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Gemonthly bulleting f Ge Mythopoeic Society interested in the study and discussion of the fictional and mythic works of J.R.R. TOLKIEN, C.S. LEWIS, & CHARLES WILLIAMS

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Lilith by George MacDonald is the first book to be officially discussed in the Society written by another au-thor besides Tolkien, Lewis and Williams. If anyone should belong to the "mythopoeic" genre of literature beyond our three, it would be MacDonald. He was of a previous genera-tion, dying in 1905. Lilith is considered his best work. It was nearly the last book he wrote. For the experienced reader, one will recognise similarities not only to the Inklings, but to Poe and H.P. Lovecraft in his sense of for-boding, and a surrealistic dream quality like that of Kafka. boding, and a surrealistic dream quality like that of Kafka. Lilith has recently been published as part of the adult fantasy series, edited by Lin Carter and published by Ballantine (95¢). It is also available in a volume entitled <u>Phantastes and Lilith</u> published by Wm. B. Eerdmans (\$2.95), which also contains his other adult fantasy book, <u>Phantastes</u>, and a highly valuable introduction to MacDonald by Lewis. Lewis was a great admirer of MacDonald; he even had him appear as a Vergil type figure in Lewis' own <u>The Great</u> Divorce.

<u>Divorce</u>. <u>Lilith</u>, chapter 40, "The House of Death," (specially pp. 232-239 in Ballantine) is a very powerful and dramatic passage. I can visualize the electric tension and strug-gle vividly. It would be striking to see it dramatised or perhaps a dramatic reading.



LILITH by George MacDonald

Mythcon I

The Mythopoeic Society in co-operation with The Tolkien The Mythopoeic Society in co-operation with The Tolkier Society of America will sponsor a convention known as: Tolkien Conference III/Mythcon I. It will be held on the Labor Day Week End, September 4-7, 1970. It will start in-formally with a get-together party on Friday evening, start formally on Saturday morning, and end on Monday afternoon. Negotiations are still not finalized, but we can safely say it be held at either Pomona College or Harvey Mudd College, both of the Claremont group of Colleges.

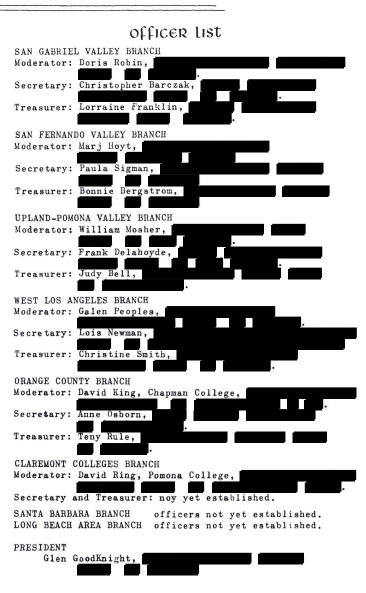
Negotiations are still not finalized, but we can safely say it be held at either Pomona College or Harvey Mudd College, both of the Claremont group of Colleges. A nearby hotel will be used for overnight accomadations. We who have been working on the Convention up to date are very excited about the possibilities. We want to go far beyond previous Conferences. A convention is planned that will combine both scholarship and just good fun. The activities planned are: Papers presented, a guest speaker, panel discussions, a Tolkien Costume Masquerade, a Fantasy Art Show and Exhibit, a Program of Tolkien Music, Special Displays, Slides, and Drama. Those of you who will want to write a paper for the convention as urged now to contact Glen GoodKnight with your tentative subject. Papers on Tolkien, Lewis, Williams and other fantasy writers and topics are accepatable. All of you are urged to join the Convention now, which will assure that you will recieve all news of developments in the progress reports. Advance memberships are \$3.00. Memberships at the Convention will be \$4.50. Send member-ships to the Treasurer of the Convention: David Ring;

Williams.

westercon 23

The 23rd Annual West Coast Science Fantasy Conference, more commonly called Westercon XXIII, will be held on the 4th of July week-end, July 3-5, 1970 at the Francisco Torres in Santa Barbara. If you have never been to a Science Fic-tion Convention before, ask someone who has. You'll find that they're not what you would pre-suppose. They are a lot of fun. This years convention will probably be attended by between 500 to 600 people. The Mythopoeic Society will take part by holding a meeting there, and possibly sponsor-ing a display. ing a display. The Second Progress Report is just about to come out.

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the new elective system

Dear members and Friends,

Dear Members and Triends, I want to share with you a new and major development in the workings of the society that will bifest you in some britchesting ways. Due to the growth of the number of tranches, it is and varying ages of the several branches, it is inputied to continue the policy of sock tranch discussing the same book each month. I have worked out a new policy of formula (subject to Council approval) that will allow for much more freedom, autonomy, and indiveduality of each local branch, while at the same time will strengthen the society by making it more responsive to the interests of the individual members. Coch branch will role among itself as to which order it wants to discuss the booket from the regular look list. Beides this, mey branches just starting will have two "electives the first year. Electives may to any book or topic from a very wicle span of ref individual to the society for a very wicle span of ref lates interests, including any other fantaky with regular list. Bratches older than one year and alder will have four electives. I way took on topic from a very wicle span of ref is regular list. Bratches older than one years and alder will have four electives. I way now as an individual to think over both the troks in the three authors, and tooks you would like to see discussed as electives in the months abused, and be at the branch nearest you to give your wole. Jours for a letter bouch, Date four a letter bouch, Date four a letter bouch, Date four a letter bouch, abused, and be at the branch nearest you to give your wole.

yours for a better Society, Glen Good Knight

Reading List

THE OFFICIAL REGULAR LIST OF BOOKS DISCUSSED BY THE MYTHOPOEIC SOCIETY

J.R.R. TOLKIEN:

The Hobbit, The Lord of The Rings, "Leaf by Niggle" (the second part of <u>Tree and Leaf</u>), <u>Farmer Giles of Ham</u>, <u>The</u> <u>Adventures of Tom Bombadil</u>, and <u>Smith of Wooton Major</u>. LEWIS: C.S.

The seven Chronicles of Narnia: <u>The Lion, The Witch and</u> <u>The Wardrobe</u>, <u>Prince Caspian</u>, <u>The Voyage of The Dawn</u> <u>Treader</u>, <u>The Silver Chair</u>, <u>The Horse and His Boy</u>, <u>The</u> <u>Magician's Nephew</u>, and <u>The Last Battle</u> (which should not

be read until after the other six). The "Deep Space" or "Ransom" Trilogy: <u>Out of the Silent</u> Planet, Perelandra, and That Hideous Strength. CHARLES WILLIAMS:

Many Dimensions, The Place of the Lion, War in Heaven, The Greater Trumps, Shadows of Ecstacy, Descent into Hell, All Hallow's Eve.

film to be made

Galen Peoples, Moderator of The West Los Angeles Branch, would like to make a short movie on some scenes from <u>The Lord</u> of the <u>Rings</u>. He would like help in all areas: acting, make-up, costumes, and technical film advise. If you would like to be involved, contact him.

There has had to be a rearranging of some of the times the various branches meet; this comes from the problems in-volved with our Bulk Mailing Permit. Bulk mail is unpredict-able as to when it will arrive. For the first month of mail-ing, January, some members got their bulletin within three days, other waited over two weeks. After February, no branch will meet on the first Saturday of the month, since there is little likelyhood of the bulletin getting out in time. There for, the San Fernando Valley Branch is being moved from the first Saturday of the month to the third Saturday. We have tried to follow the policy that no two contiguous branches should be meeting on the same night.



Address Correction Requested

Monthly meetings

Each Branch meets on a Saturday at 8 PM

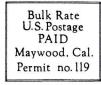
For needed directions to meetings, do not hesitate to call the officers of that branch for more details. February 7.

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The	Santa Barbara Branch: at the home of Tom McDaniel,
February	14:
	Upland-Pomona Valley Branch: at the home of Richard Rogers,
The	Long Beach Area Branch: at the home of Debi Groven,
February	21:
The	San Gabriel Valley Branch: at the home of Pat Lammerts
The	San Fernando Valley Branch: at the home of Marj Hoyt,
February	28:
The	Orange County Branch: at the home of Rochelle Martinez,
The	West Los Angles Branch: at the home of Cathy Case.

On 10 January 1970, Lloyd Alexander spoke to the Southern California Council on Literature for Children and Young Peo-ple at the new Pasadena Art Museum for their ninth annual a-

California Council on Literature for Children and Young People at the new Pasadena Art Museum for their ninth annual awards program and reception. The winner of the Newberry Medal for 1969 for his children's fantasy book, <u>The High King</u>, is a friendly, self-effacing and very humorous man. He has written to <u>Mythlore</u> in its second issue. Several members of the Society, on very short notice, went to hear him speak. While I was speaking to him before the meeting, he was approached by several women to sign some of his books. To facilitate, I took his notebook, holding it as a make-shift desk for him to use. Then being approached by some other arriving members of the Society, I later went off to speak with them, only to find I was being rapidly followed by Alexander to retrieve his notebook which contained his speech for the evening! His speech "Here and Now, Nowhere and Never," I found very relevant to the current human condition. He feels an artist is primarily a human being, who comes to grips with his times (here I thought of Tolkien and Lewis - especially <u>That Hideous Strength</u>). He feels children have data but not sufficent experience to process it. The experience of fantasy affirms and confirms reality, and that fantasy and reality both grapple with the feelings of humanity, despair and hope. Alexander concluded with a looking forward to the emerging "new humanism," which will hopefully give modern man a way out of his technological lack of self-identity. - GG.





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