



# Turpitude

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Jerry: Dale's got *West Wing*. I will tap into his resources eventually for it. It will be quite an undertaking, rather like trying to watch all of *M\*A\*S\*H*. I'm a bit intimidated by long-running shows. Dale is currently providing me with *Bones*, which I enjoy quite a bit. Another show that I am in the midst of and enjoying immensely is the old television mini-series, *To Serve Them All My Days*, by the BBC and Australian Public Television. It's a great show and with thirteen hours it will rank up there with Long Shows for me. Another Long Show also comes from Dale: he got the full version of *Shogun* for us to watch. Perhaps he will bring it to TanKon! (Probably not, but I will borrow it!) //

Heath: Frank and I met through NFFF and N'APA. It was a great place to start an immersion in fandom back in the '60s. Somehow, I didn't know it was still going on; I'm not surprised, I guess. If you would be so kind as to tell us how to get a look at the pdf file for your edition of it, I would appreciate it.// Interesting that the TTC has done a series on SF. I have participated in several of their courses and like them very much. They did a really excellent one on The

Great War. I am struggling through one on Modern Art.// You are certainly active in fandom, Heath. I am impressed ~ reminds me of the Old Days when we all FIAWOled.//

Bob: It's tough that you will be getting rid of some of your collectibles. What kind of things will you be setting free back into the world of Collectors? How did you decide what would go and what *must* stay? Are you really going to do it, or are you just talking (the way I do!)? // The blue accents in this last issue of Gallimaufry are not up to your usual graphic standards. // I enjoyed your comments about the Founding Fathers. I have read a bit of their writings and find them to appear far more interested in producing a good nation than in just "fleecing the flocks." You called them "19th century" persons; actually they were 18th century souls but in many ways they pre-saged the 19th with many of their ethics.// That's a funny thought of yours about Why invite homosexuals into marriage when marriage is so clearly on the rocks? I hadn't thought of it like that. I suppose I am just getting tired, or discouraged, but I am thinking that the Family is so shot nowadays that

we might as well let just anyone be family. But it will eventually have to allow some woman and her German shepard status.//

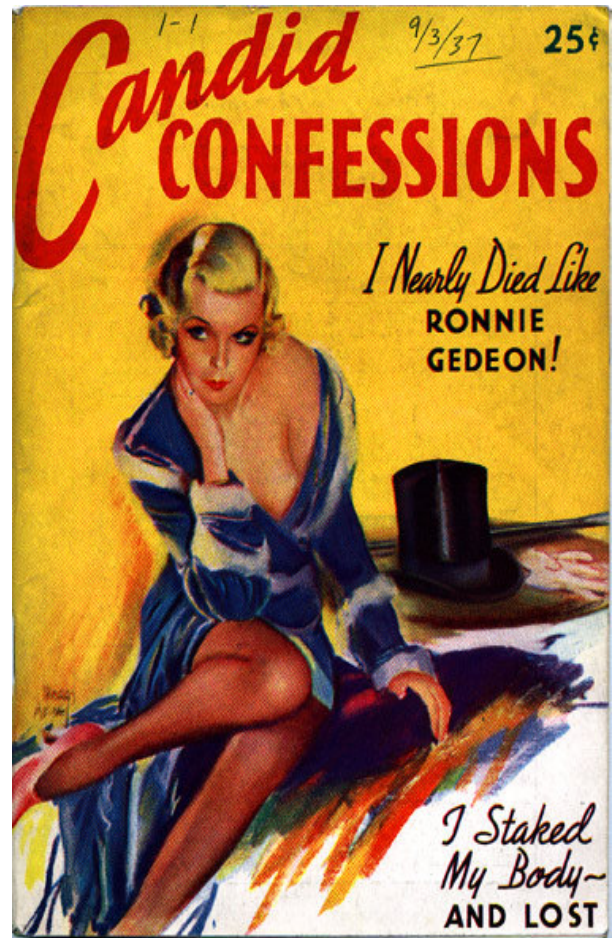
Dale: I took *Starship Troopers* with me when I enlisted, as reading material during basic training. My basic and Heinlein's were not too similar.// I agree with you that my half page in mailing 471 was not much, but mathematically speaking it was at least an infinity better than nothing; but wait: infinity times zero is still zero, or is it 1, or is it infinity? Sigh.//



Gary: I am one of those "kids" who have (all most) never ridden an inter-city bus. We had one in Pittsburg, California, when I was a lad. I tried riding it several times. The blasted thing never stopped at the station where I was going (the Vogue Theater on a Saturday afternoon) and sometimes I would have to ride for the extra fifteen blocks before it would stop at the end of the route. Then it was a long walk back to the Vogue. I early on learned that bus riding was not practical. Of course, many years later I learned that there is a bell rope one is supposed to pull to get the driver to stop where you want to go. I occasionally use the Portland buses but I never feel comfortable.// I think that the New Deal jobs were important and, in general, meaningful. However, there were a number of songs of the times in which the various jobs were held by shovel-leaners. I am sure that there were some folks in harness that were bums to begin with and stayed bums throughout their service, but the majority were good folks. My neighbor while I was growing up had been in the CCC and he recalled those days with the highest praise. He was from New York and they bussed him to California to work him (or he bussed himself, I don't know which).// When I was in Australia on R&R in 1968, I was "picked up" by a Qantas stewardess who went on in great lengths about how much better Americans treated women than the Australians. A limited experience, but she certainly made her point.//

Ned: I used to like the Marx Brothers to excess; don't watch them much any longer. Perhaps it is just that I am too familiar with their movies. Jerry Lewis and the Three Stooges are just NOT FUNNY. Nor, in general, is Abbott & Costello. I do like Laurel and Hardy somewhat. It's funny how little seems funny these days.

I am just back from five days lockup in the DVA suicide prevention clinic at the Portland Hospital. It was an interesting experience. I have nothing but the highest praise for the DVA, especially its staff. I sure got a look at fellows who were far worse off than I am ~ a very helpful realization. My roommate talked to and heard God. He had only one tooth.// Hence the lack of SLANapa activity of late: I can't think of anything to write about in my personal life.



I am greatly looking forward to the SLAN get-together to honor Jerry's visit to the Northwest. It will be quite a pleasure to meet you at long last; sure hope that my car makes the trip to Seattle! Best regards, All, Mike