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THIRD SPECTATOR MEETING HELD

NEW AMATEUR PRESS FORMED

ON the 9th. day of February, in the year of our lord 1947, Lloyd Alpaugh, George Fox, Ron Christensen, Lee Budoff, and Ron Maddox braved the wilds of Dover, New Jersey, to attend the third bi-weekly meeting of "The Spectators" a New York New Jersey fan club.

Lloyd Alpaugh, Somerville fan, gave a talk on fantasy in jazz, while bored "Spectators" looked on.

A bowling contest ensued, Maddox ending up the victor after much shuffling of the scores. (Maddox was the scorekeeper).

Mrs. Kennedy served up a meal which consisted of several lbs. of lamb, potatoes, vegetables, etc., which were greatly enjoyed by all.

After dinner, Joe's correspondence was torn apart, as well as the material for the next issue of Vampire

A short discussion was held about the feasibility of driving down to the "Norcon", but was decided impossible.

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LEINSTER TO SPEAK AT NEXT E.S.F.A MEETING

7TH. BEOWULF POLL

Gerry de la Ree, Westwood, New Jersey fan, has recently sent out a questionnaire, the seventh Beowulf Poll, asking fans to list their favorite stories written by "A. Merrit, H. P. Lovecraft, E. E. Smith, John Campbell, Stanley Weinbaum, A. E. van Vogt, L. Sprague de Camp, Henry Kuttner, Robert Heinlein, and H. G. Wells. Ten spaces were left, under each name, to be filled in.

Gerry's recent activity in the poll field has been astounding. This is the third poll he has conducted within the last year.

NORCON NEWS

Speeches by Manly Wade Wellman and Dr. Baily are the main attraction of the Norcon, North Carolina convention, to be held March 23. In addition to these prominent speakers, originals will be auctioned off.

All persons who are able are invited to attend. (con't p.2, col.2)

TREMAINE MAY ATTEND

SCHOOL TO SEND DELEGATION

In a long distance call, between Sam Moskowitz, noted fan and director of The E.S.F.A., and Murray Leinster Mr. Leinster agreed to speak at the forthcoming meeting of "The Eastern Science Fiction Association."

Murray Leinster, who is a well known S. F. author, had his first story published in Argosy, in the year 1918. His brilliant writing powers are already proven by the fact that he has been able to remain at the top of the heap through over 25 years of writing.

TREMAINE MAY ALSO ATTEND

Mr. F. Orlin Tremaine, another well known author, also may attend the forthcoming E.S.F.A. meeting, which promises to be quite a gala affair.

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THIRD SPECTATOR MEETING

(con't from page one.)
This is where an item of great importance occurred.

NEW AMATEUR PRESS FORMED

Joe Kennedy suggested that they form a new amateur press association. The rest of the membership pounced upon the idea, and Lee Budoff came up with the name "Spectator Amateur Press Society."

It was decided that the membership would be limited to 25 members, and that all interested persons should write the temporary director, asking that they be admitted to membership. The first 25 applications received would become members, the remaining applicants would be placed on the waiting list.

Maddox was chosen director until January 1948. Until this time there would be only one officer, the problem of other officers could be thrashed out in the ensuing year.

Dues were set at 50¢ per year or 25¢ per half annum. A minimum of four pages have to be mailed in every two mailings. Mailing dates were set for April, July, October, and January.

If you are interested in becoming a member, you should write "Ron Maddox, 20 King Street, New York, 14, N.Y.,

NORCOM NEWS

(con't from page one)
The "University Scientifiction Association (U. of N. Carolina) was temporarily suspended on Jan. 16th. Officers are "Fred Burgess," N. Carolina fan, Prexy, "John Foster," Vice Prexy, "Andy Lyon," Sec. Treas. and Dr. J. O. Bailey, prominent s. f. author of Pilgrims Through Time and Space, is the faculty adviser.

enclosing 25¢ (twenty) for the first half years dues, as quickly as possible. Also inclose a self addressed envelope in order that we may notify you of your acceptance, or, in the event that you were not in time, return your money.

The first twenty five applicants will be chosen, therefore if you want to become a member it is advisable that you hurry.

OSFL MEETING CANCELED

The OSFL meeting hall was unexpectedly rented at a high rate by some valentine party, loving person, therefore the February meeting had to be canceled.

A meeting, will however, be held at Will Sykora's home. Will is direct of the club. (The meeting will be informal.)

After closing discussion on the "S.A.P. S." it was suggested that they all attend the cinema.

Walt Disney's "Song Of The South" was attended and enjoyed by nearly no one.

The meeting broke up at about 10 o'clock and all members returned to the peace (?) of their respective homes.

The next meeting is to be held at the home of Ron Maddox's on February 23.

BUY THE FAN PICTORIAL!

CAN YOU SPARE A QUARTER FOR A CUPPA COFFEE, BUB?

Maybe you can't, but you'd better start saving your pennies by drinking water so you can scare up 13¢ to buy a copy of that PROFESSIONALLY PRINTED fanzine THE GROTESQUE. Never less than 20 pages handsomely illustrated and liberally smeared with good reading matter.

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Standing prize of \$5.00 is offered for the piece of fan writing voted best in each issue by the readers.

Advertising rates (all ads professionally printed; circulation 200) are \$3.00 per page and fractions thereof.

Oh yeh--if you still want a cuppa coffee save your pennies--take two issues for 25¢.

Please send along your fanzines if you wished them reviewed in this column.

THE FANEWS: No.'s 302-305, 2pp. each, mimeoed, Walter Dunkelberger, 1443 4th. Ave. So. Fargo, North Dakota. 2¢ per sheet. (sheet=2pp)

Latest issue shows a definite improvement over recent preceding issues. If it weren't for the infrequency of its mailings "Fanews", would be way at the top of the newsie field, that is if it isn't now.

Only other criticism is it's lack of dummyming, and it's "nonnews-like" way of writing up material.

EMBER: No. 30, 4 pp., dittoed, Don Brazier, 139 N. 33rd. St. Milwaukee, Wisconsin. 5¢ per issue. Weekly.

We feel that Don has hit a new low with his latest effort, that is as far as a newsie is concerned. However his statement that he is not primarily interested in the news

puts the paper into a fanzine classification, which, I'm afraid, is not of a very high class. Can't blame a guy though for keeping up a regular weekly schedule as Don has.

FANTASY REVIEW: 80 pp. mimeoed with four lithoes, Joe Kennedy,

84 Baker Ave. Dover, New Jersey. 50¢ per copy.

KELLER INVITES MOSKOWITZ TO HOME

E.S.F.A. director Sam Moskowitz was recently invited to the home of Col. David H. Keller, well known author and recent speaker at the E.S.F.A. Mr. Moskowitz has accepted and will spend the week end of Feb. 15 and 16 at Mr. Keller's home.

We feel that Joe's latest effort ranks right up at the top with "The Fancyclopedia." His extensive coverage of all phases of fandom, in addition to a book reviewing section of no little note is a mass of knowledge which no true fan can afford to miss. I'm darned if I can think of any criticism to make unless it be that some thought the cover a bit childish. But this is not my personal opinion.

FANTASY TIMES: No. 36, 4pp., mimeoed, James Tauri, 101-02 Northern Blvd., Corona, N.Y. 5¢ per copy.

The increased size is a definite improvement. Neat format makes it far more readable than the general run of newsheets. The review of "Forever Is Too Long" was too long, no pun intended. No newsheet should devote a page and one half for the review of a single story. Getting better Jimmy, keep it up.

LEINSTER AT E.S.F.A. (con't from page one)

DELEGATION FROM LOCAL HIGHSCHOOL

Headed by Jules Bernstein, English Instructor at a New Jersey highschool, a delegation is being sent by Mr. Hertzberg, noted author of over 100 textbooks, to the next E.S.F.A. meeting.

Mr. Hertzberg stated, after attending the February E.S.F.A. meeting, that the club was quite educational, therefore the delegation.

Mr. Moskowitz has evidently been putting on a concerted drive to bring interesting and instructive programs to the E.S.F.A. meetings. The amazing record breaking attendance of 53 which turned out for the last meeting seems to prove his point.

Next meeting of the E.S.F.A. will be held on March 2, at Slovak Sokol Hall, Newark, New Jersey.

All fans, who are able, are invited to attend.

BRITISH FAN MOVES

British fan "T. Lee Strange, of Colwyn Bay, will soon be taking up residence in Toronto, Canada. Present address is unknown. A member of the B.F.S., Strange was born in Canada.

No. 37 4 pp.
Not quite as well done as previous issue.

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YE OLDE EDITORIAL

How about a sub. from u,
one can't publish a zine
without the necessary cash.

SPECTATOR POLL

With this issue we start
another one of the fre-
quent polls which have
been occurring lately.

Folded in with the sec-
ond issue of "The Fan
Spectator," is a sheet of
paper with 11 questions.

A point is credited,
towards the Spectator
news item contest, for
every question answered.
In other words, simply by
filling out all 11 ques-
tions it is the same as
if you had submitted 11
news items. Remember
that in this Spectator
contest worthwhile and
valuable prizes will be
given away, so get in on
it, you've got everything
to win and nothing to
lose.

Results of this poll
will be published in ei-
ther the fourth or fifth
issue of the Spectator,
and the policy of this

paper will be changed,
as much as possible, to
conform with the opinions
of our readers.

MORE APOLOGIES

We fear that we shall
have to offer more apol-
igies, this time for the
lateness, in reaching our
readers, of the first is-
sue of "The Fan Spectator."
We mailed it on February
3rd. but evidently some
mixup occurred at our lo-
cal postoffice and copies
did not reach you kind
people as soon as we had
hoped. We hope that this
won't happen again and
shall do all in our
power to prevent it from
occurring again.

This issue and future
issues will see no more
"rocket" headlines. As I'm
not a past master of jour-
nalism I didn't no that
such headlines are taboo.
So sorry.

It has been called to our
attention by prominent fan
Joe Kennedy that there is
not enough space between
various news items. We shall
try to rectify this error.
Soon, we hope, we shall be
able to obtain enough let-
ter guides to make type-
written headings almost
unneded.

THE BLUE BEM

Starting with this issue,
on page five, you will
find the first installment
of "The Blue Bem". Com-
ments and suggestions on
this comic strip are ur-
gently sought.

FANTASY IN THE SLICKS

The huge amount (compar-
atively speaking) of fan-
tasy and science fiction in
slick magazines is proof
that our dearly beloved
literature is at last com-
ing to the attention of

FANTASHOW'S

by Lloyd Alough Jr.
For those who like
lots of action and
love in between some
fantastic incidents,
SINBAD THE SAILOR is
a must-see item. In
technicolor, this pic-
ture stars D. Fair-
banks Jr., Maureen O'-
Hara, and Walter Slez-
ak. Based on the ara-
bian nights story, of
the same name, the
action is fast and
furious. The magical
feats used by Sinbad
to rescue himself and
the beautiful Prin-
cess from the clutches
of the villain are
the high points of
interest to the fan-
tasy fan.

Now some news items.
Jennifer Jones and
Joseph Cotten will
star in a movie ver-
sion of Robert Nathan-
's fantasy "Portrait
Of Jenny." The pic-
ture is to be filmed
in New York.....Sin-
clair Lewis and Leo
McCarey, will write
and direct a movie
titled "Adam And Eve"
M.G.M. is now releas-
ing "The Beginning Of
the End," the story
of the Atom bomb.

"The Wizard Of Oz,"
fantasy film, will be
re-released by M.G.M.
as soon as the studio
can obtain the nec-
essary technicolor
prints...C. Grant, D.
Niven, T. Wright, and
M. Woolley to star in
a picture based on
"The Bishop's Wife," a
fantasy by Robert Na-
than.

THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

PROZ

Appearing in the Aprn 1947 issue of "Astounding Science Fiction" will be "Home Of The Gods," by A. E. van Vogt, and "Enemy of Knowledge," by A. M. Phillips as feature novelettes.

"Time and Time Again" by H. B. Piper, "Psych's War," by O. W. Hopkinson Jr., "Project," by Lewis Padget, and "Answer," by Hal Clement are the short stories. "Noise From Outside," by Lorne MacLaughlan will be this issue's article.

I'm sorry, but lack of space has forced us to cut a lot of the contents to a bare minimum. Oh yes, we date themag. a week ahead.

FAN PICTORIAL OUT IN LATE MARCH OR EARLY APRIL

Due to the contribution, by North Dakota fan Walter Dunkelberger, the FAN PICTORIAL will appear sooner than expected. Dunk sent over half a hundred photo's to be included.

You'd better reserve your copy as soon as possible, they won't last forever.

A \$1. bill is really very little when you stop to consider what you're getting.

Included in the album will be pictures taken from the Nycon, Chicon, Denvercon, Pacificon, Dovercon, to mention a few. Also included will be pic-

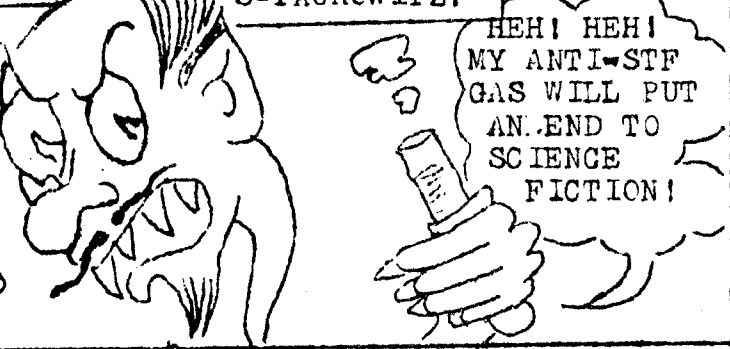
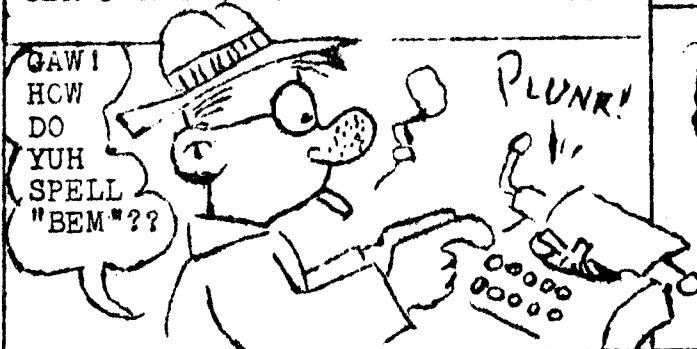
THE INQUIRING REPORTER

Due to the lateness of Uncle Sam's mails we were unable to print nonexistent answers to our first question. We've decided to print the answers for the 1st. issue, in the 3rd., the 2nd. in the 4th., etc. This issue's question: "What do you think is the most interesting phase of fandom, and why do you think so? Address all answers to: Ron. Maddox 20 King St. New York 14, N.Y.

tures of all prominent fans, writers, and authors. Send your dollar now to: (Monotonous, isn't it?) Ron. Maddox, address up.

BY DAY THE BLUE BEM, MAN OF MYSTERY, IS IN REALITY JOSEPHUS Q. KENNEDY--MILD, RETIERING REPORTER FOR THE DAILY VAMPIRE.....

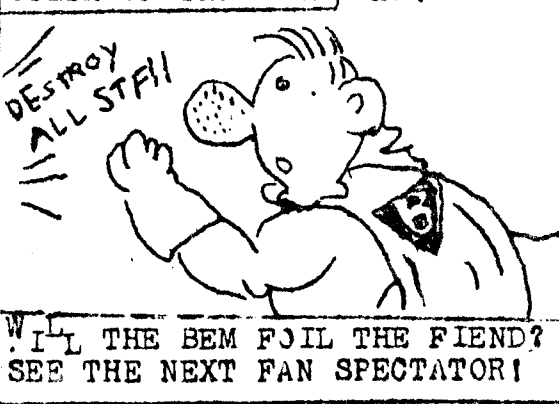
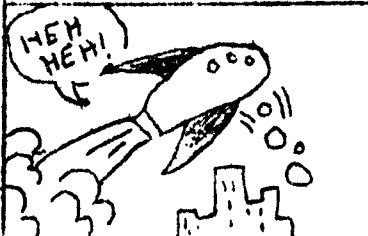
UNKNOWN TO THE BEM -- IN ANOTHER PART OF THE CITY A NEW MENACE IS LURKING--THE MENTALLY UNBALANCED SCIENTIST, STAUROWITZ!



THE MAD FIEND GETS IN HIS PRIVATE ROCKET SHIP AND ZOOMS SKYWARD, DROPPING CAPSULES OF THE ANTI-STF GAS OVER NEW YORK!

On BREATHING THE VAPORS, THE POPULACE GOES WILD! ALL STF MAGS ARE BURNED!

QUICKLY KENNEDY DONS THE SUITE OF THE BLUE BEM!



WILL THE BEM FOIL THE FIEND? SEE THE NEXT FAN SPECTATOR!

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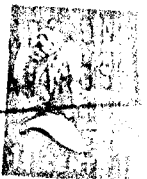
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