

SYNAPSE

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DENDRITES

This page is always the last to be stenciled. This time i'd like to begin by reviewing The Hog on Ice, which was crowded off page 12.

I recently got hold of Catch 22 and have read as far as the chapter that introduces the catch. I'm wondering, Is that all there is to it? Catch 22 has become a catch phrase--a FAPAN or two used it in the last mailing--as if it were a logical paradox to match "No generalization is absolute, not even this one." Actually it seems to be of about the logical quality of the resolution of Fearless Fosdick's split personality episode. " Aside from that, in his interview Heller seemed sensible and had something to say.

Depends perhaps on what you mean by a "classic textbook". If you're still hung up on pioneer works, that's one thing. But if you're looking for the best introductions to subjects, you might look at Lancelot Hogben's trio and some of Gamow's popular books.

I believe a word or phrase used in writing, like "bummed out", should be more generally understandable than an allusion like "W J Daugherty in Steffens' need be. After all, i was citing a finish instance of "bare with me"--if you forgot that, the delay was yours, not mine--and the main requirement of a citation is that it be uplookable. " It is Vietnam-era dialectics to rest on a position one has reached by some obscure process, and state merely one's affective reaction of disagreement, with no interest in seeing whether the apparent difference of opinion can be bridged or understood. If the idea that my generation has done well in solving its problems were only a Juffusian idiosyncrasy, an exclamation point in brackets might suffice as comment, but the same thought has been expressed by the great cham, Harry Warner, and columnists like Joseph Kraft.

I'd like to hear the argument that FTL travel is possible. I don't want to believe it impossible, but thought the matter was pretty well settled.

This Synapse is stenciled on a Selectric, and the results show some problems. The inhibition that tells the typewriter not to strike characters such as " with full force is sometimes overdone. Worse, the cord that pulls the golfball to the right broke on me recently. Dick Patten replaced it. It broke again a few lines above. I'll take the machine back to Dick tomorrow night (we're meeting on Thursday this month).

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RATAPLAN (Edmonds)

This is the issue with the woman on the cover.

The TLS review was astonishing. We've heard of reviews of reviews, but they were really comments on comments. Reviewing a mundane review periodical creates a picture of Australia so isolated from the great world that it must hear about literary movements second-hand.

Joan Dick's letter led me to look up Walla Walla NSW and wonder whether there are myths about its name like around Walla Walla Wash ("the town they liked so well they named it twice"). I see you also have a Wagga Wagga. I also noticed that the usually reliable Goode's school atlas gives two sets of coordinates for Albury, 35° 59' S 146° 59' E and 36° 5' S 146° 55' E, according to whether one is looking at the map of Australia or the map of southeast Australia. Since a minute is roughly a mile, the dislocation is enough to save you from a 20-kiloton missile. " The Importance of Being Earnest is currently being performed at Albuquerque Academy, with my Tom in the cast; i don't think it's as enjoyable as the produxion on TV by veteran actors. Anyway, the play is so slight as to be missable.

Ray Nelson: Modern music has no social function? How about its use in rallying activists to the causes of the 1960s? How about its function in separating the generations by a solid wall of sound?

WORLD FAAN CONVENTION (Markstein)

Haven't Pongs already been awarded? " After you've used as much of the surplus as possible for a beer party Monday, who gets the net proceeds?

GOLIARD (Anderson)

What is a near-conjunction of Venus and Mercury? When they have nearly the same right ascension, or when they're an optical double? I suppose Wordsworth's poem was about a situation of the former kind.

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I forgot to quasi the closing quotemark ref Cognate. And "publish publish" I'm also something of a necrophil of cameras, but i guess that's rationally justifiable by the fine lenses behind those inoperable shutters.

A hort of course, is the head of a clan of tacketts.

I suppose the remarkable thing about cactuses is that they have no immune reaction to other species being grafted to them. For that matter, it is common to graft or bud different varieties and even species of trees on related stock, so maybe plants never developed the immune response.

I should have drawn a telescope or field glasses in the cartoon. I really can't see Venus's crescent with my naked eye.

And the name is Tigrina, not Tigrinia:

SHADOW OF A FAN (Koch)

There were no eofans in Tennessee, and Janie Lamb certainly doesn't fall into that class. " P Schuyler Miller was notable as an author before he was book reviewer, but i don't remember his fanzine. " The practice of

using zipcode abbreviations for states out of context is confusing. When you said Ned Brooks came down from VA, I immediately thought Veterans Administration, even though Va is an old abbreviation for Virginia, as TN is not for Tennessee. "I'll bet you do someday tell the "too sad a story to ever tell" about NorEasCon and the "end of my mundane life".

Issue 12 of the above title immediately follows it in the bundle, so on to that: Unless one is very interested, an acronym like "TEFL" in a review of some other book doesn't immediately call to mind the title referred to. "Gleaning these stories together in one volume" is a misuse of the word "Gleaning". And for that matter, "being a faneditor and not a normal book reviewer, I'm going to attack this from a proportionately different angle" is a misuse of "proportionately". "I appreciate your book reviews. They identify books that I would like to read as a result of your reviews.

DEVILS WORK (Metcalf)

What you mean "mundane apa such as FAPA"?

Of course abbreviations should suggest the title of a magazine, but it should be possible to invent two-letter abbreviations that would suffice, especially in an index, which'll be accompanied by a key. Az is obvious for Amazing; Astanalog presents a problem if one is to keep the same abbreviation despite mutations of name, as I desire, but not an insuperable problem. "In what sense was the Clayton Astounding the first literal pulp in sf?" "I'm not familiar with the short story version of Ship of Ishtar. Did it originally end where the doves of Ishtar wedded them?" "Did Harold Lamb write for Adventure?" "Blair's 1984"?

SOME STUFF FOR FAPA (Bangsund)

From 4¢ postage to 20¢ is a 400% rise, not 500%. "I don't understand expected top temperature for Hobart in January of 19, even if that's centigrade. That would be more like the average of day and night according to Climate & Man." Turner says Waverley "is a worthy ancestor, but dear God! what it has spawned! (Prince Valiant? I ask you!)" Assuming this incoherent manner of speaking is intended to malign Prince Valiant, I suggest he should have sought an example on which there is consensus that it is bad. "Perhaps what was really heretical about the question of what would have happened if Lenin had not been delivered at the strategic moment in Russia is its implication that accident, rather than historical necessity, could have affected the great revolution." Chandler planted at the beginning of his final anecdote the information that he was in a nudist camp, as neatly as Willis touching up a second draft. "Metcalf's word "pseudo-fandom" raises the hackles as much as "pseudo-science" for science-fiction. Fandom, whatever it is, is genuine. If it were trying to be something it is not, if it were for example trying to be what Metcalf thinks it should be, then it might deserve such a disparaging word." Alderson seems to say the purpose of the New Testament is merely "to save men and deliver them from the fear of hell or death or punishment." Since he is not willing to affirm anything about the afterlife, "to save men" and "deliver them from the fear of ... death" do not add anything to "deliver them from the fear of hell ... or punishment". So what does Christianity do for people that can't be accomplished more simply by not believing in an afterlife? "Chauvin: "isn't that the important thing in a piece of fiction - emotion?" Not necessarily. "I suppose the kind of comment that pleases me most is one which takes a principle I've discovered

and mentioned, and applies it to something i hadn't thought about. '' At the end of Rose Hogue's letter, i have a marginote that it's hard to tell when your editorial comments begin. Maybe i should have dropped you a post-card to that effect, because my next marginote suggests that instead of taking several lines in ØG for private remarks ending with "I promise I will write to you Real Soon Now", you should have written your remarks to her alone and saved stencil, paper, postage, and the reading time of your thousands of readers. '' "to be tentatively titled 'Private Worlds'" is not a split infinitive as you say, but is an absurd phrase, something like "the alleged slayer". '' The phrase "Official Bloody Editor" establishes what i'd already suspected, that "bloody" is an infix. Nothing else could divide the words "Official" and "Editor", which have a stronger bond than "to" plus infinitive.

What strikes me about the black keys alone is that--according to what i've heard--all bugle calls can be played on them alone. '' Connecting alcoholic cultures with material achievements and hashish with lack thereof appears to embody the fallacy post hoc ergo propter hoc. '' I have an aversion to the widespread use, even by anti-drug people, of "using" as the verbal to denote taking any drug. It implies that even the worst drugs are useful. (Don't tell me sometimes they are. There are times when almost anything, including suicide, is better than the alternative.) '' Who says Moses wrote Genesis? As for the supposed correspondence of the Genesis account of creation with the truth, a bit of nonsense that goes back at least to Willy Ley, the best way to disprove it would be to write something in similar style that does correspond with the truth. On a stencil prepared at an Aq SFS session which seems unlikely ever to be published, i set about doing that. Vast difference. '' Spanish windlass? Doesn't he mean Chinese windlass? '' The type face used for Starboard Watch is a great relief from microelite. I know you can get more on stencil with the latter, but i pay for it with eyestrain and wondering whether a given word is "comer" or "corner". and another is "Turner" or "Tumer". '' What's steam radio? '' Hurray for Farmer's "unimitatable". I hate "inimitable". '' You should always publish letters verbatim. I don't mean in extenso. '' I don't remember that any authority has declared that "To be a fan, quite apart from any other qualification, you must claim or admit that you are a fan."

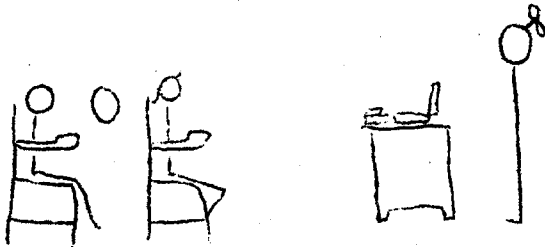
MYOB may be an instance of an apa that didn't make a mailing because no one sent in anything to distribute.

Your income has doubled you say, but you've never complained so much about bills. Is this what marriage does?

HELENS FANTASIA

"indignated" seems to be a word unknown to G & C Merriam, but i see nothing irregular about it. '' I do not believe that "If New York is 92 during the day, it is at least 92^o at night." '' "Sweden which has the highest rate of suicides in the world and a Socialist government which dumps the old into Singapore Death Houses"

WORLD WAR TWO
IS A SWORD CUT
ACROSS THE HISTORY
OF FANDOM.



looks like another instance of post hoc ergo propter hoc. I would have more readily found the cause in Sweden's climate, which is similar to that of Seattle, which often had the highest suicide rate in the US. Are the Swedish suicides more often old people than the suicides of more Christian countries?

EGO BOO POLL (Boggs)

This, like the FA, was buried in the middle of my bundle rather than at the beginning, and i didn't plod to it till after the extended deadline had passed. I regret. " If Redd didn't think it worth members' while to participate in the poll, as the tone of this form implies, maybe he shouldn't have taken the vicepresidency for himself.

HELP IM LOST (Westblom)

Does Swedish law recognize a privilege against answering questions that would tend to incriminate you? I thought this was a peculiar development of American constitutional law, but your account sounds as if it has been carried to similar lengths in your Socialist-suicide-ridden state.

Are the stories you've sold in English?

I never let ice cream melt during speeches. Eat it while the speech begins.

ERG (Jeeves)

I don't think the cartoon Star Treks are so bad. I'm bothered by the extreme compression of the stories, by the economizing on animation, and to some extent by the implausibilities, but i still watch them when i have a chance.

I resume typing the Saturday before the November deadline.

I suppose GEMs means ground-effect machines, but i thought the alter native name would be ATVs, all-terrain vehicles, rather ACVs. I have been watching for an enlargement of the GEM's role, but not seeing it. However, i believe i did hear of some stefnist crossing the channel recently in one. How useful and economically feasible is the machine?

Is Inshallah pronounced Inchallah? " Thesises for advanced degrees are supposed to be typed perfectly, no erasures; or so it was when i was typing for money. I hope now they at least allow ko-rec-type. " Oh, here it is; 'twas you who crossed the channel by hovercraft. So how was it?

Why do British mimeoed zines almost all seem to be underinked?

MINIMUM OPUS (Stevens)

"I become nauseous if ..." Well, maybe to Ted White. It's remarkable the number of adjectives that are ambiguous on whether the substantive is affecter or affected, but this isn't one of them.

AMOR (Wood)

Not an adjective, but the final noun in 'John asked me to be one of his nominees' reflects the same ambiguity. She meant nominators.

I saw one of those ancient gasoline pummsstill in use, far out in Navajoland. One pumped the glass full, then drained it to the number of gallons one wanted.

RATAPLAN (Edmonds)

This is the one with the duck on the cover.

Your grandmother quoted "Something attempted, Something done, Had earned a nights repas", as if the last word were French. Longfellow wrote "repose".

Alderson provides another "quandry" for the collection. I declare, i believe this is the prevalent spelling, in fandom and mundane.

"our lead vocalist had narrowly escaped acquittal of an axe murder". That was a perilous escape.

"The proper study of mankind is man."

I'm sure not sensitive even to colors i can see. I was at page 18 before i realized you were alternating colors of paper in this issue.

GRANDFATHER STORIES (DeVore)

Is 20 pounds of nuclear fuel enough to make a bomb from?

Do you have any clear idea of what you meant by "I'm a fatalist, if it was his time to die I wouldn't have prevented it"? You might mean that the nature of a heart attack is such that the presence of a friend does not improve the chances of surviving it, i e that summoned medical help would do no good. I doubt this is what you think. You may mean that on some mysterious scroll called Fate, the date for John's death had already been written. Having caricatured it, obviously i don't think much of that view. You may mean that the course of events is fixed in every detail (as i do), but if so, there's no point in saying your presence wouldn't have prevented it.

520 07 0328 (Perdue)

As you see, i prefer the standard title rather than "By Way of Introduction", an undistinguished and perhaps already-used title, under which the FA listed this.

The reason for burial, "to have a place in the universe where she can still be located and identified", did not strike me as as good as it struck you. However, i did think Van's life history and character sketch of Mayne were very good, balanced, informative, and loving.

You speak of storing the possessions of every one that dies intestate, but you mean those who die without known heirs.

Your camera comments give me an excuse to speak of a recent change in my cameras. DuQuesne II has been slowing down, so that it takes him a substantial fraction of a second to blink, even at fast settings. I virtually retired him when i came into a Contaflex, f. 2.8, light meter, manual coupling of shutter and iris, and features i haven't learned because i don't have an instruction booklet, like the V X M settings. Also a bunch of accessory lenses i've scarcely tried.

By left-handed television sets, do you mean sets that you had rewired to play in some eccentric fashion, like mirror-image? Pity the fence's poor purchaser.

In Albuquerque too, section-line streets, and midlines, are likely to be arterials. We'll be a long time going completely metric. "I do not know this "postman syndrome".

DAMBALLA

I don't believe Wiggins held multiple offices simultaneously. As vice-president he succeeded to the presidency when W resigned, and perhaps held the vice-presidency by appointment. The election he conducted at the end of his term brought on an interregnum, but for other reasons. All of this is subject to correction by anyone who wants to check my history; i sort of like to see how well i can do without referring to it. I have forgot much, Cynara.

"I'm not an esquimaux" reminds me of the old grads who said, 'You can't do this to us. We're alumnus.' 'Are you?' said the dean. 'That's singular.'

There is probably some validity in an assumption that what one has skipped reading did not include anything to beat what he chose to read, so it's proper to vote on incomplete information.

On the other hand, it's surprising how often we hear something about people who have dropped out of fandom, Yerke for example.

I built up momentum passing up fmz in this now-old mailing that are of marginal interest (or on my marginotes in which i am marginally interested in expounding) or which i intend to comment on in letters (an intention i've failed to carry out on many good FAPAZines in mailings of the past year or so, such as Doerr's and Cox's), but one comes to a halt at

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I'd guess the poor litterer is reflecting hostility toward society more than gaining a sense of importance. Let's see what i can remember of the mood the night i drove the Night Crawlers around Seattle while they flung beer bottles at store windows etc (yes, i confess; and like the woman in Joseph Andrews, my plea is that one is entitled to a single lapse from virtue in a dozen years or so of right living): We certainly felt contemptuous and hostile toward the shopkeepers, just because of what they were. And we felt ourselves on an amoral plane where we were justified in doing whatever pleased us. We were expressing fellow-feeling. And we (except for the driver) were drunk. "Wouldn't the plural of Olds be Oldses?" "'Tis not the amateur status of fmz that protects us from reporting the subscriptions to Internal Revenue, but the existence of offsetting expenses that would leave us in the hole if we reported. " "you get to feeling sorry for yourself" isn't the same as "you get to go to hell" (the Australian sense). We have that usage in General American. It means become rather than have to.

Radios draw so little current, they wouldn't be proper casualties of a fuel shortage. "What system of ethical or religious beliefs, or what mechanism of happiness, leads you to feel that much of your savings should go to the deserving poor?" "What relation is Uncle RCA to Ma Bell?" "But that fire didn't destroy your favorite theater, as i remember the account. " I see you use the word "chippies". Recently i read that this referred peculiarly to immigrants' daughters. Webster doesn't support this, but i wonder whether some dictionary of slang does. " I suspect an element of wishful thinking in "FAPA is clearly dying". For one thing, i've noticed that when a lawyer says "clearly" in a statement, that's the weak spot in his argument and he senses it. " I dearly loved candy, but have almost stopped buying it since the prices jumped. " The only lapse i remember in the quality of The Waltons was the episode directed by Richard Thomas, which was ridiculous for having the kids play roles far beyond

their apparent ages--the girl one of Richard Thomas's younger brothers gave up for another of his younger brothers was played by the same actress who plays the kid sister in Happy Days (another series that improved its quality by shifting from the merely nostalgic or quaint to plots of more general interest). " I kept a Horizons stencil in the machine this evening because Howard Cosell was on, someone i had never watched, but your remark about my interest in word division was one of those enigmatic references to people i've scarcely heard of which i was going to elucidate. What Cosell said was more remarkable than the way he said it--he was pleading for sympathy for New York--but i guess there was a little emphasis on division of words into syllables. " I may never have another thing in common with you on baseball, but let's see if the line i remember as from the last game of a World Series is from that Cardinals-Athletics series you mention: "It's a high fly out to center field. Pepper's running toward it. He's under it; he's got it, and the game - is - over!"

RAMBLING FAP

You have no more ear for rhythm than Leigh Edmonds. "'the course of true love ne'er did run smooth'". "'The Proper study of Man is Man.'"

"I vow that the next three bundles will be out ON TIME!" Well, i vum.

When you imply that "taste" and "quality" of beer are more important to you than the alcoholic content, i wish i could remember the exact wording of that cartoon in which the boozier says to another barfly, "Y'know wat I like about Four Feathers? It'sh the ripe mellow bouquet, thash wat I like."

There is no discernible line between "not making it easier for them" and making it difficult to vote, except the line drawn by the constitution in defining your duties.

The way to form the phrase that designates the person to whom throwing down is done is to put -ee on the end of the verb: throwee-down.

PHILISTINE QUARTERLY (Markstein)

I don't know about the center of the universe, but the intersection of 90° West and 30° North interests me. Is there any natural landmark that would be unaffected by the passage of some centuries, which would serve to identify either that eastern edge of New Orleans or the parallel 1/3 of the way to the Pole?

PATELLA (Luttrell)

Well, i authored the first fanzine column on comics. My interest was well enough known that when Edwin Sigler wanted to give away his Buck Rogers strips, he sent them to me. I suppose the reprints i'd most like to have are those that were in my collection but were traded or lost: the early Buddy Deerings, Flash Gordons, Brick Bradfords, and the first issues of Famous Funnies, Popular Comics, Tip Top Comics, and New Fun. Actually i'd enjoy rereading almost any old comics, like Little Nemo and the Katzenjammers; but not, i think, at the prices i saw for Dick Tracy and Little Orphan Annie reprint books.

No-longer-current textbooks are the most fantastic bargains, probably because of the oversupply. The Goode's School Atlas i use was a 3 for 1¢ book. It seems almost sinful.

I suppose pulp paper produced by the sulfite process is not acid-free. Is the acidity ever used up, so that it will eat no more paper?

Are there any of those Christmas letters in fandom? We seem to have been happily rather free of them, except when some who is also in fandom sends his mundane Christmas letter to fen too. Some people show poor judgment in whom they include on their mailing lists for letters designed for the family. One year all lawyers in Albuquerque received a letter which detailed one's prostate operation. I wouldn't be surprised if it helped kill a supreme court appointment for him.

Lesleigh, when you say you're in a mystery apa, do you mean an apa centered around mystery fiction, or the mysterious fanish apa Warner has alluded to? Does the cinema apa just discuss, or produce, and does it pertain to s-f?

ANKUS

You ought to leave that shelving up in the garage. Sooner or later you'll need the space to store fanzines or the like.

It's remarkable how you go right through Albuquerque without mentioning it, while mentioning Gallup and Edgewood. Maybe there was a space warp around it on your course.

Wytheville has other claims to fame. I remember it as the scene of some of the initial acts in the Confederate government's flight into oblivion.

To work by general subject rather than in strict chronological order is to timebind. The esthetic appeal of timebinding is connecting subjects with something in common, across a gulf of time. In its original, Korzybskian, sense, timebinding was organizing events in advance, with the aid of bygone men's discoveries.

Withered leg and blind without your glasses. Which is the handicap that made you a fayun?

In the paper bidding, there would seem to be every advantage in holding back your bids till the last hour. The strategy of bidding at auctions is one of the subjects of operational analysis.

I doubt the drink was named after the football team. There were razor-back hogs in Arkansas before there were colleges.

Johnstone's parody on Camelot is unusual in that it has something to say, aside from merely restating the original in altered terms.

I'm watching The Day the Earth Stood Still, first time since 1951. It's still a marvelously good picture.

CELEPHAIS

I believe the FAPA constitution originally said "a majority vote of the active membership". I remember Chauvenet getting a lawyer's opinion on the meaning of that phrase, another instance where a page of history would have been worth a volume of logic.

The 1937 Yearbook says the tomatl is first known from Mexico. It doesn't say, but i think the peanut is from eastern South America. Though i may have said otherwise, it was muskmelons that spread from Columbus's landings to Montreal by Cartier's time. Coffee is from the Old World. Chicle, chocolatl, coca, and caoutchouc are New World, the latter two South American.

The 22d amendment prohibits electing someone president more than twice, continuously or otherwise.

Did you modify the Speer decimal classification otherwise than by the system of science articles? Clayton banner was on the bacover.

Mirta Fomto invented nonstoparagrafing.
And i liked your back page especially.

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PHILISTINE QUARTERLY (Markstein)

The advocates of Basic English have of course heard that objection, and have answers to it. So far as I have read, I think this is part of the answer. There is no definite division between phrases whose meaning is predictable from the constituents, like "come in", and metaphorical meanings, like "Come on!", just as no dividing lines appear between literal and transferred meanings of nouns, as in leg of a horse, leg of a table, and leg of a journey. When teaching foreigners, one should begin with the central meaning, and later bring in the meanings that are transferred, and those that for practical purposes are merely arbitrary. But I believe the main thrust of my quotations concerned persons to whom English is native, it is healthy for us, too, to employ these useful little words in preference to Latin-derived substitutes. Your use of "give up" / "surrender" as an example prompts the question: what is "surrender" but Basic French for the same thing in English? If you'd give us a little margin in which to work up our notes, we might produce more polished comments. Now, with jelly, jam, marmalade, and preserves, the situation is about the same as it would be if we had no generic word for handguns or pistols, but had always, when we wanted to mention one, to specify whether it is a revolver, automatic, derringer, or whatever. The similar lack of any convenient general term for municipal corporations forces us into the clumsy phrase "city, town, or village" whenever we want to talk about the category, or some member of it without deciding which is the best label. As for your examples, in practice we do use the same word for butter and margarine (butter, though the advertisers say "spread"), but never have occasion to subsume mayonnaise under the same term. With green and red you are almost, but not quite, being ridiculous. A writer on language has pointed out that some races who demonstrably can distinguish as many hues as Indo-Europeans nevertheless have for general purposes only a twofold division of the spectrum, and that this is actually more useful than our system for some purposes, such as classifying flowers by color.

I recently got an offer of the OED compact edition, and am debating whether to take it. I'd love to have the OED, but am not sure what kind of prices I'd be letting myself in for by joining the book club that offers it at such a bargain.

I wonder whether you really are "aware of all the terrible things that would happen if there were no government to protect me from" criminals. I suspect that you are somewhat like the Enlightenment philosophers who imagined man in a state of nature as behaving just as he did after seventeen centuries of sometimes Christian civilization, without them. An account I have heard of how things went in the Baltimore police strike is not reassuring, and I can chalk up another reason for being glad I don't live in the Big Apple this fall.

"It would be up to the VP to rule--therefore, one would expect him to be the one to whom resignations are tendered." Nay, that follows not; and therefore your whole line of reasoning hung on it drops off.

FAPA ULTIMATE SOUTH ONE (OBrien)

Didn't Nevil Shute sort of overlook you Tasmanians at the end of On the Beach?

GEMINI (Collins)

1806 is a little more than six years before The Bombardment of Fort McHenry was set to To Anacreon in Heaven.

"embroidered pants and shirts and stuff, natural funk". I'm interested in dialects, and i wonder whether "natural funk" would be generally understood among decade-provincials. If so, what does it mean?

Encyclopedia yearbooks seem to me a poor means of keeping a set up to date, but i guess there are better and worse ways to prepare a yearbook.

DESCANT

When did Quebec stop being benighted? '' Is a faintly funky body different from a minimally musty one?

SA'IBO

The cover and headpiece drawings are both good.

1918 may predate any FAPA member except perhaps Chuck Hansen.

I notice most all of the song titles are old favorites. Spike Jones worked over some of them for Musical Depreciation Week, e g, I Love You for Seventy Mental Reasons.

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I suppose the reason a fan or group will seek the worldcon task is as a challenge, because it is there. '' Not only that, but the current FA fails to include a duplicate ballot for completists. Nor is this entirely a foible, there might be more reason to want to know hereafter what the ballot looked like, than some other 30 square inches of the mailing. '' Not speaking for myself, but relaying Pat's reasoning as i understand it, stimulating adjectives and adverbs may cause pupils to look more at the qualities of things, not just the bare bones of the action. '' Perhaps when Virginia avenue was laid out it did go to Virginia. Likewise Main st may have been mainer in Hager's time. '' I hope six-20 film will always be available, and think it is about the most popular size. '' But isn't Charles Beaumont dead? '' There's no support for your allegation of networks' anti-space attitude in this season's launching of Space 1999. It's only a little better than Starlost. As soon as i saw it was produced by a woman, i expected the worst. It opened with a scientific fallacy and committed several other major ones in the course of the first episode. And the characters have never engaged my sympathy in their impossible problems. '' I too would like to see Paper Moon return in a better time slot. I have the book. '' There's more rain in Comanche than Albuquerque, of course, but i wrote off my collections there within a few years after they had gone into fill, and the Gibson (un)trove has probably been under more inches of rainfall now than those were. '' You'd rather political campaigns were financed only by fat cats and party hacks?

Fort Fauncho. Geo, that's better than Green Guna (Trigger Talk at).

'' Why would anyone guiding troops to Cripple Creek take them through the Cherokee strip? '' I do not believe that a skin graft from a dog grew on a man.

It might have been appropriate to consider whether whether the attorney general's opinion was correct under the law as written, rather than denounce him

for its effect. But I suggest that political science knows many better ways to finance fire protection than to sponsor a carnival. I remember with contempt how the burghers of Snoqualmie talked long about how bad such a carnival was for the established businesses, but changed their tune when someone said yes, but the alternative is to pay for the fire department by an increase in taxes. "Some of what you say here suggests that it is not only big cities that are nonviable under present political arrangements, but also rural areas. The former president of our state bar, who discovered radicalism late in life, thinks we may soon see the end of the morass of petty sovereignties in this country.

RAMBLING FAP

See, Harry, here's a fan who had never seen My Fair Lady.

Silverberg:

Why would libraries sock away rare first editions as they come out? I thought their books were supposed to circulate.

Calkins:

Gregg, you nitpicker, you know perfectly well that all the typesetter did was drop a space in "Alligooddied" and insert an extra i. Pick, pick, pick.

PLATFORM (Crayne)

Has any newspaper ever thought how much more popular its classified section would be if it didn't print it in six-point type?

1975 TAFF BALLOT

"Each candidate ... They ..."

Has the postoffice repealed its prohibition on conducting lotteries by mail? (What I really mean is, has Congress?)

BEST LINES ARE STILL ON THE FLOOR

A passage on Ed Cox's (?) page prompts this trivia question: What stefnic character said "this here now" thing? "This is the first instance I've noticed for some months of "anymore" used where "now" belongs. Can this excrescence on our language be dying off?

I doubt anything has ever been written in dactylic pentameter. If there were, of course, it wouldn't be limerick. "You know what a standing ovation is? It's when a hen lays an egg standing up.

OH YEAH (Chalker)

Why would the directors be theoretically liable if the convention corporation went bust? "If ads don't pay for the program booklet, and the program booklet isn't really the program, why have a program booklet?

It's hard to believe fine fanish minds would find it hard to write a program for computer counting of Hugo ballots.

CANTICLE FOR P SCHUYLER MILLER

A good article, Sam. I'm sorry I'm running out of space and can't make the comments marginated. I hope you get a chance to polish this up and put it in a book.