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"All the news that fits."....Rolling Stone Magazine

MEETING NEXT MONTH-BOOK & REEL....The Chattanooga Science Fiction Association met on Oct. 15 at U.T.C. Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.'s book Cat's Cradle was discussed and general announcements were made. The club was treated to a visit by John and Connie Neal, from Knoxville, who talked about wargaming and had many games for sale. We also got a chance to try out the new science fiction role-playing game Traveler - a fun and pleasant alternative to Dungeons and Dragons. Thank you, John and Connie! Next month's meeting will be Sat. Nov. 19 in the Lookout Mt. room of U.T.C.'s Student Center, beginning at 7:30 PM. Stanislaw Lem's book Solaris will be discussed. Also, thanks to Bill Hedrick, we will be showing a second season Star Trek blooper reel (sorry, but the baby powder commercial is not on it). Be sure to ask for the book early at the book stores. For more information, call Mike Rogers at 266-0298. NWL

CHATTACON COMMITTEE TO MEET....The ChattaCon Committee will meet on Sat., Nov. 19 at 10 AM for a work session. The meeting will be at chairman Irvin Koch's home at 1623 White Oak Rd. The committee will be putting information packs together and finalizing convention plans. The program will be finalized and people assigned duty. Directions are as follows: from I-124 north-bound, take Manning St. exit. Turn right onto Manning, then left onto N. Market St./Dallas Rd. Bear left at top of hill by double storefront building (just past Chatt. City H.S.). Now, take 350° turn at the bottom of hill into driveway, or 250° onto Oxford and park. We understand that the house has a number on it, which is rare for a house in N. Chattanooga. Also, look for Irvin's orange Vega. If all else fails, call 267-2000 and ask for directions. NWL

RAY PALMER DIES....Ray Palmer, former editor of Amazing and several other SF magazines, died on August 15, in Tallahassee, Florida at age 67, following a stroke. Palmer edited Amazing from 1938, when the magazine was bought by Ziff-Davis, until 1949. He was credited with uplifting Amazing from a garish pulp to a more respectable SF magazine. DL

MORE OBITUARIES....Word comes to us of the deaths of two prominent people in the field of Astronomy.

Stephen A. Walther, founder and publisher of Astronomy magazine, died of a brain tumor at age 32, in Milwaukee. The magazine recently reached its 50th issue, and is significant in its presentation of pictorial astronomy by means of photographs and marvelous astronomical paintings; it will continue.

H. A. Rey, author of the beginning astronomy books, The Stars-A New Way to See Them and Find the Constellations, died of natural causes at age 86, in Cambridge, Mass. This writer's interest in astronomy was fostered by these books way back in grade school. DL

ODDS & ENDS....Ziff-Davis Corporation, former publishers of Amazing and Fantastic SF magazines, has purchased WRCB-TV, Channel 3 in Chattanooga. Spider Robinson has resigned as book reviewer of Galaxy magazine, as related by Locus, the national SF newspaper. Robinson was upset by editorial revisions and late payments.

Announced bidders for the 1979 DeepSouthCon so far are Roanoke, Va. and New Orleans, La. We hope to hear from each bidder with details of the bid. DL

ARKANSAS FANDOM HAS NEWSZINE....We have just received the first issue of the ARKANFANDOM, edited by Margaret Middleton, an Arkansas SF fan. While it is mostly regional fan news, Ms. Middleton will "...print fanish news, book/film commentary, cartoons (keep it simple as I have to trace these onto the ditto master), filk lyrics, etc., anything not falling under the jurisdiction of libel or pornography legislation." It is several pages of dittoed fan news, articles, etc. and worth the 13¢ stamp. If you wish a copy, mail a 13¢ stamp and your name and address to: ARKANFANDOM, 4424 Bruno Rd., Little Rock, Ark. 72209. NWL

MOVIES-NOW AND UPCOMING.....StarWars is still playing at Northgate 3, in its 19th week as of this writing. The film quality is starting to deteriorate, though, and there appears to be several small punctures in the screen, which weren't there (I believe) at first attendance way back when. Just starting at Eastgate 2 is Damnation Alley, based on the Roger Zelazny novel of the same name. If you haven't heard, it's in Sensurround (360° sound), which apparently will also be used for the upcoming Close Encounters of the Third Kind, supposedly the ultimate flying saucer movie. The Day the Earth Stood Still will play for one night only on Nov. 3 at the U.T.C. Student Center; \$1 students/ \$2 others. And finally, Flesh Gordon is playing (or has just ended, depending when you read this) at the Broad St. and Marlbro Drive-ins. DL

CONS-TO-COME (with excerpts from ARKANFANDOM, Ed. by M. Middleton).... In answer to the constant question- this year's HALFACON will be Dec. 3 and 4 in Memphis, Tn. As usual it will be a relaxacon; for more information write: P.L. Caruthers, 1781 Peabody #6, Memphis, Tn. 38104. ChattaCon 3 will be Jan. 6-8 at the Sheraton-Downtown. The GoH will be A. E. Van Vogt. For info, write: ChattaCon 3, c/o 837 Chatta. Bank Bldg., Chattanooga, Tenn. 37402. Or come to the club meeting. The second ROC*CON will be Feb. 10-12 in Little Rock, Ark. Wilson (Bob) Tucker (Smooooth) will be GoH; featured movies will be When Worlds Collide, The Day the Earth Stood Still, and Flesh Gordon as well as two Star Trek episodes. For more information, write: P.O. Box 9911, Little Rock, Arkansas 72219. NWL

U.T.C. DIRECTIONS....Take Interstate Spur I-124 to 4th St. Exit (last exit before bridge over Tennessee River). Go on 4th St. about 8/10 mile to Mabel St., and turn RIGHT. Go two blocks on Mabel (bearing right) and turn left at the stop sign, at Vine St. (one way). Go 2½ blocks. The student center is on the left side; look for its sign. Parking is on both the left and right. In case of a home football game, park under the library on the right; take the second entrance for the best parking. The meeting room is on the first floor, on the left and past the main desk. NWL

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