



If you think I'm in a hole, you ought to see the state of the Club finances!

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YEAR OF THE JACKPOT continued (and I hope concluded): The past 12 months have been marred by a profusion of deaths of fans and fan projects alike.

FLOYD ZWICKY: died 9 Oct. of a heart attack.

CHUCK DEVINE, young fane (PIIKIA); died 30 Sept. of a self-inflicted gunshot wound; motives not entirely certain, though speculations by close friends have mentioned girl trouble as primary, job and school trouble as relevant.

JULIUS UNGER, oldtime fan (FANTASY FICTION FIELD, recently revived--one issue only--as comiczine, with Harvey Inman); died 15 Jan. apparently of heart failure.

IPSO, the international apa originally designed to comprise 30 of the best writers in fandom, was announced dead early Jan. after only three contributions arrived for the 7th mailing. These three, together with others gathered by Fred Patten, will be printed in a kind of memorial; but George Locke has no plans to revive it. What the \$70-odd in the treasury will be used for is unknown. Spare mailings may be obtained from George Locke, late OE, 86 Chelsea Gardens, Chelsea Bridge Road, London SW1; no price announced, but the old sub rate was 4 for \$3...

MAPA ("Modern APA", formerly ISFCC APA); dead as of Sept. 1962 of lack of interest. Dave Locke, sometime OE, reports no money in the treasury and only two contributions submitted for that mailing; disbandment was preferable to continuing on such a basis. This was one apa that the completists overlooked. (Is the surname Locke a jinx on apas?) One assumes that the ISFCC will go on, more or less, even though its apa--and one of its better members (Devine) are both gone.

SFG (Southern Fandom Group): dissolved as of 21 Jan 63. Dissolution was announced by late president Lloyd Douglas Broyles as due to lack of active members; dues of surviving actives are being refunded in full, other funds (\$70.16 as of Nov 62) will be given to SFFA, which will attempt to continue (with seven members enrolled as of its 6th mailing, the latter consisting of 120pp--6 zines & the OO). The latest issue of THE SOUTHERN FAN, #14 (v3n3), indicates that as of Nov 62 there were 33 actives in SFG & 1 associate (Ann Chamberlain), but 10 of the actives were in danger of being dropped for nonpayment of dues. Outgoing officers, per election fall 62: Broyles, pres.; Alfred McCoy Andrews, treas.; Shingleton, corr.sec.; Hulan, publicity dir.; Bill Wolfenbarger, historian; Armistead, round robin co-ordinator. Hulan continued as SFFA mailing editor at last notice. Under new setup, anyone may join, though members from southern states are supposed to be in the majority; back mls available to completists (50¢ each; Lt David G Hulan, ... Ala.)^{see CoA}. We hear that SFFA was also ignored by the completists and that others refused to join on grounds of unwillingness to join SFG as a prerequisite; possibly they will reconsider now that their reason for objection is no longer in existence.

JOURNAL OF THE I.E.S., the most expensive fanzine ever (and very likely the most pretentious), is now definitely defunct. Or so Hans Santesson told Don Studebaker.

POSTAL RATES long familiar for letters and fanzines are also only a memory. As of 7 Jan. 63, letters are 5¢/oz, airmails 8¢/oz, postcards 4¢ (6¢ airmail), fanzines 4¢/1st oz, 2¢ each add'l oz. A chorus of raucous razzberries greets the replacement.

XERO is folding with its sue #10. ## OSCAR J FRIEND, 1940's ed of SS/TWS & Capt Future, author & anthologist, died NYC late January.

...AND WHAT HAVE YOU: ATTENTION, TYRANNICAL AL LEWIS—A bottle of Pepto-Bismol and some tranquilizers await you on your next trip to the Barea—you sound as though you need them bad. # TOM ARMISTEAD will be moving to Spain (Zaragoza, to be exact—hi, Dr Antonio Dupla) for three years, as of some time this summer. He will remain in touch with fandom, trying to make it to the British cons. (London in '65!) The above is of course subject to the possibility of the Air Farce's changing what passes for its mind about transferring his father (Maj. Victor A.) over there. # If you are interested in serving on the Fan Poll committee, and have not yet filed with Dick Lupoff (210 E 73, NYC 21), please do so. And not Real Soon Now, either. # IASFan Jack Jardine, alias "Larry Maddock", alias "Arthur Farmer", etc., author of sex books and similar short stories, has a hilarious lpp short story (mixing sex & SF, honest to PJ Farmer) in BUSTY 2, "Collectors Item", strictly for BB & other BBB fanciers. This story is especially remarkable because four characters in it are clearly described and identifiable as Bruce Pelz, Ron Ellik, Scribe JH and Ernie Wheatley; and a fifth character is a redheaded, freckle-faced female android. (Has JJ dared show his face since then in Long Beach, I wonder?) Thanx, Dean Dickensheet & Adrienne Martine. # THE NECFUND now has "over \$50" in its coffers, despite the scathing attack on it in BANE 8. The committee now consists of Taurasi, prez; Prieto, vp; Studebaker, publicity director; Harriet Kolchak, treas & founder; Forry, W.Coast rep; Milton Spain, E.Coast rep. At last notice, a "flexible" charter, after being long dithered over, hashed & rehashed, was approved and signed by all committee members save only Forry, who has had it since 8 Sept. Forry? # Footnote on the postal censorship bit: A friend sent along a Billy Graham col clipped from some unidentified newspaper. Following is verbatim from it: "If you will read the history of the early church, you will find that the Christians banned together in the various communities where they lived, for fellowship, for worship and mutual witness." An early avatar of the Burn-a-Book-a-Day Club, no doubt. # Newfan BEN ORLOVE had the odd experience of watching his house burn down, accounting for his recent change of address. Cause of fire, at last report, undetermined. (See CoA) # Attention, HARRY WARNER, LES NIRENBERG: if you intend to send out those riders, please contact me. # The N3F shortstory contest, judged by Jim (RADIOHERO) Harmon, Clod Hall & Redd Boggs—a motley crew indeed—gave the \$10 first prize to Lawrence Pinsker, of Chicago, for "Cloth of Mold, Box of Sound"; the \$6 2nd prize to Bob Adolfsen, Sea Cliff, NY, for "The Blue Sky Above" (but evidently not for its title), and the \$4 3rd prize to Dr Askold Lendonko, Caracas, Venezuela, for "Secrets of the Nameless Brotherhood" (apparently neither about Seattle fandom nor the Cult). # FORRY ACKERMAN and Boris Karloff got the Ann Radcliffe Award from the Count Dracula Society. # IELAND SAPIRO, c/o Math Dept., USC, IA7, Calif., will pay 25¢ apiece for copies of the new INSIDE with his article. # TONY BOUCHER may not be heard on the NY, Barea or IArea radio much longer unless the current fuggheaded investigation of Pacifica Foundation and its radio station WBAI, KPRA and KPFFK comes to a sensible conclusion. The congressmen doing the investigation have somewhere gotten the idea that these stations are subversive (doubtless from never having listened in). Claims have been made that commies have given talks thereon; the official reply is that representatives of all political positions are welcome, but that the right wingers have been unwilling to come on despite much urging. (In sooth, most people I know listen for the good music rather than for the political stuff, when they listen to KPFA etc. at all.) Report hath it that the precipitating incident was a talk by a disenchanted FBI investigator critical of J.Edgar. I wouldn't know; I wasn't listening. # JOHN BOARDMAN sends along a phony Confederate paper dollar, wanting in exchange a phony Confederate gold dollar, as unadvertised in FANAC 89. Sorry, John... # HUH? DEPT: READERS DISCUST, Feb 63, p.63, in "Good-bye to Bobby 'One-eye' Wilcoxson", elsewhere "most wanted criminal since Dillinger", reveals that his accomplice, one Albert Nussbaum, captured in Nov 62 through help of a loyal RD reader (there are such things, it seems) had been hiding out from the FBI in Philadelphia as "Carl J Fischer", an alleged SF writer. The ultimate state of obscurity? What we'd like to know is, did he sell anything to ANAL OG? # RUTH BERMAN sends along a Dick Tracy strip ex Minneapolis Star, Fri 1 Feb 63, in which Junior, smitten by a bigmouthed blonde hight Thistle, spills coffee on her dress: whereupon they become, shades of SIASL, "coffeepot pals". At last report I haven't heard that anyone in IA has yet tried this variation on the water-brothers theme... # Apropos of this last, the Native American Church (peyote cult) used a water-sharing ceremony decades before Heinlein or the CFW, but the Calif. State Dept of Health has tried to stop it on sanitation grounds—acts Truman Dailey, ex-prez, at 19 Feb lecture on UC campus, Berkeley, one of various events sponsored by Student Committee for Narcotic Reform. I'm only surprised they've not tried to outlaw kissing.

IT'S WALLY WASTEBASKET WEBER FOR TAFF, though we hear that Bruce Pelz also intends to run. Fandom almost didn't get a TAFF candidate this time. First off, Ken Potter and others proposed Bill Donaho--whom I'd gladly support. But Bill withdrew in favor of the Draft Sneary plan, which had in the meantime gotten far enough along to spring a fait accompli on Rick, even to approval from his doctor--only to be stopped cold by Rick's regretted refusal. Donaho decided not to resume his candidacy, preferring to try for the 1965 worldcon instead. Now came along Wally W. Weber, a Good Man, proposed by Donaho, (But, Francois, Madeline Willis & ~~Ma~~ Parker, and supported in Seattle, Berkeley, LA (here and there, anyway), NY and ENgland. But in the meantime two petitions, circulated by John Trimble and Redd Boggs, and signed by the likes of Burbee, Godd Leej, Forry, Calking, Harmon, Hannken, ^{yhos} and others, were urging BOB TUCKER to run--before the Weber decision had become known. Running against BT for TAFF is a fate I would not wish on any fan--well, almost any fan. And so there was a period of uncertainty until BT replied that he couldn't do it this time, but did not consider it impossible for some other year. Weber vs. the OElephant should make for a lively contest, as soon as the nominations close and the active campaigning begins.

ESFA advertises that its Annual Open Meeting (Sun 3 March, 1:30 PM, \$1 admission, Broad St. YM-YWCA, 600 Broad St., Newark, NJ) will celebrate John W. Ghod's Silver Anniversary by having That Man Himself as GoH; "brickbats and/or bouquets by Asimov, Lay, Lester Del Rey and Randy Garrett and possibly Binder, Leinster, Hal Clement etc." An additional attraction, for some, will be more of those Moskowitz slides. Owell... # On the other hand, the next DUNACON will be held the same place as last year's, Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Ave., NYC, Sunday 21 April in early afternoon; likewise \$1. No program as yet announced.

RAY BRADBURY'S "Fahrenheit 451" is being filmed by Francois Truffaut, the same one who gave us "Don't Shoot the Piano Player" etc. This is definite, but release date hasn't yet been announced. (Thanks, Owen Hannifen and others)

BARRY MILLER, popular GGFS member and sometime pro, was caught one cold January night (by the Highway Patrol) in the act of climbing down from the north tower of the Golden Gate Bridge. It developed that he'd climbed up with a winebottle, intending to jump to his death, but changed his mind on digging the magnificent view of SF and Marin County. On the tower he left behind him his bottle and a note: "I came up here seeking death...but needless death is as bad as needless waste." The maintenance crew found the note. On seeing it, and hearing Barry's voice (he is totally deaf), the police consigned him to Napa hospital for observation. Jazz columnist James Gleason devoted a whole col to Barry, calling him "doubtless the sanest man around" for being able to look death in the face and return. One thinks of the theme of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest"; Barry (said Gleason) "would find more sane people among the patients at Napa than outside." The reader response to this col was tremendous, as Gleason told Sid Rogers. A few days ago Barry was released from Napa, and he is now uncertain whether philosophical problems or woman troubles were more important in precipitating the crisis (and nearly precipitating him into the Bay). A long bullsession on this problem, between Barry, Ray Nelson, Kevin Langdon and myself, got onto paper and will be issued as a oneshot; details later. It isn't as morbid as it sounds, many good lines having been stimulated by the occasion, and possibly it will produce some insight into the known fannish suicides.

ATTENTION, SWORD & SORCERY FANS: Newfan LAWRENCE KAFKA, 2819 Morris Ave., Bronx 68, NY, is starting a group (apparently not in competition with the Hyborian Legion) of somewhat broader than Conanical scope. Major aims: "Advancement and expansion of Heroic Fantasy and its fans." Minor aims: "gathering and orgy" at worldcons, publication of a new sletter several times per year (even though probably not as good looking as AMRA). This new sletter would include reports of the Worldcon g. & o., info on forthcoming H.F. publications, reviews of relevant books, etc., i.e. just about what one would expect -- but since it'll be sent through the mails, one can make the obvious deductions anent the g. & o. No mention of dues, membership requirements, or availability of v----ns for the g. & o.

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shortly at 7/6 or \$1 from Ethel Lindsay, Courage House, 6 Langley Ave.,
Surbiton, Surrey, England, or Ron Ellik, 1825 Greenfield ("Hubbard House"), LA 25. All
proceeds to TAFF as usual, and they'll need it. ## Petercon members (5s to BSFA Con
Committee, 75 Norfolk St., Wisbech, Cambs., England) may vote for what amounts to #1
Fan Face in the competition for the Dr. Arthur A. Weir (Doc Weir) Memorial Award. ##
Get well soon, Harry Warner. ## Bergeron says there will be no April WARHCON; moving
and job-hunting rob him of publishing time. But look for a big issue in July. ##
Attention, AXE: The "Mainstream novel" by Ray Nelson has not sold; Grove Press replied
with a "give us first refusal" when Ray sent a sample chapter & outline. It's called
Lola Wants. On the other hand, Avram has bought from Ray a horrifying piece "8 O'Clock in
the Morning", with goshwows. "Dear Ray! Wow! This is a great sockdollager of a genuine
horror story, & from its terrific opening paragraph to its beautifully fitting last sen-
tence it never falters nor fails for a moment. I quit, last summer, writing to authors
that I'd take a story, until purchase was cleared with the office--but so utterly con-
fident am I that this will go go GO that I am tossing caution to the winds. Toss! Toss!
I'll take it! I'll take it! I'll take it! ...Then sit right down and start another.
Okay? Okay. ... Wow! Golly! Write more! Yours happily hopefully, Avram."

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