

Bobolings

WHOLE NUMBER ONE

"Leaves"

For those of you who want to see who got elected to office in the most recent FAPA election in years, the results are in the hinder country. (The back pages, where else?) For those who want to see who voted, those results are in roughly the same place. For those who want to see who voted for whom, the results are in a file cabinet here filed under the "e's".

No need to rush to the back pages, tho. After all, at this particular time I don't even know who was (is) elected.

While waiting for the cards to come in, it seemed like a good idea to make some comments on the CL.

CL stands for Checklist, or, to be more precise, the "S F CHECK-LIST", more commonly known as the Swisher Check-list. Since said check-list is now being carried on by Evans and myself, I guess it should be called the "Pavlat/Evans Continuation of the Swisher S F Check-List" but that's a mighty unwieldy title, so just let it go on as "CL".

Sometime late in 1948 or early in 49, one William H. Evans started attending meetings of the Washington Science Fiction Association. Sometime late in 1949 or early in 50 it ocured to me that I would be getting in FAPA before long, and should have some project to keep me busy and to give me something to talk about in FAPA. Remembering that Bill had once been in the outfit, I asked him for suggestions. He suggested the Check-List, and after about two months of hemming and hawing, I decided that it might not be such a bad idea. Finally I wrote to RDSwisher, getting back the following reply:

21 May 1950

Dear Bob:

1. Yes, you may use the information in the checklist as you wish.
 2. I have almost a foot of 3x5 index cards representing the cumulative 1929-1944 list as described in the enclosed quotations. I'll be glad to send them to you as soon as I get a chance to pack them and take them to the express office if you'll agree to take care of them and return them to me if you don't use them.
 3. I'll be glad to give what help I can in untangling confusions.
- I am encasing a list of titles on which information was incomplete at the time I gave up. ...Regards to Bill Evans.

Sincerely,

RDSwisher

Apparently he was satisfied with my reply, for on 8 June 50 I got all those file cards and a letter dated 3 June 50 from which the following

is extracted:

" I hope you can make something out of the mess. ((Everything was in perfect order, naturally)) At this late date there is probably plenty of opportunity to make it cumulative through 1949, or maybe even through 1954-- it is much more convenient to have everything under one listing instead of having to go through several volumes covering a few years each."

"Sincerely

RDSwisher"

With such fine cooperation from Swisher, I figured the project might turn out to be not too hard, and so have started work on it. About 1954, as he predicted, I may have the first cumulative volume prepared. I had been toying with the idea of putting out a cumulative volume through 1945 and am still relatively undecided about the merits of it. If I put out such a volume properly, bound with an ACCO or some similar fastener so new pages could be stuck in at will in their approximate location, as produced, it might not be so bad. FAPA and other comments appreciated.

Coswal, in the last issue of the Fantasy Amateur, requested some help on the FAPA index. Here's what could be found in the card file:

INTERPLANETARY TALES	I 1 Jan 38 JVTaurasi; ¹ / ₂ ;18;h.
Apparently the only issue.	
COSMIC PHILADELPHIAN	Not listed
BALLOT	Evans currently in possession of "A" and "B" files.
ROUND TABLE BOOKLET	Not listed
WONDER FICTION ANNUAL	The CL doesn't give any information as to whether or not a fanzine is a-jay, or what mailing it would be found in.
VACRAM	There were three issues, the May 38 one un-numbered, # 2 was Spr 39 and #3 Sum 39.
STARS	Lasted only two issues--Jun & Dec 40.
FAPA SPECIAL BALLOT	Not listed. There is a FAPA SPECIAL I 1 (Mar 39) Giunta; ¹ / ₂ ;4;h; and a "ballot" edition of SPECIAL BULLETIN (4a Jan 40) if either of these could be the item.
QED	Not listed
FAN-TALE	Swisher says it's hyphenated, how about it? Agrees on there being both m and h editions, but gives no clue as to where they were distributed.
WHACKY	I remember something about this--think that one of the reviewers mis-spelled it at the time it first appeared, causing some confusion. Cannot locate any reference to such a happening however. CL says WHACKY is the correct spelling.
JINX	I 4 was misnumbered I 3.

Anything which Coswal asked about which isn't mentioned above is left out because the card file is of no assistance. About five names were totally missing from the file. Apparently Shaw's index was part of the file's source material, tho I'm not sure.

Here's the set-up, as currently practiced, in the card files:

VADJONG

I	1	*	Mar 39	S.Moskowitz;1;8;m
	2		Mar	2
	3		3 Dec (mn 1 2)	
	4		3 Mar 40 (inc.	bw Fantasy News VI 12)

NFI

In short, we list title, volume and number (if used), *whole number (if used), date, editor, page size, number of pages, reproduction process. Odd information may be found almost anyplace on the card. If a number is missed through accident, we put the proper number in parens according to the editor's usual usage. Ditto for date. If the editor, on the other hand, doesn't use numbering at all, we number the zines, in whole numbers, in parens. Volume numbers are given in Roman Numerals, number in arabic, whole numbers in underlined arabic. Abbreviation are as follows:

bw	bound with	inc	incomplete
md	misdated	nfi	no further issues
ud	undated	h	hecto
mn	misnumbered	m	mimeo
un	unnumbered	o	offset

p printed

We're looking for a good sensible abbreviation for "not distributed."

There follows a list of those FAPA members who were not too lazy to mark seven checks or "X"s on a pre-addressed postcard, sign their name, and drop same in a mailbox.

Virginia Blish

Redd Boggs

Marion Bradley

Donald W. Bratton

Robert Glenn Briggs

W. E. Bullard

Charles Burbee

Cyrus B. Condra

Walter A. Coslet

Leslie A. Crutch

Walter Dunkelberger

Richard Eney

E. Everett Evans

Wm. H. Evans

Thomas H. Gardner

Ray C. Higgs

C. Lee Jacobs

Joe Kennedy

F. T. Laney

Roy W. Loan, Jr.

Len J. Moffatt

Sam Moskowitz

Marijane Nuttall

Bob Pavlat

Boff Perry

Charles Lee Riddle

Jack Riggs

Wm. Rotsler

Stanley Serxner

Bob Silverberg

Rick Sneary

H. M. Spellman III

Norman F. Stanley

Cont. on next page

Bob Stein
 Stephen Taller
 And omitted from his proper position: Charles Ford Hansen

D.B. Thompson
 Albert Toth

Harry Warner, Jr.
 Stan Woolston

There is, of course, some excuse for not voting. A dislike of all candidates (not a real excuse anyhow), force of circumstances, or a feeling of not being qualified to vote. The only Washingtonian not on the above list called me and told me that he didn't feel that he'd been in FAPA long enough to vote, so I wouldn't get a card from him--a praiseworthy attitude. But surely the 27 of you who didn't vote aren't all in the above categories.

Be that as it may the election is over. Outgoing officers are:

President: Redd Boggs
 Vice President: Henry M. Spelman III
 Secretary-Treasurer: Harry Warner, Jr.
 Official Editor: Coswal

Incoming officers are:

President: Francis T. Laney
 Vice President: Redd Boggs
 Secretary-Treasurer: Charles Burbee
 Official Editor: Coswal

Copies of the mailing will not be sent to prozines for review, (nor, so far as the constitution currently allows, for any other purpose.)

The complete results are below, but a word of warning first. All monies and other items which should be sent to the sec-treas should now go to the newly installed S. Charles Burbee at his New Address: 7628 S. Pioneer Blvd., Whittier, California!

Complete official results:

FOR PRESIDENT:

F. T. Laney: 24
 Spelman III: 15
 Hudson 1

F. T. LANEY ELECTED!

FOR VICE PRESIDENT:

Redd Boggs: 27
 Wm. Rotsler: 11
 Bill Evans: 1
 Jack Riggs: 1

REDD BOGGS ELECTED!

FOR SEC-TREAS:

Chas. Burbee: 34
 Redd Boggs: 1
 Helen Wesson: 1
 Marion Bradley: 1
 Void, etc. 3

CHARLES BURBEE ELECTED!

FOR OFFICIAL-EDITOR:

W. A. Coslet: 33
 Don Day: 3
 Void, etc. 4

WALTER A. COSLET ELECTED!

AND THE PROPOSED BY-LAW:

	For	Against	Abstain
STARTLING:	31	8	1
AMAZING:	28	11	1
SUPER SCI:	29	10	1

THE PROPOSED BY-LAW DID NOT PASS!

/s/ Bob Pavlat
/s/ Bill Evans

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By-Laws, if you remember, are harder to pass than are amendments to the constitution. In an amendment, a majority of the members must vote, and a majority of the votes must be favorable. In a by-law, however, a majority of the members must approve. So if you were cheering for that amendment, blame its non-passage on the 25 (not 27 as previously erroneously stated) non-voters.

Think I'll distribute this to the news-zines, etc. hoping for a plug for FAPA.

This would seem to be almost as good a place as any to report results of an I. Q. test given several members of WSFA several months ago. The group was composed of those at one of our summer meetings so not many people are represented. Think they are of roughly average club intelligence. In fact, these people, with a few exceptions, are the club-as-it-exists-over-a-period-of-time. The test was the "Otis Self-Administering Tests of Mental Ability, Higher Examination: Form A for High Schools and Colleges". It is a pretty good paper and pencil type test. Two faults are that it is somewhat affected by education, and the I.Q. score given at higher levels by this test are from 5 to 15 points too low when compared to Stanford-Binet I.Q.s.

Testee	Otis I.Q.	Gen.Pop. %ile
#1	133	100
#2	131	99.5
#3	140	100
#4	127	99.0
#5	140	100
#6	137	100
#7	137	100

A %ile, or percentile, is merely a way of designating how the item considered, or in this case the person considered, compares with others of a given group. In this instance, every individual was as intelligent as, or more intelligent than, 99% of the General Population, according to this test. Of course, when you are in the upper ranges, as you are here, minor variations may mean nothing. A test designed for upper groups should really be given here: the Weschler-Bellevue, Stanford-Binet, or even the ACCT or that test, name forgotten, used so often as a college entrance examination. For all intents and purposes, the above scores are identical. Fairly noticeable differences might be found with a longer test.

But notice how the group compares to the General Population: Doubt if you would find any comparable non-profession, club type units anyplace except in other Science-Fiction Associations.

Migosh! I just this moment discovered how to take the carriage off this thing. Real clever & all!

Up until the time I left off typing this effort back on page five, it was coming along beautifully. In fact, I was wondering how I was going to shut it off at the planned sixth page. Now I wonder what the devil I thought I was going to fill up all this blank space with. I had planned a couple of things, but they involve work. One was a review of the best going Army journal: Armor, along with a quote by Crane about the Korean fighting and what have you. Then there was a comment, long left uncommented, about the Guggenheim fellowship for rocket research "for peaceful purposes" and my idle wonder if any rocket research could possibly be peaceful in this day and age. Course, that fellowship was up a year ago. I don't have the faintest idea if they still have that offer going.

Galaxy is the name of the newest of the stf crop. Galaxy is the only stf magazine I have read from cover to cover in this year of our Lord 1950 and this 174th year of our independence. Lots of room for improvement--the kind of stories that fill their first issue could, I feel, become very palling if taken in a too steady diet--but it is certainly the best new thing around for quite a while. Just hope I can enjoy future issues as I did this one. It was so darn pleasant to sit down and relax with readable stf after a long diet of non-fiction and detective and western fiction.

The plural of mouse is micethe plural of louse is lice and the plural of spouse is spiceaint it??!

Two more cards have come in since I announced the election results back on page 4. Their ballots do not count, one being postmarked the 18th and one the 19th. I could say that admitting them would change the election results, but it wouldn't.

That interlineation above could have filled three lines if I'd half tried to stretch it out.

You have been reading Bobolings, published by Bob Pavlat of 6001 43rd Ave., Hyattsville, Maryland, for the Fantasy Amateur Press Association. This is another postmailing to the 52nd mailing of that association, and is mainly the result of being appointed teller in the latest election and having to distribute the results in some manner. Burbee's request that I announce that he was once again looking in a new mail box for his mail was not without its effect in persuading me to publish something for total FAPA circulation, rather than merely something to inform the candidates and ex-officers about who was now whom. Any blame for strike-overs, irregular inking, misspelling, etc., belongs to me. So does all credit for everything except the matchless mimeography, credit for which goes, again, to Franklin Kerkhof and his magic mimeos. Would that Frank would write more of his life-defying prose, and poetry too!

Let the two remaining inches of white space serve as a memorial to the summer which is dying and the Spacewarp which is dead. May they both come back!