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MIRANDO DRAFTED!! AT FORT DIX!!!

JOHN GIUNTA, last Monday reported to Tremaine, that Mike Mirando, up and coming young COMET artist had been drafted by the U.S. and was now at Camp Dix in New Jersey. Mirando will do no drawings when he's in the Army, but will resume his efforts when he gets back next year. Mike began his staff work illustrating for Giunta's AMAZING WONDER TALES, a fan magazine. Later he and Giunta worked together on the cartoon MAGISTAN OF MARS published in AMAZING MAN COMICS. Giunta introduced him into the pulp illustrating field by getting him work at COMET. Mirando also had a cartoon strip running in AMAZING MAN COMICS (now on the stands) called THE VOICE. Lots of luck Mike, may you be a General before your year is up! (JVT)

VAN HOUTEN JOINS COMETEERS.

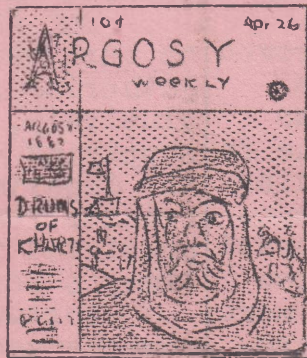
Ray Van Houten having sold his first yarn, and being a well known active fan was asked by the COMETEERS to join them, and he has given his OK. He makes the 6th member of this cooperative group. (JVT)

ROBERT O. ERISMAN editor of MARVEL STORIES states in a national advertisement: I GET QUICK, MORE THOROUGH RELIEF FROM BROMO SELTZER.

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ARGOSY GETS NEW DRESS

STF FANS have always had



a soft spot in their hearts for ARGOSY, so they'll be very interested in the new dress of Argosy starting with the April 26th issue. The new cover will be up-to-the minute, but still give DIGNITY and old fashion atmosphere to the (Continued on P. #3)

SAM MOSKOWITZ, RAY VAN HOUTEN AND TOM WRIGHT IN 6th ISSUE OF COMET

cover for issue not yet picket.

The stories for the 6th issue of COMET have already been picked. They include: THE IMAGINATIVE GENIUS by Richard O. Lewis; VANISHED UNIVERSE by Nat Schachner; A LEGEND OF MARS by COMET-TEER Ray Van Houten, his first yarn accepted; THE KISS OF DEATH by Henry J. Kostkos; BEDORINS OF SPACE by E.A. Grosser; THE CAT THAT HAD NINE LIVES by Simk & Carl Jacobi; THE FIRST MUTANT by COMET-TEER Sam Moskowitz, Sam's second sale to COMET. AT THE OTHER FOCUS by Tom Wright and illustrated by Tom Wright.; KABOC by Eugene Craig. All the regular departments plus a two page spread of a ROCKET SHIP by Thorp. No cover or inside illustrations have yet been picked outside of Wright's drawing, but Tremaine expects to have them picked out in a week. The issue is at present dated JULY, but a issue may be skipped due to the loss of sales during the hot weather, so that it may appear in August. (JVT)

THE DENVENTION IN 1941 see you there!

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----- BOOST SCIENCE FICTION -----

EDITORIAL by Will Sykora.

This issue of FANTASY NEWS is dated April 6th, but this Page Two is being stenciled on May 6, just one month later, and thereby hangs a long, long tale.

As all our subscribers know, FN is and has been very late. What they do not know is that our spare time has been cut in half, or worse by the intense defense program. Overtime at the shop has begun to mean working till 7:00 P.M. or later on weekdays, and all day Saturday, for the last two or three weeks of the month. It takes us 8 hours or more to prepare FANTASY NEWS so that it is at least presentable, exclusive of addressing envelopes and actually mailing.

Jimmy Taurasi, however, proved to our satisfaction that he was able to put out an issue in less than an hour and a half, and the result is what you have been reading for the past two issues, and pages 1, 3, and 4 of this issue. Taurasi founded FANTASY NEWS nearly three years ago, and there is no one more fitted to take over in this emergency.

News had also become quite scarce, due to probably two reasons. The first was the fact that Sam Moskowitz was extremely busy professionally having clicked with yarns in COMET and PLANET STORIES, and the second was the fact, as stated by Taurasi, that the pro sf editors were reluctant to issue news statements to him, unless he, himself, stenciled them. Ostensibly this was because (next col.)

FAN MAG REVIEW by Harry Warner, Jr.

CFS Review: no. 2. News about the Denvention; available only to members of the CFS. Address inquiries to 1258 Race Street, Denver, Colorado.

FMS Digest: vol. 1, no. 1. At last the idea of a fan magazine digest has materialized. Condensed versions of about a dozen excellent recent fan mag features. 12 large, mimeod-on-heavy-paper pages. Well worth a nickel tariff; 1426 W. 38th St, Los Angeles, California.

The Damn Thing: vol. 1, no. 4. 20 lg, mimeod pp; as usual, insulting lots people. Featured is a 7 page story assertedly dictated by Thorne Smith at a seance. Assertedly, is right. A dime, 6475 Metropolitan Sta., Los Angeles, Cal.

FAPA Mailing for March: very poor this time. 13 pieces, half of them microscopic, and 3 already-published issues of subscription magazines. Some worthwhile stuff, though. For FAPA members only; address inquiries to M.A. Rothman, 1730 P, NW, Washington, D.C.

EDITORIAL Cont'd: they demanded that absolutely no changes, editorial or otherwise, be made in the reports they released.

For these reasons we were glad to turn over the mimeoing and news gathering jobs to Jimmy exclusively, with the exception of supplying odd bits, and some of the departments. Only our close friends realize how deeply we appreciated this offer to help on Jimmy's part.

Fortunately, the situation has now changed somewhat. A careful analysis and rearrangement of our spare moments, and the development of a new source of news, namely our (editorially) better half who has shown remarkable talent for news gathering, have enabled us to again assume the masthead of FANTASY NEWS. This time (hope springs eternal in the human breast) we expect no more lapses, and your cooperation, friendly readers, we expect to raise FANTASY NEWS to the heights it deserves to attain.

ERISMAN AND AD (Continued from P.1)

the stomach".

Thus spoke Robert O Erisman, one of Red Circle's editors, responsible for work on MARVEL STORIES and UNCANNY STORIES, in an advertisement for Bromos Seltzer in the pictorial section of the March 23 edition of the New York Sunday News.

Accompanying this statement is a picture of handsome Mr. Erisman seated behind "Betsy" his faithful old typewriter. Erisman has had stories in ARGOSY recently. (CR)

FLASH as this page is being typed

We hear from a good source, that Olon F Wiggins, of the coming Denver Convention, nicknamed The DENVENTION, has stated that he will turn over to the next Convention Committee (1942) all money pulled in from the Denvention after said Denvention's expenses have been paid. This paper wants to be the first to congratulate Wiggins and the Denvention Committee for this stand and hope that all future Conventions do the same. It should have been done a long time ago.

ARGOSY in modern dress (from P. 1)
oldest magazine of its type still

being published. The present stf yarn in the magazine is THE DAWN-SEEKERS by Frederick C. Plinton, a yarn that all stf fans will like. The small cut on page 1 of this paper will give you an idea what the new cover will look like. The new cover illustrates a story in the issue and will be changed every week. The same change is being made with DETECTIVE FICTION WEEKLY.

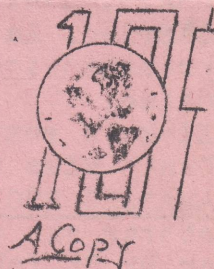
WILLY LEY HAS FIRST BOOK PUBLISHED IN US.

A neat two page, mimeographed circular was mailed out last week announcing the publication of Willey Lay's first book in the U.S. Titled THE LUNGFISH AND THE UNICORN, 320 pages and illustrated with 26 line drawings by Willy Ley and others. The book is subtitled: An Excursion into Romantic Zoology. Sells for \$2.75 and published by MODERN AGE BOOKS. Willy Ley is well known to stf fans for his articles and stories in various stf magazines. He is also a well liked member of the Queens Science Fiction League.

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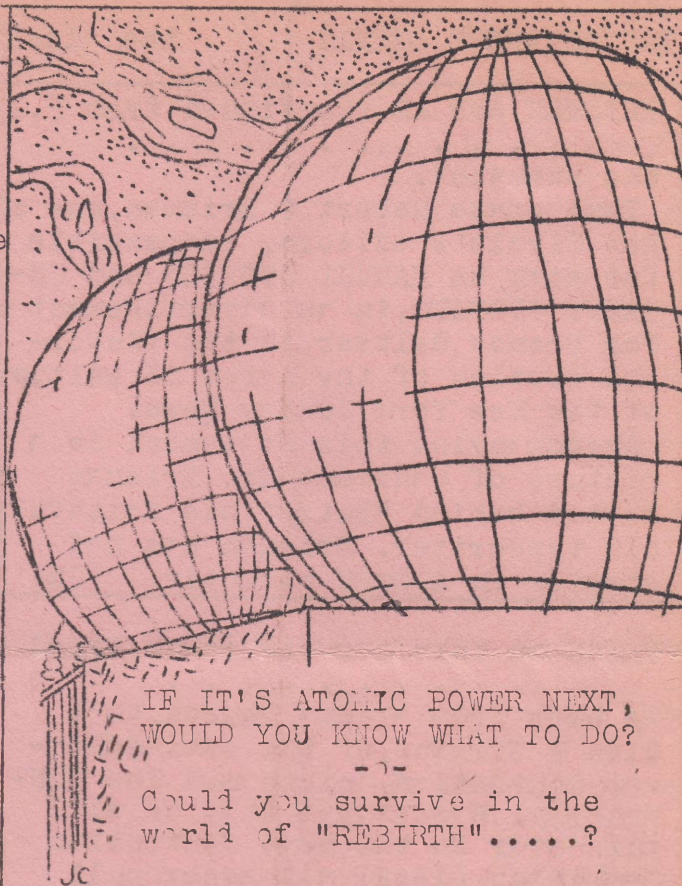
NUTSHELL REVIEWS by I.S. STEELER

ASTOUNDING SCIENCE FICTION: The current, April 1941 issue contains two stories which can be highly recommended. THE STOLEN DORMOUSE by L. Sprague de Camp, hits off in the vein that first made de Camp popular. Along the same style is DIVIDE AND RULE, it starts much snootier and cleverly. Characterizations are clear cut, future concepts are clever. Capital entertainment, judging only on the strength of Chapter one. MICROCOSMIC GOD by Theodore Sturgeon is first-rate stuff. Original to the nth degree it appeals to the intellect to a greater degree than any yarn in months. Though the powerful, vivid style that insured Sturgeon's popularity in "It" is not present thruout, occasional flashes break thru it just the right spots for greatest effect. A memorable story.

COMET: The fourth number proves that Tremaine intends to keep his promise of continued improvements with every issue, and a return of those outstanding, appealing science-fiction yarns that we like to call "classics".

There is a classic of science-fiction in the 4th number of COMET. THE FACTS OF LIFE by P. Schuyler Miller, is a magnificently handled yarn in the tradition of Nathaniel Hawthorne and Fritz-James O'Brien. An idea unique in its presentation, reminiscent, as Tremaine, states of K.F. Zisk's remarkable "Succubus". Don't miss this story.

AMAZING STORIES June, this issue starts out with an excellent cover by St. John and ends with a super cover by the one and only PAUL at his best. BLACK PIRATES OF BARSOOM by Edgar Rice Burroughs is Burroughs best so far in AMAZING. Old time readers of Burroughs will love this yarn. Inside illustrations by St. John very good.



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