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THE OLDEST EXISTING FAN ORGANIZATION

FOUNDED IN 1937

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Twenty-Third Mailing was marked by an unusually large number of separate post-mailings. (I was in one of them, so I'm talking to myself as well as to you.) One reason for this was probably the enforcement of the deadline after it had been relaxed for some time; this difficulty should clear up if the line is held steady during the next few months. But I suspect that another reason for the post-mailings is that many of our members are trying to put out more and more elaborate material per mailing than they really have time for nowadays. Again I urge taking stock to see whether you shouldn't trim your sails; particularly, whether the time spent typing a dummy copy of your magazine before stenciling it, isn't beyond the point of diminishing returns.

As was forboded in my previous report, the petition for war-time exemptions failed because not enough members had a chance to sign it. I've already acknowledged my fault in choosing the wrong method for getting copies to everyone. Every member was on a chain to receive a copy, but most of these chains stopped at a place like Larry Farsaci's, where he tells me his mail's been accumulating since he went into khaki. In some cases when a copy was held up early on the chain, a supplemental copy was put on the latter part of the circuit when I learned of the condition. The only original petition sent out in this country to return was that which went to California. I thank the western gentlemen for their cooperation in this, but wish to curse, on the side, those who took it upon themselves to vote yes on half the petition and no on the other half. It was to be taken as a unit, and the people on the other half of the nation signed or refused it as a unit; we couldn't assume, even if a majority of the active members had voted affirmatively on half or all, that all who signed the whole thing would have favored exempting foreign members from dues if fans-of-war were not exempted from activity requirements; indeed, one of the King's subjects nobly voted no on his own exemption and yes on the service fans.

There were some who passed the petition on without approving it. This was their right, but I'm wondering why, if they had objections, they didn't voice them before; the circulating of the petition was delayed for three months for the specific purpose of giving chance for comments; but the only suggestion in the 22d Mailing came from one who wasn't reached by a copy for reasons above noted. Same censure applies with less force to Boskonians



who at first objected to signing it because they didn't think dogfans inside the US should be exempted from activity requirements, but finally were persuaded that it was better to accept than to reject the whole thing; but if they'd spoken up three months earlier, the suggested provisions might have been altered with regard to members stationed inside this country.

In addition to a final effort to get these wartime exemptions approved, the reader should find in this mailing an amendment to the Constitution, to raise the membership limit from 50 to 65. Some increase seemed advisable because of the waiting list, and because many fans are discontinuing former subscription fanzines for the duration and concentrating in the FAPA; at the same time, we wished to avoid increasing the limit beyond a total that we might expect to reach in a year or two, and place an unnecessary burden on publishers. The number 65 represents a compromise of opinions. Probably it isn't exactly the number you would pick, but it seemed the most nearly suitable to most members. The other amendment deletes a piece of the Constitution which is no longer operative, since Edwin Hadley Smith, the librarian of the amateur press, has informed the Secretary that he no longer can perform that function (He worked for the NAPA, UAPA, AAPA, etc, in addition to the FAPA).

In this year's cabinet, I think our warmest thanks are due to Official Editor Ashley, for his faithfulness in answering voluminous official mail promptly, and for exertions beyond the call of duty in publishing the FA and performing the other functions devolving upon the editor and mailing manager. Russell Chauvenet has shown equal fidelity in the FAPA's second hardest job. The Vice-President this year, Elmer Perdue, has had no disputes to adjudicate, but if he just gets the Laureate Report in in time for the September Fantasy Amateur, he will have served his office unusually well. Thanks also to the two official critics, and to all you nice people who have given us so much nice stuff in our mailings. We have scarcely a single inactive member now!

As the FAPA's sixth year comes to a close, I would like to name what I think are the main reasons for its phenomenal success among amateur journalism and fan organizations: 1. It provides pleasing activity in which every member can take part as much as he wishes, but makes a minimum demand of absolutely necessary and regular activity on all but a few officials. 2. Necessary business can be carried out satisfactorily with a minimum of effort; the officers are given broad powers to handle what comes within each one's responsibility; and at the same time abuse of power is guarded against by the two checks of the vice-president, and the machinery for the whole membership to exercise its sovereignty at any time--and the best checks are those that need to be used least. 3. With a few exceptions, we have always had officials who acted for the best interests of the Association, regardless of their personal wishes. 4. Au fond, the FAPA is an example of what Santayana said is the great strength of Anglo-Saxon democracy: Complete, undiscussed agreement on all essential matters, so that in those issues which do come up for debate and vote, one can see his side lose without feeling that the majority is a tyranny.

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## CRITICS' REPORT: TWENTY-THIRD MAILING

WALT LIEBSCHER, Chief Critic.

A. L. SCHWARTZ, Associate Critic.

## THE FANTASY AMATEUR

Liebscher: Ashley doodit again. And how he does doodit.  
 Schwartz: Format gets better and better. It'll probably get worse with the new set of officers.

## MADMAN OF MARS

Liebscher: More good puns. More plot material than Space Tales ever had. As good as the Rubiota Omar Khayyam.  
 Schwartz: I ain't gonna say nuthin'.

## ZIZZLE-POP

Liebscher: S'good ought-to-read-this-book teaser.  
 Schwartz: And another "unexplained" mystery meets its doom.

## SARDONYX

Liebscher: "Night Of Brahma" should reject Campbell. Merits pro publication. Listening Post tickles your ribs and tugs at your tear ducts, and always satisfies.  
 Schwartz: "Night Of Brahma" is one of the best pieces of fanzine fiction I've read.

## FAN TODS:

Liebscher: Second ish as good as the first, which is not bad. "Yesterday's 10,000 Years" still one of the best columns in FAPA. Impishly interesting this time. "By-ways" merits more space.  
 Schwartz: "Mr. Hornig on Esperanto" humorous. Who does the sewing for you, Norm?

## THE STEFAN

Liebscher: Once upon a midnight dreary  
 I perused old FAPA, eerie,  
 'Til my eyes were getting bleary  
 As they'd often done a'fore.  
 Twas the Stefan I was reading,  
 And my insides, they were bleeding,  
 For I laughed, my health unheeding,  
 As I'd never laughed before.  
 "I must stop this now," I stuttered,  
 "Or I'll die from all this gore!  
 Down with 'Stefan', evermore!"

Schwartz: I just laft and laft and laft. Hey Al, Stefan ain't spelled with an "e". ((Hey Suddsy, it is in this case, 'cause that's the way we spelled it. Ha!))

## FLIGHT UNKNOWN

Liebscher: A classic. Should be placed in every outhouse in the nation.  
 Schwartz: I suffer in silence.

#### THE NUCLEUS

Liebscher: The \_\_\_\_\_ could stand improvement. I liked it, but the \_\_\_\_\_ could be improved.  
Schwartz: A good issue. Mimeeing remarkably clear.

#### MILTY'S MAG

Liebscher: Good old Milt, his old self again. Salvation. Being a new concept to him, gave me one of the biggest laughs since the dawn of time.  
Schwartz: Excellent. Milt's in the groove again.

#### HORIZONS

Liebscher: Takes first place in the Mailing. The book reviews excellent. "Music for the Fan" up to par which is very good.  
Schwartz: Nice. I've changed my mind, Harry. I like "Music for the Fan".

#### WUDGY TALES

Liebscher: The cutest title in ages. Super-fornchy. Damn good humor. Merits 5 big prunes. Should be in every Mailing.  
Schwartz: Funny as hell. Wonder if "Stuff" can be called libelous?

#### PHANNY-INSPIRATION

Liebscher: I like the easy way that DeeBee rambles on. He's a good Rambler this time, so I'll pin a rose on him. Bridges writes what he likes, and I like what he writes.  
Schwartz: Inspiration was OK. I always find that my eyes persist in bouncing from line to line when I read Phanny. I wonder why?

#### SUPPLEMENT TO IMAG-INDEX

Liebscher: Invaluable to collectors.  
Schwartz: Invaluable. Wonder if Julie and Bill could continue "The Munsey Panorama" from the Southern Star?

#### WALT'S WRAMBLINGS

Liebscher: Bookie Wookie Bugle Boy.  
Schwartz: I'd like to see a series by Walt on the better books in his collection.

#### COLLECTED VERSE

Liebscher: An ambitious effort well worth the effort and the ambition, for it contains beautiful effortless reading. ((And the foregoing is about the most beautiful example of "Words---just words" that we've ever seen.)) "Dream Girl" best.  
Schwartz: Most were good; some were too bad.

#### SUSTAINING PROGRAM

Liebscher: Somehow didn't seem as interesting as SusPro should be. Even "Quoteworthy Quotes" failed to register. It's still good though. Cover intriguing.



(Sustaining Program)

Schwartz: The parts I could read very highly interesting. Back cover really good---best part was "Speer being dramatic". Didja really say that Jack? What happened to your typer?

EN GARDE Liebscher: Best Fapazine cover yet. Evans good. Coger pome deleriously delightful. My, My, what a stable fable.

Schwartz: Swell. The choc'lit walnut sundae (with real ice cream) goes to Ol' Man Evans.

YHOS Liebscher: War discussion most interesting. Is it not true that in a lot of cases two years of war advances science, due to accelerated inventiveness, ten or more years? I think scormfs, fribbles, and frumiouses are just too, too, fornchy. ((My Ghod!))

Schwartz: An outstanding issue. The interlineations were funny---better than Speer's even.

FIGHTING FAN

Liebscher: Cover a darb. Inside stuff hyper. More pliz.

Schwartz: A good idea.

JINX Liebscher: Another s'longzine, and a very good one, too. Tucker shines again.

MOONSHINE Liebscher: Sez goodbye. Couldn't read most of it.

MATTERS OF OPINION

Liebscher: 'Twas OK because it had that Speerit.

F.A. LEAN-TO

Liebscher: Thanks to Al for a new and useful addition. Then comes a F.A. LEAN-TO ANNEX. I look forward, in fact I drool for a F.A. LEAN-TO ANNEX SUPPLEMENT.

Schwartz: It's hard to find comment for this type of fanzine.

SUMMARY Liebscher: A nice mailing. Voluminous, interesting, and some damn good humor. What more could you want, except 100% participation?

Come seven enchanted a chorus of fifty fapans come the seventh year of good old fapa

Now is the time for all good fapans to come to the aid of their organization. Election time is upon us. New officers must be carefully selected. It is more than your privilege to vote---it is your DUTY. And it is your duty to vote promptly so the transfer to the new officials may take place smoothly and without delay.

PLEASE! LET'S MAKE THIS VOTE 100%, AND LET'S VOTE PROMPTLY!

Let's finish the sixth year of FAPA with a grand flourish worthy of the exceptional year it has been.

## OFFICIAL EDITOR'S MESSAGE

We now reach the end of our tenure of office as Official Editor. Serving in this capacity has been a very enjoyable, satisfying, and educational experience. It is with a certain touch of regret that we prepare to pass the job on to our successor. It is our sincere wish, however, that he may profit equally from the experience.

First of all, we wish to thank our fellow officers and the critics for their splendid cooperation which enabled us to carry out our own job much better than we otherwise would have been able. Then we wish to thank the membership as a whole for their growing interest in FAPA, their response to our efforts, and their help in keeping us informed of changes of address. Lastly, we wish to publicly thank, as well as acknowledge the invaluable assistance they gave us on our job, E. Everett Evans, Jack Wiedenbeck, AbbyLu Ashley, Earl Perry, and Dalvan Coger. May our successor find himself aided by as able and willing a group.

You will find no listing of back issues in this issue of FA. There has been little change in the list contained in the last FA, aside from copies left over from the last Mailing. For that matter, it was never our intention to list these mags more than a couple times a year, or whenever there had been some really major change in the stock on hand. If the ammendment to increase the membership limit is approved, we may expect somewhat of a run on this stock by the new members.

All during our term as Official Editor, we have wanted to print up a number of copies of the Constitution, but our regular duties have usurped all the available time and prevented this undertaking. We have long felt that each member should possess a copy of this document, and that a reserve supply should be kept on hand to supply new members as they appear. Therefore, as soon as the election is over, and any changes in the constitution to be made have been determined, we intend to supply this lack. Would-be new members are usually somewhat vague about what is expected of them, and many minor details not clearly covered by the Constitution. We shall print an introduction to FAPA, its aims, and general conduct; endeavor to incorporate special directives and interpretations that have been made from time to time; and, of course, the Constitution itself. We shall print 100 to 125 copies which should be sufficient to fill the need. If any member knows of anything else that should, or could profitably be included, please let us know as soon as you can. Your suggestions will be appreciated.

As a parting gesture, we just can't resist taking a fling at prognostication. First we predict that the amendment to raise the membership limit will pass easily. Second, we predict that by this time next year the expanded membership quota will be filled. In fact, we feel that by that time steps will be taken (if they haven't before then) to further increase the total membership. All of which amounts to the fact that we believe FAPA is a real up and coming organization, with a grand future before it.

G'bye now. Al Ashley.

## SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

DUES --- Please pay your 75¢ to the Sec'y-Treas this June.

ACTIVITY --- Unless you are represented in this or the next Mailing, you will be ineligible to renew.

DUES-ACTIVITY --- Unless you are represented in this Mailing you may not renew until 6 months have passed.

EXPIRED --- March dues unpaid. If not paid by July 1st, member will be dropped.

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1. Ackerman, F.J. (Pfc) HQ-SCU 1959, Fort MacArthur, Cal. DUES
  - D 2. Ashley, Al & Abby Lu, 86 Upton Ave., Battle Creek, Mich.
  3. Bovard, Barbara, 1119 1/2 So. Kenmore St., Los Angeles, Calif.
  4. Bridges, Lynn, (Sgt) 833rd Chem Co. AO, 3rd Regt. UTC, Camp Sibert, Alabama.
  5. Bronson, Phil, 1710 Arizona Ave., Santa Monica, Calif.
  6. Carnell, Edward J., 17 Burwash Rd., Plumstead, SE 18, London, England.
  7. Chauvenet, L.R., 1920 Thomson Rd., Charlottesville, Va. DUES
  8. Connor, E.C. (Pvt), 3653rd SU, Co A, Room 114, Hitchcock Hall, University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.
  - D 9. #Cunningham, J.M. (Pvt), 504 TG, BTC #5, Bks 2004, Kearns, Utah.
  10. Daniel, Thomas R., 108 East Heron, Aberdeen, Washington.
  11. Daugherty, Walter J., 846 1/3 W 82nd, Los Angeles, Calif.
  12. \*Deutsch, Wm. J., 90-08 190, Hollis, New York.
  13. Evans, E. Everett. % Al Ashley.
  - D 14. Evans, W.H., 233 Sheldon, Ames, Iowa.
  15. Farsaci, L.B., 48 Lewis, Rochester, N.Y.
  16. Fortier, J.J., 2222 East 30th, Oakland, Calif. EXPIRED
  17. Freehafer, Paul, 2325 Ocean View Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.
  - X 18. Gergen, John L., 221 Melbourne SE, Minneapolis, Minn. DUES
  - PD 19. Groveman, William, 623 Central Ave., Cedarhurst, N.Y. ACTIVITY
  20. Hodgkins, Russell J., 1903 W. 84th Pl., Los Angeles, Calif.
  21. Hurter, Fred, 5590 Campden Place, cote St. Catherine Rd., Montreal, PQ, Canada.
  22. Jenkins, Harry, 2409 Santee Ave., Columbia, South Carolina.
  23. Jones, Bob, 281 14th Ave., Columbus, Ohio. DUES-ACTIVITY
  - D 24. Koenig, H.C., 540 East 80th St., New York City.
  25. Kuslan, Gertrude, 170 Washington Ave., West Haven, Conn.
  26. \*Laney, Francis T., 720 10th St., Clarkston, Washington.
  27. Liebscher, Walter, 103 S. Eastern, Joliet, Illinois.
  28. Lowndes, Robert W., 137 East 27th St., New York City.
  29. Marconette, Walter, 2120 Pershing Blvd., Dayton, Ohio. EXPIRED
  - D 30. Martin, Edgar Allen, 160 Collins St., Hartford, Conn.
  - X 31. Michel, John B., 137 East 27th St., New York City. DUES
  32. Moffatt, Leonard J., 419 Summit Ave., Ellwood City, Pa.
  33. Morojo, Box 6475 Met. Sta., Los Angeles, Calif. DUES
  34. Rosenblum, J. Michael, 4 Grange Terr., Leeds 7, England.
  35. Rothman, Milton A., (Cpl), ASTV 3900, Bx 88, Oregon State College, Corvallis, Oregon.
  - D 36. Russell, Samuel D., 1810 N. Harvard Blvd., Hollywood, Calif.
  37. Schwartz, A.L., 229 Washington St., Dorchester, Mass.
  - D 38. Shaw, Larry, 1301 State St., Schenectady, N.Y.



39. Spencer, Paul 88 Ardmore Rd., West Hartford, Conn.  
 40. Speer, Jack, 6323 Western NW, Washington, D.C.  
 41. Stanley, Norm, 43A Broad St., Rockland, Maine. DUES  
 42. Swisher, Robert D., 15 Ledyard Rd., Winchester, Mass.  
 43. Thompson, D.B., 1903 Polk St., Alexandria, Louisiana.  
 44. Tucker, Bob, PO Bx 260, Bloomington, Illinois.  
 45. Unger, Julius, 6401 24th Ave., Brooklyn, New York. DUES  
 46. Warner, Harry, 303 Bryan Place, Hagerstown, Maryland.  
 47. Widner, Art Jr., 87 Colonial Rd., North Weymouth, Mass.  
 48. Wood, Mrs. Russell M., 524 West 74th St., San Pedro, Calif.  
 49. Wollheim, Donald A., 245 West 74th St., New York City.  
 50. 2375076 Sigmund Youd, C.S., Special Wireless Section, Royal Signals, Gibraltar.

# Cunningham is now "Pfc." and for the next five weeks his address will be Co A., Army Administration School, Enlisted Branch #2, Miss. Southern College, Hattiesburg, Miss. After that time he will return to address listed above.

\* indicates new members tentatively listed pending receipt of 75¢ dues.

Changes since last Mailing are: the memberships of Eastman and Perdue have lapsed; Harry Schmarje has resigned. Deutsch's credential is the N.Y. Convention booklet (published 1942); Daniel's credential consists of his work on his famous 'scrapbook' (if I may be pardoned the lese majestie) plus the avowed intention of entering active publishing soon; Laney is the editor & publisher of Acolyte.

The waiting list now stands

1. James Kepner 2. Frank Wilimczyk jr.  
 3. Wm H. Ryder 4. Tom Ludowitz 5. Harry Honig 6. Gordon K. Rouse  
 7. (?) Chandler Davis.

Davis' application is by way of Jack Speer; at the moment of this report I have not yet heard from Chandler.

# FINANCIAL REPORT:

	IN	OUT	BAL.
Cash on hand, Feb. 27, 1943			\$ 9.05
Dues received since said date	\$10.00		\$19.05
Proceeds from sale of back issues	\$13.45		\$32.50
Postage for back issues sold		\$0.45	\$32.05
Postage on March Mailing		8.66	\$23.71
Expenses for March FA		2.41	\$21.30 BAL.

Account to date, May 16, 1943.

Louis Russell Chauvenet

It ought to be rather obvious from the above figures that the notion of selling the surplus back copies to interested members has jacked up the treasury no end. However, it is also clear that the regular running expenses have been steadily exceeding the regular dues receipts by small amounts, so it may be just as well we have this healthy reserve.

Both Milton Rothman and Phil Bronson sent in \$1 to cover their dues, enriching the Treasury by an additional 50¢. Muchas gracias, señors.

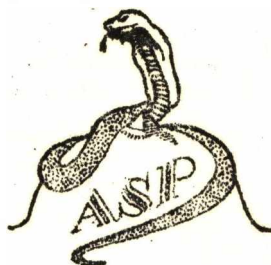
----- LRC.

## LAST MINUTE CHANGES OF FAPA ADDRESSES

((Due to the recently inaugurated "zoning system", a number of minor changes of address have already come to our attention. Many more will doubtless follow, but we felt that those at hand should be passed along now. There are also a couple complete changes included in the following list. --OE))

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Michel, John B., 7 Jane Street, New York 11, N.Y.  
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Speer, Jack F, 6323 Western Ave., Washington 15, D.C.  
Wollheim, Donald A., 245 West 74th St., New York 23, N.Y.

And so we come to the end of volume six of that fanzine called the fantasy amateur.





PLEASE LAY THIS ASIDE\*

AND RETURN IT AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE. NOTE THE 31 JULY DEADLINE.

SIGN EACH OF THE PROVISIONS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE ADOPTED. THUS, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO EXEMPT SERVICE MEMBERS FROM ACTIVITY REQUIREMENTS, YOU WOULD PROBABLY LIKE TO HAVE SERVICE MEMBERS OVERSEAS EXEMPTED EVEN IF THOSE INSIDE THE US ARE NOT; YOU SHOULD THEREFORE SIGN BOTH.

BEAUCOUP REMERCIEMENTS.  
-JFS