

Operation Fantast

NEWSLETTER

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LIBRARIES

OPERATION FANTAST'S LIBRARY, the British Branch, will soon be back in action, under the control of:

J. F. Fairless,
Taxal Midge,
Whalley Bridge,
STOCKPORT, Cheshire.

Total number of books which are now available is 560; terms - 2/6 per month plus postage; books (ordinary novel size) are sent in pairs; pocket books count two for one novel.

With the last issue of O.F. we circulated some 200 folk a notice of a new library, not strictly of the, which Tony A. Bath, 113 Malmsbury Road, SOUTHAMPTON, is now running. At present it only contains some seventy books of science-fiction type, but among these there is an almost complete set of Edgar Rice Burroughs books. Tony tells me that 'profits' will be 'plowed back' for additional items.

FANTASY BOOK CENTRE now holds some 750 items in their library - making it the largest s-f library in the UK, we think.

THE COSMOS LIBRARY, under the control of Jim Donaldson, 46 Ryhurst Avenue, Elm Park, BROMFORD, Essex, has burst into new life, and after a preliminary announcement in SFNEWS 2/2, full details were circulated with the last issue of the NEWS. Closing date on subs for the current year was Mar 31st, but full details can still be obtained from Jim, and it's a good scheme to diarise for 1983.

O.F.'s LIBRARY in the USA now operates, with HENRY W. BURWELL - 459 STERLING STREET, ATLANTA, Ga. as the librarian; Henry is already known to fandom as the editor of SCIENCE FICTION DIGEST, of course. We've been a little slower getting off the mark than we expected, but the scheme is now functioning, and some 100 hard covered books, and a larger number of pbs, are now available. Additions are being obtained as fast as possible, and of course will increase as you U.S.A folk join and swell the funds.

Some confusion arose over the FANATSOC announcement of a Library. This is NOT a fiction lib; it will be made up of books which it is hoped will be useful to artists - e.g. Text books, etc.

CHARITY APPEAL

Should you be broke to the wide, or just plain hard up, don't bother to read this. Should you be a fanatic mag collector, never with a solitary spare item, don't you bother either.

Frank Richards, 4 Hebers, Middle-ton, MANCHESTER, Leases., is sending mags to the Forces in the Middle East, to the 'Homey Club', to be exact, and he hopes to extend & also cover Korea as well.

A demand exists for s-f material and if you have any old mags or pb -s (NOT hard covered books) which you can spare, Frank would appreciate them to meet this demand. They need not be new, or even with covers, but not 'sec-beat-up', please - Frank will do any minor repairs, where possible.

Naturally, you won't be paid for them - in fact, Frank can't even refund postage, but we feel that a number of members will be able to spare and send a mag or two. and will be able to dig down and find a few old copper coins to cover a small amount of postage.

AUSTRALIAN CONVENTION

(Reported by Al Haddon).

Sponsored by the FUTURIAN SOCIETY of SYDNEY, the First Australian SF Convention was held in Sydney, New South Wales, on March 22nd.

Publicity for the event had been arranged by Graham R. Stone, in the form of advertisements in some American magazines, and by A W Haddon, who with the kind assistance of Atlas Publishing & Distributing Co. (England), and Gordon & Gotch (Australia), arranged for printed circulars to be included in the Australian distribution of SF (BRE). This publicity resulted in many previously non-fan enthusiasts attending the convention.

Actual attendance was fifty-eight, and most of these were from the area immediately around Sydney, although Melbourne was represented in the person of Race Matheys, who flew up for the con.

Sydney fandom found thirty new faces among the attendees, notable among these being Miss H.K. Manning who writes for THE LITTLE INC, & for SCIENCE AND FANTASY.

The financial report is, as yet, not available for publication, but it can be said that ticket sales covered the expenses, including the employment of a stenographer, and a public address system.

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ADDITION continued

At the notation 153 items were "bashed down" for over \$24,000. Interesting prices were \$1.10.-, paid for THE MARTIAN CREW (HUTCHINSON); \$1 for GUN '51 Sep.; SPACESHOWER OF ICE, \$1.10.-, said. In general, the prices paid G&W and IMAGINATION were much above offers made for contemporary issues of Astounding. Whether this is just another indication of falling quality it is hard to say.

All in all, the Convention was such a success that temporary plans for a 3-day CONVENTION to be held in 1953 are already being made.

BOOK NEWS

Vallkovsky's sequel to his much discussed WORLDS IN COLLISION is now on sale in the USA. As stated in the first work, title is "AGRS IN ORACS", pp 300; price \$4.50 !! Subject matter equally controversial.

BEST STY '49 and BEST STY '50 - combined under the title SCIENCE FICTION CHESSBO, is a good buy at only \$4.95.

French house, HATCHETTE, have now issued six titles in the "Le Rayon Fantastique" series, latest two being J.M. Valois's VANDALS OF THE VOID and Coresaire du Vide (John Baynon's STOWAWAY TO MARS, (Passager clandestine pour Mars); both translated by Georges Gallie. To follow, due now, is LE CRYSTAL JURISGENE - Ted Sturgeon's THE DARK-HEATH JERSEY - series by Gallieard has now been taken over by Le Rayon Fantastique, so they have no major competitor now. The following titles will therefore see French publication; OUT OF THE SILBERT FLAME, C.S. Lewis; Rhaasell's '49 STEELHEADS (The People Don't Odd John); A-SIDED TRIANGLE With Temple; DETACHEE OF SPACE, Rex Smith; WORLD OF NULL A, and WHYAS - 1 OF THE SPACE BROS, with W49 (Aiswyn's) PERMAN IN THE SKY; Helain's BEYOND THIS HORIZON; a Lov -craft tale; and the big item on the schedule is LE CHOC DES MONDES, to co-incide with the film publicity for WHEN WORLDS COLLIDE in May.

In another of Hatchette's selections, L'Enigme (mysteris) the inclusion of Max Ehrlich's THE BIG EYE, Heinlein's SIXTH COLUMN, and Hubbard's DEATH'S DEPUTY show the growing interest in this form of fiction among the readers of the continent. A number of minor ideas from smaller houses have also appeared: L'univers vagabond (Vag -ant Univers); Les 2000 Années de L'Infini (Space Conquerors); and Le Pionnier de L'Atome (Atom Pion -ner) being typical.

BOOK NEWS continued

ROCKETS OF MARS was as popular that it has been reprinted. original printing selling out in America. USA edition of CONQUEST OF SPACE, the famed Loy-Doneshell item, had almost sold out it's sixth printing at 25c, making some 60,000 copies sold in the USA alone. 1st British edition was 10,000 copies and it has now had a 2nd in It -alian, Dutch, and Japanese, with a Swedish edition probably now on the market. ROCKETS, HERRITZEL, & SPACE TRAVEL, a 2nd edition now out (see OPFL), will also be printed in Holland.

The previously mentioned De Camp and Willy Ley collaboration will appear from Hinehart this Spring; finally titled THE LARGO EXPLORER. The book was originally planned by Willy Ley, who thought it might, to say the least, be interesting to write not of what so-a-so discovered on his voyage of exploration, but of what he expected to find! Many histories of exploration will detail for you what an explorer has discovered, but very few record what the explorers have set out to find. At the time, Ley was unable to finish the book due to lack of reference sources. When he was in a position to use better sources, he found he had not the time or the money to do so. -gh the completed parts of the ms kept pestering Willy Ley to finish it, and after Ley had spent about five times as De Camp offered to do the job himself - and so came about this collaboration.

The embryology list grows and grows -> Currently available or due in the near future are: THE GALAXY READER OF STY, edited Gold, which TMM's reviewer has compared very unfavorably with Daniel Defoe's Robinson Crusoe; TOMORROW THE STARS, edited Heinlein; IMAGINATION UNLITTED, Hietler & Dikty; THE ARM OF MRS BOAM AND OTHER SWE -ANGE STORIES, by William Harvey Fryer (already out in UK from Dutton's at 10/6); THE BEST FIVE FANTASY AND SCIENCE FICTION, Doucher & McCanna. THE ASTOUNDING SCIENCE FICTION AN -THOLOGY, ed. John W. Campbell, Jr. INVADERS OF EARTH, Geoff Comblis. RIGHT'S TAKING TRAIL, ed. Berkeley. PLAINS FROM UNDERWOOD, Dr. Keller. DESTINATION: UNIVERSE, ten shorts by A.E. van Vogt.

TEN'S BEST SCIENCE FICTION SHORT STORY, Hietler and Dikty.

Out in Feb was TOMORROW, THE STARS, Heinlein author of 14 stories. John O. Winston Co. has launched a series of new \$4.00 titles at \$2.00 each. First five will be "BATTLE-BOUND", Milton Lesser; SON OF THE

ASTOUNDING!!

During the period my typist has been "kaput" I reviewed the "Ward Lists" for ASF, and came up with the results shown below. If you have any of these issues, and want to sell them, please write me, stating your price and the condition of the mag. 3 issues you'll be able to find a buyer for you. Cash pay and can be arranged in most cases, as the "wanters" are from USA, UK, & Australia. This offer is also open to dealers who are sufficiently interested. R.F.S.

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1940	2	3	2	2	N/A	3	1	2	2	1	2	3
1941	2	1	1	2	N/A	1	1	1	2	3	1	1
1942	1				N/A					1	1	1
1943					N/A					3	2	N/A
1944	2	2	1	3	2	1	1	1	N/A	1	2	1
1945	N/A	1	2	4	1	2	3	1	1	1	1	N/A
1946	1	2	2	1				N/A				2
1947	1	N/A	N/A	1				N/A		N/A		
1948	N/A	1	1	1	N/A	2	1	N/A	1	1	1	N/A
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1941	2	3	4	1	6	3	4	2	3	3	1	3
1942	5	4	3	3	4	2	4	3	3	3	2	5
1943	3	6	5	5	2	3	1	6	6	3	4	3
1944	5	3	3	4	2	5	3	4	2	4	3	1
1945	4	3	2	1	4	3	2	2	5	5	2	3
1946	7	6	3	2	3	3	2	N/A	1	3	2	2
1947	1	1	2	3	2	N/A	1	3	1	N/A	N/A	2

A demand also exists for copies of the REE ASTOUNDING prior to 1945, and I'd appreciate hearing from you if you have any to sell. Ditto on both RLS and USA WINDMILL WORLDS.

Note: With a medium of Jack Joyce and I will be going to U.S. in late June. Three weeks, as usual. No definite plans as yet and so if anyone feels like running a 'vention any place we haven't been before, well, let us hear about it, wh? It's getting so we don't feel a 'leave' is right unless we have a large foregathering of fans to visit!

What ARE the Flying Saucers ?

Meteorites ?

Hallucinations ?

A Hoax ?

Weather Balloons ?

or Space Ships from another world ?

OURANOS

is the title of a new international bimonthly Bulletin devoted to the serious study of the FLYING SAUCERS and allied problems.

No. 1 will appear on JUNE 24th., 1952

Make sure of getting a copy by sending a 2½d stamp to:

E. Biddle, (OFB11),
1513, High Road,
LONDON, E. 20.
England.

(USA members may obtain copies through OF/TB)

OPERATION FANTASY COMMENTS

AS '47 Oct. (nrc) 1/6
AS '42 Oct. (loose covers, contents and ed pages half missing) 1/6
AS '50 Mar. (nrc) 1/6
AS '50 Apr. (nrc) 1/-
FA '52 Jan. (opts -dam) 1/3
AS '54 Feb. (nrc) 2/-
FA '49 Jun. (nrc) 1/-
FA '47 Sep. (nrc) 1/6
FA '47 Dec. (nrc) 1/6
TWB '39 Feb. (nc) 1/-
TWB '52 Feb. (dam) 1/3
Wonder '35 Feb. (nrc) 2/-
Wonder '33 Nov. (nrc) 2/-
Wonder '33 Oct. (nrc) 2/-
BS '52 Feb. (nrc) 1/3
aSF '47 Oct. (nc) 1/3
Science Fiction '40 Mar (nc) 2/-

Many other similarly damaged mags, '49-'52, available, 'lucky dip', ten at 10/-.

Science Comics (nonfic) '47 May 1/-

Fansine:

SEAVEN MYSTIC CLUB Lettersine, Issues 1/1, 1/5, 2/3, 2/5; 1/- all.
WHEED UNSOLVED MYSTERIES, Vol. 1 No. 1 6d. each.
FANTASY MAGAZINE '35 Feb/Mar 1/-
FANTASY REVIEW: 8, 10, 13, 14, 15, 18, 1/-
S-F NEWSLETTER '51 Jul. 1/3
FANTASY ADVERTISER '49 Nov. 1/-
'51 Feb. '50 Jan. May. Jul. Nov. 1/-

Fansine, cont.

PSYCHOMAGNETIC DIGEST 1/7, '50 Jan. 2/6 each
PHANTASMAGORIA No. 1, No. 2. 6d.
GIANT No. 1, No. 2. 9d.
FANSCIENT No. 5 1/6

Other stuffage

S-F Classics No. 5 THE VOICE COMMANDS, Dennis Clive 2/-
SELECTED STORIES EA FOR SERV. ED. 1/6
FS are Real, Keyhoe (Brit - poor) 9d.
THE ATOMIC AGE (series of four radio talks Dec '45) 1/-
GLIMPSE: John R. Fearn (n/p ext) 1/3

OPERATION FANTASY backkkkk issues

No. 1 - 1/- or 15d } printed
All others: 6d or 10d } issues

Some folk have asked for copies of the old duplicated numbers - Gbm alone knows why! - and if they'd care to repeat, I've now managed to round up a few.

IF THERE IS A LARGE "X" BELOW HERE,

YOUR SUBSCRIPTION EXPIRED WITH THE LAST ISSUE OF OPERATION FANTASY TO BE SENT OUT (No. 11) AND YOU HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED. THAT IS WHY YOU HAVE NOT HAD THE 1952 HANDBOOK !!

BOOK NEWS continued

by Matt Elder

On a pillar of fire it slowly descended. The first man-made rocket to Mars had arrived. It was not long before a five man expedition set out to examine an obviously artificial erection a-bout half a mile distant from the ship.

Moving clumsily in the atmosphere suits they slowly neared it. They reached it and split up to go round the huge edifice. On his way round one of them came upon a 'suited figure.

"Well, do you know who built it?" he jokingly asked. It was only when the figure turned and spoke that he saw that something was wrong.

"Sorry, I'm a stranger here, myself!" it said.

THE CITY IN THE SEA (Rinehart & Co. 2.50) by Wilson Tucker 250pp.

In his first published novel on a science-fantasy theme Bob Tucker shows the writing skill that has already given the detective fiction field five very good novels. The scene of this story is a not-too-obvious future, a future it is hard to fix in relation to our time. A future in which man, dragged right down by the aftermath of an atomic war, has just started his upward climb. Or I should say 'her' upward climb, as in the semi-barbaric and militant culture we see in this book, woman has taken the lead. Into the thin coastline Colony, separated from the homeland by sea on one side, and from the unmap-ped continent by a mountainous territory on the other, have come the female pioneers of Western Somerset. There they have settled, exporting to the homeland the products of the harmless natives.

Into this quiet and uneventful scene comes a man. Such a man as these women have never could ever - know. His advent serves as a catalyst to send a party on the as-yet unattempted exploration of the region that lies beyond the mountains. It is on this trip that Mr. Tucker takes, and it is here that he develops his story, outlining, not only what has become of man in this future world, but making full use of the situation created when one man sets out to be the guide for an army of women.

STARS, Raymond Jones; FINE THE FEATHERED SERPENT, Evan Hunter; FIVE AGAINST VENUS, Philip Latham; and MARCHED ON MARS, Lester del Rey.

In Britain, things are looking up, also. THE CASE OF CHARLES DEXTER WARD, by H.P. Lovecraft, has just been released by Gollancz. at 9/6, 16Opp of typical Lovecraft horror. Sidgwick and Jackson announce, for publication in Sep-Oct, a new novel by Arthur C. Clarke, entitled "ISLANDS IN THE SKY", probable price 8/6; this work will be aimed at a more juvenile public than Arthur's recent so successful STARS OF MARS, being an adventure story of space-ships and space-stations. However, we do not doubt that Arthur's noted adequacy will be maintained.

Greyson & Greyson, who found a market sufficiently large to enable a second impression of THE BEST SF STORIES to be run, now announce 4 titles for this year: BEST SCIENCE FICTION STORIES (2nd Series), edited by the Bleiler and Ditzy duo, 9/6, containing 14 yarns; ADVENTURES IN TIME AND SPACE, the Raymond Healy and J. Francis MacComas anthology - out to ten yarns - at 9/6; Groff Conklin's POSSIBLE WORLDS OF SF 13 tales in this one - also at 9/6 and finally, and at a probable (we hope) price of 8/6, Isaac Asimov's I, ROBOT; this last being in full - the complete USA version. (See review in O99, page 11).

SCIENCE FANTASY NEWS also reports many other titles from British publishers, and consolidated with our own information, a full list is printed on another page of what is and will be available from UK. They also mention the POCKET BOOKS, from Kensley House; SINISTER BARRIERS, by John Russell Fearn; LAST SPACESHIP by Murray Leinster; GABRIEL OVER THE WHITE HOUSE (previously pubbed in UK under the title STEWARD, but in USA under present title) by T. T. Coed; and Hugo Gernsback's RAIFER 12 4Cal+. These at 1/6 each. FROM PAN BOOKS, at 2/6. EIGHT TALES FROM HOFFMAN; OUT OF THE SKINNY PLANET, C.S. Lewis.

FANTASY PRESS have introduced a subsidiary to run the limited edition reprint scheme, POLARIS PRESS, at the same address (120 N. 9th, READING, Pa.) and the first two titles have been announced. These are Francis Steven's THE HEADS OF CEREBUS, and THE ABYSS OF WOMEN, by Parley Poore Shesham, at 3.00 each.

ALL BRITISH BOOKS MENTIONED IN THE NEWSLETTER MAY BE OBTAINED THROUGH OPERATION FANTASY. ALL AMERICAN ITEMS MENTIONED MAY BE PURCHASED FROM: E.J. CARROLL, 17 BIRWASH RD. PLAINSTEAD, LONDON, SE 18.

FAN MAG MENTIONS

We raise the hat to Vince Clarke and Ken Bulmer, of SPINES, and Fred Robinson, of STRAIGHT UP, who produced two excellent newszines. Within a very short time of each other, and with very little repetition, so far as we can see,

Elliott Rockmore, P.O. Box 148, Wall Street Station, NEW YORK, 5, NY, USA, sends us copies of "THE SAUCER REVIEW". This bi-monthly is concerned only with reporting incidents of 'saucers' and like phenomena. Mainly, it consists of a 'rewrite' section giving condensed versions of clippings received with date, source, etc., and when necessary an analysis of the collected data. A supplement issued irregularly is a photostat section of actual news clippings. You can obtain a copy by mailing in three recent clippings. This zine performs a useful service for those folk who wish to collect all such reports, but cannot afford enough time and money to search all the newspapers.

THE PNEUMIUM, bimonthly from W. Venable, 610 Park Place, Pittsburgh, Pa., USA (4 for 50¢) is a monthly, well produced, miscellany with a photolith cover, 24pp. General interest, fiction, poetry, & etc.

December FROG, at last to hand. It's well up to usual standard, and we congratulate Charles Lee Riddle on both its continued excellence, and the fact that despite his fanaticity Charles still does enough work for the US Navy to earn promotion. He is now Chief Personnel Man (PNCA), top non-com rank in the USN.

We learn from Bob Foster that a delay will occur before next issue of SLUDGE appears. Travelling to and from work is eating up his so-called spare time. Maybe some of the fans around Brighton could be of assistance in getting SLUDGE - er - out of the mire?

CLUB NEWS

Derek Fickles, editor of PHANTASMAGORIA, is now secretary of the BRADFORD S-F CLUB, which now has 16 members, and an average attendance of 12. Meetings are held in a cafe near the centre of the town on Sundays of each week. The club intends to publish a fanzine, of around 12 pages, limited circulation.

Mick Solstead (184, Giraween Road, Giraween, N.S.W.) is now N.F.F. rep in Australia, Rog Dard finding O.F. activity keeps him well-occupied.

The "NEWLANDS" S-F Club is the official title of the Glasgow fan group. Membership now about six, &

any Glaswegians who are interested should contact Matt A. Elder, 37, Moray Place, Glasgow, S.1.

BALTIMORE's club, THE BALTIMORE SF FORUM, has now given it's zine an official title "VIEWS IN S-F". A recent auction to improve the club treasury brought surprisingly low bids for material, GSF '50 Oct fest - ching only 40¢! There is a possibility that June will see the BSFF experimenting with SSP cards, and rumour has it that they may invest in a 6" telescope for the use of members. An outdoor picnic is scheduled for July.

EDINBURGH, Scotland - no fan club as yet, but John Vettese has hopes of starting one. All Edinburgh fans should contact John at 20, Annandale St., EDINBURGH, 7.

WIREZ, the wire-recorder fans, have a ravel in the tape-recorder folk. Anyone with a tape recorder desiring further information should ask Lee D. Quinn, Box 1199, Grand Central Station, New York, 17, NY, USA. Invitation to join is world-wide!

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, seems to be a growing centre of fanthiasms - C.B. Cocks (P.O. Box 201, Christchurch, NZ) reports he now has ten contacts, and they are setting up a library. If you know any NZ fans, pass on Mr. Cocks' address, uh?

An interesting letter from Mr. A. Gregory (3, School St., Witton-le-Wear, Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham.) informs us that he is running an "H.G. WELLS CLUB" for youngsters, & has about a dozen keen members. A small library of some two dozen items is held, mostly by Wells, but with a few other prized books like KE Smith's SKYLARK OF SPACE.

The previously mentioned fan-club down in Gillingham is now titled "THE MEDWAY S-F CLUB", and is rapidly growing. Tony Thorns has managed to interest a local bookseller in S-F, and a special branch is being opened to take care of the demand, with Tony engaged on advertising and display.

THINGS AND PEOPLES

Bob Silverberg informs that the strike of the New York APO Distributors caused a dearth of S-F in NY, only 'if', FFM, and SFF appearing on the stands after March 13. Subscribers and out-of-town folks were not affected. Strike permitted, the new Lester del Rey edited SPACE SCIENCE FICTION was due on the stands on Apr 1, to be followed by ROCKET STORIES, the latter of juveniles and new-fan appeal. Both to be bi-monthly, and the all-too-familiar 35¢ digest format.

LIFE, Apr 7, has article HAVE WE VISITORS FROM SPACE, reopening the Flying Saucer debate in their page -s.

OPERATION FANTASY OFFERS: continued 9

THRILLING (SCIENCE) WOMEN'S STORIES

'31 Nov.(nrc).Dec.(nrc).	3/-
'32 Mar.(nrc).Apr.(nrc).	3/-
'33 Jan.Feb.Apr.Jun.	3/6
'33 May.(nrc).	2/9
'34 Apr.(nrc). '34 May.(nrc)	2/6
'34 Jun.	3/-
'46 Sum. Fall. Dec.	3/-
'47 Feb.Apr.Aug.Oct.Dec.	3/9
'48 Feb.Apr.Jun.Aug.Oct.Dec.	2/6
'49 Feb.Apr.Jun.Aug.Oct.Dec.	2/4
'50 Feb.Apr.Jun.Aug.Oct.Dec.	2/4
'51 Feb.Apr.Jun.Aug.Oct.Dec.	2/6
'52 Feb.Apr.	2/6

SONDER STORER ANNUAL '52 2/6

WEIRD TALES

'47 Jan.Mar.Nov.	2/6
'48 Jul.Nov.	2/6
'49 Jan.Mar.May.Jul.Sep.Nov.	2/-
'50 Jan.Mar.May.Jul.Sep.Nov.	2/-
'51 Mar.Sep.Nov.	2/6

Comics: STRANGE ADVENTURES 17 1/-
 ADVENTURES INTO THE UNKNOWN 30 1/-
 ADVENTURES INTO WEIRD WORLDS 4 1/-

BRITISH MAGAZINES

TALES OF WONDER 12 (nrc)	3/6
NEW WORLDS 4, 6,	1/6
10, 11, 12,	2/-
SCIENCE FANTASY 1, 2,	1/6
3, 4, 5	2/-

BRITISH REPRINTS

AMAZING STORIES 1,2,3,4,5,6,	2/-
7,8,9	2/-
FANTASTIC ADVENTURES 1,2,3,4,	2/-
5,6,7,8,9,	2/-
FANTASTIC NOVELS (Eye of Balamok)	9d.
FUTURE 1, 2, 3,	1/3
MARVEL 1	1/6
SCIENCE FICTION QUARTERLY 1	1/6
SCIENCE FICTION QUARTERLY 15 (Swan ed)	6d.
STARTLING STORIES 2,3,5,6,	9d.
THRILLING WONDER No.2	9d.
COSMIC SCIENCE No.11	9d.
PLANET 1,2,3,4,5,	9d.
SCIENCE FICTION '39 Dec.	2/-
WEIRD TALES 10,11,12	1/6
AMAZING SCIENCE STORIES 1, 2,	9d.
SUPERSCIENCE STORIES (outpost infinity)	9d.
(gateway to darkness)	9d.
No. 1,3,4,5,6,	9d.

AUSTRALIAN

THRILLS INCORPORATED 8,9,12,	1/-
14, 13, 15, 16, 17,	1/-
Paper Jackets: 1/- or 15¢ each.	
Molecule Monsters: O.J.Friend	
Boar of the Rocket: Friend	
WHERE ETERNITY ENDS EAO Binder	
ADAM LINK IN THE PAST Binder	
FLIGHT INTO HORROR Valdez	
FATAL FOCUS Valdez	

POCKET BOOKS - AMERICAN

THE GARDEN OF FEAR: Howard	2/6
THE THING THAT WASH LOVE: David V. Reed	3/-
BEYOND THE END OF TIME anthol edited Freder. Pehl	3/-
LIFE AND TIME ON THE SEMOO Al Capp	2/6
DWELLERS IN THE MIRAGE: Merritt (Murder Monthly ed, fair)	3/6
SPECTRAL BRIDE: Sheering	2/-

BRITISH POCKET BOOKS 1/6 or 25¢

"A" MEN: Rand Le Page	1/6
BIOLOGY A: Brad Kent	1/6
BLUE PERIL: Ray Barry	1/6
DESTINATION ALPHA:Barl Cameron	"
FLIGHT OF THE HERPES: G.Hay	1/6
CHAOS IN MINIATURE: Campbell	4
ZERO FIELD:Gill Hunt	
SPACE LINK: King Lang	
DEATH DIMENSION: Ray Barry	
ARGENTIS: Brian Shaw	
MAMMOTH MAN: Roy Sheldon	
MOMENTOUT OF TIME:Roy Sheldon	
PABA-ROBOT: Neil Charles	
CATALYST: Brad Kent	
INNER COGMOG: Vargo Statten	
SPACE WARP: Roy Sheldon	
STATION 7: Gill Hunt	
TRANSMERCURIAN: King Lang	
MOON MONSTERS: Roy Marquis	
PLANETIC PERIL: G.S.Brown	
THE MYSTERY PLANET: KR Kennedy	
SPACE WARP: Vargo Statten	
OMNIOUS FOLLY: Ray Barry	
THE FATAL LAW: Brad Kent	
RED STORM: Brian Storm	
TITAN'S MOON: Neil Charles	
THE LAST BRACE SHIP: M.Leinster	
RALPH 124041: Hugo Gernsback	
GABRIEL OVER THE WHITE HOUSE: T.F.Tweed	
SINISTER BARRIER: E.Russell	
Futuristic SCIENCE STORIES 6.	
EARTH OUR NEW EDEN: F.G.Bayer.	

The majority of the USA and British pocket books included in the list given in LETTER-ZINE No. 1 are still available, but have been omitted here to save space.

Orders are now being taken for MISSION: INTERPLANETARY, the pb edition of van Vegt's VOYAGE OF THE SPACE BRAG.

COLLIERS Mar' 22; w/MAN WILL CONQUER SPACE SOON 2/6

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Cyril Harper, back out of the RAF, had a week in bed and read 49 mags, catching up on the old stuff.

Ray Palmer & Ken Arnold, still chasing the FB, are publishing, at their own expense, their combined store of data on the sub-ject. Book will be priced at \$5.00. Ray claims that they have spent over \$8,000 on research.

Collier's, March 15, gives a 15 page splash to MAN WILL CONQUER SPACE SOON; including several Bonestall plates in the it-ems; six articles by leading authorities (including Dr. Werner von Braun, and Willy Ley).

FANTASY TIMES, First March issue, reports NOLANON committee has failed to make the payment of \$50 voted as a donation to the FANVESTS. Apart from a cheque in payment of one-third of the sum from Chairman Harry B. Moore, the money has not be forthcoming.

An interesting oddment is in process of production by Denis Gifford. Probably inspired by the BBS "Passport", this is a SPACE PATROL HANDBOOK; running to Epp of halftone photos and line-draw-ings, and interesting information, it is a blend of fact and fantasy. The contents include: a Space Patrol membership certificate; Code of Honour; Inter-planetary Passport; spacecraft-identification (photos); data on four spaceships; guide to the use and maintenance of spacesuits; Gazetteer of the Galaxy - including latest information on the planets of the Solar system, and many other items. Many of the illos used are still from recent s-f files. Item of particular interest is an s-f film "Index" covering from 1902 (Melies) up to "WAR OF THE WORLDS". A competition based on the Jetex spaceship models, with model motors as prizes, is also included. Cost of this item will be only 1/6 (25%), and it will be available only from Denis Gifford, 16 Sydenham Park, Sydenham, LONDON, SE 26, England.

Reg Dard, OP's 'down under' rep, informs us he'll be getting married sometime this year - congrats and best wishes from all of us, Reg.

For the first time in years, the April STARTLING omitted the fanzine review column. Fans - it's okay. It is right back in the May issue.

Don Wollheim has left AVON, & the two READERS are being discontinued. We are informed that there is no connection between the two occurrences.

A GAP IN THE FIELD OF AMATEUR PUBLISHING which it will be difficult indeed to fill, is caused by the death of WHIPPLE MCCLAY. President and Editor-in-chief of PROOF, INC. All activity of Proof, Inc., will be suspended, and the affairs of the corporation brought to a close, as soon as possible.

The quarterly publications of this corporation, inspired by their president, Mr. McClay, gave a world-wide summary of every major endeavour in the fields of amateur publishing, art, drama, and associated subjects. A task which we are certain very few people would be willing to tackle for payment, and few indeed for the sheer joy of it, must now pass on to some other person. Whether any one can be found to fill the gap remains to be seen. We beg to doubt that the position which the late Mr. McClay filled so admirably will ever again find so willing a sponsor.

Frank Coulter, NEW ZEALAND OF member, informs us of a mag which does not appear to be widely known. The title is GHOST STORIES. and Frank has three issues, dated Feb, April, and June 1931. It was a monthly, & the June '31 issue bears the number Vol. 10, No. 6, from which it appears that there were at least 60 issues. Frank has been asked to supply data of price, publisher, & etc., but we would appreciate word from any other fans who hold copies of this mag.

MAGAZINE NOTES

Next serial for GSF is GRAVY PLAIN, a Kornbluth & Pohl collaboration. June SS reprints DRAGON'S ISLAND, Jack Williamson. FYB June features HER WAYS ARE DEATH, Jack Mann, to be followed by THE WHITE WOLF, Franklin Gregory, in August. GSFW 10 has Ray Franklin's RAT RACE, current issue (9) being Will Temple's 4-SIDED TRIANGLE. MARVEL, May, returned to pulp size, does not show any vast improvement, we are informed. 2CSA Book No. 6 will feature MINIONS OF THE MOON, Beyer. NEW WORLDS editor Ted Carnell is reported to be as busy with MSS, that G. Ken Chapman has been called in as assistant editor. It's also said that NEW WORLDS will be using serials, and the first will be a healthy sized novella by J.T.H. 'In-toosh. We are reliably informed of a cease-fire in the Gold/Campbell feud. Cover changes can be expected on the Standard mags, in order that titles will not be superimposed on illos. TWS & SS will in future have illo in a square cage, whilst FEM's cover illo will have circular shape. Summer FEM feature vs SLAN - a yarn not drawn from the old Standard files. AS June - SECRET OF THE BLACK PLAINS Milt Lesser; PA THE LION'S ROUSE, by Stephen Marlowe.

MAGAZINE NOTES, continued.

British reprint from Cartoon Art Productions titled DYNAMIC SCIENCE STORIES has cover by Gerard Quinn; price will be 2/-; stories from US a mag; date of publication uncert ain.

ODDMENTS

We haven't mentioned the 1952 CON-VENTION to be held in London, one British member points out. True, in -dead. But the only information - so far as we know - that is avail-able on said Con is contained in p. 73 of S-F No. 4. At least, the on-ly give-away information. If you want any more, you pay your 2/6 to the Convention Secretary, c/o The White Horse Tavern, Fetter Lane, LONDON, EC 4. And in case there do happen to be any OF British member -s who don't get S-5 (shocking tho -ught !) the con will be held in the Royal Hotel, Russell Square, on 31st May, 1st June. We shall not be there, again. The earliest Ken can hope to get leave is around 23 rd June.... But lots of such nice-people will be.

From Popular Library (USA) comes John Wyndham's REVOLT OF THE TRIP-VIDS; and Philip Wylie's THE DISAP-PEARANCE is out on a Cardinal Ed-ition. Both pb format, both 25¢.

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UPRIGHT TREES

The above idea was pinched with-out apology from the WFF, and so is this one. A Greetings Group is being formed - the equivalent of WFF's Welcome Committee. Job will be to write a letter to a new mem-ber, bidding him welcome, and more or less 'showing him round'. We've been trying to do it ourselves, as some of you know, but letters we right get shorter and shorter, and the regular mail gets farther and farther behind, so we'd like some of you willing people to step up and help. Given about a dozen of you, it should not mean much more than one letter a month. Volunteer -s send their names to KFS, pliz.

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