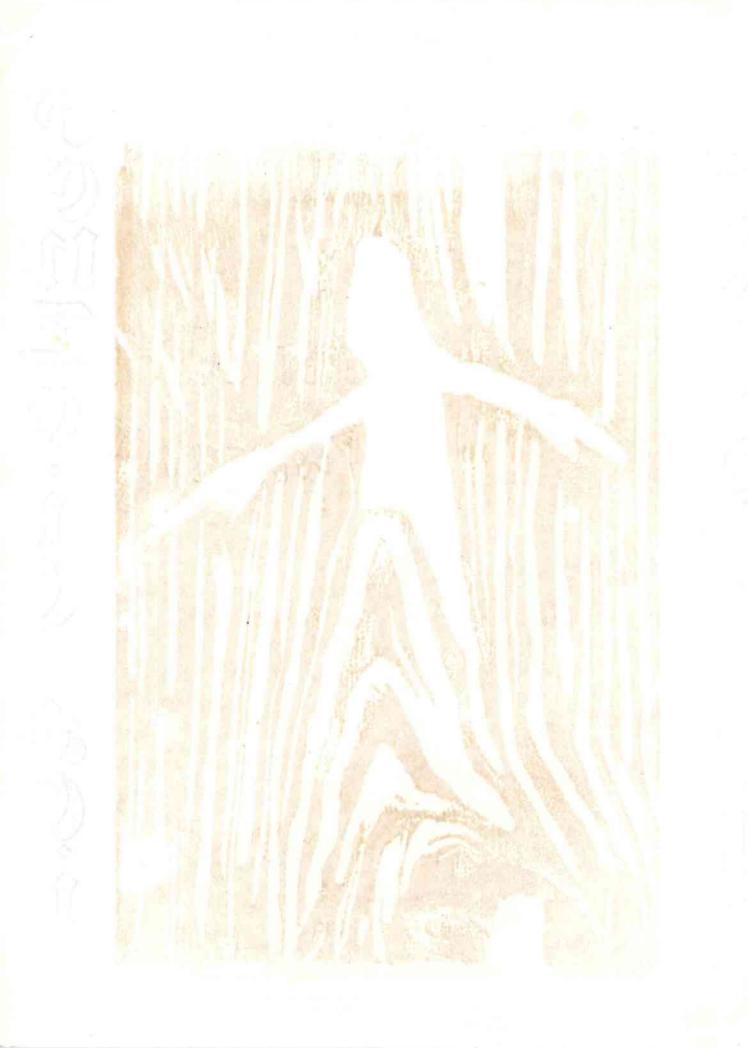


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2-acetylbenzoic acid---mailing comments on N'APA 39 for N'APA 40---harch 1969---by Joanne Burger, 55 Elue Bonnet Ct., Lake Jackson, Texas, 77566

I hope to have Pegasus 4 in this mailing, but right now I doubt if I will make it. So Peg will probably show up as an unofficial post-mailing, since I don't need the activity. Or you may find 2 Pegs in the next mailing. It depends.

Since I'm not sure that Peg will make this mailing, I will repeat some of the things I'm going to say in Peg. The annish of Peg will be smaller than the previous issues have been, and will be totally unorganized, except perhaps for the book lists. I am going to type the masters and run off the pages as the material comes in, so letters will be scattered thruout the pages. Right now, all I am planning to put in it are a compilation of Finagle's Laws, a humorous report from Science, and the book lists.

My problem this quarter is time. I am taking a graduate chemistry course in thermodynamics. Since I am determined to learn something in this course—to get an understanding of thermo—I will have to spend a large amount of time at it. So there go my weekends. Dr. Liebhafsky (the teacher) estimates at least 10 hours a week work outside of class. And I believe him. For one thing, I learned yesterday that I do not remember as much calculus as I thought I did. So I'm going to have to relearn that as well. Dr. Liebhafsky was the director of research for GE before he retired. And now he is going to teach us thermo. Fun and games. But at least he knows what industrial researchers need to know and what they want to learn. Which is a great improvement over previous teachers.

Did any of you try to mail packages to Europe early this year? If so you learned about the longshoresman strike the hard way. Personally I think both sides are nuts. The Gulf Coast longshoresmen and shippers don't even start to talk until New York works up an agreement. Even the the longshoresmen down here couldn't care less about container/ztion and guarteeteed wage, which were the hang-up in NY. The Gulf Coast lon shoresmen are more worried about money and working conditions. It is only in the last 5 years or so that the shippers haven't been able to call out a gang for 15 min. work and only pay them for 15 min. New they at least have to pay them for 4 hours every time they call them out.

In his younger days, my father was a strong union man, but now he thinks the union is pricing itself out of work. So Father voted against the strike. Not that it did any good. New York City, has more longshoresmen than the whole Gulf Coast.

I don't know about the East Coast, but on the TexasGulf Coast you cannot join the union unless your father or a relative is a member. But all union membership means—on the waterfront is that you get first choice of jobs, and therefore the easy ones, like running a winch or driving a townotor. And since most union members are over 50, it is a good thing, they are getting too old for the work. Not being a union member won't keep you from working or from getting the hospitalization or other benefits. Father doesn't think much of the retirement benefits tho. host

of his friends have not lived to retire. After working all his life on the docks, Father is trying to live to Sept. so he can retire (he has had 2 heart attacks). Before the strike he was working on the average of 1 day a week, and really living on the \$35 a week unemployment insurance. But you can't get that while you're on Strike.

My brother, Carl, (he is 6 years younger than I), joined the Air Force just before he was drafted. He only needs 1 more year at Texas AAI to get his degree in Electrical Engineering. The Air force signed him up for 4 years and put him into electronics, where he wanted to go. Not that he is happy. He doesn't like the Air Force. Anyway, he was sent to Turkey, where he has been for the past year. Stuck upon a hill top 50 miles from Anakara (the nearest town of any size). There are some small villages fairly close to his baso. It is an hour's walk to the village and a two hour walk back because they have to climb the hill. And it snows there. Which was a shock to Carl. He has seen more snow in the past year than in all of the rest of his life. In the village they visited, all the men came out to shake their hands. But none of the women came out. Carl did see one girl washing her clothes at the village spring—on her knees doing it by hand. They still use donkeys for transportation.

He made Sargent, which made him hap y until most of the people under him were transfered to another base and Carl had to start working again. Now he is in Italy. Before the went he had to undergo a Security check. The FBI came around and questioned all his friends. It shook up his girl friends mother. She isn't used to being questioned by the FBI. Our next door neighbor found it a big thrill. Now he is in Italy, between Venice and Insbruck (I think). Up in the mountains. I hope he learns to ski while he is there.

From his last letter: I spent a day in Venice on the way up here. It was cold and so foggy you couldn't see across the grand canal. It is a dirty old grubby looking place. Hotels are cheap though. Glass ware is cheap too. Clothes are definitely reasonable. I rode a train up to near here from Venice. It wasn't too bad. The trains here are electric. They are fast, and pretty smooth. They stop too often though.

He is really thrilled by this opportunaty to travel, isnot he. Oh well, enough of that. On to the mailing comments, such as they are.

Alliance Amateur #39, hoy Tackett...So we finally had a waiting list. Too bad the shock was so great. Welcome to the new members. May you all enjoy yourselves. hoy, you aren't out for good, I hope.

Guano--art Mayes--As far as I am concerned you are the OE, until I near differently from the Directorate anyway. So congrats, if that's what you give an OE. Oh, yes, any zines of mine that are extra, please send to Seth Johnson's fanzine clearing house. I will reinburse you for the postage. I hope the manilla envelopes last under the FO's handling. From some of the things I have recieved, I kind of doubt it.

Half life.—Stan Woolston.— Thanks for mentioning the Tape Eureau. By now (Feb) I have issued 3 Replays (the Eureau zine, monthly as long as I have stuff to put in it, any of you want on the mailing list?), the bureau has a project starting (are any of you interested in taping books etc for the blind? Contact Nick A Grassel, 14432 Polk, Taylor, Nich, 48180 for more details), there are several members interested in taperespondence, and others interested in trading tapes of talks, etc. Personally, I want to build up a library of tapes of fannish interest, from cons and elsewhere. If any of you all have something along this line, I'd like to hear about it. The Eureau is getting a fair selection of tapes and is always interested in new members.

I read Man of Many Minds and enjoyedit engouh to buy the sequel, Alien Minds. Which I also like. I still have the two has. Panshin's first Villie rs story is Star Well. Both it and Thurb Revolution were fun books to read. There really wasn't much action, and what there was detracted from the enjoyment of the story, but I enjoyed the books. I have been rereading them, and I keep finding things I missed before. I actually had to look up two words in the dictionary, very unusual for me. To you know what copacetic and fardel mean? I do now. Oh, yes. Moondust is not part of a series.

As far as I could tell, it does not tie in with The Weirwoods at all. Moondust takes place in and around Jerice with Joshua camping on the outskirts of the city.

Jorry "apidus-I agree, "Man of La Mancha" is very good. I saw the road show in Houston, and spent an engrossing 2 hours and 20 minutes.

And I went out and bought the record. For best prozine I'm going to vote for Analog again, unless If comes up with better storios then they have been running. I still read Analog the day I get it. I don't always do that for If. In fact, I put off writing this while I read the March Analog and I've had the Feb. If for a week and still haven't read it. Pegasus goes to a lot of other records besides "APA". Too many I'm beginning to the

people besides M'APA. Too many l'm beginning to think. I was lucky as a child. My parents also encouraged my reading and I read everything. For instance, I read the Burton translation of the Arabian Nights before I was 15. Have you ever read this translation? It is a lot different from the childrens stories. When you have a few hours to spare you might dig into it. I'd be interested in what people think of it.

low Down-Richard Laborte-I'd like to see LD this year too. It shounds like a good thing for people like me who not only haven't read some of the Hugo nominees, but don't intend to for instance-Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep will probably be one, but I don't intend to read it), I did read Stand on Zanzibar and it is quite good.

Mini-yun-Frank Lunny- Strange Names? I know a man whose first name is Cooper. My boss's middle name is Lowry. And a co-worker is called Fran (or Franic) short for Franichecisick, or something like that. To Piers isn't bad. Dallas is: Treally working for the con in 73. I haven't heard anything from the New Orleans bunch except they want the bid.

Guano-Art Hayes-Finally people are investigating the effects of marijuana. It came out in a Dec. issue (I think) of Science. I have a copy but I'm too lazy to get up and find it. Anyway they found that marijuana does not dilate the pupils, but it does make your eyes bloodshot. The first time you smoke marijuana your reflexes, etc, are impaired and you don't do as well on tests as before you smoked. But experienced marijuana smokers do better on some tests after a smoking and don't do worse on any of them after smoking. Also, you have to be taught to feel the effects. You don't get very high the first time. In other words, the more often you smoke the less it takes to make you high. Apparently because you have learned to detect the effects.

Green Grulzak-Wally Weber-If you have an extra copy of WNR 1°d like to see it. I've read good and bad revies of 2, so it should be interesting.

Hoom-Bee Bowman and Frank Denton-Did you read the 100th Millenium? If you ever run across it do so (it's an Ace double). When you compare it with Catch a Falling Star you can see how John Brunner's talent has matured since 1959. The ending is the same in the two books, wand the beginning is about the same, but inbetween it is quite different. The Tape Bureau is going well right now. I foresee having to cut back this semester, but hopefully the Tape Bureau won't be part of the cutback. I enjoyed all of Hoom but can't think of anything else to say about it (it's getting late and I have to go to work in the morning). So many

