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SHAVER MYSTERY

Newest development in the Shaver Mystery is the mailing out of printed letters to my parties that might be interested.

The letter said that the Shaver Mystery Club magazine was due out soon and all interested persons should send \$1.00 for a subscription to the first two issues.

Chester Geier has been appointed president of the club, while Richard S. Shaver is to edit the club magazine. Subs. are available from "2 41 4 Lawrence Ave. Chicago, Ill

PRIME PRESS SECURES VARI-TYPER

The newly formed !! "Prime Press," of Philadelphia, headed by Ossie Train, an active member of the P.S.F.S. have recently procured a vari-typer, upon which they published the latest issue of the P.S.F.S. NEWS.

Due out in May, from the "Prime Press" is "The Mislaid Charm," a reprint from Unknown.

Upon the tentative list of stories to be published is the complete equalateral series by George O. Smith.

Also under consideration for publication is an index of some sort. Whether it be of authors, stories, fans, etc. is not yet known

COL. D. H. KELLER

FANTASY-REVIEW

"Joe Kennedy's", Fantasy Review, is now in the mails.

A very neat 80 pages with front and back covers lithoed in green, inside are two lithos that were formal covers on Joe's mag.. VAMPIRE.

Contents include "The Year's Events In Review, Book Poll Results, Fantasy in books during 1946, Fan Journalist Poll Results, Fanzines of 1946, FAPA Publications, Magazine Story Poll Results, Stfantasy Prozines of 1946, Author Poll Results, and The Year's Doings In Fan Clubs."

If you want a copy you had better rush 50¢ to "Joe Kennedy, 84 Baker Ave., Dover, New Jersey," as this issue has a limited, numbered, edition of 175 copies, of which more than a 100 have already been sold.

NEW FANTASY OUT

"The Purple Cloud," by M. P. Shiel is out in a \$1.00 edition from Forum Books, World Publishing Co.

Copies are attainable from Sam Moskowitz, 446 Jellif Street Newark, Buy The Fan Pictorial!

SPEAKS AT ESFA MEETING

53 ATTEND

In a meeting that was unparalleled in both speaking and attendance, Dr. David H. Keller, gave a highly amusing and greatly informative talk on his long and distinguished writing career.

Dr. Keller, who is author of over 100 Science Fiction Stories, "The Devil And The Doctor," and many detective stories, spoke for almost two hours. Nearly all present at the meeting agreed that it was the most pleasant they had ever attended.

Starting with his boyhood, Mr. Keller took himself, and his audience with him through 66 years of his life, making fun of himself continually, much to the enjoyment and disbelief of his audience.

In addition to Dr. Keller's talk, there was a report on the past month in fandom by Joe Kennedy, a short speech by Dr. Thomas S. Gardner, and an auction of several items donated by Dr. Keller, with Sam Moskowitz, Director of the group, acting as auctioneer.

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"OUTSIDER" NOT TO BE REPRINTED

"The Outsider And Others," a rare collection of horror tales, by H. P. Lovecraft, will not be reprinted despite rumors to the contrary. Arkam House, the company which published this anthology, may reprint some novels taken from the book such as, "Mountains of Madness," and "The Case of Charles Dexter."

August Derleth recently announced that "Lost Worlds," by Clark Ashton Smith, is now out of print.

"SPECTRAL TALES"

The "Herald Press" has published "Dark Music and Other Spectral Tales," by Jack Snow, with a cover jacket by Ronald Clyne. This book is dedicated to Lamont Buchanan, associate editor of Weird Tales, and sells for \$2.50.

It contains 18 stories, four of which are reprints from Weird Tales, and 14 of which have never before been published.

STORY REJECTED BY FFM

André Maurois' story, "The Weigher of Souls" has been rejected by Famous Fantastic Mysteries for reprint. Editor Mary Gnaedinger says that the tale has previously been republished in a semi-slick magazine.

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LANEY RETIRES

FROM FANDOM

Francis T. Laney has withdrawn from fandom except for FAPA activity and occasional visits to the LASFS. Joe Kennedy, New Jersey fan, says that Laney is contemplating writing a lengthy account of his fan participation, from his early Acolyte days in Clarkston, Washington, to the Pacificon and his subsequent withdrawal from activity.

PROZ

Featured here will be the line up of forthcoming prozines.

ASTOUNDING SCIENCE FICTION

Coming in the March, 1947 issue will be:

"The Equalizer" by Jack Williamson, "Tomorrow's Children" by Paul Anderson and F.N. Waldrop, and "Child's Play" by William Ten, all three of which are novelettes.

Two short stories, "Turning Point" by Pendleton Banks, and "Little Lost Robot" by Isaac Asimov, are also scheduled.

FAMOUS FANTASTIC MYSTERIES

The May issue will feature "Allan and the Ice Gods" a full length novel by H. Rider Haggard. Also in this issue will be "Passeur" by Robert W. Chambers, and "Prisoner in Time" by V.E. Thiesen, both

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PRINTED FANZ

Ben Singer, of Detroit, is planning a 28-page printed fanmag, with an editorial staff of well-known fans to help publish it. Singer is at present editor and publisher of The Mutant.

THEY'RE STILL COMING

Walter Kessel and Ken Krueger have both been discharged from the army. Krueger has returned to 123 Edna Place, Buffalo, N.Y.

of which are shorts, STARTLING STORIES Startling Stories Will continue to go bi-monthly for some time. There is little or no chance that a change in this schedule will occur in the near future.

Appearing in the May issue will be "The Lands of the Earthquake" and "Disc Men of Jupiter" as feature novelettes.

THRILLING WONDER STORIES

"Boomerang Circuit" "The Big Night" and "The Nameless Thing" will be feature novelettes in the April, 1947 issue. T.W.S. too will remain on a bi-monthly schedule, for an indefinite length of time.

Planet Stories, and Weird Tales will be gone over next issue.

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PRINTERS INK

If you wish your fanzine reviewed within these columns, we urge that you send us a copy.

EMBER: No.29, 6 pps. dittoed, Don Brazier, 1329 N. 33rd. street Milwaukee 8, Wisc. 5¢ per copy.

Too bad you're living up to your promises Mr. Brazier, as you were fandom's only good newsheet. As a Fortean magazine, you give sufficient and pertinent material.

FANTASY TIMES: No.35, 2 pp. mimeoed, James Tauri, 101-02 Northern blvd. Corona, N.Y. 5¢ per copy.

"A collection of columns, with two news items lost in the shuffle."

KAY-MAR TRADER: No.11 8 pp. mimeoed, K. Martin Carlson, 1028 3rd. Ave. South, Moorhead, Minn. No price listed.

An ad zine.

LETHE: No.5, 14 pp. mimeoed, Jack Riggs, 1620 Chestnut St., Berkeley 2, Calif. 5¢ per copy.

Well-balanced, with nice format, but article on cavemen is inappropriate.

THE SCIENTIFICTIONIST: No.5, 20 pp. mimeoed, Henry Elsner Jr., 13618 Cedar Grove, Detroit 5, Michigan. 10¢ per copy.

Lacks illustrations unbroken type rather monotonous, material from fair to good, but how about a contents page?

TO STUDY FEDERATION CONSTITUTION

Four members of the E.S.F.A. are to hold a meeting and discuss the proposed constitution of the proposed East Coast Federation.

Serving on the committee will be "Sam Moskowitz, Jack Widder, Alex Osheroff, and Ron Maddox.

As yet, no definite action has been taken to accept this proposed federation by any of the three Eastern clubs.

SPICY SPACE STORIES: No. 1, 9pp., mimeoed and Hectoed, Normen Storer 1724 Miss. St., Lawrence, Kansas. Free.

Poor duplication, poor material, a typical first issue. We wish you luck Norm.

GRIPES AND GROANS: No. 3, 11 pp., hectoed, Rick Sneary, 2962 Santa Ana St., South Gate, California. 5¢ per copy.

Glad to see this, as VOM seems to have dropped out of the picture. Another VOM, and good, FANTASY COMMENTATOR: No. 13, 37 pp. mimeoed by A. Langley Searles, 19 E. 235th. St. New York, N.Y. 20¢ per copy.

Moskowitz's the eternal storm continues, it will no doubt be eternal. Usual excellent material, but poor format, and no artwork.

WITHOUT GLEE: No number listed, hectoed, Roger Rehm, 2837 San Jose Ave., Alameda, California. 3 issues for 10¢.

PSFS TO HOLD ANNUAL ELECTIONS

PSFS BULLETIN announces that the 1947 elections are to be held at the forthcoming meeting, those in the running are "Oswald Train," for president, "Al Pepper, Benson Dooling, and John Bois" for Vice-President, "Jean Bogert" for the Treasurer, while nominations for Secretary are still open.

Due February 14th. is the PSFS's annual banquet, price per head will be \$2.50, it is expected to be quite a gala affair.

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Col. David H. Keller M.D., who spoke before the Eastern Science Fiction Association Feb.2, instructed 6400 chaplains, of all denominations, during the 2nd. world war.

Any and all fantasy and science fiction titles are available from "Sam Moskowitz, 446 Jellif Ave., Newark, New Jersey.

Joe Kennedy's VAMPIRE is due out in the middle of March.

Ron Maddox is urgently soliciting material for "FanScope" his new fan magazine which is to take the place of JUPITER, serious articles of almost any length, humorous short stories, cartoons, and art work are needed in quantity and QUALITY! BUY THE FAN PICTORIAL!

You're a damn good artist Raj. and I know you could do a good job, so why don't you?

FANTASHOWS

by Lloyd Alpaugh Jr

In this column, recent fantasy films, (which have appeared in New York and vicinity) will be reviewed, as well as some advance information on forthcoming productions.

Some of you may have read "Robert Nathan's," whimsical off-trail novel, "The Enchanted Voyage". It has been made into a movie, considerably changed, entitled "Wake Up And Dream". Feature roles are taken up by "June Haver and John Payne". Hollywood has made the story into a fantasy, rather than removing the fantastic element as is usually done.

A perfect example of the type of treatment that Hollywood usually gives fantastic stories is given in "The Beast With Five Fingers," wherein a logical ending is tacked on to a really fine fantasy. See it by all means, but leave just before the ending.

Possibly heralding a swing toward big stars in fantasy movies is Jimmy Stewart's, newest release, "It's A Wonderful Life."

Better see this picture, as it's certainly well worth seeing.

Of interest to horror fans is the Universal picture, "Tower Of London," I am not sure if this is a new film as I have

NEW, NEW YORK FAN CLUB

The "SPECTATORS," a new New York, New Jersey fan club, held their second meeting, Jan. 25, at the home of Ron Christensen.

The original get-together was held at Ron Maddox's, where it was decided that the club would function merely as a "Have Fun," club, with little or no business at all.

It was decided at the initial meeting that the membership be limited to 10.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Joe Kennedy, on February 9, 1947.

POST CARRIES FANTASY

The February 1 issue of the Saturday Evening Post, contains a short fantasy entitled "The Haunted Shirt," by Henry Norton.

not seen it, so all I can say is, You pays your money and you takes your chances.

Starring Vincent Price, Boris Karloff, and Basil Rathbone, it depends on the old-fashioned slinking figures, hidden trapdoors, etc. to generate a feeling of horror.

Sam Goldwyn is planning to make J A M E S THURBER's fantasy "The Secret Life Of Walter Mitty". It will star Danny Kaye and will probably wind up as a musical. He's also changed the title too, to "I Wake Up Dreaming.

Aldous Huxley's satirical story novel, (yes)

THE INQUIRING REPORTER

In this column we plan to ask a different question every issue. Anyone choosing to write in and answer the question is urged to do so. We may not be able to print all the answers, but will print as many as possible, that merit it.

This week's question: Why do you like Fantasy and/or Science Fiction?

Address answers to the editor.

AVON FANTASY READER

The Avon Fantasy Reader, edited by Donald Wollheim, is due out February seventh.

Mr. Wollheim says, that as Famous Fantastic features full length reprints, so will the Fantasy Reader feature short story reprints.

"Brave New World" will be made into a movie starring Paulette Goddard and Burgess Meredith.

Rex Harrison is now making "The Ghost And Mrs. Muir." Naturally he is the ghost.

Walter Wanger, the movie director, has copyrighted a story entitled "A Trip To The Moon" if that means anything...

Ray Milland will star in a movie titled, "The Last Man On The Earth".

Paramount will film "The Purple Cloud," the fantastic story by M. P. Shiel.

"Green Mansions" is to be filmed by M.G.M.

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