

Well, winter has finally arrived here in New York. As I type this, the second snowfall that has actually stuck on the city streets is drifting pleasantly by my window. However, not so pleasant is the temperature of my room: I would estimate it at a cool 60-65, a temperature not at all inductive to typing (my fingers get cold and clumsy).

Dick Lupoff has been introduced to Arthur Rackham in the form of an old printing of Rip Van Winkle with many Rackham color and b&w plates in it. At the price of only \$15, I was considering buying it myself. However, later we went to the Wakefield-Young bookstore (as I mentioned discovering in a previous issue) where I bought a copy of Farmer Giles of Ham; I've not yet dipped into Tolkien, and I suppose it would be better to start off small, and thence progress to The Hobbit.

A little request for Dave Fox: Canaveral Press would appreciate it if you'd send them a copy of your review of Dick's book; any and all reviews are appreciated.

P.S., the new magazine based on reminiscence and the like, is out here in New York. Respecting my promise to Ted, I bought a copy, and found it rather interesting. Certainly an article by Avram Davidson on the old boys series gave me several chuckles, and I was entertained and informed by Ron Goulart's article on Crazy Kat, The Gentle Art of Brick Throwing. Reproduction was in general excellent, although the layout could be improved. Also I found interesting (and in the first case, saddening) were an article on Lugosi by Charles Beaumont, and a memoir on Life on other planets as seen by Burroughs and the rest of the fantasists before the advent of modern astronomy and Mariner IV. Buy it; the magazine is possibly a little overpriced at 60¢, but the contents are on the whole worth the admission price.

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Fred Hollander eats green pine cones Along The Apalachian Trail: comments on #66  
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L #12; T. White: While a member of the SF Book Club (before I discovered I was picking up everything they put out 2 months later in paperback) I also suffered from the deprivations of their billing department. And when I finally did leave the club, I still got books for several months afterwards. I wrote many notes to them, and finally they desisted. Although I did keep several of the books they sent me after I quit. Have you ever tried to write your order on the back of one of their punch-cards without writing into the holes? It was a darned bothersome thing, it was.::: I too have found Farmer to be impossible to read now. And it's because of you: I find myself wearying of his ineffective plotting, or lack of unity in the plot. How I long for the writing of The Green Odyssey...

Borogrove #20; G. Wolford: My company makes a thing called a Motor Carrier Rate Guide, which involves the use of a bright orange loose-leaf, creates especially for us. And besides, they cost me nothing.:::Your apa L activity chart lists me as missing the 61st mailing, which is an Untruth. I've been in every mailing since I joined with #38 or so. Check your records, please.

Rab Rad #66; F. Patten: "We're already competing with ALGOL on this," it seems as tho you're trying to press my buttons, Fred, and on reflection, I notice you've succeeded. Snort.:::I last ran into the French Embassy after the Discon. Their Embassy to the UN is 3 blocks from my house, and one of

their men was down in Washington filming something about SF with Randy Garrett. I met him in mid-September just outside the embassy, and recognized him from Washington. It seems that the Cultural Service is mildly interested in SF, which explains why and how...

Sailaway #1; J. Freeman: Would your newly-forming computer club be affiliated with the Association for Computing Machinery? I was a student member of the group, and now that I've dropped out (I was a member in 61-63) I've about 10 fans who are/were members...Ed Meskys once sent me a letter which had been written with a Friden Flexowriter. When he fed the tape of the letter back into the machine, it somehow came out backwards and upside down...real wierd.

Fargas #8; D. Kaiser: Dear me, Dwain, you seem to be making more and more of a fuzghead out of yourself. And when I meet you, you'll be a nice type of guy, who doesn't make stupid statements that give people grounds for condemning you. But anyway,...Duncan McFarland is not supporting Baltimore; like he said, he's officially neutral. But that was there for you to read, and you didn't. \*\*\*\*\* That's the space where I was about to say something to you about Jack Chalker, but decided not to. That was a very fuzgheaded statement, the first part, anyway. Arnie Katz is a nice guy. I wouldn't mind sounding like a younger Arnie Katz, except that I'm 4 months older than Arnie...Arnie is developing into a very nice humorous person, a la ~~Sammy~~ Cal Demmon. And I see that you didn't even vote for yourself in the TAPS Election. Evidently Arnie can't be that bad, because he was running against you, and...but you get the point. ;;; Ditto masters do not fade; I ran off a used master from 1943, and I got medium strength copy. Likewise, I've got dittoed zines from the mid-fifties as well as early and late forties that look as good as new. If you want to see real spirit duplication, look at SATA Illustrated, put out by Guy Terwilleger. That's really some fant. stic use of the medium...::: Edgar Rice Burrows?!?!???

Grunion #65; G. Shaw: It is to laugh.

Tyro #2; J. Schumacher: Your artwork is improving; I liked that beastie on the first page, although the curtain looked a bit wooden.

Borogrove #26; G. Wolford: I also am selling some of my books, specifically some SF Book Club stuff and about 25 copies of Astounding from 1946-1953, plus some assorted mags and pbs. I find myself in the position of taking a realistic look at my collecting and giving up on ever having a complete set of many magazines; my bookshelves are all filled, anyway (almost). So I'll just have Astounding back to 1/54, and a complete set of Galaxy and (soon)F&SF. As it is, I've got every sf magazine and non-reissue pb published since 1960, plus many from before then.

Goovn #4; D. McFarland: The West Coast has the WesterCon, and the Midwest has the OctoberCon, and the East has the LunaCon/EasterCon, Philly-Con, Disclave, Oen ESFA, and now the Boskone. And hey, you have the MidwesCon. So homcum you need another convention? (And I forgot the DeepsouthCon)

Bjo and John Trimba: And thank you for many non-specific but hearty chuckles.  
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Gee, this is finished sooner than I might have expected. Maybe I'll run it off tonight and mail it off tomorrow, Thursday. It's only...1:10 AM \*Sigh\* Well, we shall see, as they say. You know, I think I'll make ALGOL an AS to TAPS, ahahaha Maybe I'd better end this on the thought that if you want to keep warm, you've got to keep your knees loose.

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