DEGLER! 116

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Degler! is published for apa L and not for Dick Yngvi by Andy Porter at 24 East 82nd Street, New York, New York, 10028. New York in '67!! Lord of The Rings for Best Series!

You will not be seeing Degler! number 115 in apa L; I only ran off 90 copies, and 60 were distributed at the Open ESFA meeting, where paid attendence was 123; we also distributed 50 New York buttons. Jack Chalker was there, together with a few of the baltimoreans, and they didn't say much. This was heartening. Yes indeedy.

I discovered something else; The Girl in The Moon, the classic 1926 movie, is a 3½ hour bore. Art Saha, Banks Mebane, and Terry Carr, to name but three, were a few of the more adventurous who ventured out of the meeting in search of a bar while the thing was on.

And now I must go off to Sarah Lawrence College to ~~enjoy~~ watch Ross Chamberlain and Joni Larkwood in some sorta play. This sentence will resume...right here. It was a good play, as were the two following; originally by Noel Coward. And that's all I can find to say on that subject.

When I first entered fandom, I heard all about this wondeful thing called LotR, or Lord Of The Rings, and everyone said that I had to read it. To which I replied that the time was not yet, and that I couldn't see myself wasting 15 dollars on a mere three hardcovers.

Well, Ace brought out the three volumnes, and still I hadn't read them; I kept putting it off until I finished the latest Ace novel. But I put into effect a reading program to read all the backwash that I hadn't gotten around to.

Finally I came to LotR, and by happenstance picked up Farmer Giles of Ham a month ago while perusing the bookstores with Dick and Pat Lupoff. And So I started to read.

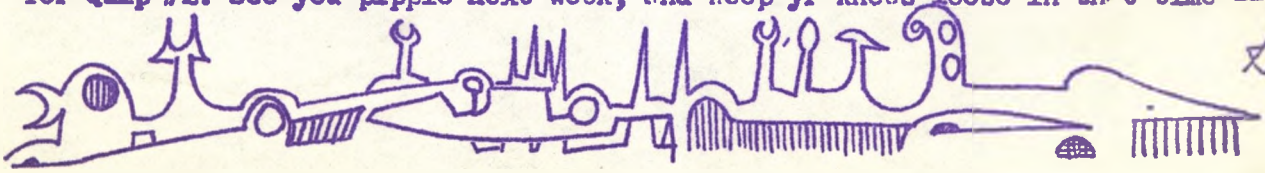
Well, Barry Gold, you were right. The five books make some of the most fantastic reading I've ever had the pleasure to see. In fact, I think that they're the greatest novels I've ever read, and although my reading experience has been limited, I'd say that LotR has been the greatest of the thousands of books that I have had the chance to read. I can find only two other things to compare to any part of them, and those two would be the Okie series and Man In The High Castle.

Dave Van Arnam says that this is a strange comparison, and perhaps he may be right. But I also know of no other books that have maintained my sense of wonder for three solid weeks now.

In fact, I doubt seriously whether I can go back to reading mere science fiction for any period during which LotR remains vivid in my memory.

I have nothing to look forward to now save reading Tom Bombadil. Then again, I can read the Ballantine edition to see what changes there have been made in the books. *Sigh*

Along The Apalachian Trail: comments on apa L mailing number seventy-two

On second thot, I think I'lwait until next week ~~mfx~~ for this department. And this has certainly been a vulgar and ostentatious fanzine, indeed. And Len Bailes, thanks for Quip #2. See you pipple next week, and keep yr knees loose in that time --

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