

POOKA #9

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Along with POOKA, this OMPA mailing, is a greeting card from the Cincinnati Fantasy Group. Some sort of explanation should accompany this.

This card was originally sent out 10 years ago in 1949. We'd met Hannes Bek at the Convention & liked his work so well that we made arrangements for the club to purchase a painting from him. He did a beautiful job & the black and white reproduction doesn't do it full justice. We had 500 of these cards and a few months back I found enough of them left to fill an OMPA mailing...where they'll now be part of a more permanent file.

The greetings expressed to fandom 10 years ago are now doubled to all of you by the present day CFG. Not too long after you read this we will be celebrating 13 consecutive years of weekly meetings.

Some Brief Mailing Comments on Mailing #21

APathy & Addenda by Clarke.

I can't praise it enough.

Undoubtedly the best item in this mailing, and for that matter, many a mailing. An excellent job well done. I

Erg by Jeeves.

way or the other. They just like to join in on something & make a little noise. Afterwards they can drink beer and see if any women are about. I used to laugh at such demonstrations...now I sneer.

The H Bomb parades give them something to do; a sense of participating. I doubt if half the marchers care one

Ground Zero & Peals by Dietz.

Merph by Reles.

up with next. You still continue

Next project for you: Compare clothing & shoe sizes between U.S. & England. Is a 38 c the same on both sides

The change in covers each mailing is something many OMPANS look forward to, wondering what John will come the high standard of previous issues.

Still Life by Slater.

has one of the finest collection s he's seen for a long time. It's my understanding that he is still a practicing lawyer. Think of all the changes he has seen in his lifetime. I don't know how active he is, but Dr. Keller must be elder than that.

L. S. Reusten is 80, according to his membership application for First Fandom. Lynn Hickman says he

#2nd St. 1/2 by Linwood.

Fijash 1/2 by Ellington.

However, I resent the pressure tactics used at work to try to make you contribute, that I refuse as a matter of principle. I've been called into the Plant Superintendents' office several years running to explain my lack of charity. Knowing he's a Catholic, I always start by needling the churches as being rackets, etc. until he winces enough to want to get rid of me. The Red Cross I've seen in action overseas in WW II & in local disasters. There was a flood in Leveland last year. After the local groups & Civil Defense had things in hand, the Red Cross stepped in to take credit. Mainly, I just don't give because I'm a S.O.B. & figure 1/2 rather spend my money my way.

Thank you, John.

Enjoyed Harry Warner's article the best. I'm one of the ones who never donate to the United Appeal, Red