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1. Comera was utilized to preserve for posterity highlights of the solacon.
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3. It is believed that the peculiar aura of the convention, one of extreme fannish goodwill, attracted the astral bodies of those unfortunates who vore unable to physically attend this Mecca of conventions. The camere lene was found to be not properly seated on the camera body. It is posm tulated that due to this misalignment the camera would not focus upon the fen actually present, but that the setral bodies of the fen not prom sent, omitting alpha radiation, were photographed whenever the shutter was opened.
4. The lens was removed and checked, cleaned and reseated on the camera body.
5. That a second camera be provided at the next convention and that an attempt be made to duplicate the conditions obtaining at the past convention, in cluding the fannish goodwill, in order to provide aomplote rocording of the gathering.

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That upstart Fandergaste Makes vie viad! (Down, Boyd) Without so much as a bye your leave s-he appropriates my title and proceeds to ignore me completely after f point out the usurpation. The least that s-he could have done was apologize. in which case I would meke no atterupt to press the matter. But no, s-he cannot be gracious enough to admit the plagiarism, (nor shall I, for that matter) and proceeds to add insult to injury by appearing as guest columnist in several different fanzinessin an effort to consolidate her/is claim. Nonsense! (iNO, 54) In consequence, I have determined that I shall not concede defeat! THE OLD MILSSTREAM is mine, all mine!, and $I$ shall use it as I please. The worst part, of tris matter is the supposition of some people for a brief moment that I might possibly be this ekulking title-thief. Fie!say I! This issue is rather heavily weighted with intGirliainis material. The cover illustration was put on master by ye editor who worked irom a publicity photo of the GCRGCN and was reproduced by ir.C.E. Fuobard, ropresentative - Vultigraph division: Addressograph - Viultigraph Corp., Pt. Horth, Texas, who was kind enough also, as part of his demonstration to print the $\mathrm{U} \mathrm{R}^{t}$ on the inside cover. The JETPROPELLED SCREAM is a sequel to THE BILTER SCREM and BREAKPAS'I UITH GOMGON is a Purther chapter in the saga or Charnel 11. SONGS a ORHER TAUGHT LE this issue replaces those of my in*O*I*I*E*R (whe has completed two-thirds of an ode to the TDrinkers, but has lost the ms.) with one of CORCOIV's mundane self's contributions to Leman's Complaint.
Une PRCDESTATION is a film-review of an epic seen at the cimema. (iNot TV this one) The VINEGAR PRES this time is excerpted from NEMITODE if 4 and concerns the Orime of the Disc Jockey. I hope to run a retort to this article in the next issue by Dave ivaugle, comauthor of ilary Lou. The PROCLARTION and Contest have been smavidering in a corner for some months now and are broucht to your attontion as a Public Service by the Adversaries Council. The political Advertisement is paid for by the Adversary.

GRITS comes to you from the miller over there, the non-Penelope Fandergaste, Sid Birchby, while GRIST comes to the OMPAns only from the local Kills, at P. O. Box 244, Carswell A. F. B.
The pictorial essay on Housebreaking is copied from a dittoed sheet picked up at Goodyear Aircraft in Akron. The Highway Signs are the logical sequel to those in UR if 5 and were designed and executed by the editor. The backcover originally appeared as the cover of HI!, the most recent issue,offered to the Over 45 SF Fan Club of which Eve is a member and is a rerun of her stencil.
I have more to thank GORGON for than the inspiration for the material appearing here, his mention today that KPJZ is now FIT as well as tiv and is planning stereo programs led me to replace the radio I had had which was stolen three months ago, with an invipiv table model set.As soon as I could get back to the barracks with it I tuned to NFJZ-FM. Five minutes later I tuned to $\mathrm{MBAP}-\overrightarrow{\mathrm{F}}$ and am still there. I am sorry, Eill, but... It's really some treat to hear good, uninterupted music without lugging out the taperecorder and setting it up. I can, and do, lock this room, so perhaps I'll be able to hang on to this sst. By some wizardry of HigherFinance, the purchase of this little gem reduced my payments by halif - monthly. Of Gourse, $\bar{I}^{\prime} \mathrm{m}$ in hock for 24 mos.instead of 10 but one must aid the economy y lenow. Yes, Virginia, I have finally read J.R.R. Tolkien's Ring Cycle.
Fiaterial signed 'etm' is by the editor. The SAC Supplement is not sicned by anyone, least of all Curtis. Illos on pages 14 and 15 were received a looong time afor the VINEGAR PRESS is traced to POLARITY , $3^{\prime}$ s cover (sue me, Buz) and the TOAGTLSTER"S INTERNATICNAL HANDBCOK FOR CLUB PRESIDENT' 3 inspiered the ad on $P 10$. UR 5 was distributed to OMPA in two lots tine second of which was combrined with GRIST for Spring 1959. Unstaple GRIST, re.move the last four pages and affix them to tine first batch, and ycu'li have as good an U R as anyone else.
Deadline Pressure has forced Arderson's itraight Talk out this ish. 30 etm.

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"Though recently a film has brought him into the limelight, it Porms so vulgar a travesty of his work that the pain is doubtiful. The statue over Verne's grave may, a.s is stated on the inscription, show him as thrusting aside his shroud and reaching 'Unvard to immortality and eternal youth'. It now suggests that he is bursting from the tomb in indignant protest against Hollyvood's vulgarisation of his thene." *

Quantius F. Wurray, affectionately known to his parents by his given name, Johi, one evening suggested that we attend the base cinema. I fired up the old popcorn popper and prepared us some sustenance lest the offering prove. to be total loss.Vonder of wonders, 'From The Jarth to The Moon', plus a selected short subject, was beine displayed. After the show I resolved to reread the book as I hadn't thought that $M$. Jules had been that far of in his scientifique backeround. i careful perusal of the Didier Publisher's edition of 1949 supported this contention. Although J.V. allowed his meteors to glow and even to burst in a crand pyrotechnic display, he did not allow them to whistle past the Columbiad. I had thought such pueralities to have been leit behind with 'Rocketship X-in' Verne had a reason for the incandescence of the meteor too, he rished to show the 'invisible moon'to the watchers, a circumstance which seems to have been overlooked by the script-writer. I find in the book that Rarbicane vas a relicious man, es indeed, Micholl and the sideman,Ardan, were also, not surprisingly as view of the generally moral tone of Verne's writings, yet I had gained the inpression from the film that Barbicane was not particularly religious, indeed he appeared far too selimcenterod and ruthless to be deeply religious. Nicholl, in the film version, is portrayed as having all ${ }^{4}$ he zeal that Barbicane has lost and his actions micht be taken as a case against some or the most fanatical sects members. The lovable, laughable, Frenchman is replaced by a young mechanic of undisputably Anerican heritage, who also dis places the loyal J. T. Naston. The love interest which Verne saw no reason to introduce is provided by Nicholl's dauchter who deter-

mines to share the fate of her father and her lover and stows away, hiding in one of the space suits. Her life is preserved in the shock of take-off by the leakage of the special 'inertia gas' which must be drawn out of the centrifugal apparatus in which the men survive the initial blast within a very short period of time to avoid permanent ill effects. The girl is proof that that precaution was unecessary as she lives even though exposed to the gas for a much loneer period. In view of the current state of scientific development, the producer of the film strained at the gnat's idea of propelling the vehicle by an initial charge of gun cotton, but he exhibited no reluctance to swallow the camel-type idea for the Vehicle.After all, one must stick to the book somewhere. For propulsion an arrangement was made to allow the film producer to use a secret formula which tapped the energies of Hother Nature and has been dubbed 'Power X'. All we needed at this point was a sublin projection to 'Drive With Care...' etm. * The quotation at the head of this article is from the introduction to I.O. Ivans' tribute to "JULES VERNE: Master Of Science Fiction" published by Rinehart \& Company. It seemed paríicularly apt. I can't be sure that "FROM THE EARTH TO THE MOON" was the target of the author's diatribe, since I do not know when the book was published. It seems to be a recent addition th the Base Library's shelves, but that proves nothing. The British outfitt that printed the book took great care to ensure that no dates appear on the dustjacket or in the book which would tell me when it.first appeared. Perhaps I should engage Mr.Eney, $T$ racer of Lost Copyrights, to ascertain the facts in the case.

This has been page 5 of UR if 6,10 faseries


A feature of the rast UR which turned out almost too popular to be repeated was THE VINECAR PRE 3 , an excerpt from ematode " 1 , Bob Leman's Sif zine. I have over-ruled a jealous, deflated ego to continue this department. iiy apologies to those of you who are JAP', but I feel that again we have something worthy of a larcer distribution than that or NEMTODE 4. Here Then we have Ourgeon General Hoaxer Leinan with a diatribe intended to shame the disk-jockey and the book-borrower. Speaking of a boo: reminds me of the shameful part I took ia defawing a good ladies character. I wish to apologize to Miss Lorcas 3açoy Ihictier, whumever she might be, for the letter published in CRY 126, I succurbed to the temptation oi furthering a harmiess hoax. Now that it has been show to be a good deal less then harmless I wish to be amone the first to publicly retract any statements about a good lady's fine grandmother. et mills 23 April 1959

And, speaking of surgery, does anybody know who has my copy of Titus Groan? I lent it out some time ago, and I gather it's changed hands a time or two. I recently found a copy of Gormenghast, and I'd like to have the two together on the shelf. Narks and stoolies are invited to slip me the word, if the present holder is known to them.

I have, in the course of a long and largely misspent life, made many egregious errors of judgement, most of which I have had ample opportunity to regret. liy latest blunder, however, is of such magnitude that its consequences may yet see me incarcerated in the laughing academy. But the fact is that right now the prospect of a nice quiet padded cell is strangely appealing.

Miy $91 / 2 d$ went into my mouth shortly before Christmas, when I said "Yes" to a suggestion that we buy our elder daughter, who is ten, the radio for which she'ä been hinting. And this initial blunder was hideously magnified when I was daft enough to buy a tiny tran-sistor radio instead of a heavy piece of equipment which would perforce remain in her room. This little radio is exceptionally portable; and somehow it is always being ported into the room in wnich I an seeking a moment's peace and quiet. I seems to me that every vaking hour I have spent at home since Christmas has been dreriched with "popular music"--a torture calculated to make the ancient Chinese sit up and open their eyes. Only one who has lived intimately with the "Top Forty" can know the full seductive powers of the death-wish. In fact, it took only a single playing of a Jerry Lee Lewis record to bring to me for the first time a full comprehension of Bedaoes' lines:

> "Sweet and sweet is their poisoned note, The little snakes of silver throat, In mossy skuils who nest and lie, Ever singing, 'Die, oh die.' lie

In case you are lucky enough not to know what the "Top Forty" is, let me explain. One of our local radio stations does nothing but play records. Oh, there's a five-minute news broadcast every few hours, but apart from that they present only records and commercials. And, if my understanding oi the thing is correct, they play only forty records; when they've played them all, they start the whole cycle over. These forty records are styled "The Top Forty."

I have been at some pains to determine just what is meant by "top" in this context. I was at first persuaded, by the quality of the music, that it meant that somebody had grabbed the top forty records off a random stack; but the laws of chance would have inserted at least one decent record into such a selection, so that couldn't have been it. "Top" certainly cannot mean "best in quality", since these wretched bleatings and rattlings are dignified beyond their desserts by even being called "music". How, then, "Top"?

Well, according to my advisor in such matters--an adolescent boy in our block-these are the forty most popular tunes. He's not sure whether they're the most popular in the whole country, or only in Denver County, or simply in the radic studio, but By George, they're the top tunes. And it appears that their top position makes it obligatory that all adolescents worthy of their salt listen to them for as many hours a day as possible.

Now it is my belief that these records are popular--if they are so in fact--simply by virtue of the frequency with which they are played. The question then arises, why are they played so much? Why, your adolescert will tell you, because they're the most popular. They're clayed because they're popular; they're popular because they're Dlayed. Circular reasoning with a vengeance!

Of course, somebody has to star the cycle; and these innovators are, I assume, the men who play the records and read the commer-cials--the "disc-jockeys", to use their own jarson. They select records and play them all day; by playing them all day, they make them "top". And we are thus misled into believing that the natural taste of our young people--and, indeed, of the many adults who listen to this scrt of thing-is for these "top tunes".

I submit that that is not the case. I put it to you that these "top tunes" represent initially nobody's taste but the disc-jocixeys'. And perhaps not even that; surely some of these men must possess enough taste to realize what dreadful trash they're purveying. And such men are, it seems to me, unbelievably cynical and arrogaint. They're saying, "Here, you slobs, this is about your speed."

I am particularly exercised about this matter at this time for a purely selfish reason, of course: I have a pre-adolescent daugh-
ter who has already learned from friends with olcer brothers and sisters that one listens to this stuff if one is not "square". (Or whatever the word for it is now.) There is a fierce pressure upon adolescents from their contemporaries to conform. (If you doubt this, take a look at the iids at the local high school; the way they dress amounts to uniform.) And of course the adolescents themselves have a powerful desire to confom to the folkways of their peers. It is not correct, therefore, to say, as some do, that a child's taste will remain uncomrupted if ho has been exposed to, and instructed in real music at home from an early age. The pressure is such that a youngster who expressed en honest revul sion to the caterwaulings of Ricky Nelson, say, would be branded a "creep" --or whatever the current equivalent of that word is. But in most cases the youngster simply doas not feel this revulsion; the normal herd-instinct of the aciolescent has effected a very real corruption of taste, and he comes actually to like the stuff. One hapes that there is an especially ferocious sub-circle in hell reserved for the disc-jockeys who are responsible for this.

I am not speaking here of genuine jazz. I loathe jazz, as it happens, but I am iust about peisuaded that much of it is an honest attempt to make honest music. No, my quarrel is with "popular mu-sic"-rock-and-roll and its relatives, hillbilly anthems pretentiously roked up, lovesongs and laments which ooze like a sock full of sorghum, and the like. A good part of it defies labelling: what is one to call a record which, from first groove to last, features a noise much like that of a small boy dragging a limber stick along a picket fence; has a largish band doing its dead-level best to drown out the stick-and-fence; and a chorus which tries valiantiy, if unusically, to drown out the band? There is such a record, called "Bira Dog". It is one of those things that you still can't quite believe after you've heard it. And a substantial number of the "Top Forty" are much like it.

The love songs are quite as bad, in a different way. For the most part they lament the pangs of unrequited love, and to listen to two or three of them can only be likened to being drowned in a mixture of Karo and chicker manure. Semi-literate words of tedious similarity are set to tunes of the most aching banaility, and the whole thing given a rococo but unimaginative arrangement. It is then played in a saccharine fashion by a band, and sung with sublime ignorance of the principles of vocal music by a "vocalist". The singer in most cases employs some grotesque mannerism; this is called a "style".

I am, I suppose, something of a Rip van Winkle; when last I paid attention to musical prolefeed, Glenn Miller and the Dorseys were the bellwethers. Perhaps if I had followed the degeneration step by step it wouldn't shock me as much as it does. But if these unspeakable noises are truly popular, then God help the American people.
"For this important contribution we cannot thank Dr. Au too much --if at all."
--Robert Benchley

MREAKFAST

I was honest enough to send a copy of UR5 to Gorgon, complete with the Silver screan. In due time I received a pleasant acknowledgement, evpressing a desiro to obtain more of my work. As I had just finished NO TIIE POR ? XiZINE 3 for Bob Leman and Norman Metcal:, I called and arranged to aeet the monster after rork. Armed with an old rear-vision mirror and sworded reviess of his most recent program, i ascended to the lair of the forgon. In everyday life our host is a 'sales Manacer' and travels under the mundane name, 3 ill Camfield. He has only recently shom an interest in Sr , after he had shown a number oif films in the category and had seen what good stories cuold be writte.: in the medium. NIGHTMRE is primarily concerned vith fandasy and horror stories, but an occasional bad SF picture creeps into the run. Even more rarely, a cood $3 \boldsymbol{F}$ picture finds its way to the Silver Scream. Bill discussed quite frankly the programning policies of the station and admitted that my review 'The Jet-Propelled Joream' (see page 14) was not inappropriate. He offerbut one derease, the filin was so lousy thet showcesine was nearl impossible. Bill conducted me on a tour of their facilities and we then took our separate ways home. Bill had mentioned that his nextoffering "Blacl: Friday", while several cuts ableve the "Planet iova", was still notking to write home about so I made arrangements to see the program from the studio. Lyle Carr and I arrived about an haifhour before the action was to comence, slightly in advanee of two leather jacleeted youncsters who passed the time in the lobby corturing each other. iinuies beiore we were allowed into the studio a family appearde and a semblance of quitt ensued. At a sicnal Lyle and I preceeded the rest into the presence. or con was encered in a last minute rehearsal, when he finished he greeted us and escorted us to the control booth. The air was filled with directions, the warainc: 'one minute' silenced the lot, 'standby', 'cue', and the monitor screen showed a pair oi eyes in a Slickerinc licht as his standard monolozue, $P G$ "Tho dares..." was intoned. After the 9 procraia $3 i l l$ invited us to return anytime, and I did several tines rith troops
from the squadron. Finally, in a vain attempt to escape my'ar:y' as they referred to them, Lill talked the station into obtainin a Video Tape Recorder.According!y I was informed one jaturday evening that NIGHNARE bad been put on tape that morninc. I watchad the opening showcase from the lobly beiore goine to enother engagement and resolved to get up early on some Saturday morning and watch the fun. then I did get up on time I witnessed the procedures for showcasing the "BRIDE OF THE MUMYY". Bill is quite justifiably enthesed over the results obtainable with VTR。 He tells me they call their aturday tape sessions 'Breakfast ith Gorgan'...
For BRIDE OF THE MUMM two sets were used, one was the homey living room of the Gorgon, the other an interior view of an ancient Monastery.After the opening declanation Goraon invites us to journey to the old honastery and with a myrstic gesture , and a smart splice oi tape transports us to. saj.d lonastery. Ho introduces us to the lovely mumay of the Princess and demonm strates the avesome poter of the broth of 7 Tana leaves by givine the Princess the wholesome drautht. As the Frincess' hand appears over the edge of the sarcophacus, Gorgon intorms us that he'll leave us alone, which he does instanter with another splice. The Princess sits up and we fado into the picture. The shorcasing between
the conmercials was devoted to a simple view of the Tanta Lean Cooker (Special at Everybody's Dep't store with purchase oa 10 pounds of Tama Leaves, this week only) or of an unadorned slcull or a telop made from a still from enother Numm picture, showine the liumy in $3 / 4$ profile. At the end or the silin we retutn to the Monastery for a final disquisition on the futile efforts of the Priests of Amon-Ra by Gorgon. He nakes the declamation with his back to the Princess' sarcophacus but is not unaware of her attempts to encompass his necls in her becauzed hands and at the
appropriate nomeat whirls and cormands her return to her crypt. He then smilingly assures us that there is no more danger from that quarcer, and returns us to his quiet, comortable room. But as the scene fades we see the lovely Princess advance and Gorcon's launh is stilled...etin


## SONGS ANOTHER TAUGHT ME*

MAY Y LOU, MAY LOU, HILL yOU MARRY, MAGGY R And be my loving wife find share with me the pleasures of

A simple farmer's life.
in poor old dad, God rest his soul Worked with his back and his hands And left me a tractor and a cow and a plow


 And a hundred acres of land.

I sold the tractor and the cow and the plow and paid for the railroad fare and the rest I took to the capitol town To give to a Friend down there.


I just got back from the governor's house and guess what they have planned? They ${ }^{\text {r }}$ re coin to build the new highway Right through the middle of my land.


Mary Lou, Mary Lou, will you marry, marry me And be my loving wife And share with me the pleasures of H simple farmer's life.
A bunch of fellows were diggin' on the farm And they have found I'm told A lot of rock and mud and sand And oil at the bottom of the hole.

Now I don't have the farm at all But I don't worry at nights "Cause when I sold that old homestead I kept the mineral rights.

Come marry me, sweet Mary Lou Weill leave the old home ways I've bought us another little piece of land Where we can spend our days.

I'm a son of tine soil and a child of the land And I've bought us just a few Acres of land in a quiet spot Along Fifth Avenue.



Mary Lou, Mary Lou, will l you marry, marry me And be my loving wife And share with me the pleasures oi A simple farmers life. (Repeat and fade out...)
"Wary Lou": Written by Bill Canfield \& Dave Naugle; Campbella-LeBill Publishing Compay, 1959; (Fort forth, Texas) Published in UF by special arrangement with Gorgon.

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WHAT IS THE FUTURE NADE UE OF?
Is it made up of Scientific Marvels, Interstellar Travel, Rockets to the loon, A liore Complicated lay of Life in a uimplified ianner? After considering this problem I have come to this one conclusion, the FUTURE is made up or MONSTPR3..

What are these lonsters of which I speak?
Wine is a quadruped, antaconistic, pugilistic, avaricious, wriggling, noisey carbon copy in niniature of the species Homo Sapieas. This Honster with grubby hands, grabbing fingers, wandering eyes encased in a cherubmasked face is topped off by a very, very, inquisitive mind and is fed at one end and viped at the other.

That do these Monsters do?
These lionsters aggravate, annoy, exasperate and antagcnize, they worry you till you swear to God that they will put you in your grave. They are addicted to Gar. gantuan trey Dogs, Deetles, Spiders, Pusey Cate, iNails, Gnails, and Garbage Pails, They overcome your shortening temper by a hude sticey, grunting hug which is more eloquent thail all the Bards of yore. When your world is at your feet, and no hope remains, it's strange, very strange, how a wet, gooey, and noisy kise makes you... better... not beat.

What do we do for these lionsters?
Ie leed and wipé, spank and squeeze, play and teach. Teach these Nonstors of Love, of the Love of God, the Beauties of this Eerth and the Universe surrounding us, of the joy of Creation and the joy of creat-

Then the dust and the din of day are done and this little Nonster is resting his veary head, is you wander in his room and after searching: through bunnies, bears, books, arms, lecs, and padded seats, a hot little hand grasps yours in trusting embrace, if then you lobk down and say, "That"s my boy!",
if then you kanow of these thines, you know of me, of what I an and what iny Future will be. Villiam G. Tretinik Speech given to the Peacemakers ToastmasPage 12 ters Club (if2181) ai Carswell A. F. Base

## GRITS: Hominy'll you have?

'You are short,' wrote Ellis to me, 'of inclination to publish, but like writing. I have the inclination to publish, but am short on material. What better solution to both our problems than a regular contribution from you to my zine? or even an irregular one. ${ }^{\text {a }}$

That's what I like; the really level approach to life... the computer-like precision with which the data is fed in and the answer slides out. I'll bet you all feel better for knowing ts.
Not having to turn out this article to a deadline, and having complete freedom of subject matter is a delightful feeling. Anything, man, Anything! were Ellis's last words.
And so, friends, if he doesn't object, and you don't, I'd like to copy the example of Nark Twain's horse, and just lean up against a post and think. Very very soothing and as the horse found out, it does a power of good.

To start with something fannish, I might mention the episode last evening when the phone rang, and on answering it, I heard the following sounds:
(1) a disguised voice talking at top speed so as to prevent me from asking who it was.
(2) in the near background, feminine giggles.
(3) in the distance, a noise like 'chur fchuff flop boing-g-g'
All this added up to Ron Bennett and girl friend in a call-box near the railway station and Manchester Cathedral, while the bells rang for evening service. Easy, isn't it?
It seems they had been to Liverpool on BSFA business, and were changing trains in Manchester on the way back to Harrogate. There wasn't time to meet, but we exchanged news and talked about the coming convention at Birmingham this Easter. John Berry will be there, he said.
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You know, I may be wrong, but Birmingham always seems to be a finish desert on the map of England. Try as I may, I can't think of one fan, B NF or otherwise, who's been thrown up, or even out, in Brym. And that's peculiar, because it's one of the major industrial centres, as ugly as sin, and should be as capable as, say, Liverpool or Chicago of producing the sort of frustrated intellectual we know, and need, in fandom.
Yet never a sign of intelligent life. The city goes on churning out its brass cook-ing-pots, horse-collars, and other aids to gracious living, with not a duper of fanzine for endless miles. I just cant understand it.
Another Bad Thing about Birmingham is the way it sprawls across my path whenever I drive South from Manchester;a great lumping city composed, it seems, of smogworks and firms making plastic raincoats in converted cinemas. Tho would ever guess that twas in the same county as Shakespeare's birthplace?

If Shakespeare were alive today, and bad any time to spare from erasing his name in the rude rhymes of public conveniences I wonder what he would think of his native county?
Strafford he would find cheerfully cashing in on his reputation, but none the less giving value for money, and not too phoney, except maybe on April 23 rd , his alleged birthday. He would burp a lot at the civic procession and hifalutin speeches. Yet he was a good businessman, and a ten percent cut might settle his stomach nicely.
He would find chances in Warwick, that anclient city of feudal lords and rebellious barons, He'd look in vain, for instance, for the once numerous flocks of kites cavending for offal in the streets,...so com. mon and typical a bird that one nobleman put them on his family crest. Today there is not one left in England. A few survive in tales, where six pairs bred last year, under the tender care of bird protectionists; but in Warwick he would find only sparrows and starlings in the streets ... clean streets, though. (please continue -15)

Iriday, December i3, (which discuised îself as a Saturday this yecr 7 ) brought the little box in the corner \& our host, Gorgon, and a tale of interplanetary exploration. I feel that I must sive Gorfon a sherp rap acróss the knuckies or. his treatmert of the station breaks and the selection of the film on this occesion. I mentioned earijer that $I$ enjoyed the station "brea's on NIGHPERE, tris. was chiefly due to Gorgon's imaginative handling of the props and logical tie-in with the subject matter of the film for the evenine. The commercials are merely. to be tolerated. On the evening herein disected, the opening was up to par, as it was the stock introduction, but the breakaway between the film sections was curtailed to a mere flash of the laborator $\bar{j}$ before and arter the commercials. This in part was due to the nature of the offering, concerning a visit to the planet iNOVA. I venture to make a few deductions concerning this planet. It is inhabited by a supremely intelligent race of beings, whose intelligence is demonstrated by the fact that notionce. in the picture do they reveal themselvesfonl to the exploring party. Their presence is edduced from the circumstances surrounding the arrival of the planet in our Solar system... The filin begins os a documentary describinc the arrival of a message in lashington Trom a remote observatory. The observatory has detected the presence of a new planet in the system. ipproximately the size of good old Terra, this planet has unobtrusively taken up an orbit near our own. Here for the careful observer is the first clue, what other then a race of $S$ I $B^{\prime} s$ could materialize a Sull-blown planet in orbit around another Sun without the slightest perturbation of the orbits of the planets already occupying that systen and do so without revealing their appooach? Obviousiy, the planet was varped in throuch hyperspace and its eravitic Force must still be directed into another dimension, cnabling it to circle our furnace and to cbsoro the beneficial radiations of our joing and vibrant star The documentary continues with an explanation of the new technolories that were develpped in the race race to be first to the new body and the selection of the seam to man the rocket. We watch the rocket leave the Earth and oc-
cupy a rew irutes with shots taker from military rockets showing the curveture of our planet, etc. From time to time we take a look at the rooket, steadily
blastinc torard the new planet as the narrator tells of the manths consumed in the, fourney. Ve are spared any transparent attempts to simulate free-fall during the trip by the lo: budget of the film which only allows for showing the same scene of the rocket blasting onward again and agein. At length the ship arrives and settles gently in a clearing
Which is overgrown vith non-flammable vegetation. (Or possibly it grows quickly to knee-height) Bravely,half the crew descend in their imitation spacesuits to make a few preliminary tests. One way to beat a low budget is to prominently use a name-brand tape recorder to record the data on the expedition and to use certan well-known fast printing cameras, etc. TOne expects commercials between the acts but really, darlings, some people carry these things to extremes.] It is discove ered that the air of the planet is not too injurious to human type beings since $y$ about forty percent of the micro-organisms present are unknown, and the rest of the party descends as the first man
and woman take off their fishbowls and
breathe the unpolluted atmosphere. The geologist makes a few, tests and declares that this is a very young planet. There is even volcanic action still going on (wherefore art thou, Paricutin?) Conveniently, for the finance department, the
primary flora and fauna much resemble that of certain areas of our own planet.

Aside from a mysterious island, there is little danger on this friendliest of all possible worlds. True, the Doctor has a rollicking time wrestling an alligator after he strolls away from camp with one of the girls and a couple of snakes get inquisitive, but history repeats itself, they say, and once or twice again those insolent upstarts, the mamelis, give the axe to the fine, and noble tribe of Reptilia. One of the girls (not the injured Doctor:s inamorata) is entranced by the wonder of the dark and foreboding island lying low against the horizon and she sows out with the other male toosee what she can see. The is? and is the"Lost World" of this planet, abounding in reptilian life cleverly enlarged through the magic of process photography, and a plenitude of buzzards. Neturally the intorpid explorers shoot at the first of these reptiles they see, an overgrown IGuana that is the spit and image of our own Tyrannosaurus Rex, according to the learned man. Rex is provoked by this, and chases them into a cave. He is distracted From his attempts to enlarge the entrance of the cavern by the arrival of another beastie. While Rex is polishing him off, the beleaguered mammals fire a red clare from their Very pistol to summon aid. Rex is not hungry, and returns to the excavation, leaving his conquered cousin to the buzzards. Yet another lizard is determined to try his luck, and occupies Rex's attention for the critical period when the entire party is reunited. The Doctor has brought the portable Atom Power Plant in a case about six inches deep. eight wide, and fourteen long. This contans instrumentation and a timer so one may readily note the strides in atomics. The rocket itself is fueled atomically, and might be expected to blast continuouslye. The portable plant is hastily converted to an atomic bomb and fused to go of? in ha. $f$ an hour, just enough time to perwith the expedition to regain the mainland arid rug the diet. With a stri king shot of an atomic test in the boskeround, we are sclemaly told that we have at last brought civilization to Nova.
some people have weird ideas of the civilizing influences. It is high time the clarion call was sounded for a Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Extraterrestrial Beings in SF (?) Movies. atm.
grits.
canal.
Kenilworth, where knights offered allegsince to Good Queen Bess, would still give him wet feet. It must be one of the few towns where double-decker buses splash through a ford across the riverbed, and where any pedsetrian, picking his way ecross a wooden plank, has to cross his
ringers and run if he wants to avoid a wetting.
The whole county, and indeed all England, would, I suppose, be the same mixture of old and new to him. There is still a herd of deer in Charlecote Farl, where he is said to have been copped for poaching, and the March wind still whistles across the old Roman fosseway. att one thing would be new, end wholly unpleasant, I'm sure; the damnable Government taxes on writers and artists. It :ouldn't be long before he went the way of arthur Clarke and Sam Youd, and made his home on, say, the seacoast of Illyria'.

Talking of Arthur reminds me of my brother's comment that Ego seems to have gone overboard for undersea exploration.

The same brother, John, writes to say that he has lost touch with the London Circle and that I can have his SF collection for the cost of carriage. This is a noble gesm ture, especially since some of the items date back to 1927, but I am sad to know that yet another fan hes gone gafia.
What's the matter with us ell? Is it tied up with the waning enthusiasm of some of us for the prospects or science? Or are we too bust dashing around in our bight new cars to care any more for the humble pleasure of an $S F$ magazine by the fireside?

I leaves you now.

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## Dear Dignitaries:

In a ghost-written speech which you will of course ignore, our president has again set his cleated foot down in favor of a balanced budget. His milk-toast determination to stay, within the all-timehigh \$77 billion (1) budget will little change our time-honored system of checks and balances - gigantic checks and no balances, for 24 of the last 29 years.

Senator Byrd is trying to pass a bill to give the president veto power over certain spending items in a bill without killing the whole bill. Now that would really hurt you fellas back home. You couldn't tack on your pet pork-barrel and log-rolling projects. And that'd sure hurt your "look-what-I-gotcha" speeches to the home folks.

Recently President Eisenhower finally released $\$ 100$ million for slum clearance and "urban renewal," from money you voted in past years which he had allowed to lie around unused until he got in the mood. Couldn't you make a law - or get the Supreme Court to - saying that the Bxecutive branch has to spend what the Legislative branch votes, with all deliberate speed?

While it spends more than any other Adroinistration in the history of our little world, this Administration has fallen down on being able to spend it as fast as you can vote it.For togetherness, we either need more experienced spenders as president or fewer as congressmen. Shouldn't we either limit the number of terms you fellas can serve or de-linit the years a president can serve? It's hard for even a military man to get accustomed in eight short years to spending $\$ 80$ billion a year.

You have been busy little beavers these past few months slipping your favorite vote-getting bills into the hopper. Even though you may know now that a presidential voto is inevitable, you can prove to the homefolks that you tried.

Don't worry your little heads about all this prattle about cutting down on spending. The nibblers haven't got a chance. No alcoholic ever cut down on his drinking for very long. Old alcoholics never fade away, they just die, or go on the wagon. I'm sure you won't let the turn-back-the-clock crowd intimidate you into any pay-as-we-go program. We can

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afford all those nice things you give us, we just can't pay for 'em. We still "owe it to ourselves" and in 25 more years what we're due to collect from ourselves will be absolutely fabuious. Your coowners, Walter Reuther and George Meany, have presented a ten-point labor program which would end mass unemployment, raise wages, build houses, uplift depressed areas, aid schools, balance the budget, and reduce taxes. And Mrs. Roosevelt's ADA has just recommended an additional $\$ 8$ to $\$ 10$ billion program of new welfare necessities by which we could spend our way out of our present \$12 billion deficit. New billions for college dormitories, reclamation, dams, rivers, highways, illegitimate babies, pensions, veterans, and "urban renewal." (You've taken over the states, now you can take over the cities.)

Some people gripe because one farmer got $\$ 322,012$ of our grandchildren's money for taking 127,239 acres out of production of wheat. Always picking on the poor farmer. U.S. News And Vorld Report said recently that one drunk who had been arrested 285 times in one of our larger depressed areas had cost that city $\$ 45,373$. Yet you don't hear any great clamor to do away with the drunk program.

Only 2,422 farms in this country got price support payments of more than $\$ 10$, 000 each in 1958. Only 11 farmers got more than $\$ 100,000$. So you fellas are helping the poor little farmers by showing them what you can do for them when they get big. There are only 149,473 full and part-time government agricultural employees, federal, state, and local. With their children, these agricultural employees would comprise a city considerably larger than Birmingham. Kill the farm program? That'd be like throwing every breadwinner in Birmingham out of a job. Even Bear Bryant couldn't get away with that. To complicate the farm program further, we have fewer farms each year and that means more government agricultural workers. The less there is to do, the more government workers it takes to oversee it ${ }^{2)}$ Speaking of overseas, fellas, the Hoover Commission reported that of the 115,250 persons employed in giving away our Foreign Aid, 84,560 were not even Americans. If we killed the Department of Agriculture could we let 84,560 of those displaced governnent agricultural workers take over those jobs from the foreigners? (continued overleaf)

Most people think that our drnamic debt in recent years has been caused by socalled Defense spending. They don't realize that since 1954 Defense spending has decreased $\$ 300$ million, from $\$ 48.6$ billion to ${ }_{\beta} 48.3$ billion. During that same period you've increased non $D$ Defense spending $\$ 14.3$ billion, from $\$ 19.1$ billion to $\$ 33.4$ billion. You voted most of those billions for us, and we should appreciate it. In 1958 you appropriated $\$ 1,250,000$ a minute, based on 138 eight-hour-days you were in session.

In the olden days, when charity was a virtue instead of a government department, President Hoover spent less on everything than you spend on mere interest on the federal debt. Ever since Harry Hopkins invented "tax and tax, spend and spend, elect and elect" we've had a thinking man's frills and a spending man's taste. Money won't buy, as much today as it would in the depression when we didn't have any. But don't let anybody fool you with that "money is worth only what it'll bay" routine. We like lots of money regardless of what it buys, whose it is, or where it came from. So keep on printing it, borroring it, and spending it on us. We're all back of you $20 \%$, your present program of cutting down on Defense only is fine, until we 50 broke and the Russians attack. If there's anybody left, the next ex post facto War Crimes Trials may be held in some Smoky Mountain cave. Guess who'll be Castroed? You.
your humble servant, /s/ Tom Anderson

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Mir. Anderson's column was received from Quantius P. (John) Murray of Hemmond, Louisiana, publisher's son, who indicated that ir. Anderson is editor of a Farm-and-Fanch magazine and that there would probably be no objection to my reprinting the article. We hope not. etm
(1) The word 'billion' in this article refers to the colonial interpretation of 'one thousand million'.
(2) This is a derivation of Parkinson's well-known Law.

Notes by etm.

A MOTHER'S QUIZ; FOR A SON IN THE SERVICE WHO HAS NOT WRITTEN HOME IN SOME TIME:* Check one answer YES MAYBE NO

1. Did you break your arm?
2. Are you dead?
3. Did you get caught in a Texas Longhorn Stampede?
4. Did a Texas Beauty kidnap you? $\qquad$
5. Did you get caught in a sandstorm?
6. Did a 'gusher' come in and drown you?
7. Did your typewriter fall on you?
8. Did you fall out of your bunk?
9. Are you conscious?
10. Are you just saving your strength, stamps? $\qquad$

* Quiz furnished by Quantius P. Murray, from his voluminous correspondence files. (or clean) lucre for this magazine, think it only reasonable to expect some show of passing interest in my effort. Malre an appropriate entry of the reverse of this coupon, detach it from the zine and mail it to T/Sgt mlis T. Mills, P.0. Box 244, Carswell AFB, Lexas and you will receive UR 非. This is a THREAT. As a promise, I chall cutt off mony of the most quiescent names



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Que dit le SAC sur les "commandements dix"?



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THOU shalt have no other authority before you, nor make or take rato thyself any graven image. or other interest. (Noet. 1 and SACR 205-69)(U) THOU shalt not take the name of $S A C$, thy headquarters, in vain lest the wrath of a numbered air force be brought down upon thy head. (U)

RENETBER the seven day work week and keep it in effect lest ye permit thy thought to dwell on subjects foreign to the dictates of thy superiors. (U)

SEVEN days shalt thou labor and do thy work, and on the eighth shalt thou bow down thy head and thank $S f(C$ for the military career. (Note 2)

HONOR thy $S f($ and numbered air force headquarters that thy days in uniform may be adequate for the retirement, which thy income tax payments have seemed to justify. (U)

THOU shalt not kill.. ide, lest ye be found wanting when the next economy sets in, nor shalt thou taxi with gear up. (U)

THOU shalt not be Pound guilty of furthering the condition known to all as "SIIAFU", but better to make it appear the doing oi s others. (U)

THOU shalt not steal.. until the responsibility for a report of survey is on someone other than thyself. (U)

THOU shalt not bear false witness against thy fellow soldier, for thine own sake. . he may be a reserve officer and come to outrank thee shortly. (U)

THOU shalt not covet thy fellow soldier's flight pay, nor his pro pay, nor his allowancest, nor his favorable position in the eyes of the C.O., nor the five day work week of the other air forces, nor the freedom all but thee enjoy, nor anything else thou seest accorded others and denied thee due to thy position, because thou art stuck my brethren, and thy best counsel is as follows; keep thine eyes on high places, thine ear to the ground, thy shoulder to the wheel, thy nose to the grinding stone, the seat of thy pants in the saddle, thy . best foot forward, thy heart in thy mouth, and thy mind a blank completely receptive and submissive. (ivote 3) (U)

TOTE 1: 1955 ruling of the Comp Gen determined that this is intended to include the categories of wife or hobby. 1959 ruling added specifically the hobby known as 'fanac'. SIUR 205-69 has been revised and is being distributed.fu)

NOTE 2: The SAC Calendar, established in 1945 by THE LHNY, as you low contains 53 weeks per year of eight days each, SACDAY being added. Each day, except Sh CDA.Y is 25 hours in duration. SACDAY is one hour in duration. (U)

NOTE 3: Now try to work in that position.
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