



MONSTERS
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(# 5)
-by-

J. Stanley Woolston.

Len's Den: (for Moonshine #10)

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Pressed for time, as usual, but must say a few words about the Winter Mailing... including the postmailings which seemed to keep coming, one after the other, on and on and on and on..... ONE FAN's Outlook (#%&%#"\$'#!!! Uncapped the title, accidentally!) Lousy mimeography (as in MOONSHINE) but taint Stan's fault... Legalized gambling in place of taxation sounds like fun, Wonder how it would work on Income Tax? That'd be one way to control the gambling. You could gambel just so much of your income. People in big income brackets would be allowed to gamble more dough; people with lower incomes would, of course, gamble less. In short, a limit on the amount you could bet, according to the size of your weekly paycheck. Question: Who would gamble with whom? Taxpayer against taxpayer or against Uncle Sam or would it be sort of a super-duper poker game with ~~every~~ each player (including Uncle Sam) holding one hand. Maybe matching coins would be better or??????????

MOONSHINE: We too are wondering how Abe Burrows' voice could have "timber"! He's not a woodsman...

PHANTEUR: Book reviews appreciated. Article on politics was interesting and we agree with it (for the most part); you'll get no argument from this end. Mailing reviews good as usual... OLD AND RARE: ulgh.

PLENUM: Neatness and well-thot-out, well-written articles make Milty's mag a must. One complaint: you dont review all of the fapamags...

EGO BEAST: This, Don, is more like it. Should develop into an x-l'n't mag. Re Caldwell and ASF: The science in AFS may, at times, be over the haids of us pore, iggorant laymen but I think most of the people in ASF tales act more like real people than some of the

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characters in t'other promags... ~~Even~~ Even super-people like Jommy Cross had that "delightful taint of humanness" and will be long remembered by stfans, methinks.

As far as the science is concerned: If you dont savvy it, look it up. Read a book. Learn something. Much of the match in the ASF articles is beyond me but I like the articles on electronics and astronomy, regardless. And I dont think the science in the stories could get any more confusing than the pseudo science in a recent Startling novel... Was it "One of Three"? ASF is still the top science-fiction mag.

RATING OF ROCKET FUELS: Interesting in spots... these spots being the mathless ones... FAPASNIX: And what did your fellow-Toastmasters think of the a-bomb speech? -Whom do I blame for the theological hell?

The theologians. That is, not the Biblical original nor the translators (unless they erred on purpose) but the Interpretation who try to scare hell out of people and people into heaven. FAN-DANGO: The "ray of hope" is indeed a gloomy one.

But I wouldna doot the probability of it. However, a-bombing Russia (or Russia a-bombing US) wont end wars either. There will still be people left to kill. One catch:

If Russia wants this country, would she want to mess it up with a-bombs, radioactivity, disease germs, etc.?... Gotta read Really The Blues sometime. But if I took time to read all the books I want to read I'd have no time left for eating, sleeping, working, etc....

JABBERWOCKY: book review appreciated

HORIZONS: Lots of good reading here, as usual. HW CHENEY, JR.: We too think there will be people living after the big blow-up; but hwat kind of people? Some may be mutants but not all of 'em. Your idea of a "civilized" mounted, armed force taking over, etc. is a good'un. Well, why dont you

write it into a story? Could happen in reality too, tho I doubt that fen have more foresight than others in such matters. A few fen do but so do a few non-fen. (cont'd...)

H-1661: Interesting reading. --
 - Under the Knife is a nice dept title...SOIPDALGEIF; Huh?
 FANTASY ANTHOLOGY INDEX: Cummings may be the grand old master, maybe. Perhaps his earlier works could be considered "grand"; he is--no doubt--old; and after all the stuff he's written he should be some kind of a master by now.
 LIGHT: Items I liked best were: Cockcroft cover, Tigrina's film review, Gibson's poem. Nanek's Prayer for Fen(Male) is as out of step with current fashions as was the poem, The Leaf, we used coupla issues back. YELLUM: Such a waste of talent. MI SKRIBAS and A VISIT FROM GRAHAM: Rick has a real sense of humor and should use it more often. "EAPA...where old fans go to die"...."Sneaky enters the last stronghold of the Old Guard. Pull down your ghods and flee if you must, but I am here." And I, for one, am glad! Just to be argumentive, I've seen letters from 4E in FET and other promags. Surely the name of Spear hath appeared in ASF. And t'was a letter from Tucker in a nineteen thirty-something Amazing that began my "fan career". Little did I know that sending for a sample copy of something called Lez would eventaully ensnare me in the horrible habit of habitual crifanac. As for Graham, time will tell. GLOK: Mailing Musings were confusing ("I dont expect to have to dodge any Apbombs.") Is this 4E talking, I wondered. Then I noted the 3 E's. Should have counted the E's, I guess. To Whom It May Concern brought back fond memories of the take-off ads in dear old Lez.. IATH Aa: Hrrrrn. CREATIVE FILM THRO'AWAY: Saw the movie once; would like to see it again sometime. MASQUE: Bit gaudy in spots but should become a neat, entertaining mag. Why not do an all-pic ish by best of fandon's artists, scarce as x they may be?

(look upward...)

LOME INDIAN PAPER: Adult and child delinquency can be partially "abolished" by stimulating interest in hobbies but 'taint fair to name one hobby as "king". Other hobbyists might object. NEW TESTAMENT: Seems to me I've read this somewhere before... SKY HOOK: Who is D.F.A.? Enjoyed his bit on war. Also Twippa ledop, Contentment-by Hart, There Is Also Today. THREE EYE: Hope to use black ink, this time, chum. For the reading material, at least. SPARK is a readable(both in its material content and in the reproduction) lil' mag. Wish I had more time to comment on all the stpries & stuff. ICHOR: Neat, well-drawn cover-as usual-tho the theme of ~~th~~ this'un is an old'un. Items liked best: Contentment(again!), Bewild-erment, Moon-Set, The Dead: A Partial List. GOSTAK: Neat & readable. Eagerly await the FF Book-list. BURBLINGS: Got a bang out the Ethics of Electronics, as I'm messing around with radio too. (correspondence course and nite school). Am building a 5 tube TRF set now, Bur. Say, did I tell you my nickname for my radio course? It's Forever Ampere or Watt Is Ohm Without A Modulator?....Ah yes... one of the guys down at school kept scratching up his hands on the wires as he worked on his set and finally got so disgusted that he complained to our ~~teacher~~ teacher ...who hooked him up to an Electronic Scratch Eliminator...(Thank you, Mr. Philco...) I quit!
 SYNAPSE(Numbers one and two. #1 arrived too late to catch a review in our last ish); The Japanese "cusswords" weren't cusswords but different ways of saying "goodby" or "so long"...or "hello", depending on how or when the words are used. To be more explicit: Ohayo-good morning, ko-ni-chi-wa--good afternoon, koan-bon-wa--good evening, oyasumi--good night, soyonara--good by. Spelling used here is more or less phonetic and prob'ly wrong. Wesson san may correct us...

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By the advice of Christ, I mean simply the Golden Rule (which Jack himself expressed in the first paragraph of pg 1, Synapse 1) That rule is generally attributed to Christ (in this country) tho it can be found in many other doctrines over the world. Call it Christianity or call it what you like, it's a good rule to live by. If John or Matthew put words of the Golden Rule in their master's mouth they chose a pretty good group of words, sez I.

FANTASY AMATEUR: Agree with Art's suggestion but think OE and other officers should publish something (or write something other than reports) for the mailings--if they get the time, of course. No harm in piling up more credits than needed. Now for the postmailings. The ~~Miniature~~ Miniature Mailing is a thing of beauty. Correction for BROWNOUT (The Magazine Fans Believe In), front page, column two, third line from bottom of page, should say: "Then his ego is in his body!" You see. I'm a stickler for perfection. ~~Hummmmm~~. Who said that???

Hearty welcome to Lathe, CanFan, Diagram, Oracle...zat all? CanFan wins top honors in this last bunch of postmailings. Hurter, Keller and Taylor are the the big names in this ish. Hope to see more of all of these mags in future mailings and hope to have more time to comment in more detail on'em. Yeah, I know it's almost two weeks til Burb's deadline but fapa isnt my only interest in life, y'know.

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On page four of this ish you'll find a "Guest Monster" by Ed Cox of Lubec, Maine. The original was well-drawn and more detailed than the copy, but --as I've said before--I'm no expert at cutting pics on stencils. Am lacking both in the equipment and the talent....

(gaze ye upward)

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There may also be another in the Monsters I've Known series (by Stan Woolston) if it arrives before our deadline.

Moonshine Merios: THE FANTASY FOUNDATION deserves your support. Fapvets should know all about the FF but maybe some of you new members dinnae ha' the scoop. So... write Forest J Ackerman for info. And while you're at it, ask him about the Big Pond Fund. And now that you're in a writing mood and desire to send dinero hither and yon, send a buck yon to Toronto, for it's on to Toronto in '48! The Torcon, unlearned one! The Sixth World Science-Fiction Convention! Join the Society! Get the info. No, not from Forry this time. Send your buck to:

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((oops, error! No comma twixt Garden and Grove!))

First issue of "SIN" will contain articles, columns, fiction, poetry, pictures, etc. by Ackerman, Speer, Sneary, ljm, jsw and other famous, unfamous and infamous fen. "SIN" #1 will appear ~~sometime~~ sometime this Summer... Don't miss this printed, different, new fanzine!

happy days! -ljm

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