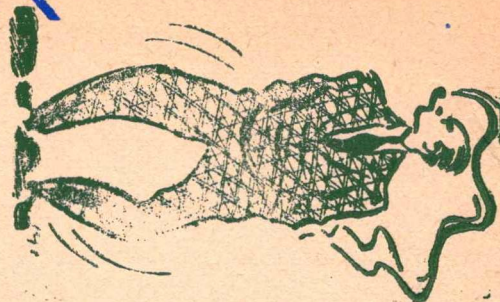


COLLECTOR

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T.E.W. IS A DAMN THIEF

April Fourth, and not a word composed for the 51st mailing, methinks it's just about time to get started! Things have been a little confused here lately, I took on a portion of the printing for the Pittcon and have been busy with that - in the meantime I've bought quite a quantity of used type and equipment. Been busy trying to get distributed, type cases repaired or built, making changes in the press.

It's really amusing to see the emergencies arise with someone else's convention - a week ago Saturday we got the Linotype (or rather "I" got it), so I took a look at it. A portion of it was for the Banquet reservation card and it also contains the menu. It looked ~~peculiar~~ strange, (layout that is) but it was obviously set up to be run that way, so I set up the type and ran off a sample. Mailed this off to Pittcon, saying that I was getting stock cut and would run off as enclosed when I got the time.

Then last week my Mother had an operation (fine thanks - no condolences) and I had to work considerable overtime, consequently I didn't do a thing with the cards, came Friday Morning and I was awakened by a Special Delivery letter. Chicken Little cried "The Sky Is Falling", No, that's another story The committee said that the type layout was all wrong and would have to be changed.

So, I sat me down with a hacksaw and a file, my substitute for \$500.00 worth of cutting and routing equipment, and chopped type apart. Ran a new sample as I was requested and sent it off but, if I hadn't been too busy I would have probably squandered several hundred pieces of card stock.

I fear there won't be many reviews this time, it's possible that I will do them and submit them for the next mailing, on the other hand I seriously doubt this, I hear that this mlg will break the last record and I may not even get around to doing up the forthcoming mlg.

Picked up a new mimeo about three weeks ago, found an old Speed O Print in a local surplus store, the feed arm was missing and it had a dent in the drum (discovered after I bought it). I priced it and it ran \$9.00, so I laughed at the pwner telling him that I just wanted the thing for parts since it obviously wouldn't work. I walked out and went back a week later, the price had dropped to \$3.00 so I bought it and then spent 20¢ for a window squeezee and some heavy wire. Proceeded to beat out the dent and then rigged up the squeezee as a push arm - and I think I now own my first piece of automatic feed equipment that actually works. In any case I'll know when I finish up a couple of stencils.

I also picked up a small Ditto from Al Lewis a few weeks ago, a compact outfit that originally belonged to Peter Skrebridis. It appears to work OK tho' I haven't taken time to try anything decent on it. The thing has a pump on it that will probably need some work and it needs a new wick but then the manufacturer would probably want 50¢ for a wick so it'll have to set until I have time, and 50¢, to fix it with.

I wonder if I ought to spend my time leafing through the zines and trying to do reviews, or should I continue like this and ram out two stencils quick like ?

Oh I had such big ideas for this mlg, I was going to print up the titles for all the zines with the reviews below- and if I hadn't spent the time sorting type I might have had time to do it.

RETRO **** Right you are Buz, my first couple of mlg's did specify 40 copies for 30 members. When I took over we were somewhat short of 30 members and I had the bright idea that I should require extra mlg's which could someday be sold at a vast profit - most of these I've still got. It was my intention to load them all on Mr. Toskey at the Detention and clear 'em out but I never got around to getting them ready. I'll no doubt pass them on to the new OE this year.

Naturally you've got my permission to reprint the Advice, matter of fact I have offered to rework it and hand it on to Al Lewis for reprints. There are a lot of things that I skipped from impatience and hurry.

SAPROLLER **** Sincerely Jack I'm sorry I couldn't vote for you, I was tied with obligations long before the SAPS race began.

TED JOHNSTON **** Would you be willing to type a few hundred lines on the huge bulletin typer you mentioned? Got a use for some stuff to be printed on cards, if you can do it drop me a card.

SPECTATOR **** Well, Al, I don't know how our gag went over, note that Eney slapped in a Spectator also, perhaps someday all the zines will be called Spectator.

I couldn't dig up an extra 45 copies of my old mlg so we wound up with just four instead of five. Regarding an exclusion act - If any of you people remember the "Big Depression" you'll recall that occasionally people threw a "Bankruptcy Party" and this was the deal. A person hopelessly in debt would throw a huge party charging everything, and then file Bankruptcy papers so he couldn't be stuck with the bill.

Due to unusual circumstances an "exclusion Act" was necessary. It would be best not to mention this in fnzs too widely as lawyers are sneaky people.

SPECTATOR *** ENEY ***, It wasn't the way I desired it but I strongly fear You have been elected OE for the next year. If so congratulations, and if not then my deep condolences - and I know it must have been damn close.

S :::#4 The OE candidates seems to be have their zines stacked together in this mlg. Again I can only apologize for not voting for you Miriam. After all Y never got me drunk or arranged sleeping quarters for me when I came dead broke to a party, never feed me, etc. But, I WANTED to vote for you.

WARHOON Welcome back Rich, been a long time since we saw anything by you and I recall that they were just as interesting as this one. Had a call from Harlan myself last week, he wanted to dispose of some stuff before leaving Chicago for the big town once more, seems he has a book to finish and then is heading westward with one of the best opportunities I've heard of. I won't repeat the entire thing as it could always fall through.

SPACEWARP ***** I hardly think we need worry about young Detroit fen starting their own organization. The Misfits were going to throw a party so they'd meet one another and get started-but the space was limited and party attendees had to be limited, so who did they invite? The Misfits plus about three or four younger fans, and a nice looking dish who "we've got to invite". This was the idea of some of our bachelor members, she's in late twenties and NICE in a sort of top heavy way. So, one of the boys called her up and invited her, offering to pick her up if need be.

She commented something about, "Oh I guess the car will make it", and then showed up with her husband in the new Caddy, leaving the new Olds at home.