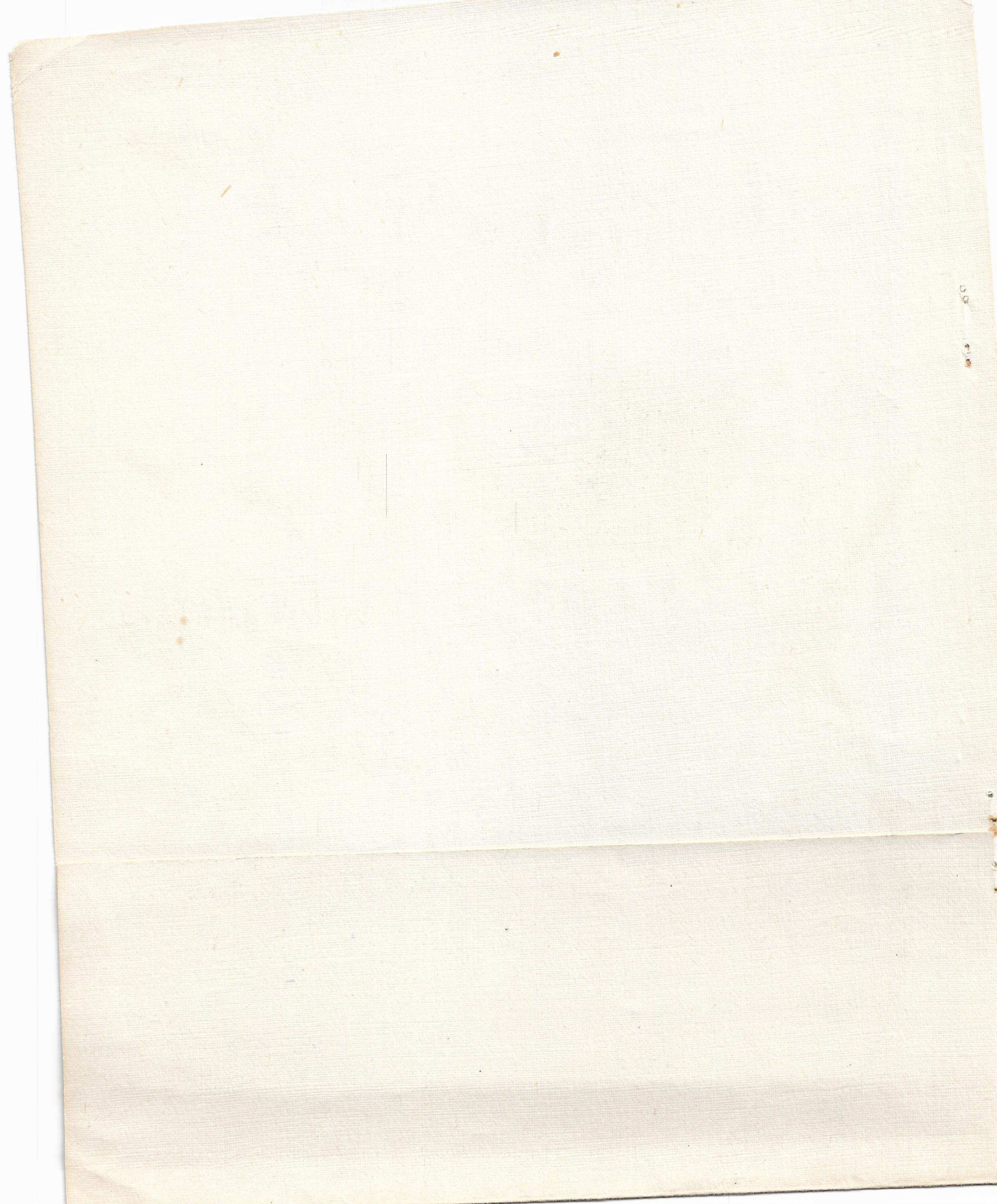




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Welcome to Peterborough

We won't try to kid you. Peterborough is not a resort town, and it does not offer a great deal of entertainment. But we hope you won't need much over and above what we have to offer you. If you do, we shall have failed.... What a dismal note !

But we do know that convention attendees like a break, and the town provides some sight-seeing amenities. The main object which should be given your attention is the Cathedral. The town has a history going back to 655 A.D. when a Benedictine monastery was founded. The present cathedral stands on the site of a Saxon edifice which was destroyed by the Danes in 870, a second building on this site was burned in 1116, and the third was begun circa 1118 as the church of a monastery, took over 100 years to build and contains examples of several styles of architecture. The west front was restored about 1895, and is considered to be magnificent. The building was made a cathedral in 1541, when the bishopric was established. The remains of the monastery, including the cloisters, and the remains of the hospital of S. Thomas Beckett can be seen.

Although the surrounding country is largely devoted to farming the staple industry of Peterborough is engineering, and the brick kilns with their smoke stacks are an obvious sign of another major industry.

The River Nene flows through the town, and boating on the river is available in suitable weather. At the time this is written there is some doubt on this - however, maybe you'd prefer skating ?

Several excellent places to eat are available on ordinary business days, but apart from sundry hotels and public houses which serve meals, it is probable that on Sunday facilities of this kind will be limited. There is, however, an excellent Chinese restaurant which will be open throughout the holiday.

At "The Bull Hotel" you will find that most of the convention activity will be held in the Festival Hall. The professional displays will be arranged in the Westgate Lounge, and the fan displays in the Wakeford Lounge. The decor of the Festival Hall we hope you will appreciate - we have tried to convey some impressions of the "After The End" theme of the convention - with a gentle nudge at our President in the main section. Special thanks are due to Marc Ashby for the work that has been done on this, and we are trying to convince him that this should be an entry in the art competition.

There are many other folk who deserve thanks - Norman Shorrocks and Eddie Jones for producing this booklet; Pauline Jackson for doing a lot of the secretarial work (like turning duplicator handles); Brian Aldiss for constant encouragement and helpful suggestions; all those folk who are taking part in the programme. But mostly - thank YOU for attending !

Introducing Bruce Montgomery

This year as our Guest of Honour we get double measure. Not only do we have Edmund Crispin, writer of detective stories where-in he has created the character of 'Gervase Fen', and science-fiction anthologist, but in the same large economy-size package we shall also meet Bruce Montgomery, musician and composer.

Bruce Montgomery, in his own words, is 'forty-one years old, unmarried, and almost unbelievably handsome'. We are arranging crush barriers, and would request all unattached femme-fans to send photographs and vital statistics the B.S.F.A. Secretary. Personally, despite the photographs on the jackets of the Penguin novels, we have always carried mental images of 'Gervase Fen' in our tiny little minds.

Some basic facts about Edmund Crispin can be found on the back of those Penguins, three of which are in print at the time this is written. The full number of novels is eight, and there is also a collection of short stories. Dual-activity seems to have been a fairly constant thing in the life of Bruce Montgomery, however. For instance, he obtained a degree in Modern Languages at Oxford while at the same time being College choirmaster and organist. He has been a schoolmaster, has written book reviews and other bits of journalism, performed a little bit of broadcast-ing-television-and-lecturing, composed various kinds of concert music and, in addition, background music for radio, television, and about fifty films. None of these sf, unfortunately. Mr. Montgomery confesses that he seems to have got himself typed for comedies -- including, for instance, all the "Doctor" and "Carry On" pictures to date.

Pre-war he had not read much s-f, except the obvious pioneers, and occasional "rogues" such as "The Hopkins Manuscript", but post-war -- in his own words --

'What really started me off was that round about 1947 a young lady named Evelyn E. Smith wrote to me from New York about my whodunits -- and somehow in quite a short time she'd sent me some copies of "Astounding" -- and from then on I won't say I never looked back, because in point of fact I got hold of all the earlier copies of "Astounding" and similiar magazines that I could -- and then the next stage was that at a dinner at All Souls in Oxford I found myself sitting next to a Fellow who knew a very great deal about sf films (as I remember it, at that time "The War of the Worlds" had just come out) -- and then the next stage was that ----'

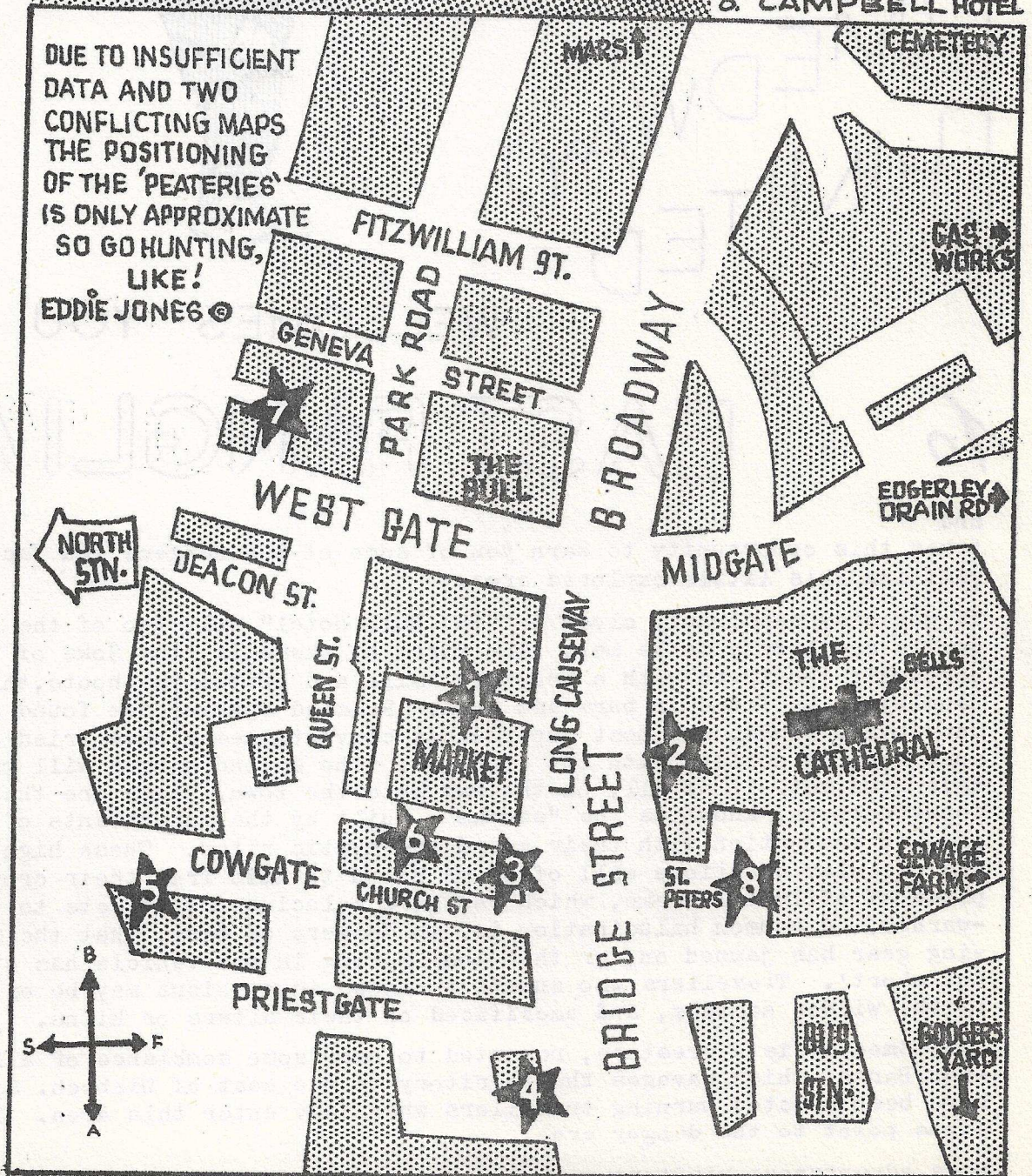
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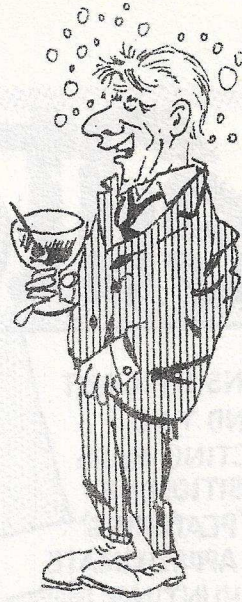
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"The Smeeth" is a creature, reported to bear some semblance of a Barsoom-ian Banth, which ravages the territory to the east of Wisbech. Signs have been erected warning travellers when they enter this area. These signs point to the danger area.

More adventurous visitors may wish to explore the heights of Gedney Hill. This is not advisable without a guide, as many folk have been lost plunging down the precipitous heights into the nearby drains and fens.

ENJOY YOURSELVES !

THE 'DOC WEIR'

Those of you who were in Harrogate for the Convention last year will remember there was some discussion and agreement that we should institute an Award to commemorate the too short time Arthur Rose Weir -better known to us as 'Doc' -spent among us. Had he lived he would have made a name for himself in our small world of Science Fiction Fandom. Your committee had two aims in view. The first was to perpetuate the name of Doc and the good work he did in the short time we knew him, the second was to ensure as far as possible that the award would be capable of continuance without repeated requests for funds.

MEMORIAL

A Goblet has been purchased, and this will be engraved with the title of the Award. Each year, at the annual Convention, this will be ceremoniously presented to the winner, together with an illuminated Scroll. The goblet itself will be preserved by the B.S.F.A. In this way, it will be insured that there is no added expense, either to you or the B.S.F.A.

AWARD

The details on how to nominate and vote are as follows : -

1. You must be a Convention Member
2. All votes must reach the existing B.S.F.A. Committee before noon on the Saturday of the Convention weekend.
3. Your nomination is your vote
4. One vote per Convention Member
5. No proxy votes will be allowed.

Anyone known to you, either as a fan and/or member of the B.S.F.A. is entitled to be nominated, whether in this or any other country.

DOC WEIR MEMORIAL AWARD

MAYBE

YOU HAVE NOT DECIDED WHERE TO CAST YOUR
VOTE ?

YOU HAVE DECIDED TO CAST IT FOR YOUR UNCLE
JOE ?

YOU MAY HAVE DECIDED TO CAST IT IN FAVOUR OF
ONE OF FANDOM'S MANY SCINTILLATING PERSONAL-
-ITIES.

YOU HAVE PERHAPS DECIDED THAT YOUR VOTE SHALL
BE GIVEN TO YOUR FAVORITE AUTHOR HARRISON ?
FAVOURITE AUTHOR ALDISS ?

I have decided to give my vote one of fan
-dom's work-horses, one of those backroom
boys who do a lot of sheer drudgery which
brings them neither fame nor fortune.

I am voting for the ex-librarian of the BSFA

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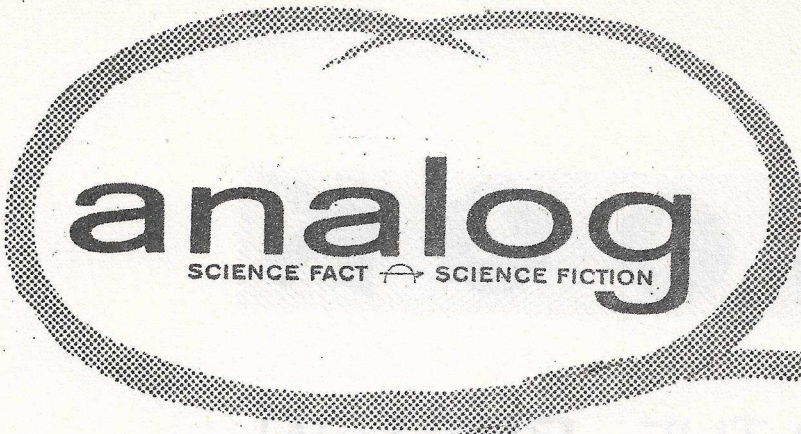
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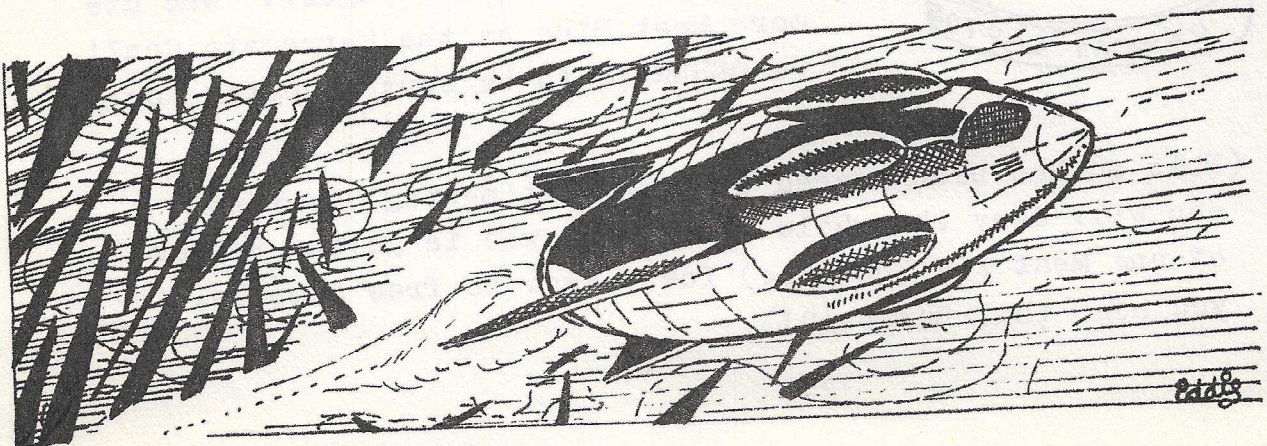
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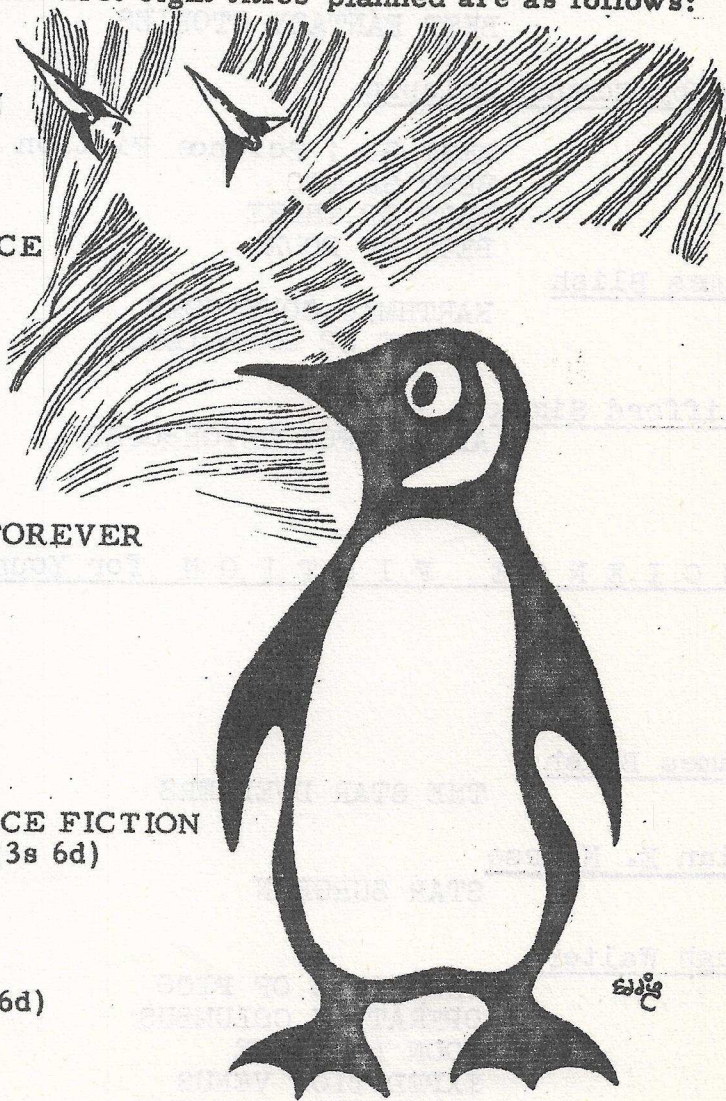
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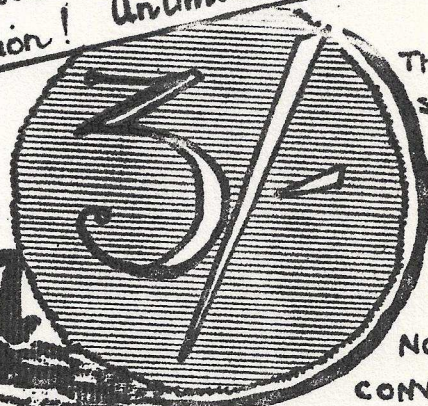
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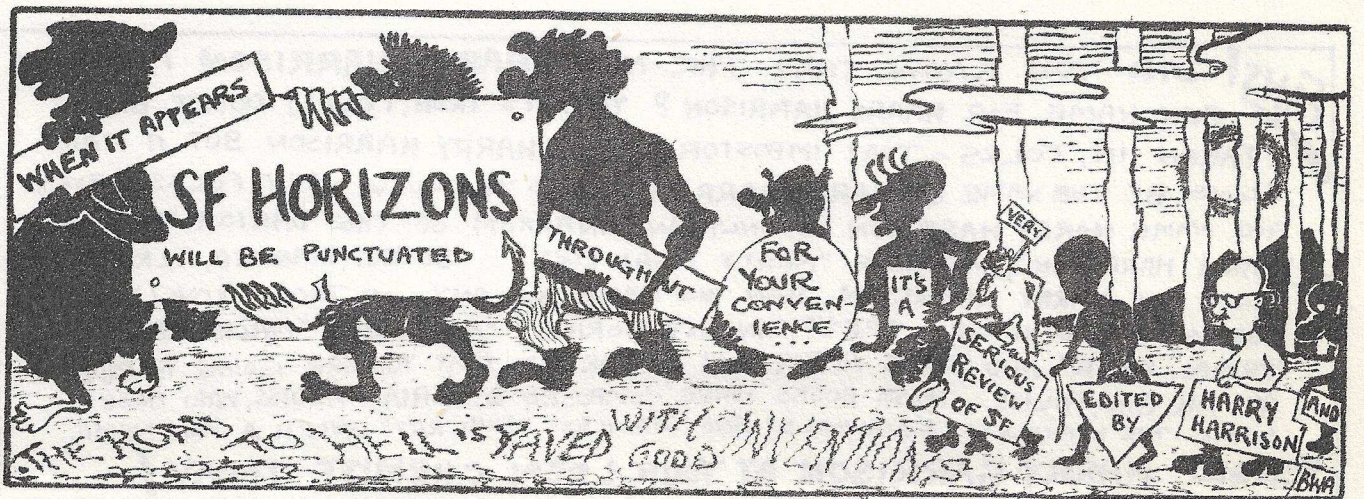
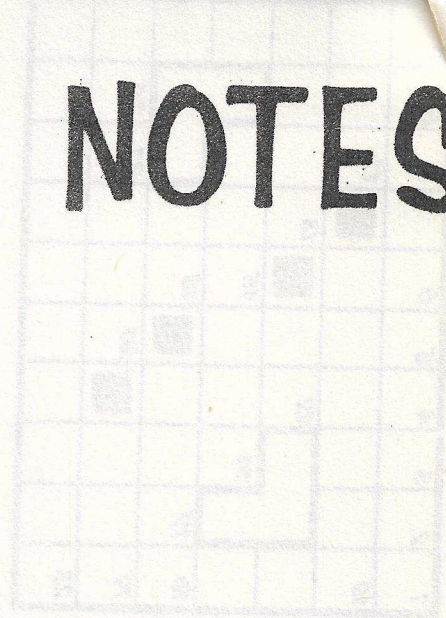
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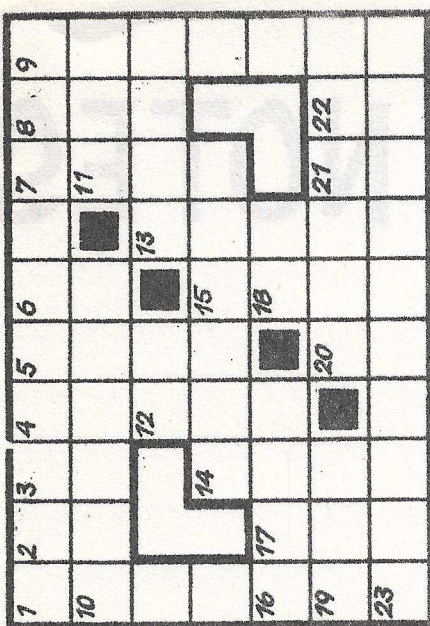
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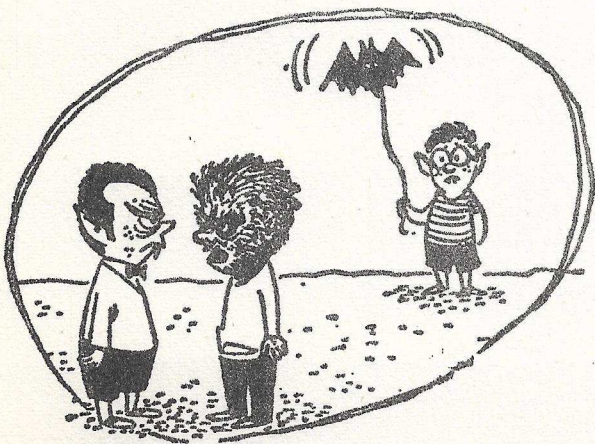
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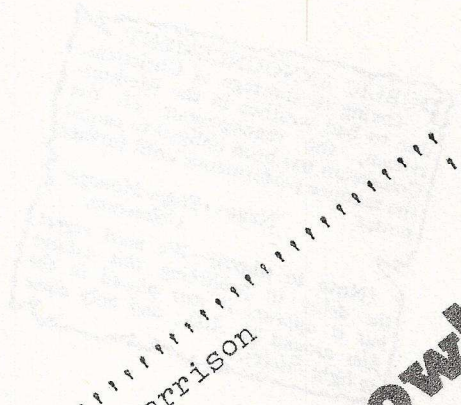
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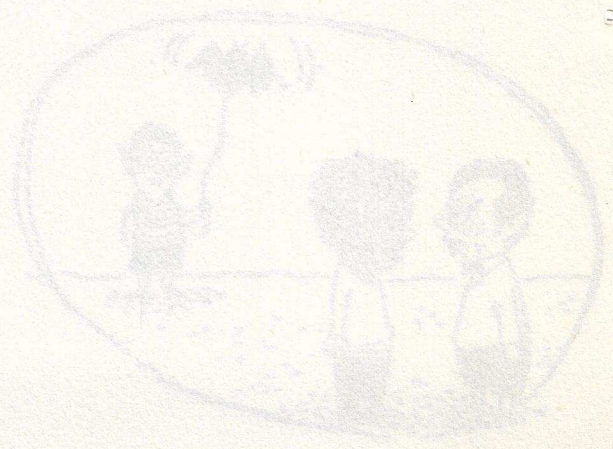
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