

ROBINSON JEFFERS NEWSLETTER

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Dear Members

We have received so many responses to our last letter that we hasten to send you more items of interest.

Since nearly everyone requested corrections for their copies of The Beginning and the End we are attaching the list to this letter. The good news is that the first edition has sold out, and Random house has published a corrected edition (though we have not seen a copy as yet). Collectors should acquire both editions!

At a recent meeting in Burlingame, California, attended by Mrs. Jehanne Salinger-Carlson, Dome Judith Anderson, Mrs. Hans Barkan, Lee and Donnan Jeffers, Theodore Lilienthal, Rollo Peters and Madame President, much of interest was discussed.

Lee Jeffers reported on her meeting at Random House. The request of our committee for a paper-back edition of Robinson Jeffers' short poems has been promised for spring publication. If any of you have suggestions of poems for inclusion please forward them to us (by title) as soon as possible and not later than January 10th. To save time please send directly to Mrs. Frank Bennett, 1184 Camino del Mirasol, Palm Springs, California.

While east, Lee attended the benefit performance of Phaedra at East Hampton produced by Caroline Tyson, starring Marian Seldes. Although our committee didn't "benefit" financially, the production brought further distinction to Jeffers and we give thanks to Mrs. Tyson for her good work. We suggest that any such future benefits forward a percentage of the proceeds to the committee to further our work.

We understand that Marian Seldes has made a recording of "Roan Stallion" for Folkway Records (Educational). Lee and Donnan Jeffers recommend it highly.

The Sierra Club is planning a publication of photographs of the Big Sur country by Ansel Adams, Edward Weston and others, the descriptive text to be excerpts from Jeffers' poems. Donnan couldn't give us the publication date but we'll keep you informed.

We are urging Judith Anderson to make some records of Jeffers' poems. She would appreciate knowing your preference, so a note to this effect would be a guide. Her address: Dame Judith Anderson, Carpinteria, California.

James Rorty writes that he has a book in progress, a chapter of which deals with his discovery of Jeffers. An appraisal of Jeffers' work by James Rorty would be of inestimable value and we urge him to hurry that book to conclusion! Fraser Drew (Professor of English at State University College, Buffalo) writes that for the past five years his graduate class in English has studied the work of two poets--one of them is always Jeffers! What could be better news! He also calls our attention to the Saturday Review (October 26) article by Winfield Scott in which he includes a review of The Beginning and the End. To quote Mr. Scott: "The neglect of Jeffers ... constitutes the major scandal of contemporary American poetry."

We wish each of you a very Happy New Year and hope it may bring you fertile ideas for achieving our goals.

Faithfully yours

Melba Berry Bennett

P.S. Don't forgot that your donations to the Robinson Jeffers Committee are tax deductible, and our good Secretary-Treasurer, Tyrus Harmsen loves to make deposits! M.B.B.

Errors in The Beginning and the End by Robinson Jeffers

<u>Page</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Correction</u>
3	23	After word "again", colon instead of semi-colon
26	13	"Dumbfound", not "Confound"
28	14	"To", not "who"
29	10	Capitalize "Perhaps"
"	11	Place a dash after the word "other" and lower case "or"
31	16	Delete "is" after the word "nation"
41	4	Replace colon with period
"	8	Delete comma after the word "helpless"
"	27	Should read: "tiger follows her feet Bearing her beautiful brand on his face."
42	8	Replace semi-colon with comma
46	9	Incomplete. Should read: "It is only saints and idiots forget themselves. However The ocean waters will take him soon, dead or alive."
47	2	Word "chorus" should have Greek spelling "choros"
49	last line	Ends with a dash--
52	6	Should read "found a ledge fine of marble,"
60	11	Replace period with semi-colon. Lower case "she"
63	10	Replace word "in" by "on"
"	last line	omitted. No period after "wildflowers", then "Is nobler than the human race."