



**Dynamic duo does it again:  
another letterpress roster!**

This is the eighth year that Jim Daggs and Pat Leary got together at Jim's printing company, Ackley Publishing to produce APA's membership roster. Friday, April 17 Pat made the trek from Brookings, SD to Ackley, Iowa to produce the directory. Type is set, proof and paginated at Ackley and then Pat takes the type back to his shop where the directory is printed on his Heidelberg cylinder and also bound. The covers are composed and printed at Jim's shop. Many thanks to Jim and Pat for a job well done and a special pat on the back for eight years of doing so!

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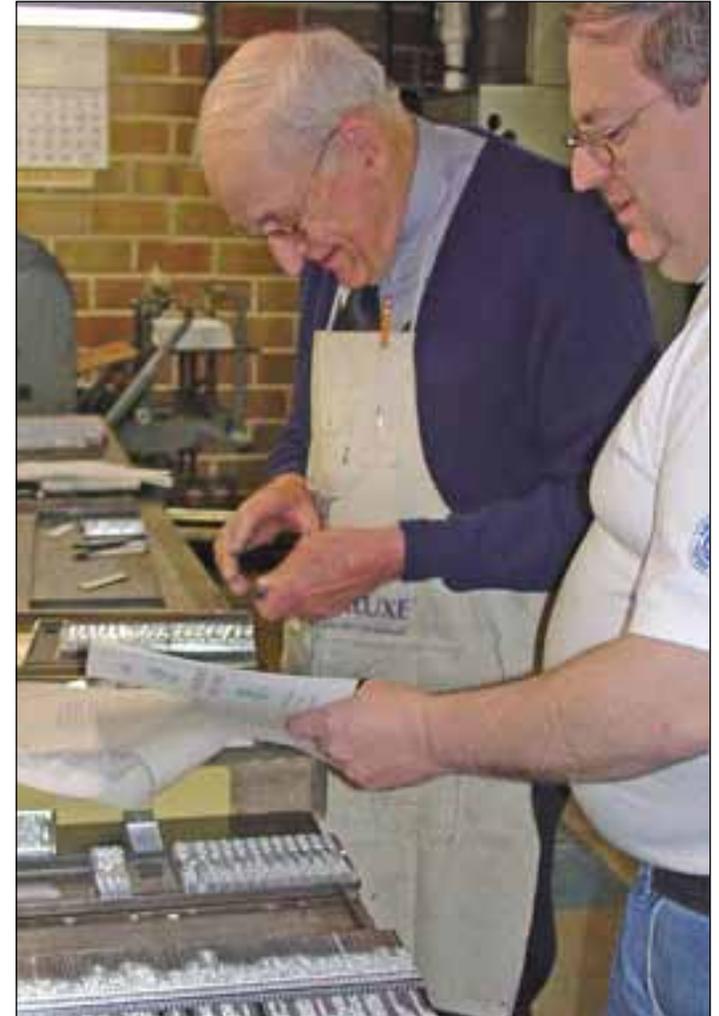
Pat Leary working his way through 2009 directory copy on the C-4 Intertype in the Ackley shop.



Jim Daggs pulling galley proofs



Patrick making galley corrections



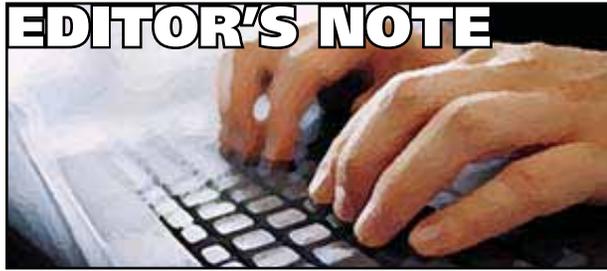
Pat and Jim comparing page layouts to last year's directory.



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## IT WAS A BAD WEEK

### Heart attack No. 1

For those who don't follow APA's Yahoo's online Group or the Letpress List let me report—unfortunately—on two printers close to all of us who had heart attacks recently: our Mailer, Don Tucker and NA Graphic's fame, Fritz Klinke.

Here is the item that Don Tucker himself put in the Yahoo Group message area just shortly after returned home from the hospital on April 12:

"Hello to all those who were expecting to see their April APA bundles mailed out early this week.

"I am sorry to say that your mailer had the mis-fortune to suffer a massive heart attack late Friday. I did not die, but just a few minutes ago was released from the hospital,

with the admonition to not do any exercise such as standing or walking for extended periods until at least Wednesday or Thursday, and then only sparingly, so it may well be a week before I can get the April bundles in the mail.

"I am sorry for the delay, but it was just one of those darned things.

"Luckily I was entered the emergency room at the heart hospital just as I was having the heart attack, and they were able to get right on with a clot buster, etc. I was in Surgery within 20 minutes of entering the hospital. I am also lucky I only live less than a half mile from the Oklahoma Heart Hospital.

"When you do get the bundle, you will find a lot of really nice pieces, and I hope you will agree they were worth waiting for."

Correspondence with Don during the week indicates he's improving steadily and expected to get out the bundles the following weekend.

Who says the Mailer's job isn't tough?

A number of members made comments on the APA Yahoo Group for Don to slow down and not worry about getting the bundles out.

Don had hoped to get the bundles out by the 20th—but if they are just a little later, be patient, we've got a mailer in the recovery mode!

### Heart attack No. 2

On April 17 this message appeared on the Letpress List:

"Hello, I'm Curtis Vinson, assistant to Fritz. Fritz has had a heart attack and will be out of the office for a week or so. The doctors are optimistic, and I've talked w/ Fritz on the phone...He sounds great! Please, if possible, send a get-well card - letter pressed - card to 4 Mears Ave, Silverton, CO 81433"

Again, follow-up messages indicate that Fritz is doing well.

### Cleaning wood type

For those fortunate to have and use wood type, here's a [link](#) right from the Hamilton Manufacturing Company (from 1938) on the care and cleaning of wood type.

### Our parting words...

This little tip comes from *Type & Press*—a publication no longer published but very much missed.

Never scrub type with the fine wire brushes often advertised for that purpose. These wires may deface the delicate face of the type. A soft cloth with solvent is much safer.

# Join us online!

There are a number of APA members who have not joined APA's online discussion group. If you are interested, follow the instructions below. First point your browser to this site:



1. Click "Join This Group!" button on the right side of the site.

2. If you do not have a Yahoo email address, you will have to get one (they're free). If you have a Yahoo email address you can sign in as indicated and see item 6 below.

3. If you don't have a Yahoo email address click the "Sign Up" item.

4. Fill out the form (you must fill in the items with an asterisk). When complete, hit the "I Agree" button. When complete, it will tell you the registration is complete.

5. Then hit the button on the bottom: "Continue To Yahoo Groups."

6. The instructions are self-explanatory,

Read them carefully and follow instructions. If you are using an email name that does not clearly identify you, it might be best in the "Comment to Owner" area to identify yourself and give your APA number (you have to put something in this area anyway to proceed). You have to be approved to join and this tells the moderator who you are (our online list is only for APA member). At the end of the form you will have to enter the text in a box

(for Yahoo security reasons). When done, hit the "Join" button in the lower right.

7. A dialog box will come up saying your membership is pending. You will be approved shortly by the moderator and then be able to participate in the list.

8. When you are able to join the list, be sure to check out the "Members Only" box at the left. It will let you view the messages (and you can participate in sending messages), check out the photo area, etc. You are also able to upload photos and send files, etc. for the list to enjoy.

Any questions about accessing the Group or about the Group itself, please don't hesitate to email [Mike O'Connor](mailto:Mike O'Connor) on any questions.

**Join your fellow APA members online! Our own Yahoo Group is a fairly active online list. Observations, opinions and just some usually good letterpress/apa related chat goes on.**



# Drawer for a printing press



The “Z” bar drawer guides are from some heavy sheet metal on hand at the time. A sacrificial galley is a good substitute. I have a couple of angle irons 2”x2”x1/4” which I use clamped in my bench vice for a metal bending brake. Once these brackets are fab-

ricated, round and smooth the front edges and corners to eliminate cuts and tantrums. Next remove the delivery board and position the “Z” bars about 3/4” back from the front edge of the delivery board. From beneath, mark the location of the screw holes through the holes in the delivery board castings and drill for mounting.

Although any type of box corner joint could be used, I chose the dove-tail joint which gives me a bit more confidence for surviving the front-pull stress of a drawer full of tools (Diagram Y) — as well as the opportunity to use some of my toys. I can load mine up with quite a variety of Crescent, platen adjusting, and misc. wrenches.

Do be cautious when opening these

drawers — I haven’t installed a stop and they can spill in a blink if pulled out too far. (Only once, to date.)

The bottom edges of the side boards are rabbeted 3/16” (see Diagram Z), the back board is cut 3/16” narrower and the face Board rabbeted to provide an insert for the bottom. They, (D & d), are 1/8” Masonite.

Small compartments were added in the front of the 8x12 to store gauge pins, rubber bands, rubber finger tips, etc.

Material list:

**8x12:**

|   |                      |       |
|---|----------------------|-------|
| A | 14”x3”x5/8”          | 1 ea. |
| B | 10 1/4”x2 3/16”x1/2” | 2 ea. |
| C | 12 1/2”x2”x1/2”      | 1 ea. |
| D | 12 1/2”x10 1/2”x1/8” | 1 ea. |
| E | 12 1/2”x2”x1/4”      | 1 ea. |
| F | 2 7/8”x2x1/4”        | 1 ea. |
| G | 9”x4 1/2”x.050       | 2 ea. |

**PILOT:**

|   |                    |       |
|---|--------------------|-------|
| a | 10 1/2”x3”x5/8”    | 1 ea. |
| b | 6”x 2 3/16”x1/2”   | 2 ea. |
| c | 9”x2”x3/8”         | 1 ea. |
| d | 9”x6”x1/8”         | 1 ea. |
| e | 4 1/2”x4 1/2”x.050 | 2 ea. |

If anyone wants to contact Gale for any other information, send him an [email](#).

By GALE MUELLER

The first step is to check the distance between the delivery board mounting brackets on your press. (See Diagram X on next page.) This will determine the width of the drawer (e.g., 9 1/2,” 13,” whatever). As for materials, I had some recycled oak for the drawer fronts which I ran through the planer; hence the 5/8” for the front piece; sides, back and dividers were from misc. pine. I planed those down to the stated dimensions listed merely to reduce the bulk of such small drawers. The front is dropped lower than the sides to facilitate a finger pull; the ends of the front extend beyond the sides to serve as stops.

