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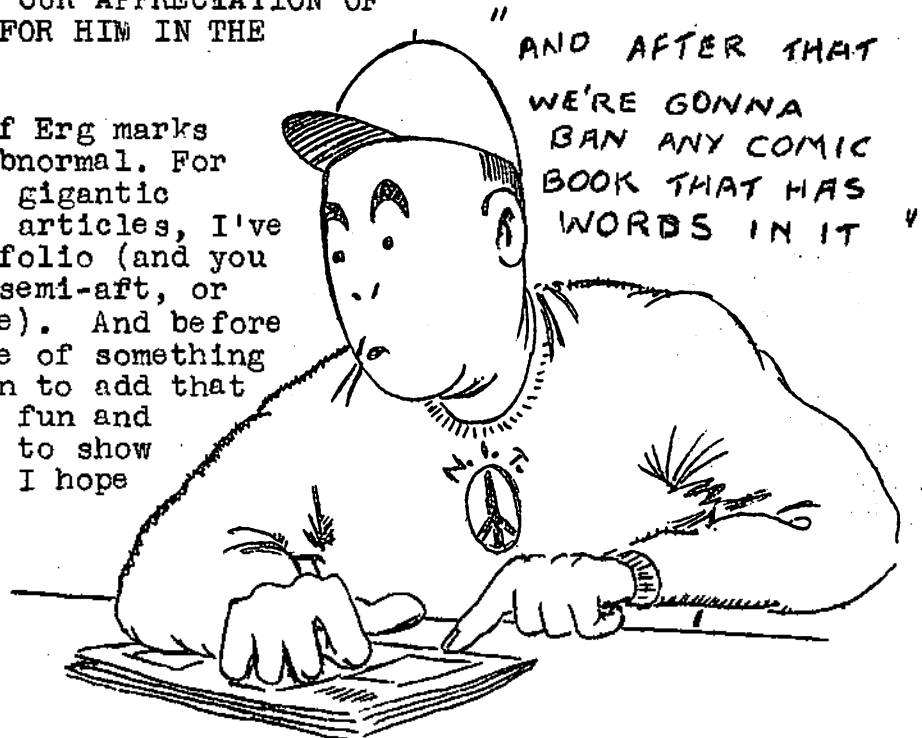
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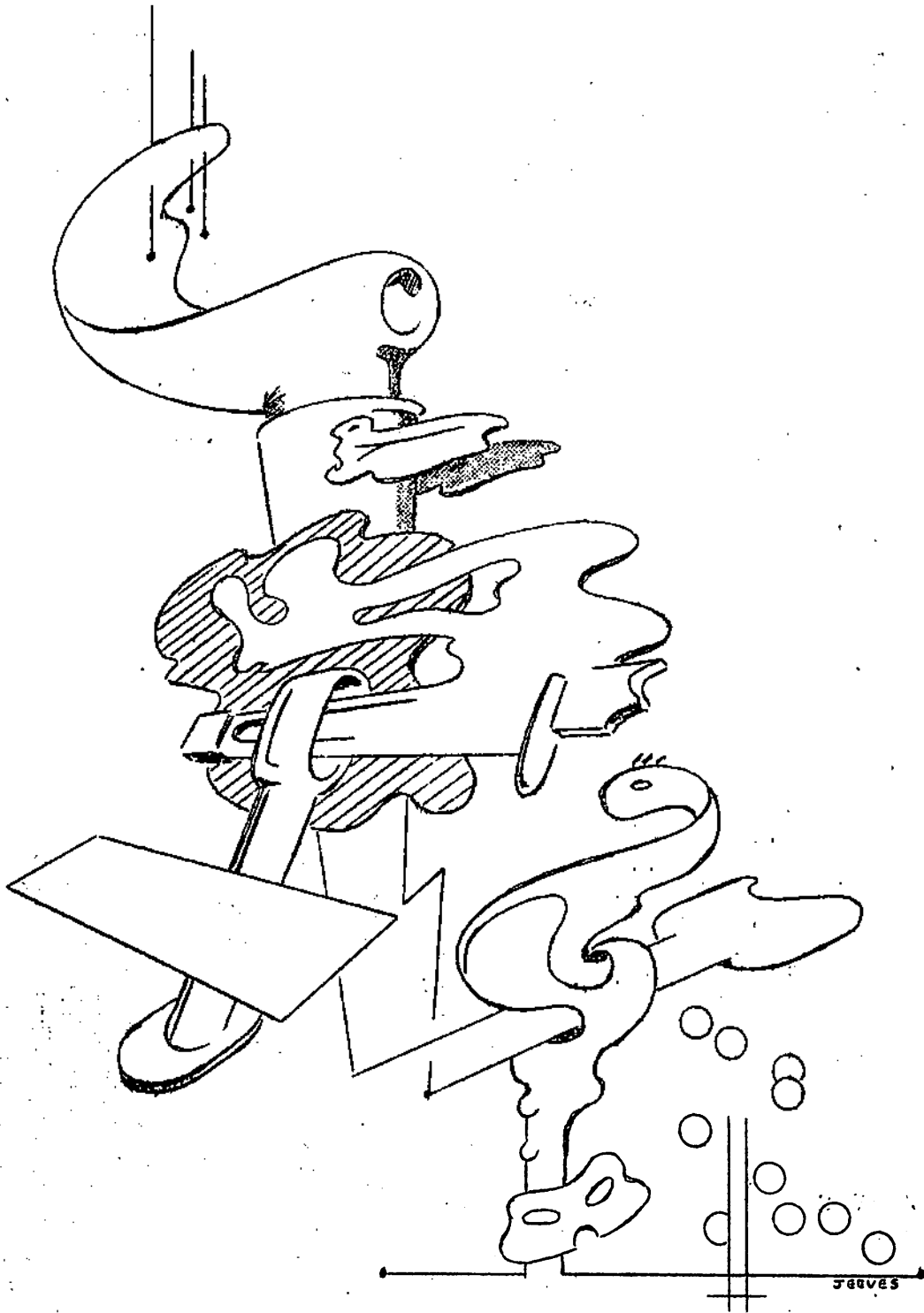
Once again, the mighty rotary crumbling duplicator hidden in the dungeons beneath the stately crumbling Jeeves' mansion has creaked and groaned its way through ream after ream of paper to produce the issue which you now hold in your hands (or tentacles as the case may be).

PETER MABEY Since with good luck and a following wind, this copy
 PETER MABEY will go into orbit before the Peterborough Convention
 PETER MABEY I would like this opportunity to bring to your notice
 PETER MABEY the name of one man who has laboured mightily and
 with more kicks than kudos for the BSFA since it
 began. Who has had the thankless job of cataloguing hundreds of
 books, wrapping them into parcels, listing the contents, mailing off
 the parcels, keeping the accounts, unwrapping the parcels again on
 their return, re-recording the contents...over and over again, this
 person has repeated this backbreaking job. Now and then he has been
 able to call on a few helpers, but the responsibility has always
 been with him. And for all these years, he has virtually been the
 library PLUS the general accommodation address for the BSFA.

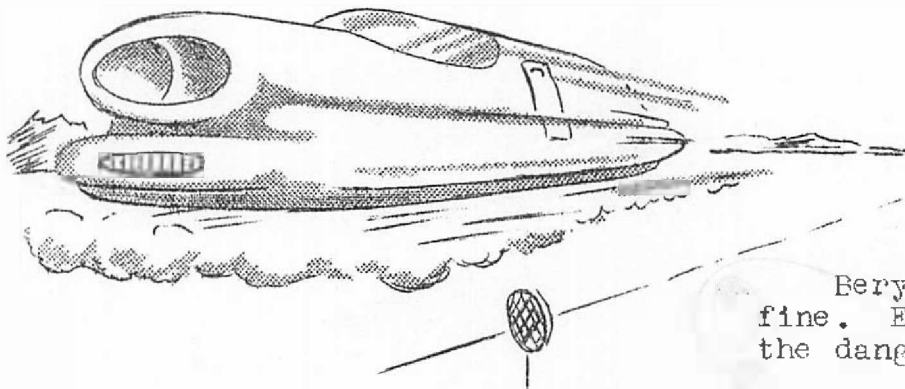
I PROPOSE THAT WE SHOW OUR APPRECIATION OF
 PETER MABEY BY VOTING FOR HIM IN THE
 DOC WEIR AWARD POLL

This issue of Erg marks a departure from the abnormal. For a change, instead of a gigantic variety of fascinating articles, I've turned out a semi art folio (and you can take that to mean semi-art, or otherwise as you choose). And before you-know-who accuses me of something or other, let me hasten to add that the doodling is for my fun and your interest...and NOT to show any particular skill. I hope you like 'em.





"BRITAIN CAN MAKE IT"



CONGRATULATIONS and very best wishes to Beryl and Eric Bentcliffe. They accepted delivery of a bonnie baby girl (Lindsay) on December 29th 1962

Beryl and baby are doing fine. Eric will soon be off the danger list.

Current cheerful TV item viewed while typing this. Speaker, the head of Sheffield's water board, being interviewed as to the future of our water supply after the current freeze up...."I foresee a city slowly dying of thirst"

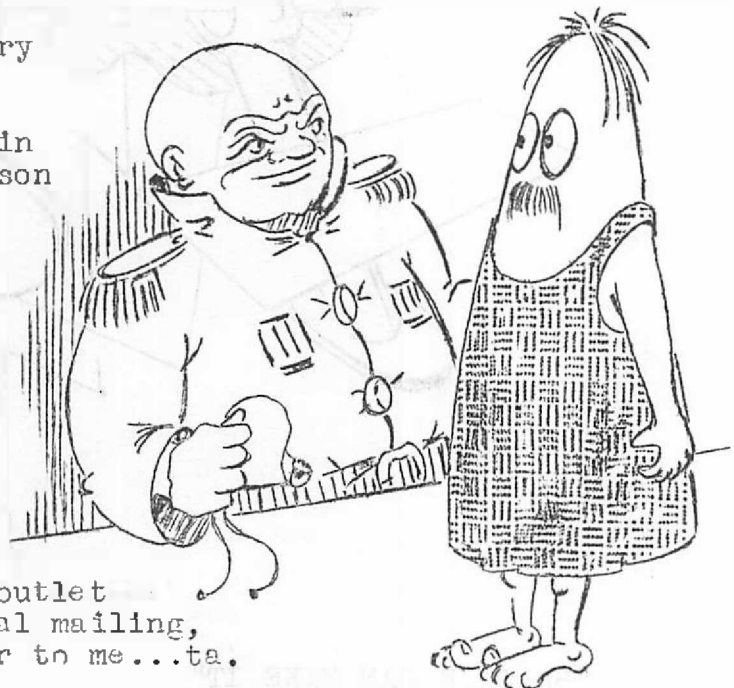
BRUCE PELZ...who is a very good man...has asked me to stand for TAFF in '64. Naturally, I said "Yes".

KENNETH T McINTYRE has been moved (to a new home) his address is now 212 Commonwealth Way, Abbey Wood, London S.E.2. All pound notes etc., should now be re-routed to this mansion. (A good man)

HECTOR PESSINA (A very good man) has several books to trade, sell or what-have-you. :-

Casell's New German Dictionary
Man In Space...Heinz Haber
Vapour Trails...Mike Lithgow
The Face of The Moon...Baldwin
The World's Religions...Anderson
and many others. Hector also collects stamps, Viewmaster reels, Space literature, and you can contact him at

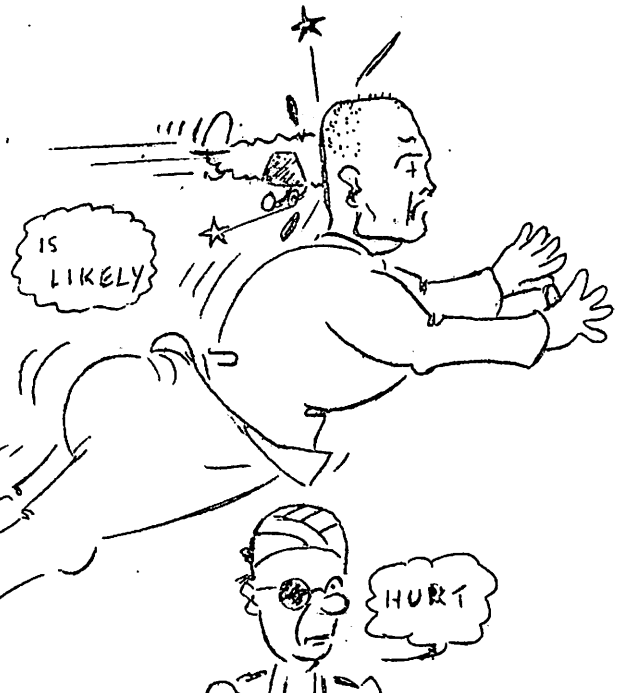
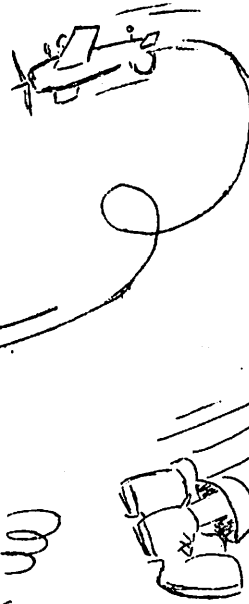
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TERRY JEEVES would appreciate the foreign stamps off your letters if you have no other outlet for them...don't make a special mailing, just include 'em in any letter to me...ta.

PETER MABEY for the WEIR AWARD.....PETER MABEY....Peter MaBey.

Prof Errie



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(TW)³ or if you prefer it, 'THAT WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS' is a rattling good TV programme..if you like that sort of thing..Personally, I do. I would hate to miss that Saturday night spot on the old goggle box. On the other hand, I exist happily in a world which also features 'Coronation Street' and 'Compact'...the crafty catch answer is quite simple. Our TV has a special knob called an 'OFF' switch..we use it on programmes we detest, and find it works admirably. All of which makes me wonder why the gaggles of irate viewers who object to

(TW)³ find it easier to write abusive letters to the BBC..or make equally demanding 'phone calls.."Stop the programme..we don't like it". Perhaps the BBC ought to start a campaign to educate viewers, and tell them why that little 'OFF' switch is there. I suppose part of the reason is the enjoyment people get out of banning things, be it TV, free speech, Jews or bombs.

We in Britain don't want dictatorship, we want freedom...which to some people, obviously means the freedom to ban anything with which they disagree. That's the big snag with Communism, once those bods get in, they won't let you ban things in a free manner.

OMPA MEMBERS GET THIS ISSUE FREE..you lucky people. Others who share their suffering, can ensure a further dose, by writing a Loc. What are YOU...man or meece ?

POEM Dreaming when dawn was in the sky, the creeper of the
printed books came by.
And caught the Sultan's turret in a noose of light,
which gave the Sultan quite a fright.
So now the moving finger having writ, moves on....
...to write another bit.

With apologies to Benny Hill..(and Omar)

Further along, you'll find the Crossword...why not have a bash. There are no crafty catch answers (well not many), and while you are doing it remember the first correct Home and Overseas solutions will get a prize...this time, it will probably be an early (pre-war) issue of Amazing or suchlike.

With which tender thought, I'LL look forward to seeing you at Peterborough.

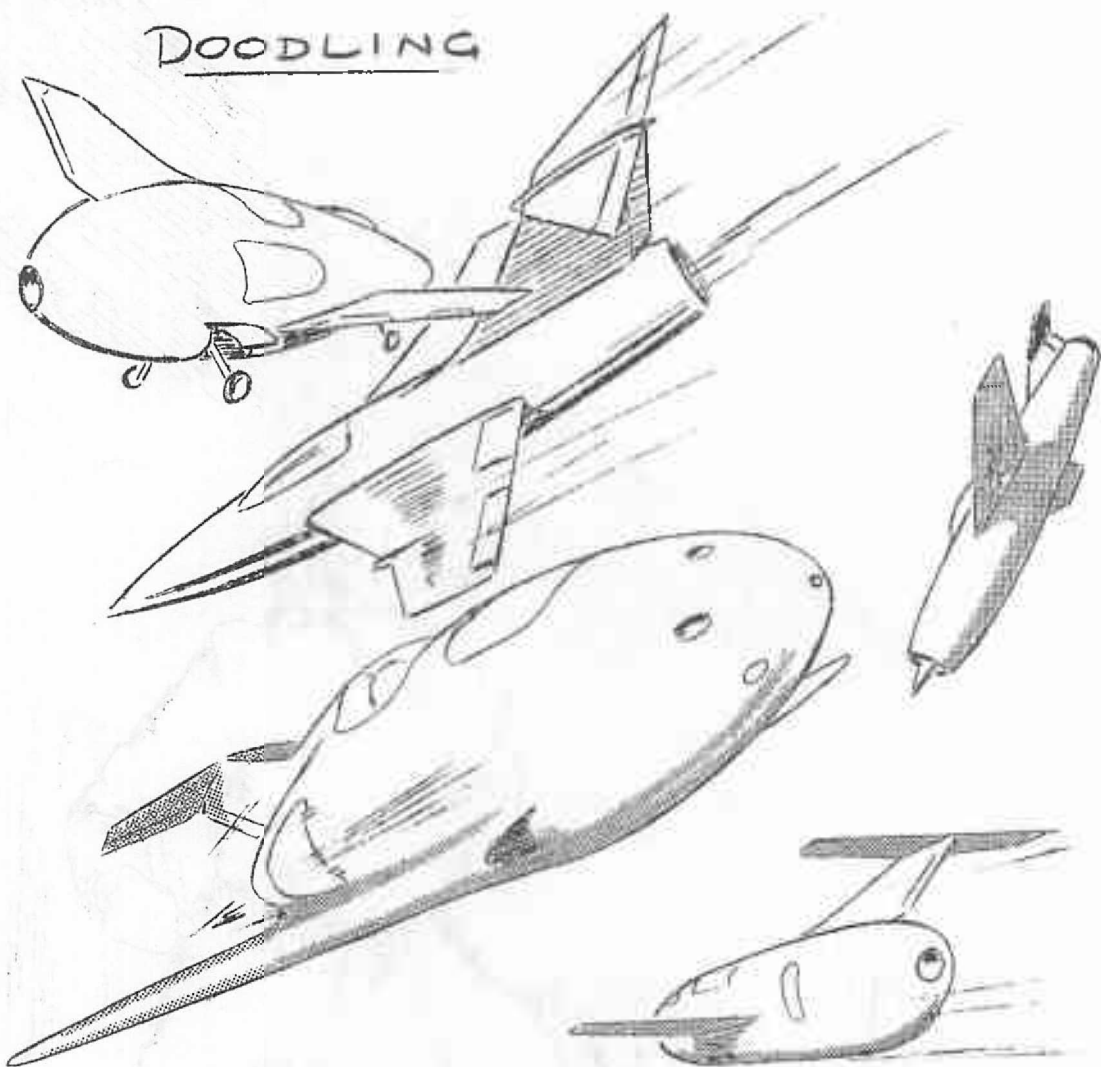
Bess twitches,
Terry.



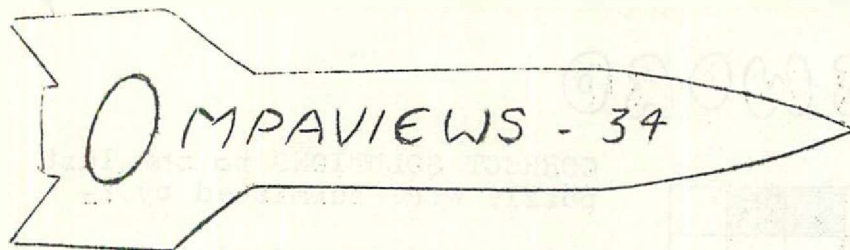


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DOODLING



YOU'LL NOT
FIND ANY OF THESE
IN A RECOGNITION
HANDBOOK



BEST MAGAZINES
VIPER & SCOTTISHE

BEST COVERS
SCOTTISHE & SAVOYARD
COMMENDED
PACKRAT..cover
and contents.

CAPSULE COMMENTS ON THE 34th. MAILING

- BIXEL Beautifully produced, and I was tickled pink to find that Ron Ellik was engaged. All the best to he and Peggy.
- GRIST I nearly boobed and told you that you had missed the 'H' from Christmas...until I looked a bit closer...well done. Glad you like the Xwords...hope you like this one (If I get it in)
- KOBOLD Interesting cover you had me draw before telling me why. My thanks (and Vals) for the kind words.
- SAVOYARD A lovely cover...and I hope I manage to get another X word in this issue for all you X fiends.
- BINARY That 'War on want' article was scratching a bit to find defence grounds wasn't it? Apart from any other consideration...I'd like to see birth control RAMMED down the throats of the adults in such countries.
- MORPH Nice abstract cover..again, I enjoyed the rollings, and once again they revived the scent of woodsmoke and chaar wallahs
- VAGARY Good as ever. After doing the Rev. Wray, why don't you try that Victor Borg memory chap (who keeps leaving his booklet behind in railway carriages)(an unusual advert that bit). I enjoyed your tilt with the cinema louts...they need it. That caveman...I'll bet he could have got it smoother than you think with an adze and fire.
- WHATSIT Another grand cover. Every OMPA member has a FULL 3 MONTHS to produce a mailing...if they get their finger out and start work on other material BEFORE the next mailing arrives. That quiz..were your three guinea pigs all CND types? Anyway..a good idea and a good issue
- SOUFFLE Glad you liked ERG. I like the idea of Fan Awards, but find my rocky memory prevents me from filling in such bits as "Name the best five fan columnists of 1962"..I can't name five columnists, let alone the five best.
- SCOTTISHE Another of OMPA's cornerstones, a lovely cover, Varley was good, and the atom illos simply made the whole issue. GOOD Dee Goody. VG.
- PARAFANALIA CND annoys me..I wonder what % of 'em even have a vote.
- CON Good covers, and VG inside illos..but does Rackham ever draw anything but nudes ?? Frustration maybe ??
- SIZAR I only object to making amateurs sing, when they don't have the voice for it. Otherwise I like the fun.
- AMBLE Sorry, my clang. I have a mental block over that Yngvi quote.
- PACKRAT Library article etc. SUPERB++ I'm filing the issue. VGOOD



SIGN OF DYNE

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By

Eric Bentcliffe

HELLO FROM BOOKSHELF BUILDING LAND

In case anyone has been wondering why there's been a long loud silence from the Bentcliffe typer, I might mention that getting married, moving into a newly built house, and acquiring an infant all in less than one year doesn't exactly allow much time for fanac! And I doubt that I'll get back to anything approaching a hyper-active state within the next year, meanwhile I hope to contribute a few pages to each issue of ERG (Courtesy of TJ), and I might manage to turn out the occasional article. I might even get BASTION out some time this year, I hope.

THAT WHICH HAS GONE BEFORE

In March '62 Bachelor Bentcliffe became a wedded man With Responsibilities, almost immediately afterwards he took Bride Beryl off to Venice for a honeymoon to get away from them all...However, he had to come back (the money ran out) and after investigating sundry abodes settled on a house in process of completion in nearby pastoral Chaddle Hulme. Completion took somewhat longer than expected and it was late August when the happy couple eventually got moved in. Aforementioned Bentcliffe came home (to the new address) one Saturday evening and found Bride Beryl surrounded by bookcases, piano, carpets, and sundry other bric a brac (like thirty odd cartons of magazines, fanzines and pocket books). Pausing only to count his collection of Astoundings he started to make bookshelves. And he's been making them ever since....

DRUMS ALONG THE HERSEY (ON LOCATION)

The first fans to visit the new abode were Terry and Val Jeeves, closely followed (later the same day) by a large amount of LiG. This was on the occasion of the Bentcliffe Housewarming Party last October, and I can report that the house was most successfully warmed. H. Stanley Nuttall's mixing of James Bonds (shaken-not-stirred, of course) contributed greatly to the occasion and everyone agreed when they sobered up that this was a drink strictly for special-agents and that nowone present had the slightest inclination to become one!

Visiting, was suspended after the housewarming whilst Beryl concentrated on producing a minituarized human being. This finally arrove on December 29th two weeks ahead of schedule, and seems to have been ahead of schedule ever since. Mother and Baby are doing fine, and I hope to recover soon! Visitors will be once again welcomed, and any fans heading in this direction are most corially invited to stop by. Particularly any with experience of garden-digging....

As you've probably already noticed, this column is very much of the Kitchen Sink type...I'll use it to talk of personal events, Topical Topics, and anything that comes to mind. I may even devote a whole two pages to one subject-some issues but mostly things will be of a leapfrog nature.

THE ARTHUR WEIR MEMORIAL FUND

With the latest issue of SKYTRACK came a flyer from Dave Hale putting forward his choice for the recipient of the Doc' Weir Award. Dave suggests Ella Parker as being the most worthy contender for this honour; while I count Ella as a friend and agree that she has done much for British Fandom I feel that I can put forward a fan even more worthy of the award. A person who is probably the most unsung fan in the U.K., who was largely instrumental in introducing the fans of my own age-group into fandom: publisher, fan, writer, convention-speaker, philanthropist..... supplier of science-fiction.

May I suggest that Kenneth F. Slater receives your vote as being a most worthy recipient of the Doc' Weir Award.

If it hadn't been for Ken I doubt that I'd have discovered fandom, and I further doubt that having discovered it I'd have got so enjoyably embroiled in it if it hadn't been for KFS and OPERATION FANTAST. I'm sure that many fans must share my experience of having discovered fandom through OF and its many services. And later, through contact with Fantast (Medway) Ltd., and lest anyone hastens to comment that KFS connections with fandom are mainly commercial ones may I suggest that they cast their minds back to almost any British s-f conventions they have attended. Con-time see's Ken pile as many books, pb's and magazines as possible into his car, head for the convention hotel and once there spend time and energy setting up a display. The books etcetra are for sale, of course, and many people are able to select items they've been on the lookout for for some time, other's just browse. Last year at Harrogate I gave some thought to Ken's annual chore and I realised that without him there just wouldn't have been any real evidence that this was a convention for science-fiction fans. And then, have you noticed how many of the prizes given at the conventions were donated by KFS, either in the form of books and vouchers.

Ken has been a staunch supporter of the B.S.F.A. from its inception, few issues of VECTOR have appeared without one of his 'GENERAL CHUNTERING' news columns, he contributes to other fanzines from time to time - and his catalogue always carries important news of fandom. At the moment he's busy tearing his hair out organising the Peterborough Convention, and it would be rather a nice gesture if fandom should present him with this award at that convention. I honestly cannot think of a more worthy recipient. Send your vote for KFS to Terry, eh?

AND WHILE WE ARE AT IT, LET'S GET RID OF JEEVES

At the time of writing, it isn't sure who (or even if) are going to be the American TAFF Candidates for the next TRANS-ATLANTIC FAN FUND election. However, let's for a few moments think of the next East-to-West election, the one in which the next British delegate to the U.S.A. will be chosen. Alright then, who are we going to send - who's the bod we'd all most like to get rid of, the fan we should have got rid of years ago, the Soggy'ost fan in fandom, the fan who discovered Peter Roaney (perhaps I shouldn't have mentioned that!), the fan who's turning the duper handle to bring to you this fine column (!), I hope....This time, let's send someone who can paint America red with his own brush.

Please, let's make it TERRY JEEVES FOR TAFF.

....Eric Bentcliffe