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If anybody knows the whereabouts of Sven Ahlstrom, let him know he's invited to membership, OK? If this copy of *The Southerner* is returned marked "addressee unknown," like the last one did, I'm just not going to worry about it.

I've received nothing from Hank Davis, either direct or routed through Arizona by an inept Post Office. Therefore, he's dropped from even his limbo status. I'm sorry to see him go, but I guess fate hath decreed that we shall not have two Hanks in SPPA at once (or at least, not since Luttrell dropped out).

However, as it turned out, one package did go that route. It arrived shortly after the deadline. That's Dwerd Gremlin's *Words without Pictures*... I intended to postmail it --really I did. But I didn't get a chance for a good while, and when I did get a chance it was just about too late. So in one sense, Dwerd missed the 51st Mailing--but he can hardly be blamed for the denseness of the cretins who deliver our mail.

It was pointed out to me that since I alone am Arbiter of the Coffin Scores, it is within my power to declare that Dwerd's string remains intact. I have done so. It's often nice to be an absolute dictator. Whether or not he keeps his 1.000 batting average in Lon's Box Scores is strictly between him and Mr. Atkins' conscience. I feel certain that an equitable solution can be arranged...I understand Hank has recently acquired an interesting item to go along with his Croatian thumbscrews and toescrews. I won't say what part of the anatomy it deals with, but I do think it would be unwise to antagonize anyone from Alabama just now.

It's been several weeks since I've had any trouble with my mail, so (knock wood!) I think people can feel safe sending me stuff here.

If all three of our invitees accept, the Yandankee Quota, by which no more than 25% of our active membership may be Northerners as defined in Article II, Sections 1 and 5 of the SPPA Constitution, will be filled. I could expand maximum membership to 24, thus allowing one more, but the next wler is a Yankee too. Even if someone drops, Tom Collins is now living in Indiana. I wouldn't worry about this except...

There are two former OEs of SPPA, both now living outside the South, on the waitlist after Tom. It would be a hell of a note if the first person bypassed on the waitlist because there are no Yankee openings, since Milt Stevens five years ago, happened to be the guy who wrote our Constitution.

It's entirely possible--likely, even--that this problem will take care of itself. On the chance that it doesn't, tho, let me toss out an idea for discussion. If it looks like people are generally in favor of the idea, and if it does turn out to be necessary, I'll call a vote on a Constitutional amendment to the effect of "At the discretion of the OE, residency requirements may be waived for former members who held Southern membership for at least three years and have performed Significant Service for the apa." That would make it exclusive enough to where the number of people who could have that requirement waived would be vanishingly small (in fact, it's possible that the only two in the world are on the wl right now), and would provide a hopefully impartial judge to decide whether or not Significant Service had been performed.

Comment? Suggestion?

At the risk of boring the membership, I should like to mention that this is Demented Turkish Dwarf Press publication #175 and 3M186. Yawn.

DEADLINE: May 31, 1973. Don't let the downers get you, bastard.

member gained: ALAN HUTCHINSON, who by OEdict and for no other reason can have SFPA credit for the work of Fenton Baliwick, Westford Wingate, Walter Spinks etc. WELCOME!

-----RULES of The Southern Fandom Press Alliance-----

- 1 Membership is limited to 23. Copy requirement is 28.
- 2 Activity requirement is four pages of original (i.e., no distribution other than to contributors prior to the SFPA deadline) material in each pair of consecutive mailings. One page may be art by another person; the rest must be the member's own material. At least two pages must be the member's own writing.
- 3 Dues are \$1 per year, payable before the deadline of the mailing they are due.
- 4 Initial activity for new members is four pages of creditable activity. Also, applicants for membership must pay one year's dues in advance. Waitlisters must acknowledge receipt of *The Southerner*. Missing twice in a row means you're off.
- 5 Ask your arcane OE about economic group memberships.
- 6 Owing activity is Frowned Upon.
- 7 The long-awaited Official Ruling on group memberships: When both constituents of a married couple are listed jointly on the SFPA Roster, and when both constituents meet activity requirements under individual (not joint) by-lines, then they shall be considered separate members in all respects excepting distribution of mailings and dues. Contribute separately, you guys. It ain't hard. Oh, and the term "married couple" will be interpreted just about as loosely as can be.

-----treasury report-----

Balance from last time:	\$71.91	Only Doug Wirth bought a back mailing this time--we seem to have lost a market since Dennis became a member. Buy, you guys!
Income from sale of bacopies:	+\$ 1.00	
Income from waitlist fees:	+\$ 2.00	
Outgo for OO:	-\$ 1.50	
Outgo for postage:	-\$ 7.38	
Balance carried forward:	\$66.03	Howsomever, the balance is still above \$60.00, so dues are extended.

-----frowned upon--SHAME!-----

Caruthers, 1. Inzer, 3. Koch, 2. Verbeiden, 4. Get the lead out.

-----bacopies-----

Aha! You thought I was going to give you another excuse why I don't have the stuff in order. Well, surprise. I spent an afternoon going through it last week.

There are two copies of the 16th Mailing on sale for the truly nominal fee of \$2.00--298 perfectly lovely pages, including *The Amazing SFPA-Fen* and *Melikaphkhaz #1* (but missing *The Southerner #16.5*, same as my own copy). And what's more, each buyer will receive, *free*, a copy of Dave Hulan's *An Index to the First Five Years of the SFPA*.

I also have, for \$1, Mailing #2, which will be accompanied by at least 3 1964-68 zines.

\$1 each--Mailings 27, 30, 36, 38, 39, 40, 41, 46, 50, 51, 52. Wlers Wetherington, Reinhardt, Collins, Hulan and Bridges may advance-order #53 for \$1.

member-----the roster-----dues payable before mg

- 1 Lon Atkins, 12724 Caswell #1, Mar Vista, Ca. 90066 = = = = = 54
- 2 Ned Brooks, 713 Paul St., Newport News, Va. 23605 = = = = = 55
- 3 Gary Brown, 21010 NE 14th Ave., N. Miami Beach, Fla. 33162 = = = = = 58
- 4 Stven Carlberg, 4361 Wheeler, Houston, Tex. 77004 = = = = = 57
- 5 P.L. Caruthers, 2117 Redbud, Memphis, Tenn. 38114 = = = = = 58
- 6 Joe Celko, Box 11023, Atlanta, Ga. 30310 = = = = = 58
- 7 Dennis Dolbear, 217 Betz Ave., New Orleans, La. 70121 = = = = = 58
- 8 Meade & Penny Frierson, 3705 Woodvale Road, Birmingham, Ala. 35223 = = = = = 58
- 9 Dverd Gremlin, 2128 Lynn, Huntspatch, Ala. 35810 = = = = = 58
- 10 James Harris, 3422 Mayflower Ave., Memphis, Tenn. 38112 = = = = = 58
- 11 Steve & Binker Hughes, 1669 Clairmont Road, Decatur, Ga. 30053 = = = = = 57
- 12 Alan Hutchinson, 4051 60th Way North, St. Petersburg, Fla. 33709 = = = = = 58
- 13 Cecil Hutto, 6217 W. Canal, Shreveport, La. 71108 = = = = = 54
- 14 George Inzer, 809 Kewadin Village, Mt. Pleasant, Mich. 48858 = = = = = 56
- 15 Irvin Koch, 835 Chattanooga Bank Building, Chattanooga, Tenn. 37402 = = = = = 54
- 16 Guy Lillian, 609 A Kenilworth, Greensboro, N.C. 27403 = = = = = 57
- 17 Don Markstein, 2425 Nashville Ave., New Orleans, La. 70115 = = = = = 57
- 18 Gary Steele, Box 2908, Rome, Ga. 30161 = = = = = 60
- 19 Mark Verheiden, 3245 S.W. 185th Ave., Aloha, Ore. 97005 = = = = = 58
- 20 Faruk von Turk, 1903 Dante, New Orleans, La. 70118 = = = = = 58
- 21 Doreen & Jim Webbert, 1415 Barcelona Drive, Akron, O. 44313 = = = = = 58

DROPPED: Cliff & Susan Biggers; Hank Davis--lactivity. Both cases regretted.

-----the waitlist-----

- 1 *Sven Ahlstrom, 7370 South Shore Drive, Chicago, Ill. (\$1)
- 2 Dave Chamberlain, 1840 S.E. 117th Ave., Portland, Ore. 97216 (\$1)
- 3 Diedre Mathews, Box 364, Kalamazoo, Mich. 49709 (\$1)
- 4 Norene Wetherington, RRL, Paw Paw, Mich. 49709 (\$1)
- 5 Hank Reinhardt, 2502 Randolph Place, Birmingham, Ala. 35223 (\$1)
- 6 Tom Collins, 835 W. Washington, Ft. Wayne, Ind. 46804 (\$1)
- 7 Dave Hulan, Box 43, Monrovia, Ca. 91016 (\$1)
- 8 Greg Bridges, 3711 Poplar, Memphis, Tenn. 38111 (\$1)
- 9 *Craig Shukas, c/o John Guidry (\$1)
- 10 G.H. Wells, 24 River Ave., Riverhead, N.Y. 11901 (\$1)
- 11 Joe Siclari, 1607 McCaskill Ave., apt. 3, Tallahassee, Fla. 32304 (\$1)
- 12 Richard Small, 117 South Meridian St. #3, Tallahassee, Fla. 32301 (\$1)
- 13 Merlin Haas, Box 41, El Paso, Ill. 61738 (\$1)
- 14 Doug Wirth, 5967 Laurel St., New Orleans, La. 70115 (\$1)
- 15 Joe Staton, Box 577, West Shokan, N.Y. 12494 (\$1)
- 16 *R.J. Caruthers, 2117 Redbud St., Memphis, Tenn. 38114 (\$1)
- 17 Carol VanderMark, 1276 Kendrick Road N.E. Atlanta, Ga. 30319 (\$1)
- 18 Joel Thingvall, 3420 35th Ave. South, Minneapolis, Minn. 55406 (\$1)
- 19 Eric Ferguson III, 960 S. Orlando, Cocoa Beach, Fla. 32930 (\$1)

DROPPED: Ann Hebert, Ken Hafer and Curtis Meadow; failure to accept invitation. Curtis acknowledged receipt of *The Southerner* but didn't produce activity. I've tried to get hold of Ken several times in the past week, but can't. I've no idea in the world where Crazy Ann is or what she's doing. Ferguson is returned to the bottom at his request.

* means I haven't heard from you since the last deadline, at least. Acknowledge receipt of this OO, or I throw you off the waitlist.

Sven AHLSTROM, Dave CHAMBERLAIN and Dee MATHEWS are invited to membership. Please turn in four pages by...THE DEADLINE, May 31, 1973.