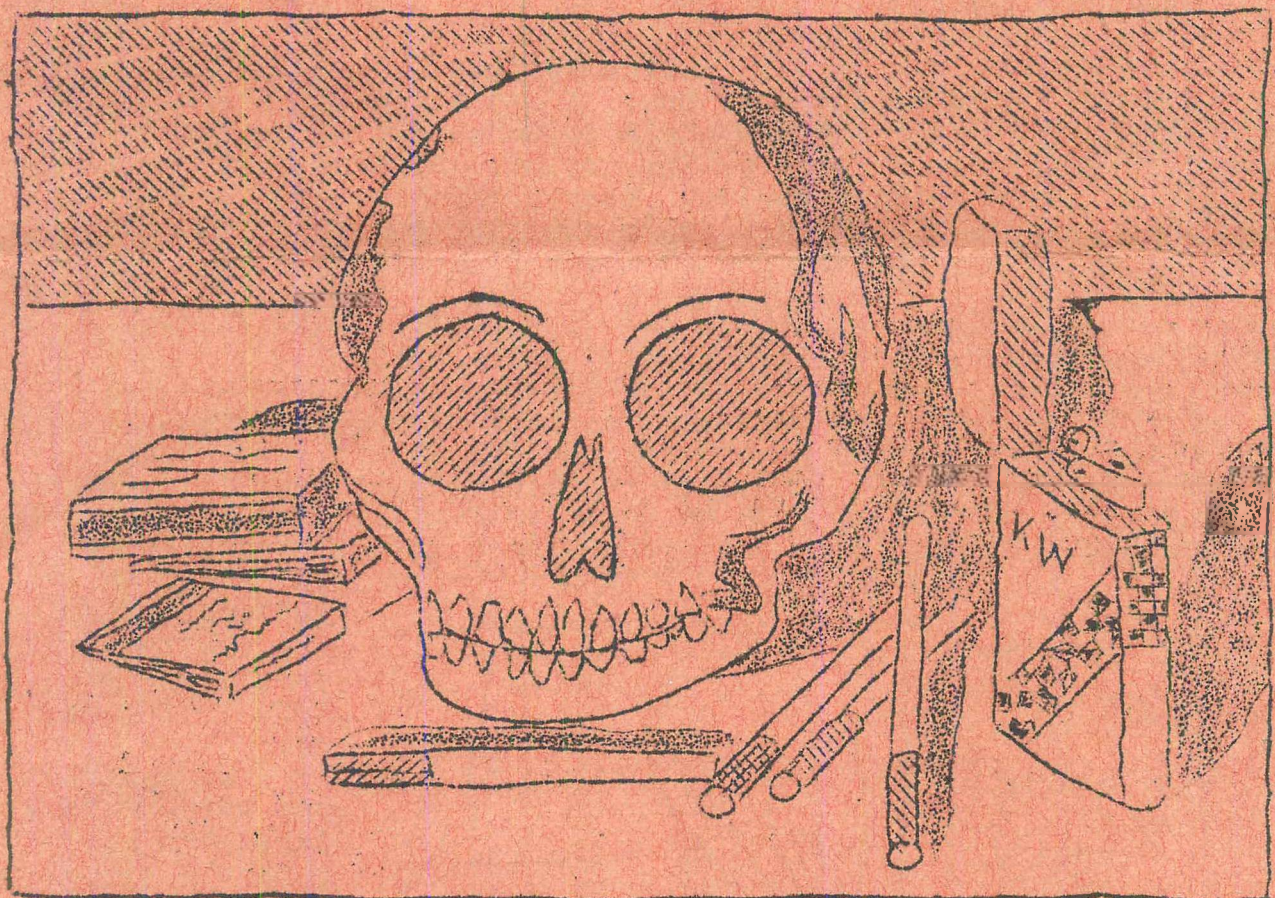


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//editorial//

by Rich Brown

Well, it looks like good ole R. Brown is taking all the honors of publishing letterzines. Having had this wonderful experience before, I have noticed something peculiar about them. That is, in comparison with generalzines that is. Of Course. You see, a generalzine requires only a certain amount of funds..you write some of your friends and they send art and stories and articles... Oh, it's a lot of fun for both, but this peculiar thing about letterzines: they need letters. And no matter how I plead, beg, etc. no dice. So I beg of you, whatever Deity you hold sacred, in his name, be it FooFoo, Ghu, Roscoe, Bloch, Ignatz..PLEASE! Respond, it can be fun; think of the thrill of seeing your name in print ...120 people..egoboo!

I have here before me a copy of Ralph Holland's NEFFER NEWS. In it he defines the difference between POSTER and FORUM in CNFF. So here I'll give a statement of policy. Holland is right, anything in fannish controversy, with the exception of politics, race, religion, etc. To add to this, I will not take anything of a slanderous or mud-slinging letters. Also, since in effect I am POSTER, I will remain neutral on any subjects brought up. Fair enough? Cheers

rich

Ann Chamberlain, 2408 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

Congrats to our new editor of Postie, -- hope your mid-March issue gets you a load of compliments.

Everybody but Wallace West had an address in the special POSTIE, -- he's the only one I want to respond to. Would comment that I am in agreement that fan squabbles should be taboo! There are ways to deal with complaints or resentments without arousing ire. A personality clash shouldn't have a chance to get started in Postie, TNFF, or Bullzine, forcing fan to take sides.

Please include a membership roster in every edition of TNFF or Bullzine. Who are all the 127 members I heard someone say we have? Hmm?

Wally, can you knock out a short sci-fic story for TNFF sometimes, so we Neffer's can keep you in egoboo, -- Bless you, and so on?

Ann Chamberlain

P.S. Have Bailey's letter via Eva Firestone saying "N3F flat on it's face!" --

/Editor's note: And there before you, you see the total effort I have recieved, as of January 31st, 1958. You see what I mean? So... Well, I'll fill this up with some personal letters, but PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE!! send me some letters, huh?---rwb/

Glenn King, 9 E. Main St., Wappinger Falls, New York

I wish you'd straighten me out on what fanzines you are pubbing and editing. Lessee. The following titles have been floating around: Framished, Eternity, Excalibur, Equation, International Youngfan, Teenfan, and maybe some others. #Cross out Teenfan, add POSTIE, conFANdential, LOLLYPOP, Poor Richard's Almanac, Stentor, DOGma, and a few one-shots planned in the near future...---rwb#

Wish you'd stop

trying to be

like Moffatt.

I really have to sign off now. I had a boundry dispute with a neighbor this morning and now she's doing something in front of our house. Seems to be drawing on the ground. Strange. Now she's scattering some greenish powder. Stupid old hag. Wonder why she always dresses in black? Now she's chanting somethin

#And that was the last I heard from Glenn King.---rwb#

Guy Terwilleger, 1412 Albright St., Boise, Idaho

Maybe fan feuds are okay--but not for my money. They should be kept under cover, rather than being out for all to see. Seems I'm the type of guy who can get embroiled in them without even thinking about them as such. Far be it from me to intentionally start one, and, to my knowledge, I haven't in the open. There is too much else of interest in sf than the

wailings of some fan who can't understand what is written and take it for what it is.

Ever lived without water? I am today. The water has been off since early morning and just try to quench a thirst with air. Some fun. At this rate I'll have to resort to drinking beer--and I don't like the stuff, though I keep some on hand for those who do.

What do you do with a letter that comes your way for printing in your zine that is half personal and half comment? No way out but to cut, I think. Like this one--you certainly wouldn't use this



"Things just didn't FANTASTIC enough any more."

in a zine, even if I were to go on and give a lot of good comments.
Would you? #Heh..heh---rwb#

In case you didn't know it, I'm a school teacher. But, I am human. Funny--I thought all teachers were monsters until I became one. #A teacher, or a monster? Sorry..just couldn't resist that. ---rwb#
Now I can see the other side of it.

Which, if you aren't to think me an entire idiot, I had best sign off.

Best---Guy

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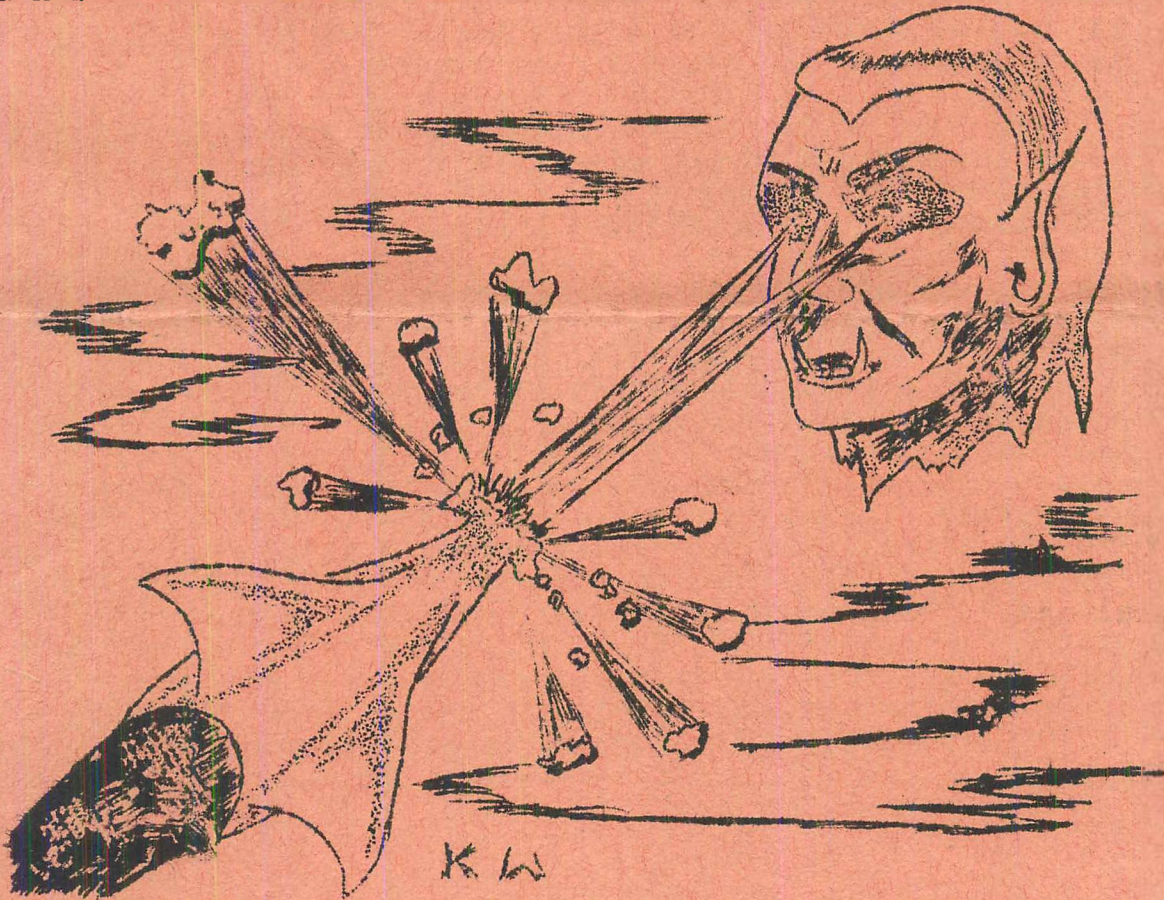
We have given the enclosed material our careful consideration, but unfortunately.... #Oops, how'd that get in here?---rwb#

Esther C. Richardson, 3627 W. 65th Court, Seattle 7, Wash.

Have to tell you a funny trick I and my husband pulled off once. Mind you, we were parents of half grown kids and should have known better!

This happened during that delightful period of "Prohibition" when the country was dry and every one was busy figuring out how to make their own home brew."

There was one of those busy neighbors living near us who couldn't keep her nose out of other people's business and she would even go around at night just plain sniffing to see if she could smell the brew, then she would phone the police station and give them the house numbers, etc., etc. Well daddy and I got a big white board and painted on it in large black letters, "Home Brew Sold Here" and on Halloween we sneaked in their yard and planted



that board. As they were gone for the week end that sign remained there all that time! Gosh, this doesn't sound so funny typed, but it sure was funny to us. We noticed that when she returned that she remained closer to home.

Well, enough of this silly chatter.

Bye, bye for now.
Esther Richardson

#Well I liked it.---rwb#

John W. Thiel, 2934 Wilshire St., Markham, Ill.

I was all hopped up. The world con was going to be in Chicago this year. I thought it was going to be at South Gate, but no matter. It was here. A very reliable fanzine had said so. Hallejoola! I started to prepare. Then I noticed the date on the fanzine..July '52..

The worst children's show, in my opinion, is called "The MICKEY MOUSE CLUB." Some day Jimmy watzisname isn't going to be able to unscrew his face...At the end all the 'Mousketeers' sing: M-I-C..K-E-Y... M-O-U-S-E...And their faces light up with inner purity and bliss... the way they sing...so dedicated...who ever heard of being dedicated

to a foul vermin-type disease bearing RODENT?

I decided to start a fanzine at ten when I got my first fanzine. I then spent two years starting it. My fanzine has no certain amount of pages. I have no regular articles, but I do have a series of stories. The name is "Caveat Emptor," an old Latin phrase which means "let the buyer beware." If you mean circulation by subscription (of course), then I have a circulation of two.

"The girl can be pretty boring, and vica-versa." You mean by that, I suppose, that the boring can also be a pretty darn girl.

Oh, Johnny Bhoy loves classical music (some of it is all Greig to me) and (now to curl your hair) he likes OPERA too!! (A trait I picked up from my aunt.) I had an idea for a composition oncet. It died a quick death when my father told me to quit hummmmming "that rock and roll," so it died a quick death.

I used to suffer from delusions of grandeur, and used to be awfully conceited. But my psychologist cured me, and now I'm one of the nicest guys in town.

You hear about the mathematitians wife? It seems she squared her radius with too much pie.

O, that was heart rending.

I believe I live in the most idiotic town (well, the kids are idiotic) in the world. Get this one: I could tell them, say: Why did the moron drive off the cliff? To test his new air brakes, and they would say in all seriousness: "Air brakes don't mean you can Drive off cliffs and fly, stupid." I HATE this town.

Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! It's SUPER-MAN! ZWAAayyy

(well, it LOOKED like superman)

cheers,

john thiel

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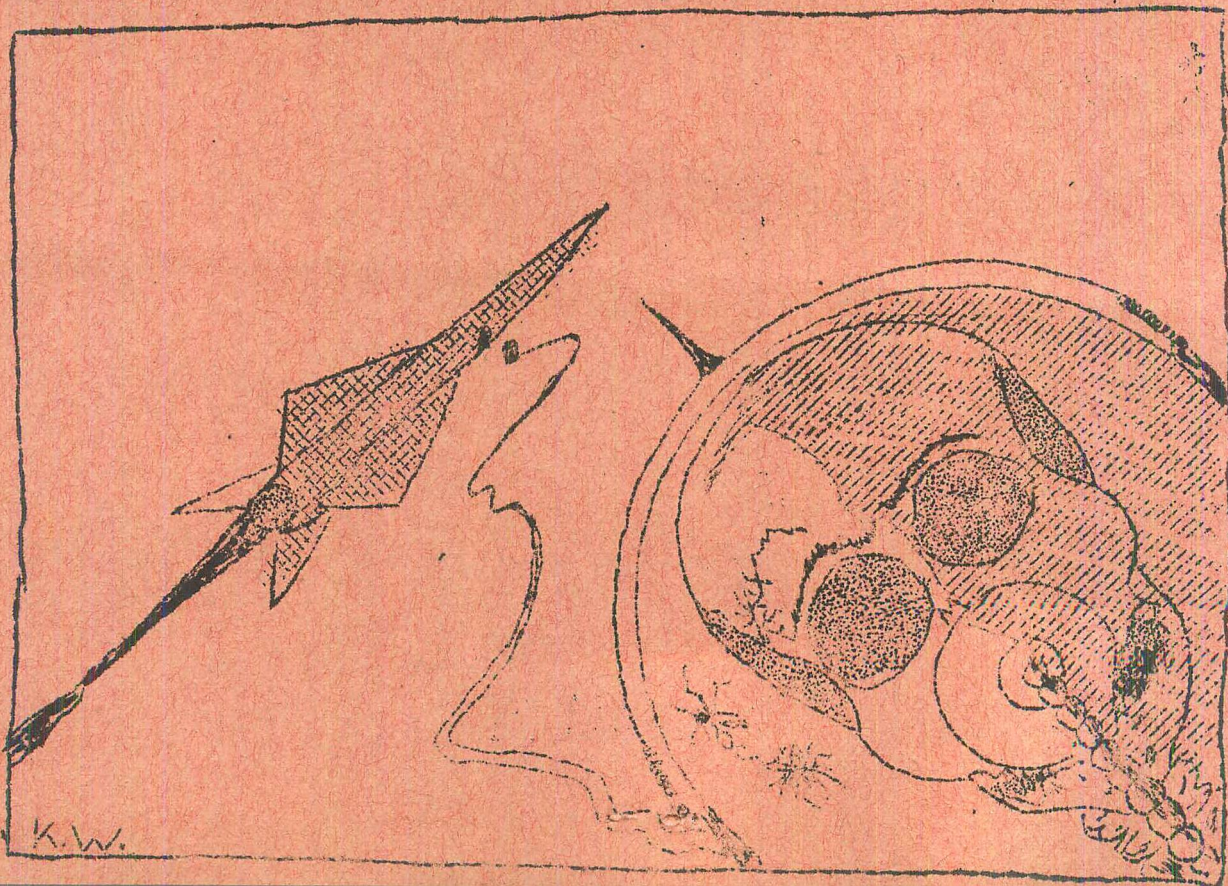
#I must make the note that this comes from many different letters, as does most of the stuff in the others. ---rwb#

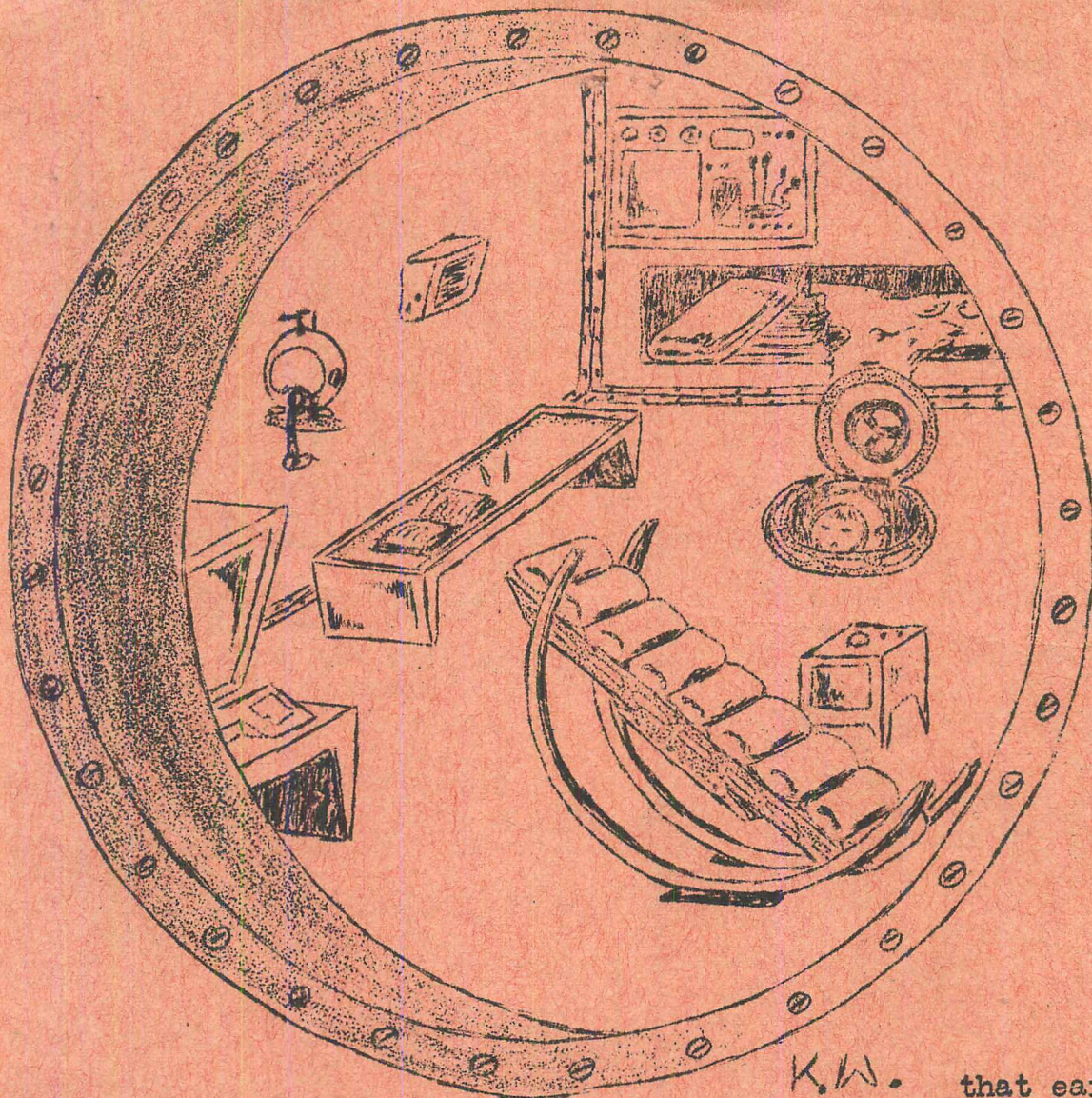
And, friends, that's it. Kaput. No more. So you see, I have to have enough letters now for my mid-March issue. Don't delay, write as soon as possible, please.

I might mention that, with the exception of page two, this issue is illustrated entirely by one of my finds, K E N W A D D E L L, WHO's art may be obtained either through me, or through him; Ken Waddell, 1037 Summitt, Pasadena, Calif. The boy has talent.

To complete the art credits, I did page two.

Now maybe the reason I haven't any comments is that some of you can't think of anything to comment on. So...try these: What do you think are the ingrediants to the perfect fanzine? What kind of fanzines do you prefer? What do you think is the proper conduct at a convention? How do you feel on fannish controversies? What fandom do you think we are in? What do you dislike about fanzines? Is fandom a way of life, or a hobby? What is your opinions of BNF's in particular? What don't you understand about fandom? What do you think of the fannish ghods? Do you think the friction-type belt buckle will be the thing of the future? What are your other interests? Do you think the stf of today is better or worse than in 1940? 1930? (The latter is a trick, as stf was very seldom printed





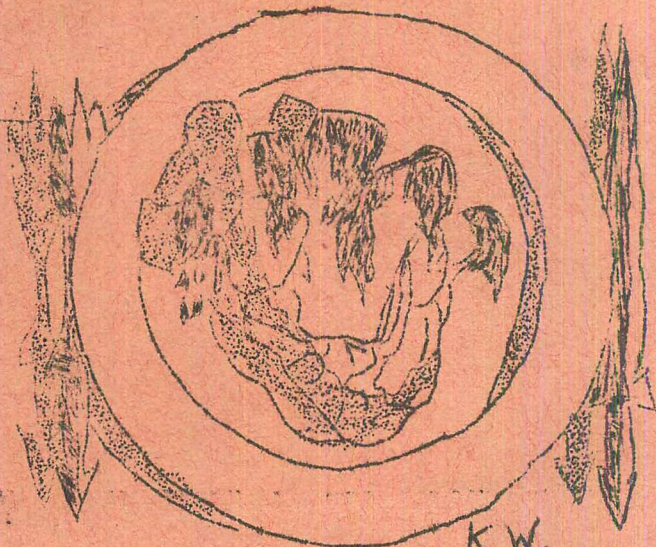
K.W. that early,) How long have you been reading stf? Do you think Sputnik, etc. will have any great, or lasting effect on science fiction? Do you believe in ghoasts? What do you think was the "golden age" of science fiction? Of science fiction fandom? What is the best magazine being published? What was the best magazine every published? Do you think I'm crazy? (It's my brother, JOSEPH Bonaparte, he's the crazy one.) Try those, or anything that you think up yourself, or something that you stold from someone else, but get me some material! Drag out them old typers and pump your opinions through, and send 'em to poor rich. Without letters, there is nothing I can do but blather my head off(like I'm doing now), and while such may be OK for a little while, it becomes deathly sickening after too long. Yes, I've noticed it too. Dum de dum dum...la de dee..hmm, what can a do to finish this stencil? Oh, I say let's bring....

WAZZ AND MATE
TO THE GATE
IN '58!!!

This is my crummy lettering, by the way. My name an address on the back of this are by me also. Others are by Ken Waddell. Well, this is the end.

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