

To my moderate surprise this appears to be another issue of BOBOLINGS, this one dated August 1977, and produced by Bob Pavlat, boy indexer, resident at 5709 Goucher Drive, College Park, Md 20740 if I haven't moved lately. And I don't believe that I have. I hate to move. So, if I have, I'm thankful that I've forgotten.

I did not intend to be surprised that there was going to be an August 1977 Bobolings. Three months ago I was sure that there would be one. After all, with the May mailing I'd managed to make three mailings in a row; a happening last seen when I was OE, which must have been back around the turn of the decade. The chance to make it four in a row was too good for me to miss. Time passed, and no Bobolings happened, so only last night--July 31, it was--I sighed to my wife that it looked like I'd miss the mailing.

But then I made a mistake. I dug out the May mailing, and re-read the magazines I'd read before and read for the first time those I'd skipped before. I found as a result an inclination to do a page or two, which just might be crammed into the two nights before I must assemble and mail this. Since I'm not blessed with the fevered flying fingers of an Ed Cox nor the tales of dietary rigor of a Gregg Calkins this will be an anemic issue, but Bobolings is frequently just that way.

DETOURS ns 2- The cover is eyebending. It should be a board for a game.. ++ I'm happy that you're using the title Detours. It's a good title, and worthy of further use. ++ My records aren't perfect (due to the gap in my mailings) but I think your first membership lasted from September 1940 thru July 1945. ++ I have talked to a talking computer. Perfection is many years in the future, but some strides are being made. ++ I once worked up some Fapa trivia questions, but finally decided that even in FAPA there were so few people who could answer them that they just weren't worth printing. But were they ever trivia! ++ Six members have met you. Perdue, Speer, Pavlat, and ?. ++ Anyone who can so vividly feel and impart as you do the "challenge to prove your knowledge of sea and breeze and see if you can coax an extra fraction of a knot's speed out of your sailboat from the natural world..." may not want to ski, but they can surely understand the interplay between gravity, surface, steepness, and even wind resistance that that a skier deals with and loves. A skier would no more walk down the mountain that you'd settle for rowing around the course. ++ I'm not sure that I followed your comments on England vs Britain. Would the fact that Roberts is (I believe) from Wales mayhap have something to do with his usage? ++ Yes, Agenbite was Lowndes'. ++ Back to your comment on Britain (and, I presume, Brittany) did you know that famed Chateau Haut Brion was merely a convenient corruption of the name O'Brion?

HORIZONS 150. Ed Hamilton was one of the nicest persons I've met through fandom. He was friendly, warm, interesting, and interested. ++ I also did not understand completely the distinction between formal writing and personal narrative writing in the egoboo poll. And yet, when the results were in, I think it's clear that there was a workable, even though poorly defined, distinction. We probably need a Carr or a Silverberg to provide a workable definition, but I'm not sure they'd accept the distinction as a real one. ++ I admire you even attempting to cope with

the water controls on your furnace. I get along all right with purely mechanical devices, but water shares a certain fluid indefiniteness with electricity and I pretty well get confused about which way the stuff is flowing and as a consequence leave it alone. ++ Never liked the Odd Couple, but Klugman does a fine job as Quincy, M.E.

PRELUDE TO SPACE. "Bolted to a bamboo and paper frame was a thing called a rotary engine -- so called because the propellor was bolted to the engine and the whole combination was made to rotate at high speed." That, chum, croggles my mind. I don't really think that it worked that way (but I'm not about to research it this close to the deadline.) Surely I wasn't that inefficient in picking up information from the WW I air war stories I read in the mid-30's. It was called a rotary because the pistons were arranged in a circle, rather than in-line, or in a V formation, or some other way. ++ I hope they tore/will tear the McDonald's Bakery Hill outlet down. A minor quibble--over here many of the McDonald's are franchise operations. Is your McDonalds your McDonalds or is it our McDonalds? In any case, remember that the bricks go to Tucker. ++ I did attend the course offered by the Smithsonian on bookbinding. While far from an expert I have bound two blank books (one single signature, one multi-), and rebound one book (quarter leather). And made a slip case. This past Saturday I discovered that a local non-commercial TV station is devoting a half-hour weekly show to bookbinding. It's enjoyable and interesting, but not something that I'd want to do for mere money.

SCRAMBLED EGGS BENEDICT 1. An enjoyable one-shot. Not a lot to comment on, in that the contributors did fairly well cover the field and I see no need to add my amens. I'm more of an accumulator than a collector, while Peggy Rae shows little signs of either trait. Nor does daughter Missy, but Eric has seed collections, bottle cap collections, pretty stone and shell collections, and maybe others. I judge the trait to be more inborn than acquired.

STUNNED MULLET 5. Glad you're with us. We had to have you with us if for no other reason than to continue the lessons in Australian as she is writ. Speaking of which, your "disorientated" is as bad as one of my own pet hates, "preventative." I can't say much in favor of spelling spelled spelt, but misspelling misspelled misspelt catches my fancy. Stay with us, huh?

COAT-TAILS 3. It sounds, if you'll pardon the expression, like a sobering experience that you went through. Thanks for sharing.

THE MAN FROM FAPA 1. And how, I wonder, will this mailing go. The last one was rather slim. The manilla envelope held together fine, but I'm strongly against their use for any mailing much larger than this latest one. ++ You missed part of the meaning of what you quoted from the constitution. "Husband and wife... may establish and maintain a joint membership...." The maintain part has to do with renewal. This is not, by the way, a ruling. You are entitled, if you want, to two of everything, or you may maintain a joint membership--the option is yours (and, of course, Cora's.) Singly, jointly, and severally, it's nice that you're both members.

TWENTIETH CENTURY UNLIMITED 13. 65 weeks unemployment benefits? Fantastic! At least the subsequent job sounds like about as easy a transition from the unemployed to the status of wage earner as could be asked for. ++ Leave our scant waiting list alone for a bit. We lived with an overly long one for something close to twenty years. A short one for a year or two is no particular cause to panic. I hope the Fapa institutional membrity still functions a year or two from now and recalls that you offered to do up some ads, if ads are then needed. ++ Interest, over the past (how many? ten?) years has not been sufficient to offset loss of value through inflation. Counting taxes, that is. Pure interest is no way to get rich. ++ Yes, the fans and ex-fans are still there. One of the books I recently acquired was BOOKBINDING AS A HANDICRAFT by Manly Banister. ++ I finally broke down and tried red cream soda. Terrible stuff. But I still like the uncolored variety.

THE BEST DUCKS ARE OFF THE WALL. A long-distance oneshot. A fine madness. A bit strange. Thanks for those three sentences, Dave, for this is just a bit hard for me to comment on. Quietly enjoyed. Maybe, for Lester's sake, next issue could go into the subject of why your elite type face is clearer than his pica?

THE RAMBLING FAP 77. Really? #77. Good grief! ++ I even enjoy, believe it or not, reading you talk about your diet. The feat of making that subject into enjoyable reading is certainly on a par with imparting sadness or joy while reading a telephone book. I even wonder (though mildly) whether you're now shooting for 168. How did your doctor figure that you'd have to reach 168 to have 12% of body weight in fat? What's the magic of 12%? ++ All the magazines are now ga-ga about "living together." And how many years will it take our laws to adapt to this change in habits? My main comment, however, is that I'm glad that you could approach your mother on your basis.

ESDACYOS 25. You were born in 1929 (all knowledge is contained in fanzines.) I was born in 1926. It took only those few years to exchange which war one was involved in. ++ ++ So you want to know something about February 1948? Maybe with this reminder I'll remember to send you a snippet. ++ The issue of SKYRACK in the last mailing? Reminds me of the fan who voted for Oopsla! in the last Egoboo poll. You can always tell an elder Fapan-- their brains have rotted. (And back to you, Ed, now that I'm even on your making me so much older than you!)

LITTLE GREEN THINGS 1. Appropriate, on green paper. Sooner read about it (them?) than drink it, singular or plural.

HUITLOXOPETL 12. So OK, who did do the New Orleans in 79 flyer? As I recall Burbee says he forgot--sounds like a Watergate-era excuse to me, so obviously he must have done it. "Soeakingmof bheer..."? I wasn't, were you? I drink it, but I never soeakof it. Or should that be soeakmof it? ++ Peggy Rae and I have also noted the amazing number of Erics aged 2-7, fannish or otherwise. I wonder what subliminal cues act on us at times.

No comments on the FA, but there may be something else on the reverse of this sheet--maybe even Fapa trivia.

SOME FAPA TRIVIA QUESTIONS--

1. Who has been in Fapa longest without having ever been an officer or even having filed for Fapa office?
2. Who really invented "franking"? (No, it wasn't Burbee.)
3. Has there ever been a black Fapa member?
4. Who was the first woman Fapa member?
5. What ex-Fapan was once mistaken for a US Navy ship?
6. Who has been reprinted most frequently in Fapa?
7. Name five PhD's now or once in Fapa.
8. Name at least two early (pre-1945) joint or multiple members of Fapa.
9. What was the largest Fapazine? Who edited it?
10. What Fapa officer was never a member of Fapa?
11. A Fapazine is the first fanzine listed in Fanzine Index. Can you give its name and editor?
12. What current (May 77) Fapa member has been both blitzkrieger and blitzkriegee?

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1. Moskowitz. 2. Michel & Wollheim. "A World Gone Mad" in the third mailing appears to be the first "franked" item in a Fapa mailing. 3. Not to my knowledge. 4. Tie between Perri and Morojo, both charter members, both announced as members in the third mailing. An old ledger implies that Perri actually joined about two months before Morojo. 5. USS John Trimble. 6. Edgar Allen Martin. 7. A few are Buck, Davis, Evans, Rothman, Swisher, Young. 8. The Literature, Science & Hobbies Club of Decker Indiana ("The Decker Dillies"); Mel Brown & Mike Fern; Al and Abby Lu Ashley. RD & FN Swisher and L&G Kuslan were never actually joint members even though they put considerable joint effort into the mailings. 9. A Sense of Fapa. Dick Eney. 10. William H. Miller, Jr., who was Secretary-Treasurer for the first mailing. 11. a, edited by the Swishers. The answer "A" is incorrect. That's the second magazine. A current member edited that, name below. 12. Perdue.

There were two fanzines named A, both by current members. Editors were Chauvenet and Speer.

Hey, Chuck Hansen, let's see some more of your picture quizzes.

More trivia is available. I may print it despite protests.