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I didn't have time last mailing to do any mailing comments. However, there were some things I wanted to mention, some comments I had on various material in the February mailing, so I've decided to include somewhat briefer mailing comments on the February mailing, before touching the current, May mailing - which is still unread. There is no order in the comments below - I don't even have the FA at hand to check.

The Bull Moose [Morse]. An impressive job of digging up new or overlooked data, Dill, and one I enjoyed. Ten years from now, I'll expect to see the magnum opus. Although I did miss your comments in the next item.

Phlotsam

[Economou]. It could be that the "Sound of Security" is part of a secret project for "curing" the citizens of Milwaukee of their various "aberrations" and make nice, uncomplaining followers. Prelude to 1984. ## As for fashion notes, I am amused to see the sacks being worn, apparently to get some wear from them, by various sized and shaped females in super-markets, etc.

I wonder is some of those "IQ" tests you took weren't really aptitude or general information type tests. Like the Civil Service test, which asks questions that demand a basic background, rather than a reasoning ability. The last test I can remember taking was back in '38, when I started college. This was a several part test, with sections on mathematics - not high-power, but more logical reasoning - artificial language, and others I don't remember now. The purpose was to measure ability that would apply in various fields, rather than IQ. These were timed tests, of course, and I remember finishing all but one in much less than the time limit. The same was true with the last IQ test I took, back in the 9th grade, where I took only about 2/3 of the total time.

Of course, a part of intelligence is the ability to use time to advantage; your skipping through the test, doing what you could, if not in order, indicates more "intelligence" than the person who goes from 1 to 2 and so on. The other traits - plodders, etc - may not have influence on intelligence, per se - the reasoning, deductive process - but will have on the IQ, which measures such factors and considers them as part of the over-all ability rating. And too, I've noticed that the slow thinker often has trouble considering an extended series of ideas - he loses track of the first part before reaching the last.

Ketchup on hamburgers! Only when the meat needs something to disguise the taste. Raw onion, yes, and dill pickle, but ketchup or/and mustard....

A secret, Phyllis. I didn't write a Con report because I just didn't remember everything and everybody. And, too, I felt there would be a dozen or so other reports. ## For once, a correct use of berserk in describing the arrest your grandfather made.

No, not all doctors medicate, only those with MD degrees. Others philosophize, or humanize or....

Vandy [Coulsons]. A quibble, Duck; Luke Short must have written one new western, to have a base for the rest. ## Judging by the people at the Bureau, a large fraction of the technical group go in for various community projects; they tend, though, to avoid the promotional type and concentrate on PTA, political, (on a local level), or activity groups. ## Crisp beer would be that with plenty of zest, full of CO₂. Not a beer like homebrew, with little carbonation, but plenty of kick.

I disagree with you on rating joint memberships as one, for the purpose of the Egoboo poll. This is not for members, but for people, members or not. If your proposal/idea held, I'm afraid we might have several double memberships. Pity the poor waiting list. ## I think teachers back home are paid on a 12 month basis, running from Sept to Sept. ## Take a look at such mags as Scientific American for those house ads with the science fiction illustrations.

Dob, thanks for those kind words. And I'll guess that I'm the one who babbled about the SP cab-forwards; at least, they are my favorite group of steam power. I can still recall the sound of their air whistles at night, as they blew for the distant crossings, and then listening to the gradually increasing beat of their exhausts as they entered town, passed through the station two blocks away, and rumbled on into the night again. The rest of your discussions I enjoy - and have just stopped typing to read them again.

Juanita, I do like liver and such; I don't like brains or sweetbreads, but I think I know why. Boarding house, during the war, stretched red points by serving these, but in types of preparation I didn't like (in an effort to make them edible for most of the fellows). So, I just don't know how I would like them. I did learn to like tongue then, when we had it as cold cuts for lunch, and most of the fellows turned it down. I'd get their shares, and pass up the horrible spanish rice, which they ate with satisfaction. And liver - chicken, beef, etc. I like it, but eating out find it rather hard to get. [And now I'm hungry.] And then your salad... A round here, that would run 1.50 and up. Most salads, I find, don't have enough onion to satisfy me. I like to taste the onion, not just get a sniff of it. I would suggest sharp cheese, instead of mild, though, for better character. Or, with ham, swiss cheese.

If you like Weill, lok, I mean look up the reissue of the original German recordings of excerpts from it, on a cheap Telefunken. Sound is only fair, but the words and music have a bite I don't find in the complete Columbia recording.

The Tattooed Dragon Meets the Beat Generation [Rotsler]. "njoyed. And what else can I say?

Descant [Clarkes] Footnote to Martin. He had been in before, and enough of the older members remembered his activity (or lack of) to do nothing this time. Personally, I waited for him to appeal, in which case I would probably have ruled for him, but I did not do any initiating of correspondence. And, apparently, neither did any of the others who were protesting so violently. Had one made that action, or if he had done anything but circulate to some members his reply, he would have been a member still. I know that several of the "most respected" members of FAPA were disturbed by the original action, but didn't take the necessary action to prod Martin into appealing. Like me.

I don't think we can throw Mrs. Doctor Moskowitz out of FAPA; she has never been listed as a member.

The rest was interesting, enjoyable, and uncommmentable.

Day*Star [Bradley]. Both poems pleased me.

The Rambling Fap 29 [Calkins]. It sounds to me as if you think Canada uses pounds-shillings-pence, instead of dollars and cents (Canadian). At least, your discussion of the Aluminium Co, Ltd., paying dividends gives me that feeling. ## In restaurants, it is usually the female smokers who light up as soon as they finish, and calmly proceed to blow smoke all over your food. And if you protest they get angry. ## I find Amazing spotty; some months there will be a good story, and then there will be a span with little worth reading. And yet, I find I read it more than I do F&SF; too many of the latter's stories are "little" stories, cute, but with no meat. I like a long story (those old quarterlies...) and Amazing does have serials.

The degree of rejection for not being identical varies with the OE and the magazine. All can be rejected, or the offending part removed, if not an essential part of the magazine - like a postcard stuck on the cover.

So you're moving, just when I was planning on coming through SLC on my next summer trip, in December.

Burblings [Durbee]. Some more typical Durbee reading - nice and easy, fun but nonsensational. Except for that accident to your hand. What an appropriate place for it to happen - or what an appropriate mechanism. But it sounds as if they're taking all the fun out of life.

Twass nice to see/chat with you last months ago. Much too long between visits, I fear.

Elmurmurings [Perdue]. A second such item, full of chuckles, and a couple of bad puns. An Amateur Publication for Mrs. Christine Moskowitz. [Jacobs]. Much more seriously oriented than the past issue. But, how about security restrictions on your reprint? Did you clear it with the classification board? A little more of that, and the whole FAPA mailing could be classified, and only those with the appropriate clearance and right to know would be allowed to read it. Which might make some quick advancements up the wl, for qualified individuals... ~~Moonshine~~ Moonshade [Sneary/Moffatt]. I'd say that at least one difference between the dime novels and the character pulps was that the latter, in general, had more than one story in an issue, with only the main story about the character. Although I do remember at least one, Dusty Ayres..., in which the short stories were also laid in the same era and war. This, of course, was the logical extension from the WWI air-war mags like G-8, where the shorts were obviously laid in the same war. I don't believe the dime novels included shorts, too. I'd say that the general pulp of the 1900s was the outgrowth of the general fiction magazines of the 1850s, like Harpers and Atlantic, aimed at the newer group of less educated, less well-off, but still with some leisure, classes. To me there are two golden periods of the pulps - or maybe three - just before the war (I), the period in the 20s when new mags were springing up, specialized as to field, but not as to character, and the 1930-38 period with the one character mag. [And, yes, I know that Wild West Weekly was a character mag, way back.]

Phantasy Press [McPhail]. Dan, I'd like to have artwork and nice layout, and other such things for Celephais, but that requires dummyping, and preplanning; I just don't have the time to write the stuff, re-type it, and do all the other things I'd like to do. As it is, I find I'm putting in about 60 hours a week at the office (no overtime).

Re colorful dress. I think you would find that downtown San Francisco would be a very smartly, but conservatively dressed place; so would lower - financial - New York. Washington, tho, has so man tourists in the downtown area that the only time the area dresses conservatively is when th offices let out, and all the government employees in suits (men) and office type dresses (women) go home. One of the advantages where I work is that I d.n't have to wear either coat or tie. I'm not on the public meeting staff.

Judging by the average spacing between issues of both Amazing and Wonder Quarterlies, it would be every 25 years for SF5YQ. A fter all, it took a dozen or so issues of the monthly before Uncle Hugo started the first Q, and half a dozen the second time. So, give Lee a little time....

Le Moindre [Raeburn]. I wish Mt Rainier was more in the country. Even when I moved here, some 10 years ago, there were still several open areas around, but they have been rapidly built over, and now we are well in the middle of subarbia. That was one thing I liked years ago around home. We had a rustic creek running just across the street, which made perfect sites for hunts and games and such. And then, a few blocks away, was a pasture. A real big pasture, which en about 1/3 by 1/2 mile. I used to bicycle through it to school - jr high - and would occasionally have to dodge the cows. Or the evidence that the cows had been there. Walking in the open pasture part - it was half wooded - required an eye at the ground, for similar reasons. City-bred folk don't know what they've missed.

Alif [Anderson]. Very interesting convention report. However, in my copy it seems as if you are always never getting back to the symposium or the mixer - at least you don't on two pages. What did you give Hal? I'm worried that it wasn't the correct thing. Speaking of Poul's cliff-hangers...

BU8798b [Cox]. As it happens, our group has obtained several of the DC Transit cars - the last conventional car, 766 [which has a record (lp) with the sound of the last conduit running and plow pit in the world], one of the 1050 class, the cars that led to the PCC, one PCC, a couple of pieces of work equipment, including one of the sweepers. Eventually, they will all be running on the Museum track outside Baltimore - together with a number of Baltimore cars, one from Johnstown, etc.

Churn [Rapps]. And here is Cox again. Have you ever met a woman driver on the wrong side of a divided highway? Quite an experience. I seem to have omitted to mention custom made slacks I get. Not actually, but almost. By going over to Baltimore to one of the factories, I can get the fabric and style I want made up to my measurements, for only a couple of dollars more than pulling them off the rack. It is real fun, wandering through the fabric area, looking over bolts of material, expensive and otherwise; it always turns out the material I like costs more than I can afford.

Null-F [White]. Walter, I always enjoy your reviews/comments. You seem to make them detailed enough so that I can go back and reread. Which most, including mine, aren't. Are you familiar with Schönberg's Pierrot Lunaire? Fascinating music, music that takes a lot of listening, and definitely not lighthearted music - the visions of a madman's brain as he gazes at the moon. Chamber orchestra and Sprichstimme - a style of declamation that has an uncanny effect when backed by the odd combinations of instruments. I have the old Col transfer from 78s, with the composer conducting. Sonically it's getting pretty dim, but I feel it is the authoritative version.

Shipping guns and ammunition is possible via rail; I'm not sure what the requirements are as far as addressee, etc [Dean?] but the actual shipment is possible. And, under certain conditions, guns are mailable - they have to be addressed to a gun shop, a peace officer, ditto military, etc. I ran across this while browsing in the postal handbook.

I've heard several performances of Fidelio over the air - live performances, or from live tapes. Performed as opera, too. And, too, your listing of recordings was a little biased. For example, you list 23 Carmen suites, and forgot all the recordings of the Lenore overtures, which are certainly played more than the overtures of most of the operas you list. Looking at the English lp cat, I find 9 listings of excerpts from Fidelio, which doesn't have nearly as many concert type arias as does Aida or Carmen. They were written for a different type of presentation, with more set pieces. And, too, Fidelio requires much better singing than does much of the Italian opera - not that they don't need good singing, but can be negotiated much easier than Fidelio. And, finally, fashion in opera is just that. When do we hear performances of Pearl Fishers, Pelleas, Huguenots, Falstaff, Pique Dame (which is good), to name a few. They aren't fashionable, so we don't hear them, and they don't get recorded often because there is little popular demand. I wish the Met would broadcast some of the less common operas - Linda, Emperor Jones, Khovantchina, Entführung, Martha (once so popular), etc. This might stir some demand for these and other out-of-the-way operas.

But I usually don't wear a jacket when travelling - let alone load down the pockets. Actually, I don't think R*K was jealous of Mussorgskii; I believe he thought he was doing him a favor, making his music more playable and acceptable.

Canonical tales - those written by Dr. James H. Watson. Plus a couple by SF and one by MH.

We're lucky here, as at least two stations go all night with classical music, and little advertising. ## Isn't it only post 33 US coins that are illegal; seem's to me I remember some years ago of someone having to turn in a 1934 \$20 that he had obtained from the mint, by substituting a legal double eagle eagle, I mean. I know I have a bunch of South African recent gold, in the proof sets, and they cleared customs ok.

Have you heard the old - and sonically poor - Telefunken reissue of excerpts from "Dreigroschenopfer"? The singing has a bite to it that the other versions lack. And, of course, the original, "The Beggars' Opera" by Gay, has been around a couple of hundred years.

Sercon's
Bane [Dusby, FM]. I note that you are going to be part of the Air Force, instead of the humble Army. Maybe you can promote air rides to conventions. ## I note that this year one part of our trip of last year would have been omitted, probably. They have finally opened the Revelstoke - olden section, eliminating the Dig Bend road. It will certainly shorten the time, but I don't see how they could improve on the scenery.

I hope the ruling on pseudos does the job; it is certainly more like Code Napoleon than common-law, in assuming guilty until proven innocent.

I don't think you have to worry about the 63 con choice of guest of honor. We have appreciated the various selections, and encouragements, offered. However, we have made up our minds independently. A meaty issue, but one minus checks.

Apophis [Caughran]. No, Jim, it is possible to get through Chicago without changing stations. Just depends on where you are from and want to go. For instance, if I went from DC to Chicago via Penn (shudderrrrr) I could leave on the Milwaukee for LA, San Francisco, or Portland on the Cities. Or for Denver for that matter. Or, for San Francisco, Denver, Salt Lake City, on the CDG-WP. Or for Twin Cities, Portland, Seattle via CDG-NP or GN. To take the SF Chiefs, I'd have to change trains - of course - and stations. Coming in via D&O, I have to change for any western connection. As I usually have time to kill, I don't mind the change; a couple of times I've had Dusby-type connections, tho, when the train east was late....

Revolting Development [Alger]. I believe that .9 is common all over the country. I even found it in Canada. Whenever I see a gas price I automatically add the .9; I have yet to be disappointed. ## Those prices you quote seem about right to me. I find that my idea of prices for certain types of merchandise, like clothing, is colored by memories of what I used to pay for such things. I'm still cringing when I pay over \$2 for a dress shirt, top grade, for example. Even though I make more - and pay a lot more back in taxes - I still want to buy at the old price.

Ankus [Pelz]. I'd like more Pelz, less filler. This time I found not a mark. But I liked the cover, and the Pelz material.

Directory [Dennett]. A think taken for granted, now. But appreciated.

Salud [Elinor Dusby]. Wait a minute, Elinor, you've added something to the Constitution. It merely says that reprints...will not be allowed credit. It doesn't mean that reprints have to be from material in FAPA, merely from any previous publication. Like, if you dumped a bunch of old Crys in, they wouldn't get credit. An anthology does, because of the compilation; it becomes a new publication. But a reprint, for example, of "Ah Sweet Idiocy" wouldn't. And, of course, the difference between the previous case and the current one is that the earlier victim screamed loud and long. And to the appropriate people. The wheel that squeaks is the one that gets the oil.... ## That story about the girl who lay thinking for 300 years or so was "Cosmic Engineers", about the last of the super-duper science fiction stories. ## Guess I should work in England; I hate it when the office/room temperature gets up to 70. I keep the cooler on most of the time.

Wraith [Dallard]. My big complaint about the aircoach seats is that they don't allow any extra room for spreading out, or for getting into a comfortable position. I don't like to have to sit straight up for three or four hours; I'm just not built that way. Coming back on the Elektra there were about the same size seats, but with lots more room between. This time I got some rest. Maybe if I traveled first class I might enjoy it more, but the government doesn't pay first class jet unless you have a real reason, and I don't want to pay the extra fare myself. When I can, I'll take the train. [It looks like my trip to Chicago will be via plane and the West Coast.] I went through the Rockies last - east - on the 29-30 of January.

[A slight interruption when I made the mistake of putting on the Husch recording of Winterreise, which I very recently obtained on Electrola. I trust you have your copy, Bob?]

Horizons [Warner]: At least the Montreal changing of the guard won't interfere with household living - the area is offices and shops. ## Don't forget Mudge when totaling up the Ackerman page count. ## I wonder how many fans remember that Laney article on what a big fan he was? It still sticks in my mind, and must have in yours. I wonder also how many other FAPAns could be as impressive as he was. Some time I'll have to try - I could gather up a couple of impressive paragraphs, all true, I think. By proper choice of words, my job could be made to sound as important as anything in Washington, except perhaps the White House.

Target: FAPA [Eney]. And I thought your cover was thought-making. I think I know the source of all. ## Of course, those wars of some hundreds of years ago stretched out for years and years; come to think of it, tho, isn't that just what WWI has done? ## Gned, you don't get a sour taste in cherry pie, at least the commercial type. They add so much sugar that it is a sweet, covering up any tartness of the cherries. And having canned pie cherries, I don't eat commercial cherry pie. This is the last - or one of the two last - fragments of cannery dislikes. The other - prunes. Why I can't really say in this place, if I want the mailing to be safe for the mails.

H#1661 [Hevelin] But it takes positive action by the 10 or 12 members, not just voting yes or no. From the last poll, I'd say that 10 is certainly safe, and does permit the removal of the Wetzel/Meyer type.

Null-F [White]. Again. The non-Breen issue. Two reasons for putting off the Lgoboo poll. First, all 1961 pubs would include any postmailing up to the Feb mailing. Also, this gives a better perspective for looking back; the current issue isn't quite so favored by being at hand. And, second, because I wanted to. I knew I would be away during the end of the year. And the constitution only requires the vp to conduct the poll, not do it any special time. Previously, it seems that the vp has rushed in as soon as he was elected. This is left up to the discretion of the vp. Or do you want to increase the constitution again? Redd will not like you.

Back to Walter. DC is another place where you can't carry your drink from bar to table, can't drink after 2AM Sunday to Monday, except Beer, after church hours, and, until recently, couldn't drink hard drinks at a bar; had to be at a table. Federal law. And in Montgomery County, Md, there are only three places that serve liquor by the drink - three fancy eating places. Plenty of beer, but nothing harder. County law. But in neighboring Prince Georges County....

The last item in the pile is the huge, mammoth, gigantic Lighthouse [Garr/Graham]. I don't have strength - or strength, either - to start it tonight. If the next page covers it, I did have the strength tomorrow.

Lighthouse [Graham/Carr]. But, Pete, you can't take over FAPA by 33 signatures unless you sent the petition to all the members. So, you still aren't the Autocrat... The Kookie Jar is, as always, Rotsler, and good Rotsler. Otherwise, for some strange reason, I find no checkmarks. I know I read it - twice - and liked it.

With that very brief runthrough, on to the May mailing.

[Perdue]. Elmer, I'd certainly appreciate a copy of the Daum - under the conditions outlined. And reading this was almost as nice as talking to you - almost, I said.

Elmurmurings
Vandy [Coulsons]. And thank you, too, Duck. Togo, among others, has but out an issue with both Gagarin and Lenn on it. And so did Surinam, I believe, for the first shot by us, and the first manned shot of the USSR. Sure there have been arrests regarding importation of stamps from certain Communist countries whose governments we don't recognize. Red China, North Korea, North Vietnam, (I think), and now Cuba. It is illegal to import stamps from any of these countries. Period. Cuban stamps issued after about a year ago are included. These are countries with governments we don't recognize. Last year, there was a nice little collection of Chinese stamps available when I was in Montreal; I had to leave it as I wasn't sure I could get it across the border. Several years ago there was a big case - quite dramatic swoop of the Treasury men, probably - in which some stamp wholesaler was caught for "trading with the enemy" and slapped to the tune of about \$20000.

Until the last 25 or 30 years, the west coast hasn't had a negro group to pick on, so used the Chinese/Japanese as the scapegoat. Remember the relocation of the Japanese during WWII? And the problems when they returned to their farms after the war? How the American Legion, in several places, tried to run them out of town (including some who had bin at Anzio....). No, the west really can't look down its collective nose at the south....

But don't you remember G. Wetzel and the trouble Dean had?

I assume that you have the Folkways anthology of "The Unfortunate Rake"? A lot of the Folkways are going here for \$2; the rest are about \$3.

And, of course, lamb, chicken, and most seafood is also too weak to defend itself. Among western writers, did you ever read any of Gene Rhodes? People who know consider him one of the few who knew whereof he wrote.

When I spoke about the "chit-chat" from such as you-all and the Dusbys, I was thinking of your FAPA productions, not of the outside material. The type I don't like in FAPA are the few who go in for pretentious and formal type material - apparently the stuff Redd wants - the goshwow boys.

Yes, I prefer the vodka taste - so mild you can hardly taste it. I don't like gin or bourbon, and don't see why I should spoil flavors I do like - like lime or lemon - with them.

[Aside to Juanita - I like your pics this issue muchly. But, where does the thread come from on page 9? From the dress?]

Your remarks on Communism in the US are too true. One of the things a lot of super-patriots forget is that for a number of years, back in the 30s, the Party was a legal party, appearing on ballots. People joined it, just as they joined the Democrats or Republicans. But now, membership 25 or 30 years ago is enough to damn you, especially in a government job.

According to the last postal regulations I read, handguns are mailable only in certain situations - like to police or military.

Turning to Juanita, who is second only because her section is the second. I'm still looking for that better way to travel. For me, at least, it isn't flying - to be done only if nothing else will do - or busses or the private car, if I have to do the driving. These all tire me, in one of several ways. From Chicago west, and DC to Chicago on the Capitol Limited, I'll take the train, if I can stick on the main lines. Jets might be ok if I could go 1st class; the government doesn't send you that way. The best way might be in a Rolls with a driver who took care of everything, leaving you just the loafing and sight-seeing. So far as I am concerned, the crack trains are just about that. And, they take you over some of the uninteresting lands in the middle west and south west at night. [But it looks as though I'll have to fly if I plan to make the con this time.] [Sacrifices for fandom....]

This matter of the bright person doing poorer on questions/tests because of imagination is causing some educators and professional test-makers serious troubles. Especially in these tests for wide use among many schools. The person who makes up the test just doesn't see the questions from the same point of view, and misses the "second level" implications in some of the answers. I can remember cases, years ago, of exactly this thing - both as a tester and a testee. Often, no one on the staff would spot it until after the exam, and then sometimes the question would have to be thrown out. Recently, in Physics Today I saw an exchange of letters on this matter, being very specific about the implications on just two "simple" questions with multiple-choice answers. It ran for about 10 pages.

I admit, battering your head against the "powers that be" often does no good, but once in a while something nice happens. Personally, I like my work - or I'd get a new job - but it doesn't have one thing a hobby has. A hobby is something I not only want to do, but can stop doing when I don't feel like it. A job has to be done. That's why a hobby is more fun. I don't have to type these stencils - it's a lot of work - but I get a kick out of doing them, at least tonight. Tomorrow, I may not feel like it, and won't touch a fanzine; I might work on stamps, or just read.

I've finally decided there are three major menaces on the road - the drinker, of course, the young squirt, usually male, who has to show off what a great driver he is (usually he has the reflexes, but not the ability to use them, to be a good driver, if he knew how), and the elderly, usually male, who still lives in the day of the Model T and the new Model A, and drives as he did then. I imagine driving in some of the retirement areas must be murder....

Self-Preservation [Hoffman]. That last line on page 6 is priceless. I've got the old 78 Glyndbourne set, of the Beggars' Opera, and could tape it for you. Or I can get the complete set, from England, at a nominal price. Or it should turn up in NYC at a more nominal price, on London, two records, in a less good version. I've seen a Heritage Press book, I think, floating around, with text and music. Will open an eye for this. Let me know. ## It sounds as if the window opening should be done to the sounds of Stravinsky's Sacre. ##

Finding references to areas you know in books, films, etc, is interesting - especially when you can catch the errors. Like one of my favorites - the movie with scenes supposedly laid on the 20th Century, and atmospheric shots of the outside of the speeding train showed Southern Pacific equipment, including a freight passing behind a cab-forward.

Come back again soon, Lee - tis always nice to have your chit-chat. A Fanzine for Jim Caughran [Wilson]. Welcome to the fold, Art. I was most entertained by your brief resume of Laos; please continue - continue - and give us more of the exotic atmosphere to counter the stodgy places we live at.

Poo [Andy Young] I enjoyed reading this, even if it was a year or more old. In a couple of places, this makes for some double-takes; references to "the President" don't quite jibe, until it turns out Ike is meant. [Although I was uncannily impressed with the way a large part of it could apply today - the part about aid to education and science.

And a great big AMEN to the remarks on page three about what a scientist is. Of course, Andy is a little biased in his upbringing; I do know a lot of professional scientists who work in white coats [usually full of holes, and worn mainly to keep the various concoctions off their white shirts underneath] and have test tubes and beakers - mostly beakers, unless they are organic chemists - around them. But there are others - also chemists - who do most of their work sitting at a desk, looking at papers containing scrawled equations and untidy calculations, or work in labs with nothing but dials and motors and wires and gadgets with blinking lights and wriggling meters and things that go "click, click". Me, for example. I've been in labs frequently the last years - visiting other people. I haven't used a beaker since the last time I heated a can of soup for lunch - and that was over a year ago. Before we moved to our new building, which has no gas outlets. I spend my time either at my desk, reading journals or making calculations from data from such journals, or, of late, walking down to the 7099 to see if the last program ran, and why not. Fortunately, because I'm in a technical division, and thus theoretically engaged in lab work, I can get away without wearing a suit, a sport coat, a white shirt, or even a tie. One reason I've stayed on at the Bureau. Even in colleges, the staff is expected to wear a tie and suit for classes, most of the time.

I'd like to amplify Andy's remarks about the scientific literature. As an "expert" on the literature of thermochemistry, I've a lot of reading, old and new stuff, to do. I'd say that one week's reading, average, would include glancing through about 10 issues of journals that have just come in, selecting articles of interest to our program for abstracting, and reading some that particularly attract me. Then, in working up certain data for certain compounds - and I can't be more specific, especially as this goes overseas - I'll look up anywhere from 10 to 75 articles, which have been abstracted previously, so that I know they have pertinent material, either to verify a point that may or may not have been included, or to make sure the abstracter didn't overlook some bit of information that might not have seemed important at the time. Or it may be a new reference that had been overlooked previously. Or one that was rare and had just been obtained, on loan from other libraries. Then, I usually do the Japanese articles, most of the Polish and Czech, the Dutch, and a large part of the German and Russian articles that come through. [We need another abstracter, who can read German and/or Russian] [and the money to pay for himen] Right now, for example, I have eight new Russian journals to go through, with at least two dozen articles to scan, at least. Plus several older Japanese articles and half a dozen Russian and one Italian that are borrowed. And every two weeks a new issue of Chem Absts [Chemical Abstracts] appears, with at least a hundred pages of closely spaced, solid type to go over, abstract by abstract, looking for articles that appear to have information of interest to us. At least, I can skip such sections as "Water and Sewerage", "Perfumes and cosmetics", and (thank God) "Biochemistry", as experience in the past has indicated too little of value is abstracted in them to warrant the time. (The same is true of the section on fermented and distilled beverages.) This takes about half a day, and demands experience, as the decision made here will determine if the article is covered or not. Often, it requires a sixth sense to sniff out buried information that isn't apparent on first reading of the abstract.

But, as I started to say, way back before I started to ramble, if technical literature were full of the human elements, it would take twice as long for me to read the papers, there would be danger of obscuring some important information - even if the other extreme also

occurs, where data is omitted because the editor condenses the article too much. Scientific American does do a pretty good job of giving some of the background of events, making the original brief papers more comprehensive, if not more clear. Another, Physics Today, gives backgrounds of meetings, and also an occasional article in which one of the early workers in modern physics tells about the days when the inside of the atom was being explored, or wave mechanics was a new and wonderful thing. These are full of the human side of science.

Target: FAPA [It's Eney's fault]. If you look back into earlier FAPA history, Dick, you'll find at least one other time when there was a threat of complaining to the PO because of obscene material; I have memories, rather dim, of threats being made of such action because of offensive material - it could have been in the Wollheim period, when FAPA was full of p ro and con on political matters, with accompanying name calling. So far as I know, no one followed through, tho.

Sick, Sick, Sick et Nom [Eney]. But Dick, I certainly can't remember the Season the way you did; after all, I wasn't at the same parties you were, didn't judge the art show, was in on the Bjo painting bidding, etc. What I meant, obviously, was that the parts I could remember as being in my area were, in general, accurate. Part of the differences between your report and Walter's seem to arise from differing emphasis, from different feelings as to what was important - like the fan panel.

Moonshade [Sneary/Moffatt]. I'm glad Rick has spoken out in regards the "SoCal" clique that runs that area in fandom and FAPA. It was interesting to note in the Egoboo poll ballots the manner in which all LA area members through their votes - usually to the rest of the country. So far as I could tell, there was no attempt to plug for any particular LA member(s).

Salud [Elinor Busby]. Please, Elinor, don't use those three type faces this way another time. I had a hard job getting my reading speed adjusted for the random skips in size and form. ### I always dread the Christmas season, because it means that (1) there will be a new "Christmas" song, to be worn out in the first two weeks - All I Want For Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth - and/or (2) someone will discover another of the old carols or folksongs, and it will be killed for me for years. I can remember when I first heard the 12 Days one Christmas program - and no more. I spent a lot of time looking for a recording of it - which didn't exist - then. A few - well, several - years later, it was "Discovered" and now I almost hate it. On the other hand, some of the songs that were overdone years ago are being neglected - old-fashioned? - and are now uncommon enough to be enjoyable. I'd even like a good version of the complete - complete - Jingle Bells, if sung well, by a small group of mixed voices, with the proper spirit.

I'm sure I mentioned Josephine Tey to you; I did, didn't I? If not, I will. Next to Dorothy Sayers, my favorite woman detective writer. And one of the half dozen top....Whoa - let's count. There are the Canon, of course. Then Freeman, Crofts, Sayers, Christie, Post,.... Better make that the top 10.

I like the smell of juniper - especially out of doors - but don't like it in a drink. I also like the smell of Arpege, on a nice girl, but certainly wouldn't want it in a drink....

If tourists in Europe - American style - behave the way tourists in DC - American style - often do, I don't blame the Europeans for being irked. We get terrible types here, usually with NY or Cal plates on the car, and with the loudest clothes. A glance at the Lincoln Memorial, complete with lipstick scrawls, is enough to make me damn all tourists. Or consider the problems they have in the parks; Yellowstone, for example, has had several of the more interesting features ruined by cans and bottles and paper tossed in "just to see what happens" or to get rid of it.

Lighthouse [Graham/Carr]. This must be an emergency flare on the beach, instead of the regular light.

No, there have been times in the past when there have been blunders by FAPA officials that were shrugged off. Like not mailing bundles... And not all in NY, either. ## Terry, it's easy to tell your writing from Ted White's. You can spell. It really depends upon the subject matter, tho. In certain areas, I feel you and Ted have so crossed information, tastes, etc, that it could be hard to tell you apart, in that field.

Pete, I will be interested in your remarks on the white collar man, IBM sub-class. I've heard some weird tales of what IBMites do, and an insider's report will be interesting. ## Going to all digit dialing adds a few exchanges, where it is hard to dream up acceptable names. And, too, exchange names are not the same coast to coast. At here is Atlantic; in the northwest it's Atwater. Em here is Emersom, back home it's Empire or Emerald. And try to dream up names for 55, 77, and 99 that won't cause trouble when people have to be told the exchange name, rather than get it in writing. One example of the problem is or was Murray Hill in NYC. People dial either MU or MH. Right now I'm not sure, but I think MU is right. I'd guess 95 was another combination that is impossible.

Ankus [Pelz]. Sure, Bruce, there is a recording of "Beggars' Opera" - two in fact, plus the old 78 set with just the songs, no connecting dialogue. This I have, and can tape; the lp set that is better is available only from England - HMV - while the less desirable set - it uses two casts, with obvious voice changes - is here on Westminster, Vanguard, or some such label. Want a set?

Did you try the BMC or the English Book Catalogue for that third volume of Carter? The latter might well settle the question of English publication.

Your notes on G&S and stage doings in general are interesting; last week we had a week of G&S in Rock Creek Park, outdoors, with rains a couple of nights. I didn't make any -work, work....

Alif [Anderson]. A letdown after the superb last issue, Karen; this is just full of interesting trifles. Like, approval for Mons. Knox, who was one of the first to engage in the Higher Criticism, back before BSI.

Null-F [White]. But why stop at Boston? Forty - or better fifty - years ago, you could go from NYC to Chicago by interurban streetcar. Not for just 50c per transfer, tho, as some of the runs were long enough to call for as much as 50c. Imagine going to the Chicon by streetcar.... There is only one large commuter service in the west - the SPs service south of San Francisco. Which as all other commuter services, loses money.

As I was probably in on the first part of the Seaton incident, which at that time seemed much more serious than it was, I can assure you that there was no attempt to organize a blackball there. There was some discussion of the matter, as part of the general problems of any con, but not of any FAPA problems. I might say that I was disgusted by the way several people behaved at the con, and would have used the blackball on them, had it been possible, because I felt they would not be of value in FAPA. I have a feeling that there have been at least two different groups mixed up in the discussion of this event. I can't speak for the second.

I can't see why vegetarians would not use salt; it has no animal origin. The usual reason for avoiding it, using another mineral as substitute, is to reduce the physiological effects. ## And I ran into Coney Island - red - chowder before Manhattan. In most parts of the country I found it called Boston - milk - although I believe there may be a slight variation - New England may be with salt pork, Boston with bacon, or vv.

Poor Richard's Almanac [Brown]. If McInerney writes me as of now he won't get on the FAPA wl. Sounds as if you haven't been reading the FA, Rich.

I found this a rather introspective issue - perhaps so introspective that any comments would have to be equally so - and I don't feel like making them tonight.

Hooah [Parker]. So that's what happened to Corey. And thanks for the Linard material.

Revelations from the Secret Mythos [Parker]. Maybe that's why the lightning is flickering in the sky, with a not too muted roll of thunder as an occasional punctuation. Anyway, one answer to your question to Gregg as to why he is doing the Zoo - it gives those of us who haven't met at least a bit of background, which can be of help in understanding the whys and wherefores.

Sercon's Bane [FMBusby]. I hope you realize, Buz, that you alone can't file for any FAPA office - you're only half an "official" member. As you will see if you read the constitution. And has been ruled in the dim past. Like it says in your platform.

As for the question of credentials for the waiting list/membership in the case of a divided membership. This was ruled clearly back in the Shaw case. If the membership is joint, then both parties to the membership are credited with the credentials. The problem of the a/b memberships is simple. Johnstone had been admitted before word was received of the splits; therefore, he was in before the question really arose. [As a matter of fact, I don't believe that any official word had been received by the mailing date; John merely indicated that he had two addresses for the two parts. It was only later that the membership was split. So, we had only 65 members, two with multiple addresses.] At that time, it was not certain that either of the split memberships would be renewed - and it has/is taking action under petitions to do so. So, I feel Johnstone is in legally.

As for the Martin case, as I've said before, No one seemed to take enough interest to inform Martin that he could protest to the vp. Someone in this mailing implies that a protest was filed with me; I haven't located it again, so will sound off here. No communication from Martin, except for the one page reproduction of the original letter, has been received. Not a word. And, you will note, the constitution expressly prohibits the vp from making "ex parte" decisions; it requires that both sides of a controversy be presented. Until Martin does so, I cannot legally rule. And, at this late date, don't feel a ruling would be possible, after such a long period. To my way of thinking, this is the core of the matter - all other questions are merely smoke-screens. Questions as to whether John had the right or the power to so rule, as to whether he was right, whether the "error of an officer" clause applies - these are side issues; the question still is - what did Martin do. And the answer, of course, is nothing. If you don't stand up for your rights, pretty soon you won't have them. And FAPA is no exception. Martin is letting the others do the work for him, it seems.

"Thomas, come to bed; you'll get the final talkies in the morning."

A possible solution for the muddy hole in the ground under the bathroom floor would be a neat one-holer Chic sale. Indoor model, of course. Masque [Rotsler]. One of the best items in the mailing, Bill. I only wish it every mailing. The only trouble with coverlines, it takes so long to read them - you can't scan. Like, how do you know about Bjo's freckles? ## And the In-Out lines. Thanks, Bill; I'm just sorry I couldn't get to see you in DC; with the cold I had, I wouldn't have been even an acceptable drinking friend.

Badli [Kovolin]. Complete with all identification except the name of the person to blame. Pretty sneaky way of avoiding the responsibility.

Actually, Tod was late on the void election; I had jumped that one the day I got the FA. I admit the ballot spaces weren't counted - I forgot to, actually. But you can write between the lines, in the space below, etc. At least one voter had some 15 people in the minor groups and maybe 30 in the 10 point places. If that's all there is to bitch about the vote, I'm happy. Fans are supposedly smart and resourceful.

Add to people who can/should remember "We Do Our Part" half the Dusby pair. Much better than previous issues, although no checks.

Fantasia [Wosson]. Quite a cover, Helen - very effective. It looks like David might end up as potential FAPA material; if he writes that well at 9.5, what will he do in another few years. We'll - or rather I will - be looking for some more FAPA oriented material, now that you are within easy mailing distance. I suppose in the past, you've been more or less writing into a void, doing things that wouldn't get any response to you for at least 8 months.

Light [Croutch]. A voice from the dead, it seems, with comments on things gone these many months. However, I can certainly echo you on the wood-pile thing. Putting in the wood, stacking it in the basement, splitting up kindling and furnace-size chunks was work. After we went to oil and gas, and wood was used only for the fireplace, it wasn't so bad - by that time I was away from home. And, then, there wasn't the mass of splitting that had to be done.

Ever try to use a 12-sided Canadian 5c piece in a vending machine? Most machines just jam. And the quarters are different diameter. I think cents and maybe dimes will work. I've seen a sign on a stamp vending machine in Montreal - I mean Ottawa - saying not to use US coins because they would jam.

The Lark Is Dead [Danner]. Even the corpse is worth having. Especially when it talks so interestingly about Rolls and cars in general. But, please, ill, don't drop. We need someone with some common sense. And don't cut off Stefantasy, which, although you can't get an argument out of it, is one of the nicest things I've run across in fandom - or outside, either. Like, there are girls, of course, and then....

Rambling Fap [Calkins]. But, Gregg, what good would it do me to call you next time I'm in Salt Lake City? I'm sure you wouldn't appreciate being awakened by a long-distance call....

I think John Carter had much the same attitude to women, especially in the later books. Then there was Carson Napier, who dragged his woman around with him; more convenient, like, assuming nothing unforeseen happened.

Null-F [White/Dreen]. Since the venom of the ant, bee, etc, is loaded with hcooh, formic acid, any weak base will help reduce the sting. I'd imagine a weak milk of magnesia solution would do the job, although maybe not as well as ammonia.

The slow, plodding thinker has one great disadvantage - he lacks the ability found in fast thinkers of bridging the logical gaps, jumping from premise to conclusion. I have a good friend who is a very logical and thorough thinker, who will come up with the right answer in time, developing it step by step. But, if a step is not available, or cannot be constructed, he is lost; he just doesn't have the ability to make the wild leaps into the blue. But he is a wonderful person to check out an idea; if he comes to the same final conclusion, it is probably right.

I believe beer was known back at least 1000BC. Isn't it mentioned in the Old Testament? ## You got almost as many as voted in the FAPA egoboo poll. You should kick.

I've had about 100 of those encased French stamps - mostly 5c green Sowers, plus some 10c and 25c blue - 10c red, I mean. Two styles of case, aluminum, with stamped inscriptions - embossed might be a better word - and brass, with lithographed, I assume, legends. Ran into one big batch from Nice. Very similar to the US encased postage stamps from the 60s.

It depended on what car you got going to Boston; I've been in the standard chair cars on those trains, too.

That usage of gentile may be only a local usage; I grew up with the meaning indicating gentle, in the sense of gentleman. It is hard to get used to the correct usage, and it pops out if I'm not thinking of the words.

Washington has a number of good Chinese places - places that serve something besides chop suey. Some are the fancy-expensive type. The one I've been going to for years has a large native patronage, no tableclothes, and reasonable prices. It serves chop suey and chow mein, but also things such as beef with peppers and tomatoes, etc. From the outside, it doesn't look impressive.

Sure, Bloch, Willis, or Joe Blow could petition into FAPA. A majority of the members, signing a petition circulated to all the members, can do anything in regards the organization. So, if enough members want to keep someone in, or get someone out, or put someone in, they can.

The question about FR96 being unamiable could be compatible with closing the case, if the PO inspector felt the case wasn't worth continuing. "Just don't do it again" sort of thing.

I can think of a number of cases, back in the dim past when it was easy to get in, when hyperactive fans never lived up to their activity once they got in.

Phantasy Press [McPhail]. I see Harry touched a sore spot, Dan, with his employment service remarks. For once you've written a comment of more than just comment. And, you know, this is the best of all the mailing comments in this issue. It has something more than just polite chat. And, too, you are speaking about something you know, probably better than anyone else active in the organization.

The Dusby twins! Now I'm sure you've never met Elinor and FM. Around here, winter weather isn't monotonous. Hardly. Summer is more so; we can pretty well count on the thunderstorm in the late afternoon, the hot, humid days and nights. But you do paint a nice picture of the woods. And here I sit....

FAPAutographs [Mathom House]. But, please, since I had already signed my name, even printed it so it could be read, why couldn't you have spelled it right in the text. But it was fun, too.

Antaios [Speer]. I liked your discussion about the Moskowitz thing. I did like your penetrating observation that apparently Chris - as well as several others - didn't really listen to what others said; it was as if it was obvious they had nothing worth saying to say.

My guess would be that the fact that children had become an economic liability to the urban dweller in the 20s and 30s was the real reason children were uncommon. On the farm, children could be of help once they reached a certain age; in the city, there were relatively few chances for employment until they were well in their 'teens. I can remember that the first jobs I managed to get, during summer, too, were picking fruit and berries and hops. And this was because we were right in the middle of the area, and a bike ride of only a few miles was enough to get there. By now, at least half the orchards and fields are built up in houses. It was only in the 40s that families could better afford children - and were marrying earlier, in general, and hence more likely to have more children.

In your discussion of Stone's speech, I think you went way out on a limb, once. Sure, the government provides social security cheaper than private enterprise, but according to what I've heard, the system is running into a terrific deficit - what is coming in now, is going out to pay present costs. Your pension will have to be paid for by the workers of the period when you retire. In other words, the reserve necessary to finance it isn't there. Just government credit. The same thing is true, apparently, of the civil service retirement fund.

Chinese binary is column binary, reading vertically down the card, instead of in rows from left to right.

"It's time to wake up, Sam" is from the Fellowship of the Ring, of course.

Escape energy is escape energy. It is the energy a body would have on falling from infinity. Or, it is the potential energy a body has relative to earth, at infinity. And gravity isn't a steady force. Remember that equation from Newton, the inverse square law? Work is the product of a force acting through a distance; there is no time factor here. Power involves time, and hence, the more power, the faster you get up there. You could start out with a 1.1g acceleration from the ground and eventually get out into space. Air and the inefficiency of a slow rocket, especially operating in air, are what make higher speed preferable.

The fiction was good - almost too good.

A directed thrust of a few miles/hr will certainly get the ship away from earth - and even to another star. Remember, the ship is always in an orbit of some sort; what the thrust is doing is changing this orbit enough to move the ship in the desired direction. It sounds as though you need to read some science fiction.

No, the Ashland stage is lit with spots and such, but the only lighting in the audience during the play is the torches; before and after, there are electric lights strung overhead.

No, we continued our trip on towards Jasper. I have a sense of difference in meaning for went and continued. Like bring and take. Continued implies an interruption in a directed route, which is resumed. Went implies a direction, not necessarily that in force before the halt.

In programming for the 7090 using FORTRAN you run into the automatic () closer. If you leave a) off, or have one too many, the program stops, and the compiler (program) chides you.

"Pawns of A" = "Players of A"
of A Day*Star [Bradley]. Have a nice vacation. See you in Chicago, I hope.

Tidmouse [Silverberg]. I envy you your house, with that space.

Scene [JYoung]. I enjoyed the articles; I assume the second was by Cambridge Larry?

Le Moindre [Raeburn]. Other examples of institutional ads are in the trade magazines, where general ads are common. But there are cars with gear box and fluid drive - a number of Chrysler cars had it.

A Fanzine for....[Jacobs]. But Jane wasn't almost blackballed, Lee. No one was. And, as I've mentioned before, almost half of the few blackballs came from areas well away from LA, and mostly away from the LA groups that were concerned. As for the questions you raise - I've already tossed them on to the president for ruling.

Ambivalent Amoeba [Harness]. Liked Zoran - a nice spoof.

Wraith [Ballard]. Goodness, Wrai, this makes what, three in a row? You're slipping. But keep on doing so. The one-shot category got only 5 points, as against 10 maximum in the regular magazines for exactly that reason; it thus didn't count as heavily in the final poll, for top person.

Maybe what you want is "Fandom is a part of life." That might cover the people who regard fandom as more than a hobby. And yet, a hobby can certainly result in friends, originally made because of the hobby, but expanding. Like the streetcar fans I know. I'd guess this started really when fandom changed from a collecting to a doing hobby.

If Jack answers this, take his answer. I've always understood you can call yourself any name you want, so long as there is no fraud involved.

No, the slumbercoach (TM) used by the D&O and a couple of the western roads on the Denver run, I believe, isn't the same as the old tourist cars. Those were modified version of the Standard Pullmans, open sections and, maybe, a drawing room at one end. By day you had seats, in pairs facing each other; at night these were made up into lower and upper berths. Green curtains and all. The Slumbercoach is a all-room car, with a lot of little, little roomettes, for one person, and a few for two people. Each has its own toilet and washstand, a bed that pulls out of the end of the space, or folds down, or a combination of the two. It is a further compression down from Roomette, duplex roomette, and this. I've used them a time or two, but they aren't built for people like me, or Eney, or Donaho. Better than the coach, tho, as I can get sleep - which I can't in the coach.

Yess, I seem to have managed to stay on Laney's good side; at least, he didn't ring me in in the great LA mess, in spite of my visit. And that was just about the time his marriage blew up.

But, Wrai, how about all those women who look nice when they approach, and then you see the shorts or slacks as they walk away.... You don't have to look at the face, in the front view....

Better include ~~W~~some paper that can be written on under water. Imagine that wonderful pen and nothing to write on.

Melange [Trimbles] A cover with a difference; I liked it. And the Durbee material.... The best, tho, I thought, were the idle jottings by Djo. These give me a feeling of talking with you, Djo, something I don't get enough chance to do. The feeling I get, for example, from this issue, is that Durb is a character, but that you are a real person - the kind there aren't enough of.

Horizons [Warner]. Last because of the churned pile, except for the postmailings I can't find right now. I hope, Harry, you will reassure people that there were several Evans in fandom at about the same time. I think you are going to have a real problem in keeping things complete and still avoiding too much frankness. ## Apparently the Tarzan banning was done seriously. After all, the OZ books are also banned. ## No, Harry, as I think I told you, Martin did not send me anything more than that single copy of John's letter; he had only the general bitching about the LA clique. There was no other complaint or any other word from him. If he had written me a pc, I would have acted. As a matter of fact, no one filed any complaints, except to question the right of the s-t to pass on the eligibility of the material for credit - which is clearly spelled out in the constitution. In spite of all the hullabaloo, no one even told Martin what he could do. If I had done any other ruling, I would have been operating unconstitutionally. No ex parte decisions.

It shouldn't take too much development of the masers to produce a real energy beam. Maybe Hugo is not so far out at that. ## One thing I've noticed in H lately - less detailed comments, more just snippets. [something like mine.] I've always thought of you comments as rather full. But, looking over carefully, I see they really aren't. But I like Hagerstown Journal - and am at the bottom of the page.