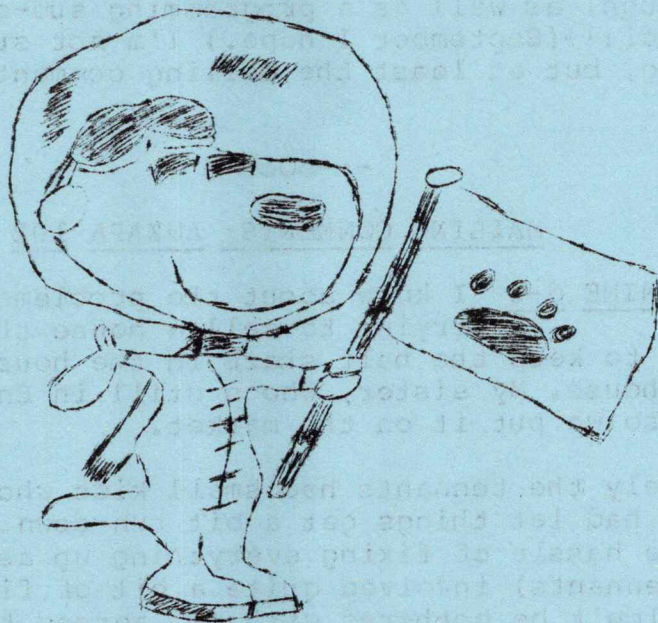


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It's that time again. I was so exhausted at the end of Term One that we decided to have a total break and go to Adelaide for a week. Sure we had relatives and friends to visit, but, apart from the Saturday morning, we could sleep in and generally relax. (See G'Nel for further details.) As soon as we got back I had a mound of school work to go through, as well as a programming sub-committee meeting. When will it end!!!!(September I hope.) I'm not sure what I'll have for this mailing, but at least the mailing comments should be done this time.

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MAILING COMMENTS: ANZAPA 102

SPOUNGY NINETY NINE d-2 I know about the problems of tennants and trying to sell a house through agents. I couldn't afford to keep the half share in the house at Broadford and to buy our new house. My sister, who's still in England, didn't want to buy me out, so we put it on the market.

Unfortunately the tennants had small kids who had marked the walls, and they had let things get a bit run-down. We decided that it wasn't worth the hassle of fixing everything up as some things (not caused by the tennants) involved quite a bit of fiddling around that, frankly, we couldn't be bothered with. We agreed to sell the place below our original estimate if it was taken as it was. This was when the fun started.

I'd promised the husband of one of the teachers at Broady that I'd let him sell the house. I doubt that I'll ever use a friend for something like this again. We weren't very happy with how slowly things were done. Also the buyer had agreed to buy the house as it was, but, when the contract arrived, all sorts of repairs were included as condition of sale. We were furious. We kept ringing and finally we got a response. It was made clear - again - that they either took the house as it was or the deal was off. They accepted it! We were ready to withdraw the house and to try another agent if they hadn't. Anyway, it's done now.

The Death of Deterrence (Gnomic Rhubarbings) Judith: I must admit that I too was fascinated by snow while experiencing the Northern winter. I'm sure the novelty would have worn off if I had to put up with it all the time, though I didn't mind shovelling it when in Minneapolis.

Beagle's World Revisited 23 The best laid plans of party members always go astray. Due to the number of apathetic members of the branch and despite my intentions I ended up

working on the booth for four hours. I refused to be in charge as I had to finish off cleaning the house so that my brother could move back in, but I still did more than most members. Last December we cooked while working; this time the early shift - 8am to 10am - was freezing. The wind cut right through us. (The voters felt very sorry for us standing there in the cold.) It was funny seeing most of the same people again and treating it like a reunion. I'm glad that there is such friendliness between workers. There's no reason to be unpleasant to one another merely because you follow different parties.

After the first stint I went to do the shopping and, because one of the members at another booth recognised me, I ended up running messages back to campaign headquarters. The weather during my second stint - noon to 2pm - was changeable. It rained on us a few times, but then it warmed up and we got quite hot. We spent our time either sheltering near the building - we couldn't even go in the front door while acting for our parties - or stripping off coats and/or jumpers. Crazy! We didn't expect to win the seat, but we had fun anyway.

Unfortunately my new electorate is also Liberal!!!

Shaggy Dog Stories 4 Although I'm interested in the medieval period I'm afraid I couldn't get as involved in the SCA as you are. But it's great to hear how much you're enjoying it. I really liked the photo - thanks.

Cesspool Where did you get that information?

Transference General Booth Ah the joys of moving!

Hitch Hikers Guide to Theology Boy, when we lent you ANZAPA to read I didn't think you'd turn up in the next mailing. Welcome to the nuthouse. You did though leave out one fact. When I first knew you, you were in Grade 6 (God I feel old) and you once rang the primary school bell just as I walked past - trying to deafen me!!

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MAILING COMMENTS: ANZAPA 103

Blackstrap Molasses etc Congratulations

Slaydomania 22 What an introduction! Do we stand and salute, or just bow when you enter the room?

Loved the mailing, though some of the descriptions were a little graphic. It almost made a cockroach plague entertaining.

RYCTo Marc - you can borrow my hockey stick during AUSSIECON if you like; Marc needs to be kept in line. How dare he talk to "mother" like that!

[Impudent typist's aside: If Cath refers to Leanne as "mother" and since Cath and I have adopted Justin Ackroyd, does this mean that Leanne is Justin's grandmother???

Easter Action/Gnomic Rhubarbing I've been meaning to ask you. What was the reaction to Raymond Briggs "The Foreign Tin Pot General and the Old Iron Woman"? It caused a real stir at school. We read it to our senior students as part of the theme War. (I objected to the choice of theme, but was overruled.) We've also just shown them the BBC film "War Game" from the '60s. Although it's outdated it still had quite an impact on most of the kids. It disgusted/angered/horrified them that people knew about the effects of nuclear weapons and still allowed them to be developed.

The Travelling General Booth RYCTo me: I've already learnt about trees. There's one so close to the drive that I almost collect the mailbox every time I back out because I don't want to hit the tree! I'm sure we'll have to get rid of it soon. It's the same tree that Trouble decided to climb.

Murgatroyd 24 I love reading your contribution. It's always such fun.
Terry: Tex is Irish, and he teaches English.

Land of 10,000 Loons Welcome. I'm looking forward to your visit in August.

Is There A Life After Breakfast? Fascinating and thoughtful reading.

The Hitch Hikers Guide To Theology 2 Ha! A union rabble rouser.

Being interviewed by Graeme must have been a great relief. He always struck me as a friendly, down to Earth and caring man. I was sorry we moved because it meant leaving the church.

A Wahf-full Necessity I'll mention Barbara Huddleston Abney-Hastings to the Society the next time we meet. We saw the tape last month and I was disappointed by some of the speakers for the defence. Luckily the lawyer was very good and some of the prosecution witnesses weren't very good. I'll get the book of the trial (don't know when) but you may borrow it if you like.

RYCTo Advention: I wish you hadn't allowed the change to go through in the first place. I thought that Spawncon was a great idea and spent a lot of my time in the U.S. telling people, if they couldn't make it to Aussiecon, they could go to our National Con in Seattle. Retrospectively taking the Con away from Seattle was a rather low act.

If I Fell Through the Mattress, Would I See You in the Spring?
Welcome. I'm glad Steinlager's consumption went up as a result of Joh's ban. I don't like beer, but anything to mess-up Joh's plans should be encouraged. By the way, since he was born in New Zealand, couldn't we try to send him back? That way you could ignore him at close range!

Barny Googleplex Could you run that past me again? I'm sure I missed something.

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As they say, "That's all folks". There isn't any more time to continue the trip report, so it'll have to wait.
Take care,