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## TWO STF MAGAZINES TO GO MONTHLY

(SPECIAL TO FN) FANTASTIC ADVENTURES will go monthly starting with the January 1940 issue. This magazine is one of two stf mags that started bi-monthly, but made such a hit that their publishers decided that the magazines could stand monthly publication. It's the first monthly magazine since 1933 to have a large size format.

TREMAINE copped the \$75.00 bonus for his "Golden Girl of Kalender" and Hamilton won the \$25.00 for "Horror out of Carthage" in the latest FANTASTIC ADVENTURES...Scheduled for the forthcoming issue are Thornton Ayre's "Lunar Intrigue" and Polton Cross' "One Came Back" (under a changed title).

### SEEING PALMER

by W Lawrence Hamling

RAY Palmer is leaving for Washington D C on the 12th of September. (continued on Page 2)

### ASTOUNDING FACTS UNKNOWN

ROGERS has done the cover for the October issue of ASTOUNDING, illustrating EESmith's great story and a darn good cover it is. Rogers has also done the cover for the Nov issue of ASTOUNDING. The inside illustrations for Smith's yarn are by Schneeman, tho not masterpieces, they're good. We would have liked WESSO or PAUL to have done the illustrations for such a yarn as Smith's tho. The type in UNKNOWN will be enlarged shortly and the issue this happens in will have no reader's department as the issue was put together for the old small size type and thus when it was learned that the larger type was to be used, something had to be left out!

Modest Stein does the cover for UNKNOWN, while Glidney does the Nov. one BUT, says Campbell, the most Unknown of the lot is CARTIER's cover for the Dec issue. It will be something quite unusual.

JOIN THE QUEENS S F L

### FAMOUS FANTASTIC MYSTERIES GOES MONTHLY!

#### TO HAVE TRIMMED EDGES

(SPECIAL TO FN) MUNSEY's FAMOUS FANTASTIC MYSTERIES is the other bi-monthly stf magazine to go monthly. It does so with the November issue. IT will have SMOOTH EDGES and carry illustrations by VIRGIL FINLAY. The line up for the Nov issue contains: "THE CONQUEST OF THE MOON POOL" by A Merritt. There was a great demand for this story and some misunderstanding as to the complete novel entitled the "Moon Pool" which ran in the first issue. You probably know that these were originally published a year apart. "THE MOON LETHAL" by Garrett P Serviss, and "ALMOST IMMORTAL" by Austin Hall are two novelettes in the Nov. issue. The other stories are: "THE WORLD IN THE BALANCE" by J.P. Marshall; "THE MAN WITH THE GLASS HEART" by George Allen England; "FRUIT OF THE FORBIDDEN TREE" by Leslie Burton (continued on page 2)



# FAMOUS FANTASTIC MYSTERIES ( continued )

Blades; and "THE RADIANT ENEMIES" by R F Starzl.

(Miss) M C Griedinger is in charge of the magazine, and tells us that she will print new shorts in addition to the famous classics. Planned for reprinting in early issues are Farley's "The Radio Man" (in 3 parts); "The Blind Spot"; "People of the Golden Atom"; "Who is Charles Avison?"; Marshall's "World in the Balance"; Flint's "Man in the moon"; etc.

## SEEING PALMER (continued)

This will be his first official vacation since he took over Amazing. Some of the stories to appear in the next AMAZING, due Sept 10 are as follows: "Dictator of Perce" by Don Wilcox; "Whirlpool On Space" by Miles Shelton (can this or can this not be a penname?) "Legion of the Dead" by Frederick Arnold Kummer jr and "Missing: Million in Radium" by Robert Moore Williams. Some of the stories to appear in the next FANTASTIC due out Sept 20 are as follows: "Into Another Dimension by Maurice Duclos; Polton Cross' yarn mention on page 1 of FANTASY-NEWS will appear under the title "The Man From Hell"; and "F.O.B. Venus" by Nelson S Bond. The next PAUL back cover on FA is the MAN FROM SATURN. It is the best yet. The cover on the next FA is truly a marvelous masterpiece. It is the best I've seen in many a blue moon. The new SOUTHERSEA ISLAND magazine is due out with four to six weeks. Ray is now editing directly four ZIFF-DAVIS mags. AMAZING, FANTASTIC, SOUTH SEA ISLAND, & AIR. RAY is enthusiastic over the coming CHICAGO CONVENTION of 1940! So is everyone else! wh

THE QUEENS SFL BEGINS IT'S 1939-40 SEASON WITH A SUPER MEETING ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10, PAUL WILL BE THERE

## THE VISASCREEN

Julius Schwartz has arrived home from his vacation in Hollywood. Otto Binder stopped at Chicago and will stay there with his family for a couple of weeks.

The Wellman family will be featured in the December AMAZING STORIES. Manly Wade's sequel to the popular "Battle in the Dawn" originally titled "That Was Atlantis" probably will see print as "Hok Visits Atlantis." Mrs. Wellman (Frances Garfield) debuts in AMAZING with "More Deadly than the Male".

MARRIAGE in the news: L Sprague de Camp took the marital plunge in August. His collaborator on "None but Lucifer", Horace L Gold, follows suit this month. Raymond A Palmer expects to be a married man before the year is out.

Among those scheduled to pay New York a visit within the next few months are HENRY KUTTNER from California and Raymond Palmer and Robert Moore Williams from Chicago. (DROP in on us fellows -ed)

## FANTASY NEWS EXTRA IT IS

Your letters have been coming in this last week giving us full approval on our new venture FANTASY NEWS EXTRA. MATERIAL is already be gathered and the first issue should hit the stands around Oct or at the latest, early in Nov. DALE TARR, DALE HART, BILL GROVE MAN have already mailed in material. Material is also expected from quite a few professionals. As you know this magazine will be based on the format of our popular FIRST ANNIVERSARY ISSUE of FANTASY-NEWS. YOUR article or short story will be appreciated for this new fan magazine.

THE QUEENS SFL GALS' "ALL-GIRL" MAGAZINE IS COMING ALONG VERY NICELY AND SHOULD BE OUT IN A FEW WEEKS.



## PROFESSIONAL SCIENCE FICTION RATINGS by HARRY WARNER JR

## AMAZING STORIES OCTOBER 1939

	T5%	C20%	P35%	N40%	TOTAL 100%
HISTORY IN REVERSE	3	16	23	35	77
RETURN OF SATAN	2	13	28	25	68
THE MISSING YEAR	2	14	29	34	79
THE ICE PLAGUE	1	13	27	32	73
THE PRINCESS WHO REBELLED	0	16	30	38	84
JUDSON'S ANNIHILATOR (reprint)	2	18	32	38	86
total for the entire magazine					77%

## FANTASTIC ADVENTURES SEPT 1939

HORROR OUT OF CARTHAGE	2	18	28	35	83
GOLDEN GIRL OF KALENDAR	1	12	20	28	61
THE AMAZING INVENTION OF WILBERFORCE WEMES	2	17	32	36	87
CITY UNDER THE SEA	1	14	26	35	76
THE MAN WHO SAW TOO LATE	3	15	30	35	83
THE INSECT INVASION	0	14	27	34	75
total for the entire magazine					75%

## STRANGE STORIES OCTOBER 1939

THE CULT OF THE DEAD	2	18	29	37	86
KAAPI	2	13	30	32	79
DEATH IS FORBIDDEN	1	16	27	34	78
LET ME OUT	2	13	27	34	76
THE MASTER	3	18	30	38	89
HE WAITS BENEATH THE SEA	4	14	26	33	77
A MESSAGE FOR HIS MAJESTY	4	17	30	36	87
HALF BULL	3	16	32	34	85
THE GHOSTLY VENGEANCE	1	15	27	37	80
THE GEIST OF THE JUNGLE	2	14	28	32	76
THE LIGHT MUST BURN	2	14	28	33	77
HOUSE OF THE GRIFFIN	2	13	26	34	75
SPAWN OF BLACKNESS	3	16	31	32	82
total for the entire magazine					81%

## ITEMS by Lane Stannard

MARVEL COMICS hit the stands this week with the worst printing job we've seen in a long time in a professional magazine. Colors not being where they're suppose to be pages cut wrong and smudges all over the place. Two best semi-stf cartoons are KA-ZAR & SUBMARINER THE HUMAN TORCH could also be included. PAUL did the cover, his

first for a cartoon mag. He's slated for more on other cartoon mags. ARGOSY for Sept 9th contains the 3rd of the TOMORROW series entitled THE BRIGHT FLAG OF TOMORROW. The series is written by Arthur Leo Zagat containing the future days of the US and is quite good, more are on their way. States LITZ from Rochester: A NEW Rochester fanmag will be out soon, with which will be combined OUTRE.



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FANAMAG REVIEW

## COSMIC TALES

LOUIS KUSLAN goes to College and quits the fan publishing field with a real bang-up 2nd anniversary issue of COSMIC TALES. This is an issue that can't be beat in size, volume and material. I don't think there have been any other fan mags containing 42 large size, excellently mimeographed pages. It marks an all time high in fan mags. This issue contains quite a bit of good material, but we think that JACK(B)SPENCER comments on the CONVENTION the best item in the issue. The cover is by Taurasi. This issue sells for 15¢ and is well worth it. John Giunta will take over the magazine from here making COSMIC TALES' 4th owner. We suggest you send for your copy of this magazine at once.

LOUIS KUSLAN, 170 Washington Ave West Haven, Conn.

A COSMIC PUBLICATION.

SCIENTI-SNAPS August Vol 2 No 4 excellent neat format. 16 large size pages well mimeographed. POEM on the cover by Miske, we prefer the old style cover lettering and presentation tho. Contents this issue is quite good with variety of material. 10¢ Walter Marconette 2709 East 2nd St, Dayton, Ohio

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SCIENTIFILMS by Mario Racic jr

THE MAN THEY COULD NOT HANG.....  
 Latest stills starring Boris Karloff. Boris plays a brilliant scientist who has invented a mechanical heart with which he can resuscitate the dead by pumping artificial blood through the body till the vital organs reawaken to activity. The purpose of this discovery is to make it possible for surgeons to perform operations of great delicacy on patients who have been scientifically put to death and who can, after the operation has been successfully completed, be easily revived. Since operations such as the replacements of organs that are worn out or diseased with healthy organs can easily be performed on a dead person, this discovery is really the key to eternal life. Unfortunately, Karloff is arrested for murder when he tries to experiment on a student who volunteered to die and be revived; and he is condemned and hanged. He is then secretly brought back to life by means of his own discovery and wreaks vengeance on the legalistic fools who condemned him. The film has some excellent dialogue on the stupidity of mankind. (Thanks to E. Dr. RUSSELL for the above review.)

Walter Winger studios are busy filming another fantasy film. It's about the style of MIRACLES FOR SALE. about magicians. The film ETERNALLY YOURS, stars Loretta Young, and David Niven. Paul Le Paul, pro. magician, is assisting the production of "magic". Some of the scenes, are: The creation of a woman (Loretta Young) in a transparent chemist's crucible, making her disappear from inside a trunk and "fade" from the surface of a sheet of plate glass. The plot is woven around the romantic problems of "the Great Arturo". Others in cast are: C. Aubrey Smith, Zasu Pitts, Billie Burke, Hugh Herbert.