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weeks."

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Our cartoon this issue is by Les Mirensberg.

ALL FANDOM IS PLUNGED INTO WAR!

"If you want a real scoop for FANAC,"
writes Harry Warner, "the Doubledoubletoiland-
trouble Mimeograph which has published SPACE-
WAYS, HORIZONS, THE FANTASY AMATEUR, THE
BULLETIN OF THE NATIONAL FANTASY FAN FEDERATION, and a half-dozen other
assorted titles in its day has been turned out to pasture. I have
bought a new mimeograph which seems to be a wonderful piece of mech-
anism, and I shall use it for the spring HORIZONS provided that I can
figure out just one little thing between now and deadline, how to make
the drum revolve, a feat that a week of contemplation, poking and
prodding around the machine has not accomplished. The old mimeograph
has been hoisted to the attic, and I have said to it the farewells
that should go from one old crank to another."

INVASION OF THE WSFS INC FROM OUTER SPACE: Well, dammit, I warned you
I'd use somesuch ridiculous title if the WSFS Inc. popped up in the
news again, and here it is. It seems that we received misinformation
regarding the status of the WSFS Inc., and that my contention a few
issues ago that it would take much more than \$5.00 to dissolve the
corporation--more like \$100.00, I think I said--was incorrect. Belle
Dietz has written us a letter explaining all this patiently to us, and
even sent a photocopy of a letter from the Sheriff's Office of St.
Lawrence County, N.Y., saying that in the case of the WSFS Inc vs.
David A. Kyle "there are no fees or other monies due or owing our
office". So it seems that the excuse Kyle is using for not dissolving
WSFS Inc. isn't true.

Not that we especially care, of course. As we've said before,
the WSFS Inc. is just sitting there like a bump on a log, hurting no-
body. We suspect that Kyle doesn't want to dissolve it simply because
he knows it irritates the Dietzes; while we're not in sympathy with
this purpose, we simply aren't interested in joining the Dietzes'
campaign to get Kyle off the dime. Who cares about the WSFS Inc.?

We'd suggest that you people forget about it too, Belle; you're
only beating your heads against a wall.

(On rereading what I've just typed, I see that I managed somehow
to maintain a firm hold on a nonpartisan attitude and still apparently
insulted both sides. That's a tour de force I wasn't trying for, and
I apologize in advance.)

--tgc

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND NOTHING ELSE, THANK GOD: A daughter was born unto Pam and Ken Dulmer on Monday, 7th March; all are doing well, says our London delivery-room spy, "Z". # We really haven't any marriages to announce, but three different fans are threatening to wed (besides those mentioned last issue). Terry Jeeves and Miss Valerie Williams plan to be wed this summer, Otto Pfeifer is engaged but we don't know the gal's name and they haven't yet announced a date, and Mike Moorcock and Sandra Hall were to announce their engagement at the British con last weekend. Hmm, that makes four fans, not three. No matter, things will get even more confused as we get further on in this issue.

THE APA CORNER: Lotsa news here this time. Major news in the 23rd OMPA mailing is stability, reports OMPA spy "Jim Caughran". After several mailings of high turnover in the ranks and decreasing waiting-list, there was no turnover between mailings and the w-1 has climbed to a respectable 11. # If the proposal now up for vote goes through, this year's TATF winner will become the next OMPA president automatically. OMPA had trouble finding a candidate for the presidency, until Ron Bennett suggested that since all TATF winners from Britain have been President of OMPA, and all candidates this year are OMPA members, the winner be made President. Other officers will be Sandy Sanderson in another year as treasurer, and Daphne Buckmaster as Association Editor. # The OMPANTHOLOGY, a collection of the best from five years of OMPA publishing, should appear in the June mailing. Information for non-OMPANS on its availability should also be available then.

The 51st SAPS mailing declined slightly from its all-time record pagecount of last mailing--this one's only 749 pages, which ties FAPA's record. (Is SAPS trying to rub it in?) SAPS Egoboo Poll results for 1959 had Bruce Pelz's SPELEOBEM as best fanzine, Wrai Ballard as best mailing commentor, John Berry as best article writer, Art Rapp as best fiction writer and best poet too, Bjo as best artist, John Berry as best humorous, and Dick Eney picking up the most miscellaneous ~~points~~ points. Rapp won the SAPS presidency for the coming year by picking up more points than anyone else, with the rest of the SAPS Top Ten being (2) Bruce Pelz, (3) Bjo, (4) John Berry, (5) Bob Leman, (6) B.R. Toskey, (7) F.M. Busby, (8) Wrai Ballard, (9) Terry Carr, (10) a tie between Karen Anderson and Elinor Busby. # Dick Eney won as next SAPS OE.

And the news from the Cult is that Jack Harness just published a nice thick FANTASY ROTATOR and, having lost the SAPS OEShip race to Eney, is running for Cult OA--unopposed, so far.

FROM HERE ON OUT IT GETS HECTIC: Ella Parker (151 Canterbury Rd., W. Kilburn, London NW 6, England) is publishing an anthology of Atom illos; she wants fans to tell her what their favorite ones are, where and when they were pubbed, and she and Atom will reproduce them in a gigantic, beautiful folio with plenty of new illos too. Production is to start immediately, like. # Bill Sarill (11 Buena Vista Park, Cambridge 40, Mass.) has decided to reduce the prepublication price on his BEST OF BRANDON anthology to 35¢, and the post-publication price to 50¢. "Art for the masses, say I. Cheap (or, rather, inexpensive) art. # Ron Bennett's SKYRACK also ran a poll for 1959, this one being for just British stuff. Top Ten British zines were: (1) AFORRHETA, (2) HYPHEN, (3) ORION, (4) TRIODE, (5) SKYRACK, (6) SMOKE, (7) FLOY, (8) RETRIBUTION, (9) FEMIZINE, (10) CAMBER. Best individual item was Berry's "Goon Goes West"; Best column "Inchmery Fan Diary"; best artist, Atom; best promag, New Worlds; best fan-writer, John Berry. # Robert W. Lowndes' mags (Future S-F and Science Fiction Stories) have folded. Sigh...

THE APA CORNER: Elmer Perdue has been reinstated in FAPA after the traditional winter hassle about activity requirements. A petition to restore his membership was signed by T&MCarr, Dave Rike, Jim Caughran, G.M.Carr, F&E Busby, Jack Spear, Boyd Raeburn, John Trimble, Rick Sneary, Don Wilson, Bob Pavlat, Stan Woolston, William Rotsler, Redd Boggs and Dan McPhail. This petition was received and acted upon by the secretary-treasurer on 19 April 1960. ##Don Wilson adds, to the petition, the note that the long-absent EGOBEAST will appear in the May FAPA mailing; this will be his (Wilson's) first activity since August 1958.

ROAD TO FAME DEPT: Ackerman marked the first issue of his monster mag "Collector's Item", but Earl Kemp is more subtle. As some of you know, he just published a gigantic symposium titled WHO KILLED S F (it ran 110 pages) with contributions scanning the field of science-fiction by 71 stfnists); well, not only is he completely out of copies, he says, but he will pay \$1.00 plus postage for any copies of it returned to him (Earl Kemp, 2019 North Whipple, Chicago 47, Ill) before July 4, 1960. ##But Terry Carr, always quick-thinking, has one-upped Kemp before you could say egoboostingcrud; the same day as Kemp's card arrived, a letter came from Larry & Noreen Shaw offering \$2.00 for Innuendo #10, the recently-published INNISH III. The FANAC editorial staff was aghast; then we started wondering how much FANAC 56 would be worth to people...

SPEAKING OF RECENT FANACS, there have been more of them than usual, and we'd like to clarify which fanzine is which here. (1) FANAC 54 and 55 were dittoed, an experiment which didn't turn out too well and might not be repeated; (2) on April Fool's Day, Gerber and Reiss turned out a fake-FANAC 55 which almost fooled us; (3) on that same day, somebody published PANAC 99--we suspect Ron Bennett, who has a cohort in Valrico, Fla., which is where PANAC was postmarked. Items (2) & (3) were mimeographed, which is how you can tell them from the genuine article. This issue, by the way, is also mimeographed, but you can tell it's genuine by the typos. ##Gerber apologizes for publishing that hoax issue just as we published our first FANAC scoop in a long time (Bjo & Trimble's engagement announcement), and we forgive him. The fake-FANAC 55 was immensely enjoyed, once we figured out that we didn't write it. Copies of it are available from Leslie Gerber, 201 Linden Blvd., Brooklyn 26, NY, free on request.

REBEL YEAST PRODUCTIONS: Southern Fandom is re-organizing, says Bob Farnham; Jerry Page, Jerry Burge (of the old ASF0 group that published "The Immortal Storm") and Farnham have had much response to recent efforts to reactivate Dixie sfdom, and now have 16 members on their roster. He doesn't mention Billy Joe Plott (Box 654, Opelika, Alabama) but he says that his (Farnham's) is the address to send requests for information to. That's Bob Farnham, 506 Second Ave, Dalton, Georgia.

VOTE FOR THE POST OFFICE DEPT DEPT: Ted White, ever a focus for fierce controversy, has decided that the Post Office Dept has been overstepping its rights, and that a lot of fans have legitimate complaints which, if concentrated, might wreak some constructive changes in mail service. He asks that if you have any honest gripes with faulty service, you type them on one side of the paper, sign your name and include your address, and include no extraneous material, and send them to him (Ted White, Apt 15, 107 Christopher Street, New York 14, NY). These should be complaints you are ready to stand behind. Here's your opportunity to strike back, fen. ##Ted adds that he and Sylvia are now members of the Faircon Committee. Huh?

CHANGES OF ADDRESS:

Djinn Faine, 850 $\frac{1}{2}$ E. Kensington Road, Los Angeles 26, California
Martin Jukovsky, 363 Page Street, San Francisco, California
Mal Ashworth, 14, Westgate, Eccleshill, Bradford 2, Yorkshire, England (ed: ROT)
Bob Stewart, 504 E. Belknap, Fort Worth, Texas. (is this a recent change?)
Ken Hedberg, Route 1, Box 1185, Florin, California. NOT Florid.

