

## THE WILLIS FUND MEETS THE SEACON

Most of you reading this already know about the Willis Fund. For those of you who are not acquainted with it, here is a very brief resume. In 1952 a group of fans in this country raised a fund to bring well-known Irish fan Walt Willis over here for the Chicon 2. The Fund was a success and Walt wrote a brilliant report of his travels entitled THE HARP STATESIDE.

According to all indications, next year's convention will once again be held in Chicago. It is also the anniversary of Walt's trip. Once again a group of interested fans are raising a Fund to bring him over for this convention - only this time, we plan to bring Walt and his wife, Madeleine. The Fund began officially on April 1st of this year and, with its minimum goal as \$1000, is near success today. In order to put the Fund well over the top and also have cash on hand for the Willisest to cover expenses in this country, we have an intensive drive taking place at this convention.

Even if you have no interest in the Fund itself and have never heard of Walt and Madeleine Willis, we think you will be interested in the items we are raffling and auctioning here.

Three separate raffles are being run by three different people - you may want to buy tickets on one or more of them. All raffle tickets are 25¢ each or 5 for \$1.00. A limited number will be sold, so the odds are very good. Some of the prizes are extremely rare. Just one, WHO KILLED SCIENCE FICTION? is now bringing as high \$15 a copy. So here's the line-up, and good luck!

RAFFLE #1 - 1st prize - WHO KILLED SCIENCE FICTION and  
THE HARP STATESIDE

2nd prize - WILLIS DISCOVERS AMERICA and  
SLANT #5 (Spring, 1951)

RAFFLE #2 - 1st prize - THE ENCHANTED DUPLICATOR and  
THE HARP STATESIDE

2nd prize - SLANT #3 (Spring, 1950) and  
THE INCOMPLETE BURBEE

RAFFLE #3 - 1st prize - SLANT #1 through #6 (only #7 is missing) and  
THE HARP STATESIDE

2nd prize - WILLIS DISCOVERS AMERICA and  
FRANK KELLY FREAS PORTFOLIO

As of now, raffle tickets salesmen will be Ted White, George Scithers and Jim O'Meara and/or Jon Stopa. Look for them - they'll be looking for you!

The following material will be auctioned at this convention for the benefit of the Willis Fund. Steve Schultheis is our auction representative and he will see to it that these things are placed on the block and if you have any questions about any of these items, direct them to Steve.

PEACE AND OLAF STAPLEDON, by Sam Moskowitz, a 12-page report  
THE FANNISH #1, Ellik and Carr, February, 1959

FILLER #1, Dean Grennell, July, 1953  
LE ZOMBIE #64, ed. by Bob Tucker  
THE SCIENCE FICTION YEARBOOK, 1957, ed. by Taurasi and Van Houten  
HENRY KUTTNER, a memorial symposium, edited by K. Anderson  
THE HARP STATESIDE, by Walt Willis  
SUN TRAILS, Vol. 1, No. 1, ed. by Arthur Louis Joquel  
SINISTERRA, Vol. 1, #2, 3, and 4. Vol. 2, No. 4  
VOM #32 through 26 and #49 - ed. by F. J. Ackerman  
SPACEWARP, May, 1950 - ed. by Art Kapp  
SHANGRI-L'AFFAIRES #14, 29, 33, 34, 37  
DIMENSIONS #14 and 15  
BULLETIN OF THE CLEVELAND SF SOCIETY, #14 and 16  
SCIENCE FANTASY BULLETIN, #10, 12 and 13  
(these last 3 were edited by Harlan Ellison)  
CONVENTION MEMORY BOOK  
FANVARIETY #3, 9, 10 and 11  
OPUS #2, 3, 4, 5, and 6

The Willis Fund will also be present at the Fan Art Show. You'll want to see this beautiful show which demonstrates the varied talents of many well-known and not so well-known fans. When you are there, remember that the 20 paintings by Richard Bergeron are to be sold for the benefit of the Fund. Each painting has a \$5 minimum on it and we have heard that people have been bidding on them since they were first unwrapped! Ron Ellick is the Willis Fund Representative here. He will see to it that each painting has a sheet of paper attached on which you may record your bid and your name. He will also see that you get your painting and no conflicts arise. Remember - see the art show and then see Ellick!

Thanks in advance for helping to put the Fund over the top and have a wonderful time at the Seacon.

For the Willis Fund Committee,  
Noreen Shaw, Secretary  
Larry Shaw, Treasurer

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