

The
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The "Feature" attraction booked for the National Fantasy Fan Federation this month, is the annual election of officers - those who will act as "traffic-officers" during the year of 1950. As in former years, votes are being cast for the office of president and five directors.

Something 'new' has been added to the event this year in the form of a group called the the Activity Party composed of some four members of the Federation. There are some six running as independent or otherwise "on their own."

K. Martin Carlson has been chosen as "teller", and all votes cast should be sent to him at 1028-3rd. Ave., Moorhead, Minnesota. YOUR BALLOT comes along with this issue of TNFF - so use it - VOTE NOW!

The 1950 candidates includes:

For President - - - - - Rick Sneary

For Directors - - - - - Ed Cox
Len Moffatt
Art Rapp
Ray Higgs
Jim Harmon
James Taurasi
Bob Farnham
George D. Mills
Charles L. Riddle

Vote for only FIVE directors. No write-ins permitted. Providing you are interested enough to keep NFFF 'on the ball' you will vote AT ONCE, and mail the ballot to Carlson! DO IT NOW!!

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The long "over-due" printed covers promised members for the past six months are HERE, thus making their premier debut this ish. Same are the work of one WALTER DUNKELBERGER, who at least should rate a 'thank you' from the membership. The cover looks mighty fine to me, Dunk!

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As a 'special' Christmas gift - you will receive your copy of the STF. ALBUM sometime prior to the arrival of old Nick himself. It will, without doubt, help you take your mind off of those dollars spent for Yuletide presents. Something like two hundred pages will make up the zine - also the why of its earlier appearance not being permitted?

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MANY, MANY thanks to those kind persons who donated various sums for the last issue of TNFF. So far - the sum almost two dollars. I will place this on the account (cost) of staples which I have used in the past two and one half years for the issues of TNFF, and which no cost was ever placed against N3F.

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I had a personal call from Howard M. Hauskins, 73 E. Jackson Boulevard, Chicago 4, Illinois, and although I wasn't at home at the time, Howard called me long distance from Richmond, Indiana. He is Traveling Passenger Agent for the Northern Pacific Railway and is interested in the "Science Fiction" Convention at Portland, Oregon in 1950. He is interested in getting N3F members to the con via the Northern Pacific whose trains will pass through the many states between here and Oregon. We suggested somewhat of a "special" train leaving Chicago, and picking up the members throughout the various states - thus we can have a car load or two of Portland, Oregon stf. fans. Sounds very good to me - and so to the incoming officers and President Sneary, I suggest you get in touch with Hauskins concerning this matter.

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-and about this time, it would be very becoming for me to say "so-long" to all the members of the NFFF, also the officers and the directors whom I have worked with for the past two and one half years. The reasons for it all - is that starting with the December ish of TNFF, you will have a new editor, and our official organ will appear in a brand new dress. It has been wonderful working with and for all of you as editor and director. I am in the line-up again for office as a director, and if you choose to vote for me I'll appreciate -- if you do not, then we have a nice array of other members running, so vote for your choice. To the in-coming President Editor, Directors, may I say - "lot's of good luck to you!"

- Ray C. Higgs, Editor TNFF

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Fellow Members of NFFF-

At Florence Anderson'd request I have formed a Library Committee with the object in mind of creating a lending library to be used by NFFF and Auxiliary members. We feel that many people will pay a small fee to read the books they can't afford to buy. Since, Science Fiction and Fantasy are scarce in Public Libraries, and the usual type of lending library, this thing should go over with a bang!

First - we must have some books to get started with. Since funds are almost non-existent we must depend on the membership for aid. About the end of November, we will be hitting all NFFF and Auxiliary members for donations of books. We will also accept books on a lend lease basis. After we get something together to start on the library will be self supporting.

- Betty Sullivan, Chairman Library Committee
4234 Florida Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio

Fellow Members-

The NFFF still moves forward. We now have Foreign Correspondents. Unlike the newspaper business, they will not gather in news, but new members. Their duties will be much the same as the Secretary Treasurer in the USA. He (they) will have the power to accept money, and grant membership to fans in his own country or district. He need only notify the Secretary-Treasurer in this country, and the new member will be on the official roster. No need anymore for members living outside of the USA to worry about getting his dues payed. All they have to do is turn it over to the Foreign Correspondent covering his country.

The well known Capt. Ken Slater will take over Great Britian and adjacent countries. So those of you living on that side of the Gond, can see him about rejoining after this. Refer new members to him too. We are interested in having Correspondents in other countries, and any one interested in doing the work should get in touch with me.

The Fan Directory is coming along well, despite the fact that Fantasy Advertiser, hasn't as yet, come out. I want to urge. those of you who have not as yet sent in the questmonaire, to do so AT ONCE! FD was to have distributed 1500 questmonaires with their pub. The sooner we have all information in, the sooner the directory can go to press. Be sure to get your non-NFFF fan friends (you should be ashamed of yourself for not getting them to join) to send in their names too. Committee Chairman Moffatt has assured me there will be no padding of the directory. ONLY THOSE who send in their names and addresses will be listed. But we want ALL NFFF members at least to be listed. If you have lost your blank, send in a postcard at least.

NOTES TO FANZINE EDITORS- Chas. Rowe, 132 Ash Ave., Newport News, Va. has been named head of the Copyright Bureau. Everyone who is or has put out a fanzine will be helping other editors and yourself by sending in a list of the names of the zines you edited, and a brief history of them...the number of issues...the year...and type of reproduction. The files will be open to the members, and Chas has stated his willingness to help members find any information about past zines that he has in his office.

- Rick Sneary, Chairman of Directors

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MESSAGE TO OLD TIME MEMBERS. - Everytime you receive TNFF, please mail a card of Welcome to each new member listed. This will create a happy friendliness through out the whole club. All present helpers in Welcommittee are new members. They write letters to the addresses received at regular intervals from Leslie Hudson. We want at least eight of YOU in this committee. Please volunteer for a time. It is pleasant work and lots of fun. Come on folks - your composition abilities are needed.

GREETINGS TO ALL MEMBERS. - An all out Recruiting campaign is about to start. Seven members have offered services. Any one wishing to join this group, send word. Addresses (what we have on hand) of prospects will be furnished. You members send us names of prospects so we can have them on hand. Remember that one year s dues is the reward for every five members brought into N3F. You may recruit and

be a WelCome worker. The two committees are in co-operation. Thirty fans joined at the Cinvention which runs our roster up to 353. We could easily make the 500 mark before 1950, if everyone makes an effort. And should each bring in only one, 706 it would be!! We can build N3F up into the most exciting club in the world, and eventually we will.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT. - Our former Hostess, Zeda P. Mishler, has a Shop for members of NFFF, stocked with second hand stf books and magazines for sale or trade. And I know personally that her prices are very reasonable, and that she is prompt and reliable.

I think our Editor is doing a nifty job in improving TNFF, don't you?

- Eva Firestone, N3F Hostess

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Fellow N3Fans -

As you all know, the National Fantasy Fan Federation does not include anything like all of fandom, much less all readers of stf and fantasy. Though we are the largest fan organization, 350 plus is still a pitifully small number for a national, much less an international federation.

Privileges and knowledge, associations and deeper insight are open to us for the taking - those of you who never write around among the membership have nobody to blame but yourselves, if you've gotten nothing more than the bare dollars worth - you've scarcely more to do than reach out your hands for wonderfully rich things. But the vast body of stf readers - the mere readers, and isolated fans (or isolationist fans), are not only less fortunate in their ignorance, undreaming as they are of the vast vistas opened by association, but we are the poorer for their exclusion. Did you ever think what it would mean to have all of the "people of the larger viewpoint" banded together? We have the biggest headstart, so let's start NOW to awaken ALL FANS, and ALL READERS, too! We don't have a monopoly on those good things tho; so for our sake, too --- ---!

The Welcomers are now expanded and prepared to write persuading recreating letters to all prospects. All NFFF members knowing of non-member fans and fannes, who have so far held out, or isolated, or isolationist fans - or just regular readers who dream not of fandom and its possibilities - ALL OF YOU send in these names and addresses to Hostess Eva Firestone, Box 395, Upton, Wyoming, and she will distribute them. The campaign is on to bring Fandom together! If you can't persuade 'em, let us try! Most of them don't realize that fandom is universal; letters from all the widely scattered welcomers will open their eyes. Send in the names!

And you will probably see notice from Paul Ferrara of La. -- elsewhere that the foreign membership drive is also implemented. They cannot send us money, so he is receiving books for sale - to NFFs only, the money from which is to be held by the treasurer for the dues of Anglofans, and any others known to Ken Slater, who is appointed Representative and Under Secretary. Paul lists the books, there'll be more coming steadily. They're good books, too - buy them!

You can send men your wants, and pay for them through Les Hudson, or whoever is Secretary-Treasurer in 1950. BRITISH FANTASY NOW AVAILABLE THROUGH NFFF.

- Harry Moore, Public Relations

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To the NFFF Membership -

I am the "British Book Seller" for OPERATION FANTAST. Ken Slater has sent me the following books from England:

	Sale Price
1. THE DEVIL RIDES OUT by Dennis Wheatley	.85
2. THE MOMENT OF TRUTH by Storm Jameson	1.30
3. THE TERRIBLE AWAKENING by Hugh Desmond	1.30
4. THE FOUR SIDED TRIANGLE by Wm. F. Temple	1.60
5. NINETEEN EIGHTY FOUR by Geo. Orwell	1.70
6. HEAVEN TAKES A HAND by Eliot Crayshaw-Williams	1.60
7. THE HOUSE UPSTAIRS by Chas. Rodds	1.30
8. THE WORLD BELOW by Sydney Fowler Wright	1.60
In addition to the above he can also supply these three:	
BLEEDING FROM THE ROMAN by Eric Romilly	1.45
TALES OF HORROR AND THE SUPERNATURAL by Arthur Machen	2.10
MAGISTER LUDI by Hermann Hesse	2.50

(Please understand that these are all brand new books.)

The books are for sale to N3F members at the prices listed above. Purchasers should send me the money and I will send them their selection or have Slater mail it direct to them from England. I will send the money, less my expenses for postage, to Leslie Hudson who will credit it to Slater for his use in paying for N3F dues, buying books in this country, etc. thus overcoming the difficulty. British fans encounter through their government's edict forbidding them to send money out of their country.

- P. A. Ferrara
1032 Frenchmen Street,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

A T T E N T I O N ! MEMBERS OF THE N. F. F. F.

Do you want to see the National Fantasy Fan Federation prosper and become a recognized factor in fandom? It is on those rare occasions when a vast majority of the membership can act in concert that the presence of an organization can be best shown. Such an opportunity has presented itself in the year of nineteen fifty! Kill two birds with one stone. Advance two causes at the same time. Help the Portland Science Fantasy Society to stage the 8th Annual Science Fiction convention and demonstrate, at the same time, that NFFF can and will deliver. Send a single dollar to DON DAY, 3435 N.E. 38th Ave., Portland 13, Oregon, and tell him that you're another NFFF member who wants to join the convention organization. Do it whether you think you'll be there or not. The buck won't be wasted. Let's see if we can get at least 75% of the membership in on this! DO IT NOW ! !

MEMBERS OF THE N. F. F. F.

A T T E N T I O N !

PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES NOW! SUBSCRIBE FOR NFFF'S "LETTERZINE" THRU ART RAPP, ALSO N3F SUBZINE THRU REDD BOGGS SOON - BETTER V O T E !

ALL GAL'S PAGE

OF AND BY THE NFFF LADIE'S AUXILIARY

SOMETHING NEW-----The Circulating Library

The latest project of the NFFF Auxiliary is a circulating library. Betty Sullivan (Convention Hostess) is in charge of it. At present she is accepting donations of books and mags in readable condition, also donations in cash are welcome. She plans by January 1st to have enough books to begin lending operations. We need help from YOU, YOU and YOU! Address Miss Sullivan at 4234 Florida Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.

If you like to read, here is your chance to read the best in stf, fantasy, wierd, etc. for only a few cents. Be a sponsor of the Auxiliary Library committee. To do this, send your donation at once so your name can be placed on the list of sponsors. The requirements are three books or the equivalent in mags and/or cash. Outright gifts and loans of books and mags in one or larger numbers will also be accepted.

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NAMES ARE NEWS

** At last I am able to announce that the Ladie's Auxiliary has a name. The one selected by a vote of the girls is LORILEI for the club, and the official organ shall be known as FEM FAN.

** Another issue of the clubzine, FEM FAN, will be out soon. Besides news, it features poetry, articles, stories, art work, and the proposed constitution, opening nominations for the coming election.

** Issues of the SCRAP BOOK, SPACE GIRLS and FEM FAN will appear in that giant combozine, STF. ALBUM. The above named are "all-girl" zines, and are 'purty' good - we tink.

** Eva Jane Clevenger, our own little blonde official editor of FEM FAN, will continue to issue SPACE GIRLS as her own fanzine. She can - and will use any and all material sent in. Her address is 404 East 10th. Street, Connersville, Indiana. Give her a helping hand, gals!

** With a membership of nearly 400, we think that more than 50 copies of EDITOR'S EFFORTS and STF. ALBUM should be purchased by NFFF fans and fannes! For 2½ years our official editor of TNFF has struggled and worked hard, and has given N3F the finest OO that it has ever had! Now we reward him by barely buying 50 of those giant zines of 200 pages each..selling only for \$1 each. IS THIS JUSTICE? A REWARD?

** See you in the next NATIONAL FANTASY FAN, also the STF ALBUM!

The Nfff Reporter

by James V. Taurasi

News arrived this month that the Customs Office of Australia has seized one shipment of 32 pro sf mags sent to an Australian fan by an American fan. The Aussie Customs Office claims that WILD TALES is too sexy and so are barring all fantasy mags from getting into the country. This will play "hell" with the plans of "the Fan's Marshall Plan", as voted at the recent "Cinvention" and which was given \$150 to do the job with.

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A British Edition of SUPER SCIENCE STORIES came out in England this month and contained most of the fiction material from the January 1949 issue of the U. S. edition. Recently a British Edition of STARTLING STORIES came out in England. As many of you know, ASTOUNDING is published about 6 times a year in a British Edition and UNKNOWN still has a British Edition, published about 3 times a year.

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For those of you who are interested in the comic magazines, you'll be interested to know that SUPERMAN is finally going to marry Lois Lane (as Clark Kent, of course) and that in due time a "superbaby" will be born to them. These two comic characters have been going around for the last ten years.

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The 3rd issue of FANTASY FICTION, a comic magazine, out late in November, will publish a picture version of "SHN" by H. Rider Haggard. The issue will

be dated December 1949, price 10¢.

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Arthur Jean Cox reports that despite Don A. Stuart's story not appearing in the November issue of ASTOUNDING SCIENCE FICTION, it nevertheless has been written and sold to ASF "via the van Kampen agency". ("Karl van Kampen" was one of JVCjr's pseudonyms.)

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Our organization, the NFFF, put on a super membership drive at the "Cinvention" and came up with 27 new members. Among them are: Fred Pohl, former editor of SUPER SCIENCE, A. J. Donnell, Arthur J. Burks, Charles R. Tanner and Lester del Rey.

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Ray Bradbury has had numerous stories lately in the British ARGOSY. In the September 1949 issue was printed his "The Homecoming" and in the October issue, "Uncle Einar". Both stories deal with the vampire family.

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A. Merritt fans will be interested in the pocket book of Merritt's short stories, now on the stands. It is published by Avon (No. 214) and contains nine stories, of which one, "The White Road" has never been published before. The title of the book is, "The Fox Woman".

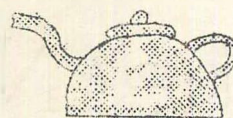
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TEMPEST IN A TEAPOT

BY BOB JOHNSON



Hello again!

Betcha thought I'd never make it, didn't you! -- I almost didn't!

Forthcoming fanzine department:

Manly Banister announces the arrival of his new-super fanzine of fantasy, THE NEKROMANTIKON. Now where have I heard a slightly different version of the word? The strange initials HPL seem to come to mind. The zine will be mimeod by a special Banister-invented method, and will have a two color lino-block cover, and story headings. Sounds snazzy, huh? (he's an N3F'er).

The fanzine, LUNA, which I formerly edited, has seemingly dropped from publication. The second issue, which I know was printed has never seen the dark of mailing.

By now, the whole of fandom (more or less) knows about the Singer-Tucker 'death' hoax...yet I feel both sides are being strangely reticent on one certain subject. There seems to be something which Fantasy News came awfully close to, and r-t Rapp, too, and yet they never quite hit on it. Can YOU guess what it is?

In the event you are reading this, right close to December, Virgil Finlay's little girl-child will be nearing the grand old age of one year! Let's all hope that she will be as beautiful as one of her pop's famous pics!

By now you all know (again, more or less) r-t Rapp has started an N3F letterzine, POSTWARP. I think this is one N3F publication that should place its presence elsewhere. There is absolutely no need for an N3F letterzine organ. There is enough correspondence between members to make a letterzine completely superflous.

Another radio network has at last seen the light!---even if it is used as filler between permanent programs. The Canadian Broadcasting Company brings you "Phantasmagoria", on any Sunday that it has a mind to (it's a very irregular program. Becomes regular only during the vacation months.) at 8:00 p/m, Mountain Time. It's really weird!

Eva Firestone informs me that the big N3F membership drive is now on its way. Come on, youse guys, and give Eva a hand. Write her for application blanks, or ask Harry Moore, Written, as of last of October, our membership exceeds 365. Let's make it over 400!

'Bye now!

Fanland's Louella Parsons,
Bob Johnson.

Sec. Treas. Report

This report includes all business up to October 15.

INCOME

Balance forwarded.....\$ 52.86	Dues cards, pos, etc...\$ 1.00
July dues, etc..... 27.00	June TNFF..... 31.60
August dues, etc..... 19.00	Payment of debt to
September, dues, etc... 20.00	K. M. Carlson..... 16.50
October dues, etc..... 15.00	Postage to KMC..... 3.50
Convention proceeds..... 93.00	Sec-Treas. Pos..... 3.00
	Pos. for Aug. TNFF.... 7.22
\$225.86	
Less expenses..... 62.82	
Balance.....\$164.04	\$62.82

The treasury is now in very good shape and I believe that most of our money worries are over for the near future anyway. The Convention, through new members, the Finlay Folio, and zines netted us a nice sum. Much credit is due to the members who helped bring this about. Harry Moore, Dale Tarr, and Will Sykora seem to have been especially active in obtaining new members. We should all be grateful to Ray Higgs too for his generous gesture of doing the last issue of TNFF free. By this and previous projects he has shown that he definitely has the interests of the club at heart. At this point, I'd like to thank those who have helped out with the contributions which Ray requested in the last issue. Every bit helps out and it is all appreciated.

Below is a list of the new members since the June TNFF..... except Nos. 75 through 89 which were listed last issue. These include all to date and together with the last two issues of the mag, give you a complete roster of the members.

NEW MEMBERS

- 71-George Andrews, 8917 Cumberland Ave., Cleveland 4, Ohio
- 72-Carroll L. Collins, R.R. #7, Kingsport, Tennessee
- 73-Leland Sapiro, 2981 Linden St., Berkeley 4, Calif.
- 74-Ora E. Holmes Jr., R.R. #1, Ellis, Kansas
- 90-Joe E. Dean, 315 W. 33rd St., New York, N. Y.
- 91-Chuck L. Hagerman, 33 N. Ahrens, Lombard, Illinois
- 92-Rose Davenport, 137 Cherry Ave., S. San Francisco, Calif.
- 93-Charles A. Kentfield, 442 N. Sandusky Ave., Upper Sandusky, Ohio
- 94-Ruby A. Anderson, 828 Montrose Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
- 95-Kay Brickman, 68 W. 107th St., New York 25, N. Y.
- 96-Arthur J. Burks, c/o ADVENTURE MAGAZINE, Paradise, Penna.
- 97-Michael de Angelis, 302 E. 38th St., New York 16, N. Y.
- 98-Lester del Roy, 151 West End Ave., New York 23, N. Y.
- 99-Joseph G. Dittrich, 52 Poplar St., Trenton 9, N. J.
- 100-A. J. Donnell, 402A S. Third Ave., West Reading, Penna.
- 101-M. Dorcal, Sedalia, Colorado
- 102-Sonya Dorcal, Sedalia, Colo.
- 103-Sonia V. Garner, 310 E. Mason Ave., Alexandria, Va.
- 104-Martin Greenberg, 421 Claremont Pkwy, New York, N. Y.
- 105-Kenneth F. Jorwick, 1053 Fairbanks Ave., Cincinnati 5, Ohio
- 106-Janie Lamb, Rt. #1, Heiskell, Tenn.

NEW MEMBERS (Continued)

- 107-Robert Kent Leaman, Bird-in-Hand, Penna.
108-Sol Levin, 3222 W. Montgomery Ave., Philadelphia 21, Penna.
109-Bea Mahaffey, 1616 Walnut St., Cincinnati 10, Ohio
110-John Millard, 58 Heath St., West Toronto, Ontario, Canada
111-Frederick Pohl, 521 Fifth Ave., New York 17, N. Y.
112-Sgt. Fred J. Remus Jr., AF 19278700, c/o branch P.O., Chanute Field,
Illinois
113-George O. Smith, 3339 Indier Queer Lane, Philadelphia 29, Penna.
114-Betty Sullivan, 4234 Flouda Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio
115-Russell Swanson, Haddam, Conn.
116-Charles R. Tanner, 2007 E. Sutter Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio
117-Robert G. Thompson, 4232 Spruce St., Philadelphia 4, Penna.
118-Samuel Webb, 703 S. 10th St., Ironton, Ohio
119-James A. Williams, 122 S. 18th St., Philadelphia 3, Penna.
120-Jack Williamson, 111 SW Blankenship, Pontales, New Mexico
121-David English, 203 Robin St., Dunkirk, N. Y.
122-J. L. Low, 620 Holland St., Lakewood, Colo.
123-Joel Markman, 1560 Grand Concourse, Bronx 57, N. Y.
124-Bill Venable, 92 Park Place, R.D. #4, Pittsburgh 9, Penna.
125-William N. Austin, 3317 W. 67th St., Seattle 7, Wash.
126-Rose Tatlow, Box 21, Squamish, B. C., Canada
127-Patricia C. Sherman, 463 Fountain St., New Haven 15, Conn.
128-S. A. Bolton, P.O. Box 483, Germiston, South Africa
129-Jack Schwab, 58 Greene Blvd., Portsmouth, Va.

Zeda P. Mishler has asked me to state that she is now handling a sort of second hand book and mag deal for fans. She invites inquiries and will try to handle all wants. She endeavors to keep all prices as low as possible. For any new or old fan interested, her address is 423 Woodland, Johnstown, Penna.

ADDRESS CHANGES

- John E. Blyler, Buckhorn Rd., R.D. #1, Ashville, Penna.
Howard Koltner, 402 N. Taylor St., Gainesville, Texas
Pfc. Harold Shapiro, 1629391, Sq. "R", 2349 AFORD, Hamilton AFB,
Hamilton Field, Calif.
Warren Baldwin, 407 Philip Ave., Norfolk, Nebraska
C. Stewart Metchette, c/o B. G. Gotlieb, 3555 Edison (Apt. E),
Hillsdale, San Mateo, Calif.
Billy D. Cox, Finance Office, Chatham Air Fb, Savannah, Georgia
Ned Rocco, 208 Lincoln Ave., Kannapolis, N. C.
Claire Millor, 356 1/2 Water St., Helena, Mont.
Harry B. Moore, 2703 Camp St., New Orleans 13, La.
Joe Green, Box 493, Lynn Haven, Florida
Andrew Wohlert, 130 Lincoln Ave., Pittsburgh 18, Penna.
Pfc. Floyd J. Perley, AF11188428, 3060th AMC, Hq. Support Sq.,
Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio
Mark C. Walstad, 310 W. 18th St., Albany, Oregon
Gus Willmorth, 1236 S. Chola St., Los Angeles, Calif.
James V. Taurasi, 137-03-32nd Ave., Flushing, N. Y.
Floyd L. Towksbury Jr., 1002 Ackerman Ave., Syracuse 10, N. Y.
Ed. S. Beck, 26 Revere Drive, Stamford, Conn.
Andro M. Weitzenhoffer, R-592, Webster Hall, 5060 Cass Ave.,
Detroit 2, Mich.

REINSTATED since printing of roster:

- Harold Loney, 31 Cottosbrook Close, West Derby, Liverpool 11, England
Arthur Levine, 139 E. 40th St., New York 16, N. Y.
Neil Austin, 541 Boyd St., Winter Garden, Florida

PLATFORMS FOR OFFICE SEEKERS IN NFFF, 1949.

This year there is one candidate for the office of president and nine for the directors' position. Four of these ten belong to the NFFF Activity Party. Two sent no separate platforms; two did not. I will therefore list the platform for the Activity Party first and then the individual ones which are on hand.

ACTIVITY PARTY

The NFFF Activity Party hereby announces its candidates for the 1949 elections:

For President of NFFF: Rick Sncary

For Directors: Ed Cox, Len Moffatt, Art Rapp

If elected, the Activity Party Candidates will work for these objectives--

(1) South Gate in '58.

(2) A monthly TNFF.

(3) The Activity Requirement Plan.

For an active NFFF in 1950 vote the Activity Party Ticket all the way!

-Art Rapp

PRESIDENT

I offer myself as candidate for President, on the Activity Party ticket, in the belief that I, and our Party can do for the NFFF in 1950 what we started in 1949. We stand on our record of being the most active group of officers the NFFF has had in three years.

As Chairman of the Board of Directors, I have served as unofficial head of the organization in the past year. As no official or unofficial word has reached us from the elected President. With the aid of the other Directors and Officers I think a good job has been done.

Handicapped by a lack of money we have reorganized the Treasury, and the Welcom service, started a fan Directory, added a Woman's Auxiliary, and started discussion on taking over the selection of convention sites. Plus revising the o-o; all in six months.

The Activity Party has plans for the future that it wants to carry out if it is given the time. To extend its discount on books and fanzines, a new portfolio of famed interior drawings by some well known artist, and official subsidized fanzine edited by one of the best editors in fandom, and a plan that will insure the activity of each member of the Federation.

The Activity Party is not out for glory or graft. We are a group of friends that know each other so well that there is no doubt in our minds that we can work together for the betterment of our Federation.

I ~~have~~ what I believe is a balanced outlook on fandom. Having been a fan for 4½ years, I am no longer a starry-eyed and indolistic neo-fan, nor have I been in so long that the thrill has worn off, and I am liable to drift off into something else. I assure you, if I am elected, I will do everything in my power to help and improve the NFFF.

And if you vote for me, please be sure and vote for Ed Cox, Len Moffatt, and Art Rapp as Directors, for without them, I might find it hard to carry out the programs we have planned.

-Rick Sncary

DIRECTORS

Friends and Fellow Fantasites:

For the second time in my "fan career" I find myself running for an office--namely, a directorship in the NFFF--with nothing to recommend me...except, of course, for the obvious facts that I am always faithful to self-imposed duties, thing that "fanning" is lots of fun as a hobby, do not believe that fandom is a way of life, think that NFFF could do more as a national--or better still, international--fanclub if more of the members would co-operate instead of beating their gums, am a very good friend of Rick Sncary's, am a very good friend of Ed Cox's, have liked what I've heard from and heard of Art Rapp, am a member of the Activity Party, read The Outlander Magazine (log a copy from Freddie Hershey, 6355 King Ave, Bell, Calif.), have had a story published in Los Quentos Fantisticos, Mexico's leading fantasy pulp mag, am working like a slave over this not Fan Directory project, prefer Eastern beer, am a member of the History Book Club, am going to edit the fifteenth ish of Shan-rila, have been a FAPA member for seven years, prefer redheads to brunettes to blondes, was once surrounded by five thousand shredded-wheat biscuits, with nothing to defend myself but one lone rice-krispie, think that Art Rapp, Rick Sncary and Ed Cox will do great work as NFFF officers, greater than they've done this past year and who can ask for more, think that if I am elected I will be able to work in co-operation with these gents, believe that the Activity Party is not a reactionary party but an ACTIONary party (Got Actionary with Rick M. Sncary!), am getting pretty damned thirsty for that above mentioned beer.

Vote for Sncary, EdCo and Rapp...Activity Party will never nap!
And how about a vote for me?

-Len J. Moffatt

This is to notify that I am a candidate for a post on the board of directors. I am not making a platform for I actually have nothing to say, except, as the congressman always says--"Look at my record--it speaks for itself!" I think that I have been active enough to warrant consideration, and also that a servi-fan ought to be on the board anyway.

-Charles Lee Riddle

August 31, 1949

With a deadline of September 1st this certainly is a fine time to be filing my candidacy for office. Just got the notice today tho--

Anyhoo, I wish to announce my candidacy for a post on the board of directors.

My platform---

I pledge myself to devote as much of my time as I can toward the advancement of fandom and myself. The two, my ambitions and fandom's ambitions, are an inseparable one.

-George David Mills

To the members of NFFF:

This serves as a notice that I will run for re-election as Director in the forthcoming election. As in my two previous terms, I will undertake to strengthen, enlarge and improve our organization while serving in office. As in the past, I stand ready to help and encourage all members in publishing, printing and editing fanzines; lend aid in publishing an A-1 official organ, help enlarge our membership, and help retain those members we have...and try to fulfill all my duties as a Director.

-Ray C. Higgs

I couldn't very well put a platform into a telegram so here it is. I realize that it's after the deadline, but I did file beforehand, so I hope it may be published in TNFF along with the rest.

Now, the platform:

You may be wondering on what qualifications I am running for NFFF Director. First of all, I think I have sufficient intelligence and skill to handle the job. My past record in NFFF consists of a few members recruited and a special subscription rate on a fanzine for members. Admittedly not an impressive one. However, being only human, I would like to offer an excuse for this. During the last few years, a heart disease has either kept me in bed or confined me to the house for most of the time. As you can see, this made any sort of work difficult. In the last several months, my condition has improved to the point where I think I can serve as Director adequately and conscientiously. If elected, I will do my best to justify your faith in me.

Sincerely,
-Jim Harmon

I will do my best in every legal way to make the NFFF the best club of its kind in stf. fandom, past, present and future.

-James V. Taurasi

I wish to announce my candidacy for a Directorship on the Board of Directors of NFFF.

I have twice won a place on the TNFF Honor Roll and have recently been awarded a year's free membership for club work for NFFF.

I will work for a monthly issue of TNFF and am ready and willing to cut the stencils for the entire issue every month.

I will co-operate in every way possible and guarantee return mail replies to all matters concerning NFFF.

-Bob Farnham

And that is the line-up for this time. The ballot cards are enclosed with this issue; as soon as you receive it, sit down right away, mark your choices, and mail. Don't put it off until later, and then forget about it. It is your privilege and duty to vote; so do so.

W. Leslie Hudson, Sec-Treas.

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* V O T E - - AND VOTE EARLY!!! *
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* In this issue you will find the names of nine members *
* who are running for the office of Directors - vote for *
* ONLY FIVE of them; also vote for the President, and as *
* there is only one entered - you have no other choice. *
* NO WRITE-INS ARE PERMITTED! VOTE FOR ONLY THOSE WHO ARE *
* LISTED. BALLOT IS INCLUDED WITH THIS ISSUE OF TNFF. MARK *
* YOURS AND MAIL TO THE TELLER: *
* K. Martin Carlson, 1028-3rd Ave; Moorhead, Minnesota. *
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WELCOM=REPORT

The Welcom workers have been very active the last few months as can be seen by the steady increase in the membership rolls. Most of the work has been carried on by EVA FIRESTONE and HARRY MOORE with the active help of the Welcomembers, listed here; (A swell bunch of workers)

Mrs Olive M. Morgan, P.O.Box , Gardiner , Oregon
Oliver G. Beardslee, Rm 51, 103 Broadway , Oakland,9, Calif.
Richard Elsberry , 413 E. 18th Street, Minneapolis, Minn
Mrs Dorothea M. Faulkner, 164 Geneva Place , Covina, Calif.
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/ Hamilton, California

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Frank F. Groves, 605 West Oak , Carbondale, Ill.
Kenton Martinsson 1086th AACs Group, Albrook A.F.B. Canal Zone
Jim Goldfrank, 1116 Fulton Street, Womere, New York
Mrs. Virginia LeLake, 669 Jordon Avenue, Tooele, Utah
Bill Calabrese, 52 Pacific Street , Stamford, Conn.
Ray W. Cummings , Rt#2, Windsor Harbor, Kimmswick, Mo.

EVA FIRESTONE has just sent me a list of the Recruiters who take care of the work of contacting the readers of prozines, thru the letter columns. So far she has seven active workers. If anyone wants WORK, let her know.

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Richard Elsberry, 413 E 18th Street, Minneapolis, Minn.
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Bill Calabrese , 52 Pacific Street , Stamford, Conn.
Olive M. Morgan, P.O.Box 101 , Gardiner , Oregon. (Mrs.)

AND then there are many others who keep working on prospects. You will Always find a plug for NFFF in the SPACEWARP and other fanzines. It is this consistant work that has placed our membership over the 300 mark. (331, I believe). We are regognizes as the MAIN club to belong to. Then you get into FAPA, SAPA, VAPA etc. Local clubs are increading each month, which shows that the fans like to get to see each other and talk over the news in Fandom.

We Also have news from the NFFF AUXILIARY. Addie Huddleston, who is the Welcoming Chairman, tells me that there are over 53 gals in the "all gal" club. They publish an official organ also. More power to 'em.

THERE is news that our official organ will no longer be mimeographed ! ! RAY C. HIGGS tells me that he will no longer be the EDITOR. Lets not forget the swell service he has done the N3F in a steady Editorship. He offered to do a job that no one else wanted, during a critical period of our organization. I was doing my best, at the time, in holding the NFFF together, and the only news of our activities was published in my zinc KAYLAR TRADER (now STF TRADER). Higgs has done a good job with what he had to work with, since that time. Many times he has DONATED supplies and postage in order to get the TNFF out. Lets hope the new Editor does as well in giving us a steady TNFF. Get your FREE "BLOOMINGTON NEWS LETTER" from Bob Tucker, Box 260 , Bloomington, Ill. You'll never regret it ! ! The #1 Fanzine.

-----K.Martin Carlson, Chairman of WELCOM.

N3FORUM ~ ~ ~ "The Voice of the Members"

LEEDS, YORKS, ENGLAND

I don't know enough about the state of fandom on your side of the Atlantic to comment on R. H. Ramsays allegations in N3Forum of a campaign against left-wing fans, but I'd like to correct the mistaken impression which fans might get from Arthur Rapp's letter with regard to Claf Stapledon's political allegiance. Surely this authors opposition to supporting American Imperialism in a war against the USSR no more makes him pro-Communist than his opposition to supporting Soviet Imperialism un a war against the USA makes him pro-capitalist.

In actual fact, Dr. Stapledon, as he recently confirmed to me, is (like myself) a member of Common Wealth (the international party)

If any left-wing fan would like to know more about this organization, I'll be pleased to send him full information.

Rick Dalton
9 Artillery St.
Leeds 7, Yorks, England

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

If you can decipher my hand-writing, I'd be much obliged if you'd put this into TNFF.

I'm planning on going to the Norwesion - well in advance, to save me all the last minute rush worries. I'd like to go by car, with anybody who has one, sharing all expenses.

I live in New York City, and would travel up to 200 miles, or more, to contact any drivers.

The above 200 miles or more radius enables me to meet drivers in any part of Washington, D.C., Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, Mass., Rhode Island, Vermont, Delaware, and of course New York State!

Any takers?

If we don't get absolutely sick of each others company by Port land, we might even share a room.

Henry W. Chabot
309 East 18 St.
N.Y. 3, N.Y.

PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Many thanks for membership card, and my first issue of TNFF. It's really grand to be a member of this great organization.

There is a matter I would like to draw to the attention of N3F members, and it is this: We have had Finlay portfolios, Lawrence portfolios, a Bok portfolio, and even a portfolio of fan drawings. Yet to date, we have not had a portfolio of artwork from one of the really great weird artists of our time, I refer of course, to Lee Brown Coye. I feel the time has come for Coye to be "drafted" into bringing out a portfolio for we fans, sorry, fen. There is only one way we may get this, and that is by writing to Coye and Weird Tales magazine, or both. So come on all you fen who are lovers of Lee Brown Coye's bizarre artwork, start those letters and post cards

rolling in to him.

I would appreciate if this letter be printed in TNFF, so that all members in favor of my suggestion, may get to work on it. I have already gotten off a letter to Coye on this subject, and the more of us who do likewise, the sooner we will be toward owning our own "Lee Brown Coye Portfolio."

Roger Dard
232 James St.
Perth, Western Australia

LAYTON, BLACKPOOL,
LANCASHIRE, ENGLAND

The arrival of the OO this morning reminded me that it was about time that I offered some evidence to prove that a faint spark of life still flickers within my enfeebled frame. This letter is that evidence.

First item on the agenda, as usual, is the tendering of my appreciation for your editorial work on the OO, which appreciation, naturally, extends to all the lads and lasses who contribute to, or help to produce, each issue.

Second item on said agenda is the expression of my desire to obtain copies of Editors' Efforts and the Stf. Album, which, owing to the prevailing and seemingly eternal dollar famine over here, can only be done by way of trade. If you know of anyone who might be interested, I can offer any one of the following books for any one of the combazines: THE THREE ROYAL MONKEYS (ill.edi.), LINERS OF TIME, VOYAGE TO ARCTURUS, VISIBLE & INVISIBLE, PEABODY'S MERMAID, ALL HALLOWS EVE and THE PRIVATE MEMOIRS & CONFESSIONS OF A JUSTIFIED SINNER. The books are all new copies, though some d/ws are rather the worse for wear. Interested parties, if any, must write to me first, before sending the zines.

The recent Cinvension received rapid publicity in Great Britain. Journalist C. V. R. Thompson, whose column appears each day in our leading newspaper, "The Daily Express," (circulation well over the four million mark), devoting a paragraph in the September 5th issue to U.S. fantasy fandom's annual get-together. Thompson wrote: "Writers (sic) of science fiction met in Cincinnati today (Monday) to discuss what to do about the increasing competition of factual science", and quoted chairman Tanner's remarks on this topic.

A new (to me) English science fiction pocketbook appeared on local newsstands towards the end of August -- THE TREMBLING WORLD, by Astron Del Martia, who, according to the publisher's blurb, is a specialist in the stf field. Eleven more titles are scheduled to appear in similar format, the second of the series being entitled DAWN OF DARKNESS. THE TREMBLING WORLD, in my opinion, will appeal only to fantasy neophytes, I regret to say, and is not calculated to evoke even the slightest appreciation from disciples of John W. Campbell, Jr. (salaaming to the west as I mention that hallowed name.)

Harking back a few months, the April, 1949, issue of the aviation magazine, INTER-AVIA, featured an article about the U.S. Earth Satellite Program. The article's anonymous author voiced the opinion that nothing had more prejudiced scientific research on space travel than the speculations from the overheated imaginations of readers of trashy literature' (sic). In other words: fantasy fans!

Reports of flying spheres seen off the Blackpool coast during recent summer nights almost stirred your lethargic correspondent into organizing a one-man branch of the Fortean Society until some spoil-sport hazarded the theory, in the local press, that the "glow-bes" were nothing more than seagulls which had acquired a coating of phosphorescence from the surface of the briny. Just when I was imagining myself filling the role of Eric Frank Russell's hero in SINISTER BARRIER!

I received a copy of Dr. Keller's THE SIGN OF THE BURNING HART and enjoyed it immensely. A welcome change from the intricacies of Van Vogt and the galactic gallopings of "Skylark" Smith, much as I revel in the writings of these two worthies.

Tom Moulton
15 Fordway Ave.
Layton, BLACKPOOL,
Lancashire, England

SUGGESTION - BOX

I've been struck with an idea. Probably it's just the thing to decorate the inside of a waste basket, but anyway here goes.

Prices of used sf and fantasy mags are indefinite, to say the least. A '38 ASF costs 50¢ in some quarters, \$2.00 in others. In a trading deal, one is likely to think, "Hummm, three ASF for five '42 AMAZINGS. Is the guy trying to gyp me--or will he think I'm trying to gyp him?"

Especially at a disadvantage is the newer fan or a fan dealing with unfamiliar British magazines or other rarities.

The solution, I humbly suggest, would be for an experienced, respected fan or group of fan to determine a definite money value for each magazine of a certain age. Thus trading would be simplified & suspicion of foul play eliminated. And quite possibly, dealers would welcome the chance to include a line in their ads, "Prices approved by NFFF."

Any volunteers?

Ed Ludwig
3304 Bonnie Lane,
Stockton, California

Enjoyed TNFF every issue. Somewhere I heard that publishers were giving N3F members discounts, also some dealers. Is there any chance of getting such data published in a coming issue soon?

Also suggest a listing in one column of all N3F booklets, albums, etc., with price - all together in one column. Keep noticing such odd items in various issues in odd corners. Why not put them all together with address or person having them in stock?

Recently listed the 30 odd p. b.'s I have in my collection - all bought in last year. Nearly all are still in publisher's stock. We all see ads of the latest books and of books in stock, but not of pocketbooks. Even the fanzines can't keep up with all the fantasy and S-F p. b.'s coming out.

How about printing the list in TNFF? Is it against the OO policy to do so? It seems to me it would be a good service to the members, especially the new ones or those who may be starting to collect.

With a little encouragement I'd tackle the making up of such a list with publishers' names myself. Am employed in a savings bank and not interested in publishers' profits myself. It would be an ad for the p. b.'s but don't forget the sales encourage them to publish more.

Do think such a list would be helpful to many - especially those not near up-to-date newsstands. Let me know what you think.

Keep up the good work and here's hoping you get elected. Best regards.

A. Everett Winne
109 Ashley Street
Springfield, Mass.

Ed. Note * * * * *

All letters appearing in N3FORUM and THE SUGGESTION BOX are those mailed direct to the editor of TNFF. The opinions as presented in this issue are those of the writers. * * * * *

FELLOW FANS OF THE N.F.F.F.

I HEREWITH RECOMMEND THAT RAY C. HIGGS BE NOMINATED AGAIN OFFICIAL EDITOR AND DIRECTOR ACCORDINGLY.

IT HAS BEEN THROUGH HIS EFFORTS THAT I'VE ENJOYED READING THE TNFF. I WOULDN'T KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT FROM A NEW EDITOR BUT I DO KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT FROM HIM.

IF THROUGH HIS EFFORTS HE HAS MADE A SWELL EDITOR, IT'S ALMOST A CERTAINTY THAT HE'LL CONTINUE TO MAKE A SWELL DIRECTOR.

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CHARLES R. G. ROWE

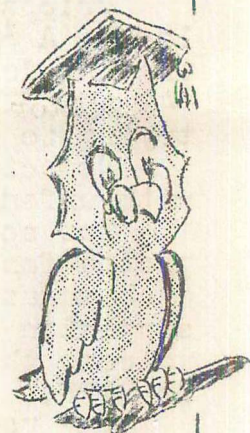
BE WISE LIKE THE OLD BIRD IN THE CORNER OF THE PAGE - VOTE FOR

RAY C. HIGGS

For Director

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