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FLASHES FROM ENGLAND --by G. Ken. Chapman

Tales of Wonder has accepted "Message from the Moon", by Char-nock Walsby. This new author is an SFA member and the story will appear in the March, 1939, issue of ToW. A further story, by the same author, will appear later in the year in New Worlds, the new SFA magazine. The 2d issue of Fantasy will be on the newsstands March 15th next, and will include stories by John Beynon & John Russell Fearn. Editor Sprigg has accepted Jack Fearn's "Climatica", and this will probably be his contribution to #2 Fantasy--it runs to the same length as "The Red Magician"...Ephraim Winiki, John Cotton & Dennis Clive, of the 1st issue of Science Fiction, were all British authors...SFA's New Worlds has obtained a story by Wm. F. ("Sphinx") Temple, called "No Chance". Expert opinion says it is his finest work to date...Jack Fearn has written a non-stf book called "Little Winter", which concerns his native Blackpool, during the 3 months out-season, between Christmas and Easter...British Broadcasting Corp. broadcast from their Northern Regional transmitter a 10-minute account of the British Interplanetary Society's objects & achievements, on Mon., Feb. 6...The London Sunday newspaper, The People, are running a series of articles by Count Byron de Prorok. Jan. 8 carried one on "a lost city beneath the Sahara" and Jan. 15 one of "Lost City of Atlantis"...The Satellite, whose future a week ago seemed precarious, will, it is definitely stated, continue publication...The new British fanmag, New Worlds, had a circulation list of nearly 150 subscribers a month before publication date of 1st issue. ... "Frontier of the Stars" is the title of a story, now in the process of being written. It will be the collaborative effort of John Russell Fearn & Thornton Ayre, and will be a 17,000 worder, of the style the former author adopted with his famous "Mathematica"...Modern Wonder, the 2d. boys' weekly with a liking for "fantasy", is now publishing a serial by A. J. Murray, entitled "Fifty Fathoms Below", which has a distinctly stf flavor.

Cheerio, America.... More soon!

HIGHLANDS OMNIBUS

The TCSFL expires! -- On Feb. 23 the last meeting will be held. At it, the chapter will be sorrowfully disbanded. Since we organized Feb. 23, 1938, this meeting will be an anniversary celebration. Reasons for dissolution are numerous, and all may rest assured that we take this step only thru necessity//Hubert Rousset, Houston Post columnist, calls Disney's "Fantasia" a cartoon suite. Which adds a new term to the musical dictionary//Hospitals & obituaries: Percy Wilkinson will soon undergo a major operation--specifically, a tonsillectomy. Unfortunately, I can't record here, at this time, his demise. So youse guys who're trying to elbow into the FAPA will please wipe off those expressions of unholy anticipation. Member #50 may yet recover//Pohl & Charpentier of Houston are still endeavoring to launch a chapter. The hold-up is conflicting schedules of the 20-odd fellows who've expressed an emphatic desire to be members. But I believe there will be a Houston SFL yet//Would it be amiss to say that

"Little Annie Rooney", an ultra-prosaic & mundane comic-strip, recently was delightfully witty and stf'al? Hiya, Comic-Lover Warner!//If I persist in giving these dispatches headings with the name of Ye Olde Home Towne in them, the local chamber of commerce has promised me a banquet. The speech is prepared already and I'm doing a little preparatory fasting//This scribe wants to make public mention of something. Russ Hodgkins sent a quarter sub to The Fantasy Triangle just as soon as the mag was announced, now waiting for it to appear. Such sublime confidence warms my heart!//Well, I must go. Even if this isn't where I came in, I gotta get out before the editor fires me for keeps. He wants news, not patter. dh

VITRIGLIC VITUPERATION --Frederik Pohl sounds off  
(INASMUCH AS The Science Fiction News Letter's contributing editors and correspondents are given practically free rein in their communications to their public, we cannot be responsible for anything published hereunder, nor do our views necessarily coincide with same. Should any person who considers himself maligned or in any other wise annoyed by the below, let him write and rebut. His reply will see print in this space, provided it is not too unwieldy. --Nell)

Philadelphia Pa. is a city of 1,951,000 population whose principal exports are Philco radio tubes, The Saturday Evening Post, and crackpots. The merits of the first two of these are arguable, but the quality of Philadelphia's crackpots is superlative. One need only instance John V. Baltadonis to prove the point. But V. had better look to his laurels, for wee Robert Madle is a comer. His latest exploit (he has been violating postal regulations and good taste for years) has been to ~~commit~~ one of the sins fan publishers classify as unforgiveable. Thru some means of his own, presumably underhanded, he came into possession of a manuscript entitled "Out of Space" and pseudonymously signed "Paul Dennis". This story was never given him for publication, a fact which deterred Robby not at all. He also was disinterested in the fact that a revised version of the same was being circulated among the pro magazines, with a reasonably good chance of acceptance. He went right ahead and published it, laying himself open to all sorts of legal unpleasantness on a charge of violation of common-law copyright. The only reason such charges will not be pressed is that he is of course both insolvent and a minor, and the authors of the story, being publishing fans, have no desire to set a taking-to-court precedent which could seriously injure the entire fan publishing field.

#### THOUGHTS WHILE SEEKING THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE

Isaac Asimov, Futurian Wonder Boy, has sold his 2d tale to Amazing, making 4 in all...At the Futurian Society's meeting of Feb. 26, the "Things to Come" suite and other recorded, fantastic music was played for the edification of the members' aesthetic sides. Not scheduled were playing same pieces backwards & taking of above Asimov or thrilling rocket-ride, blindfolded, with egg-beater, clanking spoons spacial sound-effects. Mr A. was also successfully levitated, after involved, highly complicated ritual...Arthur Leo Zagat's "7 Out of Time" begins in Argosy, Mar. 11...B. Tucker's Vulcan Manuscript Bureau will serve D'Journal, Funtasy, Science Fiction Esquire, Science Fiction Variety (last-named FAPA)...U's "Buck Rogers" takes place in 2440, which we believe to be the farthest any fantasy-film has yet gone--right, Mr Ackerman?...FFFFs resumed next week.

*Jack Wilson*