

Surprise, again! With this issue, thanks to Pvt. John Cocroft, WOPFLE-KIT becomes a FREE sine, and institutes several improvements. To those dozen or so subscribers who, after the first issue, sent in more than 3¢, we wish to say that if you desire the excess amount refunded, you have but to let us know and it will be promptly repaid. Otherwise, it will be put into W-K's publishing fund and save our dear Servifan sponsor that much money. To those who "forgot" their excess, we will give a mite of ego-boo; also to those who contribute anything to help the mag along financially. In fact, if enough moola should eventually show up, we'd be glad to distribute photos herewith. How about it?

FLASH! FLASH!! FLASH!!!

K. Martin Carlson, 1028 Third Ave. South, Moorhead, Minnesota, will do small print jobs (letterheads, etc.) for fans, in exchange for prozines he can use. Almost any pre-45 ish is acceptable. Several type-styles are available.

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A U C T I O N !

The auction fee advertised last ish has been cut in half! You can now auction off your material for a fee of only 10% of the price realized -- that's right; the fee has been cut in half!

As stated last issue, the items are numbered by lot, with a minimum price listed. All you have to do to bid is list the lot number and the highest price you'll pay for that lot. Transportation may or may not be included in the price --that will be settled between buyer and seller, since it is a variable amount.

Send all bids to Walter A. Coslet, Box 6, Helena, Montana. Successful bidders will obtain their items at a small advance above next highest bid. (All fees will go into the W-K publishing fund.) BIDS MUST BE IN BY MAY 1, 1946.

#1 To really start the auction off in grand style is:

# COSMOS--all seventeen chapters complete in excellent condition. Cover by Bok. This rarity, printed in serial form, is here available for less than \$30! A real collectors' item, the chapters are as follows: Faster Than Light, The Emigrants, Callisto's Children, The Murderer from Mars, Tyrants of Saturn, Interference on Luna, Son of the Trident, Volunteers from Venus, Menace of the Automaton, Conference at Copernicus, The Last Post and the Robots, At the Crater's Core, What a Course!, The Fate of the Neptunians, The Horde of Elo Hava, Lost in Alien Dimensions, and Armageddon in Space.

#1 That's right, the legendary COSMOS! And the minimum price is \$25.00

- #2 Four books: THROUGH SPACE TO MARS, LOST ON THE MOON, FIVE THOUSAND MILES UNDERGROUND, and BY SPACE-SHIP TO SATURN (The Great Marvel Series). All four in very good condition; three having dust jackets 2.00
- #3 Amazing Stories May 31 Covers gone; good readable copy .35
- #4 Amazing Stories June 32 Back cover gone; OK otherwise .65
- #5 Amazing Stories Oct. 32 Slightly soiled;; complete copy except for some missing advertisements .85
- #6 Amazing Stories Nov. 32 Complete; cover slightly battered 1.00
- #7 Amazing Stories Jan. 33 Very nice complete copy 1.25
- #8 Wonder Stories Aug. 33 Without cover .20
- #9 Wonder Stories Oct. 33 Back cover gone; cover creased .65
- #10 TIS Dec. 38 Back cover gone; front cover slightly torn .10
- #11 TIS Aug. 39 Complete .10
- #12 TIS Aug. 40 Complete .10
- #13 Fantastic Adventures Jan. 40 Complete copy; fair condition .35

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QUESTION BOX

(If you have a sticker of a question that you can't find anyone to answer, let us know and we'll stick it in here, hoping that someone will kindly help us out.)

- #1 In commenting on Jones' REMAINS NICE, Campbell mentioned that once before, Astounding ran a serial that extended one more installment than the editor expected it to. Can anyone tell us what serial it was, the author and the date?
- #2 How many issues did Gernsback's stf mag, AMAZING DETECTIVE CASES, run?
- #3 Is "Henry Gade" a Ziff-Davis house-name, or what?

Will subscribe to any fanzine published. Send sample copy so that I may obtain name, address, and price. Also am in the market for old fanzines.

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Although this fanzine is now gratis, unlimited circulation, we would appreciate hearing from all of you to the effect that you do or do not wish to continue receiving it. Also, we wish you'd tell your friends about W-K, as we would like it to completely cover fandom.

Addresses of fans who are not receiving W-K are very welcome. Won't you help out?

#### ADVERTISING RATES:

3¢ per word; additional lines for "display", at 5¢ per line. (When two or more issues are mailed together, the advt. will be inserted in only one of the group, and any repeat appearance of the advt. will be in the next W-K mailing.)

For our second issue, we expected to be able to present you with the autobiography of Bill Deutsch whose birthday is February 15, but for some reason, said autobiography did not show up. Therefore, we now honor:

GEORGE I. WHEELER

I was born Feb. 26, 1923. I soon became a spoiled child and have remained so. I became interested in science early, and had a basement laboratory. I conducted experiments which the neighborhood mothers called insane, and led them to refuse to allow their children to play with me for fear they would be blown up in the explosion they felt sure must come. As a result, I had more friends in the neighborhood than I might otherwise have had.

I became interested in SF sometime ago, but I don't remember the exact date. I do, however, remember the first story, THE IDEAL, one of Weinbaum's Van Handerpootz series.

[This appeared in the June 43 Startling--WAC] My interest in SF has continued undiminished and my interest in science has increased and expanded to the present day.

I am rather a neophyte in fandom, having seen only a limited number of fan mags, so I really have no favorite, however, I like The Scientifictionist, Timebinder, Vampire, Sapho and Diablerie. I have about 200 prozines.

#### SWAP SHOP

All mags are wanted in as complete and good condition as possible.

WANTED: Astounding, April, July 38, June 40; FFI, Nov. 39, April 40, Aug. 42.

OFFERED: Many mags of the same period; state what you need in exchange.

Of course, I need lots of other mags too; especially those older than 1938.

#### CALLING ALL MEMBERS OF THE SCIENTIFANTASY ROUND-TABLE

I thank you for your response. The club now has so many members that it seems advisable to divide the club into three groups. Anyone can belong to any or all groups AS THEY WISH. Therefore, I am taking it upon myself to suggest a division of the club as follows: Group 1: Coslet, Kadet, White, Speer, Colli, Hitt and Anderson. #2: Coslet, Carlson, Bone, Sneary, Wegemer, Kennedy, Perry, and Lesser. #3: Coslet, Cunningham, Peterson, Cheney, Wheeler, Schumann, and Streiff. All of you, please let me know if this arrangement is OK with you or if you wish to be in more than one group, and please do so as soon as possible!

Also anyone else who would like to join, let me know. Full particulars of the club were given in #1 W-K, copies of which are still available at 3¢ each.

#### WHAT ABOUT BACK ISSUE MAG PRICES?

Many fans have found reason to complain about the prices asked by some for back-issue mags. Just what is a fair price? Truly, it is hard to set, for if the price is under "face-value", somebody loses and if it goes too high, the "garden" variety of collector can not afford a complete collection. Fortunately indeed is the fan who lives in a place where a good representative collection can be started at half the "face value" of the mags purchased.

Yet what is to be considered a fair trading value for the exchange of mags? About the time of the last NFFF elections, Rick Sneary suggested that fans be contacted as to what they felt were fair values to be placed on mags of each year. Apparently, nothing was done about it, though. Early this year, however, Henry Elsner Jr. submitted to me a suggested price list which he, Kent Bone, and others had prepared. I submit it to fandom in general, below, in hopes that it will result in some reactions, favorable or otherwise, and that something may come of this effort eventually. All comments and suggestions are very welcome!

ASTOUNDING: 1930 issues @ \$1. Decrease price 5¢ each year thereafter. Thus, the 1945 issue will be down to 25¢, its face value. (1946 issues @ 25¢ also.)

WONDER: 1929 issues @ \$1. 1930 @ 90¢; from there on, decrease price 5¢/year.

MIRACLE, SCIENCE, AND FANTASY: \$1.50 all issues.

AMAZING: 1926 @ \$1.15; decrease price 5¢/year through 1929 (@ \$1); 1930 @ 85¢. From there on, decrease price 5¢ each year. For reasons you can quite easily guess, the listing stops at 1937 @ 50¢. How about some opinions as to what the price should be for later issues.

STARTLING: #1 @ 75¢; all other 39 issues @ 50¢; decrease price 5¢ per year thereafter until 1942 (@ 35¢). 1943 @ 25¢; from there on, decrease 5¢ each year.

FFI and UNKNOWN: 1939 @ 55¢; decrease 5¢ each year.

MARVEL SCIENCE STORIES: 50¢ all issues.

CAPTAIN FUTURE, ASTONISHING, SUPER-SCIENCE, MARVEL, COMET, PLANET, COSMIC, STIRRING-SCIENCE, etc.: 25¢ all issues.

All mags missing front cover or otherwise seriously damaged: 50% discount.

All right, fandom, Let's have your reactions to Henry's suggested pricelist