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## THE END OF OBLIQUE HOUSE

7 May (IF Press Release). On 6th May the old red brick house at 170 Upper Newtownards Rd, Belfast, which had been the headquarters of Irish Fandom for nearly 20 years, finally reverted to the mundane plane of existence. At a house-cooling party the occasion was marked by a simple but moving ceremony attended by all Irish Fandom. In the fan attic the last ghoddminton service was solemnly performed by Bob Shaw. Symbolically, it was not returned. Instead, the last shuttlecock was picked up by John Berry and reverently removed to its final resting-place, a time capsule donated by Sadie Shaw. Also in the 2-lb. cylindrical glass capsule were deposited a copy of THE ENCHANTED DUPLICATOR (first edition), some hyphens in printing-type used for SLANT, a dollop of duplicating ink, James White's first bow tie (symbolising the professional element in Irish Fandom) and signatures of the great fans and good friends who had stayed at Oblique House during the years. The time capsule was then buried in the front lawn, underneath the cherry tree, in earth with which had been mingled the sacred soil of South Gate, donated by Rick Sneary. A fannish era had ended. Oblique House was at one with Nineveh, Tyre, and 101 Wagner St., Savannah.

"Are you sure that's a cherry tree?"

The Willises are now living in a wooden shack by the seaside, their furniture in storage, while negotiations proceed for the acquisition of a new stately home for Irish Fandom. Meanwhile they can be reached through their accomodation address: 27 Clonlee Drive, Belfast 4. ..[WAW]

EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL FOOD REFERENCES are wanted by Ann Ashe (R.D. 1, Freeville, NY 13068). She is compiling a culinary dictionary, with a view to expanding it into a cookbook. Please report to her any E-T foods mentioned in books or mags; give author, title, imprint (publisher, date) if helpful, and approximate pages. Anything this side of 1900 is okay.

CON-VERGENCE: The FRANCON, the big German con for 1965, will be held at the Feldberghof, located in Feldbergstrasse in Oberursel (near Frankfurt), during the weekend of August 20-22. Admission is 8 DM (~\$2) if paid before 31 July, 10 DM (~\$2.50) afterwards. Hotel rooms are 10 DM per person, and early registration is urged, as the hotel will probably not have enough rooms for all attendees. Edmond Hamilton and Leigh Brackett are expected, and Georges O. Smith and H. Scithers will attend. All inquiries should go to: Heinrich R. Arenz, 6000 Frankfurt 1, Postschliessfach 5002, Germany. ++ Early reservations are also urged for anyone attending the WESTERCON 18 in Long Beach, Calif, over the weekend of 3-5 July. The hotel's rooms are limited, and the 100 they are holding for the Westercon will not be held after 1 June. After that, it's catch as catch can. Membership fees of \$1 should be sent to 5571 Belgrave Ave, Eastgate, Garden Grove, 92641, Calif. Make checks payable to Rick Sneary.

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SPECIAL CONTEST: Ron Ellick finished the additional material for his TAFF report, and publication as a book will be under way shortly. Tom Gilbert will do the job, with the LASFS putting up the funds. (All receipts, after reimbursement of publication costs, will go to TAFF, of course.) But we still don't have a title for the report, which was published in SHAGGY under Ron's usual column heading, "The Squirrel Cage." So: Send in all your suggestions for names of the TAFF report. If you suggest the winning title -- as determined by the LASFS, which has a strange sense of humor and appropriateness at times -- you will receive a free copy of the report, autographed by the author (or not, as you prefer, Perfectionists.) The cost of the volume will be \$1, and it should be ready by Westercon time (4th of July). Deadline for titles to be received will be, then, 23 June -- send them to RATATOSK. Don't send money for the report yet; wait for the announcement that it has actually come out -- safer for your \$1.

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APAc: Dave Hulan has been elected OE of SFPA, by 10 votes to Larry Montgomery's 2. Postmailed campaign literature isn't always a help to one's campaign. ++ The 111th FAPA mailing contained 354 pages -- nothing in in very exceptional (though, as OE, I tend to have my critical sense blunted by the volume of the stuff coming in.) No changes in the membership, though there should be a couple drops this quarter. The WL is at 57, having added three and lost 8 (7 drops and a resignation). Three Constitutional amendments are proposed: 1 would keep Cult members (past or present) out of FAPA; another would provide for a referendum on any WLers blackballed by 10 or more members; the third allows more time to get your dues paid. And Pres. Evans has ruled that, in all cases concerning his status on the waiting list except the Blackball, the WLER is due all rights a member would have (e.g., appeal to the officers.) ++ APA 45 OE Rich Mann reports that their third mlg. is out, with 424 pages, and a full roster plus a waiting list. ++ A collection from the first seven months or so of APA L will be published between now and Westercon. Price for the 100+ pages will be 75¢ if ordered before publication, \$1 after. Inquire of Fred Patten, 1825 Greenfield, Los Angeles, Calif 90025.

THE CHARTER FLIGHT TO LONDON arranged by Judy Blish is still looking for more people. The fare is \$326, and the flight leaves the night of 26 August (from New York), returns 14 Sept. Information from Judy at 202 Riverside Drive, New York 10025. ++ The US side of the Andy Capp Fund is now at \$280+, and Bennett reports about \$190 on the English side, as of April. Donations still being accepted by Dave Hulan (19018 Bryant Ave, Northridge, Calif 91325. We're/He's almost there.... .