

FILM night - AUG 17!

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CLUB NEWS: Interesting perhaps to some members is the reduction in dues, 5/- down to 4/- a night. This did not exactly result in an immediate influx of members, but now, a couple of months later, it is obvious that the number of members attending each night has gone up, although the boom figures of late last year have not yet been reached. A great source of attraction has been the table-tennis table, with eight or more people wanting to play each night. A small levy is imposed (voluntarily, as it turned out) for the upkeep of equipment. The Library is also well-patronised, the new additions and new members (not really new of course) have combined to make the Library a lucrative section of the Club (is someone muttering, the only lucrative section). Chess has generally been on the decline and darts and hockey have not been patronised lately. Someone care to revive these lost arts? Further club notes inside.

FILM GNUS: As indicated above, the next film is BELL, BOOK AND CANDLE, made from the John Van Druten play. Further details on the next page. Recent US releases are NIGHT CREATURES, a horror job from Hammer Films. The setting is 18th century. It's all about a dead pirate and a wicked vicar and a mutilated mulatto, mate. Probably you won't even have to avoid this item. Then there's a remake of THE CABINET OF DR. CALIGARI by 20th Century-Fox. Screenplay is by Bob Bloch, and the film stars Glynis Johns and Dan O'Herlihy with a plot somewhat reminiscent (only somewhat) of Fred Brown's COME AND GO MAD. Also MOTHRA, another Japanese film and therefore probably very good from a technical point of view, is a recent release. MOTHRA is a giant moth. Need I go on? In the planning stage is an omnibus work from Francois Truffaut (JULES ET JIM, prizewinner at Mar del Plata Film Festival) made from some of Bradbury's shorts. Bradbury, who will be in France this winter to work on a play, will do the scripts himself. Original plans were for an attempt at FAHRENHEIT 451 but this was abandoned during preliminary talks in New York. IT'S ALL EINSTEIN'S FAULT is an interesting-looking Polish comedy which we may get out here. THE DOLL, a weirdie from Sweden, seems less likely to make it, though it's probably better than most of the American horror films we are blessed with. Some films now in production are listed on page three.

SCIENCE FICTION NEWS: I thought I might get around to this eventually - it's too bad I didn't have anything else to fill this space with. Round Sydney Spy "X" reports: James White's Sector General story, FIELD HOSPITAL has been bought, after a struggle with other pb publishers, by Ballantine Books, and should arrive here in a month or so under the title HOSPITAL STATION. Ballantine supposedly paid a near-record sum for this novel - for English writers, of course. Gollancz will soon (next year) begin reprinting of Heinlein's Scribner's juveniles (THE ROLLING STONES, HAVE SPACESUIT, WILL TRAVEL etc.). Spy "X" will get a decent warning next time and thus will produce much more news. The Junior Partner also has some sf type news, but you'll find that on page 3.

CLUB NEWS (continued): It will surprise some people to learn that ~~and you~~ occasionally something happens at these club meetings. On April 10, a discussion on Heinlein's STRANGER IN A STRANGE LAND was held. 8 of the 16 members had read the book, but since then a few have taken the book out. Graham Leach confesses that he finds it hard to enjoy Heinlein's other books now. There are two copies in the library. The discussion centred around the 'religion' in the book, despite the attempts of the Junior Partner to make it a long series of double-entendre remarks. Merv Binns announced the decrease in rent, and a decision to lower dues to 4/- was railroaded by a small pressure group. Do not cross us, tendrillless fans! Next night a fair attendance saw THE INCREDIBLE SHRINKING MAN, supported by the John Glenn Newsreel and an interesting collation of ... something. Attendance was actually poor; let's have the frank, honest, naked truth - Bob Smith was evidently recovering from the previous night, or perhaps the afternoon, but there were enough other VIPs to create only a small loss. It seems a pity to lay out a supper for such a small number. Robin, Rowley and Foyster had to stuff themselves to get rid of the extra. Afterwards, Merv Barrett, Ced Rowley and John Foyster played a form of table-tennis whose only virtue is . . . However, my copies of Amazing with the ORIGINAL SKYLARK III were not sold, so the whole evening was aflop.

The following week, Bert Chandler and the two partners in this enterprise (used loosely) visited VOYAGE TO THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA - a review will be found under FILLUM GNUS. Bert signed a few ortigrafas, but I didn't sell my AMAZINGS. The next three meetings were pretty dull, since I wasn't there, but I hear that Madge and 'Tales went well from the library, and that Dick Jenssen brought in an Asian friend who wiped the floor with the table-tennis playing members of the club. The Secretary has asked me to express his disappointment at the attendance at club meetings - he suggests that all club members try to attend at least once a month. If more people show up, then the dues can be lowered even further (the other reduction was planned as the first of a series), mebbe we'll even pay you to come in one day. . . .er, my AMAZINGS are still for sale. Jonem (no relation to ARMAK.)

FILLUM GNUS (continued): More film reviews, like. VOYAGE TO THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA was seen by Messrs. Chandler Binns and Foyster. Mr. Chandler found the show very amusing from start to finish. Mr. Binns describes this as undoubtedly the most hilarious attempt at a science-fiction film to date. The inebriated gentleman at the end of our row was quite sick. Mr. Foyster enjoyed the passionate love scenes. The Senior Partner enters here with comments on MYSTERIOUS ISLAND. "Here again, for light entertainment, don't miss MYSTERIOUS ISLAND (a bit late now, SP ole boy. JP.). Not in the same class as Disney's 20,000 LEAGUES UNDER THE SEA; despite the addition of

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and giant animals and the fact that over half the book is omitted, it does have its moments." The editors of this rag suggest that you see THE DAY THE EARTH CAUGHT FIRE. The SP says, "Here is one of the best examples of British SF filmmaking- to date I think, one of the best SF films ever made. Do not miss it. Photography and script are good, with fine attention to detail. Holes may be picked in the scientific bit, like, but this does not detract from the film to any marked degree." The JP says, "I liked the bit where the guy got shoved down the liftwell." That kind tears the film news, except to mention, in passing, that the support to the next film show will be a 55-min colour film from NASA -

either

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or

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depending on the latter. We'll be starting at 8.00pm sharp, at 5/- a head, supper included.

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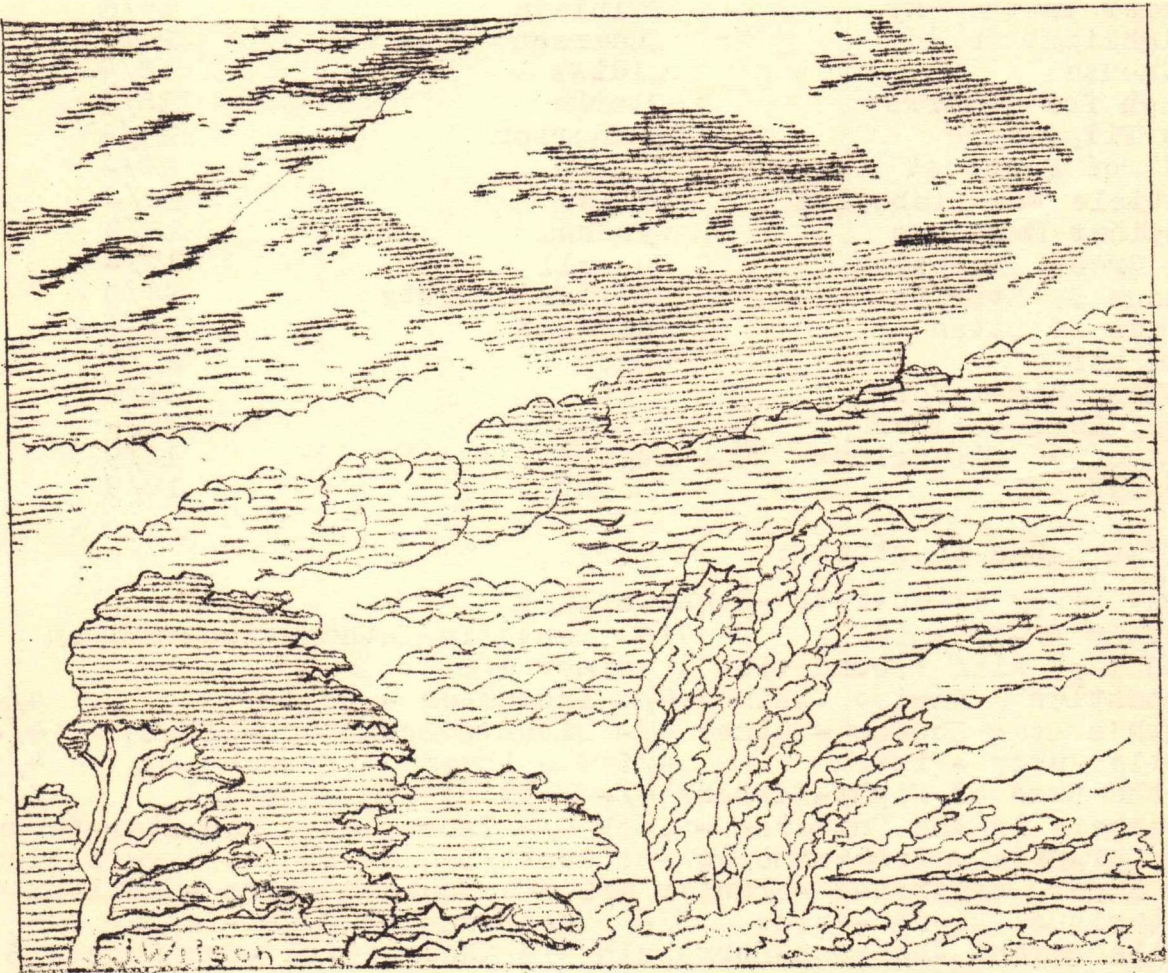
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