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## ADVANCE NEWS FROM ARKHAM HOUSE!

### OFFICIAL PUBLICATION DATES FOR 1944

#### SPECIAL TO FN by August Derleth.

Here is the latest dope on ARKHAM HOUSE information published last issue:

Wandrei's "The Eye and the Finger" is being officially published August 10th, but copies are currently en route all advance orderers. Whitehead's "Jumbee and Other Uncanny Tales" will be distributed by August 20th. Smith's "Lost Worlds" will go out in late September, while earlier in the month "Sleep No More" will be distributed, its official date being September 21st. I

In late November, HPL's "Marginalia" will come. "Marginalia" will contain a section of photographs, besides the material mentioned last issue, if it can be arranged. These will include photos of HPL, his study, his drawings of his study, his script, a drawing or two, a reproduction of a "Lament" for the piano written in honor of HPL, pix of the "Lovecraft Circle" including Bob Howard, Smith, Kuttner, Bloch, Whitehead, Wright, Don Wandrei, Long, Derleth, among others.

If these books go over, and indications are that they will do so, ARKHAM HOUSE will publish four books next year. These will be a collection by Bob Howard, Long's "Hounds Of Tindalos", Bloch's "The Opener Of the Way", and Derleth's "Something Near".

FARRAR & RHINEHART will probably do the "Who Knocks".

The Hodgson omnibus also seems on the way, probably for 1946.

MORE ODD ITEMS: Fred Baker says that Will Sykora looks like "Rags" Ragland. Poor "Rags"!

Dorothy Les Tina, formerly with POPULAR Pubs Stf mags is now in Pentagon Building, Washington, D.C. (fb)

## ODD ITEMS by FANTASY NEWS REPORTERS

Ellery Queen is really Fred-eric Dannay and his cousin Manfred B. Lee. Dannay is 39 years old. (aot)

W. Lawrence Hamling and Chester S. Geier are devoting their full time to professional writing. Bill has sold some ten stories in the past few months to AMAZING STORIES, FANTASTIC ADVENTURES, MAMMOTH DETECTIVE, and has written many more which are going the rounds. There is a possibility he will hit some good New York markets, soon.

Chet Geier has just sold Campbell another ASTOUNDING yarn called "Disappearance". It looks as if his "Environment" in one of the recent issues will take first place, or at worst, second.

Bill has been released from active duty in the Army and is now on Officers' Reserve because of injuries received on maneuvers. (bc)

Gerry de la Ree is now a sports reporter for the Bergen Evening Record. No more issues of his 10 page mimeod mag "Beowulf" are available. Gerry will resume fan activity soon with mimeoing Joe Kennedy's fanzine, Vampire. (dl)

Larry Shaw has given up Nebula. (hw)

FAPA elections took place in June, but results have not yet been announced. Postage on the last mailing from Massachusetts ran to more than the 75¢ dues. Although the membership has been upped to 65 there is a waiting list of about a dozen fans. (hw)

Will Sykora may visit Harry Warner soon. Details will appear in this newspaper exclusively. (aot)

Lynn Moffat will not publish his proposed two pager. This would have been the first fan mag published on an anonymous Pacific island by a U. S. Marine (fb)

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EDITORIAL by Will Sykora.

Here is our second issue under the new schedule. Four more to go before we can see whether weekly publication will again be possible.

Your editor has resigned his job with the Westinghouse Company, and is now with Revere Brass in their chemical laboratory, a job more to his liking and temperament. This condition brings the possibility of weekly schedule closer.

We are very gratified at the response to our request for news items, and wish to take this means to heartily thank everyone who has cooperated so well and loyally. A great many of our old reporters have returned as well as some newcomers.

Our subscription is growing again by leaps and bounds, with many of the old-timers sending in their dimes, quarters and dollar-bills to renew. This is a good sign, as it shows that FANTASY NEWS has found a warm place in many a science-fiction heart.

Thanks a million, friends.

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BOOK REVIEWS by Russell Cox (S/Sgt)

Willy Ley has a new book out called "Rockets", a very fine discussion of rockets and the problems involved in their flight. He gives a great deal of information as to the latest methods of construction, types of fuels, etc. He also has a long history of the various Rocket Societies and their experiments. The book is probably the most complete on the subject yet published. Ley has a fine narrative style that never bogs down. It carries the reader along breathlessly to the end. Ley has on the average of about two articles every week in the newspaper PM. These are on scientific subjects of popular interest and make quite good reading.

A new book of interest to all stfans is "The Tales Of Edgar Allan Poe". This book has in it all of Poe's scientific stories, such as his "A Descent Into the Maelstrom" and "MS Found In a Bottle". It also contains his weird stories as his famous "Masque Of the Red Death", "The Tell-Tale Heart", and "The Fall Of the House Of Usher". In all the book contains 20 of his best stcriss. It is a nice collector's item for the avid fan.

SCIENTIFIRADIO by Bob Mastell.

Heard on AUTHOR'S PLAYHOUSE a few weeks ago-Nelson S. Bond's "Mr. Cartwright's Camera" and Stephen Vincent Benet's "Dr. Melbourne and the Pearly Gates". Very good.

CAPTAIN FUTURE HAS FOLDED!

No longer appearing in "The WRITERS' DIGEST" list of Science-Fiction Markets and no longer listed among the companion mags at the foot of STARTLING's contents, it may be presumed that BETTER Pubs have discontinued the only stf character mag that was ever published. CAPTAIN FUTURE is no more. MORE ODD ITEMS by FN Reporters.

LEIGH BRACKET has a long and mediocre article entitled "The Science Fiction Field" in the July WRITERS' DIGEST. (rg)

BART HOUSE's "The Weird Shadow Over Innsmouth" (sic) by HPL contains, besides "The Shadow" four other HPL Tales. Well worth 25¢. fb