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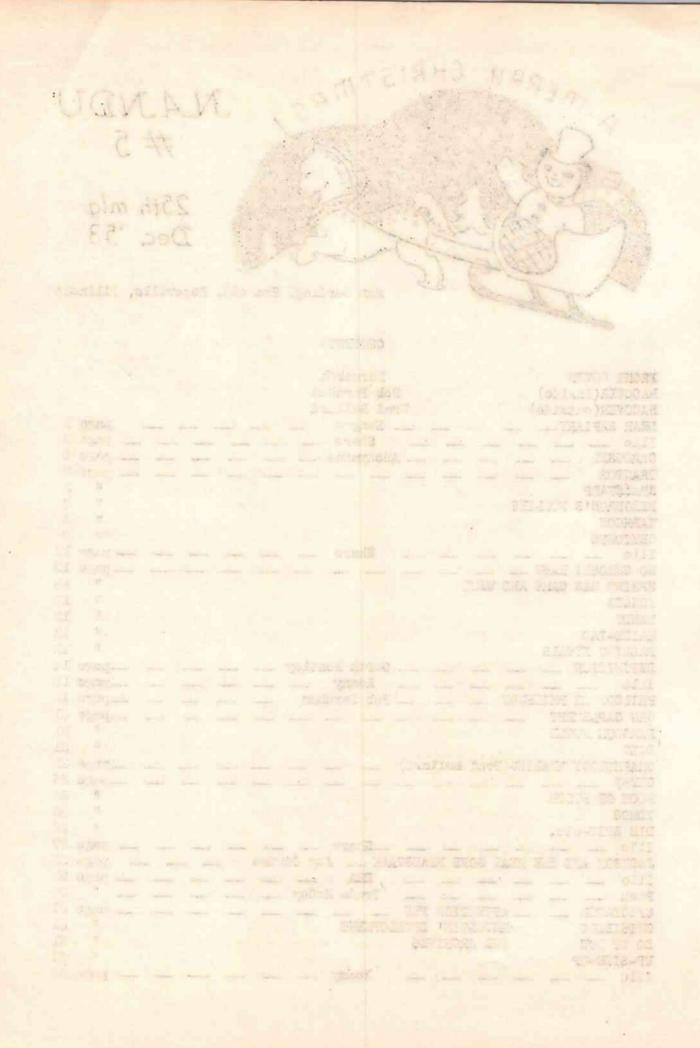
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I see I pulled my usual boner—TRANTOR and zines following are on page 11, not 3 as listed. Happy Holiday Season DEAR SAPSARY



November 11, 1953, Wednesday

Well, this issue is all sten ciled with the exception of the contents page and what I'm writing now. This really should be called NANDIDN'T instead of NANDU since so little of it is my own writing. Even the mailing comments aren't mine and even though there are five pages of those, if the artwork were cut out, there

would be only about two pages in all. A drastic change in my policy I must admit. Guess I'm just lazy because it is really so much easier to print someone else's stuff than to go through the agony of writing something myself. Believe me, children, it is agony for me to write. However, I'm beginning to feel awfully guilty about doing so little of it —I reckon I'll have to endure the agony and with next issue contribute a little more from my pen than I have been doing—or should I say typer????? Frankly, I don't know who will suffer the most from such a move—you or me but there's nothing like finding out, there there? This is not a definite threat though because maybe my conscience will evaporate in the interval between this mailing and the next one. Here's hoping.

Three of my old stand-bys aren't in this issue; namely, Garth Bentley, Orma McCormick, and Jack-the-Ripper. Whoops! Take that back. Garth is represented. Well, at least one of them is present in the birthday issue of NANDU. DEA has one full page illo and the poem appearing with this pic was written by Truda McCoy. The front cover was done by Richard Bergeron, and the outside bacover was done by Wrai Ballard. The inside bacover was done by Bob Farnham. Other artists represented are Reamy and Harness.

Jay Cordes of Pekin has a short short and there's another fiction piece by Anonymous. This story presents a moot point. I have no faith in the fact that you'll even be able to read it. Why? Because I had to get smart and mess around with the format and after folding and refolding sten cils a dozen times——shrug, I'll be surprised if it does—print legibly at all. I thought I would do all fiction pieces over one page in length this way so you readers could differentiate the fiction from other material at a glance. It's only fair since most of you detest fiction and probably won't read it. This way you'll know what to skip. However, I don't know whether I'll ever have the nerve to tackle it again; at least with regular stencils. Have you ever folded a stencil and tried to get it in a typer without wrinkling it and still get it straight? And then taken it out and repeated the process so you could type the other half—and—still have it all match when you're through? Haw! Take it from me, don't try it! It won't come out even and you most likely will lose your reason too.

Bob Farnham has a Phillycon report and there is an extremely interesting graphology reading. Guess that's about everything. The pages are not numbered and for all I know, they may never be. If such is the case, you'll have to hunt for everything. Otherwise, you can read the contents and skip all this space gas.

Irene Baron has an excellent indea. I second the motion. I hereby state that I am one of your staunch, most staunch, supporters, Irene. Hmm. No semantics involved in that statement either. WB in '54. WB in '54. Let me know, Irene, what to do to start the ball rolling. After all, I see no reason why the Saps shouldn't send their OE to the Frisco con.WB in '54.

Bert didn't come through with any Hinkie Pinkies this time. I'm sure all of you just feel terrible?! And as he didn't have the answers to the last ones—he did remember some of them later—then any of you are correct I reckon. Jack Harness sent me some hinkie pinkies—I weep copiously——I lost them. So no hinkie pinkies.

Seems that I forgot Nance Share when I was mentioning artists. She is well represented this issue including some geometrical drawings of hers that she may well have forgotten she ever did. Must have been a full year and a half since she sent them to me...there is one on the opposite page.

The theme of this issue is fanart. I have no idea yet how the illos will turn out because I'm never sure of myself when I'm stenciling art. I will know more about it after I start printing. In any case, each artist has a distinct style and I hope I managed to present the difference capably. I used all the different means I could think of and made up a few too in reproducing the art this issue. I doff my hat to fan artists. I couldn't get along with out them and I've never used the work of any fan artist that I didn't think was excellent...at least not yet. Three cheers for all fan artists - they work awfully damned hard and get little in return for their efforts.

The moral of this issue is "de garron has det gut" — theme song of 200th fandom. Long may it live!

Oh, forgot. The covers for the first installment of THE BALLARD CHRONICLES are in this mailing. Two covers for each of you. I thought it would afford more protection for the mss. Don't know whether I can get the covers done for the second installment in time for this mailing or not. If not, they'll be in the next mailing. Tom Reamy is doing them, bless him.

The biggest little paper in fandom is John Magnus' "smug"........a weekly paper crammed with news of fandom and delightfully presented. First time in my life I felt like plugging something voluntarily.

My what a bunch of eager beavers you are! Only one person sent in an answer to WHERE ANGELS FEAR TO TREAD as far as I know and that answer was wrong. John Davis says more of I Love A Twist but makes no attempt to solve the puzzle. And here I had feared that I had made it too easy! I even cut out some of the clues because I thought it would be a dead giveaway. Did I overestimate the gray matter of the members of this sterling organization? Well, I'm not giving you any more clues. You see I'm not all sweetness and light-I'm no angel. I have a lot to learn from ROSCOE I guess. His sacred followers of his sacred person should be all sweetness and light but I am just neo-ROSCONIAN. In spite of that, I know





that ROSCOE is ALL and that other ghods (so-called) are false-in particular ghu and phthalo. Down with all false ghods. ROSCOE shall always be vict-



A merry Christmas to all of you. Know what Christmas means to m e? It is a time for thinking of friends. It is one day that people everywhere seem to feel a common bond and it tends to bind them together a t least for a little while. That is true of the lesser holidays too as far as I'm concerned anyhow. I always find myself thinking of friends at such times, wondering if they're having a g o o d time, what they're doing if they're happy, and

wishing each and every one of them the very best. They don't know that of course for it's merely a mental process on my part but I feel happy and content during Christmas because I feel much closer to p o o p 1 c, b o th here and everywhere.

I've been feeling guilty again. This time it concerns a sentence in John Davis' Ghu Saplement which I censored. If it had been said just about me, I'd have let it go. But after all, he said it about some other people too and they would probably like to know what he thinks of them. So here is the part I censored: "super-munificent magnificent marmoset type of being". MY GHOD!

This is Armistice Day. Sardonic. With things embroiled and boiling as they are, we should celebrate Armistice Day? (If you ask me, the First World War has never stopped.) Take for example, perhaps a minor example but an example just the same....gads, come to think of it, this minor example may not turn out to be so minor in the future. Anyhow, take for example, the case of two supposedly clear-thinking countries 1 i k e the U.S. and Britian pulling such an ill-timed and diplomatic blunder as they pulled October 8th of this year in Trieste. That little deal represents very very clearly, rather it proves very clearly that a big country can tell a little country what to do but it doesn't always follow that the little country will do it. Poor Trieste. Armistice Day, indeed. It would be rather frustrating I would think to run across a problem which seems to be unsolvable such as this one. Even I feel frustrated just thinking about it and I don't have to solve it. Ah me.

Dear Gem, I agree. It's completely nauseating. But I can feel things brewin', old dear. Keep your eyes and ears open and maybe someone will find a cure for the nausea.

Lee Jacobs, I don't want to be friends with you. Naw. Too boring. Let's be enemies! Lots more fun that way!

Glad to see McNeil come forth with some mailing comments. Too bad, worse than that—it's a dastardly(wheee, that was a happy typo!) shame that I have to agree with the comment you made concerning NANDU. If you'll

check, McNeil, you'll see that I spoke rather disparagingly myself of the is sue in question. I enjoyed YDOMS and it hurts like hell to admit it.

Rapp, if you don't stop saying that this Nandu is an improvement over the last Handu, you're gonna get in a rut, boy. Come on, let's sing a different tune. The picture on the last page was not a picture of "trackshoes"; it was merely dedicated to same. Ah yes, trackshoes! You know what trackshoes are, surely? trackshoestrackshoestrackshoestrackshoes!!!!

Gryphon! Haw! TRANTOR was wonderful as usual even if it was short er. The stenciling and printing is superb.

I don't know whether I remember all the Saps I met at the Phillycon or not. And, by Ghod, I wasn't drunk either as Howard Devore most emphatically stated. Hummph. But Irene Beron I remember very well and thank ROSCOE I had the opportunity of meeting for II was a pleasure. Howard Devore is delightful. The first thing he said to me was, "I saw you last night but didn't introduce myself because I thought you were drunk!" Just the same, Howard Devore is delightful. Ed cor you there is a fellow. Frankly, I was scared utterly speechless of everything and everybody and if Ed hadn't squired me ground. I most certainly found that have enjoyed the convention as much as I didn't let remails greatly but I was certainly impressed with what little I did see of the last the was introduced to him and shook hands and that's the best say of him. But, if you wish to go on first impress ons, and I do to be say well person. Robert Glenn, the other half of TRANTOR, is an enimal that the master of TRANTOR is surely a good looking master. But Boy made a well person. Robert Glenn, the other half of TRANTOR, is an enimal of him to been bored to death or just plain say. I didn't hear him speed over ten words and I don't recall ever seeing him smile. From the than of his convertion report, I think he must have been merely bore. Rose Simbaness wonderful—hope he doesn't mind my saying so. Ral Simira shahasaal a real sweetheart and Nance—a companion to him. I wanter i that's everythe? It any case, I didn't meet one Saps that I wanter i that's everythe? It any case, I didn't meet one Saps that I wanter is that severythe? It any case, I didn't meet one Saps that I wanter is that severythe? It any case, I didn't meet one Saps that I wanter is that a sverty wonderful, each in his or her own right.

Toth, I don't understand what you mean by "you shouldn't make generalizations including this one". THE BOOK OF PTOTH came out of the darkness into the light indeed. And I loved all of it. The only puzzle that I worked was the one with the Saps names; mostly because it looked as if it would be the easiest. My answer: Alger, Gerding, Gluck, Kruse; Jacobs Silverberg, Bergeron; Ballard, Dard, Davis, Shored, Eney; and Coslet, Toth Higgs, Shapiro. I got too involved in that damped Rapp's SPACE GALE to ever run such a risk again.

You say, Wrai, that unlike Endy, you let the stars get in your eyes and the moon change your mind. Certainly that's what I meant. you are most astute. Surely I'm a philanthropist. Didn't you know? By Ghod, trackshoes, indeed. De garren has det gut! Long live 200th fandom. ROSCOE is alllllllllllll! Well, guess I've reached the end of this hodgepodge—and am I glad. Goodbye stenciling and hello mineo—you little blackheartedson of aspacedog! I hate stenciling, I hate mineographing, I hate—errr, naw I'm just tired.....November 13th...glad I had some space here. The contents page is a holy moss. All those page three's should be page eleven's & page 18 I left out—a Share illo—and page 32, the Reamy illo, doesn't even exist. But I should do it over?? Hardly. I'm so sick and tired of this issue that I am tempted to throw it in the wastebasket—made more mis takes on the contents page and the four pages of DEAR SAPIARY than I did in all the rest of it—plague and the Martians take it.....I quit... Nangee This is supposed to be page five and who the hell cares I wonder??????????

CAROUSEL

Anonymous

The records from which this historical narrative was taken were found in the cornerstone of the old Weatherbee Chronicle building, the home of a newspaper which flourished and prespered during the years 1849 to 1901 when it was put out of business by a mysterious and terrible explosion and fire completely destroyed the building, despite the valiant efforts of fire fighters from four surrounding towns.

Three attempts were made to rebuild the Chronicle Building but all endeavor to reconstruct it was abandoned when each attempt was defeated by explosions and fire, the causes of which have never been determined.

Two years after the attempts to rebuild the Chronicle were abandoned, the editor of that newspaper who was the most active in the above mentioned attempts, was found dead one dawn of a terribly warm Sunday. He was hastily placed in his grave when police found his features crushed in and bearing the mark of a cloven hoof. No explanation has ever been forthcoming for the death of Editor Ephraim Jones. The police records of the case disappeared.

The facts have been presented here as they were found in the records discovered in the cornerstone and the reader hereof is free to form his or her own opinions.

Chadu

The month of July, 1853, was the hottest that the little town of Weatherbee had ever known. The sun beat down from a cloudless sky with a fervidness that defied even the most hardy citizen to show his face out of doors. The asphalt roadways were soft and vehicles that found it necessary to be abroad during the heat of day left rut-like tracks which filled slowly in. On this Sunday morning, Father Brinker stood at the open doors of his little church wondering how large an attendance he would have in the sweltering heat.

Father Erinker mopped his bald pate and stared with what almost became unbelief as carriage after carriage pulled to a stop along the street and reins were hitched to hitching posts. The Parish was dutifully appearing for Sunday worship. The smile on Father Brinker's features belied the tiny crow's feet around his eyes that bespoke of weariness and fatigue.

Solemnly, the Parish took their places in the accustomed pews and in short time all were present. The services were opened with an invocation. Afterwards, the Sky Pilot told his Parish that because of the umusal and depressing heat, he would dispense with his usual sermon and instead they would sing a few hymns, offer a prayer to their Maker, and then they could return to their homes for the heat made saintliness a trying occupation, and tempers were short. Peace and quiet and rest were in order till things cooled off.

The look of relief that passed over the faces of some of his Parish made Father Brinker wonder just how many of them meant business in coming to worship.

The organ began with a soft soothing flow of mu-

(anonymous)

sic which seemed to tell of cooler happier and far dore pleasant Lands......

When the hymn had come to an end, the organ fell silent and Father Brinker, stepping up to his pulpit, swung open his big Bible.

"I promised to dispense with my usual sermon, but I think that we had best consider a few short verses in the Holy Bible. I'll not take long and will discuss a subject that is close to every one of us. It is this: Can a man's Conscience be his true guide?"

"Father Brinker took a deep breath and...held it.

Father Brinker, as had everyone else, had been struck motionless with an unnamed fear when there came a shriek from the organ like a lost soul suffering the Ultimate in unholy torture. Shriek after shriek rent the hot air. Then as suddenly as it had begun, the organ was silent. For a full five minutes, no one moved. No one spoke. Then there came a terrific sigh as everyone let go of pent up breath and began to inhale again, albeit, far from normally.

Now five minutes may not have been the actual length of time that all held their breath but to most it seemed far longer - a lifetime - an eternity.

Father Brinker stepped down to the pipe organ and peered closely at it. He opened the little door in the back which gave access to the power switch. It was off. He looked around for the organist but she had apparently departed the immediate vicinity; in the belief that her duties at the console were ended.

Finding nothing wrong, Father Brinker once more stepped into the pulpit and continued his discussion concerning a man's Conscience being his guide. He finished his talk, and as he did so, the organ began a soft hymn. No one thought anything of it this time as the pipe organist had supposedly returned to play the hymns for the closing services.

The organ suddenly switched from the stately, "There Will Be A Hot Time In The Old Town Tonight!" The entire congregation, including Father Brinker, were paralyzed with astonishment, tinged not a little with dread. The organ switched to another risque tune, "They Hay Be Old But They Have Young Ideas" and hit up a rag time rhythm that, despite their presence in a holy place, set more than one pair of feet a-tingle with a diabolic desire to trip the light fantastic. Then once more the organ switched tempo to the semireligious and the opening bars of "God Save The King" filled the rafters with sweetness.

Suddenly a vagrant gust of torrid air blew over the small screen that stood between the Parish and the console set.

Naturally, all eyes swung in the direction of the disturbance and screams of hystorical terror, deep-toned shouts from the men, filled the church and drowned out the notes from the organ when all could see that there was no one seated at the console of the powerful pipe organ!

Matilda Jinks, the Town Crier of Gossip stood nearest the organ and her startled eyes saw the bass ped als going up and down, the black and white keys on the keyboard depress and rise as though they were played by invisible and mischievous fingers.

Pandemonium let loose when she saw the muter-pedals pressed down and a terrific blasting roar of music struck listening and aching ears. Matilda Jinks rolled her eyes to heaven, gave a moaning sigh and collapsed on the floor in front of her pew.

Other eyes looked to see what had frightened Matilda Jinks enough to cause her to faint and saw the same thing she had. They saw even more - or thought they did. From over the top of the console's music rack leared the upper half of a red, demoniac face, surmounted with two short red horns. Miss Lizzy Lates, a young lady of some forty-two summers, not to mention the winters, gave vent to a long drawn out scream of absolute terror. It was not so absolute however as to prevent her from gathering her skirts above a still very pretty pair of shapely knees and legging it hell-for-leather down the aisle and towards the street door. The wind had swung the door almost closed but so great was her emotion and need for haste that Lizzy Lates paused not a whit but went right through the door without a moment's hesitancy.

Her abrupt flight broke the stasis which had been holding the Parish rigid and the entire congregation moved as one person toward the street exit.

The natural result when some sixty people attempt to pass en masse through a door normally accommodating but two or three is a jam that puts the traffic jams of holidays to utter shame.

Sixty terrified souls struggled to pass through this door and the resulting strain on the door frame and that part of the wall to which it was made fast at last overcame the wall's inertia, and the whole section gave way with a splintering, earth shaking crash.

Out upon the street poured the maddened congregation and not until they were nearly a block from their church did their fear and trembling start to leave them and sanity take its place.

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It took considerably longer in the telling than it did in the doing, and before Father Brinker could step down from his pulpit and reach his beloved Parishoners, they had reached the street and fled the vicinity. But before they could get further than the one short block, there came from the Holy House a renewed burst of music, it's throbbing roaring voice seeming to command their very senses and like people in a heavy trance, they faced again toward the church and slowly retraced their steps.

The awful blasts of sound emerging from the build ing carried far and wide on the still hot air and other churches holding their own services had them abruptly in terrupted by the weird music. It finally irritated their curiosity to the point where no one was able to sit still any longer and the other two churches of Weatherbee erupted their occupants. These curious individuals made their way toward the church of Father Brinker to find out what was behind all this irreverant uproar, only to fall victims themselves to the unseen force which was eminating from the music.

Then the strangest sight that mortal man had ever seen was witnessed upon that hot street in front of Sky Pilot Brinker's place of worship. The older folks, who of course held their services before the Sunday School class, were swept as by an invisible wind cut into the street and their shoes became sticky with the soft asphalt.

At this point, the musical ravings coming from the renegade pipe organ took on a new note. There poured from it's mighty pipes the stirring and blood warming strains of "The Merry Widow Waltz" and men and women joined in a wild abandoned dance beneath the glaring sun. Around and around and around they whirled, sweat pouring down their faces like a miniature Niagara Falls. Clothing became saturated and stuck to sweat-beaded bodies.

The music changed. The wild strains of "To Ra Boom Dee Ay" filled the air with a faster rhythm than the writer had ever intended and the swirling of the dan cers grew faster and faster.

Right in front of the church from the doorway of which Father Brinker stared in utter disbelief and horror, tragedy struck a dancing pair. Mrs. Marybelle Junker, acid tongued purveyor of choice bits of scandal, bent a knee in her wild dance and split the back of her dress from collar to helm. She ignored the torn dress as it fell from her tall angular frame to expose a gorgeous orchid tinted slip, and the lower half of an oversized pair of crimson haed bloomers. Her male partner, sweating profusely, hitched irritatedly at his suspenders and the sweat saturated trousers stuck to his body, the suspenders broke, and his trousers fell uninhibitedly to the ground.

Shriek after shriek of ribald and uncontrolled laughter rose to the burning sky from goggle--cyed teenagers when he exposed a torso clad exactly as it was at birth. Gripped in the unholy spell of the organ's music they danced on. Down the street, a few feet away, similar events were taking place...and so it went. The music tempo increased and they whirled faster and faster....

Suddenly, without warning, the music stopped and a dead silence settled down on the teeming scene. With the cessatiom of the organ's madness, the spell which had gripped the oldsters was broken and sanity returned. Cries, yells, and screams, ribald comment from the male victims themselves brought the attention of the luckless ones to their undressed state and an immediate exodus began. The victims streamed at top speed toward their buggies or nearby homes, and as the street was cleared, the organ music began as suddenly as it had stopped. This time it was the teen-agers who were caught by the terrible and merciless force it seemed to exert.

The same scene was repeated with the younger set but at a much madder pace.

While the teen-agers danced, Father Brinker at last obtained command of his feet and sense and descended to the street in a vain attempt to pursuade the young er set to cease their irreverant dancing on the holy day.

Then Father Brinker felt the mysterious influence taking hold of him and he turned tail to flee, hardly putting a foot to the ground as he raced away with the black cloth of his profession streaming out behind him.

The organ music ceased. It was to remain silent forever after.

Released from it's grip, the teen-agers stared at each other with glazed eyes in which the look of sanity slowly returned. They looked around them with unspoken questions in their weary eyes, too tired and too frightened to investigate circumstances very deeply and with a silent mutual agreement, they turned homeward......

To this day, no explanation has been found for the weird and unholy events that took place on East Morris Street that stifling evil day in July, 1853. Father Brinker's church was never used again. It stands today a crumbling aged edifice, it's insides long since gone with the passage of time and storms. Nothing remains but its stone walls and even they are slowly returning to the earth from which they came.

Rank weeds and vegetation have all but covered the crumbling heap from sight.

On the street near the curbing in front of

the building lies a huge block of crumbling sandstone and no one ever stops or even passes near this stone. In the side of the stone facing the street is a mark, clearly and deeply imprinted, which could only have been made by a large cloven hoof.

Above the mark of the hoof, faint but startlingly clear is the outline of a satanic horned human head.

TRACK SHOES! TRACK SHOES! TRACK SHOES! TRACK SHOES! TRACK

TRANTOR

Ay, tear her tattered ensign down!
Long has it waved on high,
And many an eye has danced to see
That banner in the sky;
Beneath it rung the battle shout,
And burst the cannon's roar;—
The meteor of the ocean air
Shall sweep the clouds no more!



GEMTONES

Even the cleverest and most perfect circumstantial evidence is likely to be at fault after all, and therefore ought to be received with great caution. Take the case of any pencil sharpened by any woman; if you have witnesses, you will find she did it with a knife, but if you take simply the aspect of the pencil, you will say she did it with her teeth.

1. OLD IRONSIDES, Oliver W. Holmes

- 2. Buffon
- 3. Mark Twain
- 4. Sir Joshua Reynolds
- 5. Horace

SPACEWARP

To write well is to think well, to feel well, and to render well: it is to possess at once intellect, soul, and taste.2

BERGERON'S FOLLIES

Simplicity is an exact medium

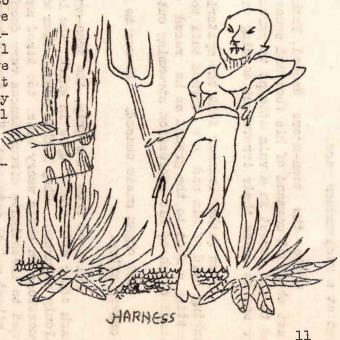
between too little and too

much.4

WARHOON

A picture is a poem without

words.5







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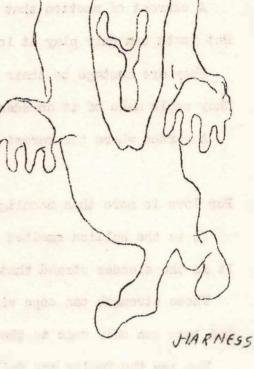
there's merchant many was to went this Not always shall you be what you are now. 1

SPRING HAS CAME AND WENT

Sir, I admit your general rule, That every poet is a fool, But you yourself may serve to show it, That every fool is not a poet.

IGNATZ

There is quite as much education and true learning in the analysis of an ear of corn as in the analysis of a complex sentence.3



NANDU

You cannot work an hour at anything without learning something.

MAINE-LAC

Methinks there is much reason in his sayings. 5

FALLING PETALS

Despise not any man, and do not spurn anything; for there is no man that has not his hour, nor is there anything that has not its place.

- 1. Carl Sandburg
- 2. EPIGRAM, Samuel T. Coleridge
- 3. O.H. Berson
- 4. David Graham Phillips
- 5. JULIUS CAESAR, Shakespeare
- 6. Rabbi Ben Azai



DEFINITION

What do they really know of love, these shallow, too-romantic

And foolish folk who picture it with stardust in their eyes,

Who see in every youthful dream and adolescent antic

A current of emotion that will lead to paradise?

But youth can only play at love. The young are too self-centered.

They are hostage to their fancies and the stirrings in their blood.

They would make of it an Eden where a snake has never entered,

A garden where the rarest rose is ever in the bud.

For love is more than moonlight trysts and shyly given kisses.

It is the bullion smelted in the crucible of years.

It is the slender strand that guides past chasms and abysses,

Whose strength can cope with sacrifice and meet the test of tears.

And love can only come to those mature and clear of vision,

Who see the faults and failings yet can overlook them all,

Who conquer disillusionment and human indecision

And triumph over pain and fear and envy's siren call.

For love is born, not of the gift, but of the act of giving.

Arising from the ashes of our passions and our pride;

And those who have capacity for faith and for forgiving

Will find it comes from sharing good or evil side by side.

Its price is paid in labor and in ever-endless trying,

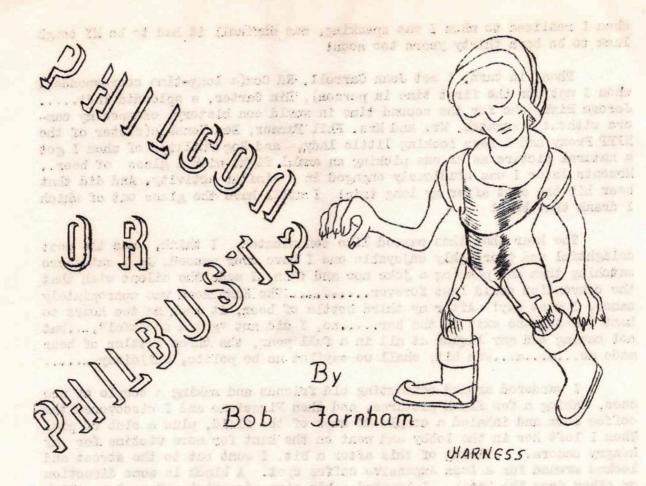
Yet it lightens every burden on the road a mortal plods;

And it alone is victor over aging -- yes, and dying....

And those who gain and cherish it are favored of the gods.







I am still unable to figure out whether the Philcon of 1953 was a big Bust. From the advertising previous to the convention in Philadelphia, I assumed the Philcon would be even bigger and better than was the convention of 1953, held in Chicago and very affectionately remembered as Chicon Two.

After a long, dirty, and exceedingly tiresome trip of some forty-three hours duration, including an enforced idleness of eight hours in Chicago between trains, I arrived at the Pennsylvania North Philadelphia station, to immediately engage in a verbal struggle with several cab-seekers. We were all trying to grab the one Yellow Cab that was at hand.

I won the set-to from three men, and got the cab for the ride to the Bellevue Stratford. My driver had been twelve hours working in the terrific heat and was enroute to his garage. Luckily, his route passed the Bellevue Stratford. At the BS, I roamed into the lobby and practically fell over Evan Appelman, and through his kind assistance, located my roommate-to-be, Franklin M.Dietz, and as soon as I could, got a shower, changed my shirt, charged my camera and then headed for the Main Floor. Being Friday, I wandered about the lobby seeking some victim for my pictorial collection of the Philcon, and lo and behold! L. Sprague de Camp fell unsuspectingly into my net.

I had just turned the film to the next picture and replaced the used flash-bulb, when my arm was seized by Eva Firestone who took me into the little room made famous by Bob Tucker, "Down in the bar!"

There to my happy surprise, I was first introduced to the other half of Chigger Patch, Nan Gerding, and to be honest about it, my first thought

when I realized to whom I was speaking, was whyinell it had to be MY tough luck to be born thirty years too soon!

Then, in turn, I met Jean Carroll, Ed Cox(a long-time correspondent whom I met for the first time in person), Lin Carter, a splendid lad!....

Jerome Bixby who for the second time in world con history, escaped my camera without a scratch, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Farmer, Bea Venable(sister of the NFFF Prexy and a keen looking little lady, and Rog Phillips of whom I got a natural picture as he was picking an awful fight with a glass of beer. Moments later I was studiously engaged in a similar activity. And did that beer hit the spot after my long trip! I still have the glass out of which I drank that beer!

The hour that then passed like ten mimutes, I think, was the most delightful and thoroughly enjoyable one I have ever passed. As I sat there watching them and passing a joke now and then, I made the silent wish that the convention could last forever.......The Hunt Room was appropriately named, I must say! After my third bottle of beer, it took me two hours to hunt for the one exit to the bar....no, I did not "get a snootful"...but not having had any liquor at all in a full year, the three bottles of beer made me...a...wee bit, shall we say(let us be polite, eh?)dizzy.....

I wandered around contacting old friends and making a couple of new ones, taking a few flash pictures, and then Firestone and I discovered the coffee room and inhaled a couple of cups of the fluid, plus a slab of pie. Then I left her in the lobby and went on the hunt for more victims for my hungry camera. Tiring of this after a bit, I went out to the street and looked around for a less expensive coffee spot. A block in some direction or other from the hotel, I located a big sign advertising Coco Cola which turned out to be a restaurant.

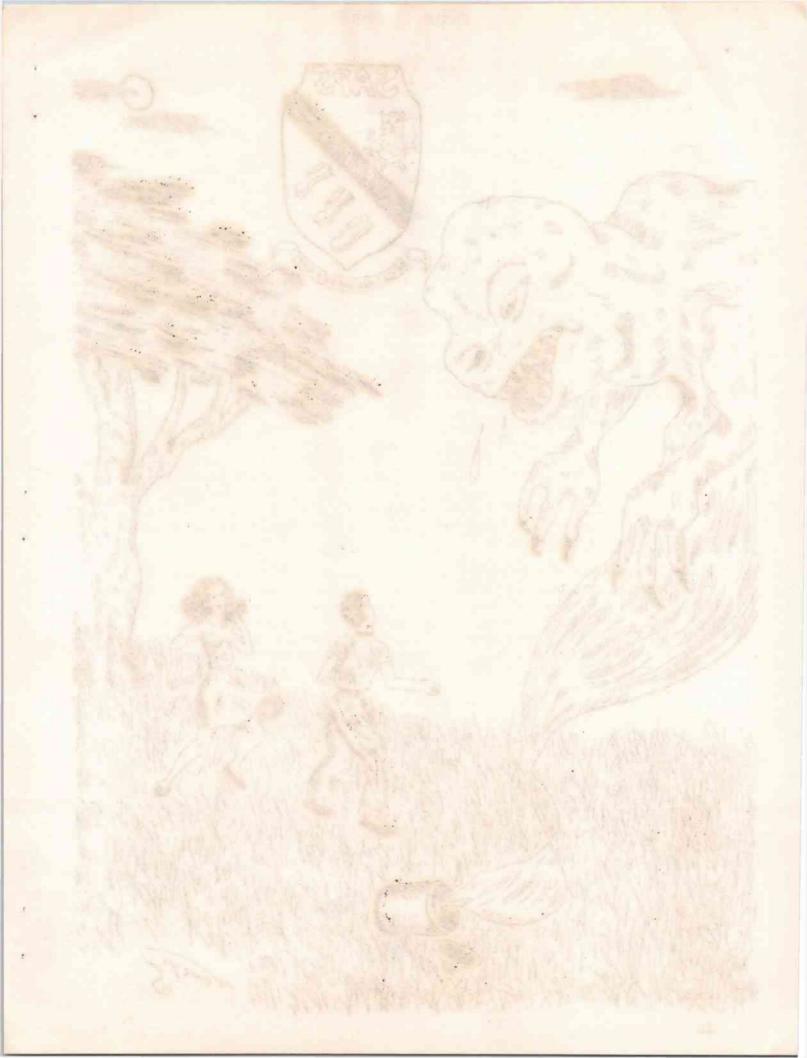
After I got a peek at the prices on the memu, I turned myself out, but fast, and went back to the hotel. On the way, I found a very nice cafeteria, where I had a couple of hard rolls and coffee, and after putting this mess down, got two containers of coffee, picked up a newspaper off a chair and went to my room, took a shower and settled down in my PJ's to relax and read the paper. This plus smoking and drinking coffee is my favorite indoor sport, next to letter writing, that is.

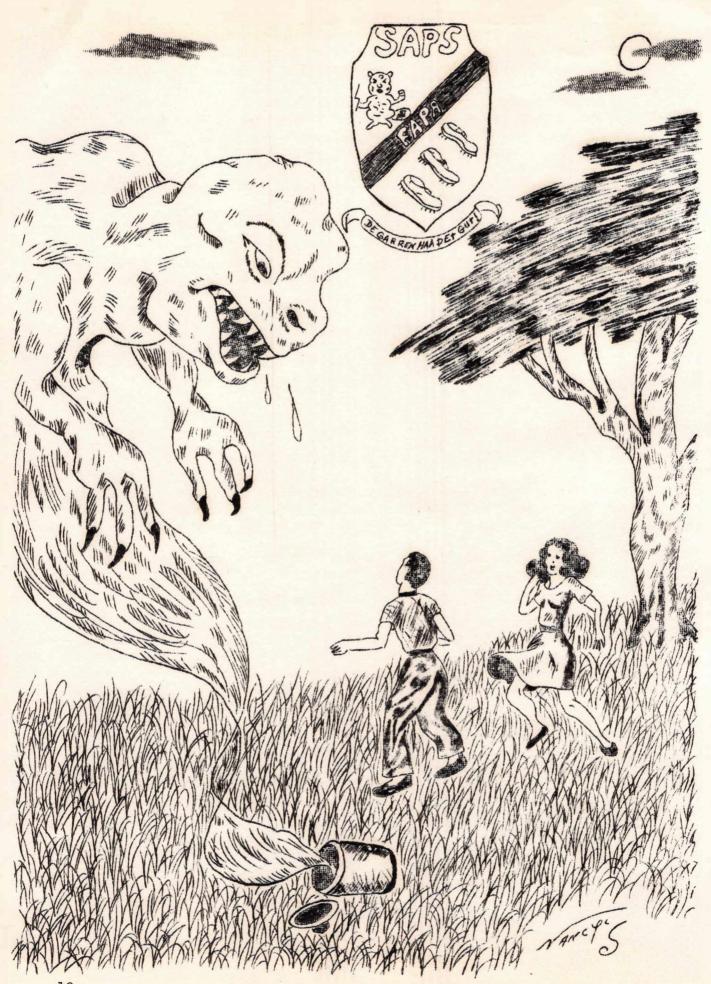
In the hotel lobby, I became acquainted the next morning with Frederick Walker, a Massachusetts lad who is in the United States Navy. I scared the pants off the poor guy taking his picture. Fred is 6 feet 3 of Real Man and I'm a mere 5 foot 7, and for a moment I was somewhat worried.

During the afternoon session of Saturday's doings I g o t several good pictures. I also got the shock of my life and was tempted to start swearing. The convention "hall", a medium-sized ballroom, compared to the Chicago convention hall about as would a cigar box to a freight car. It would have been impossible to squeeze 500 people into the place, and I considered with a wry grin the fix the con committee would have been in had attendance records equaled that of Chicon 2.

As closely as I was able to compute, around 450 people were in the ballroom when the sessions were in full swing. What a let down! And after all the publicity for a "bigger and better" convention!

As for the speakers, and the oral programs from the stage, I'll not comment. I'm not in a position to judge their relative merits. The speak-





sighted the drink-laden table next to which I sat and made a furious attempt to back-water and failed. She tried with valiant effort to tack and come about but she was carrying such a heavy Cargo that she heeled too far to Portside, and losing her balance, capsized upon the drink-laden table.

Drinks, mixes, table and Female Dreadnaught landed in my lap, or rather what nature allows me for a lap, and piled up on the rocks. I doubt whether it was necessary for the porter to even mop the floor. Not one of those drinks or mixes missed my shirt and pants......

That was the first time in my life that I carried such a load, stunk so loud, and was so perfectly sober!

That did IT.

I went back to my room, cleaned up, packed my grip, left a note for my roommate and at 2:35 was in a cab, bound for the railroad station. When the 3:20 pulled out for Chicago, I was aboard.

The trip all the way home was a dilly.

Both the seat in the coach and the seat in the smoker bounced like a cork on water. An official of the railroad sat on the seat in the smoker next to me.

He weighed 200 pounds. I weigh 269.

We both bounced ... all the way to Chicago; thusly.

The train I caught for home at Chicago was similarly equipped with Bouncing Seats, again both in the coach and in the smoker.....and for another 18 hours I continued to imitate the cork on the water.....

When I got off the train for the last time I was soccooo stiff I could barely walk. I climbed into a taxi to bounce two more miles to my home.

I think that the few moments at that table in the bar the night of my arrival and a very touching meeting with Bob Tucker Saturday evening just outside the Hunt Room, and a cheerfully-posed picture of Evelyn Paige Gold will remain as the most outstanding events in memory for me; overshadowed only by the pleasure I had of meeting the Editor-in-Chief and Publisher of the Chigger Patch of Fandom and being once more in the company of that 100 pound spit-fire ball of activity, Eva Firestone. There is no other whom I know who is so packed with fun.....

Philcon Two has many remarkable aspects for retrospection, but it was indeed a sad and miserable BUST when compared with Chicon Two and the expectations I had of having even a bigger and better time at a bigger and better convention!

Tackling a convention is a terrific job. The convention committee far outnumbered the committee for Chicon Two; yet did not compare in productive results by any means computable, and a s far as this reporter is concerned, the money, time and effort made to get there was entirely wasted.

er's table was on the floor with the banquet tables as the stage was far too small to hold both speaker-table and provide room for the stage presentations. The only stage activity I stayed for was the satire on quizz programs, THE GAME FROM OUTER SPACE. The Robot with all his flashing lights reminded me so much of a long-since-passed-on Uncle that it gave me the heebie-jeebies and I had to go out for more coffee to strengthen my shaking nerves. My uncle had told me several times that one day he would return and haunt me and when I saw that robot pop out on the stage, I thought Uncle had come back for sure!

Then needing a new roll for my camera, I went up to my room to replace it. Getting into the elevator, the operator was in such a terrific hurry to get the doors shut that I had not even time to turn around and face the door. She slammed the elevator doors on the first and only decent flash-camera I'd ever had. I did not know till after I returned home... when I got only 21 pictures out of 36 exposures and took the camera to a repair shopthat she had punched a hole in the top of the camera that let gobs of light in directly onto the film. The mirror for the ground-glass finder was smashed, and when the repairman took the camera apart, the lens itself came out in two pieces!

Fortunately, for my peace of mind. I was unaware of the ruin, and spent Sunday afternoon and evening wasting film and bulbs. Cogitating on the camera afterwards at home I felt that I had done what I'd gone for, had a time enjoying myself, moeting old and new friends, and the con was not entirely a loss; so I took the damage to my camera with as good grace as possible...which was, I admit...not very graceful...SPUTTITT!

Recalling the accident to G M Carr at Chicon 2, and then me getting my camera busted to Helen Gawne in elevator doors, I decided right then and there that I'd skip the con for 1954, regardless of the site. Three times and out!....I didn't want any more, Thank Me!

Much to my regret, I saw Harlan Ellison but once during the three days I was at the con. That lad is so full of pep and ginger that for a few moments, some of my old spirit of fun and frolic returned. I kidded Harlan about an article I would not send him and still don't know how he took my kidding. Poor guy....now he has to suffer the indignity of getting a letter from me!

Monday morning I got the bright idea of sticking a hunk, yes, HUNK, of black tape on the crack in the camera in hopes I could get the rest of the pictures but the tape didn't work. The crack was in addition to the hole punched in it in the elevator.....

Monday noon, Firestone told me she had to leave. From somewhere I got the idea Nan Gerding had gone too; Dietz was busy re-

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cording the convention, so I went into the bar for a last bottle of beer.

And then Disaster struck.

My Nemesis, in the form of a 200 pound Female Dreadnaught, came sailing by under a full head of steam and about 3 sheets in the wind. She



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BINDUNINU BUNDUNG

Signed, "Wrai", Dated October 24, 1953

You have a fast-moving, intricate mind, capable of two things at once. There is a decided sensitivity in one particular part of your nature and in this you are hesitant, but otherwise, your overall handwriting denotes directness, openness, and a clear understanding of mature things.

You are economical in some things but if the cause appeals to your altruism, price is no object at all. You show caution in beginning things but once began, you find yourself reluctant to quit anything started. If you work in an office, a clean desk is most desirable a t the end of the week, but whether this is possible to achieve or not, it would delight you. You like things right, and finished properly, whenever possible.

Your general disposition is variable, your moods vary considerably more than average. You are not an extremist in any sense but there is depression whenever this particular sensitivity is attacked. After a "low" of this nature, your spirits elasticly rise again, your vigor is renewed, and then you resume your routine better than ever.

You have a delightful sense of humor, on occasion you could be a bit high-strung, but your average is an open interest in others though you are capable of changing opinions of people at a moment's notice. Surroundings and friends influence you more than you would care to admit. You believe in solidarity of character, and are apt to judge yourself unkindly when emotionally influenced.

You have determination, diligence, and resolution; sometimes a decided drive possesses you, other times your attitude is more——so what??, but your mental ability makes readjustment at once. Your mind is active constantly, which may explain the "drive". The angular sharpness of many of your letters denotes your capability for austerity. You can be cold and haughty if you choose, though generally you prefer friendliness and fun.

You get to the point without hesitation in conversation, have little patience with those who dilly dally with a subject. Flattery will not affect you in the least. You like things done, well and in a hurry. Your dress will not be extreme, but conventional.

You enjoy witty arguments and intellectual intercourse, being exceptionally good at discussion yourself but always in good taste. You are a good mixer, but your n's and m's are so sharp, they indicate you watch yourself, fearing a temperament that could become hard to manage if the conversation goes the wrong way for too long.

There is nothing gentle or tender about your s's but a directness that denotes "I'm with it if it is right; but, if not, why bother?". You may not actually budget your time but you do make it count. Several of your letters suggest that you would like a system that would work and feel discouragement because such a system isn't feasible. You try to take things as they come but your down strokes show an intermittent frustration.

Your good taste frowns on those who lack this appreciation. Economical but not stingy, you strike a nice balance of generosity. You will

never go overboard on an excessive risk.

You follow through anything you start though you may not begin anything without thinking it over from all viewpoints. You like your own way more than you would care to acknowledge but temper your disposition in this by good sense and proportion.

You will never be satisfied with a n y single project, your whole mental activity needs many things-though you are quite able to concentrate on one thing at a time if you have something else waiting for diversion. You could handle more than one job at a time and several hobbies with ease. Limitation would drive you furiously out-of-bounds; make you rebellious and angry. You have an undercurrent of fire that must find expression and use.

You might be slow with decisions but never with execution of the plans once decided. Your ardor varies, your mind preferring mathematical ideas and you instinctly want mental drives satisfied, rather than to dream about anything. Spiritual things seem of little importance to you when practical things can be done.

Your energy can be tireless as long as you are mentally stimulated. In short, with you, material matters predominate.

You can be quite aggressive and enjoy taking advantage of your better-than-average mentality, but this seems to be the only uncharitable thing about you and, even in this, you watch yourself as though you knew how much damage could be done if you willed.

You can be a staunch friend but not a close one to many. You choose your friends by mutual interests and will never be intimate with more than one or two at a time; and then only after sufficient length of time has been established.

Your reliability should carry you far in the business world, and there are too many fields in which you could be successful to list them here.

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Well, there's the graphology reading of our almighty Rosconian OE, otherwise know as Wrai Ballard. Three of us have braved the searching all-seeing eye of the graphologist-Wrai, and I, and Vee Hampton. Now then who wants to be NEXT?????

No one?? Cowards!! Scairdycats!! Chickennnnnn!!

Okay. McNeil, I dare you, I double-dare you to let me print a graphology reading done from your handwriting. Do you know the requirements?
No, of course not, because you don't read NANDU. Well, maybe one of the
more kind Saps will write to you and repeat all this. Anyhow, for a graph
ology reading, you have to write at least one full page and more is better
yet. What you say is not important but it is necessary to use all the let
ters of the alphabet. Write naturally. Also, state the date and sign only your first name. The graphologist prefers not to know for whom the analysis is being done. The reading costs one dollar which I'll pay if you
don't want to. Also, I reserve the right to print the reading in NANDU--sight unseen. I dare you, McNeil!! You game???????

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IRENE SAYS WRAI BALLARD AT FRISCO IN '54-I SAY IT TOO-WWB IN '54-WWB IN



CREEP

Better late than never.1

BOOK OF PTOTH

Out of the dusk a shadow,
Then a spark;
Out of the cloud a silence,
Then, a lark;
Cut of the heart a rapture,
Then, a pain,
Out of the dead, cold ashes,
Life again.

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Life would be a perpetual flea hunt if a man were obliged to run down all the innuendoes, insinuations and misrepresentations which are uttered against



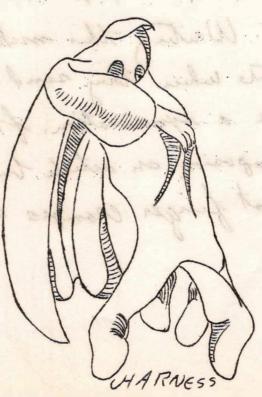
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But Error, wounded, writhes with pain, And dies among his worshippers.

- 1. Dionysius
- 2. EVOLUTION, John Banister Tabb
- 3. Henry Ward Beecher
- 4. TRUTH, THE INVINCIBLE, William C.Bryant









JACKSON and the REAL GOINE BEHASYALL

by Jay Cordes

In the days of King Alfred, there lived a poor woman and her son, Jack. One sad day their only cow disappeared.

"Jackson, wh' hoppen' to our homogenized?"

"She's gone."

"Yeah, I know. She's the craziest. But where is she?"

"I took her to the asphalt jungle to sell her. My grubby little paws were itching for that folding stuff."

"Man, now you're talkin'. Fork over the long green, boy, and we'll live it up."

"Hasy, mother, you're drooling on my Hoover button."

"Well, go, go, go, instead of beatin' it to death. You're slower than Carmen Lombardo."

"I traded her for a bag of beans instead. You know how it is."

"Don't give me that jazz."

"That crazy beef market has flipped. What else could I do?"

"You goofed, boy. But let's hit the sack."

Before going to bed, Jack's mother threw the beans out the window. By morning the beans had grown to the sky.

"Jackson, those beans are the gonest."

"Lian, we've been sniffin' it. We gotta lay off that stuff."

"Well, get goin' boy. This is real big screen. Don't miff it."

"Don't worry. I'm hep. Pack my chlorophyll and I'll glean that crazy bean."

"Mokay, Jackson."

So Jack climbed to the top of the beanstalk and found a large castle in the clouds. Once inside, Jack hid in a closet. A giant entered the room and put a golden hen on the table. The hen began to lay one golden egg after another. Jack slipped from the closet and the giant saw him.

"Man, this joint's crawlin' with subversives. McCarthy's got to dig this."

"Well, you're a real gasser, Shorty. I don't want to be square about this but I gotta see your card."

"That hen is the most," said Jack.

"Wild," agreed the giant. "A real cool one. But she's with me."

"Dad, you're flippin'. I'm long gone."

So saying, Jack seized the hen and ran for the beanstalk. With a roar, the giant followed.

"Don't run so fast, boy. I can't make it."

"Man, we're gettin' to the end. We gotta do it."

Jack reached the beanstalk and climbed down quickly. He seized an axe and swung at the stalk.

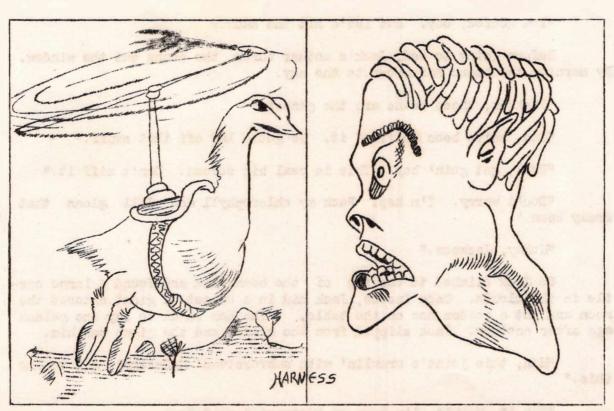
"I say--I say, boy. Easy on that frantic axe. I'm not even fixed for blades."

"Crazy," said Jack, and cut through the beanstalk. With a crash, the giant fell and was killed.

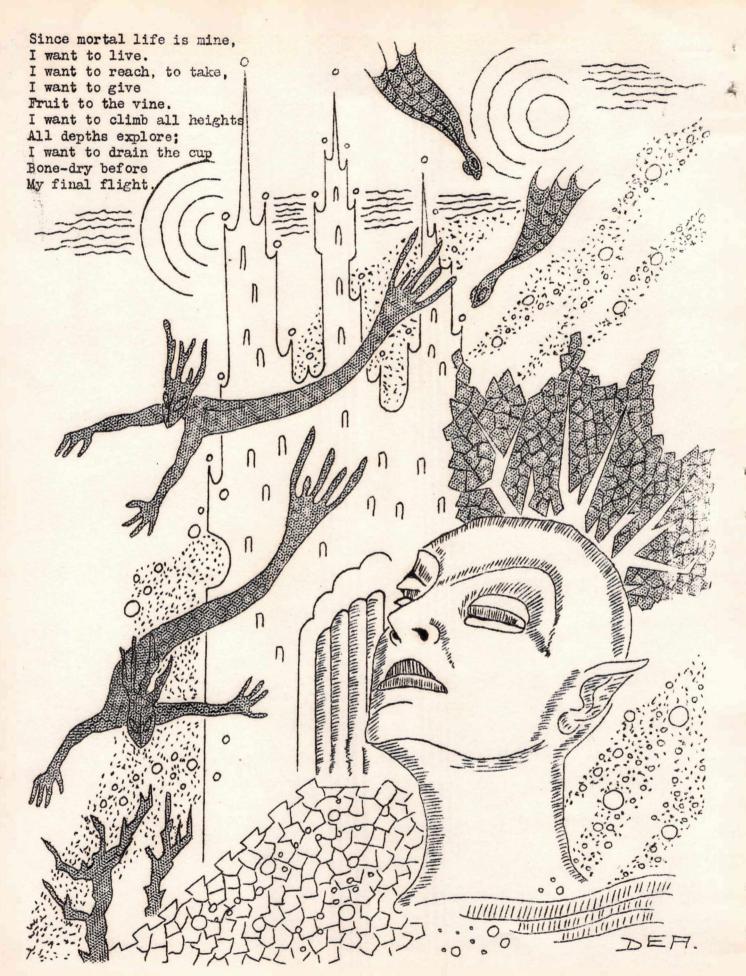
"He goofed," said Jack's mother.

And so he had.

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SPECTATOR

He who knows and knows he knows,
He is wise;
Follow him.

OUTSIDERS

When a man of genius is in full swing, never contradict him, set him straight or try to reason with him. Give him a free field. A listener is sure to g e t a greater quantity of good, n o matter how mixed, than if the man is thwarted. Let Pegasus bolt — he will bring you up in a place you know nothing about!



DO IT NOW

Never leave that till tomorrow which you can do today. 3

ATTENTION FEN

Speech is the index of the mind.4

REVOLTIN DEVELOPMENT

Your sole contribution to the sum of things is yourself.5

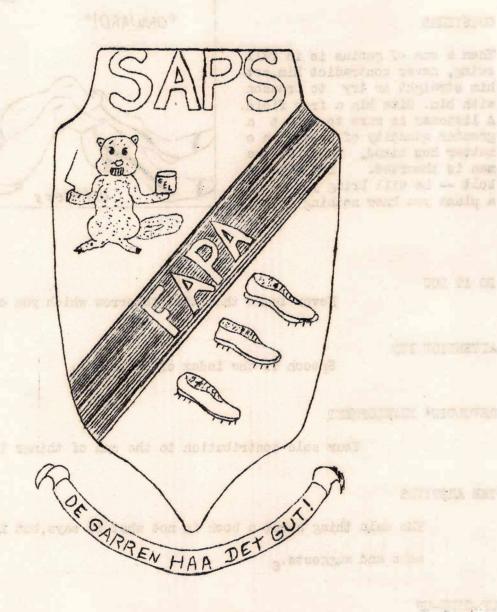
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The main thing about a book is not what it says, but in what it asks and suggests.

UP-SIDE-UP

Wonder is involuntary praise.7

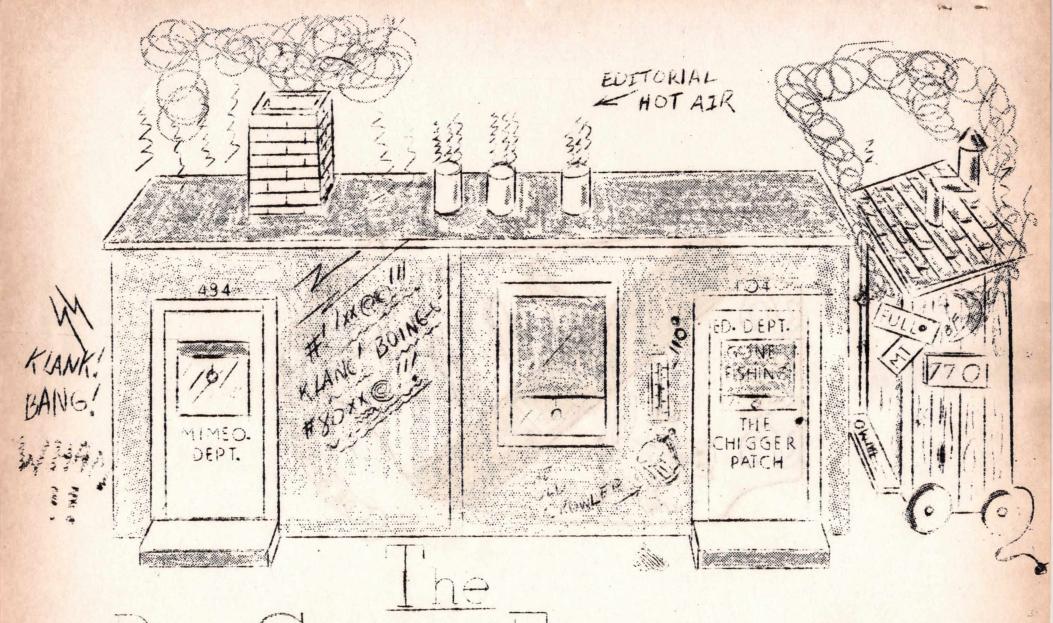
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