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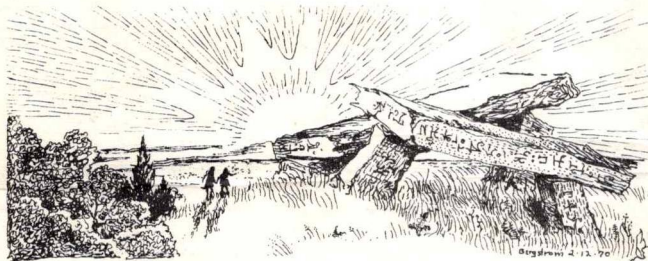
THE SPRING PICNIC

will celebrate



THE ELVISH NEW YEAR

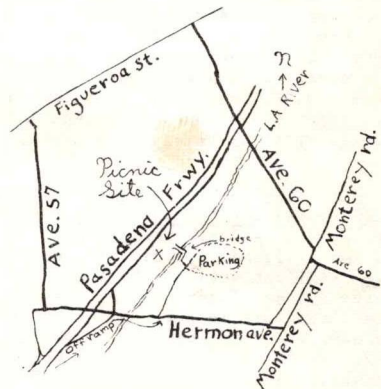
THE MEMORIAL VICTORY CELEBRATION OF THE DESTRUCTION OF THE RING



THE BREAKING OF THE STONE TABLE

MARCH 21 ARROYO SECO PARK

MARCH 21 is the date of the Vernal Equinox, and is the perfect time for the Mythopoeic Society's Third Annual Spring Picnic. This year the Society will celebrate three different events at the Picnic: The Elvish New Year (actually due this year on March 26) & The Destruction of The Ring (actually occurring this year on March 15), both events from The Lord of The Rings by Tolkien; the third event celebrates the ending of a hundred's year Winter and the coming of Spring to Narnia, an event from The Chronicles of Narnia, specifically The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis. The day will be celebrated with games, a Lord of the Rings quiz, maypole and other dances, and a Ring Burning Ceremony to commemorate the Destruction of the Ring. Awards will be given for the best costumes representing characters from Middle Earth and Narnia. The Spring Picnics are an occasion of much joy. They are one of the events where all members of the Society are invited to gather together. With so many branches now established, we have tried to have the picnic in a fairly centralized location. Bring enough food and drink for yourself and perhaps some extra from some errant hobbit.



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MYTHCON NEWS

C.S. Kilby has agreed to be the Guest of Honor at the Convention, barring unforeseen circumstances. Professor Kilby is very possibly the foremost scholar on Tolkien and Lewis. He has written two books on C.S. Lewis: The Christian World of C.S. Lewis, a survey of his writings, and A Mind Awake, an anthology of short passages from Lewis' writings. Kilby has also written several essays and papers on Tolkien, and went to England in the Summer of 1966 to assist Tolkien in catching up with Tolkien's correspondence, so that Tolkien could spend more time in working on the fabled Silmarillion. Kilby is perhaps the only American to have read the Silmarillion, and can tell us about many things that are unanswered in The Lord of the Rings.

C.S. Kilby has the same quiet enthusiasm about the Mythopoeic writers that many members of The Mythopoeic Society have. Due to his guidance, Wheaton College, where he teaches, has an admirable collection of original manuscripts of Tolkien, Lewis, Williams, Owen Barfield, George MacDonald, and Dorothy Sayers. He is the natural choice of the Society to ask to be the Guest of Honor, and it is a great honor he has accepted.

Join Now

The enclosed second sheet on the Convention is going to be used generally to publicize the Con nationally. It will be a national convention, and surely an unforgettable experience. Additional sheets available on request. The Convention needs your \$3.00 registration deposit as soon as possible to cover initial publicity expenses. The time is short to publicize on a national basis, we need to do it now, so those who would be interested in coming, will have enough time to make plans. You can greatly help the Con by sending in your \$3.00 now, instead of waiting several months from now.

Art Show

Kaleidoscope, the group which is in charge of Westcon Art Shows, is going to be in charge of the Fantasy Art Show and Exhibit. This will insure an efficiently run show, to the benefit of everyone. The show will have panels to display the artwork upon and tables for three dimensional work.

Trophies

Trophies will be awarded at the Art Show. Suggested categories for first prizes are: Best Tolkien Art, Best Lewis Art, Best Williams Art, Best Three-dimensional Art, Best Other Fantasy Art, Judges Open Award, and Popular Vote Award. Each trophy will cost about \$15.00. It is suggested that each branch sponsor a trophy. The branch would have till August to raise the cost, which could be done with out a large strain on any particular member. Bernie Zuber is co-ordinating the awards. Contact him as to which award your branch would like to sponsor. His address is 1775 Las Palmas, Los Angeles, 90028. Ph. 464-5230.

Music

In order to have a well-rounded program of music based on The Lord of the Rings for Mythcon, we need volunteers who can play the guitar, lute, or recorder or who can sing, and who can sing or play well. We have some excellent music to be performed, including some pieces by one of our members, Marvin Mossmond. We need the people to perform the program. Also if anyone has composed some music based on Lord of the Rings, please don't be shy about letting us know. Those interested please contact Glen Goodknight, 6117 Woodward ave., Maywood, Cal. 90270. Phone 773-3808.

BANNERS

All branches are encouraged to have their own banner. It will make for a grand sight at picnics, conventions, and other events where the branches are together to see the banners displayed. The San Fernando Valley Branch already has theirs: a black satin banner embroidered in white to make the pattern of the White Tree and the Crown with seven stars. The Upland Branch has a semi-official banner made of a streamer of long green silk, with the figure of a red lion rampant, as taken from a Pauline Daynes illustration in The Voyage of The Dawn Treader. The Orange Country Branch has a sketch of theirs, which contain elements from all three authors. Please clear your branch design with Bernie Zuber, so as to avoid duplication. 1775 N. Las Palmas, Hollywood. Ph. 464-5230.

Mrs Williams dies

C.S. Kilby, in his acceptance letter, reported the death of Mrs. Charles Williams. She died quietly at home on February 2 and her body was cremated on February 6. Her husband died May 13, 1945. Williams wrote beautiful poetry to his wife, Florence, during their engagement and marriage. For an analysis of his feelings of the inter-relationship of romantic and theological love, see The Theology of Romantic Love by Mary McDermott Sheidler, a deep study of William's metaphysics.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Each Branch meets on a Saturday at
8 PM

For needed directions to meetings, do not hesitate to call for more details on how to get to the meeting.

It is the policy of the Society not to have a meeting on the evening of the same day as a picnic is held. March is going to be a problem in scheduling. The third Saturday is the picnic, and the fourth Saturday is the day before Easter. This might not be a factor to some; to others it will, therefore all branches of the Society will meet the second Saturday, March 14. The first Saturday is out because of the time it will take to get this mailing to you.

March 14, 1970

The San Gabriel Valley Branch: at the home of Dave Hulan, 1005 Mt. Olive Dr., Duarte. Ph. 358-0720.
Topic: The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis.

The San Fernando Valley Branch: at the home of Lisa Deutsch, 13942 Albers St. Van Nuys. Call 780-9036 for directions.
Topic: The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe by Lewis.

The Upland-Pomona Valley Branch: at the home of Paul Munson, 2546 Mountain Dr., Upland. Ph.(714)982-6379.
Topic: The Last Battle by C.S. Lewis.

The West Los Angeles Branch: at the home of Christine Smith, 9581 La Tijera Blvd. Los Angeles 90049.
Ph. 641-2246.
Topic: phone Christine after Feb. 28 to find what the branch has voted upon.

The Orange County Branch: at the home of Anne Osborn, 415 E. Palmyra, The City of Orange. Ph.(714) 639-4537.
Topic: phone Anne after Feb. 28 to find what the Branch has voted upon.

The Santa Barbara Branch: at the home of Warren & Edith Hollister, 4592 Via Clarice, Santa Barbara.
Phone (805) 967-3892 for directions.
Topic: "Leaf by Niggle" & Essay "On Fairy-Stories" by J.R.R. Tolkien.

The Long Beach Area Branch: at the home of Debi Groven, 4540 Long Beach Blvd. Long Beach. Ph. 422-3079.
Topic: "The Elder Ages" meaning the First and Second Ages from The Lord of The Rings by Tolkien.

The Claremont Colleges Branch: contact David Ring for details. Pomona College, Mudd-Blaisdel #243. Claremont. Ph. (714) 626-1255, ex. 243.

There has been expressed interest in seeing the formation of a Hollywood-Wilshire Branch, which would cover the area from the L.A. Downtown Civic Center, the residential area along Wilshire Blvd, and north to the Hollywood Hills. This branch will have its first meeting in April.

PL Travers speaks

Mrs. Pamela L. Travers, the author of the Mary Poppins books, spoke in Garrison Auditorium at the Claremont Colleges on February 16 on the Subject "In Search of The Hero, the continuing relevance of myth and fairy tale." About seven members of the Society were able to hear her talk. Her ideas are in the same fundamental area as the mythopoeic writers, saying myths never were and always are; we live in myth. Myths do not have one meaning, but are many sided like symbols and jewels. She invited us the turn the diamond, seeing it sparkle. She also spoke on the development of the hero. A hero seeks to rediscover that which is lost, he becomes a channel for the Gods to come to man. She ended by saying "everyone has to be the hero of one story - his own." After her talk, the Society members talked with her, gave her copies of Mythlore, and asked her to be an honorary member of The Mythopoeic Society.

On February 21, Mrs. Travers, brought by David Ring and others from the Claremont Colleges Branch, visited the San Gabriel Valley Branch. One of the things she said was that we here didn't argue about the discussions; in Europe people would be inclined to argue a great deal more.

editorial

The Mythopoeic Society sends out over three times as many bulletins each month than the number of people who attend the monthly meetings. It would unrealistic to expect every single person who receives this bulletin will be at the branch meeting nearest them in March or any other month, there are always outside circumstances which make it difficult to be at every meeting. I do not want to particularly talk about that. I am thinking of the people who have never been to a monthly meeting or the person who has not been for a very long while. We did not compose our mailing list out of the thin air. Only persons who have showed some interest in the interests of the Society or those whom we have good reason to think would be interested are on the list. When I have told people the number on our list, they ask me "why don't you drop those who never come." I will gladly like to tell why we don't drop people. Because we can't read the individuals mind, to know if he is still interested, and if he interested, wether he has a way to get to the meetings for the timebeing. I am thinking of a person who was sent bulletins for over six month before he came. Then he did come to Fall Picnic last year, as was delighted with the people he met. He is now the Moderator of one of the branches. I am thinking of another person who came to a meeting over nine months ago, and then did not come again, until last month. The meeting he came to was that much better because of the good comments he had to make. I was glad to see him again, and found out it was not intent but circumstances that had kept him away. These two people are more than enough proof that not all the "dead wood" on our mailing list are really dead. The problem will remain, unless I become omniscient (highly unlikely). So we will continue sending to all on our list, because I think the exciting possibility that not all our "dead wood" are really dead, and because the Society thinks persons are more important than saving that extra postage money.

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