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What has happened to the previously announced Tolkien Centenary Proceedings, and why was Mythlore's production schedule been disrupted?

After a year and a half of preparation by the Co-Editors of the *Proceedings* of the Tolkien Centenary Conference (1992) — Patricia Reynolds for the [British] Tolkien Society and Glen GoodKnight for The Mythopoetic Society — it appeared that sufficient details had been worked out so that a publication date could be announced. This was done in *Mythlore* 76 in April 1994. Less than a month later I was notified that the Reynolds' computer had been burglarized, a very unfortunate event, but it was unclear if a prolonged delay would be caused. Later I was notified that all of the copies of the papers had been located on disk, and that work was continuing. Unforeseen delays have occurred. At this point we cannot give a specific publication date, but we are continuing to work on it with all possible effort. We hold to the hope that all will be resolved, and the 1992 Conference be properly honored with this *Proceedings*.

We put out the previous one sheet issue of *Mythlore* in an attempt to comply with Second Class (Periodicals) mailing requirements. The one sheet issue 77 *will not* count against the number of issues due to be received by subscribers. This means that if you were due to expire with issue 77, your subscription will be extended to issue 78. If you were due to expire with issue 78, your subscription will be extended to issue 79, etc.

In case you did not read this slightly altered statement that was printed in the one sheet issue of *Mythlore* 77, I repeat it hear to explain in part why 1994 was such a disappointing year. At press time for this issue, I can give no further specific information, as frustrating as this is for all of us. We continue to hope for resolution.

In the mean time, we are very pleased to present this issue, with all of its many interesting articles and features. We have material from both the 1993 and 1994 Mythopoetic Conferences, as well as other submissions. A good number of excellent papers are on hand for the future, and we look forward to the forthcoming issues.

This issue features direct material on Tolkien, Lewis, Barfield, MacDonald, L'Engle, and Philip Woodruff, as well as a treatment of *The Secret Garden* and C.S. Lewis. We see a consideration of English usage in modern Arthurian novels, and the speech given by a master of fairy tales and a Society friend: Jane Yolen.

Future issue will see speeches by Verlyn Flieger and Madeleine L'Engle, and well as delightful material on a wide range of topics. Nevertheless we continue to welcome submissions (see page 13)

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