

## FAPA MIXUP FINALLY SETTLED

### TAURASI TURNS ENTIRE TREASURY

#### OVER TO PRESIDENT ROTHMAN

The recent visit of Milton A. Rothman, President of the Fantasy Amateur Press Association to the home of James V. Taurasi, former Secretary-Treasurer, resulted in a final settlement of all the confusion arising out of the recent double election. The visit occurred on Sunday, Feb 18, when Rothman, accompanied by Elmer Perdue and Cyril Kornbluth arrived at Taurasi's house in Flushing.

Perdue and Rothman were invited inside, and after a three hour conference, the records of the Association and the Treasury were turned over. The Treasury stands as follows:

Owed to Wally Marconette for mailing	
he sent out as Acting Official Editor.....	\$7.00
Owed to Jack Speer for post cards	
sent out as a result of conclusions arrived at from Third Annual Philadelphia Conference.....	\$0.40
CASH ON HAND.....	\$8.00
RESULTANT TREASURY BALANCE....	\$0.70

The trouble all started when Taurasi, failing to receive a list of active members from then Official Editor Rothman, sent out ballots to all members, active or inactive. Ex-President Wiggins, fearing his associates would be voted out of office or their political strength curtailed, sent out ballots to what he thought were the active members together with a tirade against Taurasi. The results of both ballots were substantially the same except that Taurasi lost out on the second ballot. Ballot count next wk.

### ODD ITEMS GATHERED AT QUEENS S. F. L.

The science fiction celebrities present as usual at today's Queens Science Fiction League meeting were the source of the following interesting news items:

David Wright O'Brien is Farnsworth Wright's nephew. He is the son of Wright's sister. O'Brien had to write his story "Fish Men Of Venus" in the last AMAZING STORIES in three days! It was written around the cover, which was drawn first... Hannes Bok is to have illustrations in STARTLING and STRANGE STORIES... "Ode To Pegasus", a yarn by Maria Moravsky in an old issue of WEIRD TALES received honorable mention in O'Brien's Best Short Stories of the year. "Beyond the Frame" is the title of her next story in WT... Gretchen Reidinger is a sensational new authoress discovered by Wright, who will appear in the May WT under title "Wind In the Moonlight". It cops the cover... Fritz Leiber, Jr. appears in the next WT with "Automatic Pistol" a weird-gangster yarn... "Pluto" is a new all-round fan mag published by the Literature, Science and Hobbies Club of Decker, Indiana headed by Marvis Manning... It is well-hektoed, and contains about 10 pages of apparently staff-written material... (SM)

HOMER EON FLINT'S story, "The Missing Mondays" was published in a recent issue of the TORONTO STAR WEEKLY. It is a very lengthy story. Copies of the paper may be obtained through the AMERICAN NEWS COMPANY. Franz Litz.



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# ----- B O O S T    S C I E N C E    F I C T I O N -----

GUEST EDITORIAL By Thos. S. Gardner

The removal of Farnsworth Wright as editor of WEIRD TALES is the greatest blow to WT that has happened since its inception. Wright demanded literature--consequently the stories from WT were reprinted in collected short stories and anthologies as the best literature of certain years.

To change WEIRD TALES to a sex horror, or terror magazine is double-crossing its readers, who are a steady, loyal clan. WT, by its very nature, can never be a big pulp seller. Its readers would far rather see it removed from the stands completely, than to see its degradation and debasement before its eventual removal--for the readers of WT at the present time will simply drop the magazine, and I doubt if it can build up a clientele in time to prevent its failure whenever that happens. Even STRANGE STORIES is too poor for the reader of WEIRD TALES, who demand literature as well as entertainment.

The readers of WT prefer to see Wright reinstated--if not, then his policy continued. It will be a mistake for the owners to play with the policy of WT--it is too well established and liked.

It is to be hoped that every reader and fan in the world will demand good literature in the specialized field of WT from the magazine--as they have done in the past. If we do not get it, then we will simply cease to buy it. FANTASY NEWS is to be congratulated and praised for its honest, clear cut stand on quality in WT--and quality is synonymous with the policy that Wright has pursued for years.

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TELL YOUR CORRESPONDENTS ABOUT FANTASY NEWS. THEY'D LIKE TO SUBSCRIBE.  
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FAN MAG REVIEW by Harry Warner, Jr.

A great many fan mags were received this week, so many in fact, that lack of space prevents review of them all.

LE ZOMBIE: Vol. 2, no. 12. 6 lg mimeod pp, gossip and news. 3 for 10¢, Box 260, Bloomington, Ill.

POLARIS: Vol. 1, no. 2. 16 pp of exceptionally good weird material.

Large, mimeod. Paul Freehafer, 404 S. Lake Ave, Pasadena, Calif.

PSFS NEWS: Vol. 3, no. 1. New format of 4 large mimeod pp. News of Philadelphia fandom. A nickel, 333 E. Belgrade St, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

FANTASCIENCE DIGEST: Vol. 3, no. 1. 44 large, finely mimeod pp--for only 15¢! Superb material, too. 333 E. Belgrade St, Philadelphia, Pa.

SCIENTI-SNAPS: Vol. 3, no. 1. Another superlative. 28 large, mimeod pp, heavy paper colored covers and an amazing line-up of pro material for ten cents. Just about perfection. 2709 E. Second Street, Dayton, Ohio.

SCIENCE FICTION WEEKLY: Vol. 1, no. 1. The new weekly. 6 well mimeod, newsy pp. 5¢, from 2574 Bedford Ave, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Other arrivals will be reviewed next week.

# ----- NELSON S. BOND REPORTS: -----

My full length novel, "Twilight of the Gods", is scheduled to appear soon (perhaps next month) in BLUE BOOK...ASTOUNDING S-F has bought "Legacy", a sequel to "Stow-away" in the August issue..."The Author Speaks" column of the forthcoming TWS will publicly reveal what I have known privately for some time: that my stf stories are part of a closely-woven, interdependent net and not a mass of unintegrated stories...I'll have a short story in the next issue of PLANET STORIES...My "Proxies Of Venus" is scheduled, I believe, for the May issue of SCIENCE FICTION...TWS has four or five of my yarns on file; they'll appear from time to time...And of course there is the Lancelot Biggs series in FANTASTIC ADVENTURES.

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BE A FANTASY NEWS REPORTER AND HELP MAKE UP THE STFAN WEEKLY SUPREME!!!  
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## CHICAGO FAN TO CONDUCT NEW CLUB PAGE IN FAMOUS FANTASTIC MYSTERIES

### FFM'S EDITOR IN DILEMMA

In a telephone interview on Monday, March 4, Mary Gnaedinger, editor of FAMOUS FANTASTIC MYSTERIES confirmed the report that Erle Korshak, active Chicago stfan and second hand magazine dealer, will conduct a club page in her magazine soon. Mrs. Gnaedinger could give no definite date for the appearance of this page, because she is undecided on the method to be used in conducting it. It is entirely due to this indecision on her part that the page will be delayed.

The problem confronting Science Fiction's only lady editor is the usual one. Should the new department cater to the interests of the comparatively small number of hyper-active stfans, or should it be of interest mainly to the general reader, who on the whole does not know of fandom and is not primarily interested in it.

Mrs. Gnaedinger cordially invites the readers of science fiction to write in to her giving specific reasons why they think one of the other policy should be followed. The editors of FANTASY NEWS urgently request all FN readers to cooperate with Mrs. Gnaedinger, and let her know exactly how they feel in the matter and why. Letters may be sent c/o FANTASY NEWS or direct to the Frank A. Munsey Co.

### RARE FANTASY NEWS BACK NOS. FOR SALE

The following are 20¢ each:  
Vol. 1; nos. 1,2,3,4,5,7,8,9,11,10,12,14,15,16,18,19,23,25, and 26.  
Next are 15¢ each: Vol. 2; nos. 1,2,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,22,25,26. Next are 10¢:  
Vol. 3; nos. 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,13,16,17,18a,18,19,20,21,23,24,25,26. All Vol. 4 are 5¢ each.

WANTED: Issue no. 80, and Sep 3, 1939. Will extend present sub 1 issue for former, 2 for latter.

ODD ITEMS BY FN REPORTERS. Sam Moskowitz has an article and a story coming up in STARDUST, the second issue of which has just appeared.

### SCIENTIFILMS by Mario Racio, Jr.

In order to eliminate possible confusion that may be caused by a superabundance of numerals, the title of the forthcoming HAL ROACH production, has been changed from "1,000,000 B.C." to "One Million B.C." The decision to spell out the title came after a recent sneak preview of the film. It was found that members of the audience overestimated the figure by anywhere from a million to a billion years.

"One Million B.C." has Victor Mature, Carole Landis and Lon Chaney, Jr. in the stellar roles.

Boris (Frankenstein) Karloff and Bela (Dracula) Lugosi are to make personal appearance tours soon.

"The Bluebird", technicolor fantasy film, starts its popular priced run March 1st, at the Roxy in New York City.

LOCAL REVIVALS: Double stfilm programs: "Werewolf Of London" and "Dracula" at the Colony Theater Second Ave, and 79th St, Mar 8-9. The Audubon Theatre is showing "Frankenstein" and "The Raven" on Mar. 2, 3, 4, at Broadway and 165th Street, New York.

Stfans! Keep your eyes peeled for a grand stfilm parade now in progress. On their way are "Dr. Cyclops", "One Million B.C.", "White Eagle", "Earthbound", two fantasies based on Thorne (Topper) Smith's novels, "Beyond Tomorrow" and many more. Watch your local theatres for these films, and let us know how you like them. Write Mario Racio, Jr., Stfilm Editor, Fantasy News Office.

"Flash Gordon Conquers the Universe" is UNIVERSAL'S new stf serial in 12 chapters, produced by Henry MacRae who recently made another stf serial "The Phantom Creeps". Buster Crabbe plays the part of Flash, and Frank Shannon that of Prof. Zarkow, while Chas. Middleton is Emperor Ming. The opening chapters have Flash and Zarkow trying to bring Ming to justice for spreading a fatal dust which induces "the purple death". Fighting among rocket ships, fiery pits, avalanche of ice, the fight to obtain "polarite", an (Con.P.4, Col.1)



THE TIME STREAM by Sam Moskowitz.

"STARTLING STORIES WILL GO MONTHLY IF..." says Mort Weisinger. The big IF centres around the problem of getting enough good novels to fill a monthly magazine. SUGGESTION: Reprint say three of the great novels from old WONDERS every year! Only until enough new material can be obtained to sustain the magazine on its new basis. What say, Mort?...Malcolm Jameson has a story coming up in TWS whenever Mort remembers he still has it on file...Eldon Heath who reviewed the LOVECRAFT OMNIBUS in TWS is a pen name of August W. Derleth's, by the latter's own admission. Subtle advertising we call it... WEISINGER ATTENTION! Am just putting finishing touches on a 5000 word article recounting the history of THRILLING WONDER STORIES from both editorial and fan viewpoints. (Not so subtle)...I am convinced after close comparison of styles that Martin Vaeth, author of "After the Plague", in the first ASTONISHING is Frederick Arnold Kummer, Jr.... Also that "Stepsons Of Mars" in the second number is written by the Futurian Communist group inasmuch as the pen name, Ivar Towers, is a slightly changed form of "Ivory Towers", the Futurians hangout... "The Root Gatherers" by R.H. Barlow which is presented in the Mar 1940 issue of "Polaris" was announced to appear in the old "Planeteer" published by Jim Blish before that mag expired...Charlie Hornig has set up an office in Los Angeles, Calif., for literary criticism. He will read and comment on your work for 2 dollars for 5000 words or less, one dollar if you send him material before Mar 16, 1940. His address is 628 W. 9th St, Los Angeles, Calif. Give him a break, fans!...

SCIENTIFILMS Cont'd. antidote for the "death", Ming's mechanical men, are some of the spine-tingling ingredients making this stfserial a must for all stfans.

Ernest Schoedsak, maker of "King Kong" and "Dr. Cyclops", and Janice Logan, star of the latter, are in Denver for the premiere there on Mar. 6..."Black Friday", latest UNIVERSAL weirdrama to have world pre-

ENTER! BIG PRIZE CONTEST! ENTER!

Through the courtesy of Julius Unger, fantasy fandom's foremost back number dealer, FANTASY NEWS is able to present to its readers and to all Science Fiction Fandom one of the most unique and interesting contests ever held. It is a BIMONTHLY CONTEST, and every stfan except the staff of FANTASY NEWS and Mr. Unger may enter. Two prizes will be given every two mos. One prize will go to the stfan author who, in the opinion of the judges, has written the best fan article in ANY STFAN MAGAZINE, exclusive of this newspaper. The second prize will go to the editor of the fan mag in which the prize winning article was published. The judges will consist of Mr. Unger, and the staff of FANTASY NEWS who comprise Will Sykora, Jimmy Taurasi, Sam Moskowitz, and Mario Racic, Jr. The decision of the judges will be final, and the judges will not be in a position to enter into any extended correspondence any entry. Here are the rules:

1. The first bimonthly contest will begin March 17, 1940 and continue to May 18, 1940.

2. All fan mags, except this newspaper (FANTASY NEWS) will be considered.

3. No fiction will be considered.

4. It will not be necessary to earmark your article. The best one in the judges' opinion will be the winner.

5. The judges are Julius Unger, Will Sykora, Jimmy Taurasi, Sam Moskowitz, Mario Racic, Jr.

6. The judges decision will be final.

7. Contest closes May 18, 1940. The prizes will each consist of a rare stf collector's item from Mr. Unger's extensive and comprehensive collection.

STFANS! SUBMIT YOUR BEST ARTICLE TO YOUR FAVORITE FAN MAG NOW!!

miere in Chicago...The stf comics like "Rex Dexter of Mars", and "Electro, the Flame", may soon be filmed.