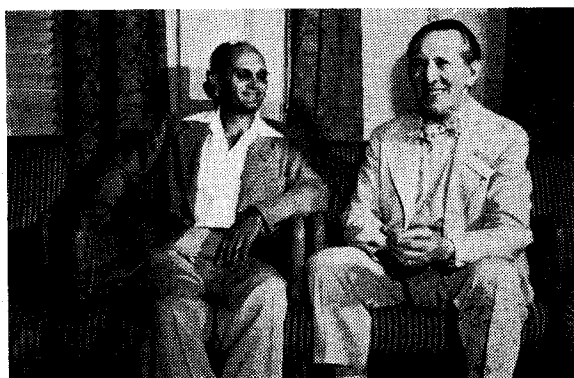


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News From Here And There

J. W. Dalton formerly of Paducah, Texas, has moved to Austin and has accepted the office of District Manager or Rural Life Insurance Co. This gives Austin another magician to associate with such fellows as Dr. Carl Moore, Herman Yerger, Milas Dyer, C. Allen Sears, etc. A meeting was held at Herman's Lodge night of October 5th, with the idea of forming a new IBM Ring at Austin. The way it looks now we will have another Ring in Texas, and soon.

Willard, the Wizard moved to La Grange, Texas to cut down the show for Winter months, so we hope to see him soon at various parts of the State. There will be another wizard or wizardess in the family soon. This necessitates changing the show somewhat, as Joy takes part in so many illusions in the show. Harry attended the Paco Miller party and had a big time.

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IN APPRECIATION OF THE FORT WORTH CONVENTION

That the Fort Worth Convention was a success, is beyond question, seemingly as everyone had a swell time. Among the outstanding, if not the outstanding, personalities, was one of the most loveable men that I have

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ever had the privilege of meeting. I refer to Okito, who, besides being tops in our art, proved himself to be a real gentleman.

His performance on Saturday night was showmanship at its best, however, the real man was in evidence at the time he did cups and balls after the Sunday night show. There was showmanship plus a personality that anyone should feel proud to possess—there was something that all of us could profit by observing the greatness of the man who was before us.

Humility is always the sign of greatness. There stood a man who well deserves his reputation of being one of the masters of the art of magic. There was a man portraying the role of a great artist and a real gentleman. No display of egotism—no impression of a master displaying his skill—not a master before his pupils. With the humility of a perfect gentleman and a great showman, it was the humble expression of the performer, in offering an explanation as to why he was there, that won a place in the heart of everyone present. After hearing his remarks, he left the impression that we were honoring him, not he honoring us.

Mr. Bamberg, you have left something with us that will be remembered so long as we may live. As one of the Governors of the T.A.O.M. it is my hope that we can arrange to invite you to become our first honorary life member and should I possess the authority, I would bestow upon you the honorary title of a Texan and Texas would feel proud to call you a citizen of our Great State.

D. B. "Mister" Gallagher.

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PHOTOS OF THE CONVENTION

You can obtain a full set of photos of the Fort Worth Convention, 34 pictures in all, 5 x 7 inches for \$5.00. Write the Official Photographer, Clarence Dale, 3563 W. 5th St. Fort Worth, Texas.

Seen and Heard at the Convention

Someone said that "Every TAOM Convention should end with a "HAM" so everyone could go home with a good taste in his mouth". Well that's what ended the Convention as far as the shows were concerned, and Ham got one of the biggest laughs of the Convention when the boy opened the fan and it failed to "break-away". Everyone thought it was accident and Sid went to a lot of trouble to prepare it so it would not open. Kate Whitney of Shawnee, Oklahoma laughed so hard she had to get up and leave the ballroom.

W. D. Barton, one of our newest TAOM members, but an old timer in magic interested Glen Pope in magic years and years ago. Wonder how many knew that W. D. invented Dyanshine Shoe Polish and was a millionarie at one time. He now manufactures Western Belts.

Someone remarked—"I wonder if King Tut Gallagher didn't do a high pitch once"? He has that spiel on King Tut down too good, not to have been a real spieler.

Best thing at the whole Convention and one that we would not have missed for anything—Okito's Cups and Balls. He took fully 10 minutes telling us not to expect anything out of the ordinary, that he simply performed the old trick made famous by Herman and others, spent all this time tearing himself down, instead of up—then proceeded to do the most amazing routine of Cups and Balls your Editor ever saw and this includes Max Malini and other "Greats of the past". Truly a masterpiece of magic. How different from the "bragadocio" type who boasts what he can do, then gives you a big letdown. Okito! we salute you—one of the greatest magicians we ever saw and ever will see, is our guess. Bobo almost pulled out his hair after eeing this one—and Bobo is no slouch himself.

And one of the wise cracks of the whole Convention was made by Okito, when he said after seeing Frank Werner perform his "Giant Thumb Tip Gag"—"I know a man who'd pay a thousand dollars to see you do that trick—HE'S BLIND.

Mysterious Howard of Houston seemed like a man with small pox or some other contagious disease, because he overworked his package that gives you a shock. In time everyone gave him a wide path.

The guessing contest conducted by Howard—everyone guessed how many cards there were in a par. The prize—a Sedghill Card Spider. I have forgotten who won.

Frank Lazama's constant trips to the wash room for reasons best known to magicians, but after he came out—Oh! Boy! Glen Connel, boy magician constant follower of Frank. He thought Frank Lazama, the best of all.

Frank Werner has developed a new type of misdirection. When he forgets someone's name he leans over and pretends to be hard of hearing, then reads their badge while doing so.

The most missed man at the Convention was our beloved first President, Herman Yerger. A recent operation prevented his attendance, but we all hope he will be able to come to Houston in 1948. Many members sent him letters and wires cheering him up, but the most appreciated of all was a two page personal letter from Congressman TAOM member, Fritz Lanham. A very busy man in Washington, D. C., takes time out to write Herman a cheery letter.

Financial Statement, T.A.O.M.

Our first Convention was held over Labor Day at Austin, Texas and this is when the TAOM was formed. It was more or less unofficial, and IBM Ring No. 18 of San Antonio in a way sponsored the organization. M. S. Mahendra was President of Ring 18 at that time and with the help of other members it was made possible to organize. Ed DeWees took over the handling of funds, Ren Clark and Sproesser Wynn of Fort Worth handled the Constitution and By-Laws, so with their help and the help of the Austin Attendees and Herman Yerger offered his Lodge and other assistance, the first Convention was a success. As there was a net profit from this Convention, Ring 18 did not feel like taking this fund but turned it over to the newly formed TAOM. This made it possible to put out the nice Bulletin and other printing. Below is the results of the first Convention at Austin.

96 Registrations at \$5 each -----\$480.00

Expense:—

Buffet Lunch 8-31-46 -----	\$132.90
Rum for punch -----	7.90
Barbecue, 9-1-46, Refreshments 9-2-46	149.00
Rental, Hotel Driskill, 9-1-46 -----	5.00
Waiters Tips at Barbecue -----	5.00
Gift to Mr. Warren, Hotel Asst. Mgr.	10.00
Piano Player -----	10.00
Magical Prizes -----	9.00
Magician's Prize to Sigmar -----	5.00
Stenographer, drafting by-laws, etc. -	4.25
Tip (moving platform) -----	2.00
Postage -----	12.00
Ledger for Secy. TAOM -----	4.50
Tickets and Program -----	8.50

Balance of \$114.95 donated to
TAOM by Ring 18.

Secretary's, TAOM expense, TAOM
Applications, Letterheads, Envelopes,
Membership cards, 6 page Bulletin.
(Bulletin No. 1), Cut (Herman Yerger),
Art Work and Cut, (Emblem) .. \$107.94

Balance ----- \$7.01

Submitted by Ed DeWees.

Note:— It should be stated in justice to Ed DeWees, who did such fine work at Austin, that it had been arranged to eat at Herman Yerger's Lodge, but rain made us change our plans. We then had to change over to the Hotel. They were already booked with something else, but through the persuasion of Ed DeWees, they let us serve the barbecue in the Hotel, arranged a meeting room at the Driskill Hotel. This accounts for gift to Asst. Manager, tips, etc., as we had expenses that could have been avoided if the hotel had been arranged in advance for the entire Convention.

RECEIPTS TAOM, AS OF SEPT. 1, 1947

Balance -----	\$ 7.01
124 Applicants @ 2.50 -----	310.00
Christmas advertising, Bulletin No. 2 -----	87.50
Total -----	\$404.51

EXPENSE, TAOM UP TO SEPT. 1, 1947

Postage, envelopes, mimeographing, etc. -----	\$ 33.19
To Gordon Printing Co., Bulletin No. 2 -----	68.50
To Gordon Printing Co., Bulletin No. 3 -----	48.25

Total Expense ----- \$149.94
Cash on hand, Sept, 1, 1947 ----- \$254.57



RUSS SWAN, FRANK LAZAMO AND BOB WHITE

PAY YOUR T.A.O.M. DUES

As Bulletin No. 4 goes to press, there are still a few who have not paid their dues for the coming year. All dues are payable October 1, and unless paid in three months, are subject to a reinstatement fee of \$1.00 plus delinquent dues. PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES IN THE NEXT 30 DAYS so we may carry on the work of putting out a better Bulletin. The annual dues are \$1.50.

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Get A New Member

There are still many magicians in Texas who have not joined the TAOM. Please sign up a new member if you know of one who does not belong. We need every eligible magician in Texas a member to make this a strong organization.

The following have joined as members:

W. D. Barton, 1301 Mansfield Ave. -- Fort Worth 3, Texas
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Samuel R. Pinkston, Box 286 ----- Wellington, Texas
Paco Miller, Mesones, 75, Depto 301 ----- Mexico City

As you read the list of new applicants, you will realize that there are some fine magicians among this latest list. Paco Miller has just concluded a four week run at the National and Zaragoza Theatres of San Antonio, he attended every meeting of the Magicians Round Table of San Antonio, we had a special luncheon party for him after his show on a Saturday night. He proved to be one of the most capable magicians we have met and a swell fellow as well. He is without a doubt, the top ventriloquist in the World today, and if his programs were in English instead of Spanish, no doubt you would see him in every part of the U. S. A.

Paco joined Ring 18 and TAOM paying dues in each for two years in advance. He is now paid up until October 1, 1949. And to Fred King goes the honor of the only other TAOM member paying up 2 years in advance. Thanks Fred, we won't have to send you a notice of dues payable for a long time.