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I would like to see more of the editors give out the heading, as above, so that the name and publisher is easily found. I hate to have to hunt thru the pages to find a clue to the identity of the editor.

Sure enjoyed that bundle from the National Amateur Press Association! It took me back to the days when I had a Caslon Press 3 x 5 I used to do a lot of printing for the NFFF during the 1945-6-7-8 years. That was the times I was very active and printed letterheads and envelopes for the club. Many a night I worked late to get out a promised print job for some fan.

I know what some of the NAPA members go thru, if they set all the type BY HAND. This is a job. You really have to like your work or you will soon give it up for an easier method of reproduction, like ditto or mimco. But the Printer's Ink gets into your blood and you really never get rid of it. I still have a small press and lots of type, leaders, slugs, etc. Have'nt looked at it for years now, but it is still in the basement. Perhaps the Printer's Devil will help me to get it into shape again some day. I'm afraid that it is all Pi now.

I have long been a shareholder in AT&T and am very interested in the TELSTAR communication satellite, which will be launched in the near future. It will aid in transmitting telephone calls, TV, and data.

This summer they will complete the eastern third of a blast-resistant cable system. It is built underground to withstand any nuclear explosion short of a direct hit.

Work is well under way on a project to link Florida and Jamaica by a new underseas cable of new design. Equipment is being installed at both terminal locations, and the cable and its associated electronic "Repeaters" or amplifiers, are being manufactured. The new cable ship "Long Lines" will lay the cable later this year.

Microwave Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation or Maser. They are highly effective devices for amplifying the waves of radio signals or light. It was a MASER that enabled scientists to amplify the faint telephone conversations that were bounced off the balloon satellite ECHO I. One is being put to use in the ground station at Andover, Maine, for experiments with the TELSTAR. A ruby crystal is the heart of this type of maser.

An average of over 11,000 people daily visit the Bell System's exhibit at the World's Fair in Seattle. Visitors see displays that explain Direct Distance Dialing, Data-Phone service and nationwide switching network. They learn too about communications satellites and about the MASER, an exciting new development.

This little world of our is getting more exciting. We are just beginning to realize that we are just a small part of the universe.

Oh! Yes! We have read about it in school, etc. BUT have we ever given it much thought. When we hear of the many Galaxies that we can see at Palomar, what about the millions that we can't see AS YET.

S C I E N C E F I C T I O N becomes F A C T

Not so many years ago fans were ridiculed for reading 'that impossible Buck Rogers stuff'. But now it is not so impossible as they thought. Every day there is something new being used that we as fans read about many years ago. I wish I could remember the names of just a few of the S-F stories that took my fancy.

Today I got the POPULAR SCIENCE MAGAZINE, July issue and to my delight I read about the 'No Wheel Truck' that FORD is testing in California. If this isn't right out of the S-F story some years ago I miss my guess. If only I could give you the name -- But no matter Read on and see what they say about it.

"The wheel-less olive-drab vehicle is 21 feet long and 8 feet wide, with a 4 X 13 foot cargo space. When under way with a one-ton payload it will clear ground, water or ice by two to three feet. It can land on a river or lake and take off from there, too. Movable louvers along the sides and across the front and rear of the chassis vent the air trapped underneath to propel, steer, or brake the machine. For controls, the driver has a steering wheel, two hand throttles, and two pedals. The steering wheel is cable-linked to yaw-control louvers in the four corners of the machine. One pedal opens rear louvers and angles side louvers to provide forward thrust. The other pedal is the brake. It closes rear louvers and opens front ones. At the same time angling the side louvers to provide reverse thrust.

"When the driver spins his wheel to the right, he automatically opens left-front and right rear yaw louvers. These force the vehicle's nose to the right and its rear end to the left. It then rounds the turn in an airy skid. The no-wheels vehicle is intended primarily for military use - for the present at least."

I like those last five words 'for the present at least'. We know that it won't be long before it will be 'on the market' like so many other things that have come about because of the push given it during times of WAR and other incentives. Consider the 'lowly Jeep'

Do you remember a short time ago, reading about the FLYING PLATFORM that could rise to the remarkable height of 20 feet? And the 'Buck Roger' suit that would raise a man up in the air. The military even consider it get soldiers over rivers and lakes when bridges have been blown up.

Oh, before I forget...lets read about the coming TEST of the No-Wheels Truck. "Riding on a cushion of air compressed under a kind of hula skirt, an experimental ground-effect machine will soon be given its first off-the-road tests.

"Due to be ready any day now to whisk over field or flood at 40 m.p.h., the ingeniously designed 3½-ton GEM is taking shape at Ford's Aeronutronics Division, in Newport Beach, Cal. It is expected to be able to range 100 miles at top speed, and climb 20-percent grades."

There you have it! And I have heard that England has something similar that will travel over the ocean. Very little water drag and will travel much faster than the best ocean liner that we have today!

So... Don't let anyone tell you that Science Fiction is all bunk and 'for the birds'. Those of you who are in the twenties will see many remarkable things happening in your life-time, just as it has happened in mine....

H O W T O R E M E M B E R P R E S I D E N T S

Soon there will be another President election and I want to let you in on a simple way in which past-Presidents can be remembered. Just by learning a few lines you can have the names right on your tongue - when you need them the most.

FIRST .. Let me tell you how I found out about it. One day, in grade school we were told to learn the names of the Presidents in order of service. Our teacher noting our attempts at getting them in the right order told us of an easy way SHE had learned when she was in school. She said that if we learned these lines we would never forget the presidents. AND SHE WAS RIGHT. It is now 44 years since I learned those lines and still remember them well. Here they are;

--- WE ARE JUST MAKING MONEY AT JUST VALUIFICATION. HERE, THOMAS,
POCKET THESE FIVE PENCE, BUT LEAVE JENNIE, GOOD HONEST GIRL, A CLEAR
HUNDRED CENTS, MORE RARE. Time will heal certain heart rumblings.
Every kind....

The first letter in each word gives you the clue to the Presidents name. Washington, Adams etc. Now I don't know how old this 'code' is, but you can tell from the wording that it must have been in use way back in the early days. The lines in Capitals are the original lines that I learned in my school days, and the l.c. are the ones that I made up myself as new Presidents were elected.

The reason I mention this 'code' at all is that I had a bet with a fellow just the other day about the Presidents. He was talking about Teddy Roosevelt and happened to mention that Teddy was our 24th President. I was sure that he was wrong, and told him so. He bet me a small sum of money. I, for his benefit, wrote down the 'code' lines so he could see the proof. If you will check the 'code' you will also see that there are only 2 R'S in the entire code and both are Roosevelts (Teddy and Franklin D.)

NOW to the more serious part of all this. ...

Here is what I would like you to do. Learn the code and pass it on to your children. They learn easy now while they are in school and it will be a help to them. There are times when it isn't so handy to find a listing of the Presidents when you need it most.

Those of you who have studied music will remember the various words used to help you remember things about the staff and notes.

All I can think of right now is F A C E . You see I never took music but my son does. All of these memory-helps are nice to have. They do make things a lot easier for the students and many of us older folks, too.

SO... wont some of you help to perpetuate this CODE, and help some of our future students? Who knows how far this little thing will go. Remember these lines? "I shot an arrow into the air, it fell to the ground, I know not where...." "Great oaks from little acorns grow".

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Now to the Comments on the 13th Mailing. On purpose I missed the 13th Mailing, not that I am superstitious, but I hate to have to get a mailing ready before the Christmas Holidays. I did this last year only to have it delayed so it had to come on a Post-mailing. I was sure that I had mailed it in plenty of time but you know how the Post Office operates during the rush season. First Class Mail is first you know. Our stuff is rated with the JUNK mail, I suppose.

FOOFARAW #5 - Fred Patten. Nice cover pic by Trina. "The Magic Sword" reminds me of the King Arthur ones I used to read. And many of them were real fantasy. I think most of us enjoyed them in our younger years. The John Carter- Mars series by ERB made the most enjoyable impression on me. This was my kind of stories! Glad to get the UCLA enclosures. Very neat job of mimeo, and good color cover.

GEMZINE 4/34 G.M. Carr Always like to read your zine, as you have a way of saying the right things. You remind me a little of 'Ann Landers' newspaper columnist. No use to mince words with some of people. Better to shake them up a little with the harsh facts. How do you feel about these 4 or 5 pages of only COMMENTS. Its fine for egoboo but isn't there something else of interest? Maybe its my own fault. I should get into every mailing and then the comments would be more timely. I try to go back and read up on some comment but its never the same. I have lost touch somewhere down the line. I suppose I'll have to do like the rest of you. Comment on the comments!

I have always liked Joni's illos. Notice that you use color paper a lot. I still have to stick with my blue, as I have such a lot of it on hand. Nice to have two typers and use them like you do.

HIPPIKALORIC 2 - Ted Johnstone. Another fan who likes solid color. Thanks for those kind words about neffer. Maybe Lichtman wanted to start an argument, but you set the record straight. I didn't know that it is the Egyptian root-word from 'beauty' as in Nefertiti, Nefertiri, Neferala and Neferatasu. I've always like Neffer and now I like it better than ever.

NIEKAS #1 Ed Meskys A little hard to read this time. I never did like the ditto anyway. Hope it is only this ish that is bad. Liked your remarks to Hayes re Welcommittee.

I have always wondered why the BNF find it so hard to help a neo-fan or why they are displeased when they are not recognized. Do they forget that they once were neo-fans, too. I still remember the fine letters I got from Bob Tucker, Harry Warner, Forry Ackerman and many others. It made me feel good and no doubt made me feel that I WAS a fan. Perhaps was one of the reasons that I have stayed in N.F.F.F. for nearly 17 years. Many of these neo-fans NEED help, why not help them get to know our ways and Fandom. How did you feel about the 11 or 12 letters YOU got when you joined 3 yrs ago?

You had some good comments - but I've been behind so long that it leaves me 'out in the cold' on some of these subjects.

GUANO #15 Art Hayes I like your mimeo work. Wish mine would work as well. Mine is an old Speed o Print, but I ~~th~~ think I need a new roller. Sometimes the words just fade out for no special reason at all. It's not the inking, as I have used both the cylinder and manual system. For the 48 copies for NAPA, I find that I can do better with the ordinary brush inking. Brush the ink right on to the pad and then lay down the stencil. I seldom have to re-ink

By the time you all read this I imagine that the MEDICARE has been taken care of. Either we go along with it or throw it out. Some countries seem to get along with it very nicely, Scandinavia for instance. Sure, taxes are high, but have they ever been low in U.S. Everyone complains but they all want more of everything, but don't want to pay for it. G.M.Carr's 'doctor' started me off on this.

IMPROMPTU #2 Bob Lichtman Ha! What a name. "smoerged together" To me it sounds like a runt Scandinavian name "Smörgås" meaning sandwich. So you sandwiched all the odds and ends together. Sounds plausible. But literally Smörgås means butter goose. Just as much sense as Sandwich has to bread & butter.

Bist du Deutch? Kanst du vorstehen? Its a wonderful thing to know more than one language. Mark my words..there will be a time when the students all over the world will learn both English and their mother tongue, all in the lower grades. Six grade youngsters learn fast. This will sort of make English the universal language.

Interesting to hear how you get together and set up the 13th mailing. Used to do a lot of it for TNFF and the Memory Book years ago at Dunkelbergers house, when he was editor.

No Place to Go #9 F.M.Busby Now we have two suggestions for a name change of N'APA. Take your choice either one will clarify. NAPS seems better than N#APA.

You do a near job with your mimeo. Hope you get that IBM Selectric working good as I'd like to see more of that script-type stuff in you zine. Looks real good, and will certainly dress up the NO PLACE. You should have told UMG 4 that maybe he needs a new roller for his Mimeo.

Nebulous #4 - Phil Harrell. Don Fitch was SO right in his advice to you. In my 17 years in N3F there were many times I was ready to drop out, but always someone talked me into staying. You know, the first ten years are the hardest. You do a swell job of mimeoing and I like your ramblings. Yup! We have a Blue Law in our town, too. But we (I mean Drug Stores) fooled them. We said " Let one Drug Store stay open on Sundays or there wont be any emergency service to anyone. Doctors or customers. So we alternate between 4 Drug Store and everyone is happy,(I hope)

SADISTIC SPHINX #3 Lenny Kaye. I wonder if some of you don't pay too much for stencils. Of course if you live a long ways from Minnesota, it would cost too much in postage. I get all my stencils from Mishek Supply, Waseca, Minn and they are very good. Costs me 10¢ to 15¢ depending on the grade I want. Why not send for a catalog. I have a speed o Print also and it does good work for the shape it is in.

WRY BREAD #67 -- Larry Williams.

HA! That old mimio. Can I help. I had an old Neostyle and used it for 5 years. I learned a lot from it tho. Here's how you fix that letter stencil over the legal pad. Sure you use the backing paper from a stencil, BUT long enough to go under your stencil from line 62 to end. Put memo ink under last inch or so of stencil. Ink will act like glue to hold your stencil in place. Use some old paper to run off about 10 sheets and it will get rid of your excess ink. You dont have to ink pad to edge. There is a stencil margin. Ink just that far. Those first 10 sheets will clear up your inked roller too. For just 46 copies why dont you feed by hand ? I did for 5 years.

VAUX HALL FANATIC-- Seth A. Johnson.

Seth, I admire the way you plug for good old N3F. Keep it up. I just dont understand some fans. We are supposed to tell the neo's about other clubs besides N3F. etc. What's wrong with other clubs doing thier own recruiting. I believe they envie us. Why dont we all do the old "You scratch my back and I'll scratch yours!" I think Don Franson is on the right track. More power to him!

Pled Type #1 -- Tom Armistead.

Had to check over the O-O to find your name, Tom. So I still harp about using a HEADING. Interested in your reply to Joe Baker - I'm of your opinion also. No ONE Universe or International language will do. Esperanto has been with us for many years and still has less than a million who can understand it. I'm~~am~~ convinced that English will be our top. But no one should learn less than two languages. I found out how nice it was to be able to handle small talk in 3 or 4 when I visited in Europe in '57. Sure, you will find many who can talk English, but the common person has only learned his mother tongue.

FENRIS #1 -- Lt. David G. Hulan. Glad to hear you are taking over Welcomittee. Art Hayes has carried a load of activities for many years. I'd like to see him run for president now that he will have a little free time. Enjoyed "The Ballad of Lilith". Dont care for poetry as a rule, but this was GOOD.

TRYOUT #1-- Michael J. Mc Inerney. On that AB DICK #77- Have you tried to raise the roller on that side, or get a new one?

RACHE #7 -- Bruce E. Pelz. Still think your APActivity is the BEST. Hope we all save these . I noticed a lot of the old N3F names in the listing. Will you have MAPA in there also?

Science Ficiton Parade -- Stan Woolston. Liked this very much. The Fanzine listing, Prozines on Parade, etc. E.E.Evers has a mild bite to his words that one rarely reads now a days. I take a second look at the prozine he talks about to see if it is really as bad as he says it is. And most of the time he is right!

***** Just cant get to all of those zines this time. I read most of them, but comments on some are beyond me. Didn't comment on MEG #4 as Larry is leaving us. Certainly has a nice all around zine. Perhaps he will be back. (Hope so) See you all in the 16 th Mailing. Kaymar.



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