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"Only last spring we uncovered a nest of Druids in Kansas."  
-SFW's Quote Of The Week-

OVER ONE HUNDRED ATTEND OPEN ESFA: Over 100 fans attended the annual Open Meeting of the Eastern Science Fiction Association, held the afternoon of March 3rd at the downtown YMCA deep in the heart of forgotten Newark, New Joisey. The Guest of Honor for the occasion was Murray Leinster, who spoke briefly on the occasion of over fifty years writing science fiction.

Other speakers included Lin Carter, speaking on the Conan series and related subjects; Larry T. Shaw, editor at Lancer Books; Fred Pohl, editorial director of Galaxy publications; and a host of others. Sam Moskowitz gave an illustrated slide lecture on Leinster's works, during which Leinster kept murmuring that SaM had all his facts wrong. Be that as it may, Sam mentioned Uncle Hugo fewer than a dozen times, a fact to be noted.

The slide lecture, a brief 45 minutes, was followed by the presentation of a plaque honoring Leinster/Jenkins' 50 years within the field.

Attendees included noted authors Robert Silverberg, Lin Carter, noted ex-New Joisey agent Henry Morrison, international selebrity and publishing fan Andrew Porter, Larry T. Shaw, Frederik Pohl, and a host of other lesser deities. On the fan scene, from out of the woodwork appeared Art Saha, Paul Spencer, Frank and Ann Dietz, Walt Cole, Frank Prieto, George Nims Raybin, and a host of other SFW subscribers. A good time was had by all, including Donald A Wollheim, who was there but who I forgot to mention. Sorry, Don. (Source: All Sorts Of People...)

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GALAXY TO GO MONTHLY: Frederik Pohl, Editorial Director of Galaxy Publications, announced at the Open ESFA meeting that beginning late this Spring, Galaxy would begin publishing on a monthly schedule. The magazine, originally monthly when it began publication, has been published bi-monthly since the beginning of 1959. Pohl also announced that Lin Carter is terminating his fan column, and that a new column, written by Lester del Rey, entitled "SF Implications of modern science fiction," would be one of the features developed to take its place.

Pohl further announced that a new fantasy-oriented magazine would make its debut in early summer, with Lester del Rey to be editor. Galaxy had earlier announced that del Rey had joined the Galaxy Publications staff, although in exactly what capacity was not stated.

Del Rey had previously been editor of several sf magazines in the mid-fifties, and was editor of Fantasy Fiction in 1953. Galaxy publishing had published another fantasy magazine, Beyond Fantasy Fiction, back in 1953-54, but it had failed after less than a dozen issues. SFW wishes good luck to the new ventures; may printers, distributors, and returns all be favorable.



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STURGEON ON RADIO: New York radio station WBAI-FM (99.5), which dramatized "The Skills of Xanadu" last year, offers Sturgeon's "A Touch Of Strange" to listeners on March 13th at 8:15 pm. The Mind's Eye Theatre will offer two short dramatizations, of which the Sturgeon will be one. The program will be repeated March 15th at 11:45 am. For further information, write: Baird Searles, Drama & Literature Dept., WBAI, 30 East 39th Street, New York 10016. (Source: WBAI Program Folio)

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DALE HART DEAD, WAS OLD-TIME FAN: Dale Hart, active in fandom in the 1940's, was reported dead from cancer in the latter part of February. Hart was first active in 1939, and came to New York that year. He stayed in New York for a little over a year, and was active in the Futurians at the time. In 1941 he went to Los Angeles, where he lived until he died. He was active in Los Angeles and fanzine fandom through 1948, contributing poetry and fiction to many fanzines of the period. When he died he was 48 years old. Hart was the third Los Angeles fan to die within the space of a month. The others were Ron Ellik and Lee Jacobs. Word has also reached SFW that Barbara Pollard, wife of New York fan Dave Pollard, died of influenza late last month. No other details were available. (Source: Donald Wollheim)

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SFCRITIC RETURNS: The SFCritic, which has not appeared in a considerable time, will be a flyer with SFWeekly next week. The new issue, at least 5 pages, reviews about 20 books in depth. (Source: SFW Book Review Dept.)

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MUST RENEW THIS ISSUE: Kerry Brouk, Ed Bryant, Joe L. Hensley, Arnie Katz, Dave MacDonald, John Mansfield, Don Miller, Darroll Pardoe, Robert Roehm, and Reg Smith. NEXT ISSUE: Charlie Brown, Tom Bulmer, Bill Conner, Jack Cordes, Mike Deckinger, Leigh Edmonds, Barry Gillam, Brian Hill, Bob Leman, David Lipsky, Glenn Lord, Frank Lunney, Edward Reed, Bruce Robbins, and Frank Wilimczyk. 25/62!!

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#### FANZINE REVIEWS

Granfalloon #1, Linda Eyster, Rm 6B7, 1060 Morewood Ave, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15213. This first fanzine, done on one side of the page with electronic ditto masters, is pretty promising. Some not-too-abominable fan fiction, long book reviews, fanzine reviews, and an abortive letter column round out the issue. With more varied material, this promises to be a good fanzine. I'd advise sending a contribution to get future issues.

Argh! #1, Chester Malon Jr., 4413 Elair Avenue, St. Louis, Mo. 63107. This is yet another fanzine to emerge from St. Louis fandom. The 2 youthful editors (as in the case of Granfalloon) rely heavily on their own resources. Unfortunately, their output is chiefly in the humorous vein, and comes off rather forced and not too humorous at all. The usual first issue features: long boring fan fiction, lots of waste space, forced editorial are all here. At least the editors have excellent repro going for them, but that's about all.

Sirruish, the official publication of the Ozark Science Fiction Association, c/o Leigh Couch, Rte. 2, Box 889, Arnold, Mo. 63010. This is another large fanzine: 65 pages. It has a little of everything: bad fan fiction by W.G. Bliss, good fan fiction by Alexia Gilliland (although I read this before, perhaps in the WSFA Journal); a typical condescending article by Laurence Janifer; long book reviews, short fanzine listings, good artwork and layout, an interesting cover, and a long and interesting letter column. It's available for 4/41, or contributions. I think they'll like the contributions more.

Hugin And Munin #4, Richard Labonte, 971 Walkley Road, Ottawa, Canada. This fanzine is another Official Organ, in this case of the SFClubofCarleton University, Ottawa. Not too much of interest in this issue: British-sized covers on an American-sized interior look odd, and are bad artwork to boot; long bad fanfiction and a technical article don't contribute much of interest either. Best thing in the issue is a plea for sf to be carried on the university level. A very poor issue.

Sex Fandom Arise!! -- Vote For St.LouisCon for '69!!!