

NEWSLETTER

An AFPA PUBLICATION .

Dear Fans,

I am not going to suggest that this news letter is a replacement for ETHERLINE ,but rather a means of keeping in touch with the many friends we have made in the time that AFPA and Etherline have been in existance. Circumstances as you know,have forced us to abandon the regular publication of Etherline ,but we hope in the not to distant future to publish an occasional issue. Meanwhile we will endeavour to bring you a little of the news from the science fiction world in this sheet.

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Wedding bells have been ringing in Melbourne .IJC and Kevin Wheelhan -who has not beenintouch with the SF Club very much of late- were dragged off to the altar on the first of this month. Incidentally ,neither was aware of the others marriage on the same day.

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Although many early members of the MELBOURNE SF CLUB do not show their familiar faces in the clubrooms nowadays , the attendances are being kept up to an average of a dozen a night , twice aweek by the occasional new member that turns up. The main interest is still the library which is close to 1500 items now. Many of these have either completely disappeared or are months overdue.How about a few of you blokes with items out for months turning up one night and having a look at the new additions to the library.The latest books and pocket books from England and especially America are being added all the time . If you are ashamed to show your face , forget it , all will be forgiven

The club add ress is of course 506 Little Collins Street, Melbourne .No 10 St James Building.

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On the sales front,more SF is available to the buyer at the moment in Melbourne and in general the British market , for some years.Although only three magazines have entered the field since Sputnik -OriginalSF ,Future and SF Adventures -many pocket books are now being published. To mention a few out recently and due in the near future; CURRENTS of SPACE - Asimov -Panther, The CHRYSALIDS - Wyndham-Penguin, PEBBLE in the SKY-Asimov -Corgi, THREE to CONQUER -Russell- Corgi, CAVES of STEEL -Asimov-Panther, and yet another ASIMOV ,SECOND FOUNDATION -Digit. It is to be hoped that this high quality is kept up,but how about a few more like Pebble in the Sky and 2nd Foundation that have not seen previous publication in any form in England or Australia.

The hard cover field however reminds me of the Sahara desert, only one or two or perhaps three worthwhile items in sight. They include THE UNCERTAIN MIDNIGHT (Deadly Image) by Cooper -Hutchinson, WASP by Russell -Dobson and A SOUND of ECHOES by Matheson -Eyre & Spottiswoode. Lets hope the view improves when the publishers announce their winter and spring publications.

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Despite the many sf films announced overseas very few have been seen here of late.However it is easy to see why , they are just not good enough to stand up to the competition.Especially when an a class picture: only lasts a week at a city theatre. What hope have B class -there is no doubt about it ,most of the sf films we have seen have been second rate films as well as sf-films? Now it appears the censor is getting down on a few.The hit of 58 has been from all reports'the FLY' which I hear has been banned in Australia.It is most unlikely we will ever see the Hammer Production films of The REVENGE of FRANKENSTEIN or their version of Dracula. One we can hope to see though is Jules Verne's FROM EARTH to the MOON , starring Vincent Price and others.All the news here at the moment is the forthcoming filming of ON The BEACH.Mr Stanley Kramer the producer impress ,radio and TV inter-views has been making his plans known . Everybody here is hoping that it will be very sucessful as a means of bringing home the fact of Hydrogen bomb warfare , and as more international publicity for Melbourne

More new sf pocket books have been announced by British publishers. They include, THE SHORES OF SPACE - Matheson-Corgi The STARS LIKE DUST - Asimov-Panther (they sure have gone mad on Asimov. Lets hope they do Foundation and Empire though.) The ISOTOPE MAN - Maine-Corgi and EXPEDITION to EARTH - Clarke-Corgi.

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Some more FILM NEWS to hand: George Pal is to make Well's The TIME MACHINE in England. Sandy Howard from TV has announced FIRST DAY of the THIRD WORLD WAR. Others to cash in on the recent under the pole trips by atomic submarines include, UNDER ARTIC ICE, BENEATH the NORTH POLE and ATOMIC SUBMARINE ATTACK. But these are hardly sf now or are they? The latest Boris Karloff epic is FRANKENSTEIN 1970 another one which probably wont be seen out here at any rate. The twist in this one is that Karloff plays the maker this time and not the monster, but manages to look just as gruesome as ever.

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In a long editorial, in the December issue of US GALAXY editor Gold has announced a few changes. Galaxy is to go Bi-monthly and rise in price to 50c. What effect this will have on the BRE can only be guessed at. Also Gold has announced that Galaxy will be 'edited' by the readers, and asks for suggestions on improving the magazine. He even goes so far as to say that in twelve months time Galaxy could look completely different in contents, style and format. Maybe there is room for improvement, but what do you think?

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Some recent PBs issued by US publishers include; Destination: Infinity (Fury) Kutner - Avon, Race to the Stars Ed. Margulies and Friend-Crest, The Space Willies and Six Worlds Yonder - Russell - Ace D, Worlds of Tomorrow - Derleth - Berkeley.

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Talking about fanzines, I have just recieved the latest issue of Science Fiction News, number 23. Graham Stone has been doing a very good job on SF NEWS for some time. It must be costing much more for this photo-lith job (correct me if I am wrong) than he is getting in return. At any rate it is worth having a look at if only for the excellent reviews. Of course it cannot hope to compete with Etherline for news, but now that E is temporarily out of the running perhaps it may have a chance. Seriously though - says he taking tongue out of cheek - do write to Graham Stone for a sample copy or send 5/- for a sub. Box 4440 GPO Sydney, NSW.

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I am not going to attempt to review any books or magazines in these columns as space and time will not permit, but in the future I will comment on current items available and their merits.

Also I will be very grateful to recieve any information and news from readers, that I may use.

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SF travellers of late and the near future include; Norm Taylor of Melbourne in Canada, Geoff Bennett on one day trip to Melbourne from Canberra last week, Roger Dard from Perth in Sydney and John Eyre of Melbourne off to Norway next month.

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I must point out here that I am not used to this sort of thing. Usually we leave all the stencilling and editing to Ian Crozier. So I hope you will bear with me and my typos and bad grammer.

M.R.B.
24/11/58

TRADING POST

(Supplement)

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Slave Ship	Pohl .. Good	3/6
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Who?	Budrys ..	4/-
Star SF Stories no 2	Pohl .. Good	4/-
Years Greatest F & SF Vol 1	..	4/-
	Vol 2 Merrill USPB Fair Good	4/-
Fahrenheit 451	Bradbury .. Good	3/6
The Man Who Sold the Moon	Heinlein Br PB Fair	1/6
Currents of Space	Asimov US PB Fair	2/-
Cycle of Fire	Clement .. Good	4/-
E Pluribus Unicorn	Sturgeon .. Fair	4/-

MAGAZINES

AMAZING	US	Jan	Apr 58	Mar 56	Fair to Poor	2/- ea
		Feb	Mar 54	Feb Mar 2-Apr	Jul Aug Sep Dec 57	2/6 ea
		Feb 2-Mar 2-April	Jul 58			
FANTASTIC SF		Jul	Feb 58	Feb 56		2/6 ea
Imagination		Oct	57	Aug 58		2/6 & 2/-
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Galaxy US		3 Jul	58	1/6 ea		
If		2 April	58	2/- & 2/6	Jul 52	1/6
Avon SF & F Reader		Jan	53			2/6
Fantastic Advs		June	51	Nov 49		2/- ea poor
Other Worlds		Sep	56			2/6
Startling		Mar	53	2/6	SFG May 57	2/6 Fam Fan Myst Feb 52
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Marys Country Mead HC Good 9/-
The Power Robinson US HC Good 12/-
Highways in Hiding Geo Smith US HC new 15/-
The Coming of Conan R.E Howard US HC good 15/-
Many others for sale and wanted. Send for lists.
Fantastic Universe Magazine Sep Oct Nov 58 3/- ea

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On behalf of the MSF Club Library and myself I would like issues of Astounding both BRE and US dating from 39 to 46 in BRE and 43 to 48 in the US. Will send want lists on request.

If you have any sf or fantasy to sell or want please send me your lists .I would especially like to exchange books, magazines , stamps or practically anything else for US mags books and PBs . So how about some of you stateside fans coming to our rescue out here. In case you dont know it we can not buy any US sf or fantasy out here because of the dollar restrictions , and the British field is not very comprehensive .Come on you guys how about it?

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If you would like your name and address to appear on this page for one reason or another, please let me know and I will be glad to oblige .

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