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TROAT is published at 413 Ottokee Street in Wauseon, Ohio by The Pulp Era Press. Troat continues as the fanzine that is all heart and comes to completely out of the kindest of kind hearts. HOWEVER, even the kindest go broke, so we expect at least a letter of comment and hopefully a 6¢ stamp to help pay the postage on the next one. Several of you have written in regarding the name of this zine. I'm sure that all of you that know me well, naturally know why I chose that name. The rest of you are most likely nice people.

For many of the newer names on my mailing list that I have added this issue, you will also be receiving some back issues along with this one. I hate to do this to you but I'm running out of room to stack them.

The article by George is sadly a bit dated. That is not her fault. I had printed it a while back with the intention of running in a new zine to be titled BADMOUTH. However, the type of material I wish to use in BADMOUTH is very slow in coming in so I am using it here. BADMOUTH will still be published, but it will be sometime next year. Probably early summer.

My gooseberry bush did beautifully!! Got three gallons from it (that's liquid). May plant another one next year.

Have had a number of fannish visitors here since the last issue. George Young, Hal & Sandy Shapiro, Donna Young, Danny Plachta, Howard DeVore, Pat & Roger Sims, Bill Clark, etc. Much Fun.

For those of you that like fine artwork, THE PULP ERA 70 will have front and back covers by O. Raymond Sowers. You can receive a copy by sending 50¢ to me at the above address.

Later this month I will begin publishing a new fanzine for Bill Clark. It's title will be THE FAUST COLLECTOR. Anyone interested should write directly to Bill Clark 1300 N. Scott St., Apt. 9, Arlington, Va. 22209.

The covers this issue are by Jay Lynch.

Have been doing some work on the house. Had a half bath put in and my wife built an extra bedroom onto the house. Last year she built a screened in patio. Next year I'm going to try and get here to panel the garage for me. It's getting crowded here in the basement. Sure is nice to have a handy wife.

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The most talked about subject today is politics, whether on local, national, or world affairs.

Under our present administration, our nation is getting in such a rut that the mice can't even get a view of decent cheese. Our government is tilting on an unstable board, what with riots, smog control, water pollution, the war in Vietnam, crime in our streets, racism, and political differences confronting our nation's health and security.

The crime rate is climbing so rapidly that many crimes go unreported because so many people do not wish to be involved. How do we combat crime? Double police protection? Enforce stricter laws? Enact curfews on our people? Not only on our young people, but on groups of all ages.

I can't understand people today! We are a united state, yet we are divided. If a few more people thought more about their patriotic duty instead of demonstrations, sit-ins, marches, draft card burnings, and even the hippies and their PRODUCED EXPRESSION of love toward their fellow man, our nation wouldn't be in such a mess.

I think people who avoid being drafted for military duty should think they are giving up their part in our free society. There may not be much of it, but why not preserve what is left. It is the responsibility of every man, woman, and child to give their support to our fighting men.

The most controversial subject facing us is the Presidential election and the views of the war in Vietnam. What is to be a fight against the spread of communism in Southeast Asia, seems to be a turn of political ability.

Political figures and also the military, agree, that the South Vietnamese are nearing in readiness to take over the war, and the Allied forces can decrease its number of troops. However, this statement made some time ago, has not proved out. If so, why are we still there? Peace talks go on in Paris, but the fighting is still going on too!

Now there are many political campaigns in action to bring forth the best man suited to be our President. With only a few state primaries over, and many to come, it seems to be in favor of the Democrats. It is still early to predict who the actual candidates will be, for the election month is six months away.

So far, the people have favored Senator Robert Kennedy of New York over such rivals as Senator Eugene McCarthy or Vice-President Hubert Humphrey. When the Vice-President announced his candidacy for the office, I thought that was kicking the bottom out of the Johnson administration. Although there isn't much to be said for it, except

I don't think Senator Kennedy is ready for the office of President. He doesn't have enough experience as a political figure, although he may have the qualifications. It is true that the background of the Kennedy family on political affairs may be questionable, it isn't the family who will make the decisions or lead our nation. Talking about families, we would have to build another wing to the White House to make room for the Kennedy tribe. Seems like all Democrats think about is the ways to spend money or raise taxes.

The Republican nomination for the Presidency is between two men. The former Vice-President Richard Nixon and Governor Rockefeller of New York. Either one of these men would make us a good President.

I think the former Vice-President would make us a fine man in the highest office this nation has to offer because he has the experience. He seems to be the one running neck and neck with Kennedy. Although Kennedy and the favorite sons are coming out higher in the state primaries, Nixon or Rockefeller can come out on top.

Mr. Nixon was under the former President Eisenhower, whom I consider the best man ever to hold the office since the days of Washington, Lincoln, and Teddy Roosevelt. He was through the hardships following the Korean conflict.

Today we find ourselves in much the same situation as we did some fifteen years ago. A democrat got us into the Korean conflict and we needed a Republican to get us back on the road to peace and recovery. Now we are in Southeast Asia by the workings of a Democrat and in much need of a Republican to get us out.

We, the United States, considered the greatest nation, have become so involved in so many causes for bettering the peoples of other countries, that it is neglecting its duties at home. As the Soviet Union, under the leadership of N. Krushchev had stated: 'We will bury you.' Other countries say to wear us down slowly, and that is just what is happening.

What we do in the following days ahead as the summer approaches with promises of racial disturbances will show how President Johnson handles it, and as it brings out the true feelings of the election candidates. Will there be peace among men anywhere someday? Time will tell!

(Editor's Note: The foregoing article was written by a young woman under the pen name of by George. I hope to have further articles by the young lady, and perhaps sometime in the future we will run a picture of her and let you know who it really is.)

Mastitis Blamed For Dog's Breast Tumors

Pen Up Loose Dogs

Only Animals Know Fur Better

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Howard DeVore brought down a model 80 Multilith that he has had stored away for years to see if I could get it running for him. Part of this issue will be run on the 80, part on the 75, and part on the 1250. Besides my magazine collection, I'm getting a collection of Multiliths down here. If I get the 80 running right, I'll use it for a couple of months before I'll let him take it back. That'll teach him to clutter up my basement with old multiliths. Besides it is easier to set up for direct paper master work than the other presses.

I'm still experimenting with all the presses and the various ways of making plates. While I learn something with each run, I've also had a lot of waste that I am now starting to cut down considerably.

Have been down with the flu for a couple of days so did some reading in my old magazines. Read a Bill Barnes Air Adventurer, G-8 and his Battle Aces, a couple of Doc Savages and am planning to delve into a couple of old westerns. Probably Texas Rangers and the Masked Rider Western. Picked up an old copy of Masked Rider (1935) before Thrilling Publications took it over. Want to read it and compare it to the later Thrilling pubs. Will probably go into that in a later Pulp Era.

The artfolio is now ready to mail. It is number 1 in a series of Pulp Era booklets and sells at \$1.00. Am working on number 2 which is Air War 1914 - 1918 by Dave Prosser. It will be ready in December and will sell at \$1.50.

Enjoyed the Octocon a lot. It is a small informal con held in Sandusky, Ohio each October and is one of my favorite cons. I took a family room at the Greentree Inn and my whole family went with me. Quite a few fans take their children and mine sure had a lot of fun. There is an indoor swimming pool, bowling lanes, a little bit of everything all under one roof. This coming year I am planning on the Marcon, St. Louiscon and the Octocon for my fannish drunks.

The Christmas rush is now on with all the social activities that attend it and it certainly cuts down on time for other things. This year has seemed an endless string of parties to attend.

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