

THE ANNUAL YULEMOOT

WILL BE HELD Sunday, 27 Dec from 1:30 PM to 10 PM, with a dinner break, at the BRONX HOUSE, 990 Pelham Parkway S, Bronx NY 10461. Admission for members \$1, \$2 for non-members. Non-members can join & enter for a special price of \$3.50. The increase in admission is due to the great rise in hall rent to over \$200 this year!

The program still isn't complete but tentatively includes the following: a panel on what's wrong with Tolkien Criticism with Fred Lerner, Sister Pauline, Dick West & Deborah Rogers. Discussion of the projected Tolkien movie. A presentation of her Rivendell Suite by Marion Zimmer Bradley Breen. Veronica Kennedy on The Atlan Trilogy. An amateur Tolkien film if we can get the proper projector. As yet untitled talks by Dick Plotz, Lin Carter, Bob Foster, Ivor Rogers, and Dr. Clyde Kilb. (As of this writing Mrs Breen & Dr Kilby are not positive they can attend.) If you wish to present a paper please contact Ed Meskys immediately so that we could schedule you into the program. NOTE: the meeting coincides with that of the Modern Language Association so that we should have a number of out-of-town members and guests. The meeting will end with the traditional seed-cakes and cider.

TRAVEL DIRECTIONS -- Bronx House is on Pelham (Bay) Parkway about 6 blocks east of Boston-Post-Rd/White Plains Rd and a mile west of the New England Thruway & Hutchinson River Parkway. BY CAR: take Pelham Parkway W from NE Thruway or Hutchinson Pkwy to White Plains Rd, turn around & return about 6 blocks. Or take Pelham Parkway E from Bronx River Parkway about 10 blocks. BY SUBWAY: From lower Manhattan, Brooklyn or Queens, take the Lexington Ave-Dyre Ave (IRT) line to Pelham Parkway. Bronx House is around the corner. From the upper west side of Manhattan, take the IRT 7th Ave-White Plains Rd line to Pelham Parkway & walk 6 blocks east. Or if more convenient, take any subway into the Bronx or upper Manhattan to 207 St-Fordham Rd-Pelham Parkway and take the #12/12A/12B bus in the appropriate direction (W from the Pelham Bay Park, E from all other lines).

I have written several other people asking them to speak but too recently for them to have replied by now. I am also inviting the C S Lewis Society of New York to participate in the meeting but this is rather late notice for them. I do hope that something can still be arranged. Please come and bring friends.

TOLKIEN CONFERENCE 1971

is being organized by Jan Howard Finner, 23951 Lake Shore Blvd, #204-B, Euclid OH 44123(216-732-7180). This is THE conference of the year with TSA support--Tolkien Conference IV. This Conference On Middle Earth will be held April 2-4, 1971 at Cleveland State University. Anticipated speakers include Charles Alexander, Bruce Beatie, Bonniejean Christensen, Margerete Ezeziel, Beverly Friend, Thomas Claresen, Neil Isaacs, U Milo Kaufman, Sally P Kennedy, David Miller, Ruth Miller, Deborah Rogers, Ivor Rogers, Walter Scheps, and Estelle Zannes. There will also be a play version of LotR in the style of Readers Theater running the three nights, an exhibit of original Tolkien manuscripts from Marquette University, a Third Age fashion show (if enough help is available) a luncheon, a dinner, and (unofficially) parties. Jan still wants papers for presentation and ideas for panels. Or anything else you are interested in doing. The conference will focus on Tolkien in particular and mythology in general. For more details write Jan at the above address.

NEWS OF TSA

First of all, TJ 13 is now at the printers, and we expect to get it back about a week after most copies of this GrD are mailed out. We have switched to a new, much more dependable printer and should now have far better luck. TJ 13 is an 'ORC'RIST' again, and we hope to have a TJ of our own out in the very near future. We'll have copies of 13 at Yulemoot.

Nans mother, Mrs S Miles, has now taken over all the business functions of the TSA to leave us with more time to work on producing TJs, organizing meetings etc.

You can get the following buttons thru the TSA: COME TO MIDDLE EARTH, FRODO LIVES (in Roman script or in Tengwar), Support Your Local Hobbit, Gandalf for President, Join the Hobbit Habit, and Go Go Gandalf (in Cereth with Gandalf's fire-lighting charm in Tengwar). To order, send 25c per button plus 10c per order to Fred Brenton, 11101 Clover Av, Los Angeles CA 90024.

GIVE TH, BOOKS, ETC FOR CHRISTMASS

Now that we are handling mail on the day received we can handle orders for gifts & get them to the recipients on time. Order a sub to TJ, posters, murals, books, etc. If you want to be sure of arrival on time include first class or special handling postage. We will include an appropriate Tolkien inspired card drawn by Diana L Paxson, signed as you wish.

TOLKIEN NOTES FROM ALL OVER

Ballantine books is helping United artists look for an actor to play Frodo. Write suggestions to Tolkien Film, Ballantine Books, 101-5 Av, NY NY 10003.

Lin Carter's anthology The Young Magicians (Ballantine 345 01730-95, 95c) has a short poem by Tolkien, Once Upon a Time, which has a 1965 copyright by Macmillan Co.

Air mail subs to TJ are available. The following list of surcharges estimates the extra costs involved in mailing 4 TJs and 4 GrDs by air. In US, Canada & Mexico add \$1.50 to the regular rates. In Latin America & W Europe add \$3. Elsewhere add \$4.

Ballantine has issued in its adult fantasy series some good books and some bad ones. They recently issued Evangeline W Walton's long out-of-print The Virgin & The Swine as The Island of the Mighty, an excellent novel based on the 4th branch of the Mabinogian. They will also issue a revised edition of Poul Anderson's early fantasy, The Broken Sword. I also recommend very highly Pratt & deCamp's Land of Unreason (95c). Other titles include George MacDonald's Lilit & Phantastes (separate books), Hannes Bok's Beyond the Golden Stair (the complete version of the Blue Flamingo) and The Sorcerer's Ship, Lord Dunsaney's At the Edge of the World, George Meredith's The Shaving of Shagpat, Hope Mirreles Lud of the Mist, Lin's anthologies Golden Cities, Far & Dragons, Elves & Heroes, H P Lovecraft's The Dream Quest of Unknown Kadath, James Branch Cabell's Figures of Earth & The High Place (I found FofE too cynical to stomach). Ballantine has also issued some excellent science fiction. In particular I recommend The Ship Who Sang by Anne McCaffrey, Poul Anderson's Brain Wave, and Larry Niven's RINGWORLD. I would also like to recommend the following SF from Signer Books: Fred Hoyle's anthology Element 70, Philip K Dicks Do Android Dream of Electric Sheep, Poul Anderson's The Rebel Worlds. For those interested in our environment Signet has issued Gordon Taylor's The Biological Time Bomb, and Ballantine has issued the Voters Guide to Environmental Politics, The Environmental Handbook, Defoliation, and The Users Guide to the Protection of the Environment.

SF & fantasy titles can be ordered from F&SG Book Co, Box 415, Staten Island NY 10302. British editions of Tolkien & other fantasy can be ordered from Ken Slater, Fantasy (UK) Books Ltd, 75 Norfolk St, Wisbech Cambs England. You may pay with personal checks in US funds if you wish. Remember that British book dealers MUST charge postage on all orders.

Members in the US can order the Tolkien record, Poems & Songs of Middle Earth by sending \$5.95 plus NY taxes if a resident, Dept TSA, Collection Records, 505-S Av, NY NY 10018. TSA members do not have to pay postage on the record.

Lin Carter reports that he is working on a revision of his book on Tolkien for possible hard-cover publication. He is incorporating correction and suggestions sent in by TSA members. If you have any comments please send them to Lin c/o Ballantine Books.

Vera Chapman (Balladonna Took) 21 Harrington House, Stanhope St, London NW1 England reports the formation of the Tolkien Society of Britain. Write for more details.

MISSING TSA MFMEMBER: Does any one know a David Green who lives or lived at zip code 10956. Thru an accident we lost his address from our records and owe him several TJs.

An anonymous member in Los Angeles (return address on the envelope read IF UNDELIVERABLE, feed it to a goat) sent a page from an old Beverly-Hills/West Los Angeles phone directory listing Frodo Baggins at 625 1/2 Kelton Ave, West LA. He/she/it reports said Frodo being missing in the following years directory by a Bilboe Baggins at a different number and address.

HOBBITALLIA is available free for postage (an 8c stamp) from Box 1444, Vallejo CA 94590. A merry Christmass to all

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