

CHICAGO



BULLETIN NUMBER 4

Convention and/or Bust!

With the Convention almost upon us, this last issue of the Convention Bulletin will try to answer many of the questions asked by you, and to give you again a brief recapitulation of what you may expect to find at the Tenth Anniversary World Science-Fiction Convention next week. We sincerely hope to meet you all there. And if for some reason you will be unable to make it this year, we would like to thank you for sending in your dollar to support the Convention, and hope that these bulletins will have given you a share in the proceedings.

All paid members of the Convention, whether attending or not, will receive free a copy of the beautiful printed Program Booklet.

Last Call

The Convention begins officially with the 2:00 p.m. session on Saturday, August 30, in the Terrace Casino. Previous to this, the conventioners will be asked to register. No conventioner will be admitted to the proceedings without registering. On Saturday, registration takes place in the Burgundy Room, mezzanine floor. At the Registration Desk you will receive your badge...which is your admission "ticket" to all meetings and sessions...your program, and other convention literature to which you are entitled. From 2:00p.m. Saturday until the close of the Convention Monday night, registration will be held in the Monte Carlo Bar, anterior to the Terrace Casino.

On Saturday, the Registration Desk opens at 10:00 a.m. Be there early and save time.

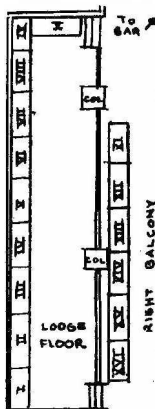
If you have not made a reservation, you will probably find that the hotel is full. But in anticipation of this, and to take care of those who found they would be able to attend only at the last minute, your Convention Committee has had set aside a special block of ROOMS RESERVED IN THE NAME OF THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE. If you arrive and find no rooms available, contact a member of the committee and ask him to authorize one of the special rooms for you. We will do this as long as the space is available.

PARKING on the side streets of Chicago is forbidden by City Ordinance, and you will find that the rates charged by private parking services are high. We suggest, therefore, that you take advantage of the public parking facilities located at the foot of Monroe Street near the Lake. Cost for a day of parking is only 50¢---as opposed to 50¢ per hour charged by Loop garages. Drop your luggage and family off at the Morrison, and park your car. Shuttle bus service from the lakefront parking lot will bring you back to within a block of the hotel.

BABY SITTERS will be available at the hotel, and it is also possible, if you act shrewdly, to make a deal with the maid to sit with your child. Incidentally, the maid is likely to be more economical!

PLAY PRACTICE for groups presenting skits in the Monday night entertainment portion of the program will take place in the Terrace Casino on Sunday morning, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00p.m. Contact the Program Chairman, Mrs. Oliver Saari, at the convention, and she will assign you practice time.

BANQUET TICKETS may be bought at the Registration Desk, and must be purchased by Noon on Sunday, August 31.



Opposite is a diagram of the Right Balcony of the Terrace Casino with exhibit tables. You may set up your exhibit Saturday at noon, checking first with David Ish, the Fan Exhibit Chairman. No tables will be released until paid for. According to our records, the following bills for \$4.50 are still outstanding: N. F. F. F., Agnes Harook, Ronald Friedman, Roger Nelson, Karen Kruse, W. Paul Ganley and James Williams. Table Number I is still available. See David Ish at the convention if you wish to reserve it.

BIG MOON MAP

Conventioneers who have notified us of their plans to exploit Lunar real estate will be pleased to hear that the Moon Commission has prepared special deeds, suitable for framing, on which can be entered your moon claim. Second Lunar Commissioner E. E. Smith, Ph.D. will be glad to inscribe your deed with his signature and the seal of the Lunar Commission. Don't miss getting your deed.

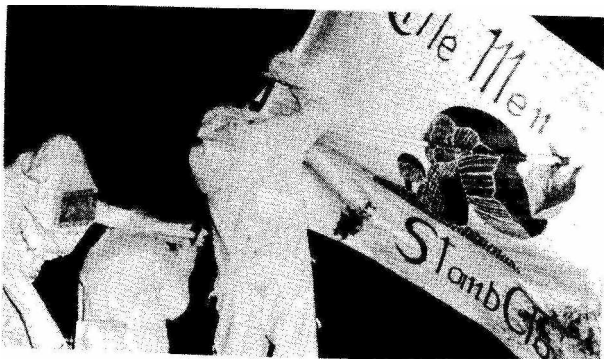
Part of the convention decor will be a huge moon map, ten feet square. Begun in 1932, the map took 19 years to make and is the work of H. Percy Wilkins, F.R.A.S. Director of the Lunar Section of the British Astronomical Assn.

You will be able to find your crater on the giant map, and then locate it on a large photo of the moon which will also be part of the Moon Commission exhibit.

Those who may wish to own a section of the map containing their crater (sections are approximately two feet square) may write to: Prof. W. H. Haas, 1205 N. Alameda Blvd., Las Cruces, N.M., for information, naming the crater you wish included. The cost is very moderate.

The photo above right shows members of Den Elven, Gnomen und Kleine Männern Zukunftroman, Fischsuppe und Marschieren Gesellschaft of Stuttgart and Berkeley raising the organization's official standard on the slope of the crater Ritter D on the moon. The group, in persistent defiance of the Commission, has claimed an area in the southwest corner of Mare Tranquillitatis. Several months ago First Lunar Commissioner Mark Reinsberg disappeared while on a reconnaissance flight near the area, but Commission investigators were unable to learn his fate.

Men in the above photo include: (L to R) Mondkalboffizier Gerhard Nelson, Keinluftmarschall Erich von Ely, and Gründungsführer Georg Finigeln.



OLD INCIDENT AT MACLEAR STATION

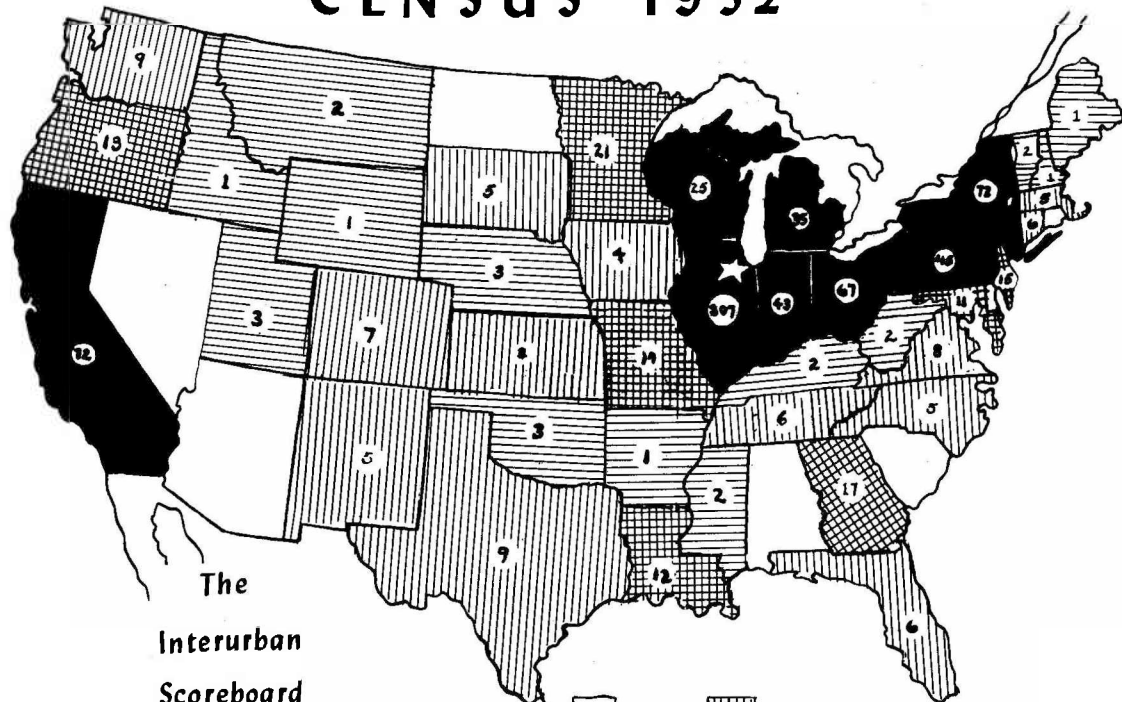
Lt. I. T. Macauley III, Chief Observer at Maclear Crater Outpost Station, had a strange tale to tell cronies when he visited the Luna City Officers' Club last Tuesday.

According to Macauley, a routine prospecting expedition covering the area near Maclear discovered a spacesuited man lying in the bottom of a small craterpit. Nearly dead from lack of food and oxygen, he was rushed to Maclear Infirmary. Station surgeons marvelled that he was still alive, since he had apparently lain in the crater for some weeks. Half deranged from his ordeal, the victim was unable to tell authorities his name or any details of his mishap.

Doctors attributed his survival, strangely enough, to the fact that his spacesuit contained an infinitesimal leak. Through this were able to creep minute lunar ants (Formica lunensis) which have the faculty, as everyone knows, for making their own air. The victim is recovered somewhat now, and has brought a small colony of his saviors back to the Terran sanitarium where he is recovering. He still knows nothing of his past. The Mystery Man sits in a chair by the window, near his ant colony. Now and then he looks up reminiscently at the waxing moon, sighs...and scratches.

Who is he? Only Luna knows. And she isn't saying.

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ON THE PROGRAM

LAST MINUTE PROGRAM ADDITIONS include a debate between Willy Ley, author of popular science books such as The Lunefish, the Dodo and the Unicorn and conductor of GALAXY's science department, and Raymond A. Palmer, for many years Editor of AMAZING STORIES and currently Editor of OTHER WORLDS and FATE magazines. Title of the debate, which should be a dilly, "Flying Saucers--What Are They!"

Among the skits presented Monday night will be "The Demolished Null-A And Now You Don't," a science-fiction farce presented by the Pittsburgh Science-Fiction Society. We have had an advance peek at the script, and for laughs, surprises and derring-do, don't miss this caper starring Dirce Archer, Donald Susan, Philip Castora and Bill Venable.

Friends of Northern Ireland's famous fan Walter A. Willis will be glad to know that Willis will definitely be at the Chicago convention. For the past year a fund drive has been waged by Shelby Vick to defray cost of importing the well-known Editor of SLANT, who bears the unofficial title of Number One Fan. Willis is to take part in a debate "Fandom-- Is It Still A Force In Science-Fiction?" and will be assisted on the positive side by E. Everett Evans. Taking the negative are Edward Wood and Lester Cole.

The Convention Committee will hold Open House in their suite on Saturday Night, from 10:30 until 1:00 a.m. All members of the convention are invited to attend, meet the folks who are responsible for the Convention, and sample our special invention, Three Planets Punch.

Ted Sturgeon will accompany himself on the guitar and sing science-fiction ballads such as "Green Hills of Earth," "Thunder and Roses," "Old Man Atom," "Calypso From Calypso," "A Nova, Nui" and many more.

Longtime s-f author Clifford Simak will make his first convention appearance at Chicago. Mr. Simak will speak at the banquet. Fans will remember his work from ASTOUNDING, particularly the "City" series which was recently brought out in book form.

A RECAPITULATION on the portions of the program which were discussed in previous bulletins follows below. While we make every effort to insure that program reports are accurate, we cannot be responsible for last minute changes due to unforeseen circumstances.

THINKING IN MEN AND MACHINES... Joseph A. Winter
WHAT EVERY YOUNG SPACEMAN SHOULD KNOW.....
.....Robert Bloch
LIFE ELSEWHERE AND ELSEWHEN... H. J. Muller, PhD
1946 Nobel Laureate in Physiology
PANEL OF EDITORS, including: Anthony Boucher,
Howard Browne, John W. Campbell, Jr.,
Lester del Rey, Evelyn Faige Gold, William
L. Hamling, Samuel Mines, Raymond Palmer
and James Quinn.
HOW TO WRITE A SCIENCE FICTION STORY.....
.....L. Sprague de Camp
HUGO GERNSBACK: Guest of Honor
HARLAN ELLISON and BILL VENABLE
POSTHISTORIC MAN..... Oscar C. Brauner, PhD
THE PLACE OF SCIENCE FICTION IN THE CULTURAL
PATTERN..... John W. Campbell, Jr.
EDITORS: MYTH AND REALITY..... Hans Santesson
BOOK PUBLISHERS PANEL, including: Lloyd Kishbach,
August Derleth, Martin Greenberg, Melvin
Korshak and James Williams.
HOW TO BE AN EXPERT WITHOUT ACTUALLY KNOWING
ANYTHING..... John H. Fomeroy
THE MATHEMATICAL BASIS OF TIME TRAVEL.....
.....Irvin Heyne
LUNAR GEOLOGY OF THE LITTLE MEN'S MINING DIS-
TRICT..... Lester Cole
FANDOM'S INTERVIEWER..... Bob Tucker
PARADISE LOST..... Sol Levin and Dave Hammond
ASTEROID, A Science-Fiction Ballet.....
Guy Bassett and the University of Chicago
Knights of the Ballet.

Program changes: George O. Smith regrets but the imminent arrival of a Little Smith makes it unlikely that he will be able to attend. Randall Garrett regrets that while he will attend the convention, he will not give his talk "The Perfect Thermoplastic."

And don't forget the Masquerade, to be held Sunday night, August 31, in the penthouse suite. There will be music, refreshments, and colorful costumes--and everyone is invited to join in the fun!

Auction

.....And an original illustration, or a beautiful cover painting, or a manuscript now belongs to you--at a bargain price!

The auction of science-fiction pictures, manuscripts and books is your chance to come away from the convention with a concrete memento of the good time you had. Visualize your living room or den brightened by a cover from GALAXY, STARTLING, OTHER WORLDS, IMAGINATION or FAMOUS FANTASTIC MYSTERIES. And you collectors will up the bidding when you see the precious old Paul covers--real beauties--we have for you.

There are interiors also, by Finlay, Orban Lawrence, Cartier and others, and among the MSS which have been donated is one by Robert A. Heinlein.

Look at the pictures in the Exhibit of Science-Fiction Artwork, located in the left balcony of the Terrace Casino. You will see them displayed for your inspection, matted and ready for the Auction on Sunday, August 31.

POLITICS

The Democrats and the GOP aren't the only ones who engage in politicking in Chicago in 1952. Look out for sparks when the bidding begins for the 1953 Science-Fiction Convention site on Monday afternoon. No holds are barred when the nominating speeches begin, and the demonstrations will match those of the political conventions in enthusiasm, if not in size.

Rumors are flying as to who will be the leading contenders for the consite. The hat is already in the ring from San Francisco, with the Elves, Gnomes and Little Men's Science-Fiction, Chowder and Marching Society at the helm.

We've also heard that Cleveland is planning a surprise bid, and voices from the peanut gallery keep yelling Pittsburgh! Pittsburgh! at us. It's anyone's guess whether the up and coming new Baltimore Science-Fiction Forum will try to grab the affair for the East Coast, and those in the know are betting that the annual New York bid won't be far behind.

The Buffalo group, who have rolled up an impressive record with their Buffalocons may take a flyer as a dark horse long shot and walk away with the 1953 wing-ding. Watch those two fellows Ganley and Leverenz for some fast last-minute smoke-filled-rooming.

What makes a town put on a good convention? That's easy. The good convention is held in a town where the local group's love of science-fiction holds out over love of peace and tranquillity. Because putting on a convention is a tough and thankless job; thankless, that is, until your convention is on, and running smoothly, and you can take some justifiable pride in accomplishment.

What makes a town be selected as consite? A lot of fans would like to know the answer to that one. Sometimes politicking does it, sometimes a convincing nominating speech, delivered by the right person, hitting each municipal asset briefly and tellingly. And sometimes plain dumb luck will do it if you come up with a compromise during a deadlock.

Does your city really want the convention in 1953? Don't wait until the last minute.. Do your planning ahead and prove to the voters that your city has what it takes. A colorful demonstration with banners and hoop-la will be fun, and might prove that your group has the enthusiasm to put on a good convention in 1953.



Convention Membership

612.	Jean Wright	671.	Roger Margason	738.	Jerry Dymda
613.	Karl Jenkinson	672.	Joyce Snyder	739.	Wm. F. Kurtz
614.	John H. Pomeroy	673.	Ernest McDowell	740.	Ely Ellison
615.	Orville W. Mosher III	674.	Bahn Andreas	741.	IF
616.	Richard F. Anderson	675.	Phillip J. Stevko, Jr.	742.	Mrs. Chas. Kangas
617.	Boyd Raeburn	676.	Flavio Trevino	743.	David Koblick
618.	Phyllis Spear	677.	Nancy Patterson	744.	June Koblick
619.	J. B. Cullum, Jr.	678.	Lionel Gilbert	745.	Elliot Fein
620.	Thomas T. Hill	679.	John J. McGee	746.	Benj. Cope, Jr.
621.	Ed R. Walker	680.	Richard Elsberry	747.	Donald Babcock
622.	Ron C. Smith	681.	Art Weintraub	748.	Ronnie Fry
623.	Jean Spade	682.	William H. Clark	749.	Michael Short
624.	Philip Brantingham	683.	Fred J. Remus, Jr.	750.	Stephen Young
625.	Kim Kramer	684.	Greg Oliva	751.	Vida Young
626.	Dave Tucher	685.	Otto X. Dobnick	752.	A. Charles Catania
627.	Theodore R. Cogswell	686.	Nick Sehra	753.	Joan Maxwell
628.	John B. Meyer	687.	Robert Lutsky	754.	John Dietsmann
629.	Donald R. Nealey	688.	Breck Tilden	755.	Thomas Burgess
630.	Belle Smiasman	689.	Betsy Jost	756.	Alyce M. Daly
631.	Monna M. Sheller	690.	Jerry Schl	757.	J. J. Cornish III
632.	Paul L. Work	691.	Ronald D. Ferdie	758.	Robert A. Hill
633.	Jane Quirk	692.	Randall Jeinek	759.	Martin Stevenson
634.	David Oliva	693.	Robert Sheckley	760.	Earl Woerner, Jr.
635.	Mrs. D. Oliva	701.	Arthur C. Page	761.	Arlene Taggart
636.	Bob Silverberg	702.	Mrs. Arthur C. Page	762.	Sally Dunn
637.	Frank B. Nichols	703.	N. H. Filbert	763.	Harold Lynch, Jr.
638.	J. W. Banta	704.	M. Reich	764.	Helen West
639.	John W. Campbell, Jr.	705.	David H. Suddeth	765.	Walker Baylor
640.	H. J. Muller	706.	Mrs. David H. Suddeth	766.	Angel Baylor
641.	Arden Stephens	707.	M. S. Gorauch	767.	Betty Hughes
642.	John Janda	708.	Harold Kohen	768.	Diamond T. Dimas
643.	Ronald J. Nunke	709.	Harriet Fellas	769.	Theodore Engol
644.	Faye Ellen Band	710.	Donald Knuth	771.	Simon Shafer
645.	Fred N. Larmay, Jr.	711.	Mrs. Donald Knuth	772.	George W. Price
646.	Ellen Myrberg Rasch	712.	Richard W. Carlin	773.	Wm. McLennan
647.	Donald A. Fosler	713.	Edgar R. Safarik	774.	Joe Love
648.	Richard Luke	714.	Beverly Clark	775.	M. McNeil
649.	M. Morris	715.	Stanley P. Yacknin	776.	Manly Banister
650.	Ellen MacGregor	716.	Robert E. Briney	778.	Robyn le Roy
651.	William R. Luttge	717.	Louis Meltzer	779.	Phyllis le Roy
652.	James D. Kocourek	718.	Steve Straus	780.	Sandy Hartnett
653.	Lilith Lorraine	719.	Don Lewis	781.	Robt. Troetschel
654.	James H. Newberry, Jr.	721.	Thomas E. McGowan	782.	Alfred DeBat
655.	Joseph Brod	722.	Tom Schammel	783.	Richard Martin
656.	Denis Moreen	723.	Keith Kindeman	784.	Robert Hoskins
657.	Jerry Shelton	724.	Vonne Kathary	785.	Leif Ayen
658.	Dorothy L. Wulff	725.	Homer Smith	786.	Seymour Rosen
659.	Marcia Roberts	726.	William R. Zufall, Jr.	787.	Mervyn Goldstein
660.	Flem De Angelis	727.	Frederic Major	788.	Bud Marshall
661.	Milton Parker	728.	William P. Harris	789.	Mrs. J. Rance
662.	Mrs. Milton E. Parker	729.	Billie Bierman	790.	Howari Mitchell
663.	Oriana Parker	730.	John L. Magnus, Jr.	791.	V. A. Doyne
664.	Paul C. Johnson	731.	Richard George	792.	Milton Rothman
665.	Mrs. Paul C. Johnson	733.	Jack Jorneden, Jr.	793.	Doris Rothman
666.	Paul Boltax Goranson	734.	James Deck	794.	Donald Rathke
668.	Dan Behnke	735.	Dale Kathary	795.	Robert Grabar
669.	Rithard W. Lair	736.	Richard Olson	796.	Eugene Walsh
670.	James R. Hanna	737.	Walter A. Coslet	797.	Daniel F. Shen, Jr

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798. Bette Lou Klein
799. Norman L. Miller
800. Dorothea Kocourek
801. Kurt A. Rutz
802. James H. Bennett
803. Gordon L. Block
804. Pat Libbey
805. Joe Christopher
806. David E. Muller
807. Mary Jane Sawyer
809. W. Max Kessler
810. David P. Barcroft
811. Sidney Coleman
812. Don Moore
813. George H. Edwards
814. James Younge, Jr.
815. Gordon S. Johnson
816. Dircs Archer
817. Art Huseboe
818. Ivory B. Honorè
819. Geraldine Panavas
820. Adolpha Garuckas
821. Oscar Ruh
822. Frederick A. Masterson
823. Frederick A. Masterson, Jr.
824. Jack Reed
825. Mrs. Pat Young
826. Richard Lantis
827. Dolores Lantis
828. Warren de Bra
829. Dean Eshleman
830. John M. Karges
831. Stan Broten
832. Ria C. Neenose
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836. Donald Susan
837. Doris M. Miller
838. Sandra L. Miller
839. Maureen G. Miller
840. Jim E. Stevens
841. Beth Smith
842. Donald Kingman
843. Robert Coulson
844. Dwight Smith
845. Don Herrod
846. Betty Arnold
847. Grace Joelson
848. Carl J. Collins
849. Adam Sokolowski
850. Roy G. Fitzgerald III
851. Mrs. G. J. Thornquist
852. Joe Sedler
853. Donn Brazier
854. Norman Fogel
855. Louise Filbert
856. James J. Russell
857. Mary Somerville
858. Paul F. Bye
859. Thomas O'Dell
860. Marilyn Roessler
861. Robert J. Halley
862. Peter Boilo
863. Norman Rabinovitz
864. Mrs. Arestine M. Hartman
865. Laurence Kobak
866. Joseph A. Anderer
867. Clifford Simak
868. Penny Rich
869. Allan Kallmann
870. Mary E. McDowell
871. Elaine Yarmovsky
872. Robert Delgado
873. John O. Satterlee
874. Jerry Kirk
875. Sandra Winters
876. James Johnson
877. Leo Weissenborn
878. Fred Sellers, Jr.
879. David Nobel
880. Dick Noble
881. John F. Wall
882. John Ehtsch, Jr.
883. Samuel S. Leaf
884. Marion Heber
885. Barbara Johnson
886. Bob Base
887. Dave Scheib
888. Dorothy Westcott
889. Richard H. Brookes, Jr.
890. M. Krepack
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894. Jim Waters
895. Marty Phee
896. G. M. Pavlik
897. Stephen Keller
898. Thomas Hinmon
899. Robert A. Parry
900. James Nixdorf
901. Ken Rich
902. Paul Zimmerman
903. Todd Lief
904. Ed Cohn
905. Sue Godberg
906. John G. Richardson
907. Willard M. Rosseter
908. William H. Reynolds
909. John Robert Hood
910. Leon Benedict
911. Jay Erens
912. Robert Klausner
913. Florence Lawson
914. Jane Ottenheimer
915. Carol Burger Walsh
916. Sidney Solomon
917. P. J. Hassel
918. Donald Murray
919. J. B. Gaughan
920. Warren Freiberg
921. Alfred Freiberg
922. Mabel Freiberg
923. Vernard M. Eller
924. Sherwin Feinhandler
925. Yale Kardish
926. Joseph B. Cleary
927. Mary L. Cleary