of the Customs shack could not discourage me. However, under duress, I cashed one of my three remaining Traveler's Checks and spent the nite in what the English laughingly refer to as a 'bed-and-breakfast'.

The next morning at seven o'clock I was again on the road, my badly worn rucksack dangling pitifully from one shoulder, my muscle-bound thumb waving in the breeze.

Some twenty-four hours and two hundred-odd miles later, having ridden all night through the kindness of the British Road Services lorry drivers, I found myself in the gloomy, foggy, besooted streets of Manchester. Manchester is no city to be in at seven o'clock in the morning; nothing compares, save perhaps the view of Tucker's room 770 at about the same hour on Labor Day.

I leaned on a bridge, listening to my stomach growl and my bones creak, then sang seven mournful verses of Joe Hill, and hopped a bus for Moss Side.

I found 144 Beresford easily enough and tapped on the portal. It was opened by a fair young maid, somewhat sleepy looking, who wore an "if you're selling something bustar, I don't want any!" expression and brandished a large skillet.

I said "Excuse me..." and she lowered the skillet (luckily I ducked,) and said "Bob Keyes!"

Thus my introduction to Francis Glynn, Tony's sister. After some argument she was persuaded to allow me to come in off the street.

Now it must be admitted that Fran is a very pretty girl of about twenty, and a hell of a good cook to boot. Since I had eaten nothing for a good while, she agreed to prepare me some breakfast. This consisted of three huge fried eggs, tea, bread and tomatoes. I suspected that when her parents returned home there were going to be some questions about who ate the grub, so I attempted a discreet withdrawal.

She insisted that I stay on a bit---for some more tea,---and lured me into the livingroom. "Let's build a fire" she said. How cozy; I hadn't seen an English speaking girl in a month. I built a fire which promptly filled the room with smoke and went out. She built a roaring blaze and sneered a loud sneer at my pioneer ancestors.

Francis Glynn is as Irish as she sounds. Beyond all doubt, she must be a member of the Free Irish Republican Army. Her impressions of the monarchy and the peerage are safer left out of print. Her view of the labor union situation leans heavily toward abolition. Her dislike of English traditionalisms is monumental; if there are not rifles and grenades buried in the garden I miss my bet.

So we talked for hours, and drank tea. Did we talk about Tony? About Life? My trip? About America?

About science-fiction.

Finally she made the phone call referred to in Mr. Glynn's little fiasco, and I was off to Congleton.

Mr. Glynn is not a bad fellow---to all appearances. He is tall and slender, and considered handsome, so I am told, by some of the more nearsighted village girls. He speaks in a brisk, breathless manner, and walks fast, a holdover from the period of his life when he was employed by a local syndicate as a runner of stolen jewelry. He has a rather neurotic dislike of bobbies.

There is no truth in the rumor (originating with the White Horse circle in London,) that Glynn is actually Vargo Statten. Nor, as is occasionally reported, does he insist on wearing both of his heads even while bathing.

On the other hand, the report that Matheson's famous line about hanging "...head downward by all my legs and drip green," was inspired by a photo of Glynn may be somewhat more creditable.

His landlady, a rather nice old gal, seems to regard him as something of a god, or perhaps a devil. Several of his colleagues at the newspaper office insist that they have seen him toss at least two printer's devils into the rotary press. His editor told me that on one occasion Glynn was responsible for setting fire to the local parsonage in order that the front page might be brightened with a better than average story.

In his spare time Glynn builds and races midget submarines, and he enjoys executions, riots and conflagrations. He is not overly given to strong drink or women. He explains this with "Strong women are very difficult to handle."

He also reads science-fiction, and occasionally dashes off a fast story for Carnell. He has translated the complete works of A.E. van Vogt into the Kaphiristanian dialect, and is currently working on those of Merritt. His greatest ambition is to run barefoot through L. Sprague de Camp's mustache while Ted Sturgeon plays 'Tiptoe Through the Tulips'.

This then is what actually happened in England last summer, and I hope you will all keep that in mind should any more of these scurrilous articles appear about me.

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** OFFICE OF ISFCC INTERNAL REVENUE **

11th March 1954

Renewals

#41-	Deretchin	- 1954	- 1955	- - -	\$1.00
#59-	Curilovic	- 1954	- 1955	- - -	.1.00
#11-	Cuthbert	- 1954	- 1955	- - -	1.00
#76-	Blackburn	- Year	- 1954	- - -	.50
#74-	Garceau	- Year	- 1954	- - -	.50

New Members

Miss Ethel Lindsay,	126 West Regent St.,	Glasgow, Scotland	- - -	.50
David Edwards,	57 Longfleet Rd.,	POOLE, Dorset, England	- - -	.50
Ralph M. Holland,	2520 Fourth St.,	Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio	- - -	.50
Bob Farnham,	204 Mt. View Drive,	Dalton, Georgia	- - -	.50
John Hitchcock,	15 Arbutus Ave.,	Baltimore 28, Maryland	- - -	.50
Mrs. Edward Weber,	Pine View Farm,	Rogers, Minn.	- - -	.50

Change of Address

#74- Claire Garceau, c/o O.A. Whitcomb, RFD, Newtowne Road, Littleton, Massachusetts

Renewals

#27-	Ted Serrill, RFD #1,	Harrisburg, Pa.	--- -	.50
	after June address will be -	4330 Concord St.,		
		Harrisburg, Penna.		
#37-	Donald E. Gates, Box 73,	Pedro Miguel, Canal Zone (*)	- One Year	

New Members

Rose Gates, Box 73, Pedro Miguel, Canal Zone (*) - One Year

(*) This \$1.00 was included with the \$10.00 sent from ISFCC treasury as mentioned in EXPLORER, January ish.

Maurice Lubin- 14 Jones St., Worcester, Mass. '54 - '55 \$1.00

Renewals

#84- Alan G. Davis - - - For 1954 - 1955 - - - - - 1.00

Eva Firestone, ISFCC Treasurer

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Balance on hand as of January 1954 - - - - - \$24.37

Cost of production and mailing EXPLORER (Jan. ish) 17.54

BALANCE - - - - - \$ 6.83

New Members

Renewals - - - - - 9.50

BALANCE ON HAND as of April - - - - - \$16.33

Production of the April EXPLORER
and mailing of same not taken out.

Ray C. Higgs, Editor
& Acting Treasurer.

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Renewals

Just received a swell letter from our good friend Pat Eaton who sent the renewals for the entire Afriction Youth Club, and an addition of five new members for the AYC. Following are the renewals for the AYC.

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| #111- Godwin O. Kanu | #112- H.A. Oloko | #113- B.C. Ndukwe |
| #114- A.O. Abossy | #115- B.O. Igunboo | #116- W.E. Nwamboo |
| #117- A.E. Otu | #118- I.N. Umezuruike | #119- Francis Okodugha |
| #120- Thompson Dubre | #121- Oji Yoma | #122- G.O.K. Chidi |
| #123- A.O. Anyiam | #124- T. Ogunteyiboo | #125- A.S. Ogunbowale |
| #126- G.O. James | #127- M.E. Asemota | #128- J.F. Abaowa |
| #129- W.O. Akpata | #130- F.I. Ogunbo | #131- J.O. Agbawe |
| #132- G.E. Okunkpolor | #133- S.O. Odigie | #134- R.A. Akambi |
| #135- S. Oto | #136- S.N. Oiatabu | #137- A.B. Ukwunna |

All the above members of the AYC can be reached by writing to the following address:- TRADE CENTER, YABA
LAGOS, NIGERIA
BRITISH WEST AFRICA

New Members of AYC and ISFCC

- | | | |
|--------------|----------|---------------|
| J.A. Odumala | N. Eriyo | P.O. Okanigbe |
| H.O. Idehen | A. Ajayi | |

You reach these five members by writing:- Trade Center, Yaba, Lagos, Nigeria - British West Africa.

Renewals

#82- Patrick Eaton - For 1954 - .50 Note Pat - I only count 32 AYC members including the 5 new ones whose total membership would be \$16.00 also .50 to pay your 1954 dues - totaling \$16.50 - thus leaving \$1.50. Better check on the AYC members and see whether ALL is listed above. Thanx Pat.

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BALANCE ON HAND - - - - - \$16.33

From Pat Eaton as above - - - - - 18.00

BALANCE ON HAND - - - - - \$34.33

(Production costs and mailing April EXPLORER not taken out of above as yet.)
- Ray C. Higgs, Editor

F O R T I S S I M O

January EXPLORER received February 5th. It is Excellent. And to see such encouraging treasury reports certainly was pleasing. Also, three CHEERS for wonderful response by membership letters giving approval.

We have the start of a nice friendly OO. Continue writing, Folks, as often as possible.. By your participation our Club zine will become more and more interesting. Take time now and then to jot down ideas as they come to mind; Later you'll be surprised how helpful that is when trying to assemble an article, or just a letter for publication. Aw now, will you please stop grinning at my use of the word "assemble." That is the correct verb for the process I go through. Am a slow thinker who needs plenty of time.

Hope all of you have had chance to read the splendid article, FANSOC, by Bill Venable.. Published in Vol.2, No.2, Science Fiction Adventures Magazine, dated March on the cover, and February on Contents page. Fansoc is so full of fannish thoughts practically begging for discussion, that it should be an inspiration for many fen.

And here is something to consider with deep thought. If there's insufficient material in hands of the OE, he has no choice, pore feller, and thus is compelled to publish such as this as a filler. SO, take warning!!

Eeccccck! Election every six months.. Is THAT in Constitution?? Yes.. sure is. Article IV. Definitely needs admendment.

Else Joe McCarthy points finger at us for Charteritis..

Tis possible I'm harping too much on one string, but nary a one of you mentioned plans for an ISFCC meeting at the SFCon... Are ne members interested?

Depending on publishing schedule arrangement to be made by new officers, the next OO might be your last chance for a discussion prior to the Convention.

Pearl and George McPhaden and Neal Clark Reynolds are in favor of a club meeting. I received a letter stating that. Naturally we who plan attendance are more enthused; however, there will be a benefit to entire membership through the publicity, and by giving more incentive for future club activity, to all those who are fortunate to be there.

So, Dear People, Fellow Fen, ISFCCers IF you have pet projects in mind, ideas for improvement of club, suggestions, etc etc- Don't be bashful- speak up in EXPLORER, so that everything may be presented IN TIME.. We will thrash items thoroughly at the meeting in California- If I have to do all of the talking myself.. OH WHAT am I saying?

All members who attend, please wear a white, or some light colored, ribbon pinned front with large dark lettering- I S F C C -so that we make immediate contact. Be sure to have the lettering LARGE and DARK. My eye sight is none too good- and there are many more fen same as I.

End of page.. Aren't you GLADD Best of Wishes from- Wyoming..

E. Firestone, Upton, Wyoming

TennnSHUN!!

Gals and Guys, many of you have forgotten to send your membership dues. Here it is, 17th March, Saint Patrick's Day. Time's whizzing by.. Snatch a few minutes, and mail token of your interest and faith in ISFCC.

We are right on the path to become one of the, if not THE, nicest S.F. Correspondence clubs, and not even one member is expendable. Each is a link in the chain. NOW is the day for welding a strong connection. .

This is the chance for activity in your favorite hobby.

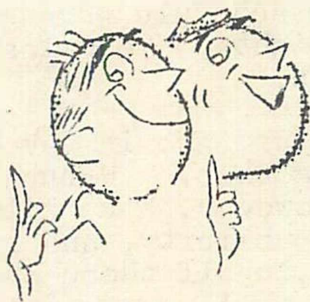
Think of the future, how you'll be able to tell your great grandchildren that YOU were one of the main pillars among pioneers of ISFCC, famous through-out entire Milky Way.

Think bf how sad and ashamed you'd feel, if one asked, "What did you do to help ISFCC way back there in 1954?" and your reply had to be- "Well, I was so busy, uh, sort-of just watching with good intention of lending a hand some day...."

Joking aside Folks, we truly are going to be an A-1, top notcher group, and twice as fast if each member will help just a little.

Grateful Thanks to those who sent in renewals, and in the event- that I may have been elected, Thanks for your votes.

ISFCCerly - Wyoming.



SEND YOUR 1954 DUES TO
EVA FIRESTONE N O W ! !

The EXPLORER needs LETTERS,
ARTICLES, ART DRAWINGS; NEWS
BITS, LETTERS, ARTICLES, Etc.
Send DIRECT to the Editor-
Ray C. Higgs! BECOME ACTIVE!
WRITE TO MEMBERS! WRITE FOR
THE EXPLORER! LETTERS, NEWS
BITS! ARTICLES! W R I T E !

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Secretary- ED NOBLE, RD #1, Townline Rd.
Erie, Penna.
Treasurer- EVA FIRESTONE, Box 115,
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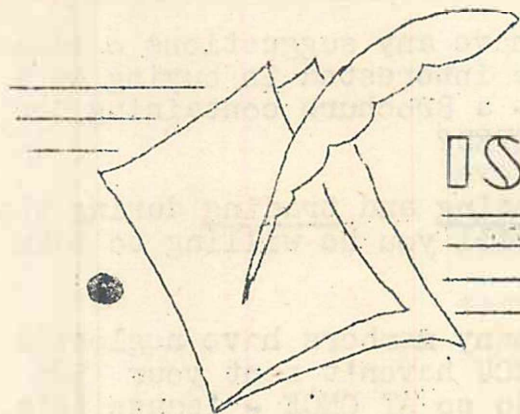
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1954

ISFCC OFFICERS!!!

Send ALL membership dues and donations
DIRECT to Eva Firestone, Treasurer!

Racy Higgs presents-



ISFCC HATS AND CHATTINGS

You all done done me wrong! Last ish we had an overly supply of nice letters from the membership, but this time - you seemed to forget your poor old editor! I say - IS THAT FAIR? The least you mem-

bers can do for our struggling ISFCC, is to write letters for each ish of EXPLORER! This is one of the BENEFITS of the club - so please keep the editors mailbox stuffed full of letters from you ISFCCers! WRITE A LETTER NOW - AND MAIL IT!

WHERE DID THESE MEMBERS MOVE TO? - We had returned to us EXPLORERS for the following - do you know their new addresses?

- L. WILLIAM MOHS, 937 Fulton St., Brooklyn, N.Y.
- JIM SCHREIBER, 4118 E. 143rd St., Cleveland 11, Ohio
- MATT BRESSLER, % J. Bressler, 55 Meserole Ave., Brooklyn 22, N.Y.
- ARIEL GARNICK, 8838 or 8735 E. Dunbar, Bellflower, California

You members cannot receive the EXPLORER unless you give us your new & correct address! PLEASE REMEMBER THAT!!!

YOU all know that there is much interest among SOME of the ISFCCers to have a ISFCCon at Calif during the WORLD CONVENTION, and we repeatedly been asking YOU if you were interested in this. However and as usual - YOU won't talk! We want to know if YOU are interested, if YOU are going to attend the San Francisco event, and would you take a brief bow at the ISFCCon? Please write EVA FIRESTONE, Upton, Wyoming AT ONCE so she can put you on the program. By the way - let's make this ISFCCon in honor of ALL the past Presidents of ISFCC and past editors of the EXPLORER! Let's have each former president and former editor appear on the program - and of course- the present ones too! IF you will agree to make a brief appearance on the program, we can make arrangements to publish a nice little Programme booklet - and too, what about ISFCC choosing some colors for our club - and wearing them at the ISFCCon - and having a DISPLAY of our publications, including the EXPLORER and all other zines put out by our members, and any art work or manuscripts that you have on hand, etc and etc. WE GOTTA KNOW THESE THINGS SO AS TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE WORLD CON OFFICIALS! Will you members who publish zines have a nice supply of your baby at our display? Do U want a DISPLAY? Do YOU want to have the ISFCCon? Write Firestone NOW - and also drop us a letter for EXPLORER giving out your opinions on the above!

Firestone just sent us the names of another new member:-
MRS. LOUBEL WOOD, P.O. Box 42, Hardy, Arkansas for one year
also another renewal:-
#103- EMILI THOMPSON - for 1954 and 1955

WE SURE NEED ARTICLES, NEWS BITS AND CHATTER, ART WORK, LETTERS, etc. for the EXPLORER! WILL YOU PLEASE HELP US OBTAIN THIS MATERIAL?? WE NEED MATERIAL FOR THE EXPLORER! RUSH IN AT ONCE!

ISFCC could use some 'extra' cash! Do you have any suggestions or ideas how we could raise this dough? Would you be interested in buying at a small sum a reprint of the first EXPLORER - a Brochure containing the complete history of ISFCC - ARE YOU INTERESTED?

President Carlson wants to stress corresponding and trading during the year of 1954, so as to build up our club. Will you be willing to take part to help build up ISFCC?

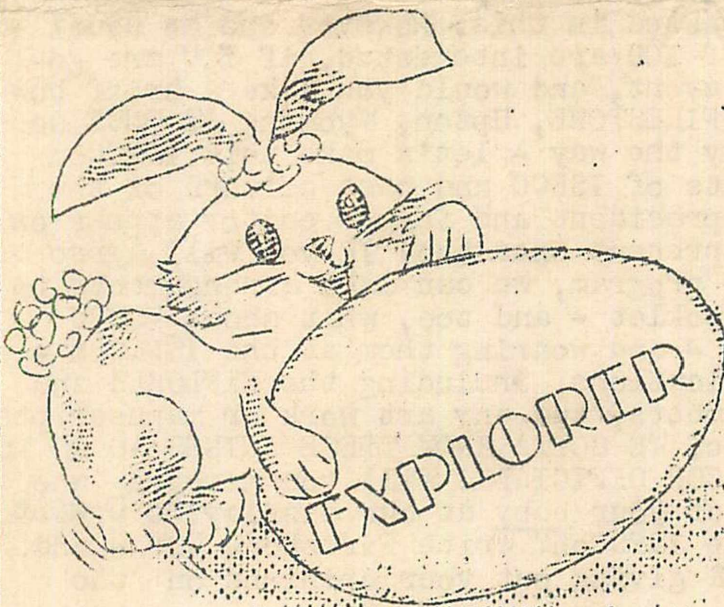
ISFCC is on its way UP - and we note that many members have neglected to pay their 1954 membership dues - so if YOU haven't sent your 50c to Eva Firestone, Upton, Wyoming - better do so AT ONCE - 'cause this issue of the EXPLORER will be your LAST unless you pay your dues! We are not a GIVE-AWAY club, we need your monies to bring you a nice magazine- EXPLORER - which by the way- is being rated as one of the BEST! PAY YOUR DUES OR REGRET IT!

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BECOME AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF ISFCC - DUES ONLY .50 A YEAR!
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