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WONDER FACTS by Leo Margulies

Here's flash news concerning the very next issue (August) of Thrilling WONDER Stories - - - Remember the popular cover contest of yester year? - - - Charles R Tanner, Clare Winger Harris, P Schuyler Miller and several others were amateur writers then. Their contest tales clicked in a big way, and soon these writers were among the headliners in the field - - - But that was almost a decade ago! Now, convinced that there is plenty of new talent ripe for discovery, the editors of Thrilling WONDER Stories are presenting a brand-new cover contest around the August issue. Howard V Brown did the cover, and his illustration is based on an original idea of his own. His drawing depicts a prehistoric scene, and the publishers of Standard Magazines are offering cash prizes for the best fantasy stories written around it! So here's a chance for all amateur ink-slingers to go to town. Speaking of amateur contests, COSMIC CUBE, by Graph Wideyer, (winner in our amateur short story contest) is among the stories featured in the next issue. This contest is proving that there are many writers with natural story-telling ability in the ranks of fandom. And it pays to try. Charles Ksanda, of Washington, D.C. won an honorable mention in the first contest. This month he submitted a prize story, HADES, which will appear in the October number. So keep pounding at that typewriter - - - we will always be glad to help new writers make the

grade. - - - RACE AROUND THE MOON by Otis Adelbert Kline, is a long complete novel in the August issue. Illustrated by Virgil Finlay in similar fashion to a book-jacket, the story is perfect for individual binding - - - and should make an attractive addition to your science fiction collection. (All complete novels in Thrilling WONDER Stories are printed in special small type, to allow for increased wordage.) - - - Stanton A Coblentz, well known for his science fiction satires, makes his debut in Thrilling WONDER Stories with THE MAN FROM XENERN, a story of an intelligent race of birds. (Illustrated by Orban) - - - Suppose present-day civilization were to discover a Time Capsule, left for us as a heritage by a super-race of many thousands of years ago? That's the startling theme of Robert Moore Williams' novelet, THE WARNING FROM THE PAST. (illustrated by Wesso) - ROMAN HOLIDAY, by Kelvin Kent, is the first of a new science fiction series to be featured in Thrilling WONDER Stories. Handled in humorous Penton and Blake style, you'll find the story of the twentieth century pitchman in the past pretty diverting. - - - Many new writers are scheduled for an early appearance in WONDER. Horace Gold's story, HERO, is slated for future publication. Gerald Evans, English fan, has sold us UPWARD BOUND, a story with a wallop. - - - There are many fine stories on hand, and we're trying our best to cram as many of them into print as soon as we can. F. Orlin Tremaine has written an appealing story about a robot,

TRUE CONFESSION. Robert Arthur's short story, COSMIC STAGE, is another swell yarn, as is Lyle Gumm's MY FOURTH DIMENSIONAL TWIN. - - - As for new series, Via VENUS, by Gordon A. Giles, the first in the new adventures of the original Mars expedition previously described in former issues, is scheduled for appearance in the October issue. Ray Cummings has done a new Tubby story WORLD UPSIDE DOWN. And Arthur K. Barnes and Henry Kuttner combine to give you a novelet, (October issue) ENERGY EATERS, which brings together Tony (Hollywood-on-the-Moon) Quade and Gerry (Bring-'em-Back-Alive) Carlyle. Tony is to direct Gerry in a picture and she will NOT act! We're lining up a powerful array of star novels for future issues of WONDER. The October novel will be PLANET OF ETERNAL NIGHT by John W. Campbell Jr. - - - WONDER is to be dressed up with new cuts for certain departments and other items. ALEX SCHOMBURG, by the way, is doing the cover of the September issue of STARTLING STORIES. lm

● THE V I S A S C R E E N

The second issue of FANTASTIC ADVENTURES will carry SHE WALKED ALONE, by John Russell Fearn, while Edmond Hamilton's THE HORROR OUT OF CARTHAGE has been set for the third issue - - - Henry Kuttner has crashed UNKNOWN with MISGUIDED HALO - - - Scheduled for early STRANGE STORIES are VIGIL by Manly Wade Wellman and FLOWERS FROM THE MOON by Robert Bloch - - - After several issues absence Raymond Z. Gallun will reappear in ASTOUNDING with MASSON'S SECRET ?

● SIX PRESENT AND PROPOSED FAN MAGS TO BE ISSUED UNDER ONE COVER

Sometimes in the middle of May, a new fan magazine will appear. This magazine will feature under one

cover six different present and proposed magazines. D'JOURNAL, FANTASY, LE ZOMBIE, & THE SCIENCE & FANTASY ADVERTISER, mags already being published and the proposed, SCIENCE FICTION ESQUIRE and SCIENCE FICTION TIMES will all appear as part of the new magazine NOVA. Each magazine that goes to make up NOVA will be typed by its editor and each will keep its volume and number and each will have its own cover as always. So that NOVA will consist of the stapling together of the different magazines. LE ZOMBIE, which has long been a supplement to FANTASY-NEWS will continue to be one, but it will also appear in NOVA. Different material will be used in the two editions. NOVA will also print photos of fans etc, not paste photos in the mag, but by a special method print the pictures right on the mag's pages themselves. Pictures are needed, so send in yours right away. The picture must be a clear one and against a plain background. Permission to use the picture must also be given. Write to Bob Tucker, box 260, Bloomington, Ill. jvt

● CONVENTION BOOKLETS

Starting with this issue of FANTASY-NEWS we will begin listing all the special amateur booklets being put out by the fans for the WORLD SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION. If you plan one, please let us know so that we can list it here. Remember, all booklets must be in by June 24, 1939. No booklets will be accepted after that. Mail your convention booklets to SAM MOSKOWITZ, 603 So. 11th Street, Newark New Jersey.

WHO'S WHO IN SCIENCE FICTION FANDOM published by Ted Dikty will contain concise biographies of practically every fan of any note

PROFESSIONAL SCIENCE FICTION RATINGS by HARRY WARNER jr

THRILLING WONDER STORIES JUNE 1939

	T 5%	C 20%	P 33%	N 40%	TOTAL 98%
DAWN OF FLAME					
THE ULTIMATE CATALYST	4	18	32	36	88
THE MAN WITHOUT A WORLD	3	17	28	37	85
ROBOT MENESIS	4	17	32	38	91
STOLEN CENTURIES	4	16	32	35	87
MOON OF INTOXICATION	2	12	22	30	66
PASSAGE TO SATURN	4	20	33	36	93
NO MORE FRICTION	4	17	30	35	86
total for the entire magazine					89%

AMAZING STORIES JUNE 1939

	1%	15%	28%	32%	76%
WORLD WITHOUT DEATH					
THE WHISTLING DEATH	0	18	30	35	83
THE DEADLY SLIME	0	15	26	39	80
LUNISTEET'S INVENTION	3	19	24	33	79
MICROBES FROM SPACE	0	12	22	35	69
THE RADIO MAN RETURNS	2	15	29	36	82
BRIGADE OF THE DAMNED	1	10	20	34	65
total for the entire magazine					77%

/ title T - narration N - characterization C - plot P /

CONVENTION BOOKLETS (continued)

in the U S. Length of sketches will vary-but each one will be at least 1/2 page long. It will contain around 60 small size pages.

FANTA-VERSE to be published by Bob Fermanek and will contain only poems, most of them reprints and will be small size.

FANTASY IN OPERAS by Mario Racio, jr. A very interesting article on "fantasy in operas" 4 large size mimeo pages plus a cover by Taurasi.

THE FANTASY COLLECTOR by Larry B Farsci and will contain an index of hard to find science fiction. Mimeographed large size.

The above booklets will be obtainable only at the WORLD STF CONVENTION. List continued next week ls

ASTOUNDING FACTS

Lester Del Ray's LUCK OF IGNATZ, will appear in the August issue instead of the July issue, as originally stated. - - - Yarns accepted by Editor Campbell for publication in ASTOUNDING & UNKNOWN are: THE MOTH by Ross Rocklynn; FORSAKING ALL OTHERS by Lester Del Ray; - - The editorial of the July ASTOUNDING will deal with the discovery of ATOMIC POWER. jvt

F A N - A - M A G R E V I E W

THE SCIENCE FICTION COLLECTOR Vol 4 No 6 March-April 1939 - 24 small size pages, well hectographed. The magazine is slowly building itself up to its former high standard. 10¢ a copy - John V Baltadonis, 1700 Frankford Ave, Philly, Pa.

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● F A N - A - M A G (Continued)

FANTASCIENCE DIGEST - Vol 2 No 3 March-April 1939 contains 30 large size pages well mimeographed and good reading contents. Good cover by John Giunta. An excellent mag. 15¢ Robert A Middle, 333 E Belgrade St. Philly Pa.

● F L A S H

As this page was being typed, we recieved, thru the mails, a check of \$10.00 from STREET & SMITH for a full page Advertisement in THE CONVENTION PROGRAM BOOKLET.

● RADIO NOTES

by Walter Sullivan

One of the NBC Radio Stations in N Y presented "Older than Methusalem". This 75 minute play dealt with the old story of Adam & Eve and the serpent, with Lilith and Cain thrown in. This Play also predicted that in 30,000 yrs. Human beings would live for three hundred years. "THE CIRCLE" continued its habit of sprinkling some weird and fantasy throughout its programs. The main guest for last Sunday's program was Boris Karloff, "America's sweet heart" (Quote Grocho Marx) who played the main part in "THE HART" a weird play. It sounded familiar, & later I discovered it was written by Arch Oboler. Last Saturday night Arch Oboler presented a play concerning a man who learned to read others thoughts.

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● S C I E N T I F I L M S

by Mario Racic Jr

Julie Haydon will be starred in Warner's Bros., remake of the Sitton Vane supernatural drama "OUTWARD BOUND", now playing in NY. This story was once made in 1930, with Helen Chandler. ----- "THE MOTHER", return from the dead, fantasy play opened in NY April 25th. This is Karel Capek's last work. He also wrote such fantasies as, R.U.R., THE INSECT WORLD, THE WORLD WE LIVE IN, etc. ----- Revivals; "CONDEMNED TO LIVE", vampire tale starring Ralph Morgan, at the Chelsea, 8th Ave, & 25th St., May 2nd. -- FACTS ABOUT OLD STFILMS.: Recently I mentioned the fact that "FAUST" was filmed three times, well, I found a fourth version, made in US circa 1908. - - - "DANSE MACABRE", was filmed by Volkov (Russian) in 1917. The film is written around a orchestra leader, who goes mad while conducting the Saint-Saens fantasy musical poem. - - - Meyerhold, directed "DORIAN GRAY" in 1914. Story is based on the Oscar Wilde book The Picture of Dorian Gray, in which the portrait of Dorian ages and withers in his stead. The whole issue of the March, 3, 1928 LA PETITE ILLUSTRATION CINEMATOGRAPHIQUE, (French film mag) is devoted to the story and many excellent scenes from "METROPOLIS". Everyday SCIENCE & MECHANICS, for FEB. 1936 has a page full of shots from "TRANSATLANTIC TUNNEL".

● FOR SALE: STILLS FROM THE STFILM "METROPOLIS". To help pay expenses for the CONVENTION, New Fandom has obtained a limited number of stills from this great stfilm. Three, different scenes available, for the low sum of TEN CENTS EACH, or all THREE FOR 25¢. CASH ONLY. Send all orders to

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