

BURP!

BURP! Number 24, produced for the 42nd(December 1964) mailing of the Off-Trail Magazine Publishers' Association by Ron Bennett, 52 Fairways Drive, Forest Lane, Harrogate, Yorkshire.....

NO COVER CARTOON; this time round, for those of you who notice these things. Instead, three or four hundred words just to keep these six pages from being the most quickly-read zine in this December mailing. In September I ran an activity count on current members for the Association's ten years of existence and at the same time I promised further similar "statistics." And here they are. Some people like this sort of thing and for those amongst you who will be fascinated by what you find in here, cold figures and long since forgotten names, good! This issue is for you. For those amongst you who just can't see the reason for all these wasted pages, well, my apologies for taking up your time; I'm sure you'll find something more to your liking elsewhere in the bundle.

JUST TO FILL IN A LITTLE SPACE, then, a following of current trends and a few words about reading. From September last year until this summer I read practically no fiction. Boy, did I have some catching up to do. I'd still been buying books but these had just not been read. And the avid readers will know just how frustrating that can be. So a few odd words on the few books read, nay gobbled, recently.

The Dream Merchants and The Carpetbaggers. I was highly delighted with the background material in these and the excellent interweaving of events from a time sense. Good, flowing material. I've since read three or four other books by Robbins and wouldn't recommend them if I were paid.

Yet More Penguin SF. I liked the first Aldiss collection and thought the second an improvement. And this is better still! More and more reprint anthologies fall back on material which has been reprinted many times. The alternative often appears to be to reprint substandard material. Brian eludes both traps and has produced a lively, varied, stimulating and very refreshing collection.

The Girl, The Gold Watch and Everything. I rather like John D. MacDonald and when both Eric Bentcliffe and George Locke recommended this I eagerly snapped it up. But I was very disappointed. The basic idea of the watch which possesses its own subjective time is not enough to carry a novel length story. And the manner in which the story is told feeds upon one's escapist tendencies to an alarming degree. Good enough for Sunday tabloids, I guess, but little else.

Deathworld. I enjoyed this, with its balanced escapism so much that I immediately ordered the sequel, Deathworld 2(published here this month as The Ethical Engineer.) which is even better. Far better. Very thoughtful and thought provoking with a very well thought out cultural hierarchy and its dependent logical action.

Wild Talent. Recently reread after some eight years. Still as good as ever. And, so, prepare yourself for five following sides of OMPA "statistics."

Being the complete OMPA membership for the Association's first ten years, from September 1954 to June 1964, inclusive. Members who have left the Association and who have later rejoined are given new numbers, a cross reference being made in each instance. Numbers in brackets after members' names denote mailings with which membership commenced and terminated. Present members therefore have no bracketed number following their names. This listing incorporates an earlier compilation made by John Roles, Kt. St. F., and emulates his format.

FIRST MAILING. September 1954

- 1. Bulmer, H.K. (1 - 24)
- 2. Clarke, A.V. (1 - 20)
- 3. Harris, C.R. (1 - 24)
- 4. Ashworth, M. (1 - 32)
- 5. Bennett, R.M.
- 6. Bontcliffe, E. (1 - 4) v.100
- 7. Brunner, J.K.H. (1 - 20)
- 8. Buckmaster, D. (1 - 32)
- 9. Bulmer, P. (1 - 12)
- 10. Carr, J.W. (Sanderson ne Carr) (1 - 28)
- 11. Enever, P. (1 - 16)
- 12. Goodwin, J. (c/w 10 from mlg. 24)
- 13. Jansen, J. (1 - 16)
- 14. Lindsay, N. (1 - 12)
- 15. Mackenzie, J.S. (1 - 4)
- 16. Mercer, A.
- 17. Newman, D. (1 - 4) v. 71
- 18. Pickles, D. (1 - 8)
- 19. Potter, K. (1 - 8) v. 85
- 20. Share, M-L. (1 - 4)
- 21. Slater, K.F. (1 - 16) v. 97
- 22. Smith, F. (1 - 16)
- 23. Thorne, A.C. (1 - 4)
- 24. Turner, H. (1 - 10) v. 78
- 25. Vendelmans, D. (1 - 7)
- 26. Wansborough, N.G. (1 - 12) v. 74
- 27. White, Tom. (1 - 4)
- 28. Willis, W.A. (1 - 20)
- 29. Wingrove, G. (1 - 12)
- 30. Roles, J.D.

SECOND MAILING. December 1954

- 31. Lindsay, E.
- 32. Tubb, E.C. (2 - 4)
- 33. Taylor, P.J. (2 - 4)
- 34. Campbell, P. (2 - 5)
- 35. Lewis, B. (2 - 3)

THIRD MAILING. March 1955

- 36. Shorrocks, N.L. (3 - 18) v. 107
- 37. Wells, C. (3 - 14) v. 138

FOURTH MAILING. June 1955

Nil.

FIFTH MAILING. September 1955

- 38. Wallace, M. (5 - 12)
- 39. Allen, D. (5 - 8) v. 91
- 40. Lyons, H. (5 - 20)
- 41. Rombouts, W. (5 - 8)
- 42. Riddle, C.L. (5 - 16)
- 43. Ratigan, D. (5 - 27)
- 44. Hall, J. (5 - 8)
- 45. Steul, A. (5-16)

SIXTH MAILING. December 1955

- 46. Derry, C. (6 - 20)
- 47. Ford, D.
- 48. Hitchcock, J. (6 - 17)
- 49. Hoffman, L. (c/w 52 from mlg. 8)
- 50. Pavlat, R.K. (6 - 29)
- 51. Schulzinger, M. (6 - 13)
- 52. Shaw, L.T. (6 - 16) v. 108
- 53. White, T.E. (6 - 17)

SEVENTH MAILING. March 1956

- 54. Marshall, J. (7 - 10)
- 55. Gray, R. (nee Wild)

EIGHTH MAILING. June 1956

- 56. Hoskins, R. (8 - 11)
- 57. Mills, E.T. (8 - 39)

/continued...

NINTH MAILING. September 1956

- 58. Bourne, L. (9 - 12)
- 59. Briggs, R. (9 - 12)
- 60. Thomson, A. c/w
Berry, J. (9 - 28)
- 61. Eney, R.H.
- 62. Rike, D. (9 - 20)

TENTH MAILING. December 1956

Nil.

ELEVENTH MAILING. March 1957

- 63. Harry, W. (11 - 18)
- 64. Schaffer, R. (11 - 25)

TWELFTH MAILING. June 1957

- 65. Kidd, B. (12)

THIRTEENTH MAILING. September 1957

- 66. Linwood, J. (13 - 24) v. 123
- 67. Benford, G.A. (13 - 16)
- 68. Hickman, L.
- 69. Young, J. & A. (13 - 24) v. 124
- 70. Burn, B.
- 71. Newman, D. (ex 17) (13 - 17)
- 72. Evans, W.

FOURTEENTH MAILING. December 1957

- 73. Champion, J. (14 - 21)
- 74. Wansborough, N.G. (ex 26) (14 - 17)

FIFTEENTH MAILING. March 1958

Nil.

SIXTEENTH MAILING. June 1958

- 75. Caughran, J. (16 - 31)

SEVENTEENTH MAILING. September 1958

- 76. Spencer, G. (17 - 36)
- 77. Ellington, R. (17 - 32)
- 78. Turner, H. (ex 24) (17 - 20)
- 79. Parker, R. (17)
- 80. Hayes, A. (17 - 27)
- 81. Gerding, N. (17 - 20)
- 82. Daniels, P. (17 - 20)
- 83. Moorcock, M.J. (17 - 23)

EIGHTEENTH MAILING. December 1958

- 84. Horrocks, R.J. (18 - 21)
- 85. Potter, K. (ex 19) (18 - 29)
- 86. Brown, R. (18 - 24)
- 87. Dietz, B.C. (18 - 29)
- 88. Raybin, G. N. (18 - 23)

NINETEENTH MAILING. March 1959

- 89. Jeeves, B.T.
- 90. Hall, B. (19 - 22)

TWENTIETH MAILING. June 1959

Nil.

TWENTY FIRST MAILING. September 1959

- 91. Allen, D. (ex 39) (21 - 24)
- 92. Faine, V. (21)
- 93. Hall, A.S. (21)
- 94. Leman, R. (21)
- 95. Madle, R.A. (21 - 28)
- 96. Pauls, T. (21)
- 97. Slater, K.F. (ex 21) (21 - 24)
- 98. Vondruska, L. & T. (21 - 22)
- 99. Wells, B.J. (21 - 27)

TWENTY-SECOND MAILING. December 1959

- 100. Bentcliffe, E. (ex 6) (22 - 33)
- 101. Burgess, B.
- 102. Lewis, A.J. (22 - 36)
- 103. Lichtman, R.
- 104. Locke, G. W.
- 105. Mayne, I. (22 - 33)
- 106. Rispin, A. (22 - 36)
- 107. Shorrocks, N.L. (ex 36) (22 - 29)

TWENTY-THIRD MAILING. March 1960

Nil.

TWENTY-FOURTH MAILING. June 1960

- 108. Shaw, L.T. (ex 52) (24 - 27)
- 109. Wilson, A. (24 - 27)
- 110. Jordan, B.
- 111. Deckinger, M. (24 - 28)

/continued.....

TWENTY-FIFTH MAILING. September 1960

- 112. Donaho, W.L.
- 113. Carr, T. & M.
- 114. Gerber, L. (25 - 28)
- 115. Metcalf, N.
- 116. Pelz, B. (25 - 28) v. 143
- 117. Ryan, V. (25)

TWENTY-SIXTH MAILING. December 1960

Nil.

TWENTY-SEVENTH MAILING. March 1961

- 118. Groves, J.A. (27 - 36)
- 119. Main, A. (27 - 34)

TWENTY-EIGHTH MAILING. June 1961

- 120. Hansen, C. (28 - 31)
- 121. Harness, J. (28 - 39)
- 122. Henstell, B. (28)
- 123. Linwood, J. (ex 66) (28 - 35)
- 124. Young, J. & A. (ex 69) (28)

TWENTY-NINTH MAILING. September 1961

- 125. Fekete, B.J. (29 - 31) v. 148
- 126. Schultz, R.
- 127. Patrizio, J.
- 128. Cochran, C (29)
- 129. Busby, E.
- 130. Baxter, J.M.
- 131. Cheslin, K.
- 132. Hannifen, O. (29 - 32) v. 151

THIRTIETH MAILING. December 1961

- 133. Demmon, C. (30 - 36)
- 134. Hunter, F.
- 135. Breen, W. (30 - 36)
- 136. Fitch, D.
- 137. Klemm, K. (30 - 31) v. 152

THIRTY FIRST MAILING. March 1962

Nil.

THIRTY-SECOND MAILING. June 1962

- 138. Wells, C. (ex 37)
- 139. Studebaker, D.
- 140. Eklund, G. (32 - 39)
- 141. Kearney, P. (32 - 35)

THIRTY-THIRD MAILING. September 1962

- 142. Rogers, A.
- 143. Pelz, B. (ex 116)
- 144. Hale, D. J.
- 145. Anderson, D. (33 - 36)

THIRTY-FOURTH MAILING. December 1962

- 146. Johnstone, T.
- 147. Parker, E.A.

THIRTY-FIFTH MAILING. March 1963

- 148. Fekete, B.J. (ex 125) (35 - 36)

THIRTY-SIXTH MAILING. June 1963

- 149. Bergeron, R. (36)
- 150. Hulan, D. (36) v. 162

THIRTY-SEVENTH MAILING. September 1963

- 151. Hannifen, O. (ex 132) (37 - 39)
- 152. Klemm, H. (ex 137) (37 - 40)
- 153. Trimble, J.
- 154. Armistead, T.D.
- 155. Crilly, L.
- 156. Freeman, C.
- 157. Patten, F.
- 158. Hickey, R.
- 159. Kay, R.
- 160. Jones, L.R. (37)

THIRTY-EIGHTH MAILING. December 1963

- 161. Forman, H.

THIRTY-NINTH MAILING. March 1964

Nil.

FORTIETH MAILING. June 1964

- 162. Hulan, D. (ex 150)
- 163. Blum, B.
- 164. Schlöck, T.
- 165. Peters, I.

This listing is accurate, E&OE, to June 1964. There have been membership changes since the 40th mailing.

From the Four Corners.....

The OMPA Membership, country by country and year by year.

I. The Membership broken down by number - - - - -

Year	Mlgs.	Members	U.K.	USA	Germ.	Can.	N.Z.	Aust.	Belg.	Holl.	H.K.
54/5	1- 4	37	33	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
55/6	5- 8	47	30	13	1	-	-	-	2	1	-
56/7	9-12	48	29	16	1	1	-	-	1	-	-
57/8	13-16	47	24	19	1	1	1	-	1	-	-
58/9	17-20	52	27	21	-	2	2	-	-	-	-
59/60	21-24	57	28	24	-	1	3	-	-	-	1
60/1	25-28	53	23	28	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
61/2	29-32	54	23	29	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
62/3	33-36	50	21	28	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
63/4	37-40	50	18	28	2	-	1	1	-	-	-

(In the above table, and in the table below the membership of Gorfan Hel Klemm is counted under USA during the year in which he was residing in the States; the membership of Bruce Burn is counted under U.K. up to and including the 9th OMPA year, during which time Bruce returned to New Zealand, under which column his membership is also listed before he left N.Z. for Slate Blue Southampton)

Table II. The Membership broken down by percentage - - - - -

Year	Mlgs.	Members	U.K.	USA	Germ.	Can.	N.Z.	Aust.	Belg.	Holl.	H.K.
54/5	1 - 4	37	89.2	5.4	-	-	-	-	5.4	-	-
55/6	5 - 8	47	63.8	27.7	2.1	-	-	-	4.3	2.1	-
56/7	9 -12	48	60.4	33.3	2.1	2.1	-	-	2.1	-	-
57/8	13-16	47	51.1	40.4	2.1	2.1	2.1	-	2.1	-	-
58/9	17-20	52	51.9	40.4	-	3.8	3.8	-	-	-	-
59/60	21-24	57	49.1	42.1	-	1.8	5.3	-	-	-	1.8
60/1	25-28	53	43.4	52.8	-	1.9	-	-	-	-	1.9
61/2	29-32	54	42.6	53.7	1.9	-	-	1.9	-	-	-
62/3	33-36	50	42.0	56.0	-	-	-	2.0	-	-	-
63/4	37-40	50	36.0	56.0	4.0	-	2.0	2.0	-	-	-

Please note that care should be taken when interpreting these tables towards any definite conclusion; the figures shown do not refer to an OMPA membership at any one time, but include the total membership during any one entire OMPA year.

Table III. Members' country of origin for the entire ten year period - - - - -

Country	Number	%	Country	Number	%
U.K.	64	43.24	Hong Kong	1	.68
USA	70	47.29	Belgium	2	1.35
Canada	2	1.35	Holland	1	.68
New Zealand	3	2.03	Germany	4	2.70
Australia	1	.68	Total	148	100.00

PAGE COUNT, September 1954 - June 1964

1. September 1954.	158	21. September 1959.	333.
2. December 1954.	301.	22. December 1959.	253.
3. March 1955.	280.	23. March 1960.	420.
4. June 1955.	283. <u>1022.</u>	24. June 1960.	337. <u>1343.</u>
5. September 1955.	173.	25. September 1960.	272.
6. December 1955.	279.	26. December 1960.	230.
7. March 1956.	257.	27. March 1961.	197.
8. June 1956.	412. <u>1121.</u>	28. June 1961.	441. <u>1140.</u>
9. September 1956.	270.	29. September 1961.	420.
10. December 1956.	334.	30. December 1961.	370.
11. March 1957.	230.	31. March 1962.	330.
12. June 1957.	375. <u>1209.</u>	32. June 1962.	483. <u>1603.</u>
13. September 1957.	319.	33. September 1962.	444.
14. December 1957.	370.	34. December 1962.	354.
15. March 1958.	288.	35. March 1963.	317.
16. June 1958.	422. <u>1399.</u>	36. June 1963.	407. <u>1522.</u>
17. September 1958.	233.	37. September 1963.	242.
18. December 1958.	253.	38. December 1963.	263.
19. March 1959.	359.	39. March 1964.	280.
20. June 1959.	355. <u>1200.</u>	40. June 1964.	323. <u>1108.</u>
		Grand total	<u>12667.</u>

Largest mailing: 32nd, June 1962 with 483 pages.

Smallest mailing: 1st, Sept 1954 with 158 pages.

OMPA year with largest page count: 8th, with 1603 pages.

OMPA year with smallest page count: 1st, with 1022 pages.

Average number of pages per mailing: 316.675.

Average number of pages per year: 1266.7.

Just a fact worth noting: The longest waiting list was recorded in June 1958 with the 16th mailing when the number stood at no fewer than 24. It is also perhaps worth noting that of those 24 names, only one is still a member of OMPA.

TEN YEARS OF OFFICIALDOM

<u>year</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>Editor</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>
Sept 54 - Jun 55	Ken Bulmer	Vinç Clarke	Chuck Harris
Sept 55 - Jun 56	Pam Bulmer	Joy Goodwin	Daphne Buckmaster
Sept 56 - Jun 57	Walt Willis	Archie Mercer	Norman Shorrocks
Sept 57 - Jun 58	Vinç Clarke	John Roles	H.P. Sanderson
Sept 58 - Jun 59	Ron Bennett	Bobbie Wild	H.P. Sanderson
Sept 59 - Jun 60	Joy Clarke	Ron Bennett	H.P. Sanderson
Sept 60 - Jun 61	Eric Bentcliffe	Daphne Buckmaster	Ron Bennett
Sept 61 - Jun 62	Bob Lichtman	Bruce Burn	Ron Bennett
Sept 62 - Jun 63	Bob Lichtman	Ken Cheslin	Ron Bennett
Sept 63 - Jun 64	Bruce Burn	Ethel Lindsay	Ron Bennett

(well, darn it, I like to see my name in print!)