February 1970 THE ENIGMA Jackson Heights, N. Y. - OEDIPUS KDM PANIC BDFDBANGBD INHFJKL FEJ WRBGKQ LDW "AMDEOAT KGQTA" IBGAGI ONRKW FDBONBHJKID PDJPNK. HJRWEGK. Annapolis, Md. - X. CANUCE CHOBEECXBHO, GUCBHAEK PSUCHB PSPP. SE BPCOL LMJHAL NCOI LRSCUSTEB (Z. UBSOICHX IMEB) ISL HSOJUSE LMHSU, Bastrop, Tex. - HOODWIN MUOXQMEROWS HRONXU OFNWI WBHOP T. XEVWO XDWN VWLO ZFXYVSWN, ENXGW H. RUW EWFMUS IXBRU SMUWN, HRMS LMUW, Bastrop, Tex. - HOODWIN DREZIVO MEVOWRI 4. Axiom Revised. XAWVBCVT TXVW OXE BVSZI EPX IMOTBVT EPVYY. CV, *GSIBVOIVRE. XYT WSP, QXTVBORK. VT GXB *EIVTXQ. Bastrop, Tex. - HOODWIN BLOND HAIR NCRLDIT, *EXRCFLDLH NT. UMBLED ZFMHACLPE TIUCTPMBLEP HNL. TG MRYTHD, ZTFEMBCA ZATCEIFT PMFC FLOND. Bismarck, N. D. - MERLI 6. Not by bread alone. *O K E K LGYFTRL EGRFITLZXB HGRRKZ E. GFRZGFR HKRZFRCTV TAFLZTRHT LKXT. X B Z O Q K C W O T V F U X T L Z G Q H O H K R L C E Y. ZFKR. Bismarck, N. D. - MERLI VWRTAI 7. Athletic. WSGRYPD KRUIGQD PLAYERS VRWATER DTIRYV GYNYVPI: VAUPTGI I M K X V RI QATWAYG DBATKWB EAVDBIZ FTNNVDS.

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MUSING By HOODWINK

Many years ago, one Patrick Flavin, of Dorchester, Mass. was an active member of NPL, known to Thedom as AWL WRONG. He was a talented anagrammatist, and a good flattist and cryptographer. as well.

On occasion he wrote a very interesting column in Enigma, "Lines of a Logolept", which was often informative as well as witty and entertaining. One of his offerings, in July 1936. contained the following information. It is still interesting. to me, but I do not know his authority for writing:

"Being asked this day 'Why is a question-mark shaped like a hook?' I out and about to ask divers persons concerning the inquiry and much surprised to find none who knew the reason thereof ... However, I did track it down to be made aware that the ancient Romans placed the letter Q atop 0 at the end of a sentence signifying thereby the ing; LEPT, capered, gamboled.

NO. 792 meaning 'question', and in due time did achieve its present shape.

"Also was I informed that the Latin interjection of joy is IO and from this word, the I placed above the 0, we obtain the exclamation point."

An example of AWL WRONG's talent in anagramming is at hand, in the February 1936 Enigma. His No. 46 in that issue is "LO, I HELP FINANCE SECURITY." The apt sol is "The Life Insurance Policy."

Other thoughts from AWL WRONG: FAST means both "to move quickly" and yet "held in position"; TEMPER means "to soften" and also "to harden"; CLEAVE is "to cling" and also "to split". English can be confusing and contradictory.

ARTY ESS once opined in CHAT: "A lotta readers wanta know what a 'logolept' is. Irrespectfully refers 'em to Awl Wrong. I said the term druw me to the Dict, but I didn't say I found out. If I hadda explain it, I'd say: LOG, a stupid person; 0, zero, nothabbreviation of the word QUAESTIO Hence, LOGOLEPT: a nitwit who

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FIDDLE

never gambled or nuthin."

Did you ever see (a) a PILCROW, or (b) ever see one fly? Answer: (a) Yes.(b) No. See N.I. 2nd for further information.

Do you know why a "Drawing Room" has nothing to do with art or drawing? The term was originally "Withdrawing Room", a room to which ladies retired from the dining room.

Doctors call a newborn infant a "NEONATUS". I wonder how long a NEONATUS remains a NEONATUS; until the next day; or until dressed and place in a bassinet?

In December 1930 (40 years ago) a formist named ALCYO composed a 9-square on LADYBIRD, a base previously considered unconquer-

I once heard that John Maseentitled field wrote a book "ODTAA", whose title was an acronym on the phrase: One Damn Thing After Another. I wonder if that is fact or fiction? I have no record of such a book. Webster's Biog. Dict. lists a number of Masefield's works, but no ODTAA.

Once when ARTY ESS had made an impassioned plea for payment of dues to NPL, F. I. NANCE replied poetically:

"A diller, a dollar, Ye Editor's holler --Why do you call so often? The tears you shed A heart of lead Or even of stone would soften."

To which ARTY ESS responded: "Well, I'm not interested in any softening process. All I'm interested in is the renewal sub."

Amaranth was lasting fame as an anagrammatist, and for his compilation of "Anagrammasia" which might be re-titled "50 years of Anagrams in the History of American Puzzledom". He was also a formist and more than forty years ago, won an accolade from the then Educational Committee for a double-diamond accounted as the "best for of the month" in July.

-----C. RUSSELL TAYLOR

Martelia, C. Russell Taylor of Baltimore, died December 24, 1969 at the age of 93. He is survived by his wife and a foster daught. er Mrs. Helen E. Knorr, Box 325. Route 5, Baltimore, Md. 21207.

"Mart" joined the Eastern Puzzlers' League at the turn of the century and was active at that time. Then he dropped out of all activities and for a decade or two was little heard from. In the 40's he came back with vigor and proceeded to both construct and solve until late in '69.

-----FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts in January@ \$10-Molemi. \$4-Cajun, Fiddle, Phyllis, Dorothy Gray, Lestrade.

Balance January 1	719.09
Receipts as above	30.00
Total	749.09
	41.75
February Enigma Balance February 1	707.34
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The Solvers' List seems to be on the wane. Has "no time for puzzling" put a crimp in this listing, or what?

THE ENIGMA PENETRALIA 1. TRANSPOSAL (6) Let it be ONE, that all members of the Krewe Will aid our Editor, whether old or new; Keep in trim and be TWO up swell. For the continued success of the Jackson Heights, N.Y. OEDIPUS

2. REBUS (2 3 6 2 3 4)

RDO

REBUS there's a line that's white: Except to pass, keep to the right. Bismarck, N.D. MERLIN

3. WORD DELETION (6,3,3) The TOTAL youth worked his The SECOND swung her tail. He tried with all his skill, To put ONE in the pail.

Today's youth does not know How much real life they miss. Perhaps it's true, as some folks "In ignorance there's bliss!" Bastrop, Tex.

4. SPOONERGRAM (both 4 is 7) "Lady, your 4 is 7; may I fix your gown?" Answered the woman, "No, thank you," with a frown.

"Captain, your 4 is 7; I hope we are not going down." "We always do this when we near a town." Jackson Heights, N.Y. **OEDIPUS**

5. REBUS (10)

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Professor scribbled on the board For all the class to see. And REBUS all important words To assist their memory. Bismarck, N.D. MERLIN

6. CHARADE (7) At any TWO, we'd say the attire To wear depends upon the job. The ONE is important, to go to a

A dog fight, church, or join a

Or even just the TOTAL out to take--Suitable ONE wear, for heaven's St. Petersburg, Fla.

7. REBUS (*2 *3 *8)

GOL AGM

A song of yesteryear, That many held quite dear, O, my darling, you well know, I sang it when lights were low. Bastrop, Tex. HOODWINK

8. WORD DELETION (6) You may admire the guinea pig, ONE never appeals to me; Does the restless SECOND of S.A. Life in a TOTAL in hollow tree? St. Petersburg, Fla. IFANDOR

9. CHARADE (7) When old Mother Hubbard Went to the cupboard And found her larder bare, She had to WHOLE the food for her ONE. Who hopefully wagged his little TWO there. Bastrop, Tex. HOODWINK

10. WORD DELETION (8) A wealthy ALL of an eastern town In winter went west for his health. He'd TWO a small and simple room So as not to show his wealth.

A little on the stingy ONE, He never has been known To offer help to those in need--His heart is made of stone. Bismarck, N.D. MERLIN

11. CHARADE (6) Who would a marriage keep TOTAL, ONE little things must be alert. Use TWO for problems large or small,

1970

21. REBUS (1 6)

A M

And with wife's cronies, do not 16. REBUS (9) flirt. IFANDOR St. Petersburg, Fla.

NAMES OF THE OWNERS OF THE OWN

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12. REBUS (6)

PAN

The textile screw pine Herewith view. Believe it not? That's up to you.

N.I. will tell you

You should solve this

I am right.

Almost at sight. Bastrop, Tex. 13. DELETION (7, 6) In "All's Well that Ends Well" we are told it is true That a young man that's ONE is a man that is TWO. But Shakespeare himself was wed at eighteen, And if he had a flaw it's never been seen. MERLIN Bismarck, N.D.

14. REBUS (2 3 3 2 3 4)

HE H D

REBUS, a wiglet he always wore, To make him look young as of yore. Bastrop, Tex.

15. BEHEADMENT (11, 10) He was tired of making conservative buys, So he bought some uranium stock. This ONE, sad to say, soon proved quite unwise And he found himself deeply in hock.

There was only one way he could cover the loss And get himself back on his feet. But he promised himself as he "This TWO I will never repeat." A loud blast and a cheap hurrah, Bismarck, N.D.

The palace guard just got the That the rebels, young and self-Are planning on a coup d'etat To ALL the present padishah.

Bismarck, N.D. 17. FIRST-LETTER CHANGE (7) To reach your arm out for the Is not MY FIRST, 'tis said. HOODWINK Your MY LAST arm is silent proof That you're really not well-bred. MERLIN Bismarck, N.D.

18. DELETION (9, 8) It's ONE to be TWO when seeking a job 'Cause smart-alecks are not admired. It's wiser by far to show some respect If you seriously want to be hired. MERLIN Bismarck, N.D.

19. REBUS (3 2 6)

IPG C

HOODWINK REBUS is a sorry sight; He doesn't realize his plight. He thinks he's rich, but he is He is nothing but a boor! HOODWINK Bastrop, Tex.

20. CHARADE (11) TWO from the city's sultry heat, I hurry THREE to my country seat; A ONE does help to keep me cool, Also FOUR, a pleasant drink. down by the pool. TOTAL is just a lot of noisy "Blah," MERLIN Jackson Heights, N.Y.

T II

Worst of crimes, militarily; Penalty usually is death, aye. verily. St. Petersburg, Fla. FIDDLE

22. TRANSDELETION (11) The anglers THREE along the bank on a sunny summer day. They pick a spot where the fish are TEN, or so they hope and pray.

To NINE some action among the trout TWO what they want to do. so lures of bright and varied Are dangling in the slough.

The fish ELEVEN the SEVEN bait That they're supposed to SIX: But many swim away as though They're on to all our tricks.

The FOUR of my verse TWO simply this, The FIVE of failure brings no bliss. So if fish today have eluded *ONE suggest you stop and buy a few. Bismarck, N.D. MERLIN

23. SECOND-LETTER CHANGE (11) The world is but a speck of dust From the PRIMAL point of view, And on this speck are FINAL forms of life like me and you. Bismarck, N.D.

24. REBUS (3 5 2 7 2 7) [2 is phonetic]

20=020

The pitchers have waged a mighty duel; No runs have crossed the plate. So after nine full innings ALL, As the scoreboard does relate. Bismarck, N.D.

25. TRANSPOSAL (6) In the language of thieves that's now obsolete, A ONE was a constable out on his beat. As he walked he declaimed and to the night addressed A TWO, Irish poem in meter that's stressed. Bismarck, N.D. MERLIN

26. TRANSPOSAL (10) Increases in size by gradual Is what I claim to be; Or "natural growths" defines me Either fits me to a tee.

*TWO A genus of small Pacific sharks Is what you're looking for. They have two fins, each with a I think I'll stay on shore. Bismarck, N.D. MERLIN 27. REBUS (4 11)

> Y LP

When you ask a woman how old she You're putting her to the test; And when she at last replies with an age, You know it's COMPLETE at best. Bismarck, N.D.

28. HETERONYM (6) In Lisbon quench a heavy thirst And drink a ONE of ale. Then go next door to Spain and MERLIN A THREE, or open vale.

> Note the Jerusalem artichoke, But not in Palestine. The TWO is found right here at And the cattle think it's fine.

Our travels end back here at home, Our west to have a look

VIKING

At what the Spanish call a FOUR, A bright and babbling brook. Bismarck, N.D.

ANAGRAMS

29. ACT ON ACT IN ONE

30. CAN UP HER ORBS! LIMITS (3510)

31. SITE CREATED ON SHORE (396)

32. ACTS TO NET ONE CHAIN (314)

Norfolk, Va.

L Q.

-STOEPS-CLASSY-E - O R L O P - R E M I T - O JEWELER-EMERALD EEL-STILTON-MID CRIB-STAIN-DINE TINES-ERN-PINES SEETHE-D-TRUANT --- R I N D - M O O R ----STRAND-T-RONDEL PRAYS-FOE-FAUNA RUNS-TOOLS-LENS ACT-FORTUNE-NUT WEEPING - DOMINIE L-RANGE-ERICA-D - ASSIST - STRESS -

CAMPPLANT SOUDANEST TARANTARA ASEURIVER ORNERIVER ALOMARTES METREDATE UNWARLIKE ROMANITES PURSUANTS DEAFEARED AMADAVADE PREUENTES ARRENTARE NANARIVER LIDANGULA NILATUTIA TRIVIGANT AVANTURIN EVIRATING ATTAVANTE NETTELING SEKERINGE REEDENTER TRESSANGE TREDEAGER ASSERTERS

JANUARY SOLUTIONS 1. Hands over the sea. 2. Prim. mer, primer. 3. Ice. 4. Steak. takes. 5. W-eighty. 6. Candidate. 7. Notwithstanding. 8. Demented 9. Sexton. 10. Within reason. 11, Refrain, free rein. 12. By the everlasting Gods. 13. Impatient. inpatient. 14. Pinchfist. 15. Ny. ack. 16. English major. 17. Lip. eration, libration, libation. 18. Rutabagas. 19. Automation. 20, Sp-ring-y. 21. Erection, neoter. ic. 22. Eelpout. 23. Vertical take-off. 24. Denotement, denoue. ment. 25. Holocryptic. 26. Pre. spoils, prolepsis, slip ropes. 27. Dactyliography, dactylography. 28. Cannot. 29. The Amper. sand. 30. A villainess. 31. mountebank. 32. Heartbeats. 33. The old soldier. 34. The boist. erousness. 35. The perpetual mo. tion machines.

1. Classical works of literature 2. Uncle Sam denotes personifical 3. Winsome widow woman wryly min 4. Inept cipher fan has hard ti

5. Extant volition implies exist 6. Humans who occupy transparent

7. Clumsy inept oaf bungles job 8. Somewhat frowsy corpulent bar

MESSAGERY JAMESADAM APOLOGETS MORALISTS ELAMENTES SOLENARIA AGINATING DESTRIEDE ATTEINDOR

Bismarck, N. D. - MERLI JDZFCUFZS

8. Unrehearsed. XQAUAXTQIZYP ZCATUCAFN K Q P R X T U P Z G D L L Z F X Q T Y C H Z R K X Y E C I. RXDTGU, JQTZRYJ UAXZRJDZLD TXYAKI.

THE ENIGMA X-1. MAJOR NUMERICAL by BAFUL

(2324431152453733 2547 *5'17)

94-55-13-29-69-44-76-23: springflowering shrub or tree of the genus Cratasgus

95-40-68-33-90-1-79-14: widelycultivated East Indian herb (Solanum melon gena) allied to the potato

96-37-62-24 82-91-50-71-41: (Mus.) a damper pedal

97-38-78-10: one of the Negro people of Nigeria

98-12-56-20: jornless sheep, cow or steer (Dial. Eng.)

99-84-87-67-51-36: one of the ancient people of Canaan. of uncertain origin, conquered by the Hebrews

100-74-31-53-48-8: to draw aside 100-78-36-87-33-74-22-60-6-54: or open

101-45-19-93-54: Scandinavians 102-16-5-83-30-49-63-77: rushing streams of water

103-27-6-21-46-59-34-65-73: a large pocket knife

104-11-35-7-26-57-88-66: full bloom

105-15-39-52-28-81: a member of the lower castes of India, now largely agriculturists

106-4-70-61-80-43-9: the eagle owl (Local Eng.)

107-25-72-89-17-60-42: affording shelter (Milton)

108-32-3-64-47-22-86: diffusion which proceeds through a semipermeable membrane typically separating two solutions and tending to equalize their concentrations

109-58-2-75-18-92-85: language of the Aztecs

X-2. By B. NATURAL (3 3 4 4 7 3 4 4 4 5 4 3 3 3 5 4433366) 89-34-21-10-46-64-30-17-3-41: altogether

90-81-1-76-63-88-23-52-58-19-38: expressing regard

91-77-35-82-61-42-39-29-75-12-59: that with which anything can be purchased

92-85-40-14-2-80-27: monotonous 93-48-25-51-72-4-84-44: counted 94-8-50-28: salmon in its third year

95-15-18-66-45-11-73-24: subjoined

96-55-20-49 37-57-86-83:

extraordinary excellent person or thing

97-53-71-7-13-62-79: author of "Rubaiyat"

98-69-9-68-43-67-65-56-32: one of a race of horses that ruled over the Yahoos 99-70-16-26-47-5-31: halo

fit to be sold

-----00-----DECEMBER SOLVERS' LIST

Everything: 35 flats, 8 cryptograms: A. Chem, Ifandor, Merlin Hoodwink.

Amor 25-4; Bam 34-*; Bee Wilder 18-*; Big Daddy 20-*; Billy Goat* 29-2; Blackstone 31-*; Fiddle 22 4; HoHo 18-0; Maxim 0-*; Oedipus 16-0; Pama Pama 35-5: Paul and Virginia 23-0; Sagittarius 25-0; Sibyl 0-*; The Gink 20-4; Viking *-0.

> -----00-----THIS MONTHS' PUZZLES

#19, the answer is a slang expression.

#25, ONE is obsolete.

#28, THREE is foreign, and FOUR is "Western U. S.". The author says this is a "geographical flat", not only because of the countries involved, but also due to still another meaning of the base when it is capitalized.

Cryptograms are sorely needed.

March 1970 THE ENIGMA St. Petersburg, Fla. - IFANDOR BCDFGHD KLG MN CGR SGTWXYRYXD FB_ ZZXYU MN PQNR JYVD FBHXD MCZGVTYH

*BNMBC WGXMRMSBX WVGJYVF. Dallas, Tex. - MAXIN DNWFQ QXJ NWFQ; PWRZGN GFQXWB MUN_ ZQM GA ZAKZAZQZRJ, FMJM AWFA GM R. JBE, JACM MJAQJADJ HZQX UBJUWMZQZ

Dallas, Tex. - MAXIN WA. IKCQBZ *QZHFDWE G 3. Out-moded etymon. GEPKVDG WVPVMW: EPZHQW PFIKWV CPDFT. WKIQ ZQJ JKB. CW PZC MWPHQW WVDGO, KVEQBW AMDGO. FT CDQ. Bastrop, Tex. - HOODWIN

VBFXGHZIJ DBZUFT UZIF. 4. Analysis. ABCDEZYBXW ST ZREIFKYL ZELFB TFAZJH DSXAF T. CWVZST ILFJ IZBH SFJYEL WZBF ELXI FKYLE.

Bastrop, Tex. - HOODWIN ABCDEFG ZYXHBW CNUS HIKBYL, MXKNC ERQBJI; YOBK DNKH YCUMBKH. PEABC YNA AXHI ZKEOB JYAZ HNIB; DNHS FY.

IBK. Bismarck, N. D. - MERLIN YCHZLDMFTUNK YPRDKFUTK YPIDT YEB. EYTL YTFZKF, YEYBDP YEDKUCD YPFZA. Y F X Q, Y C Y G Z P I Y A U A J D M Q.

Bismarck, N. D. - MERLI AMITZIATTAJITXZWJ AFBXT. 7. Invasion. AFVTNVHJ BWA AZTIOYVHFR ANUWZBANAFIJ, ANUW. VL AMVIXB AEHXUNAFI, AFITZU AGATI. YVRL.

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THE FUTURE OF THE N. P. L. By FIDDLE

Why not be optimists? An optimist believes that there are, on the whole, more chances of good results than poor results, given a reasonable amount of effort and good will.

Cryptogram Association may be pointed out. Some years ago, after a series of troubles, the membership dropped off to a very ted. low figure, and there were numerous sayers of gloom and doom. However, the ACA managed to recover, in spite of some periods of mismanagement, and now has a

down, but I believe that it can bounce back, after a time, to at least 200. In a nation of 200 million, that would mean that one person in a million likes to be a time. After a time, the Second Puzzler (with a capital P). You have to find the right sort of person, of course, I long ago found out, myself, that you cannot effectively, make a gift of membership in NPL. Unless a person pays the fee himself, he does not participate in solving or with -- so Fiddle believes. The composing.

I think that The Enigma may continue as a small group publication, with over-expense (Beyond the annual fees) paid by those willing to pay a bit more (there are and will be some such.) People may be attracted gradually, in proportion as the magazine is The example of the American attractive to their tastes. A gradual elimination of unattractive features, even those cherished by old-timers, is indica-

At this point, I express my personal opinion, not shared by a great many members, viz: it is absolutely essential to abandon opposition to the Third Edition, healthy membershup of about 650. New International Dictionary. The National Puzzlers League is Very properly, years ago, the NPL adopted the Second Edition, as official standard. Now, it should add the Third Edition, retaining also the Second Edition, for a Edition, well known, well thumbed, well-leved will be -- shelved.

Outcries? The old order changeth, etc. " Whatever the charged faults of the Third Edition may be, it contained a cast number of new words, which should be worked best way to consign Enigma to the

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