

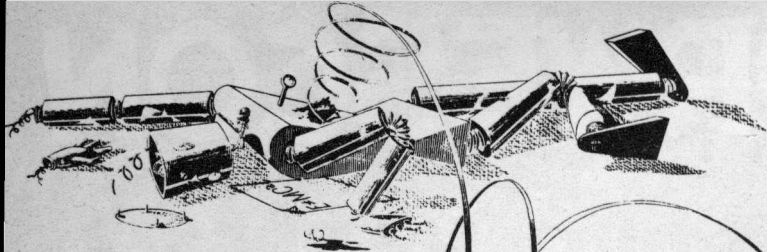
# NORWESCON

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**SCIENCE-FICTION**  
Convention





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EIGHTH WORLD SCIENCE-FICTION CONVENTION

This is NORWESCONNEWS No. 1, a fanzine issued prior to the NORWESCON to give advance information about 1950's top event in science-fiction fandom. This issue is being mailed to nearly 1500 people interested in fantasy. Subsequent issues will be mailed only to NORWESCON Members.

## WHAT IS IT?

The NORWESCON, the 1950 World Science-Fiction Convention, is the eighth of a series of such conventions which, except for the war years, have been held annually since 1939. Previous ones have been held in New York (1939), Chicago (1940), Denver (1941), Los Angeles (1946), Philadelphia (1947), Toronto (1948) and Cincinnati (1949). This is fantasy fandom's annual No. 1 event, where the authors, editors, publishers and readers from everywhere meet to get acquainted and exchange views. Friendships, often enduring, are made and renewed. Here, you will meet and talk with scores of people, previously only names to you, whose interests you share. If you are interested in science-fiction or fantasy, this will be the high point of the year for you.

## WHERE & WHEN IS IT?

PORTLAND, OREGON

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

American Legion Hall,  
1139 S. W. 13th Avenue,  
Portland, Oregon.

September 1, 2, 3 and 4, 1950.

Friday Evening thru Monday

## WHO WILL BE THERE?

At the NORWESCON, you will meet a host of authors, editors, fans and just plain readers of science-fiction and fantasy.

You will have a chance to hear and talk with such authors as George O. Smith, Dr. David H. Keller, Doc Smith and Rog Phillips; Bea Mahaffey, Managing Editor of OTHER WORLDS, and such prominent fans as Forrest J. Ackerman, Wilson (Bob) Tucker, Rick Sneary, Art Rapp, Milt Rothman and many others. Those mentioned already plan to attend and many more you want to meet will be there. Will you?

# WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

The NORWESCON Program will include a variety of features to appeal to everyone who reads, writes or collects fantasy and science-fiction. There will be speeches with question and answer periods, forums and panel discussions on all phases of fantasy interest. There will be exhibits, displays and demonstrations. There will be an auction where you may purchase original illustrations by your favorite artists, rare books and magazines as well as many other fabulous items you will want to own. There will be the traditional banquet and a cabaret-style masked ball, where entertainment will alternate with dancing. There will be ample time between sessions to gab with old and new-found friends. It will be a three-ring circus, with more to do than you'll have time for. It will be four days that you will cherish forever in memory.

# WHAT SHALL I DO?

**FIRST,** if you haven't already done so, join the NORWESCON COMMITTEE. Preliminary financing is done thru memberships at \$1 each. In addition to the satisfaction of doing your part to support fandom's No. 1 annual event, your buck will bring you the following: a NORWESCON Membership Card, lithoed on a special fluorescent stock, that is the most unusual card you have ever seen; a supply of NORWESCON gummed stickers (8 designs) to use on your correspondence, together with a couple of souvenir proof sheets of the sticker designs; all issues of the NORWESCON NEWS, telling of developments as they occur; a copy of the Souvenir Convention Program Booklet; plus any other items that may occur to us. Send your dollar to:

RUTH NEWBURY, Treasurer, Box 8517, Portland 7, Oregon.

**SECOND,** plan to come to the NORWESCON next Labor Day weekend. The program opens with a session Friday night, Sep. 1 and carries on with morning, afternoon and evening sessions on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Every moment will be memorable. Don't miss it.

**THIRD,** heap ego-boo upon your head by taking an ad in the Program Booklet. They're inexpensive and you'll be famous forever.

**FOURTH,** if you're coming, send in your hotel reservation.

**FIFTH,** send in your dollar for your Banquet ticket.

**DO IT NOW!**

**THE BANQUET.**

You pay only \$1 for a ticket for the NORWESCON Banquet. This is much less than the actual cost, but rather than carry over a large profit, the convention will absorb the difference, so that everyone can afford to come. We must know in advance how many will attend, so get your reservations in. Send your dollar to Ruth Newbury, Box 8517, Portland 7, Ore.

**THE PROGRAM BOOKLET.**

The NORWESCON Program Booklet will be a lithographed pamphlet, the same page-size as this, giving the program and telling about the speakers, the NORWESCON and other things of interest. There will be blank pages for autographs of the authors and fans present. Ads are available at the following prices:

FAN ADS (Individuals, fanzines, fan clubs, etc.):

Full Page	\$6.00	Half Page	\$3.00
Quarter Page	\$1.50	Booster Ads	.50

PROFESSIONAL ADS (Magazine and Book Publishers, Dealers, etc.):

Full Page	\$10.00	Half Page	\$5.00
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Ads should be laid out in a proportion of 2 x 3 for a full page. Deadline is August 1. Send copy with money to: Jerry Waible, 1219 NE Roselawn Street, Portland 11, Oregon.

**HOTELS**

For conventions, Portland Hotels require reservations to be in at least 14 days in advance, accompanied with a \$5.00 deposit. Send reservations to: Ralph Rayburn Phillips, Bx 8517, Portland 7, Ore.

The following hotels are in the vicinity of the convention hall:

	<u>Dining</u> <u>Room</u>	<u>Single</u>		<u>Double</u>	
		<u>with</u>	<u>without</u>	<u>with</u>	<u>without</u>
St. Francis Hotel 1110 SW 11th Ave.	Yes	\$3.00	\$2.50	\$4.00	\$3.00
Campbell Court 1115 SW 11th Ave.	Yes	3.00		4.00	
Mallory Hotel 729 SW 15th Ave.	Yes	3.00 8.00	2.00	4.00 8.00	2.50
Roosevelt Hotel 1005 SW Park	Yes	3.00 5.00		4.00 6.00	
Heathman & New Heathman 731 & 710 SW Salmon	Yes	3.50 5.00		5.00 7.50	

**AUCTION MATERIAL**

The auction of donated material is the principal means of defraying convention expenses. Time permitting, we will also sell non-donated material of a fantasy nature on a commission of 50% to the NORWESCON, but cannot guarantee to dispose of all this. In sending in such material, be sure to specify that it is for commission sale, otherwise it will be assumed to be a donation. Send all material for the auction to: Joe Salta, % 4038 SE 74th Ave., Portland 6, Oregon.

## TRANSPORTATION

Portland is the terminus of transcontinental lines of all types of transportation: train, plane and bus. Several planes arrive daily from the east, north and south at Portland's excellent airport.

Transcontinental rail lines traverse both banks of the scenic Columbia River, giving service either on the northern route thru Spokane or by the southern route, via Denver. Pacific Trailways and the Greyhound Bus Systems both provide service from the east and along the coast. A unique feature of traveling to Portland from the east is that you may come and return by different routes at no extra cost (except for your berth). For example, you may come by way of the Columbia Gorge and return thru British Columbia, Seattle, San Francisco or even Los Angeles, all without additional fare.

Taking this situation into account, Bob Tucker is now organizing an expedition, to be known as "VIA PULLMAN TO PORTLAND", with the object of getting a full Pullman carload (28) of fans to make the trip together. The safari will leave Chicago Saturday noon, August 26. Around Monday noon, the mob will arrive in Los Angeles, there to linger for two days, meanwhile recruiting new members for the expedition. Wednesday night: to train once more, arriving in Portland Friday morning. Following the NORWESCON, the mob will entrain about the middle of the week to arrive back in Chicago on Saturday, September 9. The fare for the entire trip: Chicago, to Los Angeles, to Portland and return to Chicago is \$151 in a lower, \$139 in an upper (only \$10-15 more than the direct trip). Bob Tucker is arranging it. In case anyone doesn't know, Bob is at Box 260, Bloomington, Ill.

## TEEN AGE FANS

Jim Bradley has been appointed Teen-Age Greeter. His job is to make the younger delegates feel at home and to help them to find the things of particular interest to them. Younger fans planning to attend are invited to write to Jim Bradley, 545 NE San Rafael Street, Portland 12, Oregon.

## THE CONVENTION HALL

The NORWESCON will be held in the Auditorium of the Portland Post No. 1, American Legion building. This three-story structure, home of Oregon's largest Legion Post, houses complete club facilities including, in addition to meeting halls, two bars and an excellent restaurant. The Auditorium on the top floor where the NORWESCON will meet is ideal for our purposes. It is about 100 feet square with a hardwood floor, a balcony and a large theater-type stage, approximately three feet above the floor level, in full view of the entire hall. The acoustics are excellent and it has a good PA system. Altho the whole building is normally closed on Sundays and Holidays, the bar and restaurant will be open for the entire four days of the convention. The hall is located just out of the main business district, where parking is not too much of a problem. The St. Francis and Campbell Court Hotels are just two blocks away and several others are within an easy walk.

## DISPLAY SPACE

Along both side walls of the NORWESCON hall, will be tables where publishers, dealers and anyone with anything to sell may display their wares. It will be a continuous table, 30" wide, clear along the wall, and space to a reasonable height behind it may be used for background or display advertising. The rental for this display space for the entire four days of the NORWESCON is \$1 a running foot. You may set up the displays or we will do it if you provide the material. Send in your reservations immediately, accompanied with the rental fee and preference as to location, as choice locations will be allotted in the order received.

We want to present a number of short (under ten minute) papers on subjects of interest to fantasites. If you have such a subject in mind, write, giving the subject and outlining the treatment. Also, any clubs or individuals who want to put on any skits or stunts, contact us, outlining them. We will have a theater-type stage with full lighting effects, so we can handle anything within reason.

## YOUR HOSTS

The Portland members of the NORWESCON COMMITTEE come largely from the Portland Science-Fantasy Society, for the past three years one of the most active local clubs. It is the original publisher of The FANSCIENT as well as the PSFS News Bulletin. Serving both as a local group and as a nucleus for fanactivity for the entire northwest, it brought together fans who later founded the Eugene SFS and the NAMELESS ONES of Seattle. FANSCIENT Editor Donald B. Day is now Chairman of the NORWESCON COMMITTEE, replacing John de Courcy who resigned preparatory to a move to California. Juanita Sharp is Secretary and Ruth Newbury Treasurer of the Committee. Here are the rest of the members of the committee. Are YOU there?

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