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SELECTED SCOOPS OF 1939

JAN: HORNIG TO EDIT "SCIENCE FICTION"-HORNIG & LEY PRESENT AT QSFL.
CAMPBELL ANNOUNCES "UNKNOWN". "SCIENCE FICTION" MAY PUBLISH QUARTERLY.
FEB: FANT. ADVENTURES OUT IN MARCH TO BE LARGE SIZE.
DECAMP, CLARK, HORNIG ATTEND FIRST QSFL MEETING IN NEW HALL!
BLUE RIBBON WILL PUBLISH "FUTURE FICTION" IF "SF" SUCCESSFUL.
E. MASKWICZ OFFERED POSITION AS ARTIST FOR STANDARD.
ERIC FRANK RUSSEL, STF AUTHOR, TO VISIT U.S.
MAR: NEW CONVENTION PLANS AS N.Y. & N.J. FANS CONFER IN NEW YORK.
CAMPBELL, THE MRS., LEY, DECAMP, & CLARK AT MARCH QUEENS SFL MTG.
"WE HAVE METROPOLIS"---WORLD STF CONVENTION COMMITTEE.
APR: "SCIENCE FICTION" MAY GO MONTHLY. WALTER SULLIVAN LEAVES N.Y.
BINDER & ALI HASSAN GUESTS OF QSFL AT APRIL MEETING.
WORLD STF CONVENTION HALL NEAR PARK AVENUE NEW YORK CITY.
MAY: RUSSEL, BINDER, WILLIAMSON, HORNIG AT MAY QUEENS SFL MEETING.
SCHWARTZ AUTHORS "FANTASTIC HOAXES" IN FANTASTIC ADVENTURES.
PAUL COVER FOR SF TO BE AUCTIONED AT VSFC. GARDNER LEAVES N.Y.
JUN: FIRST N.Y. INTERVIEW WITH FARNSWORTH WRIGHT OBTAINED BY MOSKOWITZ.
QUEENS SFL HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING. ALL OLD OFFICERS REELECTED.
"TALES OF WONDER" THANKS U.S. FOR AID RENDERED.
WEIRD TALES REDUCES PRICE TO 15 CENTS, PAGES TO 128.
FRANK R. PAUL TO BE GUEST OF HONOR AT CONVENTION DINNER.
JUL: PUBLISHERS OF ARGOSY TO ISSUE "FAMOUS FANTASTIC MYSTERIES".
WORLD STF CONVENTION HUGE SUCCESS!! "TIME" MAGAZINE GIVES WRITE UP.
THRILLING WONDER GIVES DINNER OF APPRECIATION TO OUT-OF-TOWNERS.
COMETEERS RIDE ROUGHSHOD OVER PSFS IN HILARIOUS STF SOFTBALL GAME!
AUG: FANTASEER, FANFARE, STUNNING SCIENTIFIAN ALL PLANNED!
WEISINGER, BINDER, SCHWARTZ, VACATION IN CALIFORNIA.
ACKERMAN, MOROJO, BRADBURY, RETURN HOME AFTER CROSS COUNTRY TRIP.
REINSBERG HEADS GROUP PLANNING TO HOLD '40 CONVENTION IN CHICAGO.
LSFL HOLDS 100TH MEETING.
SEP: "FAMOUS FANTASTIC MYSTERIES" & "FANTASTIC ADVENTURES" GO MONTHLY!
OPENING QUEENS MEETING SHATTERS N.Y. & WORLD RECORDS.. 32 ATTEND.
GIRLS OF N.Y. TO ISSUE "FEMININE FAN", FIRST ALL-GIRL FAN MAG.
OCT: K. RUSSEL MILLER FOUNDER OF BIZARRE SERIES DIES.
PAUL & BINDER JOIN QSFL. W. LAWRENCE HAMLING ANNOUNCES STARDUST.
ASTOUNDING TO HAVE TWO COLOR INSIDE ILLUSTRATIONS.
H. GOTTLIFFE, WELL KNOWN ENGLISH FAN CALLED TO WAR.
"CAPTAIN FUTURE" TO BE PUBLISHED. "PLANET STORIES" APPEARS ON STANDS.
WAR STOPS PUBLICATION OF FIRST FRENCH STF MAG. EDITOR GAILLET DRAFTED.
NOV: NEW FANDOM'S CONSTITUTION APPROVED BY PHILLY CONFERENCE!
S & S PLANS "ASTOUNDING COMICS" TO COMBINE MANY FAMOUS FEATURES.
GOLDEN ATOM & SCIENCE FICTION FANDOM PUBLISHED. OUTRE REVIVED.
FRED POHL TO EDIT "ASTONISHING STORIES" & SUPERSCIENCE STORIES".
ENGLAND'S FANS REORGANIZE. MOST PROJECTS AGAIN CONTINUE.
AMAS QUEENS SFL MEETING SMASH HIT! KUTTNER, WEISINGER, HORNIG, BINDER THERE.
GIUNTA CRASHES COMIC MAG WITH CARTOON AND FAN MAG REVIEW.
"MARVEL TALES DISCONTINUED": GOODMAN. WILL SYKORA NEW ED. FANTASY NEWS.
REINSBERG SELLS STRIP TO "COLOSSAL COMICS".
JAMES V. TAURASI HAS NEW FAN COLUMN ACCEPTED BY "FUTURE FICTION".

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BOOST S C I E N C E FICTION

EDITORIAL by Will Sykora.

There are times when stf activities seem to slump, and this week the slump is reflected in the columns of this newspaper. Once in a great while someone digs up a list of contemporary stfan organizations which usually reads like this:

Philadelphia Science Fiction Soc'y, Baltimore Science Fiction League, Illini Fantasy Fictioneers, Chicago Science Fiction League, Tri-Cities Science Fiction League, Denver Science Fiction League, Liverpool Science Fiction Association, etc. (I omit mention of the Queens SFL and the Los Angeles SFL, because what I have to say here does not apply to these super-active fan clubs.) But what about these "Fictioneers," "Leagues", and "Societies"? Just this:--NOTHING. Do they hold regular meetings? Who knows? Do they publish a club mag? Who knows? Do they send reports of their meetings (if an SFL Chapter) to THRILLING WONDER STORIES? Who knows? Who are their officers? What is their purpose? Do they strive to advance Science Fiction? What do they do? What are they for? WHO KNOWS?

They keep their activities, if any, a secret. They have no publicity committee. Not a scrap of news is ever sent to a leading fan mag or newspaper like FANTASY NEWS. Is it because there are no activities, or that these clubs do not exist, or that their activities are so unimportant or dry and monotonous that they are of no interest to stfans? Any fan activity, if it advances, popularizes, or spreads the gospel of stf, is of the interest interest to all active stfans, practically all of whom read the leading stf weekly---FANTASY NEWS.

FAN MAG REVIEW by Harry Warner, Jr.
THE SCIENTIAL: Vol. 1, no. 1, Dec. 1939. Excellent first issue; 20 lg mimeod pp. Excellent material by Jameson, Unger, Hogue, Hamling, Korshak, and a very good feature by Mort Weisinger. 10¢ from 3671 Broadway, New York, N.Y.

THE FANTAST: Vol. 1, no. 7. 30 cove pp, well mimeod. One of the finest British fan mags ever. Excellent material, and particularly good letter section. Only 40¢ for 6 issues, at 244 Desborough Road, Eastleigh, Hants, England.

NEW FANDOM: Vol. 1, no. 6. 34 lg mimeod pp, plus covers. Good silk-screen cover, excellent contents emphasizing Convention write-ups and speeches. Available only to NEW FANDOM members, \$1 per year for ten issues. Only one sample copy to a non-member from Sam Moskowitz, 603 So. 11th Street, Newark, N.J. (hw)

HORIZONS: Vol. 1, no. 2. 12 lg, colorfully hctoed pp, excellent cover showing girl and dragon. 3 of the best fan stories to date. Next issue out April 1. 2 issues 15¢ from Harry Warner, Jr. 303 Bryan Place, Hagerstown, Md. (last item-wss)

SCIENTIRADIO by Abe Oshinsky.

Flash! I just heard in Jewish a play taking place one hundred yrs in the future, 2040. It concerns a scientist in Palestine. It has as its theme the old idea of a being created. The Jewish daily newspaper, "The Day", will have a complete write-up of this story this Saturday. I heard this over radio station WEVD at 7:00 P.M. Monday, January 15th. (ao)

WANTED!!! NEWS FOR FANTASY NEWS.

John W. Campbell, Jr., Editor of ASTOUNDING SCIENCE FICTION would like to see comparisons between all pro stf mags. Readers! Reporters! Stfans! Send in your reviews of two or more newstand science fiction mags, and compare them with one another, telling which one you like best and WHY. Everyone who submits a review of this sort will receive a "Big-Little" book of stf. BE A FANTASY NEWS REPORTER OR REG. COLUMNIST!

ASTOUNDING FACTS by Lane Stannard.

The March issue of **ASTOUNDING** will feature the latest astronomical plate by Gilmore, which, in our opinion is a so-so drawing. The novelets of this issue are "Cold" by Nat Schachner, two worlds depend utterly on one mine--- and the mine gives out! Result--the warmth of two world's friendship freezes in the cold of a tiny world---;"The Emancipated" by the ever-popular L. Sprague deCamp, one of his Johnny Black yarns, in which Johnny learns to talk. The short stories in this issue are: "In the Good Old Summer-time" by P. Schuyler Miller; "Chapter From the Beginning" by A. M. Phillips, and "The Dwindling Sphere" by Willard E. Hawkins. "If This Goes On", the super-serial, concludes with this issue.

Two articles, "Fuel For the Future" by Jack Hatcher, and "Atomic Ringmaster" by Arthur McCann, are in this issue, and of course the regular departments.

Inside illustrations are by Gilmore, E. Hatcher, R. Isip, W. Kolliker, F. Kramer, and H. Rogers.

"The Roads Must Roll?" is an interesting novelet by Robert A. Heinlein coming up in a future issue.

Coming up in **UNKNOWN FANTASY FICTION**, Page has a superman yarn that is written in an entirely new viewpoint. It will probably in the June issue, and contains about 40,000 words. Cartier has done the April cover of **UNKNOWN** and another beauty it is!

WILL SYKORA OFFERS \$25.00 REWARD!!!!

An important clue has just been discovered, pointing to the identity of the person or persons who sent the editor of this newspaper an obscene "Christmas" card through the U.S. Mails on Christmas Eve. On Jan. 13, 1940 a letter was sent from the vicinity of 2574 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. addressed to the **FANTASY NEWS** Office. When received, this letter bore a postmark identical with the postmark on the envelope in which the "Christmas" card in question (Con. next col.

PLANET'S ORBIT by James V. Taurasi.

The second issue of **PLANET STORIES** will hit the stands around February 1, 1940. It was revealed to your reporter via telephone that the second issue will contain "Martian Terror" by Ed Earl Repp; "Dictator Of Time" by the popular Nelson S. Bond; "Goddess Of the Moon" by Reynolds. The editor of **PLANET** states that he thinks Selwyn, a new writer, to have a very promising future, and that the fans will enjoy reading his "Revolt Of the Earth Star" in the second issue. Also in this issue are Ross Rocklynne, and Ray Cummings.

Two departments are featured in this issue, "The Visagraph", this is the most necessary readers' department, and "The Feature Flash", which is a combination of editorial and facts on artists, authors, etc., also a needed addition.

Leo Morey, popular stf artist, has been added to the artist staff, and a number of new artists have been given tryouts. The cover is done by the same artist who did the first cover.

As to whether the mag will go bi-monthly or even monthly, the editor replied that he did not know, it is all up to the readers. If the magazine sells well, it may.

Asked if the first issue has showed good promise, the editor answered that the returns were not in yet, and he would not really know till after the 3rd issue was published.

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with the exception that the number 2, instead of the number 4, appeared. The postal authorities at the Bklyn P.O. were questioned and said that there is no doubt that both letters were cancelled at the main P.O. The numbers having no significance except to identify the cancelling machine used, there being ten in use. Unfortunately, this clue is **NOT** conclusive proof of the identity of the sender of this card. There fore, \$25.00 in cash will still be paid to anyone who conclusively proves the identity of the person or persons who sent this card to the editor of this newspaper.

ODD ITEMS by FN Reporters.

Here is a little advance info on Stardust no. 2, May 1940: The cover is done by Jack B. Binder, a marvelous painting depicting a battle between two gigantic robot machines. It is epic. The feature story is by Robert Moore Williams--"Liederman's Generator", a sequel to, "The Man Who Looked Like Steinmetz". This novelet has power! Plenty of it. Other headlines will be (subject to change): Amelia Reynolds Long, Willy Ley, Forest J Ackerman, Dale Tarr, Jack Williamson, Charles D. Hornig. (wlh)

"Stardust needs Fandom's unswerving support"--Editor of FN.

"Best Short Stories of 1927" a collection, contains a scientale "Master Of the Atom" by Ramon Gomez de la Serna. (tj)

Harry Warner, Jr., our able fan mag columnist, has just gotten over a severe cold. His Spaceways and Horizons have both been published, however, and are excellent. (ws)

Ted Dikty, once active fan of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, has just sent word that his long delayed Fantasy Digest will probably be out in Feb. If plans go as scheduled, the issue will contain 24, legal size (8 1/2 x 14) mimeod pp. This will be the last to be sent in trade with other fan mags. Moonstruck Publications, which has taken over FD, consists of 4 members, so there could be no equitable distribution of traded mags. Instead, each member will subscribe to the fan mags he likes best.

Ted also sends in a correction to the news of Fred Shroyer in a recent issue of FANTASY NEWS. Fred had planned to leave for Los Angeles, not Mexico, on Dec. 28th, but the prospect of a position as advertising man for a Ft. Wayne firm kept him in town. Shroyer was told to report for work on Mon. Jan. 15 so apparently he will be able to continue on the staff of Moonstruck.

A close comparison between the first instalment of "Black World" in the latest AMAZING and "The Red Peri" by Weinbaum is suggested. (td)

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SCIENTIFILMS by Mario Racio, Jr.

HAL ROACH announces the purchase of the screen rights to the famous Thorne (Topper) Smith novel "Turnabout". The picture will be a fantastic comedy about sex transformation of a man to woman and vice-versa. A scenario is now in preparation, and production will start February 12th.

Walt Disney announces the world premier of his second full length fantasy film cartoon, "Pinocchio" at the CENTER THEATRE in Radio City, New York, on February 7th.

COLUMBIA PICTURES will soon release a film about the legendary "Atlantis", also a film called "Men Without Souls", which sounds promising. This same company just released a ten minute short called "World Of 1960". This is a futuristic showing of the "Futuraama" presented by General Motors at the New York World's Fair.

Recently we came into possession of two excellent and rare stills from the old Russian fantastic Martian film, "Ailita".

Your still reporter is attending the world premier of the beautiful technicolor fantasy "The Bluebird" today, and will give you a review in next week's FANTASY NEWS.

LOCAL REVIVALS: "Berkeley Square" with Leslie Howard, and Heather Angel, at the Apollo Theatre on 42nd Street West of Broadway January 25th to 31st.

OUT THIS WEEK by John Steller.

SUPERSCIENCE STORIES hit the local stands on Jan. 18. Outstanding is the yarn by Raymond Z. Gallun titled "The Lotus Engine", a really novel story. The fan department has a list of 12 fan clubs, 7 of which are chapters of the Science Fiction League of THRILLING WONDER STORIES.

THRILLING WONDER arrived this week with an excellent novelet by Bando Binder called "The Time Cheaters". Rather poor cover by Brown which compares very unfavorably with the excellent cover by an unknown artist on SUPERSCIENCE STORIES.

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