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 46th distribution of APA L, which should, incidentally be the last one in which
 I participate as an outside contributor. This is Bailesania #86.

The 'L' You Say

--comments on disty 45

Middhoggr--(Hulan) Thanks ol' buddy. I appreciated your Dear Tom zine for me. From the looks of things, it was almost necessary too. I can just picture the scene as Fred prepared to take the master out of the typer and put it on the hecto jelly when the doors burst open and a bedraggled figure cried out, "Wait!" Collapsing from the exertion of having run all the way from Pasadena. I can see him waving his hand aloft, in it 45 copies of Malaise and Ipzik!, handing them to Fred and passing out from exhaustion. The devotion and dedication that Tom has had in performing his task as Apa L Special Agent is truly croggling.

Nyet Vremia--(Pelz) The top 10 fans of today eh? Well, let's see... 1. Walt Willis, 2. Harry Warner, 3. Bob Tucker, 4. Buck Coulson, 5. Dick Eney, 6. Ted White, 7. Terry Carr 8. Wally Weber, 9. Lee Hoffman 10. Ron Ellick ... This is based partly on activity currently engaged in in fandom, and in part on Great Pieces of Fannish writing which seem to be highly regarded today. Not all the people on the list are great writers, but they seem to me to be the names one would run across most commonly... there are about 10 more that do come easily to mind... the above list wasn't composed in any special order other than in the sequence in which the names occurred to me. Of course, my perspective really isn't very good for this sort of thing, and I'd say that Ted's list would probably be more valid... but then again your fanac covers more different areas of fandom, so maybe your list is most valid... now that I open the disty and take a look at it again, I notice that it's pretty similar to this one... It would be interesting to see a fandom wide poll like this, as opposed to the usual sort of fampoll, which supposedly gauges activity for one year.

The Apache--(Atkins) This was really very funny. Welcome to APA L.

Pourri--(Whitledge) My goodness, you've left out The Screwtape Letters. That was probably one of the best things CS Lewis ever wrote. You've also omitted one of the Narnia series (The Last Battle) and The Pilgrim's Regress. Then there are his fictional allegories like Till We Have Faces (a retelling of the Cupid-Psyche myth) And there's also his last collection of essays (The Four Loves) and two stories published in F&SF. I believe that completes his bibliography (there were two additions to the Screwtape Letters written in 1960 and published in some magazine, but I don't remember which). As you may have guessed, I'm quite a CS Lewisophile... he's the nearest thing to someone who spelled out a logical interpretation of Christianity... and even though I disagree with many of his premises, I'm still fascinated by the beauty in a lot of his writings.

Hombren--(Mann) This Ranch Romances Stuff you've been writing about is pretty interesting. The idea of the kook in the letter column writing you that pathetic reply is humorous and sort of tragic at the same time... be sure to let us know if by some chance she really is a writer. (who knows, there may be another tangential fandom which you may uncover this way)

--Len

