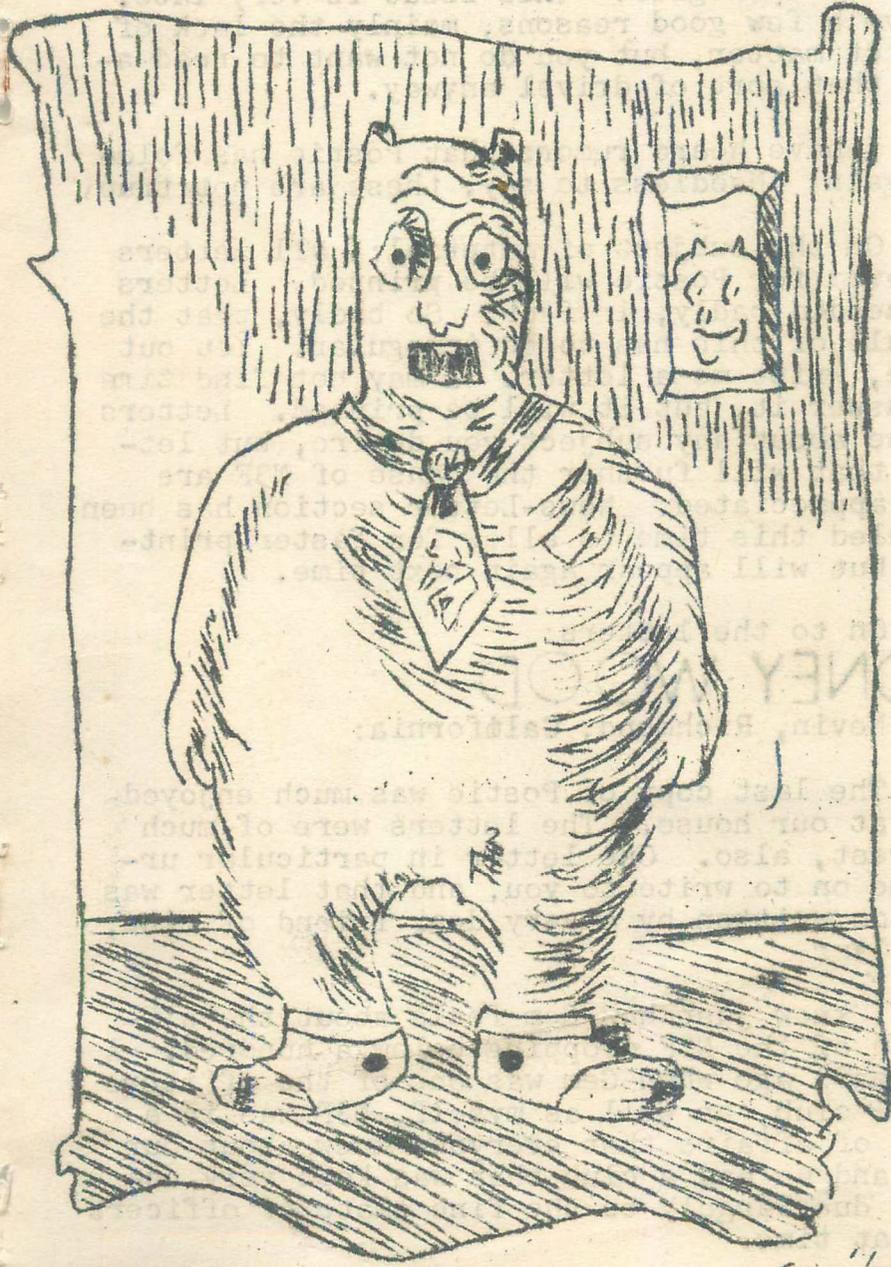


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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Being a very brief editorial, before getting on to the intelligent subject matter.

Few apologies. This issue is very late. I have a few good reasons, mainly the lack of subject matter, but you do not want to read about that sort of drivel anyway.

I have heard rumors that Postie has folded again. Needless to say, these are not true.

On the subject of material: all letters recieved for Postie will be printed. Letters are needed badly, in fact. So badly, that the scedule of this has to be irregular. You out there, write me a letter. I may not find time to answer it, but it will be printed. Letters may be about any subject you desire, but letters that will further the cause of N3F are more appreciated. News-Letter section has been canceled this time to allow for faster printing, but will appear again next time.

On to the letters:

HONEY WOOD

1207 Nevin, Richmond, California:

The last copy of Postie was much enjoyed here at our house. The letters were of much interest, also. One letter in particular urged me on to write to you, and that letter was the one written by a very dear friend of mine, C.M. Carr

I know just how Gem feels about the situation of the N3F dropping below a hundred. A few years ago when Gem was one of the officers of the club, as well as myself, N3F was in a state of affairs that everyone knew about our club and we had a club that was kept very active, due largely to the fine slate of officers at that time.

Just receltly I have rejoined the N3F and the first thing I did was become one of the ac-

tive members, a thing we have too few of.

A new year has just begun, and I am hoping more than anything else that this year will help turn the tide so that our club will once again become recognized as the biggest and best club in fandom.

This project of turning our club into a bigger one will need the help of many people and the officers cannot do it alone. We need as many active members as possible.

My first job of this new year is to work on the recruiting. We are trying to get a recruiting bureau organized and into operations as soon as possible. Some of the members on the W/C have already offered their services, but this is not enough. To cover all the prozines as we once did as Gem mentioned will require quite a few willing hands, that are not already busy with other committees. I know there are members in the N3F that are not active and it is to these fans that I am appealing in the hopes that they will join the recruiting bureau and enable us to bring in these new fans and acquaint them with our club and what we can do.

As soon as we get a full time recruiting bureau, we shall be able to go through every prozine and write to all people that have letters published as we once did and this is a source of new members that are really interested in fandom. I have been writing to some of these people already, but I cannot do the job alone, that is almost an impossible task.

So, all you members who are not yet on a committee, how about getting behind the recruiting bureau and giving it a helping hand so that we can make the year of 1957 a GOOD ACTIVE one for the N3F.

I shall be waiting to hear from all interested people as soon as possible. DON'T

LET THE N3F DOWN.

--HONEY WOOD

//What can I say after that. You will see that this letter is very very late in publication. Actually, it's dated 12/28. Lets get a few more letters in earlier, so I can get this thing out on time.//

DON SIMPSON

1244 Avenue, H-12 West, Lancaster, California.

Are you there?

First of all, congratulations to the newly (?) elected officers. Next, plaudits for those who voted.

"Theme from Forbidden Planet" doesn't appear to be in "Music Out of Soace". An M-G-M record; "Forbidden Planet", has appeared as a single, but it is only based on the theme from the picture (which Forrest J. Ackerman says was committed by the Barrows). Does anyone know where I can get tapes of the sound track? I have a Tape recorder and my next-door neighbor has a disk recorder. If you own or can rent a tape recorder and Forbidden Planet is playing at your local theater, see the manager about taping the sound track (during the movie, perhaps).

While watching TV and reading stf one night, I vaguely heard a voice say (on TV) "No, I collect science-fiction pocket books." After finishing my book, I asked about the program. It was Person to Person.

I'd be very glad to see story classification systems of various kinds published in the G-O.

In the Dec. 1956 Atlantic, there was a set of poems by Frederic Winsor, whom I had never heard of before. "The Space-Child's Mother

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Goos", it was called. I read the poems thru though the title had led me to suspect crud. They were doubleplusgood. See if you can find a copy somewhere.

If one writes a letter to N3F, should he write it to NFFFForum in the O-O, or to Postie? Let's hear some comment on this, Hmmmmmm?

What is the address of the Hyberian legion? I found it somewhere, but can't relocate it again.

I do not believe that anyone can prove a anything to anybody just by talking. Anyone intelligent, that is. Deros excepted.

All for now; bye.

--DONALD SIMPSON

//It is according to subject matter where a letter to N3F should go. If it contains constructive ideas, it should be sent to the head of the Ideas Committee, Paul Halypowski. Letters of general criticism or comment should, I think, be sent to me for Postie. Doesn't leave much for the O-O, tho. I disagree with you. I believe that by talking with facts, you can prove something to someone intelligent.//

RALPH M. HOLLAND

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All fan clubs seem to be on the decline, possibly due to T-V-itis, but NFFF seems to have been hit harder than the average. During the recent election, only 39 members voted, according to the last report I saw. I have always been opposed to any compulsory activity requirement, with some officer keeping records to decide whether or not you were still a worthy member. It smacks too much of the "Big Brother is Watching You" philosophy. But when less than half of the members will take the time to mark and return their ballot, we might as well quit kidding ourselves that they are

really members any more.

All of which points up to the need for more active workers. Honey Wood, who resigned as Membership Activities Director a couple of years ago to help organize the Clevention, is back, but can't do the job alone. Both the Recruiting Committee and the Webcommittee are always looking for volunteers, and both are important. The former has the job of bringing members into NFFF, and the latter should make them feel at home so that they'll be real members instead of merely names on the roster.

The inner Circle which Carr mentions consists merely of the officers, directors, and committee members. It is not an exclusive club. About all you need to join it is some spare time, a willingness to work like a horse for NFFF, and the hide of a bull elephant.

The latter is necessary because none of the members will ever condescend to offer any help or advice while you're beating your brains out trying to do some job. As soon as you finish it, however, they'll suddenly come to life and swarm on you like a flock of screaming buzzards, calling you every name in the dictionary because you didn't do it quicker, better, and in some entirely different way.

Letters of appreciation are so rare that the last officer who got one went stark raving mad. He just couldn't take the sudden shock. When he was seen he was being led away, babbling incoherently and still clutching the tattered remnants of the letter to his bosom.

There have been no feuds nor attempts to revise the constitution, such as Carr mentions, during the past year, and I know of no plans for such changes in 1957. However, the officers were busy trying to pick up the pieces resulting from previous feuds, and they were badly handicapped financially by the fact that our former treasurer left the club and took