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First With The First

Reasons for forming the Gothic Amateur Press Association will doubtless appear in other magazines of the first mailing. Our own motives in joining may or may not be stated, we don't know yet. But mainly we are inclined to regard the matter as none of Fapa's business.

Our amusement in this first Vanguard editorial lies in listing Gothic's firsts. And first of all must be found with Robert W. Lowndes--who is first member of GAPA by reason of having originated the idea and of having named the club. And of course by virtue of being first Official Manager.

First GAPA Conference was held in the Waverly Inn in NYC's Greenwich Village, wherein Lowndes, Michel, Shaw, and Don & Elsie Wollheim talked it over. First constitution was drawn up at V.K. Emden's flat near the East River that same historic night, Jan. 13th, 1945.

First recruit was L.R. Chauvenet. First name chased was "Co-operative A.P.A." First named adopted was Gothic. First member of Exec. Board was DAW. First new fan publisher activated will be Elsie Wollheim. And the first GAPazine is The G.A.P.A. Vanguard, of which this is the first page of the first issue. Selah!
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